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## Maldivian Launches Exciting New Route from Male' to Colombo

Maldivian, the flag carrier of the Maldives, is pleased to announce the commencement of its highly anticipated service to Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo, Sri Lanka, starting from April 25th, 2024. This strategic expansion further solidifies Maldivian's commitment to connecting the Maldives with key international destinations, enhancing travel options for passengers, and promoting cultural and economic exchange between the two nations.

Commenting on the launch of the new destination, Mr. Ibrahim Iyas, Managing Director of Maldivian said: "We have long waited to serve Colombo and bring both Maldives and Sri Lanka closer on business and leisure. This marks an expansion of our international network and our commitment to connect Maldives to the world. We would like to thank all the authorities and partners involved for supporting and making this new route possible".

The new route to Colombo represents an exciting milestone for both Maldivian and the travelers seeking seamless connectivity between the Maldives and Sri Lanka. With its rich history, diverse culture, and thriving business opportunities, Colombo is an exceptional addition to our ever-growing network of destinations.

Ticket bookings for the new Colombo route will be available from February 29th, 2024 from all our sales channels including our website, mobile application and our ticketing office, allowing travelers to plan and secure their journeys well in advance. As part of our commitment to convenience and flexibility, Maldivian will operate two weekly flights to Colombo, departing every Thursday and Saturday. This schedule has been designed to cater to the needs of both leisure and business travelers, providing options for weekend trips. Passengers will have options to connect to Maldivian's extensive domestic network of 16 destinations with convenient connections.

The flights will operate with timings as follows (all times are local):

Day	Route	Flight No	Dep. Time	Arr. Time	Aircraft
THU/SAT	MLE - CMB	Q2-940	19:35	21:35	A320
	CMB- MLE	Q2-941	22:35	23:25	A320

For more information and to book your flights to Colombo, please visit our official website at <a href="https://www.maldivian.aero">www.maldivian.aero</a>. Maldivian looks forward to welcoming passengers on board as we embark on this exciting journey to Colombo and beyond.

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