

MALDIVES X E-LEARNING PROGRAMME

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Module 1: Introduction to Maldives

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The Maldives is a nation of islands in the Indian Ocean that spans across the equator. The country is comprised of 1192 islands that stretch along a length of 871 kilometers. While the country covers an area of approximately 90,000 square kilometers, only 298 square kilometers of that is dry land. The islands are grouped into a double chain of 26 atolls.

The country's unique geography mesmerizes the visitor. Reefs that offer bands of color, tiny jewel-like islands rimmed with the whitest of soft sand surrounded by the clearest shallow waters that one can imagine. Only 200 of the islands are inhabited, and a select few on each of the atolls are resorts and some of the islands are used for industry and agriculture.

The beauty of the Maldives is not only above the water. The Maldives is home to about five percent of the planet's reefs that comes with an explosion of color contributed by soft and hard corals that form them. The reefs are home to a thousand species of fish. Lured by the rich nutrients that flow in with the currents, large pelagic fishes such as manta rays and whale sharks also make the Maldives their home.

OR

Introductory video plays in the beginning then these pointers follow

Maldives are islands formed of 26 natural atolls. It is 99% water and 1 % Land

- ❖ Area:90,000 sq km
- ❖ 1192 Islands, 26 Atolls
- ❖ Temperature is between 26-32 °C
- ❖ Population: Inhabited – 188, Uninhabited – 1,004
- ❖ Monsoon Season is in June and July
- ❖ Population – 407,660
- ❖ Languages – Dhivehi, English
- ❖ Currency – 1 Maldivian Rufiyaa = 4.96 INR

(Image of Maldives Map with its islands)

Module 2: Key Selling Points

The Maldives have many plus points when one visits there as each island has only one resort where only the tourists and staff stay on the resort. Everything is a barefoot walk from the room with no noise pollution or disturbances in the natural and exotic islands all at your perusal.

Leisure

- Offers an array of accommodations like Beachside resorts, Water Villas, Underwater Resorts and restaurants
- Leisure Activities include Fly boarding, Photography, Sunset Sailing, Dolphin Watching, Manta Rays, etc

Wellness

- Spa Therapies, Yoga
- Sprawling garden spas, with massage rooms merged into their lush tropical surroundings, or one built on stilts over the crystalline waters of the lagoon, to choose from
- Picture-perfect islands with secluded accommodation
- Crystal clear lagoons, vibrant coral reefs and white-sandy beaches come as standard
- Elegant overwater villas on columns above the lagoon with open-to-the-stars bathroom

MICE

- MICE policies vary so one must contact the hotel at the time of booking where only concrete inquiries will be handled at the time of the request

Module 3: Tourism Products

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Resorts

- One island one resort concept
- Relaxing and adventure in one island
- White sandy beaches and turquoise water
- High end luxury atmosphere

Hotels

- Located business center of Maldives
- Cater to business travelers and Holiday makers
- Easy connection to different parts of Maldives
- Perfect for Layover guests

Guest Houses

- Nested in most hospitable local islands
- Experience local culture
- Uniquely designed hotels
- Island life experience

Liveaboards

- More than hundred liveaboards and safari across Maldives island
- Wide range of accommodation facilities on board Wide range of vessels to hire
- It comes with own chef's, dive and surf instructors
- Cruise around Maldives

Module 4: Important Things to Know

Flights and Transportation

- 9 Connecting Flights via 11 Airlines – Indigo, Air India, Sri Lankan Airlines, Spice Jet, Emirates, Etihad, Bangkok Airways, Silk Air, Hahn Air, Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, Fly Smart
- In Maldives you can travel to any of the *12 domestic and international airports* to which several daily flights are operated.
- Scheduled ferry services also operate from Male' to most of the atolls
- If you are travelling to a resort, your transfer will most likely be prearranged at the time of booking your accommodation

- Transfers to resorts around the airport are by speedboat and transfers to resorts and islands further afield are by seaplane

Visa

To enter Maldives **no pre-arrival visa** is required

- A **30 day FREE** visa is issued on arrival for all Nationalities; provided:
 - ✓ Should possess a **valid passport** with Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) - (standard ICAO Annex 9, chapter 3.10.1) and should have at least **6 months** validity
 - ✓ Have a **valid ticket** to continue the journey out of Maldives
 - ✓ Have **enough funds** to cover the expenses for duration of the stay in Maldives. (US\$100 + \$50 dollars per day) or a confirmation of reservation in a Tourist Resort or a Hotel

Activities

The **thrills of the Maldives** lie under or over the surface of its **water**

Some resorts prefer to offer their guests complete tranquillity without the sound of motorized engines that propel many a ride on the water

- ✓ So you can enjoy a relaxing **canoe ride, wind surfing, snorkeling and diving**

Other offerings include -

- ✓ Bouncy banana rides, jet ski or taking in the lagoon at high speeds on a wakeboard,
- ✓ kite surfing
- ✓ parasailing
- ✓ navigating solo around the reefs on a catamaran.

(Attractive 30 seconds Videos overall on all modules)

QUIZ SECTION

- 1) How many islands does Maldives comprise of?

- a. 110
- b. 1192
- c. 11900
- d. 10

Correct answer: 1192

2) What is the native language of Maldives?

- a. Maldivian
- b. Tamil
- c. Dhivehi
- d. French

Correct answer: Dhivehi

3) What is Maldives known for?

- a. Leisure and Wellness
- b. Hiking and Adventure
- c. Meetings and Events
- d. Exhibitions and Fares

Correct answer: Leisure and Wellness

4) What Tourism Products does the Maldives have to offer?

- a. Resorts and Hotels
- b. Guest Houses
- c. Liveaboards
- d. All of the above

Correct answer: All of the above

5) How many domestic and international airports does the Maldives have?

- a. 5
- b. 12
- c. 20
- d. 1

Correct answer: 12

6) Which one of these is not an activity available in the Maldives?

- a. Wind Surfing
- b. Snorkeling
- c. River Rafting
- d. Parasailing

Correct answer: River Rafting