



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

Maldives Tourism Statistics *February 2026*

Enhanced Data Coverage

The Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MOTE) is strengthening the national tourism statistical framework by transitioning to a broader and more inclusive approach to data reporting commencing from **January 2026**. Historically, the Maldives official tourism statistics captured international visitors arriving by air for holiday purposes only.

With the integration of enhanced administrative and immigration data sources, MOTE is expanding its data coverage to encompass all categories of international visitor arrivals to the country, including *business travelers* and *cruise passengers*. The revised framework also provides additional details on country of residence, port of entry, place of stay, and demographic characteristics of the visitors.

This broadened coverage improves the completeness, accuracy, and analytical value of Maldives tourism statistics, ensuring greater alignment with international best practices and supporting evidence-based policy formulation and strategic planning for the tourism sector. The reports will be updated and published monthly.

MOTE extends its sincere appreciation to the **Maldives Immigration** for its continued support and close collaboration in the timely provision of data.

**Table 1: Key Indicators, 2025-2026
(As at end February)**

	Jan	Feb	End Period
INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS			Total
2025 Total	216,544	216,309	432,853
Tourists	214,863	214,091	428,954
Cruise Passengers	216	612	828
Business Arrivals ⁻¹	1,465 _✓	1,606	3,071
2026	227,403	254,556	481,959
Tourists	224,788	247,722	472,510
Cruise Passengers	1,065	5,237	6,302
Business Arrivals ⁻¹	1,550 _✓	1,597 _✓	3,147
% Change (2026/2025)	5.0	17.7	11.3
TOURISTS BY GENDER			Total
2025	214,863	214,091	428,954
Male	100,790	99,666	200,456
Female	114,073	114,425	228,498
2026	224,788	247,722	472,510
Male	103,783	113,492	217,275
Female	121,004	134,227	255,231
Not Specified	1	3	4
% Change (2026/2025)	4.6	15.7	10.2
VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PORT OF ENTRY 2026 ⁻¹			Total
Velaana International Airport	223,502 _✓	246,142 _✓	469,644
Gan International Airport	732 _✓	1,007 _✓	1,739
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	642 _✓	636 _✓	1,278
Kudahuvadhoo Airport	258 _✓	175 _✓	433
Maafaru International Airport	791 _✓	895 _✓	1,686
Villa International Airport (Maamigili)	413 _✓	465 _✓	877
Sea Ports (all ports)	1,065 _✓	5,237	6,302
Total	227,403	254,556	481,959
TOTAL BEDS IN OPERATION			Average
2025	61,111	61,895	61,503
2026	66,906	67,258	67,082
% Change (2026/2025)	9.5	8.7	9.1
BED NIGHTS ⁻²			Total
2025	1,386,916	1,345,331	2,732,247
2026	1,467,156	1,456,927	2,924,083
% Change (2026/2025)	5.8	8.3	7.0
OCCUPANCY RATE (%)			Average
2025	73.2	77.6	75.4
2026	70.7	77.4	74.1
% Change (2026/2025)	-3.4	-0.3	-1.8
AVERAGE DURATION OF STAY (Days) ⁻³			Average
2025	7.0	6.7	6.8
2026	6.9	6.9	6.9
% Change (2026/2025)	-1.9	3.0	0.5

Notes: ⁻¹ Include visitors entering with Business Visas and Meeting Visas Date: 23 March 2026

⁻² Includes estimates for missing data

⁻³ Estimates based on data from IMUGA

_✓ Revised

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

**Table 2: Tourist Arrivals by Nationality
(As at end February 2026)**

REGION / NATIONALITY	February				January - February				Market Rankin g 2026
	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	
EUROPE	145,423	156,249	7.4	63.1	278,263	312,591	12.3	66.2	
CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE	49,639	54,662	10.1	22.1	99,133	116,021	17.0	24.6	
Armenia	113	97	-14.2	0.0	296	337	13.9	0.1	70
Azerbaijan	719	381	-47.0	0.2	1,333	925	-30.6	0.2	52
Belarus	572	2,324	306.3	0.9	1,211	3,000	147.7	0.6	29
Bulgaria	2,377	564	-76.3	0.2	4,395	2,986	-32.1	0.6	30
Czech Republic	4,221	5,092	20.6	2.1	6,819	8,477	24.3	1.8	12
Georgia	184	140	-23.9	0.1	351	278	-20.8	0.1	75
Hungary	2,886	2,854	-1.1	1.2	6,418	6,008	-6.4	1.3	19
Kazakhstan	2,385	2,565	7.5	1.0	5,769	6,745	16.9	1.4	16
Kyrgyzstan	142	134	-5.6	0.1	399	533	33.6	0.1	61
Latvia	307	258	-16.0	0.1	552	542	-1.8	0.1	59
Lithuania	439	558	27.1	0.2	797	920	15.4	0.2	53
Poland	5,354	5,799	8.3	2.3	9,946	11,840	19.0	2.5	9
Romania	3,857	3,125	-19.0	1.3	7,148	6,366	-10.9	1.3	18
Russia	20,649	24,657	19.4	10.0	42,484	54,027	27.2	11.4	2
Slovakia	3,034	3,364	10.9	1.4	5,080	5,408	6.5	1.1	20
Ukraine	1,783	1,844	3.4	0.7	3,723	4,789	28.6	1.0	22
Uzbekistan	261	435	66.7	0.2	1,587	1,857	17.0	0.4	37
Other Central / Eastern Europe	356	471	32.3	0.2	825	983	19.2	0.2	49
NORTHERN EUROPE	29,616	30,095	1.6	12.1	53,670	56,831	5.9	12.0	
Denmark	2,141	2,424	13.2	1.0	3,722	4,226	13.5	0.9	23
Finland	543	505	-7.0	0.2	1,055	1,022	-3.1	0.2	48
Ireland	777	771	-0.8	0.3	1,456	1,559	7.1	0.3	39
Norway	782	817	4.5	0.3	1,279	1,485	16.1	0.3	41
Sweden	2,133	2,338	9.6	0.9	3,882	4,804	23.8	1.0	21
United Kingdom	23,210	23,204	0.0	9.4	42,221	43,682	3.5	9.2	4
Other Northern Europe	30	36	20.0	0.0	55	53	-3.6	0.0	88
SOUTHERN EUROPE	27,378	31,881	16.4	12.9	54,610	64,396	17.9	13.6	
Albania	197	155	-21.3	0.1	349	340	-2.6	0.1	69
Bosnia & Herzegovina	167	122	-26.9	0.0	337	366	8.6	0.1	67
Croatia	868	501	-42.3	0.2	1,392	1,438	3.3	0.3	42
Greece	451	535	18.6	0.2	841	1,094	30.1	0.2	46
Italy	19,135	23,119	20.8	9.3	38,915	46,290	19.0	9.8	3
Portugal	841	1,141	35.7	0.5	1,881	2,167	15.2	0.5	33
Republic of North Macedonia	151	193	27.8	0.1	318	411	29.2	0.1	65
Serbia	904	918	1.5	0.4	2,014	1,975	-1.9	0.4	36
Slovenia	1,567	1,730	10.4	0.7	2,222	2,633	18.5	0.6	32
Spain	2,861	3,168	10.7	1.3	5,746	6,947	20.9	1.5	14
Other Southern Europe	236	299	26.7	0.1	595	735	23.5	0.2	56
WESTERN EUROPE	37,472	38,608	3.0	15.6	66,829	71,577	7.1	15.1	
Austria	4,402	4,594	4.4	1.9	7,990	9,179	14.9	1.9	11
Belgium	1,046	1,153	10.2	0.5	1,961	2,012	2.6	0.4	35
France	10,590	9,729	-8.1	3.9	17,914	17,480	-2.4	3.7	6
Germany	14,119	14,921	5.7	6.0	26,646	28,949	8.6	6.1	5
Netherlands / Holland	1,730	1,877	8.5	0.8	3,118	3,544	13.7	0.8	25
Switzerland	5,399	6,168	14.2	2.5	8,947	10,138	13.3	2.1	10
Other Western Europe	186	166	-10.8	0.1	253	275	8.7	0.1	76
EAST MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE	1,318	1,003	-23.9	0.4	4,021	3,766	-6.3	0.8	
Cyprus	163	133	-18.4	0.1	253	264	4.3	0.1	77
Türkiye	1,096	870	-20.6	0.4	3,612	3,502	-3.0	0.7	26
Other East Mediterranean Europe	59	0	-100.0	0.0	156	0	-100.0	0.0	91

**Table 2: Tourist Arrivals by Nationality
(As at end February 2026)**

REGION / NATIONALITY	February				January - February				Market Ranking 2026
	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	
ASIA & THE PACIFIC	51,266	78,598	53.3	31.7	116,328	129,141	11.0	27.3	
NORTH EAST ASIA	28,867	61,020	111.4	24.6	71,144	90,491	27.2	19.2	
China	21,928	53,966	146.1	21.8	57,876	76,642	32.4	16.2	1
Japan	3,774	3,733	-1.1	1.5	6,454	6,790	5.2	1.4	15
Korea	3,141	3,306	5.3	1.3	6,763	6,984	3.3	1.5	13
Other North East Asia	24	15	-37.5	0.0	51	75	47.1	0.0	87
SOUTH EAST ASIA	5,310	3,414	-35.7	1.4	9,533	7,815	-18.0	1.7	
Indonesia	432	203	-53.0	0.1	771	538	-30.2	0.1	60
Malaysia	2,158	1,023	-52.6	0.4	3,870	2,742	-29.1	0.6	31
Myanmar	51	135	164.7	0.1	108	223	106.5	0.0	80
Philippines	535	394	-26.4	0.2	934	821	-12.1	0.2	55
Singapore	712	512	-28.1	0.2	1,381	1,233	-10.7	0.3	44
Thailand	1,144	764	-33.2	0.3	1,897	1,672	-11.9	0.4	38
Viet Nam	231	342	48.1	0.1	496	497	0.2	0.1	62
Other South East Asia	47	41	-12.8	0.0	76	89	17.1	0.0	86
SOUTH ASIA	14,414	11,441	-20.6	4.6	29,571	23,807	-19.5	5.0	
Bangladesh	2,490	1,212	-51.3	0.5	5,471	3,433	-37.3	0.7	27
India	10,253	8,742	-14.7	3.5	20,423	17,155	-16.0	3.6	7
Iran	142	120	-15.5	0.0	340	257	-24.4	0.1	78
Nepal	169	183	8.3	0.1	329	333	1.2	0.1	71
Pakistan	627	408	-34.9	0.2	1,402	1,046	-25.4	0.2	47
Sri Lanka	714	747	4.6	0.3	1,559	1,532	-1.7	0.3	40
Other South Asia	19	29	52.6	0.0	47	51	8.5	0.0	89
OCEANIA	2,675	2,723	1.8	1.1	6,080	7,028	15.6	1.5	
Australia	2,455	2,518	2.6	1.0	5,596	6,526	16.6	1.4	17
New Zealand	205	183	-10.7	0.1	452	458	1.3	0.1	64
Other Oceania	15	22	0.0	0.0	32	44	37.5	0.0	90
AMERICAS	10,048	9,763	-2.8	3.9	20,706	20,192	-2.5	4.3	
Argentina	537	540	0.6	0.2	1,287	1,273	-1.1	0.3	43
Brazil	864	969	12.2	0.4	2,246	2,127	-5.3	0.5	34
Canada	1,516	1,543	1.8	0.6	2,808	3,025	7.7	0.6	28
Colombia	82	96	17.1	0.0	214	250	16.8	0.1	79
Mexico	196	155	-20.9	0.1	379	299	-21.1	0.1	73
U.S.A.	6,448	6,040	-6.3	2.4	13,011	12,393	-4.7	2.6	8
Other Americas	405	420	3.7	0.2	761	825	8.4	0.2	54
MIDDLE EAST	6,031	2,229	-63.0	0.9	10,845	8,104	-25.3	1.7	
Egypt	536	210	-60.8	0.1	982	717	-27.0	0.2	57
Jordan	217	89	-59.0	0.0	382	279	-27.0	0.1	74
Kuwait	1,055	249	-76.4	0.1	1,732	1,114	-35.7	0.2	45
Lebanon	247	162	-34.4	0.1	415	313	-24.6	0.1	72
Oman	242	19	-92.1	0.0	485	131	-73.0	0.0	85
Qatar	268	126	-53.0	0.1	422	378	-10.4	0.1	66
Saudi Arabia	2,284	800	-65.0	0.3	4,290	3,546	-17.3	0.8	24
Syria	134	68	-49.3	0.0	247	191	-22.7	0.0	82
United Arab Emirates	747	319	-57.3	0.1	1,262	948	-24.9	0.2	50
Other Middle East	301	187	-37.9	0.1	628	487	-22.5	0.1	63
AFRICA	1,323	883	-33.3	0.4	2,812	2,482	-11.7	0.5	
Algeria	123	45	-63.4	0.0	278	219	-21.2	0.0	81
Morocco	236	82	-65.3	0.0	467	352	-24.6	0.1	68
Nigeria	82	66	-19.5	0.0	148	139	-6.1	0.0	84
South Africa	371	341	-8.1	0.1	935	926	-1.0	0.2	51
Tunisia	191	61	-68.1	0.0	308	190	-38.3	0.0	83
Other Africa	320	288	-10.0	0.1	676	656	-3.0	0.1	58
OTHERS	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
UN Passport Holders	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	91
Other / Not Stated	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	91
TOTAL TOURIST ARRIVALS	214,091	247,722	15.7	100.0	428,954	472,510	10.2	100.0	

Note: * New Markets

Source: Ministry of Tourism (MoT)

Date: 04/03/2026

**Table 3: Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence
(Top 20, as at end February 2026)**

#	Country of Residence	No. of Arrivals	% Share of Resident Country's Nationality
1	China	74,290	95.7
2	Russian Federation	51,293	99.4
3	United Kingdom	43,781	92.2
4	Italy	43,832	97.6
5	Germany	27,954	92.7
6	India	15,239	95.9
7	France	14,161	92.8
8	Switzerland	12,109	76.4
9	United States	11,523	91.5
10	Poland	10,999	97.7
11	Czech Republic	8,157	96.0
12	Austria	9,041	90.2
13	Spain	7,122	85.7
14	Japan	5,960	96.3
15	Republic of Korea	6,556	98.7
16	Slovakia	4,878	98.8
17	United Arab Emirates	6,336	14.3
18	Romania	5,388	97.0
19	Hungary	5,434	98.9
20	Kazakhstan	6,618	96.9

Note: Estimated based on data from IMUGA

Date: 8 March 2026

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

**Table 4: Tourist Arrivals by Age Groups and Gender
(as at end February 2026)**

Age Group	Male	Female	Other	Total
0-14	29,574	30,494	0	60,068
15-24	12,959	23,125	0	36,084
25-34	43,810	60,138	0	103,948
35-44	45,332	53,168	0	98,501
45-54	36,145	40,394	0	76,540
55-64	31,880	33,284	0	65,164
65+	16,899	14,138	0	31,037
Unknown	674	489	4	1,167
Total	217,275	255,231	4	472,510
% Share	46.0	54.0	0.0	100.0

Note: Estimated based on data from IMUGA
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 8 March 2026

**Table 5: Distribution of Tourists to Establishments
(as at end February 2026)**

#	Tourist Establishment Type	No. of Tourists	Share (%)
1	Resorts	322,401	68.2
2	Guesthouses	125,979	26.7
3	Hotels	13,842	2.9
4	Vessels	9,724	2.1
5	Others (Foreign Vessels)	564	0.1
	Total	472,510	100.0

Note: Estimates based on data from IMUGA
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 8 March 2026

**Table 6: Preferred Choice of Accommodation
(Top 10 Nationalities, as at end February 2026)**

Rank	Nationality	No. of Tourists	Accommodation Preference (%)				
			Resorts	Guesthouses	Hotels	Tourist Vessels	Foreign Vessels
1	Chinese	76,642	64.4	30.6	3.8	1.1	0.2
2	Russian	54,027	71.5	25.4	1.9	1.1	0.1
3	Italian	46,257	59.6	34.6	2.8	2.9	0.2
4	British	43,682	85.7	10.6	2.4	1.3	0.0
5	German	28,949	76.6	16.9	4.3	2.1	0.1
6	French	17,480	72.2	18.2	3.7	5.8	0.1
7	Indian	17,155	75.6	20.9	2.3	1.1	0.1
8	American	12,393	74.5	16.4	3.9	5.1	0.1
9	Polish	11,840	47.6	47.6	1.9	2.8	0.1
10	Swiss	10,138	84.4	9.9	3.2	2.5	0.1

Note: Estimates based on data from IMUGA
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 8 March 2026

**Table 7: Tourist Arrival Distribution to Atolls, 2026
(Resorts, Hotels and Guesthouses Only)**

#	Atoll	January		February		End Period	
		No. of Tourists	% Share	No. of Tourists	% Share	No. of Tourists	% Share
1	Haa Alifu	1,631	0.7	1,995	0.8	3,626	0.8
2	Haa Dhaalu	767	0.3	861	0.3	1,628	0.3
3	Shaviyani	1,563	0.7	2,269	0.9	3,832	0.8
4	Noonu	8,914	4.0	10,867	4.4	19,781	4.2
5	Raa	16,422	7.3	17,839	7.2	34,262	7.3
6	Baa	12,136	5.4	15,528	6.3	27,664	5.9
7	Lhaviyani	10,219	4.5	10,809	4.4	21,028	4.5
8	Kaafu	96,992	43.1	105,650	42.6	202,642	42.9
9	Alifu Alifu	18,470	8.2	20,269	8.2	38,739	8.2
10	Alifu Dhaalu	21,078	9.4	22,134	8.9	43,212	9.1
11	Vaavu	8,096	3.6	7,906	3.2	16,002	3.4
12	Meemu	2,116	0.9	2,379	1.0	4,494	1.0
13	Faafu	758	0.3	769	0.3	1,528	0.3
14	Dhaalu	9,357	4.2	10,535	4.3	19,892	4.2
15	Thaa	363	0.2	570	0.2	933	0.2
16	Laamu	1,035	0.5	1,183	0.5	2,218	0.5
17	Gaafu Alifu	4,095	1.8	4,612	1.9	8,707	1.8
18	Gaafu Dhaalu	2,012	0.9	2,499	1.0	4,512	1.0
19	Gnaviyani	1,184	0.5	1,267	0.5	2,451	0.5
20	Seenu	2,436	1.1	2,632	1.1	5,068	1.1
Total to Atolls		219,645	97.7	242,573	97.9	462,218	97.8
Total Arrivals to the Maldives		224,788		247,722		472,510	

Note: Estimates based on data from IMUGA
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 19 February 2026

Table 8: Number of Tourist Establishments by Type, 2025 - 2026

Month	Registered Number of Establishments										Operational Number of Establishments									
	2025					2026					2025					2026				
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total
January	180	15	793	155	1,143	186	16	901	169	1,272	174	15	793	155	1,137	179	16	901	174	1,270
February	180	15	795	157	1,147	186	16	920	170	1,292	175	15	795	157	1,142	180	16	920	170	1,286
Average for the Period	180	15	794	156	1,145	186	16	911	170	1,282	175	15	794	156	1,140	180	16	911	172	1,278

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 23 March 2026

Table 9: Tourist Bed Capacity by Type, 2025 - 2026

Month	Registered Number of Beds										Operational Number of Beds									
	2025					2026					2025					2026				
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total
January	44,085	2,038	13,381	3,127	62,631	45,893	2,598	15,977	3,393	67,861	42,565	2,038	13,381	3,127	61,111	44,807	2,598	15,977	3,524	66,906
February	44,085	2,038	13,388	3,140	62,651	45,877	2,598	16,297	3,472	68,244	43,329	2,038	13,388	3,140	61,895	44,891	2,598	16,297	3,472	67,258
Average for the Period	44,085	2,038	13,385	3,134	62,641	45,885	2,598	16,137	3,433	68,053	42,947	2,038	13,385	3,134	61,503	44,849	2,598	16,137	3,498	67,082

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 23 March 2026

Table 10: Tourist Bed Nights and Occupancy, 2025 - 2026

Month	Bed Nights ⁻¹										Occupancy Rate (%)									
	2025					2026					2025					2026				
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total
January	1,082,990	25,889	245,228	32,809	1,386,916	1,077,928	19,823	334,233	35,172	1,467,156	82.1	41.0	59.1	33.8	73.2	77.6	24.6	67.5	32.2	70.7
February	1,048,330	28,195	236,702	32,103	1,345,331	1,049,284	33,917	336,213	37,512	1,456,927	86.4	49.4	63.1	36.5	77.6	83.5	46.6	73.7	38.6	77.4
End Period	2,131,321	54,084	481,930	64,912	2,732,247	2,127,213	53,740	670,446	72,684	2,924,083	84.2	45.2	61.1	35.2	75.4	80.5	35.6	70.6	35.4	74.1

Note: ⁻¹Including estimates for missing data

Date: 23 March 2026

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

**Table 11: Tourist Accommodation Distribution to Atolls
(Resorts, Hotels and Guesthouses Only)
(as at end February 2026)**

#	Atoll	Tourist Facilities (operational)						Total	
		Resorts		Guesthouses		Hotels		Nos.	Beds
		Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds		
1	Haa Alifu	2	448	22	282	-	-	24	730
2	Haa Dhaalu	2	162	10	126	1	104	13	392
3	Shaviyani	2	444	10	72	-	-	12	516
4	Noonu	8	2,566	19	226	-	-	27	2,792
5	Raa	17	4,548	7	106	1	300	25	4,954
6	Baa	16	3,424	87	1,278	1	150	104	4,852
7	Lhaviyani	13	3,326	3	44	-	-	16	3,370
8	Greater Male'	-	-	111	2,930	8	1,528	119	4,458
9	Kaafu	59	15,650	199	4,812	1	76	259	20,538
10	Alifu Alifu	12	2,426	168	2,419	-	-	180	4,845
11	Alifu Dhaalu	17	4,298	119	1,844	1	88	137	6,230
12	Vaavu	5	794	56	762	1	52	62	1,608
13	Meemu	3	614	6	52	-	-	9	666
14	Faafu	1	250	8	96	-	-	9	346
15	Dhaalu	9	2,864	9	104	-	-	18	2,968
16	Thaa	1	152	12	138	-	-	13	290
17	Laamu	2	360	5	80	-	-	7	440
18	Gaafu Alifu	6	1,301	15	144	1	144	22	1,589
19	Gaafu Dhaalu	2	440	10	126	-	-	12	566
20	Gnaviyani	-	-	25	370	-	-	25	370
21	Seenu	3	824	19	286	1	156	23	1,266
Total		180	44,891	920	16,297	16	2,598	1,116	63,786

Note: Estimates based on data from IMUGA
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