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Sri Lanka Safari
March 30–April 5, 2025



Update March.19, 2024



Maldives Aggressor
April 6-13, 2025

Hi all:

This is the beginning of many future updates for our clubs Sri Lanka Safari and Maldives Aggressor Live-a-Board dive trip. In general, I will be sending information on both trips in one update unless there is enough specific information that pertains to one trip versus the other, in which case, only members going on that trip will get the specific update. I'll try to divide the update into sections, one section will have information that applies to both trips, one section on Sri Lanka and one section will have information on the Maldives dive trip.

Thanks to all of you for paying your deposit in a timely manner! It really helps me in trying to keep some semblance of order.

The next and final payment is not due until Oct. 1, 2024, so you can rest easy for a while, until I bother all of you about final payments.

SRI LANKA



Sri Lanka has maritime borders with India to the northwest and the Maldives to the southwest. Its documented history spans 3,000 years. Your visit will include some of Sri Lanka's ancient World Heritage Sites including the ancient city of Anuradhapura home of Sigiriya Rock Palace known as the "Eighth Wonder of the World". Sri Lanka is very close to the Equator which means that temperatures remain fairly constant year-round. Coastal and lowland areas enjoy an average daytime temperature of 78-86°F / 26-30°C. Sri Lanka is unusual in that it has two monsoon seasons with the wettest periods being December and January in the North and humidity is high everywhere throughout the island.

What to wear & bring while on Safari: It is suggested to travel light and wear neutral colors while on the safaris; Sri Lanka is hot and humid so for your safari adventure clothing it should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and a comfortable pair of walking shoes. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and binoculars. **World Heritage Sites:** Shoulders and knees must be covered before entering World Heritage Sites. Every visitor must remove shoes and hats before entering temples.

Possible animal sightings in Sri Lanka

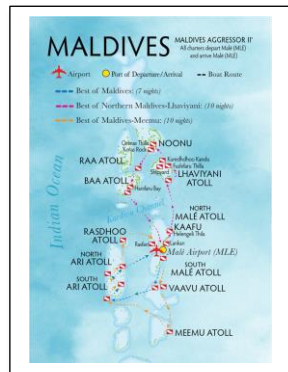


- Asian elephants
- Leopards
- Sloth bears
- Water buffalos
- Ceylon Spotted Deer
- Crocodiles
- Jackals
- Monkeys
- Sri Lankan giant squirrels



- Green Bee-eater
- Ceylon Junglefowl
- Malabar Pied Hornbill
- Grey Hornbill
- Crested Serpent Eagle
- Woolly-necked Stork
- Purple Heron
- Purple Swamphen
- Spot-billed Pelican (seasonal nesting colonies)
- Comb Duck
- Painted Stork
- Black-capped Bulbul
- Eagle Owl
- Brown Fish Owl
- White-bellied Sea Eagle
- Racket-tailed Drongo
- Indian Pitta
- Black-naped Monarch
- Orange-headed Ground Thrush
- Tickell's Blue Flycatcher

Maldives



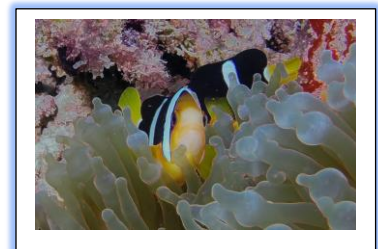
The **Maldives**, officially the Republic of Maldives, is a country and archipelagic state in South Asia in the Indian Ocean. The Maldives is named after the main island and capital of Male. The word "Maldives" means "the islands of Male".

The Maldives is a nation of islands in the Indian Ocean, which 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 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.

Twenty-six atolls adorned with more than 1,200 coral-shrouded islands rise from the seabed, creating a lifetime of diving possibilities. From calm coral gardens within protective barrier reefs to fish-laden pinnacles and adrenaline-pumping drifts along steep walls, there is something for divers of all abilities and interests. Whale sharks feed on plankton carried by life-giving currents. Reefs are home to more than 1,000 species of fish and 200 varieties of coral.

Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and swimsuits and sunscreen are necessary. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. The dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are a hat and sunglasses. Please keep in mind you are traveling in a Muslim country. Everyone should be respectful of the Maldives tradition and culture when going ashore. It is customary to wear conservative attire when going ashore, modest clothing and covered shoulders are recommended.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Shortly, each of you will be receiving from me a forwarded e-mail from the Aggressor people. This is GIS links (registration) for each individual traveling. There will be 2 links 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. If you are getting two links, (one for each trip) 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

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

E-mail me back that you received 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.

