

arrival

We kindly request that you arrive no later than 16:00 on Saturday afternoons.

We pick you up from the airport according to your arrival flight time.

For those who are in the Maldives earlier we establish the meeting point at the airport at individually set time.

We transfer you back to the airport after check-out at 10:00 or earlier, according to your departure flight time.

Visa regulations: a holiday visa valid for 30 days is granted upon arrival, however passports must be valid for at least six months exceeding at date of arrival.

onboard payments

All extras will be charged to your cabin number and you will pay at the end of your stay as in an onshore hotel. We accept cash in US dollars, as well as MasterCard and Visa credit cards.

onboard dress code

Recommended onboard clothing is a holiday casual. A strict "no shoes" policy applies to all Scubaspa's vessels. However, due to the fact that decks can heat up in hot weather, flip flops with soft and light coloured soft soles are accepted.

climate

The Maldives has a tropical climate with warm temperatures all year round and enjoys a great deal of sunshine. The temperature varies very little throughout the year and is usually found between 25 and 32 C. Although the weather pattern is determined by the monsoons, the Maldives sits on the equator so the monsoons aren't as defined as in neighbouring countries. Severe storms are very rare.

currency

The local currency is Maldivian Rufia (MRF) and it is possible to change money at the airport upon arrival. The exchange rate varies roughly between 15 MRF and 15.45 MRF to 1 USD. Only licensed shops are allowed to accept foreign currencies and USD are the most commonly accepted.

dress code

The Maldives is a Muslim country and it is rightfully expected that visitors respect this by adhering to a certain dress code when visiting local islands.

In Malé one can get the impression that a dress code doesn't exist, as many tourists ignore it, despite being informed at welcome meetings and by their tour guides. Although things in Male 'appear' to be slightly more relaxed than on local islands, the dress code still reflects the great modesty expected by Muslim culture. Appropriate dress for women would be to cover their shoulders and knees, whereas shorts are acceptable for men.

electricity

The electric current in the Maldives is 220V, 50HZ AC. The most common standard for power outlets is the British system. It is always wise to bring a travel adaptor as you can occasionally find yourself in need of one in some hotels. We use British power outlets onboard Scubaspa Ying and Scubaspa Yang.

import restrictions

Import of the following is strictly prohibited:

- alcohol
- food items containing pork meat
- narcotics
- objects of religious character
- pornographic material
- weapons

PLEASE NOTE that all luggage is scanned prior to exiting arrivals.