



# Maldives

THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE



# Tour Instructions

WELCOME TO THIS  
VIRTUAL TOUR

## 1. TAKE CONTROL

**Go at your own pace & stop to explore each slide in as much or little detail as you like.**

## 2. IMMERSE YOURSELF

**Some slides have interactive components like videos which can be played on the slide, which include links to the original videos. Some slides also have a sound component which is sometimes a voice-over of the slide it is on or immersive sound effects. Play these videos and sounds to your liking! The links to the sources of the images are available by clicking on the images. The green text connects to further links, so don't forget to check them out!**

## 3. TAKE THE QUIZ

**At the end of the slideshow, there is a link to an optional quiz for you to test your knowledge from the slides.**

BUCKLE UP AND HAVE FUN!

# Geography



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### **NATURAL HAZARD EXPERIENCE**



# Nature

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# Geography



## ACTIVITY 1 - ISLAND HOPPING

Different island hopping tours will take you to different locations. This specific one will show you around:

- Maafushi Island
  - With the infamous "Bikini Beach"
- Fulidhoo Island
  - Most northern island

Along the way, you can also see dolphins and manta rays, go swimming or night fishing.

**VISIT SLIDE 6 FOR  
THIS ACTIVITY**





# Geography

## ACTIVITY 2 - NATURAL HAZARD EXPERIENCE

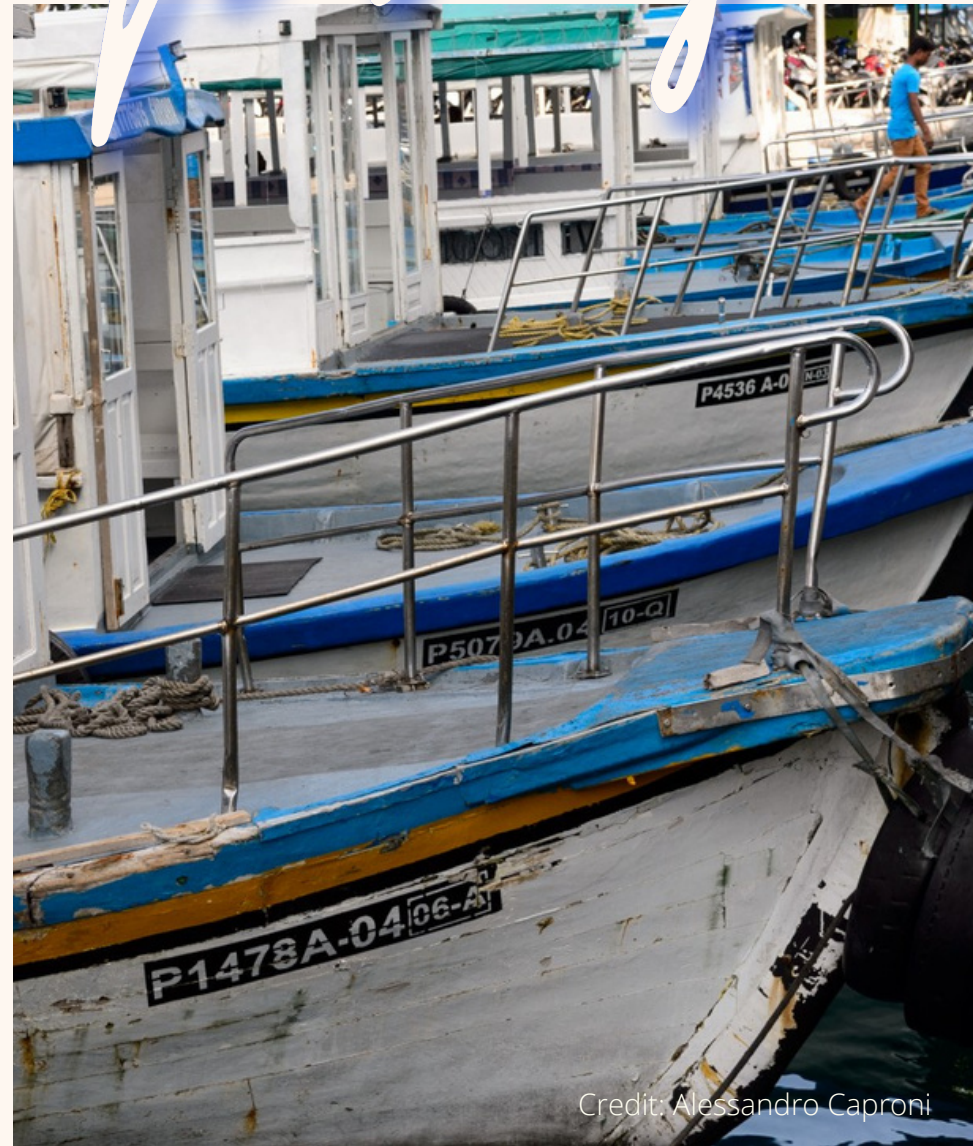
*The advantages of an online tour is the ability to undergo experiences which are normally not possible.*

The issue of natural hazards in Maldives is only becoming more serious.

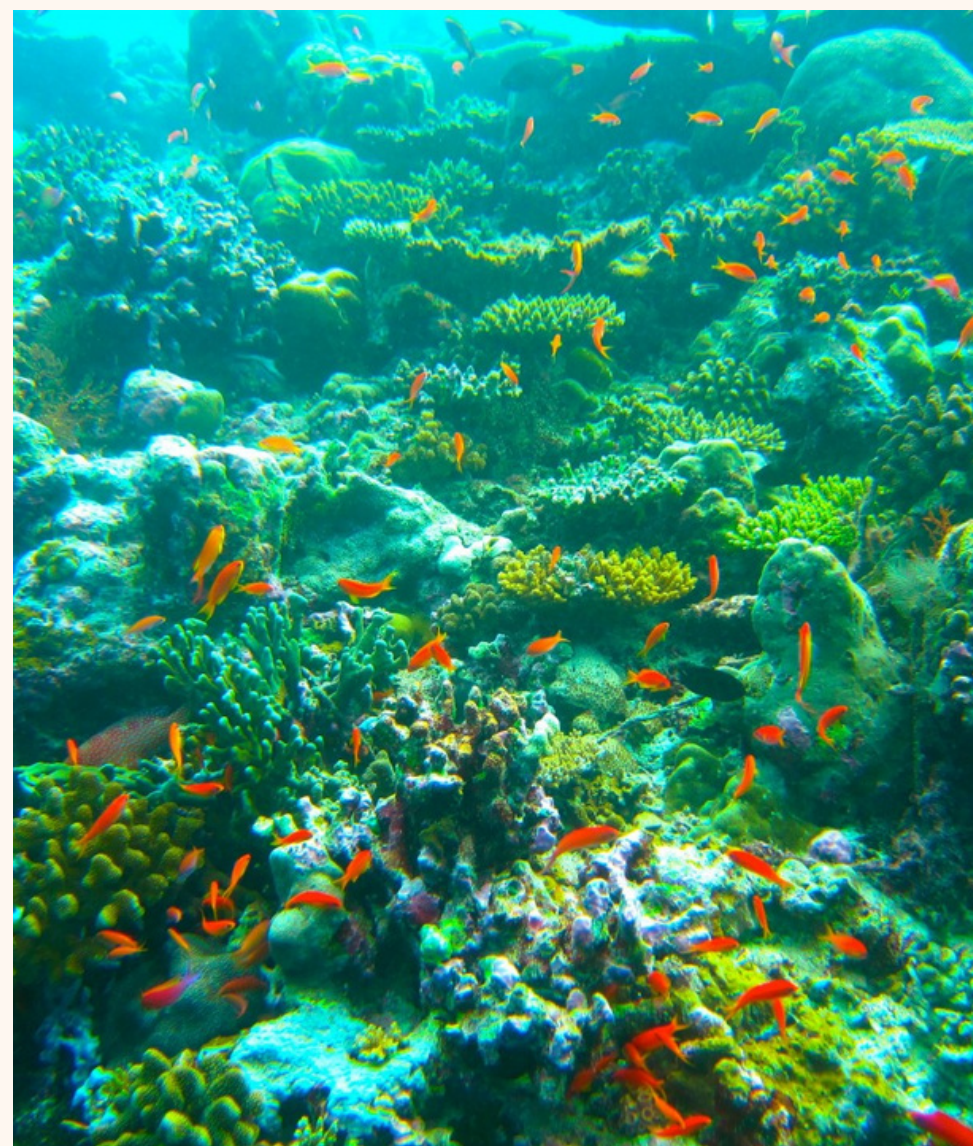
The Maldives is the most low-lying country and thus faces grave consequences of climate change and sea level rising.

Another major issue is acidification of the water, impacting the beautiful coral reefs around the country.

**VISIT SLIDE 7 FOR  
THIS ACTIVITY**



Credit: Alessandro Caproni





# Nature

## ACTIVITY 1 - SCUBADIVING

Scuba diving can be an awe-inspiring experience and open up parts of the world we rarely see.

Maldives is a biodiversity hotspot with some of the world's most unique marine species, such as:

- yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*)
- spinner dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*)
- whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*)
- fiddler crabs, ghost crabs, hermit crabs

To prepare for the dive, create a checklist of essential diving equipment, attire, photography devices, and a good night's sleep!

**VISIT SLIDE 10-11  
FOR THIS ACTIVITY**





# Nature

## ACTIVITY 2 - BIRDWATCHING

More information on the  
Fuvamulah Island:

- Nature on this island is characterised to be different than the other islands, it has woodlands, marshes and freshwater lakes
  - This makes it great for wildlife watching such as birds!
- Also, this island has volcanic origins rather than formed of coral reefs

The Common Moorhen is native to this island, and can be distinguished by its bright, colourful beak!

Fuvahmulah is also the largest producer of mangoes in the country - so many tropical fruits can be enjoyed.

**VISIT SLIDE 12-15  
FOR THIS ACTIVITY**





# Nature



## ACTIVITY 3 - EXPLORING THE WETLANDS BY KAYAKING

Kayaking through the Addu Nature Park is a wonderful "Nature" Activity!

The Addu Nature Park benefited and improved biodiversity of the Maldives. It has also created jobs such as registered coconut collectors.

Linking to the "Natural Hazards Experience," the Addu Nature Park promotes climate adaptation and mitigation measures, as it only allows farming with modern methods and which are eco-friendly.

**VISIT SLIDE 17 FOR  
THIS ACTIVITY**





# Culture

## ACTIVITY 1 - MUSIC AND DANCE

This activity involves two traditional dances of Maldives: Boduberu & Bandiyaa Jehun.

*Bodu beru* is a drum, played with bamboo sticks known as *onugandu*, and usually performed by 20 people. Boduberu evolved among the common citizens as an alternative to court music

During the Bandiyaa Jehun, dancers tap pots with finger rings. Dancers dress up uniformly, and women usually wear *Dhigu hedhun*.

This dance is considered 'modern' because today it incorporates instruments like drums and harmonicas!

**VISIT SLIDE 20-22  
FOR THIS ACTIVITY**





# Culture



## ACTIVITY 2 - LOCAL FOOD TASTING

Maldives is 99% sea, so most of Dhihevi cuisine is seafood!

Maldivian or Dhihevi cuisine has Arabic, Indian, Sri Lankan and Oriental influences.

Coconut is an important ingredient in Dhihevi cuisine.

While alcohol is not common in Dhihevi culture, Raa is a traditional drink and is a toddy that has been tapped from palm trees. It is sometimes left to ferment.

**VISIT SLIDE 23-26  
FOR THIS ACTIVITY**





# Culture

## ACTIVITY 3 - ART & CRAFTSMANSHIP

Maldivians have always been gifted craftsmen, traditions are passed from generation to another and the arts and crafts made today are a testament to these old age skills.

Arts and crafts of the Maldives are created using mostly raw materials that are easily available such as palm leaves, reeds, coral, wood, shells, stones, coir, natural oils, and paints

The National Museum of Maldives was built in the 17th century. It houses royal antiquities from the Buddhist era to the rule of Islamic monarchs. The interior of the museum has been retained from the days of the Sultanate, with handwritten Qur'an engraved on the walls of the building.

**VISIT SLIDE 27-29  
FOR THIS ACTIVITY**



Credit: GIS & Mapping Unit, Spatial Planning Section, Department of National Planning, Republic of Maldives







Thank  
you!