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Highlights on the major changes from the new regulation on foreign tourist vessels cruising and chartering in the Maldives.

Cruising Permits: -

- All foreign tourist vessels require a Cruising Permit to cruise and harbour in the Maldives.
- A Cruising Permit should be obtained within 3 working days from the date and time of arrival or from the time of inward clearance.

Requirements to Obtain a Cruising Permit: -

1- Captains Declaration
2- Cruising Permit Fee
3- Required Vessels and Crew documents

Fee for Cruising Permits: - If any foreign tourist vessel above 20 meters like to stay longer than 7 days in the Maldives, a fee will be charged to issue a Cruising Permit.

1- Fee is USD 1000/- per vessel to obtain the permit
2- An additional fee of USD 100/- per day is charged from vessel above 20 meters.

Please note:

1- With a Cruising Permit you can only cruise with crew onboard. No guest can be accommodated. To cruise with guest onboard, a Charter License will be required.

For a complete list of documents and formalities please feel free to contact us.

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Charter License: -

- All foreign tourist vessels require a Charter License to have guest onboard other than the owners and owners' family while in the Maldives.
- Charter License fees do not apply for vessel owners or owners' family.

Requirements to Obtain a Charter License: -

1- Captains Declaration
2- Charter Fees as per the vessels LOA
3- Requires Vessels, Crew and Guest Documents

Fee for Charter License: -

Vessel below and up to 20 Meters Fee is USD 100/- per day.
Vessel from 21 Meters up to 35 Meters Fee is USD 250/- per day.
Vessel from 36 Meters up to 45 Meters Fee is USD 400/- per day.
Vessel from 46 Meters up to 75 Meters Fee is USD 550/- per day.
Vessel from 76 Meters up to 100 Meters Fee is USD 700/- per day.
Vessel from 101 Meters and above Fee is USD 850/- per day.

Please note:

1- The additional fee of USD 100/- per day that occurs when under a Cruising Permit, do not apply when a vessel comes under a Charter License (when vessel is on charter the daily fee of Cruising Permit does not apply).

2- In addition to Charter License fee there is a Green Tax which applies for the guest accommodating while under a Charter License.

Green tax is USD 6/- per person per night.

Tax on Charters: -

All foreign tourist vessels are subject to Goods and Sales Tax at 16% of the charter value.

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