



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

16th July 2026



1,155,017 Visitors

(-4.8%)

as of 15th July 2026

74.10% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+7.3%)

as of 11th Jul 2026

68,190 Beds

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

Key Markets

China (16.8%), Russia (14.5%), United Kingdom (8.1%), Italy (6.8%), Germany (6.3%), and India (6.0%)

Major Highlights

Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation meets with Vice Governor of the Sichuan Provincial People's Government





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

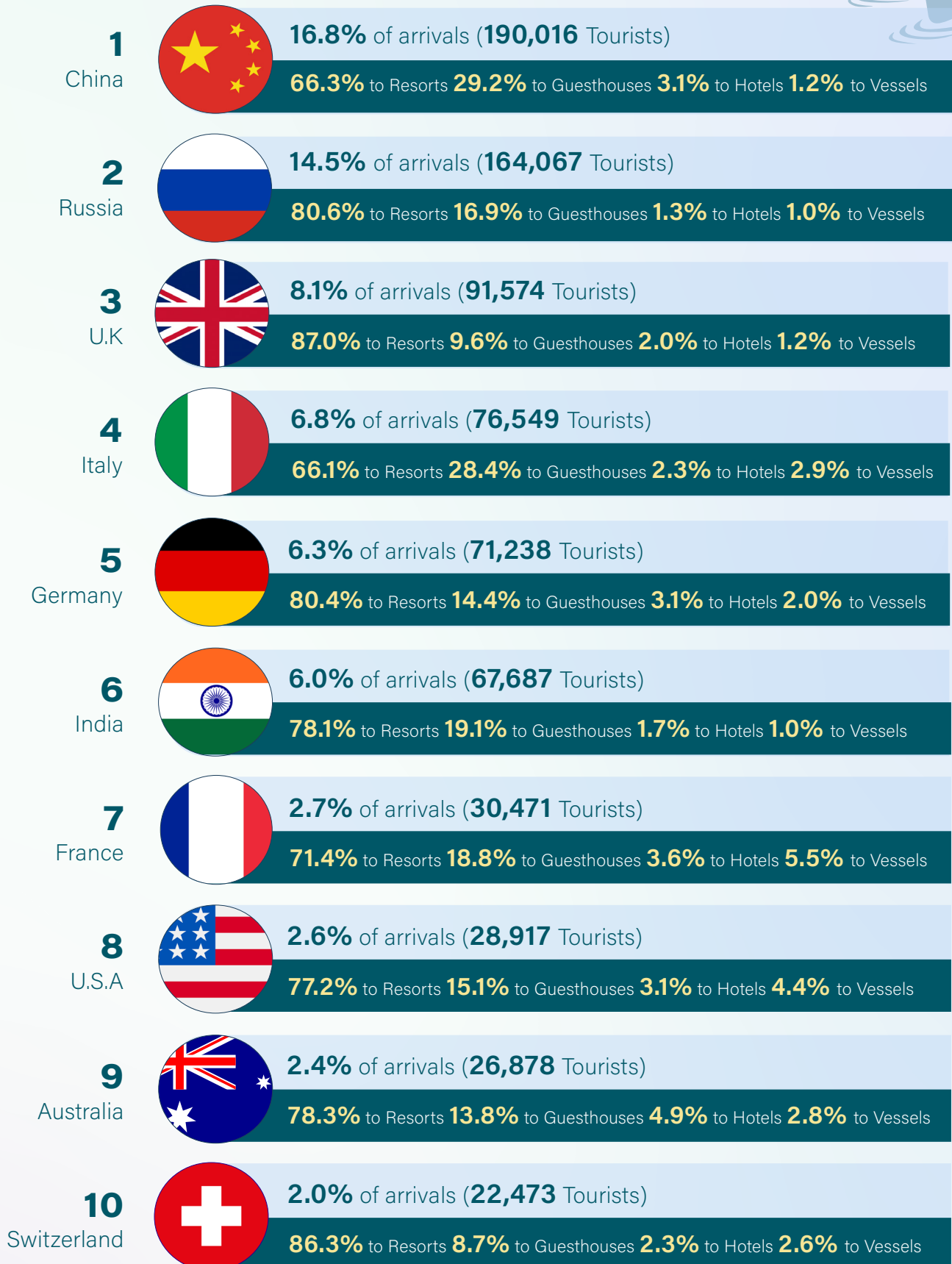
As of 15th July 2026

	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	195,143	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 (1st-15th)	76,838	76,838	n/a	n/a	87,563	87,563	n/a	n/a	85,135	85,135	n/a	n/a	-2.8
Total (as of Jul 15th)	1,105,567	1,092,367	6,199	7,001	1,213,647	1,195,693	9,691	8,263	1,155,017	1,129,802	9,638	15,577	-4.8
Daily Average	5,641	5,573	n/a	n/a	6,192	6,100	n/a	n/a	5,893	5,764	n/a	n/a	-



Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 15th July 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 15th July 2026

Resorts



820,284
Tourists
72.6%
of total arrivals

Guesthouses



258,538
Tourists
22.9%
of total arrivals

Hotels



27,050
Tourists
2.4%
of total arrivals

Vessels



22,130
Tourists
2.0%
of total arrivals

Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 15th July 2026



Airports

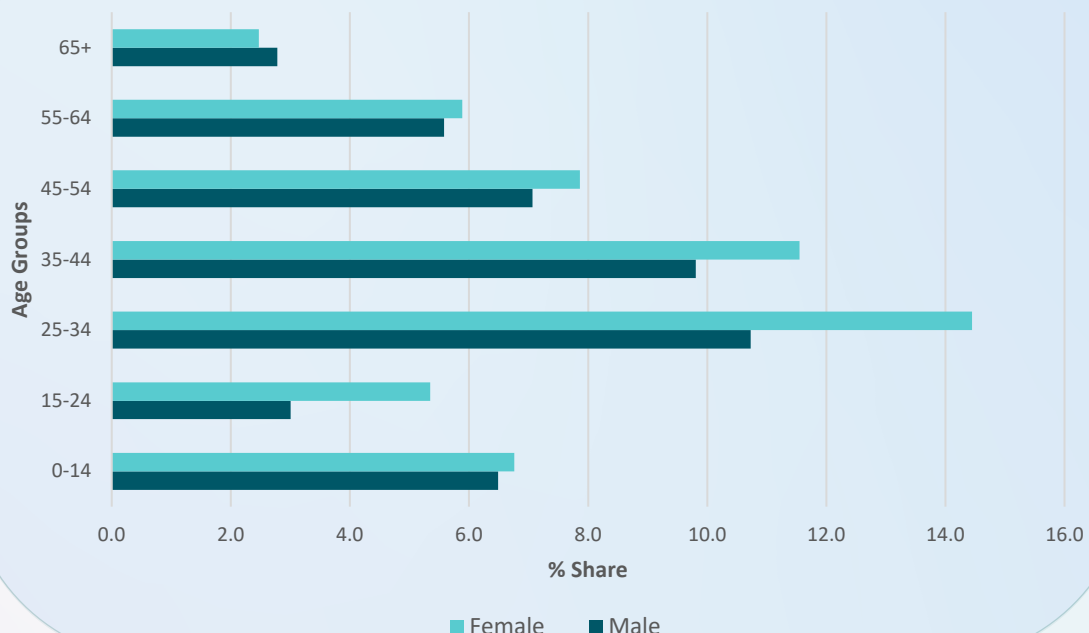
	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	1,125,664	97.5%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	2,528	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	3,898	0.3%
Gan International Airport	4,304	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	2,094	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	952	0.1%

Sea Ports

	Arrivals	Share
All	15,577	1.3%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 15th July 2026





Total Capacity

As of 15th July 2026

98.8%

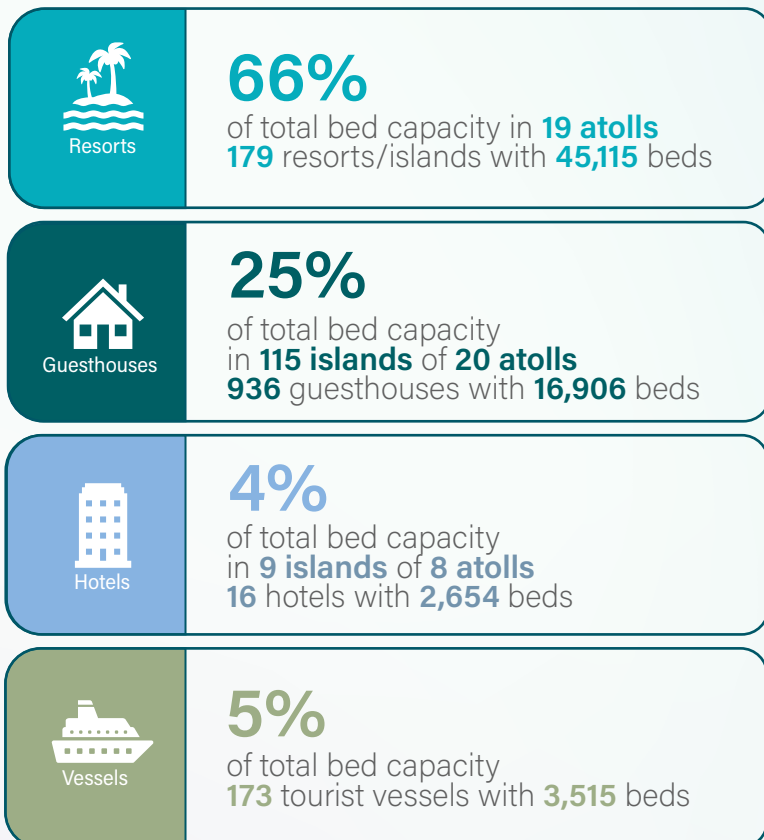
of beds were in
Operation

(as of 15th Jul 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	185	45,963
Guesthouses	936	16,906
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	173	3,515
Total (As of 15th Jul)	1,310	69,038

Capacity in Operation

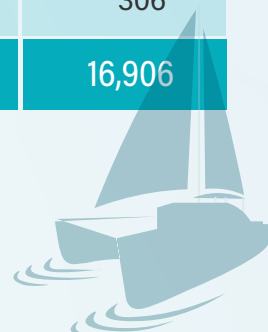
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Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 15th July 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	8,254	718	448		270
Haa Dhaalu	3,038	384	162	104	118
Shaviyani	8,400	516	444		72
Noonu	50,651	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	88,814	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	61,881	4,998	3,442	150	1,406
Lhaviyani	53,106	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	507,781	25,266	15,516	1,646	8,104
Alifu Alifu	81,938	4,816	2,518		2,298
Alifu Dhaalu	94,413	6,290	4,306	102	1,882
Vaavu	34,922	1,680	828	52	800
Meemu	10,100	686	614		72
Faafu	3,022	346	250		96
Dhaalu	49,510	3,072	2,968		104
Thaa	1,794	290	152		138
Laamu	4,029	546	360		186
Gaafu Alifu	19,334	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	10,458	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	4,894	414			414
Seenu	9,533	1,286	824	156	306
Total	1,105,872	64,675	45,115	2,654	16,906





MAY 2026



AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)
	AEROFLOT	9		EDELWEISS	3
	AIR ARABIA	2		EMIRATES	19
	AIR ASIA	12		ETIHAD AIRWAYS	12
	AIR ASIA THAILAND	5		FITS AIR	5
	AIR ASTANA	4		FLY DUBAI	8
	AIR INDIA	6		INDIGO	25
	AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	-		MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	9
	AZUR AIR	1		MALDIVIAN	14
	BANGKOK AIRWAYS	1		NEOS	1
	BATIK AIR	6		QATAR AIRWAYS	6
	BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	2		SAUDIA	2
	BEOND	-		SICHUAN AIRLINES	1
	BRITISH AIRWAYS	3		SINGAPORE AIRLINES	13
	CENTRUM AIR	2		SRILANKAN AIRLINES	19
	CHINA EASTERN	5		TURKISH AIRLINES	5
	CHONGQING AIRLINES	2		US BANGLA AIRLINES	5
	CONDOR	1	Note: Austrian Airlines operated 1 flight in May 2026 & Beond operated 2 flights in May 2026		





Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation meets with Vice Governor of the Sichuan Provincial People's Government



Minister of State HE. Haris Mohamed, along with high-level delegations of the Maldives, met with Mr. Ren Jingdong, Vice Governor of the Sichuan Provincial People's Government, marking an important step in extending the Maldives' partnership with China into the fast-growing South-west China market. A meaningful conversation on deepening ties well beyond China's major coastal cities.



Maldives Hosted High-Level Networking Events at Chengdu, China



The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, together with a high-level Maldivian delegation, concluded the final networking event of its China Roadshow this evening in Chengdu, bringing together key travel trade partners and media representatives from across Southwest China.



The event was attended by representatives from Visit Maldives, the National Boating Association of Maldives, Maldivian, and Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL). It marked the successful conclusion of a ten-day engagement programme across Beijing, Shanghai, and Chengdu, aimed at strengthening tourism partnerships and promoting the Maldives as a premier travel destination for the Chinese market.



Maldives Strengthens Tourism and Aviation Partnerships During China Visit



The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, together with Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC), Maldivian, Maldives Airport Company Limited (MACL), the National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM), concluded the high-level visit to China with a series of strategic engagements conducted in Chengdu, the Sichuan Province of China. The visit was carried out as part of strengthening tourism and aviation cooperation between the Maldives and China.



The delegation held productive discussions with key aviation and tourism stakeholders, including Sichuan Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Chengdu Global Travel (Hang LV Group), the Sichuan Provincial Travel Agency Association, the Chengdu Tourism Association, and the Vice Governor of Sichuan Province. These meetings focused on expanding air connectivity, strengthening industry partnerships, and identifying new opportunities to promote the Maldives across the Chinese market.



The visit reaffirmed the Maldives' commitment to deepening its longstanding partnership with China and advancing a coordinated approach to tourism development through enhanced connectivity, stronger industry collaboration, and targeted destination marketing. Building on the momentum generated throughout the visit, the engagements have laid a strong foundation for sustained cooperation and future initiatives that will support continued growth in visitor arrivals from one of the Maldives' most important source markets.



Visit Maldives Explores Tourism Cooperation Opportunities with Bangladesh



Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC) met with H.E. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the Maldives, along with officials from the Bangladesh High Commission, to discuss opportunities for enhanced collaboration and cooperation.

The meeting focused on strengthening ties between the Bangladesh High Commission and Visit Maldives, with discussions centered on potential areas of partnership, tourism promotion, and increasing destination awareness within the Bangladeshi market.

The engagement reflects Visit Maldives' commitment to building strategic partnerships and exploring new opportunities to support the continued growth and development of the Maldives' tourism industry.





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