

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION MALDIVES

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of one (1) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are issued a no-cost visitor visa, which is valid for 30 days, upon arrival in Maldives. An onward ticket and proof of sufficient funds are required.

All travellers are required to complete and submit a “Traveller Declaration” form within 96 hours of their scheduled arrival into, and departure out of, Maldives. To access this form, please visit [Imuga - Traveller Declaration \(immigration.gov.mv\)](#).

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](#) or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K’s account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Maldives if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions can generally be made in either U.S. dollars or local currency, though some smaller shops may require payment in Maldivian rufiyaa. U.S. dollars should be recently issued bills in smaller denominations. Major credit cards are accepted on a very limited basis, mainly only in the largest shops, hotels and restaurants. Access to functioning ATM machines is primarily limited to those attached to banks in Male.

PACKING LIST

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

Customs Restrictions and Prohibited items:

The Maldives has implemented a comprehensive ban on the use, sale and distribution of vaping products. Guests are prohibited from bringing e-cigarettes/vapes and vaping devices into the Maldives. These items will be confiscated at the airport and disposed of by the airport authorities.

Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary.

Temples and other religious sites require modest dress to enter. Guests are advised to pack clothing that covers knees, shoulders, and upper arms for select visits. You may be required to remove shoes when entering sacred sites.

- Casual slacks
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Personal garments
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Walking shorts
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long comfortable skirts for women
- Lightweight raincoat or poncho
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Foldable umbrella

Other Recommended Items

- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Sunglasses
- Simple first-aid kit
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics
- Sun block and insect repellent
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Smartphone
- Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars
- Foldable walking stick
- Small daypack or fanny pack

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added

