



MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

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1. Tourist Arrivals

From 1st January 2021 to 1st December 2021, a total of 1,162,425 tourists arrived in the Maldives. The top five markets during this period were India, Russia, Germany, U.S.A and the United Kingdom.



Total Arrivals 2019
1,702,887
as at end December 2019

Total Arrivals 2020
555,494
as at end December 2020

Total Arrivals 2021
1,162,425
As of 1st December 2021

	Arrivals			Growth (%)		Daily Average 2021	Duration of Stay (Days)
	2019	2020	2021	2021/2019	2021/2020		
January	151,552	173,347	92,103	-39.2	-46.9	2,971	9.2
February	168,583	149,785	96,882	-42.5	-35.3	3,460	8.8
March	162,843	59,630	109,585	-32.7	+83.8	3,535	8.7
April	163,114	13	91,200	-44.1	N/A	3,040	9.3
May	103,022	41	64,613	-37.3	N/A	2,084	9.1
June	113,475	1	56,166	-50.5	N/A	1,872	9.0
July	132,144	1,752	101,818	-22.9	N/A	3,284	9.1
August	139,338	7,636	143,599	+3.1	+1,780.6	4,632	9.6
September	117,619	9,605	114,896	-2.3	+1,096.2	3,830	8.1
October	141,928	21,515	142,066	+0.1	+560.3	4,583	8.3
November	137,921	35,757	144,725	+4.9	+304.7	4,824	8.0
December (1 st)	6,752	2,031	4,772	-29.3	+153.0	4,772	7.2
Total (as of 1st December)	1,538,291	461,113	1,162,425	-24.4	+152.1	3,470	8.8

Top 10 Markets 2021

As of 1st December 2021

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
India	261,164	22.5	01
Russia	205,246	17.7	02
Germany	83,817	7.2	03
U.S.A	48,949	4.2	04
United Kingdom	46,177	4.0	05
Saudi Arabia	37,495	3.2	06
Spain	33,263	2.9	07
Ukraine	31,819	2.7	08
France	24,007	2.1	09
Switzerland	21,814	1.9	10

Top 10 Markets 2020

end December 2020

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
India	62,960	11.3	01
Russia	61,387	11.1	02
United Kingdom	52,720	9.5	03
Italy	46,690	8.4	04
Germany	36,435	6.6	05
China	34,245	6.2	06
France	28,031	5.0	07
U.S.A	19,759	3.6	08
Switzerland	12,517	2.3	09
Ukraine	10,343	1.9	10

Top 10 Markets 2019

end December 2019

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
China	284,029	16.7	01
India	166,030	9.7	02
Italy	136,343	8.0	03
Germany	131,561	7.7	04
United Kingdom	126,199	7.4	05
Russia	83,369	4.9	06
France	59,738	3.5	07
U.S.A	54,474	3.2	08
Japan	44,251	2.6	09
Australia	39,928	2.3	10

Maldives Tourism Recovers

As the Maldives recovers from the COVID-19 situation, tourist arrivals to the Maldives bounce back. On 29th October 2021 Maldives reached one million target. By end November 2021 the total arrivals to the Maldives stood at 1.16million with an increase of over 150% compared with that of 2020. Daily average arrivals remain above 4,800 as of 30th November 2021.

While major markets such as Russia and India made full recovery with strong positive growth rates, new markets emerged from the European Region and the Middle East. As of 30th November 2021, top ten source markets to the Maldives were, India with 22.5% shares, Russia with 17.7% shares, Germany with 7.2% shares, U.S.A with 4.2% shares, United Kingdom with 4.0% shares, Saudi Arabia with 3.2%, Spain with 2.9% shares, Ukraine with 2.7 % shares, France with 2.1% shares and Switzerland with 1.9% shares .

Recovering Markets / Regions

From 1 st January to 1 st December 2021	Arrivals			Growth (%)	
	2019	2020	2021	2021/2019	2021/2020
Kazakhstan	4,093	3,634	21,232	418.7	484.3
Russia	74,683	46,340	205,246	174.8	342.9
Ukraine	11,823	7,425	31,819	169.1	328.5
South Africa	7,447	1,785	16,195	117.5	807.3
Brazil	8,861	4,695	18,786	112.0	300.1
India	145,829	44,688	261,164	79.1	484.4
Saudi Arabia	24,401	7,499	37,495	53.7	400.0
Czech Republic	12,012	5,564	17,037	41.8	206.2
Poland	18,714	6,273	21,068	12.6	235.9
U.S.A	48,536	16,868	48,949	0.9	190.2

Central/Eastern Europe	155,087	86,013	349,318	123.5	295.9
Africa	15,220	4,282	25,593	67.7	477.5
South Asia	164,671	48,026	272,653	66.3	454.9
Middle East	53,671	20,972	81,582	53.3	283.9
East Mediterranean Europe	19,100	4,537	20,491	9.1	361.6
Americas	73,773	26,468	75,985	3.6	188.0

2. Tourist Accommodation

Accommodation Facilities by Type

As of 1st December 2021

Facility Type	Total Capacity		Operational Capacity	
	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	167	39,160	160	37,352
Hotels & Guesthouses	797	14,318	607	11,826
Safari Vessels	157	2,932	144	2,846
Total	1,121	56,410	911	52,024

Guesthouses in Operation by Atolls and Islands

As of 1st December 2021

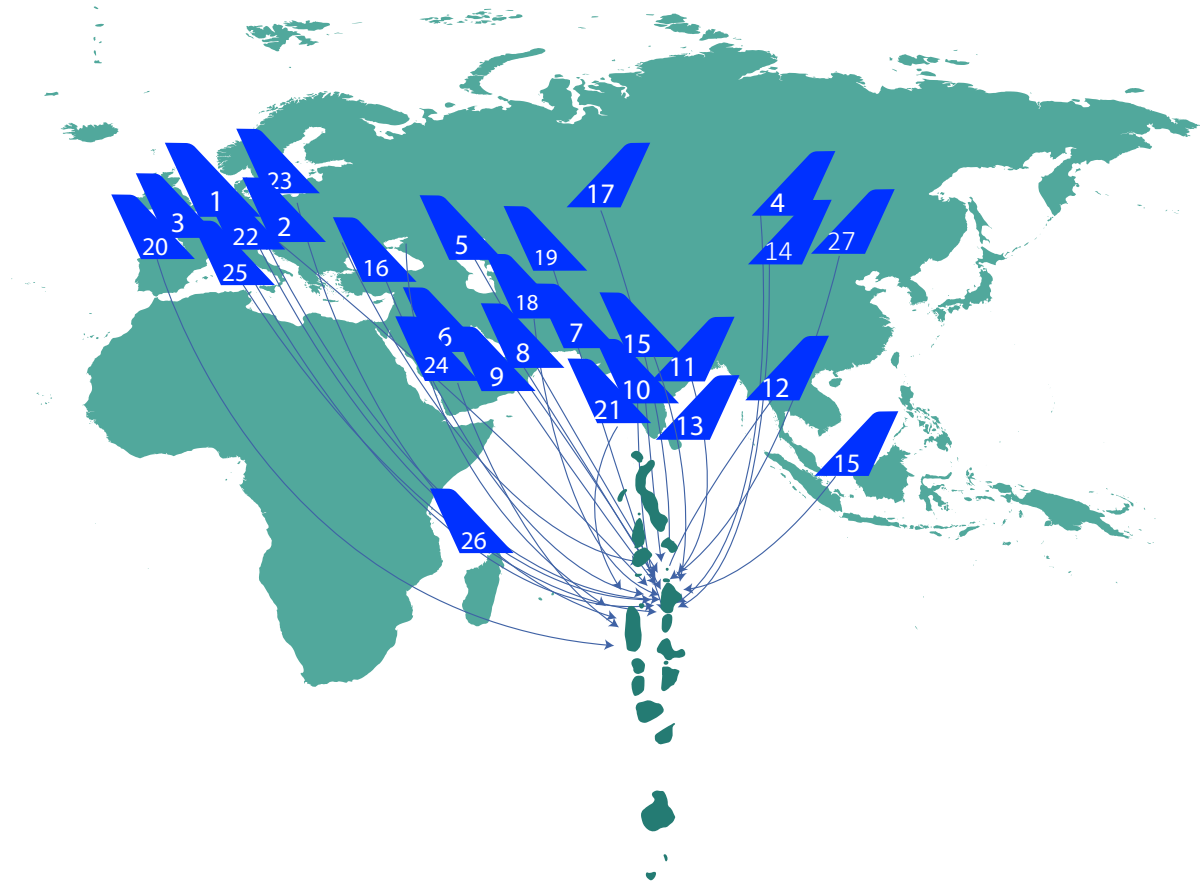
Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Haa Alifu	12	136
1. Hoarafushi	2	24
2. Kelaa	4	52
3. Vashafaru	6	60
Haa Dhaalu	8	102
1. Hanimaadhoo	5	70
2. Nolhivaranfaru	2	26
3. Vaikaradhoo	1	6
Shaviyani	3	24
1. Bilehfahi	1	8
2. Kanditheemu	1	8
3. Komandoo	1	8
Noonu	6	64
1. Fodhdhoo	1	24
2. Holhudhoo	1	6
3. Velidhoo	4	34
Raa	2	22
1. Rasgetheemu	1	12
2. Maakurathu	1	10
Baa	38	660
1. Dharavandhoo	9	140
2. Dhonfanu	1	8
3. Eydhafushi	1	8
4. Fehendhoo	2	36
5. Finolhas	1	62
6. Fulhadhoo	4	88
7. Goidhoo	4	66
8. Kamadhoo	8	114
9. Kudarikilu	1	22
10. Maalhos	5	82
11. Thulhaadhoo	1	14

Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Lhaviyani	4	44
1. Hinnavaru	1	12
2. Kurendhoo	1	6
3. Olhuveli Fushi	1	10
4. Naifaru	1	16
Kaafu	232	5,478
1. Greater Male' Region	69	2,188
2. Dhiffushi	24	444
3. Gaafaru	6	62
4. Gulhi	7	108
5. Guraidhoo	21	286
6. Himmafushi	12	122
7. Huraa	15	216
8. Kaashidhoo	4	48
9. Maafushi	44	1,544
10. Thulusdhoo	30	460
Alifu Alifu	120	1,548
1. Bodufulhadhoo	5	56
2. Feridhoo	8	86
3. Himandhoo	3	24
4. Maalhos	2	16
5. Mathiveri	8	86
6. Rasdhoo	26	356
7. Thoddoo	44	578
8. Ukulhas	24	346
Alifu Dhaalu	66	930
1. Dhangethi	12	182
2. Dhidhdhoo	1	12
3. Dhigurah	13	278
4. Fenfushi	1	12
5. Hangnaameedhoo	14	162
6. Maamigili	5	56
7. Mahibadhoo	8	112
8. Mandhoo	1	10
9. Omadhoo	11	106
Vaavu	45	532
1. Felidhoo	5	46
2. Fulidhoo	18	210
3. Keyodhoo	13	116
4. Thinadhoo	9	160
Meemu	3	30
1. Madduvari	1	8
2. Mulah	1	12
3. Muli	1	10

Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Faafu	7	84
1. Magoodhoo	2	20
2. Nilandhoo	5	64
Dhaalu	3	56
1. Bandidhoo	1	14
2. Kudahuvadhoo	1	36
3. Maenboodhoo	1	6
Thaa	4	56
1. Gaadhiffushi	1	12
2. Kinbidhoo	1	8
3. Thimarafushi	2	36
Laamu	3	138
1. Gan	3	138
Gaafu Alifu	6	48
1. Kolamaafushi	1	8
2. Maamendhoo	2	16
3. Nilandhoo	1	6
4. Villingili	1	12
Gaafu Dhaalu	6	92
1. Faresmaathodaa	1	14
2. Hoadehdhdhoo	3	44
3. Thinadhoo	1	24
4. Vaadhoo	1	10
Gnaviyani	17	206
1. Fuvahmulah	17	206
Seenu	12	216
1. Feydhoo	2	30
2. Hithadhoo	4	112
3. Hulhudhoo	1	14
4. Maradhoo Feydhoo	2	20
5. Meedhoo	2	28
Total	597	10,446

3. Airlines & Connectivity

Maldives is Connected to the World



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|  1 BRITISH AIRWAYS |  2 EDELWEISS |  3 LUFTHANSA |
|  4 AZUR AIR RUSSIA |  5 TURKISH AIRLINES |  6 QATAR AIRWAYS |
|  7 FLY DUBAI |  8 EMIRATES |  9 ETIHAD AIRWAYS |
|  10 GOAIR |  11 INDIGO |  12 AIR INDIA |
|  13 SRILANKAN AIRLINES |  14 AEROFLOT |  15 SINGAPORE AIRLINES |
|  16 AUSTRIAN AIRLINES |  17 AIR ASTANA |  18 GULF AIR |
|  19 UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS |  20 AIR FRANCE |  21 AIR VISTARA |
|  22 LOT POLISH AIRLINES |  23 CONDOR |  24 SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES |
|  25 NEOS |  26 AIR SEYCHELLES |  27 MONGOLIAN AIRLINES |

International Scheduled Flights

(1st January - 1st December 2021)

Operator	No. of Passengers	No. of Movements
Emirates	224,353	2,588
Qatar Airways	193,720	2,212
Indigo	154,664	2,244
Aeroflot	126,662	888
Go Air	91,389	1,536
Flydubai	61,772	1,152
Turkish Airlines	56,712	880
Ethiad Airways	44,725	658
Maldivian	29,248	810
Lufthansa	24,957	242
Azur Air Russia	22,737	96
Srilankan Airlines	22,057	1,328
Condor	19,242	186
Saudi Arabian Airlines	18,252	424
Spicejet	16,805	448
British Airways	13,662	194
Air India	13,656	252
Edelweiss	13,535	154
Austrian Airlines	11,902	110
Gulf Air	11,660	696
Singapore Airlines	10,924	440
Air Seychelles	5,655	116
Blue Panorama	5,253	38
Neos	3,305	24
Air India Express	2,388	28
Air France	1,968	32
Silk Air	1,264	50
US Bangla Airlines	431	12
Others	86	448
Total	1,202,984	18,286

International Chartered Flights

(1st January - 1st December 2021)

Operator	No. of Passengers	No. of Movements
Air Astana	13,937	182
Azur Air Ukraine	6,626	46
Iberia	5,371	52
Air Vistara	5,176	122
Gullivair	4,755	38
Scat Airlines	4,053	36
Lot Polish Airlines	3,886	34
Ukraine International	3,647	30
Air Arabia	2,429	48
Uzbekistan Airways	1,885	32
Blue Air	187	02
Others	46	144
Total	51,998	766

4. COVID-19 Cases & Vaccination Update

COVID-19 Case Updates

As of 1st December 2021

Tourist COVID cases
as a % of total Tourist Arrivals
(15th Jul 2020 - 1st December 2021)

0.19%	2020 (15 July- 31 Dec)
0.17%	2021 (1 Jan- 30 Nov)
0.03%	2021 (1 Dec)

Vaccination Updates

As of 30th November 2021

Maldives Total Vaccinated	
First Dose	395,781
Second Dose	364,082

Resort Employees % Vaccinated	
First Dose	99%
Fully Vaccinated	95%



5. News Highlights

The Ministry of Tourism's Diversification & Localisation Team Visits Laamu Atoll



The Ministry of Tourism's Diversification and Localization Team's Laamu Atoll tour continued from 24th to 27th November. On November 24th, the team visited L. Mundhoo accompanied by Laamu Atoll council President Ismail Ali, the UN Resident Coordinator for the Maldives, Ms. Catherine Haswell and UNDP's Resident Representative, Mr. Enrico Gaveglia. They met with Mundhoo Council & entrepreneurs and discussed tourism development approaches.

On 25th November, the team visited L. Isdhoo, Kalaidhoo, Dhambidhoo and Maabaidhoo and on 26th November, they visited Kunahandhoo and Maavah and finally on 27th November they visited Maamendhoo, Hithadhoo and Gan. The team met with these islands council and entrepreneurs and discussed ways that they can develop tourism in the island. During this leg of the tour, the team was accompanied by L. Atoll council President Ismail Ali. The Gan Constituency MP, Mohamed Wisam joined the tour of L. Gan.



Minister of Tourism Meets with Employees of Rahaa Resort



On the sideline of Tourism Diversification Laamu Tour, Tourism Minister, Dr. Abdulla Musoom and team met with some employees of Rahaa Resort. During the meeting minister highlighted HR Policies of the Government, discussed issues of concern and thanked them for contributions towards Maldives tourism recovery.



Honorary Consul of Maldives in Italy Paid a Courtesy Call on Minister of Tourism



Honorary Consul of Maldives in Italy Avv. prof Luca Fiormonte paid a courtesy call on Minister Dr. Abdulla Mausoom. During this meeting discussions were focused on tourism cooperation between Maldives and Italy

Visit Maldives kicks off Major Marketing Campaign Targeting the German Market



Visit Maldives kicks off a major marketing campaign targeting the German market with TUI held from 29th November 2021 till 3rd April 2022. This campaign will include advertising, press releases, newsletters, social media activities, trade communications with dedicated emails distributed to the partners and clientele of TUI Austria. These advertising and dedicated content will promote Maldives as a safe haven, emphasizing on the geographical formation of our scattered islands which offer natural social distancing. The campaign will focus on marketing the Maldivian tourism products (resorts, hotels, guesthouses and liveaboards), the experiences unique to the Maldives, and the stringent measures in place at our properties. Latest information about the destination will be relayed to travel trade and tourists from the German market through this campaign.

Minister of Tourism Participates as a Panelist in WTTC's Safe Travels Forum



On 26th November, Minister of Tourism, Dr. Abdulla Mausoom participated as a panelist at PDOT Safe Travels Forum organized by The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) held in the Philippines. Minister shared Maldives' experience and highlighted the importance of transparency and swift response to timely tourism revival

Visit Maldives launched a Campaign Targeting German and Austrian Travelers



A Campaign has been launched by the Maldives Marketing And Public Relations Corporation with American Express's Travel Impression. Under the campaign, a brochure consisting of information about the Maldives will be circulated to affluent cardholders of American Express starting from 26th November. The campaign aims to target 4500 Centurion card holders in German and Austrian market where they will advertise Maldives through a brochure containing the luxurious properties of Maldives. Travel Impressions is the vacations collection brand for American Express. They are exclusively contracted for the American Express to reach premium Card Members, receiving top-tier benefits. Their online product directory is uploaded on American Express websites and/or in American Express Smart Phone Apps.

Visit Maldives Holds a webinar for Travel Trade from the Nordic Region



On 30th November, Visit Maldives held a webinar 'Unique experiences of the Maldives' for travel trade from the Nordic region. The session lasted one hour with industry partners including Canopus Maldives and Centara Hotels & Resorts joining visit Maldives. The webinar is held for the Nordic travel trade, in order to provide them with the latest information and travel guidelines from the destination. The webinar series aims to inspire the Nordic travel trade to broaden and extend their Maldives product portfolio. This is the second session of a series of webinars organized by MMPRC. The first session was held in September 2021, under the title, 'Connect with Maldives, Your safe Haven'.



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