



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

6th August 2026

1,288,648 Visitors

(-4.4%)

as of 5th Aug 2026

74.70% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+7.4%)

as of 2nd Aug 2026

68,322 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,115
were resort beds

Key Markets

China (17.9%), Russia (14.7%), United Kingdom (7.9%), Italy (6.5%), Germany (6.2%), and India (5.8%)

Major Highlights

Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation Participates in UN Tourism Asia-Pacific Members' Virtual Meeting

State Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Participates as Panelist in SIDS Global Business Network Webinar





Tourist Arrivals

2024 2,074,442

Total Visitors as at year-end

2,046,615 Tourists
15,610 Business Arrivals
12,217 Cruise Passengers

2025 2,275,088

Total Visitors as at year-end

2,246,516 Tourists
20,309 Business Arrivals
8,263 Cruise Passengers

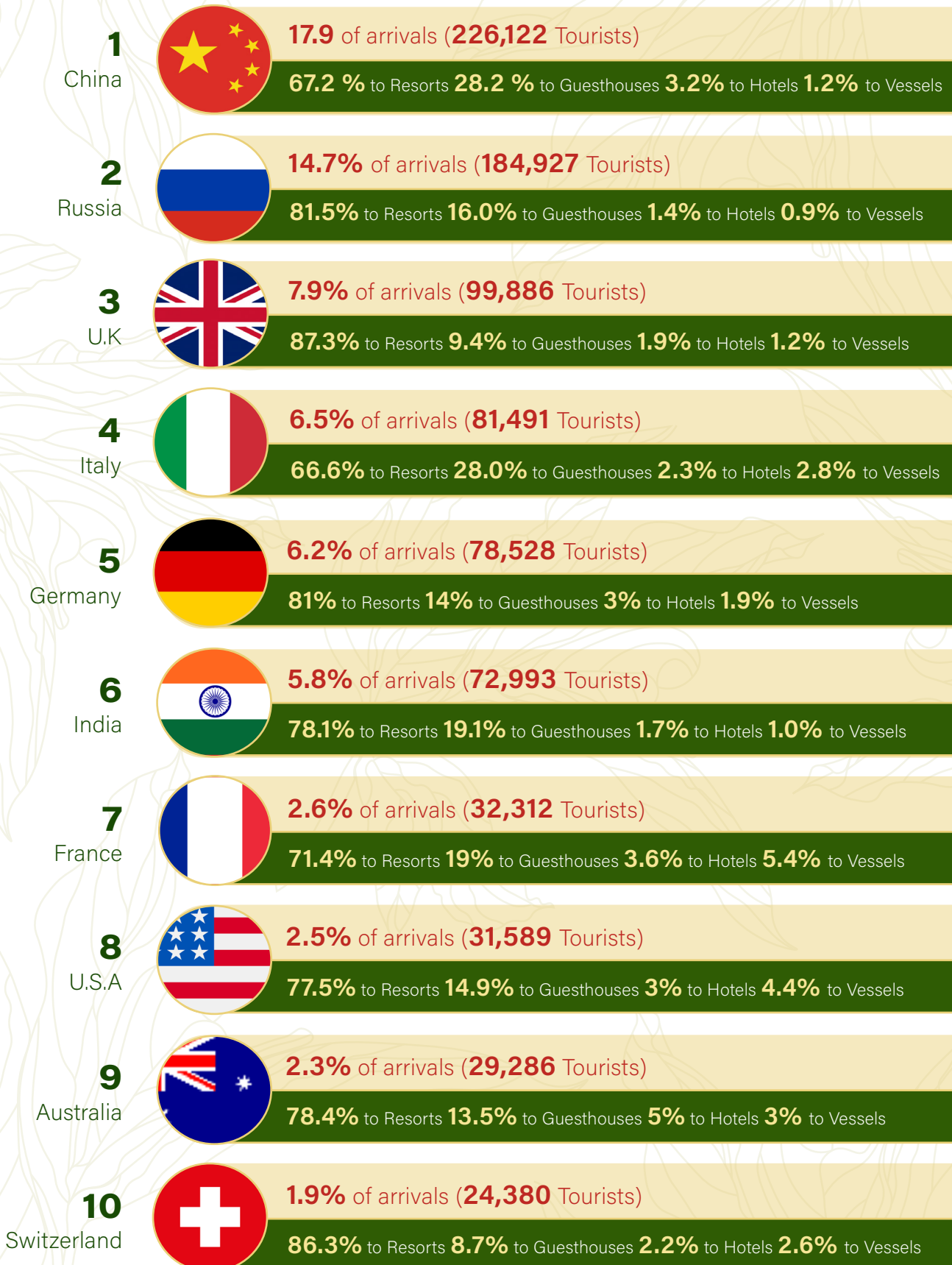
International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 5th August 2026

	2024				2025				2026				Growth % (2025/26)
	Total	Tourist Arrivals	Business Arrivals	Cruise Passengers	Total	Tourist Arrivals	Business Arrivals	Cruise Passengers	Total	Tourist Arrivals	Business Arrivals	Cruise Passengers	
Jan	195,134	192,385	960	1,789	216,544	214,863	1,465	216	227,403	224,788	1,550	1,065	5.0
Feb	218,631	217,392	1,086	153	216,309	214,091	1,606	612	254,556	247,722	1,597	5,237	17.7
Mar	197,047	194,227	1,034	1,786	207,707	203,468	1,314	2,925	166,616	161,259	1,308	4,049	-19.8
Apr	172,477	168,366	926	3,185	202,214	198,322	2,022	1,870	152,861	147,600	1,804	3,457	-24.4
May	121,009	119,875	1,096	38	140,211	135,614	1,957	2,640	142,555	139,746	1,770	1,039	1.7
Jun	124,422	123,284	1,097	41	143,099	141,772	1,327	-	125,891	123,552	1,609	730	-12.0
Jul	168,829	167,528	1,292	9	188,304	186,738	1,566	-	184,735	183,119	1,616	-	-1.9
Aug (1st-5th)	33,183	33,183	n/a	n/a	33,584	33,584	n/a	n/a	34,031	34,031	n/a	n/a	1.3
Total (as of Aug 5th)	1,230,741	1,216,240	7,491	7,010	1,347,972	1,328,452	11,257	8,263	1,288,648	1,261,817	11,254	15,577	-4.4
Daily Average	5,672	5,605	n/a	n/a	6,212	6,122	n/a	n/a	5,938	5,815	n/a	n/a	-

Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 5th August 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 5th August 2026

Resorts



922,974
Tourists
73.1%
of total arrivals

Guesthouses



283,073
Tourists
22.4%
of total arrivals

Hotels



29,972
Tourists
2.4%
of total arrivals

Vessels



23,781
Tourists
1.9%
of total arrivals

Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 5th August 2026



Airports

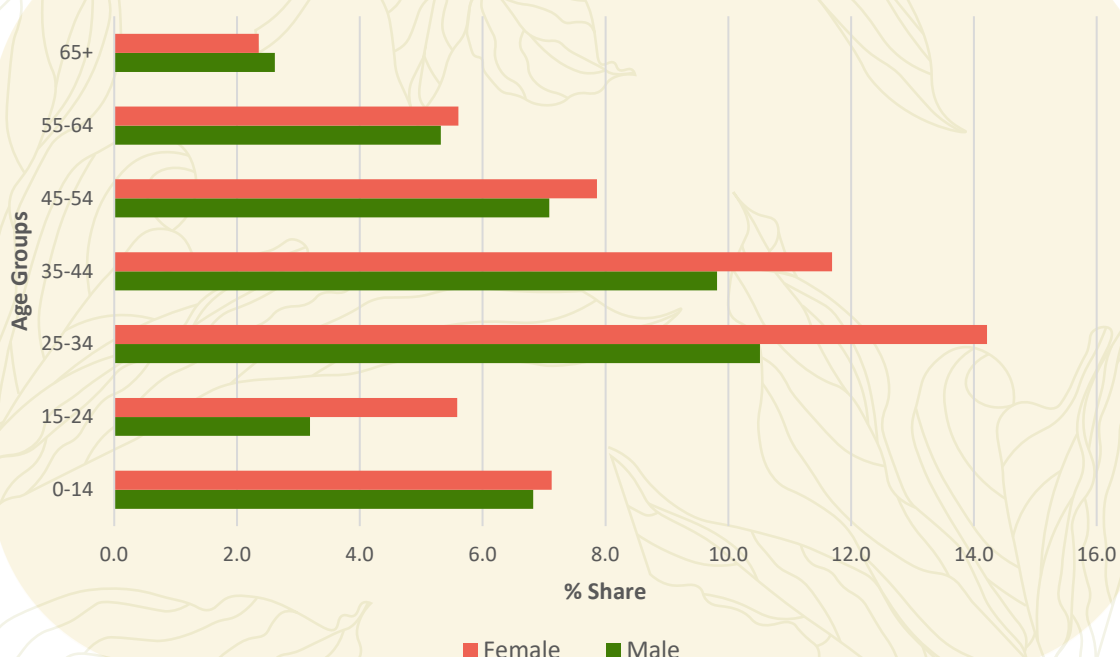
	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	1,258,082	97.6%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	2,736	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	4,231	0.3%
Gan International Airport	4,633	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	2,338	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	1,051	0.1%

Sea Ports

	Arrivals	Share
All	15,577	1.2%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 5th August 2026





Tourist Accommodation

98.9%

of beds were in
Operation

(as of 5th Aug 2026)

Total Capacity

As of 5th August 2026

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	184	45,865
Guesthouses	945	17,038
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	173	3,515
Total (As of 5th Aug)	1,318	69,072

Capacity in Operation

As of 5th August 2026



Resorts

66%

of total bed capacity in **19 atolls**
179 resorts/islands with **45,115** beds



Guesthouses

25%

of total bed capacity
in **115 islands** of **20 atolls**
945 guesthouses with **17,038** beds



Hotels

4%

of total bed capacity
in **9 islands** of **8 atolls**
16 hotels with **2,654** beds



Vessels

5%

of total bed capacity
173 tourist vessels with **3,515** beds



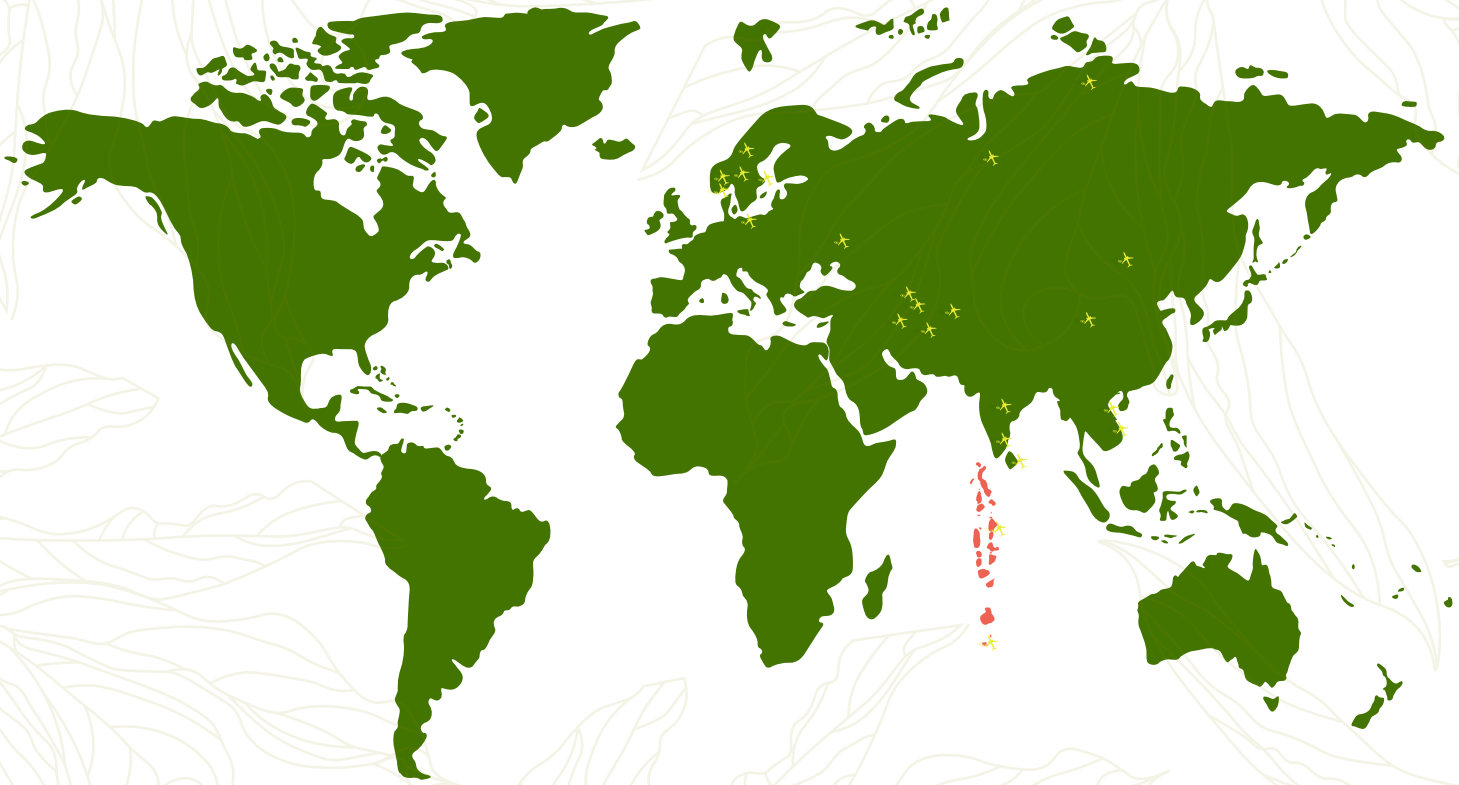
Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 5th August 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	9,251	718	448		270
Haa Dhaalu	3,334	384	162	104	118
Shaviyani	9,470	516	444		72
Noonu	57,618	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	99,739	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	69,397	5,006	3,442	150	1,414
Lhaviyani	60,460	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	569,110	25,352	15,516	1,646	8,190
Alifu Alifu	89,391	4,830	2,518		2,312
Alifu Dhaalu	104,115	6,302	4,306	102	1,894
Vaavu	38,336	1,680	828	52	800
Meemu	11,350	692	614		78
Faafu	3,297	346	250		96
Dhaalu	57,335	3,072	2,968		104
Thaa	1,936	290	152		138
Laamu	4,284	546	360		186
Gaafu Alifu	20,961	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	11,283	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	5,220	414			414
Seenu	10,130	1,292	824	156	312
Total	1,236,020	64,807	45,115	2,654	17,038



JUNE 2026



AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)
	AEROFLOT	8		GULF AIR	12
	AIR ARABIA	6		INDIGO	24
	AIR ASIA	6		MALAYSIA AIRLINES	9
	AIR ASIA THAILAND	3		MALDIVIAN	13
	AIR ASTANA	3		NEOS	1
	BATIK AIR	3		QATAR AIRWAYS	7
	BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	2		SAUDIA	1
	BRITISH AIRWAYS	3		SCAT AIRLINES	1
	CENTRUM AIR	2		SICHUAN AIRLINES	2
	CHINA EASTERN	5		SINGAPORE AIRLINES	12
	CHONGQING AIRLINES	2		SRILANKAN AIRLINES	18
	EMIRATES	12		TURKISH AIRLINES	5
	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	12		US BANGLA AIRLINES	4
	FITS AIR	5			
	FLY DUBAI	9			
	FLYNAS	2			

Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation Participates in UN Tourism Asia-Pacific Members' Virtual Meeting



State Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Dr. Abdulla Niyaz, as Chair of the UN Tourism Commission for South Asia (CSA), participated in the 38th Joint Meeting of UN Tourism Asia-Pacific Member States convened by the UN Tourism Secretariat.

The meeting focused on the venue selection process for the 38th Joint Meeting of the UN Tourism Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the UN Tourism Commission for South Asia (CSA), scheduled to be held before the end of 2026. As Chair of the CSA and Co-Chair of the upcoming Joint Meeting, the Maldives played an active role in the discussions.

The meeting brought together Member States from across the Asia-Pacific region to exchange views on the selection process and preparations for the Joint Meeting. The Maldives reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening regional cooperation and supporting the work of UN Tourism in promoting sustainable tourism development across the region.

State Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Participates as Panelist in SIDS Global Business Network Webinar



The State Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Dr. Abdulla Niyaz, participated as a panelist in the SIDS Global Business Network Webinar on “Sustainable Tourism in Small Island Developing States: Building Resilient, Inclusive and Investment-Ready Destinations,” organized by UN-OHRLLS.

The webinar was moderated by H.E. Mr. Matthew Wilson, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, WTO and other International Organizations in Geneva, and featured panelists Ms. Juliana Bettini of the Inter-American Development Bank and Mr. Manuel Ferreira of the TUI Care Foundation.

During the panel discussion, Dr. Niyaz shared the Maldives’ experience in developing a globally recognized tourism sector while expanding tourism opportunities across inhabited islands, strengthening climate resilience, and attracting sustainable investment. He highlighted the importance of policies that promote community-based tourism, climate-smart infrastructure, environmental protection, and high-value sustainable investments that support inclusive growth and benefit local communities.

The webinar underscored the critical role of sustainable tourism in building resilient island economies and advancing the sustainable development priorities of SIDS.

Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation participates in Tourism Resilience Working Level Meeting 2026



Director Malaka Abdul Hameed represented the Maldives at the Tourism Resilience Working Level Meeting 2026 in Tokyo, Japan. The meeting provided a platform for participating countries to exchange experiences, share national initiatives, and discuss challenges and responses to strengthening tourism resilience in line with the Sendai Statement. During her intervention, Director Malaka highlighted key tourism resilience challenges facing the Maldives, as well as the national initiatives and measures being implemented to build a more resilient and sustainable tourism sector.



Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation Meets with World Bank Delegation



The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation met with World Bank Country Manager for the Maldives and Sri Lanka, Mr. Gevorg Sargsyan, to explore opportunities for continued collaboration in developing the Maldives' tourism sector.



Visit Maldives Corporation and Hey Travellers partner to promote the Maldives through the Loopcraft gaming platform



Visit Maldives Corporation and Hey Travellers Private Limited have partnered to promote the Maldives as a leading virtual destination through the Loopcraft gaming platform.

Hey Travellers is a Maldivian digital and gaming company and is the developer of the Hey Travellers gaming application, created with the support of Loopcraft, a platform that combines virtual destination experiences with interactive tourism-themed gameplay.

The partnership agreements were signed by CEO and Managing Director of Visit Maldives Corporation, Ibrahim Shiuree and Nasru Dean, Managing Director of Hey Travellers Pvt Ltd. The highly interactive travel simulation game allows users to explore real Maldivian resorts, complete quests, earn points and stand a chance to win resort stays.

Visit Maldives' month-long digital campaign delivers over 160 million impressions worldwide



Visit Maldives Corporation has announced exceptional results from its latest month-long digital marketing campaign promoting the Maldives across YouTube, Instagram, Google and Yandex.

In just one month, the campaign generated more than 160 million digital impressions, over 22 million video views and more than 600,000 sessions on the Visit Maldives website. It also reached over 10 million people worldwide, while website sessions from targeted geographical markets increased by as much as 54%.

The results demonstrate the extraordinary global appeal of the Maldives and the effectiveness of Visit Maldives' increasingly data-driven approach to destination marketing.

Visit Maldives Strengthens Tourism and Cultural Partnership in the Chinese Market



Visit Maldives CEO & MD Mr. Ibrahim Shiuree met with representatives of the China Cultural Centre to discuss tourism promotion, cultural collaboration, and media partnerships to strengthen the Maldives' presence in the Chinese market.

Visit Maldives Corporation and Resort Life Travel Strengthen a Partnership Rooted in Sustainability



As part of a shared commitment to sustainability, Resort Life Travel presented a “sakkeyo gas” (jackfruit tree) to Visit Maldives Corporation CEO & MD Mr. Ibrahim Shiuree, symbolising continued collaboration in destination marketing, eco-tourism, and environmental stewardship.

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