

Malé, Maldives

One of the world's most densely packed island capitals — a vivid coral-stone mosque, a lively fish market, and a turquoise lagoon ringed by reefs just minutes from the city dock. Most cruisers are here for the water, not the skyline.

Tender port (ships anchor off Malé) Typical call: 6–8 hrs Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) · USD widely accepted Dhivehi · English spoken in tourism

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Malé ferry terminal

Walk to center: 5 min from tender dock

Best For: Reefs · Sandbanks · Culture

Don't Miss: Hukuru Miskiy (Friday Mosque)

Getting around: **Taxi** MVR 25–30 (~\$1.50–2 USD) within Malé; MVR 85–100 (~\$5.50–6.50 USD) to Hulhumalé · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Snorkeling reef excursion** — Boat trip to a nearby house reef or dedicated snorkel site in the North Malé Atoll.
- **Sandbank & lagoon day** — Transfer to a shallow sandbank or uninhabited island for swimming and sunbathing in an impossibly blue lagoon.
- **Resort island day pass** — Access a nearby resort island — pool, beach, and often lunch included.
- **Scuba diving in the North Malé Atoll** — For certified divers, the atolls around Malé offer drift dives, reef walls, and regular encounters with rays and sharks.
- **Malé city walk: mosques, market & museum** — Cover the Friday Mosque (Hukuru Miskiy), the Grand Friday Mosque, the fish market, and Sultan Park on foot in a couple of hours.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Malé heritage loop** ~2.5 km · 1.5 hrs · easy, flat — From the ferry terminal, walk to the 17th-century Hukuru Miskiy (Friday Mosque) with its carved coral-stone walls, then past the Grand Friday Mosque (Islamic Centre)...
- **Rasfannu waterfront stroll** ~1.5 km · 45 min · easy — Head south from the ferry terminal along the reclaimed waterfront to Rasfannu beach — Malé's artificial beach and the only stretch of sand in the capital.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:59AM–6:12PM · Jun 5:55AM–6:17PM · Aug 6:03AM–6:17PM · Sep 5:57AM–6:05PM · Oct 5:51AM–5:52PM	
Apr	84°	81°	15d	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) · USD widely accepted	
Jun	84°	81°	14d		
Aug	83°	80°	17d		
Sep	83°	79°	20d		
Oct	83°	79°	21d		

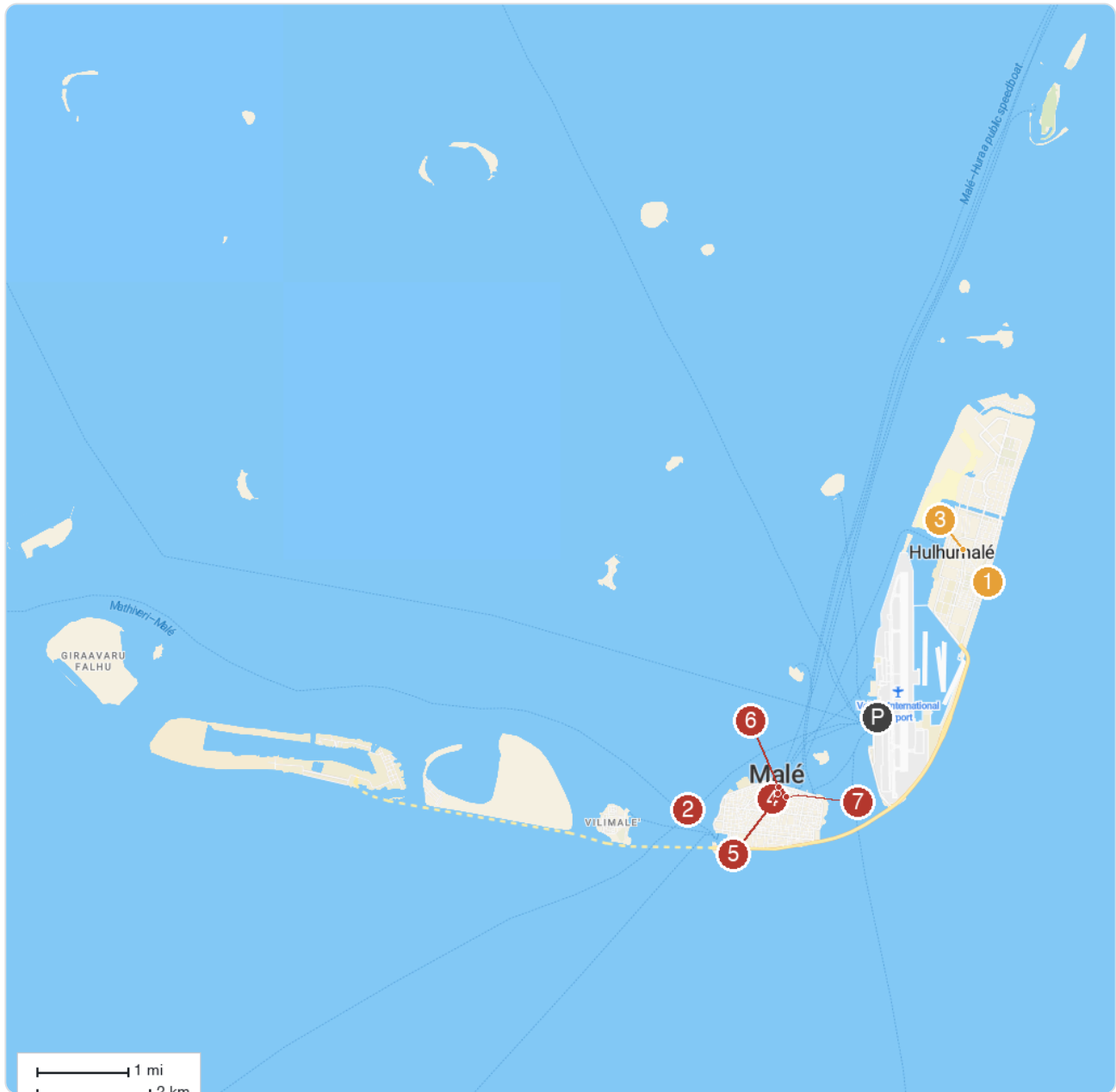
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Most of your day is on the water, not in the city. Malé is compact and can be walked in under two hours. If you only have one excursion, spend it on a reef, sandbank, or resort — that's what the Maldives is actually about.
- Dress modestly near mosques. Hukuru Miskiy is an active mosque. Cover shoulders and knees before approaching; women should carry a scarf. The dress code is strictly observed.
- USD works everywhere tourists go. Hotels, excursion operators, and most market stalls accept US dollars. Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) is needed only for local food stalls — rates are roughly MVR 15–16 per USD.
- Try the fish market. Malé's fish market on the western waterfront is one of the most atmospheric in the Indian Ocean — tuna unloaded fresh off dhoni fishing boats, sold within minutes. Best in the morning.
- Note your last tender time and stick to it. Tenders back to the ship can queue up as call-time approaches. Build in at least 30 minutes of buffer — missing the last tender in the Maldives is a very expensive mistake.
- It's hot and humid year-round. Malé sits near the equator — expect 30°C / 86°F with high humidity on any call. Stay hydrated, use sunscreen, and choose water-based excursions if you're heat-sensitive.

Malé, Maldives — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Hulhumale Public Beach | A sandy beach perfect for swimming and relaxation. | 2 Whale Submarine | Experience underwater marine life from a tourist submarine. |
| 3 Central Park (Hulhumalé) | A green urban park for recreation and relaxation. | 4 National Museum | Explore Maldivian historical artifacts and cultural heritage. |
| 5 Victory Monument | A monument commemorating the 1988 coup attempt. | 6 Republic Square | Malé's main public square, often used for events. |
| 7 Muliaage (Palace) | The official residence of the President of the Maldives. | P Cruise port / terminal | |