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Maldives

Yacht Charter Guide

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Maldives Yacht Charter
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MALDIVES

Overview

Maldives yacht charter is an atoll expedition - Malé Yacht Harbour embarkation, Ari and Baa resort-dock nights, and MLE seaplane or speedboat door-to-deck. We hold safari-yacht programmes, resort clearances and APA before you fly - never tropical imagery pasted onto the wrong ocean.

Maldives yacht charter - Malé embarkation, Ari & Baa atolls, resort docks and APA guidance with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Maldives week actually runs.: Safari rhythm - dive/snorkel mornings, lagoon afternoons, occasional resort dinner.
- Malé embark: MLE transfer, safety brief, first lagoon night.
- Atoll cadence: Reef mornings, sandbank lunches, quiet hooks.
- Resort evenings: Held tables when the brief wants a night ashore.
- Resort docks are earned, not assumed.: Confirm draft, etiquette and fees - lagoon hooks remain the privacy default.
- Resort nights: By arrangement - never invented.
- Lagoon: Swim-platform privacy.
- Atoll hops: Weather windows decide miles.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

North Malé Atoll
Hulhumalé, Himmafushi and house-reef day-hops.

Ari Atoll
West atoll reefs, manta stations and resort lagoons.

Baa Atoll UNESCO
Hanifaru Bay seasonal mantas - permit timing.

South atolls
Farther blue-water weeks for expedition briefs.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Malé Yacht Harbour / Hulhumalé yacht berths
Capital-area embark near MLE - lagoon and atoll gateway. - Max LOA ~60 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway MLE - Transfer 15-40 min depending on mode - Peak lead: 2-6 weeks; longer in peak dry season

Crossroads Maldives marina
Resort marina south of Malé for larger LOA. - Max LOA ~80 m - Draft ~5 m - Gateway MLE - Transfer 25-40 min by boat from MLE - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Ari Atoll resort docks
Ari Atoll resort quay access for western atoll weeks. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway MLE - Transfer Seaplane or yacht from Malé - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Baa Atoll resort docks
UNESCO biosphere atoll resort quay access for western Maldives weeks. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway MLE - Transfer Seaplane / yacht run from Malé - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Sandbank picnic anchors
Classic Malé-atoll sandbar lunch stop.

Hanifaru Bay approaches
Seasonal manta aggregation - park rules.

Rasdhoo Madivaru
Ari hammerhead channel day-stop.

Vaavu Alimatha area
Night-dive famous lagoon edges.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Ithaa Undersea Restaurant
Rangali
Conrad underwater dining.

Resort fine dining
Various resorts
Overwater tasting menus.

Sea House Cafe
Malé
Malé casual before embark.

Crossroads dining village
Crossroads
Marina-shore multi-venue night.

Local island cafés
South Malé Atoll
Gulhi/Maafushi casual tuna.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Crossroads beach clubs
Crossroads
Marina island sand day.

Resort beach clubs Ari
Ari Atoll
West-atoll lagoon lounging.

Baa Atoll resort beaches
Baa Atoll
UNESCO atoll sand.

DOOR TO DECK

MLE to the yacht.

Velana International into Malé harbour or seaplane / speedboat to the first atoll - timed to embarkation.

MLE hub
International arrival then domestic seaplane or boat - we choreograph both legs. MLE Malé Yacht Harbour MLE Ari / Baa seaplane windows

Speedboat / dhoni
Luggage often moves separately - guests briefed to the gangway slot. Night-before Malé hotel when late long-haul Resort dock meeting points confirmed

Embark utility lists buffers and dock etiquette notes.

NUMBERS - MALDIVES

Maldives fees & APA - the short version.

GST / commercial treatment plus expedition APA - confirm before contract.

Tax
Confirm Maldives GST and yacht commercial structure before signing.

APA
Fuel, seaplanes and resort evenings often need a fuller APA than Med weeks.

Docks
Resort dock fees vary - indicative until confirmed.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Malé Atoll

Malé Atoll is a core Maldives charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Malé Yacht Harbour / Hulhumalé yacht berths - Day-anchor: Sandbank picnic anchors - Table: Ithaa Undersea Restaurant

Ari Atoll

Ari Atoll is a core Maldives charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Crossroads Maldives marina - Day-anchor: Hanifaru Bay approaches - Table: Resort fine dining

Baa Atoll

Baa Atoll is a core Maldives charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Ari Atoll resort docks - Day-anchor: Rasdhoo Madivaru - Table: Sea House Cafe

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Child destinations

- Malé Atoll - Crewed yacht charter in Malé Atoll - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Maldives.
- Ari Atoll - Crewed yacht charter in Ari Atoll - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Maldives.
- Baa Atoll - Crewed yacht charter in Baa Atoll - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Maldives.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

How does embarkation work in Malé?

MLE arrival, speedboat or seaplane to the yacht - we choreograph luggage and the gangway window.

Can we berth at resorts?

Many programmes use resort docks by arrangement - captains confirm draft and etiquette; some nights are lagoon hooks.

Best season?

Northeast monsoon (roughly Dec-April) is the classic dry window - confirm against your atoll plan.

What APA should we budget?

Fuel, resort evenings and seaplane legs can push APA - line-item before deposit.

Ari or Baa?

Ari for classic safari density; Baa for UNESCO biosphere and manta seasons when timing aligns.

Family suitability?

Strong with swim-platform mornings and one easy resort shore day - protect nap windows on long crossings.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Malé Yacht Harbour

Operational hub - not a resort postcard berth. 2-6 weeks typical; longer in peak safari season. Peak dry season densifies domestic air and dock slots. Primary embark / turnaround - confirm LOA and services.

Ari Atoll docks

Resort-by-resort rules. Hold preferred resort nights early. Holiday weeks tighten popular docks. Always have a lagoon hook fallback.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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