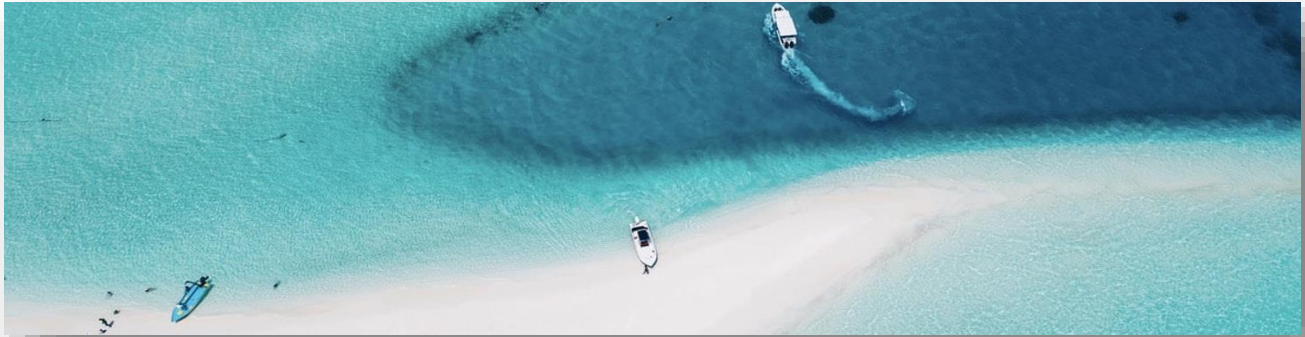


Facts About Maldives That You Would've Never Gessed:**1. It is the flattest country on the globe**

The Maldives is the flattest country to exist on earth. It has an average altitude of 1.8 metres over the sea level. The next flattest country is Qatar which has an average elevation of 28 metres. That is quite a lot of difference! The Maldives is actually really flat. The highest spot in the whole country is 2.3 metres. This point is located in Villingili Island.

2. It has a strict constitution

As per the constitution of Maldives, only Muslims are considered to be citizens of the nation. Any other faith besides Islam is not considered so.

3. Weekends in the Maldives is not what you think

Unlike most countries and western counterparts, the Maldives does not mark Saturday and Sunday as the weekend. Instead of thank god its Friday, the country practices thank god its Thursday. This is due to the fact that they observe the weekend on Friday and Saturday. It might come off as shocking that people go to work on a Sunday, but it's totally normal here.

4.The Flag

The Maldivian flag is made up of a green rectangle in the centre with a crescent moon covering it, surrounded by a red rectangle. The red is a depiction of the sacrifice of the people who lost their lives defending the nation. The green describes tranquillity and accomplishment and the crescent moon stands for the official religion which is Islam.

5.The Dhonis

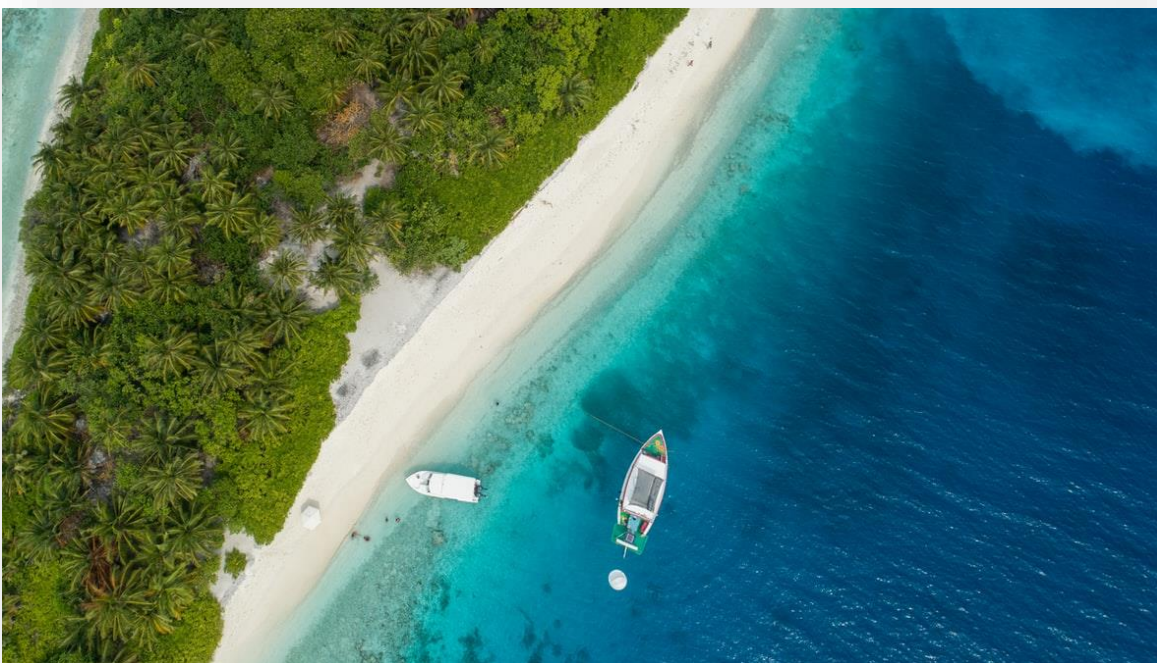
These are the old Maldivian boats which are were used widely for moving around on the sea. Nowadays it is used for fishing as well. These boats are said to have their structure taken from the old Arabic sailing dhow. This was generally used as a sailor ship in the Indian Ocean back about the times of the 11th century.

6. The Coconut Tree



Here is an interesting fact about Maldives! The coconut tree is one of the symbols used to signify the Maldives. You must be wondering why. There is a great answer for that too. Coconut trees are majorly grown on the island nation. Coconut trees give out much-needed shade on the beaches. They are a good medium of wood too. This wood from the trees is sturdy enough to make the old dhonis or boats.

7. Maldives Island and Atolls



The Maldives has a sum of 26 atolls and 1190 islands out of which almost 200 are occupied and 110 are left completely for tourism and luxury destinations. So, travelling through the ocean is a common act in this nation. Who would've guessed this to be one of the facts about Maldives.