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Maldives First-Time Planning & Packing Checklist

A calm, practical companion for the journey from international arrival to island life.

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1. Before you book

Use this page while comparing resorts. The transfer is part of the Maldives experience - and often a meaningful part of the total price.

Trip structure

- ☐ Choose one resort for a relaxed 5-7 night trip.
- ☐ Allow a comfortable arrival buffer before the last same-day transfer.
- ☐ Avoid changing islands unless the second stay adds a genuinely different experience.
- ☐ Keep the final night compatible with your international departure time.

Ask every resort

- ☐ Is the round-trip transfer included, and is it by speedboat, seaplane or domestic flight?
- ☐ What are the transfer operating hours and luggage limits?
- ☐ Are taxes, green tax and service charges included in the quoted price?
- ☐ Which meal plan fits us, and what is excluded?
- ☐ What is the cancellation policy for weather-related transfer changes?

Documents and entry preparation

- ☐ Passport is machine-readable and meets the validity rule for my nationality and itinerary.
- ☐ Confirmed return/onward ticket and prepaid registered accommodation are accessible offline.
- ☐ Each traveler, including each child, has an individual inbound Traveller Declaration submitted through the official IMUGA portal within the permitted window.
- ☐ Yellow-fever certificate is packed if required by our recent travel route.
- ☐ Travel insurance details and emergency contacts are stored offline.
- ☐ Transit-country entry and passport rules have been checked separately.

CURRENT OFFICIAL CHECK

Maldives Immigration currently states that tourist visas are granted on arrival when entry conditions are met. It also states that the inbound Traveller Declaration is free and should be submitted through the official [IMUGA portal](#) within 96 hours before arrival. Rules can change - verify again immediately before travel.

2. Pack for island life

Pack light, protect yourself from sun and water exposure, and confirm what your resort already supplies before buying equipment.

Clothing ☐ Lightweight, breathable daywear. ☐ Swimwear plus a cover-up or rash guard. ☐ One light layer for flights, restaurants and windy evenings. ☐ Modest clothing for Malé or inhabited local islands. ☐ Sandals plus closed-toe shoes if an excursion requires them.	Sun and water ☐ Reef-conscious sunscreen and SPF lip balm. ☐ Hat and UV-protective sunglasses. ☐ Reusable water bottle if resort policy permits. ☐ Dry bag or waterproof phone pouch. ☐ Personal snorkel mask only if preferred; otherwise confirm resort equipment.
Health and comfort ☐ Prescription medication in original packaging. ☐ Basic first-aid and preferred motion-sickness remedy. ☐ Insect repellent. ☐ Earplugs, sleep mask and personal toiletries. ☐ Copies of prescriptions and insurance details.	Electronics ☐ Universal adapter compatible with the resort. ☐ Phone, camera and chargers. ☐ Power bank packed according to airline cabin-baggage rules. ☐ Downloaded confirmations, books and entertainment. ☐ Waterproof camera protection where useful.

Leave at home or confirm first

- ☐ Drone - resort, aviation and local restrictions may apply.
- ☐ Alcohol - importing alcohol is prohibited; resort arrangements are separate.
- ☐ Excess footwear and formal clothing that will not be used.
- ☐ Oversized luggage before checking seaplane or domestic-flight limits.
- ☐ Coral, shells or wildlife products as souvenirs.

3. The final countdown

7-14 DAYS	☐ Reconfirm flights, resort and transfer details. ☐ Review forecast and excursion cancellation rules. ☐ Share itinerary and emergency contacts. ☐ Check airline and transfer baggage allowances.
96-48 HOURS	☐ Complete each required inbound Traveller Declaration only on official IMUGA. ☐ Download confirmations and declaration receipt. ☐ Confirm resort representative meeting point at the airport. ☐ Check transit-country and airline requirements again.
TRAVEL DAY	☐ Carry passport, medication, valuables and one change of clothing in cabin baggage. ☐ Keep resort and transfer contacts accessible offline. ☐ Hydrate and use sun protection before the island transfer. ☐ Allow the transfer team to manage weather-driven schedule changes.

Island-safety reminders

- ☐ Follow lifeguard, dive-team and resort guidance; currents and conditions change.
- ☐ Use the buddy system for swimming and snorkeling.
- ☐ Do not stand on or touch coral; maintain respectful wildlife distance.
- ☐ Hydrate frequently and reapply sun protection.
- ☐ Know how to contact the resort clinic and insurer.

NOTES

Verify before booking

This checklist is general travel guidance, not legal, medical or booking advice. Requirements, schedules, prices, weather and resort policies change. Confirm critical details with official authorities, your airline, insurer and resort.

Official references: [Maldives Immigration](#) | [Official IMUGA declaration](#) | [U.S. travel information](#)

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