



Sri Lanka Safari
March 30–April 5, 2025



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Maldives Aggressor
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Hi all:

The next order of business that needs to be taken care of is the Aggressor registration. Please get it done early if you can. If you do not get it completed by Feb. 15, you will not be able to go on the trip. You should be able to complete all of the information now with the possible exception of the flights. Put the anticipated flight info down if you haven't booked a flight yet.

Losing your link to the registration is not an excuse. If you need a new link, let me know.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All of you should have received a forwarded e-mail from the Aggressor people. This is GIS links (registration) for each individual traveling. There were 2 links sent for those that are attending both the Sri Lanka and the Maldives trip, and only one link if you are just going on one of the trips. For those that received two links, (one for each trip) make sure you always completely log out and close all browsers/windows before opening the second link. There is a bunch of information that the Aggressor people need for you to complete (this info does not come back to me)



Everyone must be registered at by Feb. 15, 2025 (but if you can get it completed now, it would be better)

Keep this e-mail/link somewhere you can retrieve it when you need to.

E-mail me if you did not receive the proper number of forwarded registration e-mails. (One if only going on 1 trip) or two if going on both trips. These e-mails are per person.

Again, make sure you keep the registration link somewhere on your computer so you can get back to it.

Sri Lanka

Passports & Visa Documentation



Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves, and a return airline ticket. US citizens require a passport that must be valid for 6 months from date of entry. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper visa to travel into each country on his or her itinerary as well as for re-entry and return to their country. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement.

As of September 2024, upon arrival to the Colombo Airport all passengers will secure a simple visa. (USD 50) It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure proper documentation is obtained to travel into each country on his or her itinerary, please always check your passport and visa requirements.

Talk the talk



Sri Lanka has three main official languages: Sinhala, Tamil and English. Many locals speak at least basic English, and you won't have a hard time getting by as a visitor. But if you throw in a few words like "ayubowan" (meaning "may you live long" in Sinhala) and "vanakkam" (meaning "hello" in Tamil), locals will really appreciate it (although you'll notice that locals don't greet each other the same way and are more used to a simple good morning). "Kohomada" ("how are you" in Sinhala) and "enna katha" ("what's up" in Tamil) are more common.



The **Sri Lanka Signature Lodge** is located on a spacious 6-acre property and 20 minutes from the Wilpattu National Park. The lodge has a main reception, dining tent, entertainment area with a 54-inch TV, 8 luxury private tented chalets, large swimming pool and beautiful grounds with animal life. The luxury-dining tent, is located at the rear of the outdoor reception and bar area and is called the Aliya Bush Restaurant (local for elephant). The Reception Bar is called the Diviya Bar (local for leopard) and the Pool Deck Bar is called the Wallas Walla Bar (Bear Watering Hole). The beautiful property is located on the Kala Oya River, which is the 3rd longest river in Sri Lanka and borders Wilpattu National Park on the other side giving the river view tents direct views of the park.

All private luxury chalet tents are air-conditioned, have memory foam mattresses, private bathrooms with a bathtub/shower, hair dryer, shampoo, conditioner, robes, and a safe to lock your valuables. The lodge has plenty of hot and cold water with very good water pressure. Meals are included with breakfast (cooked to order), picnic lunches and an elegant dinner with table side service. Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are complimentary while staying at the lodge. Linens are changed daily (upon request) and fresh towels are placed in each chalets needed.

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including movies, games and books. If you have a favorite movie, digital presentation or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The staff especially loves new releases of movies, recent magazines and books. All meals, snacks and beverages are provided.

Maldives

Facts About Maldives



Climate: Air temperatures are constant throughout the year averaging around 90F. The water temperatures range from 82F to 86F.

Time Zone: Maldives is on the Standard Time Zone, GMT+5 hours with no daylight savings time.

Electricity: 240 volts. It is recommended you bring a plug converter and a transformer. Plugs are the type G and 2 pin plugs. Transformers will change the voltage to 50 cycles.

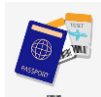
Currency: Maldivian currency is in the form of rufiyaa and laaree's. American dollars, and major credit card are widely accepted.

Clothing: Casual cotton clothing is best for most occasions. There are no dress requirements aboard, however, when on land modest clothing and covered shoulders are recommended.

Language: The main language is Dhivehi; however, English is widely understood and spoken. The crew will be English speaking.

Maldives Law: The Maldives is a quiet, trouble free and highly respected destination. Importation of alcohol is forbidden as well as nudity and topless sunbathing.

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Travelers from every country in the world can get a free 30-day tourist visa stamped into their passport when they arrive in the Maldives.

To get your visa on arrival, you just need to follow a few key guidelines. Your passport must be machine-readable and valid for at least one month past your departure date, and you must show evidence of your return flight and hotel booking confirmation – the airline and immigration may ask for this information.

Every traveler needs to [complete an Imuga form](#) 96 hours before both their arrival and departure flights. The digital form is free and requests basic information like a photo of your passport, flight number, duration of stay, where you're staying and where you're heading after the Maldives. Upon completion you'll get a QR code that you can store on your smartphone – it will be scanned by immigration at the airport.

Things you should have arranged or almost arranged by now:

- 1) Flights: home to CMB or MLE // CMB-MLE // MLE-home (whichever is applicable)
- 2) Hotels: in CMB and/or MLE
- 3) Up to date passport (if you are getting a new passport before the trip, let me and/or the Aggressor people know the new passport number. For the Aggressor online registration, use the passport number you have now then update it later.) Also, make sure you have at least 6 months left on your passport for Sri Lanka.

