

MALDIVES TRANSFER MODES

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01.Dhoni (Ferry)

The dhoni is the traditional all-purpose vessel of the Maldives



The dhoni is the traditional all-purpose vessel of the Maldives. Dhoni's come in various sizes with various superstructures, however the hull is always the same shape. Most are now powered with diesel engines, but they often have a sail as a back-up, or to save fuel when the winds oblige.

The basic dhoni, has been modified for use as a short distance ferry between Malé and the airport and to/from nearby resorts and local islands. They have a diesel engine, a fabric roof to keep off the sun and the rain, and a wooden bench running down each side. The passengers face each other, and any luggage is stacked down the middle. Most diving trips and island excursions are done on boats like this. If the weather is rough, passengers and luggage can both get wet.

02.Speedboat

Speedboats can be anything from a small runabout with an outboard motor to a big launch with aircraft type seats



Mainly used in Khaafu atoll resort which operates to South Male & North male by speedboats. Speed boats operate 24 hours. However, this will vary from each resort as certain resorts will not operate speed boats after 18.00hrs.

Since speed boat transfers are combinable (shared with other passengers) waiting time at the Airport may occur until all passengers have been collected. Alternatively, Private speed boat transfers can be arranged at a supplement.

Further there may be delays in transfers due to bad weather conditions or technical issues. Guests will be advised of their return flight time the day prior to departure by the resort.

03.Seaplane mode

Seaplane transfers are operated by Maldivian Air Taxi



Seaplane transfers are operated by Trans Maldivian, a Maldivian company managed by Danes, using seaplanes made in Canada. Generally, Sea Planes operate when there is day light (06.00hrs – 15.30hrs) Since Sea Plane transfers are combinable (shared with other passengers) waiting time at the Airport may occur until all passengers have been collected. baggage allowance for seaplane is 20 kgs and 50 kgs hand luggage per person (Length 33cm, Width 20cm and Height 28cm.

Flights are chartered by resorts and tour agents and don't often take individual passengers. Resorts will require to receive the exact information about arrival and departure flight details / information at the time of reservation of the accommodation. In the event of early morning departure (prior to 0900hrs) and/or late arrival (after 1530hrs), an overnight stay in Male will be necessary and paid by the guests. Same night will not be refunded by the resorts.)

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04.Domestic flight

Operates daily frequent flights to 7 domestic airports in the country.



If seaplane operational terminals are not available at the atoll, there is an option that travelers can travel by schedule domestic flights. Flyme & Maldivian are the main two domestic Airlines based in Maldives. Flyme & Maldivian provides scheduled flights to domestic airports, serving both the local as well as the international markets.

Generally, Domestic flights operate 24 hours. However, this will vary from each resort (certain resorts will not accept arrivals from Domestic flights after dark). As per the policy clients need to report to the Domestic flight terminal 2 hours prior to departure time. Therefore, the Domestic flight transfer will be arranged according to client's arrival time to Maldives. Guests will be advised of their return flight time the day prior to departure by the resort. Please note that the Domestic flight operates on shared capacity. Baggage allowance is 25 kg for checked baggage and 5kg hand luggage.

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