

Male' City Excursion

1500 - 1505 Arrive Male'. Introduce to the Tour Guide for Male'.

1505 - 1515 Brief description of Male' and how the tour will be conducted.

1515 - 1545 Tour starts at the Republic Square and will be taken on the walking tour past some prominent landmarks such as the main police precinct, past the President's office and the Coast Guard Building to the Peoples Majlis (Parliament House).

1545 - 1600 Tour of the Hukuru Miskiiy (Friday Mosque). On the way to the mosque you will be passing by the Medhuziyaaraiy – the shrine of Abu-al Barakaat, who converted the Maldives to a Muslim country in 1153.

Hukuru Miskiiy – First built in 1153 when the Maldives' conversion to Islam. It was rebuilt in 1657 in the present state during the reign of Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar. It contains some of the finest samples of Maldivian workmanship. The walls are built with finely fluted coral blocks with elaborate coral carvings. Inside the mosque are intricate wooden engravings and lacquer works.

The Friday Mosque is also the first ever school established in the country.



1600 - 1615 Tour of the Islamic Center.

The Islamic Center was opened in 1984. The center's most important feature is the Grand Mosque with its beautiful architecture, which holds up to 5,000 people. The magnificent golden dome of the mosque is also evident on the skyline of Male'.



In addition to the Grand Mosque, the Islamic Center houses a conference hall, an Islamic library and classrooms.

1615 - 1645 Break for refreshments. Choice for clients to either use the break for own exploration or wandering around.

1645 - 1715 Tour of the Old Mosque (Kalhuvakaru Miskiyy), Sultan Park and National Museum

Kalhuvakaru Miskiyy: Built during the late 1790's, this little but interesting mosque was situated in a more central part of Male' on the road named Majeedhee Magu. In 1978 this mosque was auctioned off by the then government and bought by Furana Tourist Resort (now Full Moon beach resort). Due to its heritage as an important historical site the mosque was bought back by the present government and was again relocated to its present place in the Sultan Park. Like the Friday Mosque this mosque is made up of carved coral stones and carved wood with engravings.

The Sultan Park and the National Museum are part of the old Sultan's Palace grounds during the time of the monarchy. The museum opened in 1952 displays a variety of objects and artifacts from times gone by. The collection comprises of relics from the pre-Islamic times to royal antiquities belonging to different monarchs.

1715- 1735 Tour of the fish market. On the way you will pass the Presidential Palace.

The Fish market is one of the most exciting places to visit in Male'. The market really comes to life in the afternoon when Dhoni's or the local fishing boats start arriving with their catch. Considered as the second biggest industry of the nation, this is evident from a visit to the fish market. Check out the variety of fishes that are unloaded just across the street into the fish market for sale and also the deftness of the fishermen who guts and cleans the purchased fishes.

1735- 1750 Tour of the local fruit and vegetable market.

A little further to the west of the fish market is the aptly named Local Market. The market consists of a series of stalls that stocks the produce of islands from all over the Maldives. It is the perfect place to sample some Maldivian local produces and take some as souvenirs.

1750- 1830 Time on your own to do some more wandering or shopping for souvenirs.

1830 Tour ends at the Republic square/ the presidential jetty area to depart from Male'.