



Theveli
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026



International Participant's Guide

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About Theveli

The meaning of the Dhivehi word, “Theveli” refers to the sun’s rays that spread on the sea when the sun or moon rises and sets. The Maldives National University aims to act as a platform that spreads the radiant rays of knowledge throughout the nation, the region and around the globe. Our aim is to bring together the best minds from around the world and disseminate their priceless knowledge through this conference.

The Theveli International Conference has been a flagship event of the Maldives National University since 2017.

A photograph of a diverse group of people seated in an audience, looking towards the left. The image is partially obscured by a white arrow-shaped graphic pointing to the right, which contains the text 'Conference Information'.

Conference Information



www.mnu.edu.mv

Formal Events & Attire

Conference Venue: The Maldives National University, Central Administration, Rahdhebai Higon, Machangolhi, Male', Maldives

For formal events, the recommended attire is:


Men: Tie, Shirt and Suit.

Women: Office Dress or Suit or National dress.

For *informal occasions*, smart casual attire is appropriate.

Please note that shorts are generally not recommended for official functions or visits to local islands.



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Visa Information


Tourist Visa

The Maldives offers a 30-day free tourist visa to all foreign visitors.

For a smoother entry please ensure to have the following available:

- A valid passport with at least six months' validity.
- Proof of confirmed accommodation during your stay.
- A return ticket or onward travel itinerary.
- IMUGA Travel Declaration.



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Visa Information

Meeting Visa

The Maldives offers a 14-day short-stay Meeting Visa on arrival for foreign visitors for a purpose of attending a meeting, conference or convention held in the Maldives provided that the individual satisfies the entry requirements to the Maldives.

For a meeting visa, the following prerequisites must be met;

- The visit's primary purpose is to attend or participate in an official meeting, conference, or convention in the Maldives related to business, government functions, or authorized events.
- A complete travel plan with confirmed return tickets, a prepaid booking at a registered hotel, and proof of sufficient funds to cover the stay in the Maldives.
- IMUGA Travel Declaration submitted within 96hrs to flight time.
- A passport or a travel document with a Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) and at least one month validity. (*Note: Passports with extended validity are not accepted. This means if your passport's validity has been manually extended, for example, by a stamp or note from your issuing authority, instead of issuing a new passport, it will not be accepted. Only passports with officially printed validity periods are allowed).
- Fulfilment of entry requirements to their onward destinations including visa and passport validity.

Please note: Meeting Visa is non-extendable and cannot be converted to a Business Visa once arrived in the Maldives.

<https://www.immigration.gov.mv/meeting-visa/>



About Greater Male' Area

Accommodation

A variety of accommodation options are available to suit different preferences:

- **Male' City:** Offers hotels with convenient access to government offices and commercial centers.
- **Local Islands:** Provide a glimpse into Maldivian culture and lifestyle with guesthouses and smaller hotels.
- **Separate Resorts:** Features luxurious overwater bungalows and private villas with world-class amenities.

Main Hotels

- Manhattan Business Hotel
- Barceló Nasandhura Malé
- Hotel Jen

Other Hotels in Male':

- Marukab Plaza
- Champa Central Hotel
- Dhimyaath Stay



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hotels

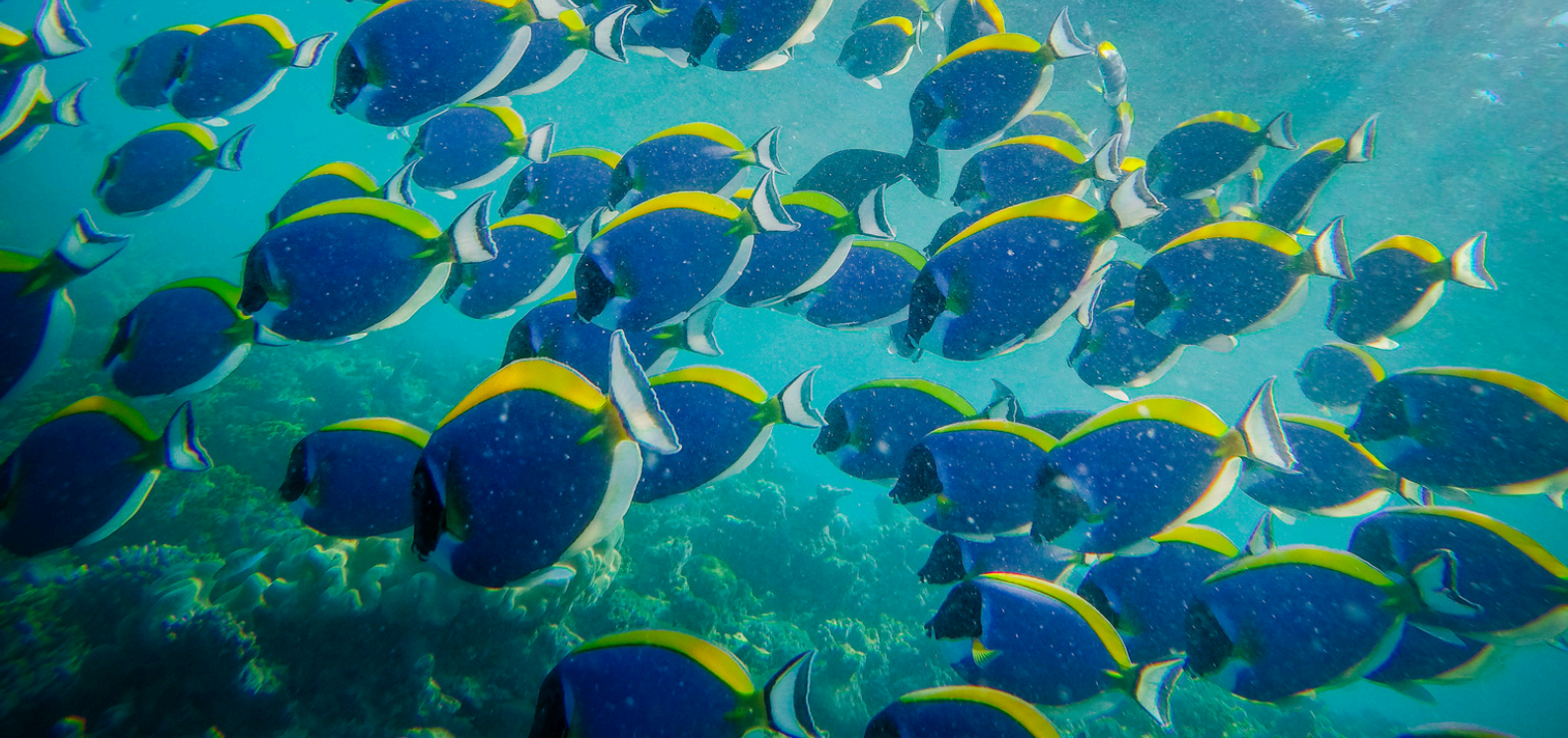
Alternatively you may stay in Hulhumale and travel to the conference venue in Male'.



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For Exploring in Male'

- Islamic Centre and Grand Friday Mosque
- Local Market and Fish Market - to experience everyday Maldivian life
- National Museum - with artifacts showcasing Maldivian history
- Tsunami Monument and Victory Monument
- Artificial Beach
- President's Palace (Muleeaage)
- Villimale' (Villingili Island) - a quiet, green escape just an 8 minutes by ferry
- Hulhumale' - a reclaimed island connected by a bridge



Nearby Resorts

- **Summer Island Resort** (<http://www.summerislandmaldives.com/>)
- **Holiday Inn Kandooma** (<https://maldives.holidayinnresorts.com/>)
- **Bandos Island Resort** (<https://bandosmaldives.com/>)

Snorkeling & Day Trips

There are also day trips for snorkeling or island experiences to nearby local islands in Kaafu Atoll such as:

- **Maafushi**
- **Thulusdhoo**
- **Gulhi**
- **Dhiffushi**

Transportation is available from Male' to islands directly.



Cultural and Social Context

The Maldives is a democratic country governed by a Constitution and adheres to Shari'ah Law. Although it is a 100% Muslim country, it warmly welcomes tourists and visitors from abroad. We kindly request all to be mindful of local customs and traditions during their stay.



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Transportation

The Maldives offers several convenient transportation options:

Public Transport: Buses operate in Malé and Hulhumalé.

Taxis: Widely available in Malé and at the airport.

Ferries: Provide regular connections between Malé, nearby islands, and resorts.

Walking: Often the most efficient way to get around most islands, especially in Malé. Larger islands may be an exception.

**Please note: Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation from the airport to their accommodation.*



General Weather

The Maldives experiences two main seasons:

- **Dry Season (Northeast Monsoon):** November to April - Characterized by sunny skies and calm seas.
- **Wet Season (Southwest Monsoon):** May to October - Expect occasional rainfall, higher humidity, and stronger winds.

Electricity

The standard voltage in the Maldives is 220/230V with a frequency of 50Hz. Plugs with three flat pins are commonly used, so it is advisable to bring an adapter.





Financial Information

Dollar Exchange Rate:

- 1 USD = 15.42 MVR (rates may vary)

Other foreign currency can be exchanged at local money changers in the city.

Main Banks:

- Bank of Maldives (BML)
- Maldives Islamic Bank (MIB)
- State Bank of India (SBI)
- Habib Bank
- Others

Emergency Contacts

In case of emergencies, please contact the following:

- **Police:** 119
- **Ambulance:** 102
- **Fire & Rescue:** 118
- **Tourism Hotline:** 300 2000



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