



Signature Sabbatical Itinerary: Maldives

Introducing LiNGER

We are an independent travel company, specialising in tailor-made sabbatical travel and extended holidays throughout the world.

Whether you are a solo traveller on holiday, a family with children on sabbatical, friends seeking an epic break or a couple celebrating a milestone, we would be thrilled to plan your trip.

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Introducing the Maldives

Nestled amidst the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean lies the Maldives, an enchanting archipelago of over 1000 pristine islands. The Maldives has long drawn travellers and honeymooners with its azure lagoons, white-sand beaches and opulent resort islands, making it the picture postcard, dream island retreat.

Plunge into its depths in scuba gear or snorkel leisurely along its protective reefs to discover the Maldives' kaleidoscope of marine wonders. Beyond beach relaxation and ocean adventure, there is much more to the Maldives. Discover culturally-rich villages scattered across the 200 populated islands.

How to get to the Maldives

Fly in to Hulhulé Island, near the capital city of Malé. The flight time from London is around 11 hours. Flying from New York will involve a connection with a layover in a major city such as Dubai or Doha. The journey takes around 20 hours.

When & Weather - Maldives

The Maldives features a tropical climate with average highs of 29°C to 31°C year-round. Weather is considered the best between November to April. This is the dry season where the humidity is low and there is little rain. During this time, there are bright blue skies with few clouds and the visibility for diving is especially good. The wet season starts in May and ends in October.

Who will the Maldives appeal to?

The Maldives will appeal to: Honeymooners, beach lovers, diving enthusiasts, snorkellers, nature lovers, couples, and sailing enthusiasts

Accommodation

The Maldives is known for its iconic, overwater villas at luxury, all-inclusive resorts. There are other options, including smaller boutique hotels and more homely guest stays. Spend nights in the Wave Sound with its own private beach, Barefoot Eco Hotel or charming guesthouses such as Blue Coral, where modernity is blended with the local essence.

Off the beaten path

- Stroll along the pristine sandy beaches of Vashafaru, a hidden gem encircled by a stunning turquoise lagoon, adorned with corals and palm trees.
- Discover the fragile mangrove ecosystem and gain a glimpse into the local speciality of boat making on the islands of Himmafushi and Huraa.
- Adventure to the wetlands of Addu Nature Park where charming piers extend out to lakes, mangroves and scenic cycling routes.
- Marvel at Hulhumeedhoo Fandiyaaru Mosque and take in the ancient relics, and see remnants of the Second World War on Hulhumeedhoo Island.

Wildlife

The Maldives is one of the most biodiverse places on earth with its abundance of marine life and vibrant corals. It's home to over 2,000 species of fish, with a variety of sharks, rays, turtles, dolphins, and even whales. In addition to the sea life, a variety of seabirds and wading birds can be found in the mangroves and lagoons.

Maldives experiences you shouldn't miss

- Scuba dive to your heart's content in the central and southern atolls for respectful encounters with whale sharks and manta ray.
- Soak in the tranquillity and luxury of an over-water villa on a private island with white coral sands.
- Kayak or stand-up-paddleboard along the mangrove trees of Addu Atoll.
- Dodge mopeds in the lively capital of Male and visit the fish market.

Giving back

Participate in a citizen science fish species data collection project, monitoring biodiversity and tracking changes in marine ecosystems. Join local marine experts from Save the Beach on the reef of the local island of Villimalé.



Life Experiences & Encounters in The Maldives





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Your trip in a nutshell

Day 1

Hulhumalé: Arrive in Malé & transfer 10 minutes to your hotel in suburban Hulhumalé. Settle in, stroll along the white sand beach or take a walk in Central Park.

Hotel 78

Day 2

Villimalé: Experience life as a local on a guided tour around the lively capital, Malé. Take a 10-minute ferry to leafy Villimalé to meet the inspirational founder of NGO Save Our Beach.

Hotel 78

Day 3

Huraa & Himmafushi: Explore the North Malé Atoll by speedboat, visiting the islands of Huraa, with its mangroves and freshwater lake, and sea boat making and tuna tinning on Himmafushi island.

Hotel 78

Day 4

Gulhi & Maafushi: Explore the South Malé atoll by speedboat, visiting the islands of Gulhi and Maafushi, soaking up local life and snorkelling on the way.

Hotel 78

Day 5

Hulhumalé: Enjoy a day at leisure on Hulhumalé.

Hotel 78

Day 6

Gan: Fly to Gan in the Addu Atoll and check into your hotel. See life suspended as when this island was home to a British RAF base. Head to the bar— this is one of the very few local islands that serves alcohol.

Equator Village

Day 7

Gan: Day at leisure on Gan. Potter around the local village or go snorkelling.

Nearby excellent dive sites include Manta Point, Addu Shark Point and wreck sites.

Equator Village

Day 8

Hithadoo: Visit the island of Hithadoo . Cycle around Addu Nature Park and canoe around the Eydhigali Kilhi wetlands, a haven for birds.

Equator Village

Day 9

Hulhumeedhoo: Board a ferry to Hulhumeedhoo, one of the oldest populated islands, and cycle across farmland of tropical fruits. Visit ancient tombs in the local cemetery.

Equator Village

Day 10

Gan: Day at leisure to snorkel, dive and explore the island. Addu is known for its marine population of manta rays.

Equator Village

Day 11

Fuvamulah: Take a 60-minute speedboat ride to Fuvumulah. Explore the island or enjoy the rooftop pool.

Ocean Pearl

Day 12

Fuvamulah: Visit the freshwater lakes with your guide and indulge in a natural mud bath spa treatment. Continue to Thundi Beach for its sparkling pebbles.

Ocean Pearl

Day 13-4

Fuvamulah: Days at leisure to enjoy watersports and the island's best dive spots.

Head to Thoondu Beach for fantastic snorkelling. *Ocean Pearl*

Your trip in a nutshell

Day 15

Kelaa: Fly back to Male then fly on to Hanimaadhoo in the north of the archipelago. Take a speedboat to Kelaa, a small island in Haa Alif Atoll.

Beach Home Kelaa

Day 16

Kelaa: Take a guided stroll through Kelaa and visit the centuries-old mosque. Join a representative of the Island Development and Environmental Awareness Society (IDEAS) to explore and learn about the orange mangroves.

Beach Home Kelaa

Day 17

Kelaa: Head out on a private speedboat to snorkel some of the best reefs in the area.

Beach Home Kelaa

Day 18-9

Kelaa: Head to Kandoofaa, the largest wetlands in the Maldives, for a therapeutic mud bath; swim in the Maldives' largest lagoon; cycle around the pastel village or walk through the undisturbed island forest.

Beach Home Kelaa

Day 20

Vashafaru: Take a speedboat to Vashafaru, a tranquil, crescent-shaped island in the same atoll, where few visitors go.

Blue Coral Guesthouse

Day 21

Utheemu: Take a speedboat to sleepy Utheemu, and visit the home of the national hero, Mohammed Thakurufaanu, who defeated the Portuguese in the 1500s. See upside-down at the rare, naturally occurring camera obscura.

Blue Coral Guesthouse

Day 22

Vashafaru: Snorkel the house reefs and sites further afield by private speedboat with a guide.

Blue Coral Guesthouse

Day 23-4

Vashafaru: Days at leisure to snorkel, dive, meet local artisan boat makers, and enjoy watersports—jetskiing, waterskiing, banana boats; kayaks and SUPs.

Blue Coral Guesthouse

Day 25

Hanimaadhoo: Take a speedboat back to Hanimaadhoo. Your beachside hotel is in a forested area with a large private beach and house reef. Watch the reef sharks glide past from the jetty at dusk.

The Barefoot Eco Hotel

Day 26

Hanimaadhoo: Cycle around the village of coral stone houses and stroll through the plantations of bananas and papayas. Stop at one of the cafes to try 'hedikaa', a traditional Maldivian snack.

The Barefoot Eco Hotel

Day 27

Hanimaadhoo: Go on a speedboat excursion with a marine biologist to snorkel with leatherback, green and hawksbill turtles.

The Barefoot Eco Hotel

Day 28-9

Hanimadhoo: Days at leisure to snorkel and dive, enjoy ecology talks, see the fishing boats come into harbour, walk along the beaches and take out a kayak or SUP.

The Barefoot Eco Hotel

Your trip in a nutshell

Day 30

Mundoo: Take a speedboat to Mundoo island, for your grand finale in a luxury tented lodge, complete with private butler.

Maverick Surf & Dive Lodge

Day 30-31

Mundoo: Days at leisure to wander into the village of 167 friendly residents, snorkel or dive from the beach, or venture into the deep coral of 'Mundoo' channel.

Beach Maverick Surf & Dive Lodge

Day 30-33

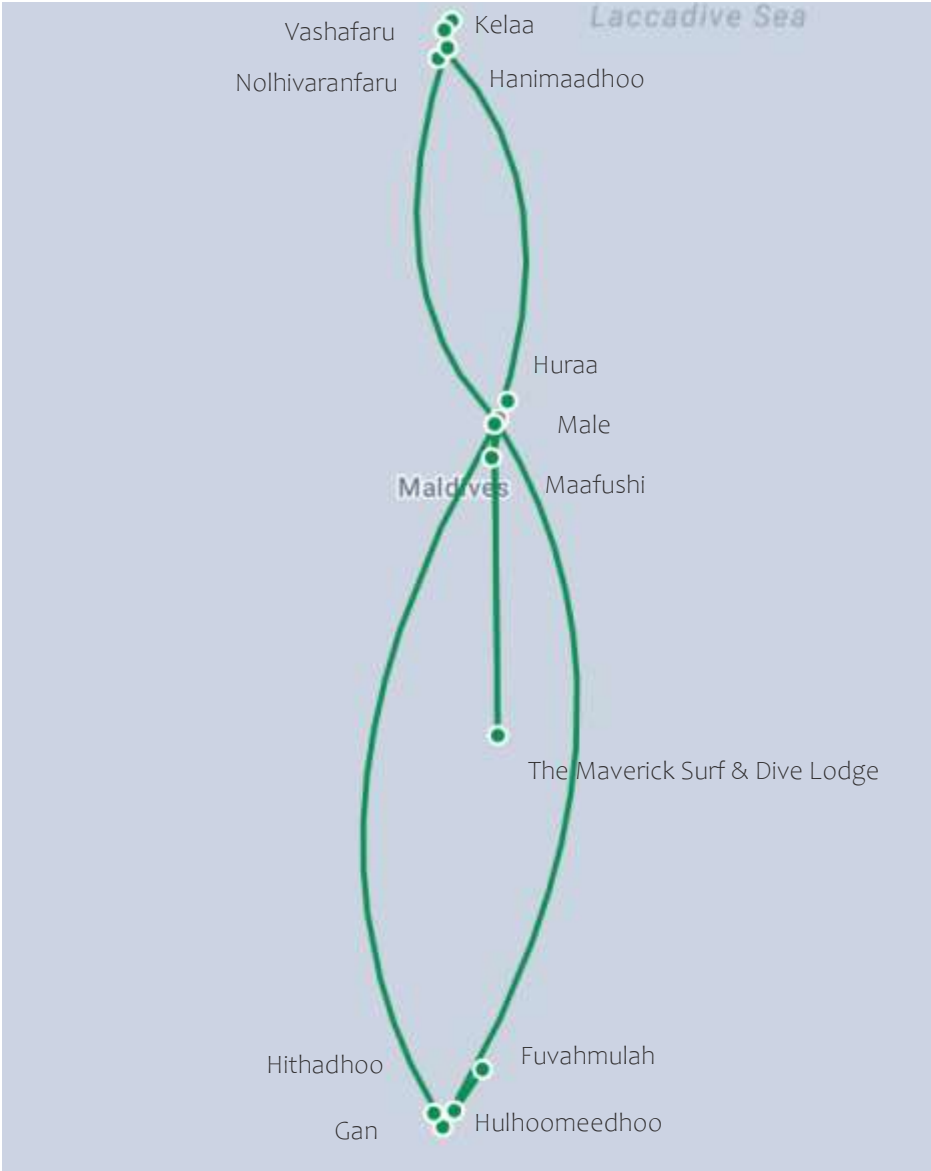
Malé: Fly back to Malé airport to take your flight home.



Flight & Boat Details

Day	Transport type / Airline & Flight Number	Departure City	Departure Time	Arrival City	Arrival Time	Class	Baggage Allowance	Journey Time
1	International Flight	Tbc		Male				
6	Domestic Flight	Male		Gan, Addu Atoll				
11	Speedboat	Gan, Addu Atoll		Fuvumulah Atoll				
15	Domestic Flight	Fuvumulah Atoll		Male				
15	Domestic Flight	Male		Hanimadoo				
15	Speedboat	Hanimaadhoo		Kelaa				
20	Speedboat	Kelaa		Vashafaru				
25	Speedboat	Vashafaru		Hanimaadhoo				
30	Speedboat	Hanimaadhoo		Mundoo				
33	Speedboat	Mundoo		Male				
33	International Flight	Male		tbc				

The Maldives - Journey Map



The Maverick Surf & Dive Lodge

The Maverick is the first surf and dive lodge in The Maldives and has plenty to offer, even if you prefer to stay on land. 25 tented suites sit beachside amongst lush vegetation on this private stretch of beach in the untouched Laamu Atoll. The tents are all spacious with indoor/outdoor bathrooms and come with WiFi, tea and coffee making facilities, outdoor living space, and a private butler. The beachside restaurant serves an array of Mediterranean and local dishes, made from local ingredients where possible.

When you're ready to explore, 2 of the Maldives' most iconic surf breaks are within easy reach: Sarongs and Machines, while there's also a manta ray cleaning station, a grouper egg laying site, and a deep coral channel, all of which offer incredible diving and snorkelling. Try night snorkelling, head out to fish at dawn, and even attend jewellery making workshops. There's plenty to keep you occupied but the beach is always waiting for you to return.

www.maverickhotelmaldives.com



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- Entrance fees for included activities
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Excluded

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Start Planning

Our experienced team will guide you through a number of ideas based on how you would like to experience The Maldives.

Consider combining The Maldives with a trip to nearby Sri Lanka for a contrast in landscapes and cultures.

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