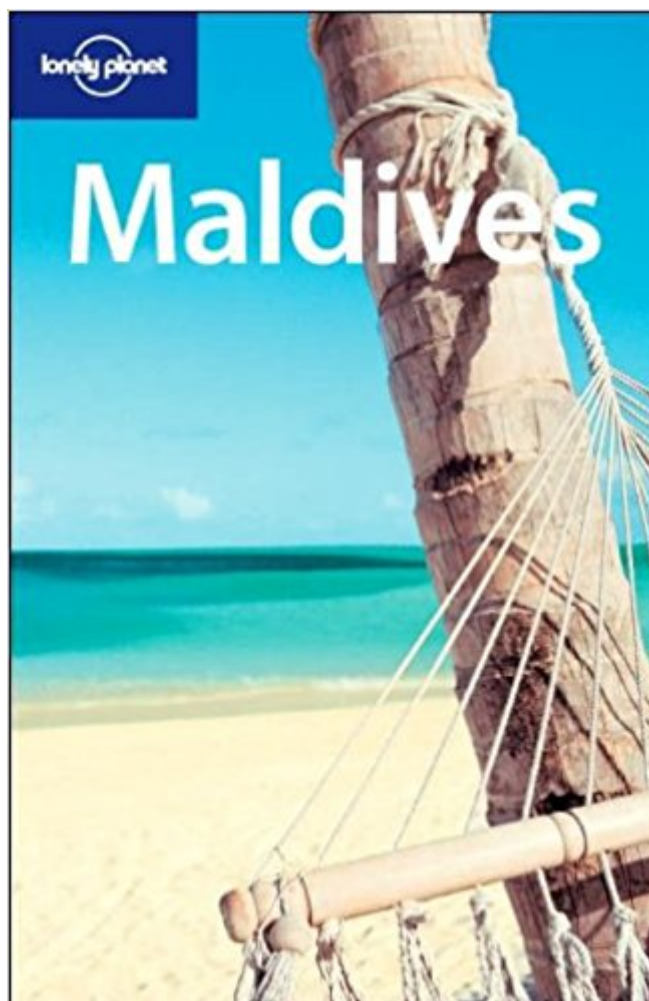


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I'm looking at going to the Maldives sometime in 2010, and I'd love to know more about it before I blindly book a ticket and plan on visiting without knowing more about what I'm getting myself into. The book itself is fairly comprehensive with a lot of information on eco-friendly activities (this seems to be a recent trend in travel books), along with comprehensive information about dive sites. No doubt that the Maldives is one of the most expensive places in the world, and that you'll need time to put away money to going there. When budget hotels start at around \$250 a night, I want a book that helps me figure out where and how I can get the most out of my money, and this book helps give me a good foundation on what to expect when landing.

I read this book several times for an upcoming trip. I believe it is a very opinion orientated book instead of actual facts. Half the book is very informative. Not sure if worth the price for such a small book.

No substitute for Lonely Planet when you're wanting specifics about internal transportation, prices, food, lodging, and sights. Exact details you can live by while you're there.

The Guide has a lot of information, but it is very weak about the photos, it does not have any picture about the hotels.

I would of liked to see more on Mali the capital and the local customs

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