

# MALDIVES



4-class Boeing 777 aircraft -  
some services will operate  
with the Club Suite



British Airways offers the only direct connectivity during the winter season from London Heathrow (LHR).

Schedule	Flight	Route	Schedule Local time	Frequency
Present to 30 April 2022 (Restarts 29 Oct 2022)	BA 0061 BA 0060	LHR-MLE MLE-LHR	19.15 / 09.40* 11.40 / 19.05	1.3.567

Transfers to resorts are easily accessed from Velana International Airport by speedboats and transfers to islands further afield are easily connected by seaplane or domestic flights.

## Maldives, top choice for travellers:

The Maldives has become one of the most desired 'top of mind' choices for travellers throughout the last few months. With stringent safety measures in place and the natural socially distanced islands, Maldives is also gaining recognition throughout the world as a 'safe haven' destination to travel to post pandemic. In addition, the Maldives has maintained a healthy balance between comfort and stringent health guidelines, ensuring that travellers are able to enter the country with ease.

## About the Maldives

The Maldives is a nation of islands in the Indian Ocean formed of an impressive area of 90,000 sq km; 1,190 plus Islands and 26 Atolls. It's made up of 99% water and just 1% of land and is home to about 5% of the planet's reefs, which means it's perfect for Scuba divers to explore the underwater world. Of the 1,190 plus islands only some 188 are inhabited, and over 150 islands host luxury resorts. The temperature ranges between 26-32 °C and rainfall can be common. With the Maldives being just 5 hours ahead of the UK and direct connectivity it attracts a wide audience from; couples to families, celebrities and honeymooners to group and incentive travel, all looking for anything from adventure, luxury to relaxation and wellness.

What accommodation is on offer?

Visitors have a wide variety of accommodation on offer; from Liveaboards to Resorts, Hotels to villas and Guesthouses, there are currently 129 Liveboard Vessels, 159 Resorts, 11 Hotels and 654 Guesthouses to choose from.

Liveaboards come in various sizes and vary in comfort with affordable options, others are accompanied by extravagant settings complete with spacious accommodation, vast sundecks, lavish buffets, fine dining with the finest wines, and luxury spa treatments.

Resorts, some of the most beautiful resorts exist in the Maldives, a space to relax in with overwater bungalows, loungers on white sand beaches and with easy access to close encounters with exotic marine life. Many of the top-rated properties offer varying board options and every resort has its own unique feature from underwater spas and restaurants to infinity pools and clubs, showcasing examples of high end luxury.

Hotels and private villas are perfect for layover guests as they can be reached by taxi or speedboat in under an hour and range in affordability. Depending on the budget and number of guests, hotel properties have private villas ranging from as low as 10 occupancy to larger commercial hotels with numbers of 50-200 villas offering world-class accommodation, fine dining options, luxurious facilities, and impeccable services for a fulfilling tropical holiday or retreat.

Guesthouses range in style and budget from boutique to bed and breakfast inns. The amenities, service and luxury vary from that of resorts, but guests have access to similar types of activities that resorts offer.

By staying at a guesthouse, guests will have the prospect of experiencing the rich culture of the country like a true local. For the budget traveller, the backpacker or the knowledge-seeker, the stay will reap benefits to last a lifetime.