

Maldives are once again ready to welcome tourists, and we know you can barely wait! Not sure of the paperwork and formalities required? Here's a step-by-step guide.

⇒ Step 1: Check your visa eligibility

Maldives - visa on arrival' service has resumed since July 15, 2020. To get a 30-day on arrival tourist visa, you need to prove you have sufficient funds and a confirmed hotel booking. For latest visa advisories, visit the official website of [Maldives immigration](#).

⇒ Step 2: Book your flight and hotel

You must have a confirmed hotel reservation for your entire stay in one hotel (no change of address allowed). Proof will need to be submitted at immigration.

⇒ Step 3: Declare your health status

You must complete and submit a traveller health declaration 24 hours before arrival at Maldives immigration. You are also advised to download the Maldives contact tracing app 'traceeke' before travelling to Maldives.

⇒ Step 4: Get screened upon arrival

All passengers and airline crew will be subject to medical screening, and those with symptoms like high fever will be asked to undergo a PCR test and sent for isolation till results come. There may be random PCR test checks at the airport but these will be voluntary and cost of testing will be borne by Maldives government.

⇒ Step 5: Head to your resort

You can only stay in one place (the resort you have booked) during your entire trip and no island-hopping is allowed as of now. If you have booked a safari trip, you must stay on your safari throughout. You will not be permitted to visit other islands or resorts.

⇒ Step 6: Prepare for return

The ministry of health and family welfare, government of India has issued specific guidelines for international passengers travelling to India. Please make careful note of these.

- You must submit a self-declaration form at www.newdelhiairport.in at least 72 hours before your scheduled flight to India. This link works for international passengers arriving at any airport in India.
- For seeking exemption from institutional quarantine, you must submit a request on newdelhiairport.in (72 hours before boarding). Otherwise, you will have to undergo quarantine for 14 days (7 days self-paid institutional quarantine + 7 days home quarantine) on arrival. A request for exemption from institutional quarantine can be made for compelling reasons like pregnancy, death/ serious illness in family or if travelling with children (below 10 years).
- If you are able to submit a negative RT-PCR test report on arrival (issued less than 96 hours before departure), you may be exempted from institutional quarantine, provided you upload your certificate on the online portal in advance and submit a hard copy on arrival.
- Please ensure that the “aarogya setu” app on your phone has all your latest health information.
- Don’t forget to register yourself on <https://repat.videshapps.gov.in/regist> and carry a copy of the registration form on the day of travel. Without a registration number, travel may not be allowed.