

# Maldives

All you need to know



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## INTRODUCTION

Hey, Thanks so much for purchasing. I am so happy to welcome all of my Tiktok, Instagram, Youtube, and Blog family to this Ebook. I

have listened to all of the comments on posts and in private messages and this Ebook is "all that you need to know" about the

Maldives. I went to the Maldives in July 2021 as a solo female traveler. It was a trip that I paid for to celebrate my birthday and if I did it, you can do it too.

PSA: Anything that is underlined with italic in bold print (i.e. [kiralovestravel.com](http://kiralovestravel.com)) is clickable. The links are embedded in the word which will take you to MORE INFORMATION, HOTEL BOOKING SITES, OR PACKING LIST ITEMS. These CLICKABLE WORDS make planning your trip to the Maldives easy and smooth.

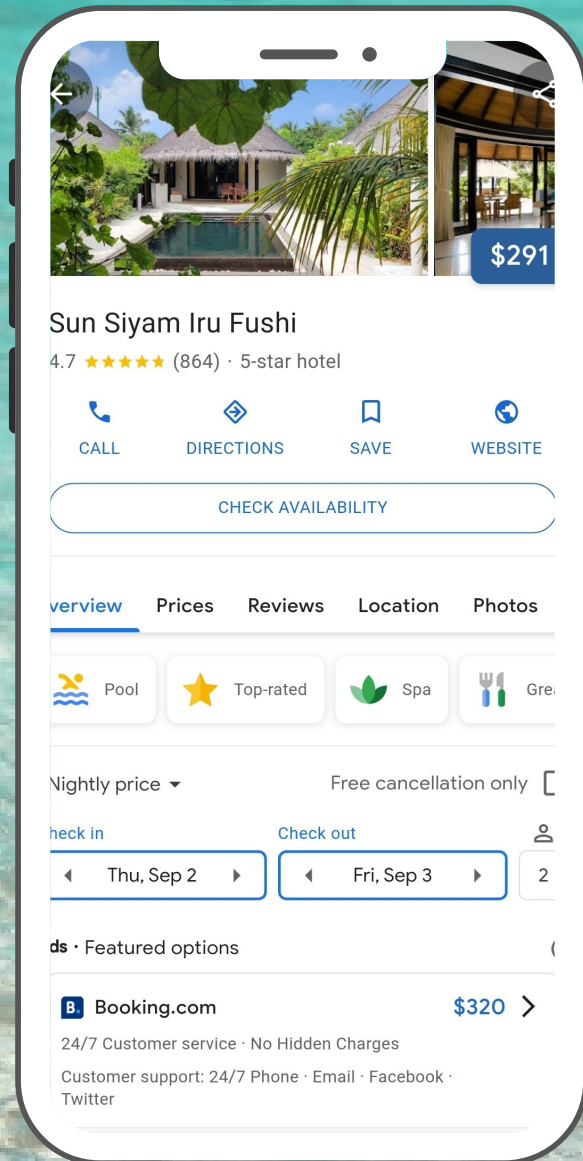
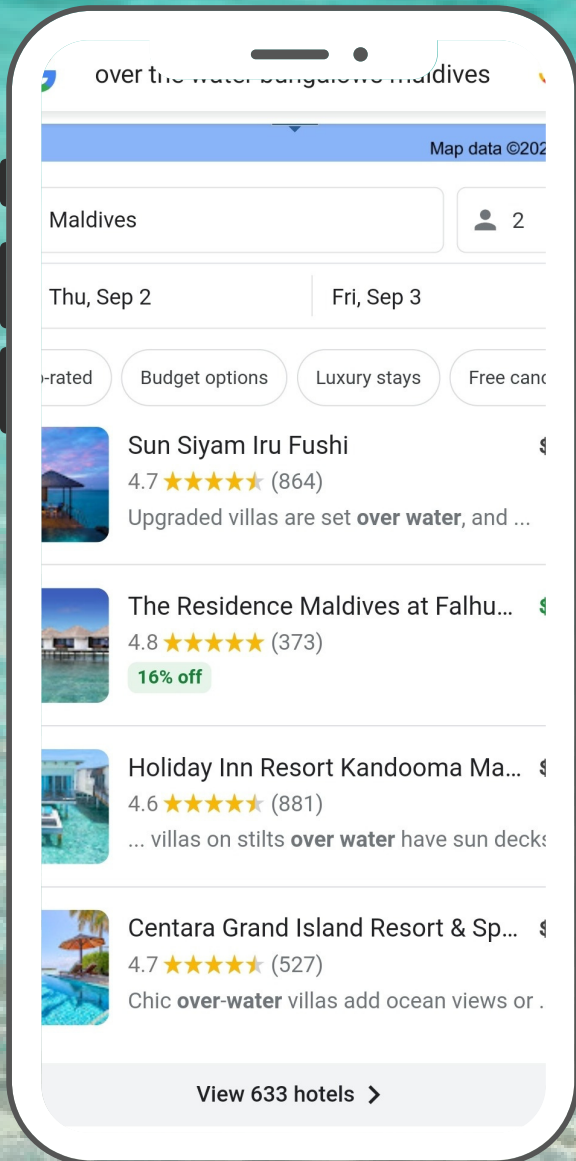
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# BOOKING ENGINES

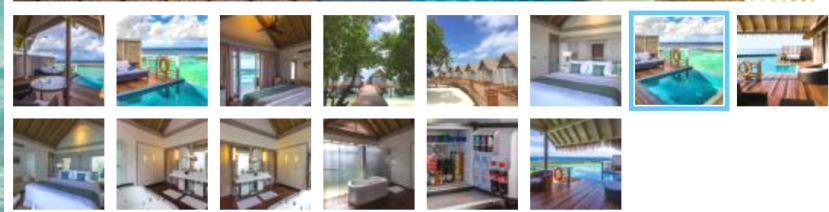


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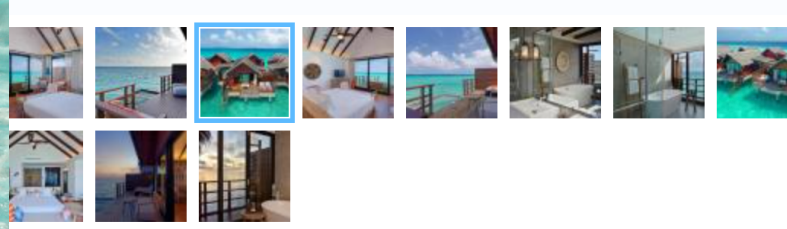
Type the desired hotel/resort in the google search bar location. Search engine results will pop up with hotels/resorts as shown. When you scroll down, you will see a list of the cheapest prices. When you click on the picture of the hotels/resorts, you are able to book it online for purchase.

# Booking

[www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)



AMAYA RESORT & SPA KUDA RAH  
[CLICK HERE](#)



GRAND PARK KODHIPPARU  
[CLICK HERE](#)  
\*RESORT I CHOSE TO STAY AT FOR MY SOLO TRIP IN JULY 2021

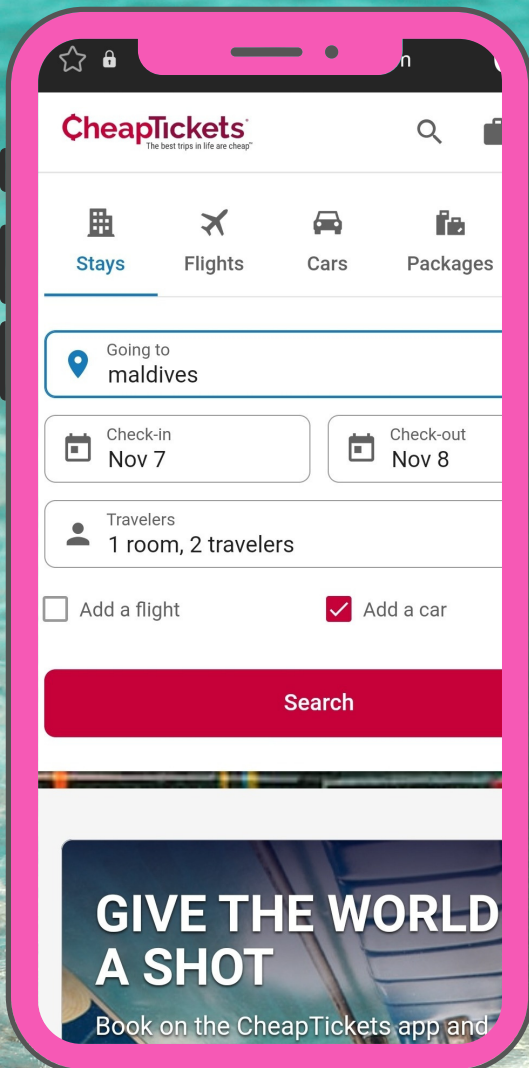
Booking.com is one of my preferred booking engines because they have:

1. **Price Matching:** if you find a hotel/resort that you booked on booking.com at a cheaper price elsewhere, they will refund you the difference,
2. **Genius (free) loyalty program:** you get free lifetime access of 10% discount at participating properties around the world at Level 1. At Level 2 you get 10-15% off for lifetime discounts, free breakfasts, and free room upgrades.
3. **Reserve now/Pay. later:** Many hotel/resorts on Booking.com allow you to reserve now and pay once you arrive at the property.
4. You can **book unique places, hotels/resorts, flights, vacation packages, and car rentals.**

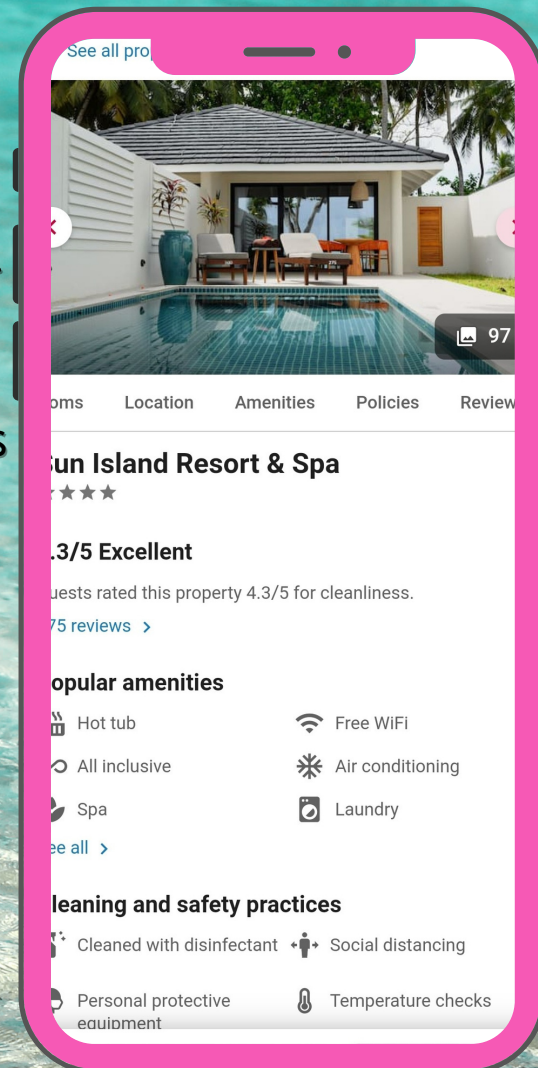


# Cheap Tickets

[www.cheaptickets.com](http://www.cheaptickets.com)



CHEAP TICKETS IS A GREAT SITE FOR ALL THINGS TRAVEL RELATED. YOU CAN FIND FLIGHTS, HOTELS, RESORTS, VACATION PACKAGES, CRUISES, AND ACTIVITIES TO DO. THEY USUALLY HAVE DISCOUNTS USING PROMO CODES WHICH MAKE YOUR TRIP FURTHER DISCOUNTED. THERE ARE ALSO NO HIDDEN FEES. YOU CAN ALSO SEE CUSTOMER REVIEWS.



**STEP #1**  
IN THE SEARCH BAR, TYPE IN YOUR DEPARTING CITY AND THEN PUT IN YOUR ARRIVAL CITY. MAKE SURE TO TYPE IN THE DATES OF YOUR FUTURE TRAVELS. A SEARCH WILL BE GENERATED OF ALL HOTELS AND RESORTS.

**STEP #2**  
CHOOSE A RESORT THAT YOU LIKE AND VIEW THE ROOMS, REVIEWS, LOCATION, POLICIES, AND AMENITIES. ONCE YOU DECIDE ON YOUR RESORT SELECTION, CLICK TO BOOK IT FOR YOUR TRIP.



# Best Affordable Resorts

*Click Hotel/Resort name to be taken to the site.  
The links are embedded in underlined words.*

*\*only listing properties with villas.*

## 1. [\*Innahura Maldives\*](#)

Best affordable beach villa on the list.  
No private pool included.



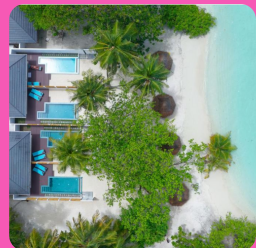
## 2. [\*Reethi Beach Resort\*](#)

Most affordable over the water villa on the list.



## 3. [\*Sun Island Resort & Spa\*](#)

Most affordable beach villa with a private pool on the list.



## 4. [\*Medhufushi Island Resort\*](#)

Affordable beach villas and water villas at this resort.



## 5. [\*Sun Siyam Olhuveli\*](#)

Best affordable over the water ocean villa with a private pool on the list.



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## 6. [Grand Park Kodhipparu Resort](#)



This resort has a great affordable pool villa on this list with the best customer service. This was the resort I chose for my solo trip in July 2021. I picked both a lagoon and a ocean pool villa room for several days. They both were amazing and the customer service at the resort was unparalleled. It was luxury for the totality of the trip.

**Tip: You can only have breakfast/lunch in a floating boat only if you purchase a pool villa room.**





# How To Save Money

There are several ways to save money when booking a trip to the Maldives.

1. Travel during the **slow/rainy season**. Prices will be 30%-60% cheaper from May to November.
2. Use **promo codes** to make your trip cheaper and save hundreds of dollars. Use my promo code with cheaptickets.com to save 18% off your trip. **[CLICK HERE](#)**
3. Use **credit card points** to get hotel discounted/free.
4. Use **frequent flyer miles** on previous airline flights to get your flight at a cheaper cost/free
5. Stay at the main city and **take a day tour** to a private island to make your trip very affordable. You will save hundreds if not thousands this way.

Head to Cheaptickets.com to book your next vacation by clicking my custom link below

**[REFER.CHEAPTICKETS.COM/KIRALOVESTRAVEL](https://www.cheaptickets.com/refer/kiralovestravel)**

Expiration date 12/31/2021



# Documents Required

## International Travelers

1. Passport
2. Negative PCR Test- taken with 96 hours of flight for both vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers.
3. Must have your pcr test results with you (can be printed on paper or on your phone for your flights).
4. Must fill out Travel Health Declaration form within 24 hours of your flight. **(CLICK HERE)**
5. If you require prescribed CONTROLLED medicine, you will need a note from your doctor with the prescription to take it on the flights AND approval from the Ministry of Health. **(CLICK HERE)**



# Transportation

## to private islands



### Seaplane

- A seaplane usually cost more than a speedboat.
- A seaplane is usually used for private islands that are further from the airport.
- A seaplane is sometimes the only option offered or it's offered as one out of two options.
- The cost of a seaplane price is based on your actual hotel. It is not included in your hotel booking but it will be listed on the booking completion page of your hotel reservation.
- You only pay the return seaplane fee to the airport. Resorts/Hotels will collect this fee when you check in to their property.

### Speedboat

- A speedboat will cost less or the same as a seaplane. It typically does not cost more.
- A speedboat is used for resorts/hotels that are close to the airport (my resort was 20 minutes away and I used a speedboat for transport).
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# Cultural Norms

## Facts:

- The religion practiced in the Maldives is Islam.
- Due to Muslim faith, Maldivians are conservative with dress attire.
  - If on the mainland, visitors/residents must be fully clothed on the beach unless it's a specified bikini beach.
- No pork is consumed nor alcohol on the mainland.
- Resorts do SERVE alcohol and dress attire is not as conservative. You can wear a bikini on the beach at resorts.
- On the mainland/local islands, wear clothing covering your knees and shoulders, no back out clothing.
- Private islands/resorts are more relaxed with dress attire for guests.
- People will bow in greetings, or nod head. Women do not shake men hands.
- Dhivehi is the local language but english is widely spoken in The Maldives.
- Visitors should always remove shoes before entering a house.
- When eating, one should always use the right hand as the left hand is considered unhygienic.
- **NO DRUGS ALLOWED.**



# Items Not Allowed

**Disclaimer: No one wants to be locked up abroad, so lets follow rules of places abroad. It's not a game.**

## Flight

\*Each airline is different. Below are a list of some items banned/ not allowed in either on the flight, or not allowed on carryon.

See the complete list: [CLICK HERE](#)

- No personal motorized vehicles allowed.
- No cigarettes matches, no cigarettes lighters, no attaches, no disabling devices, no electroshock weapons, no explosives.
- No DRUGS
- No Drones allowed in carryon bag. Drone must be put in checked bag. Drone batteries go in carryon bag.
- Lithium batteries must go in carryon. Allowed 2 and must be in protective individual bags.
- Some medications are banned in the UAE & Maldives so research any over the counter medication/ uncontrolled medication you plan on bringing.



## Maldives

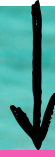
There are specific medications that are banned in Maldives and even over the counter drugs. There are strong anti-drug laws in Maldives that can land a person in jail. I have two tips:

1. Make sure that any medication you are bringing is not banned in Dubai nor Maldives (you might have flight transfers).
2. If you have a transfer in Dubai, there is a pharmacy where you can get over the counter medication which includes medication allowed in Dubai which you can take on the plane with you.



# Packing List (Clothes)

(All items are clickable. Links are embedded in underlined words.)



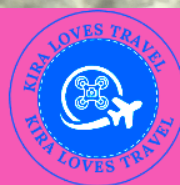
(CLICK ON UNDERLINED WORDS TO SEE PICTURES OF ITEMS TO BUY)

## Items Needed:

1. [Maxi Dresses](#)
2. [Skirt \(sets\)](#)
3. [Shorts\(sets\)/Pant\(sets\)](#)
4. [Swimsuits](#)
5. [Swimsuit Coverups](#)
6. [Sandals](#)
7. [Flip Flops](#)
8. [Romper](#)
9. [Water shoes.](#)
10. [Sleepwear](#)
11. [Sunglasses](#)

The Maldives is a very humid place. You will want to wear clothing (on the resort) that is not heavy in texture. You want clothing that will not stick to your skin. It is a relaxed, beach vibe. If you are traveling from resort to resort or to the city, Male, to shop, wear appropriate clothing to not offend the culture in The Maldives.

Attached you'll find all of the items I wore on my trip. I'll also attached items that would be applicable to others. Some items will still have inventory when you click and some might be out of stock.



# Packing List

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As a traveler, going somewhere new, you will always need to worry about items based on climate and your needs. Will you go somewhere hot, or cold? Will you do a lot of adventurous sports, walking tours, or beach side? Will you be taking photos yourself or will you hire a photographer? The list below and on pages 16-17 are for the Maldives climate which is humid and hot. The items I wore are included.

## Photography

1. [Drone](#)
2. [Camera](#)
3. [Waterproof Camera](#)
4. [Tripod](#)
5. [Selfie Stick](#)
6. [Lithium Battery Bag](#)

## Essential Items

1. [Phone waterproof pouch](#)
2. [Portable Battery Charger](#)
3. [Headphones](#)
4. [Travel Pillow](#)
5. [Travel Bag](#)
6. [Travel Suitcase](#)
7. [Travel PlugAdapter](#)
8. [Travel bag tag](#)
9. [Travel Planner](#)
10. [Safety protective shield](#)



# Packing List (Clothes)

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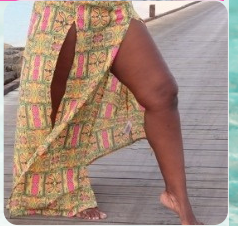
## What I wore....

1. [Shirred Waist Floral Beach Skirt](#)

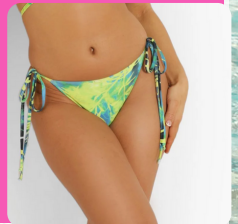
2. [Bardot Floral Beach Crop Top](#)

3. [Tropical Tile Print Crop High Leg Bikini](#)

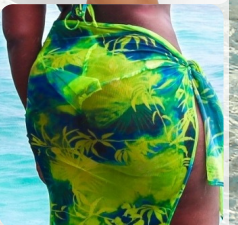
4. [Tropical Tile Print Split Leg Maxi Beach Skirt](#)



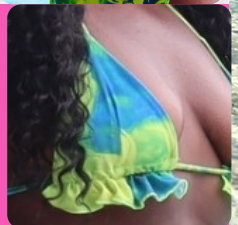
5. [Tropicana side bikini bottom](#)



6. [Tropical mesh beach two piece](#)



7. [Tropicana Triangle Frill Bikini Top](#)



8. [Tropicana Cut Out Maxi Beach Dress](#)



9. [Longline Chiffon Beach Kimono Bright Lilac](#)



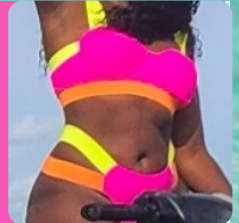


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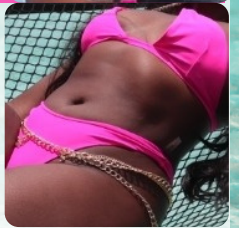
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## What I wore....

10. [Shein Colorblock Swimsuit](#)



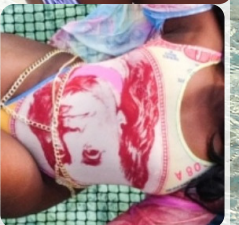
11. [Verdusa Two Piece Swimsuit](#)



12. [Floern Bikini 3 piece](#)



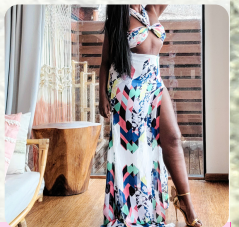
13. [Ekaliy two piece money swimsuit](#)



14. [Tie Dye Bikini Top](#)  
15. [Tie Dye Bikini Brief](#)



16. [Custom Made Two Piece Outfit by my sister](#)  
[\(the newest icon\)](#)



17. [Women Fuschia Coverups](#)



# Drone information

## Permission

- 1** You will need to get permission before you can fly a drone in the Maldives. You will need to get the permission of your resort. This can change at any time. They might have allowed it in the past but could change their mind at the time you decide to stay at their resort/hotel.
- 2** You will need to get permission from Maldives Ministry of Defence by filling out an application and getting their permission.
- 3** You might also need the permission of CAA. It depends on the type of drone photography you take.

For permission to fly drones  
and  
applications:

**[CLICK HERE](#)**





## ABOUT ME:

I'm Kira. I am a digital nomad solo traveler. I have a career that allows me to work remotely if I choose, which I do. Additionally, I prefer solo travel and you will find me traveling solo oftentimes.

I've traveled to 18 countries and 5 continents . I'm so excited to see the rest of the world.... with my drone of course.

I teach people how to solo travel, become digital nomads by finding remote positions, travel jobs, as well as share travel tips, travel deals, travel opportunities, and travel drone photography/videography.

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