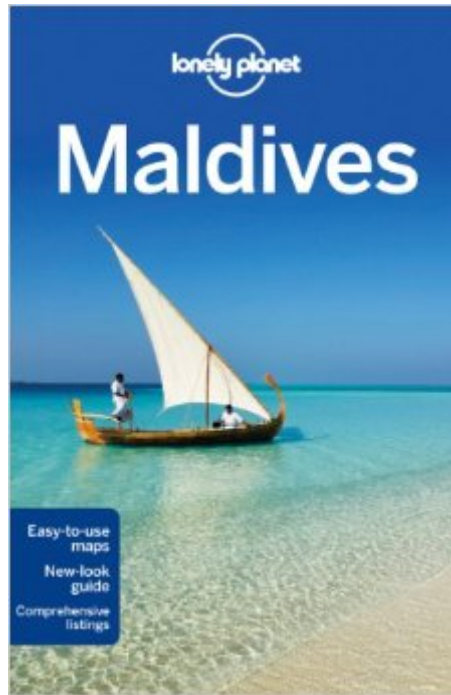


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# Lonely Planet Maldives (Travel Guide)



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## Customer Reviews

We just bought the Lonely Planet Maldives since my wife and I intend to go there this summer, and we decided it was best to buy the online edition (Kindle for iPad) since we wanted to reduce weight to the minimum, thus avoiding physical books. As you probably know, the main decision when going to Maldives is which resort to choose according to the depth of your pocket and personal interests (diving, surfing, pampering, etc). What I found annoying about Lonely Planet's e-book was that the most important piece of information (a table of resorts scored and compared on a number of aspects -diving, snorkeling, beach, kids, social life, spa, surfing, food, accommodation- is missing in the electronic edition, which makes it useless if you want to decide which resort to go swiftly. On the contrary, you'll have to do extensive research in order to decide the right resort for you, and with a significant risk of choosing the wrong place, which could ruin your holidays. Hence, be advised and do not buy the e-book because it is useless in this sense, and a great letdown. Buy the physical edition instead, which has the resort scoring table and will make things much easier for you.

As we've thought about our trip to the Maldives, I've gotten overwhelmed by the sheer number of excellent options there are for our trip. This book does the most extraordinary job of explaining them all and gently guiding the reader to sort out what he or she needs and wants from the trip. After one reading, I was able to know exactly what we will be doing on our trip and feeling confident about my choices suiting us. I also found remarkable the author's ability to distinguish the resorts from one another in very few words. He has a tremendously refined reviewer's ability and I am very grateful for it!

One source but Trip Advisor and other sites like Agoda is a useful cross check. Some very useful tips and for the price a solid buy. Cheaper than the hard copy edition, so this represents solid value. I chose my hotel because of this and got some valuable understanding of transfers, snorkelling,

hotels, pricing etc.

To paraphrase Lonely Planet's guide, things change all the time. The guest house I stayed at in the fishing village of Ukulhas has only been open one month. I was their 6th guest ever. There were no other guest houses on the island, and besides the Philippina Manager, I was the only non-Maldivian. I just happen to find this house on another site but without this guide, I would never have even considered searching out a fishing village on this island. I used this guide book as a starting point of where I wanted to go and what to do (Diving and beach combing) and even a quick walking tour in the capital of Male. There is a bit about surfing and just hanging out on resorts if thats how you want to spend your time and makes recommendations of areas that are better for different activities. I have always liked how Lonely Planets are organized with introductions of the country's history, current conditions and general overviews, then mode details of activities and sample itineraries and then divides into details of the different areas of the countries and ends with practical travel and tips with a smattering of the local language with maps interspersed through out.

This is an excellent all purpose guide to the Maldives in terms of information. Some resorts have changed since it was written, but these things happen. One issue I did have was the print was far smaller than normal travel guides. For this reason, I would recommend the Kindle Edition over the paperback.

Terrible. Maldives has been more than just a 5 star destination for several (5+?) years. Sadly LP haven't bothered updating their guide. Even if you are going 5 stars, why on earth would you buy a book which has descriptions of each resort when there is trip advisor. Save your money

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