



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES



MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

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Tourism Indicators

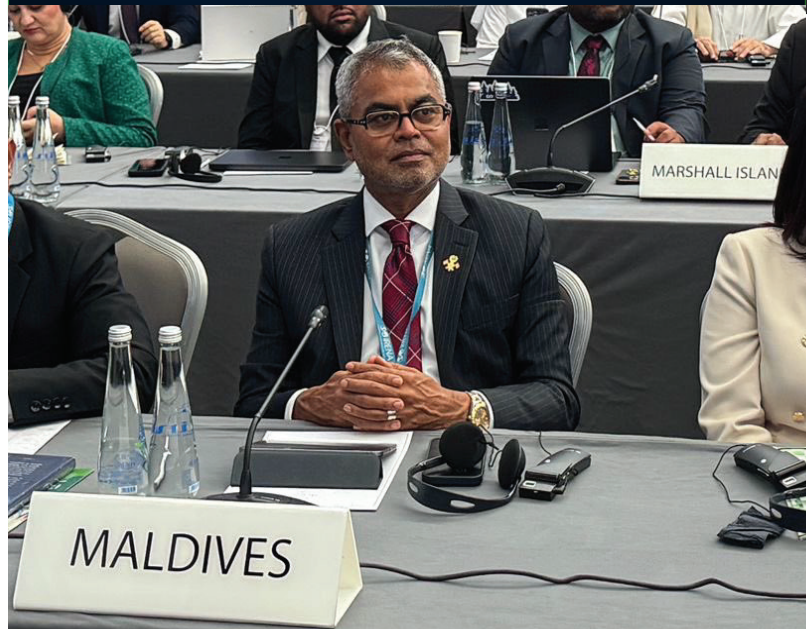
99,350

tourists visited
the Maldives
(as of 14th January 2026)

+9.6%
increase

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Tourist Arrivals

Arrivals by Month

(as of 14th Jan 2026)

	Arrivals				Growth (%) 2026/2025	Daily Average 2026
	2023	2024	2025	2026		
January	78,863	83,966	90,659	99,350	9.6	7,096
Total (as of 14th Jan)	79,863	83,966	90,659	99,350	9.6	7,096
Total (year end)	1,878,543 +12.1%	2,046,615 +8.9%	2,246,516 +9.8%			

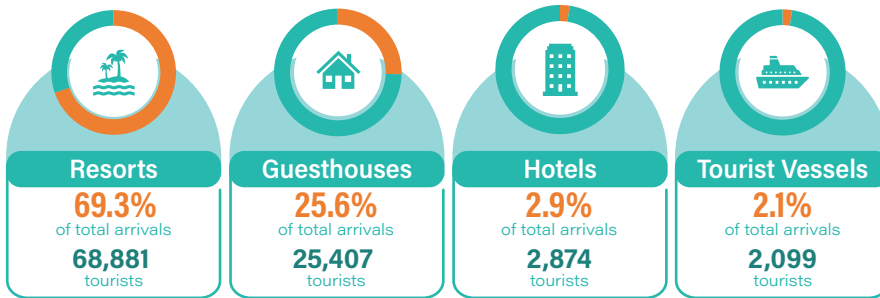
Arrivals by Airports

(as of 14th Jan 2026)

Share (%)	Arrivals	Airport
98.7	98,012	Velana International
0.3	306	Hanimaadhoo International
0.4	373	Maafaru International
0.3	321	Gan International
0.1	130	Dhaalu Airport
0.2	208	Villa International

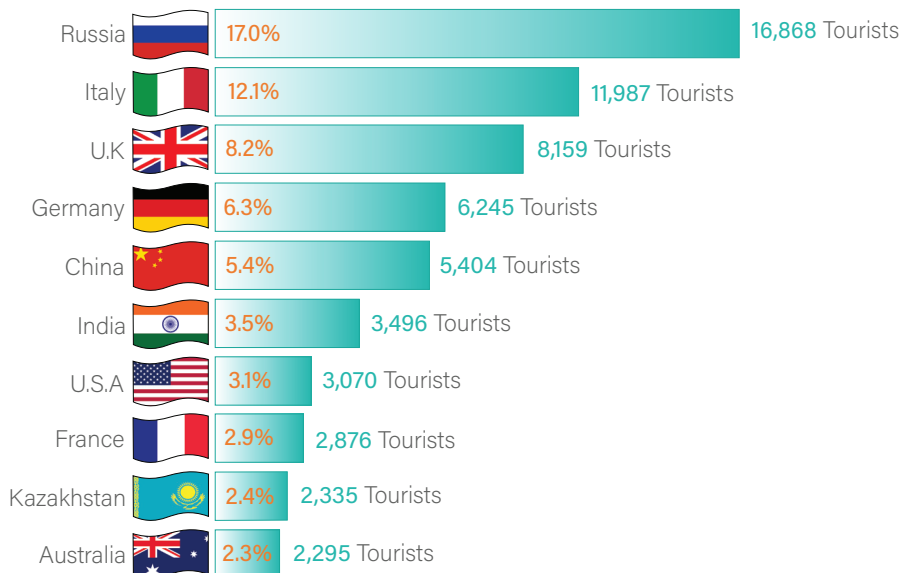
Distribution of Arrivals to Facilities

(as of 14th Jan 2026)



Top 10 Arrivals by Nationality

(as of 14th Jan 2026)






Tourist Accommodation


Total Capacity	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	45,893
Guesthouses	976	16,898
Hotels	16	2,598
Tourist Vessels	173	3,484
Total (as of 14th Jan)	1,351	68,873


98.42% of the beds were in operation
(as of 14th Jan)



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66%
of total bed capacity in 19 atolls
179 resorts/islands with 44,807 beds
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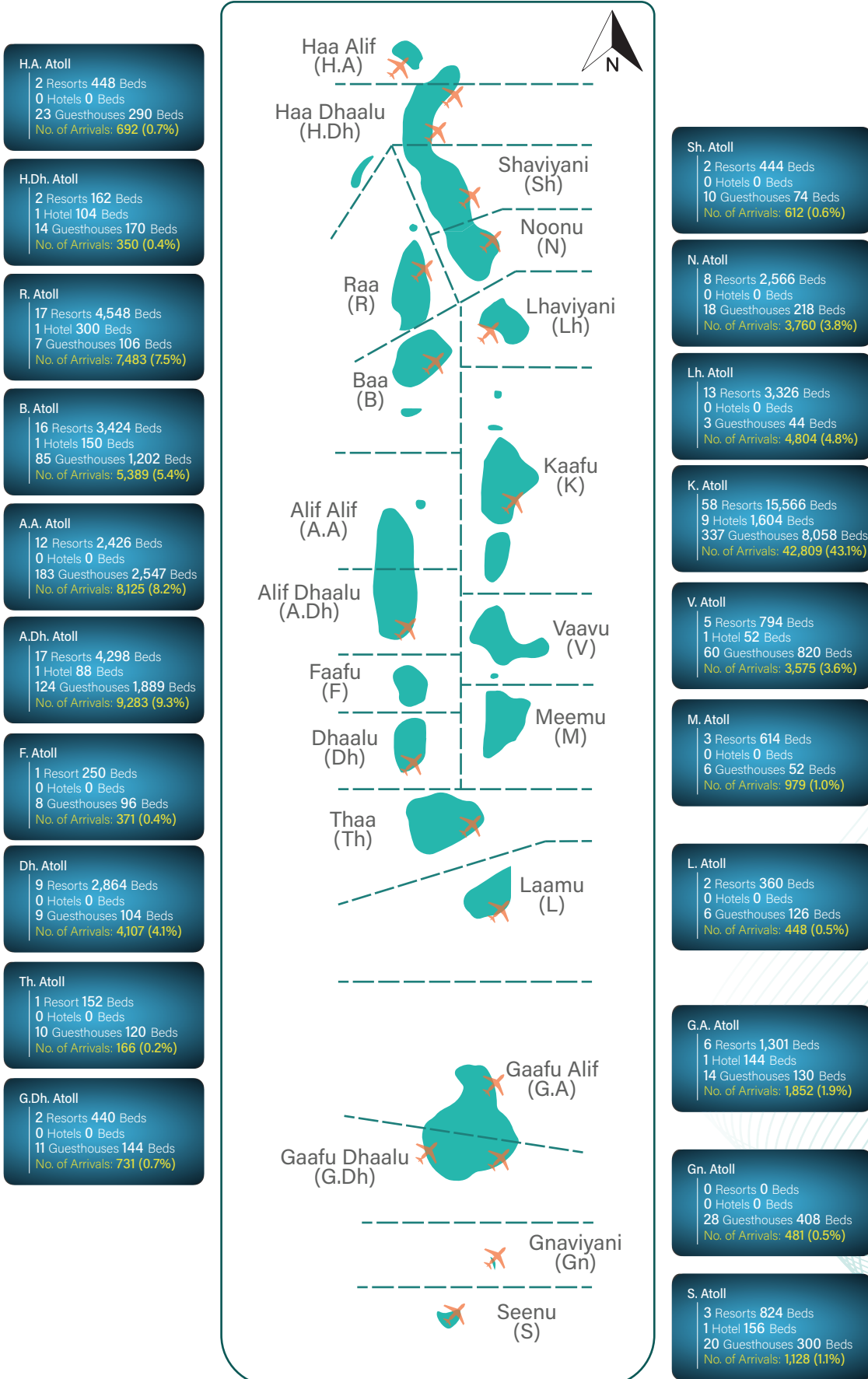
25%
of total bed capacity in 113 islands of 20 atolls
976 guesthouses with 16,898 beds
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4%
of total bed capacity in 9 islands of 8 atolls
16 hotels with 2,598 beds
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5%
of total bed capacity
173 tourist vessels with 3,484 beds

Distribution of Accommodation Facilities by Atolls

(in operation as of 14th Jan 2026)





Air Connectivity

Direct Air Connections to the Maldives

(Updated as at end November 2025)



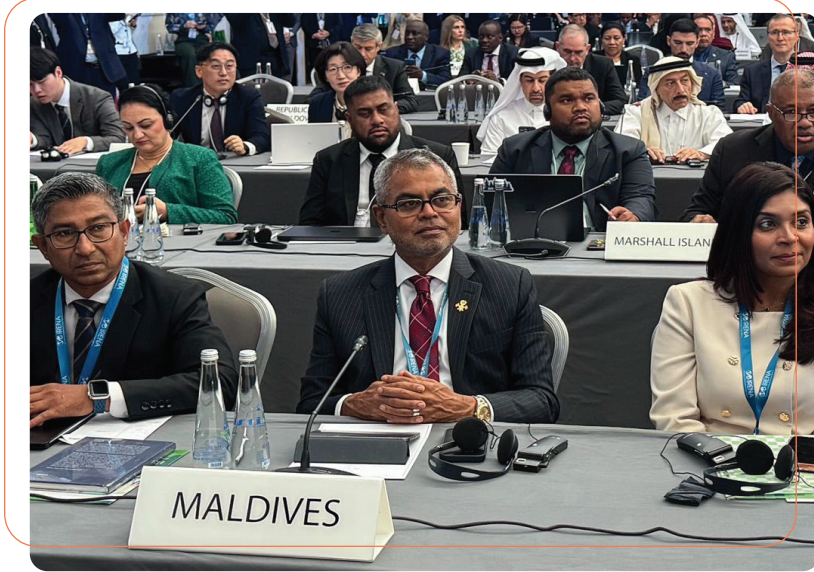
 AEROFLOT	 EMIRATES	 US BANGLA AIRLINES
 AIR ARABIA	 ETIHAD AIRWAYS	
 AIR ASIA	 EDELWEISS	
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 AIR INDIA	 FLY DUBAI	
 AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	 GULF AIR	
 AZUR AIR RUSSIA	 INDIGO	
 AIR ASTANA	 MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	
 AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES	 MALDIVIAN	
 BATIK AIR	 NEOS	
 BANGKOK AIRWAYS	 QATAR AIRWAYS	
 BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	 SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES	
 BEOND	 SCAT AIRLINES	
 BRITISH AIRWAYS	 SICHUAN AIRLINES	
 CHINA EASTERN	 SINGAPORE AIRLINES	
 CHONGQING AIRLINES	 SRILANKAN AIRLINES	
 CONDOR	 TURKISH AIRLINES	

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The Maldives participated in (IRENA) International Renewable Energy Agency's 16th Assembly, reaffirming President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu's target to meet 33% of electricity needs from renewables by 2028, supporting sustainable tourism, climate resilience, and energy security.



Minister of Tourism and Environment Meets Zayed Sustainability Prize Winners at ADSW 2026



Minister Thoriq Ibrahim attended Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week 2026 and the Zayed Sustainability Prize ceremony, meeting the Global High Schools - South Asia winners from Faafu Atoll Education Center. The winning project features solar and wind energy, rainwater harvesting, UV filtration, hydroponics, and AI dashboards.



Visit Maldives Corporation Reveals Q1 2026 Exhibition Schedule to Strengthen Global Reach



Visit Maldives announced that they plan a strong global presence at leading travel trade shows during the first quarter of 2026, reinforcing the Maldives as a top tourism destination.

Planned Q1 activities include:

- FITUR 2026, Madrid: 21–25 January
- Travel and Adventure Show, New York: 24–26 January
- SATTE 2026, New Delhi: 25–27 February
- ITB Berlin 2026: 3–5 March
- MITT Moscow 2026: 11–13 March

The programme will engage trade and consumer audiences, strengthen partnerships across key source markets, and promote both resort and guesthouse segments. Through these initiatives, Visit Maldives aims to sustain global visibility, deepen trade confidence, and support strong bookings for 2026.

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