



WELCOME ABOARD!

We are so excited that you'll be coming aboard, and can't wait to have you with us. Sailing holidays are such an adventure, and our destinations are known as some of the best tropical islands in the world. Being on a yacht is a little different from staying at a resort, so please find some information below. If we don't cover all the questions you have, please drop us an [email](#).

GENERAL INFO

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WEATHER

All our destinations are tropical islands, so weather can be variable. It can still rain in the dry season and be really sunny in the wet season. As much as we would love it to be windless and sunny all the time we can't guarantee that, so bring a book & a hard drive of movies (we have some on board) Most of our yachts cabins have air-conditioning as well as a fan. Air-conditioning uses a lot of power and energy so we ask you to please be kind to the environment and don't leave the air conditioning on in your cabin when not there.

MOSQUITOS

There are hardly ever mosquito's on board, but sometimes the odd one can sneak on, so bring some anti-mosquito cream/spray just in case. There is no malaria in the Maldives or Seychelles but Zanzibar is known to have only inland of the island at night.

MONEY

Maldives Local currency	Seychelles Local currency	Zanzibar Local currency
Maldivian rufiyaa	Seychellois rupee	Tanzanian shilling

Local currency is available on arrival at the currency exchange or ATM at the airport. It is useful in case you would like to buy souvenirs or anything at the local shops on the islands. The bigger local islands do have an ATM. However these don't always accept foreign credit cards. Shops on the bigger islands frequented by tourists may accept USD as payment.

Please settle your bar bill in cash (USD) at the end of the trip (If not included in your package). If you have booked the optional Photo/Video package please pay this to the crew in USD.

POWER SUPPLY

Each cabin has 220V power points, and some have 12V & USB points. Plug sockets types are normally UK Type G & EU Type E but bring a travel adaptor if required. Don't forget the battery charger/connector cords for your cameras/phones/gadgets.



WIFI

Free wifi is available on board(15GB/week). If you plan to use the internet a lot it is suggested that you purchase a data package at the airport using a local sim. It helps to switch off all the automatic updates on your phone/ipad/computer.

SAILINGROUTE

The skipper will decide on the best route to take based on weather and swell conditions. Your comfort & safety is his foremost concern.

SNORKELLING

The underwater world is incredible. Despite the reefs being adversely affected by coral bleaching the marine life is amazing. Corals can still be seen from about 10m on dives. Seeing manta rays and whale sharks is seasonal, and even in the right season cannot always be guaranteed although the crew will do their best to find them for you. Basic snorkels, masks and fins in various sizes available for guest use. To ensure a good fit you are welcome to bring your own.

Diving can be arranged at additional cost (If you have not booked a dive package with us). Bring your dive certification with if you plan to dive. Ensure that your travel insurance covers diving.

SURFING (Maldives)

Surf season is May – Oct, with the biggest swells June – August. Just like the weather, we can't guarantee the surf. Sometimes it can flat; sometimes the wind direction isn't favourable. We will do our best to find you good waves to surf, but we have to deal with what Mother Nature and Neptune throw at us. Surf as much as you can when the waves are good, and keep your sense of humour if they're not. Maldives is a tropical paradise; there are plenty of fun things to do on the flat days. We encourage guests to follow surf line-up etiquette in the water to ensure a pleasant surf session for everyone. As much as possible we will try to find you uncrowded waves, but this can't be guaranteed. Booties aren't absolutely necessary, but are ideal in case you end up on the reef. Bring along some tropical or warm water wax as its not readily available here. Please bring along a silver day bag surfboard cover for each board. These are important to protect boards when getting to/from the surf break in the dingy. It is easier to stow the boards in these individual covers in the boardracks than keeping them stored in the large coffin bags.

Note that internal domestic flights do not accept boardbags over 7ft in length. Maldivian Air has never actually measured a bag, but you never know!

FISHING

Most of our yachts have trolling and spinning rods on board, and a small selection of lures. If you are a keen fisherman you are encouraged to bring your own rods, lures, skirts and poppers with you. Pink seems to be a good colour for lures, as well as red heads, carrots and bonita.

When to Go

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The fish in the Maldives bite all year round, but for the Big Game, the best season is from November to March, although the sailfish fish also eagerly grab the bait from August to November. Tuna and wahoo are well caught from October to March.	Seasons for fishing in the Seychelles are October, November, December, February, March, April and May! October to March playing with sun and rains. March to May is the hot season with warm temperatures and flat sea.	Tuna season running from August to October. Billfish season for Marlin and Sailfish runs from November till March. In between, the Game Fish are always there. Large Black and Blue Marlin are caught in September till December whilst our main Striped Marlin season runs from December to March.



MEDICATION

Foreign prescriptions not always easily fulfilled at local pharmacies, bring what you need with you. Most local islands have a clinic where a limited selection of medication is available. We do have a first aid kit on board. Ladies please note that only sanitary pads are available on local islands. No tampons are available, so bring these with you. Drugs are strictly prohibited and very stiff penalties are imposed. All hand luggage is scanned on arrival.

FOOD

We provide snacks on board – there will be biscuits, fruit, crisps and chocolates available. If you have a specific preference for sweets/ chocolates/energy bars you are welcome to bring these with you. Juice, soft drinks, water, tea and coffee are provided free of charge. Some of our yachts have a Nespresso machine on board (Check with us), bring along your favourite pods as we cannot always get stock of pods. Also a filter coffee machine on board. We do supply coffee for this but if you have any specific favourite blends feel free to bring them along.

Airport Food and Alcohol Regulations

Maldives	Seychelles	Zanzibar
It is permitted to bring most food items into Maldives, including meat. Do note that pork products are banned as it is a Muslim country. Alcohol cannot be brought into the Maldives.	It is permitted to bring most food items into Seychelles, including meat and alcohol can be brought into the Seychelles. Please see Regulations (select the customs tab on the left)	It is permitted to bring most food items into Zanzibar, including meat. Do note that pork products are banned as it is a Muslim country Although alcohol can be brought into the Zanzibar

Note your carry-on or checked luggage get an x-ray examination anything not allowed will be confiscated.

GRATUITIES

These are entirely optional, and absolutely at the discretion of the guests, but are always appreciated if you were happy with the service you received. The Yacht Brokers Association suggest a 8% to 15% range of a gratuity on the base rate of the charter, although this is totally at your discretion.

Please see next page for what to pack (“,)



WHAT TO PACK

Please use soft bags without any kind of frame rather than hard suitcases. Storage space on a yacht is limited and hard cases are very difficult to stow away. Packing cubes are useful to keep clothes neat in soft bags. If your charter group are not occupying all the cabins then hard luggage is not a problem.

CLOTHING

Pack light. You won't need much more than a few T-Shirts and shorts/ dresses, and some swimming costumes. A good rule of thumb is to pack what you think you need, and then divide it by half! Or more! No shoes are required. Bring a pair of flip flops/sandals to use when visiting local islands. Long sleeve rash vest, cap or hat, sunglasses are good to keep the sun off. Sarongs are very useful. In a Muslim country such as Maldives and Zanzibar, ladies must have shoulders/thighs covered when visiting local villages. Men need to have chests covered.

TOILETRIES

- Soap and hand wash are supplied. Please bring your shampoo and conditioner with you.
- Bath towels & swimming towels are provided Please bring your own beach towel.
- Bring lots of sunscreen, but please no spray-on sunscreens as these discolour the fibreglass deck.
- Earplugs can be useful if you are a very light sleeper.
- Bring motion sickness tablets if you are susceptible to sea sickness. The yacht is stable, but some rocking is possible in inclement weather. Motion sickness wristbands work well. Most people get their "sea-legs" in a day or two.
- Hairdryers/hair irons can only be used when the generator is running because of their huge power draw. Please ask the crew to turn on the generator should you wish to use these items.

Boat life

Ask us anything! There is no such thing as a stupid question on a yacht. If you aren't sure how anything works please just ask a member of the crew.

Sailing holidays are always adventures. Expect the unexpected. Bring along a sense of humour and you'll have a great time.