



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES



# MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

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## Tourism Indicators

**49,625** | **+13.0%**  
tourists visited  
the Maldives | increase  
(as of 7th Jan 2026)

## News Highlights

### Minister of Tourism and Environment Meets with Australian High Commissioner





## Tourist Arrivals

### Arrivals by Month

(as of 7th Jan 2026)

	Arrivals				Growth (%) 2026/2025	Daily Average 2026
	2023	2024	2025	2026		
January	39,991	40,015	43,903	49,625	13.0	7,089
<b>Total (as of 7th Jan)</b>	<b>39,991</b>	<b>40,015</b>	<b>43,903</b>	<b>49,625</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>7,089</b>
<b>Total (year end)</b>	<b>1,878,543</b> +12.1%	<b>2,046,615</b> +8.9%	<b>2,246,516</b> +9.8%			

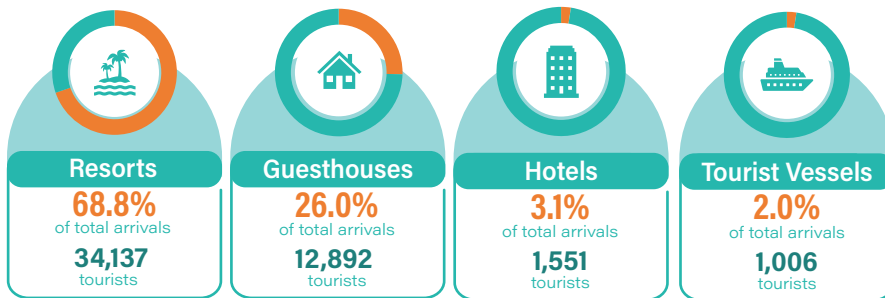
### Arrivals by Airports

(as of 7th Jan 2026)

Share (%)	Arrivals	Airport
98.5	48,919	Velana International
0.3	132	Hanimaadhoo International
0.5	213	Maafaru International
0.4	170	Gan International
0.2	79	Dhaalu Airport
0.2	111	Villa International

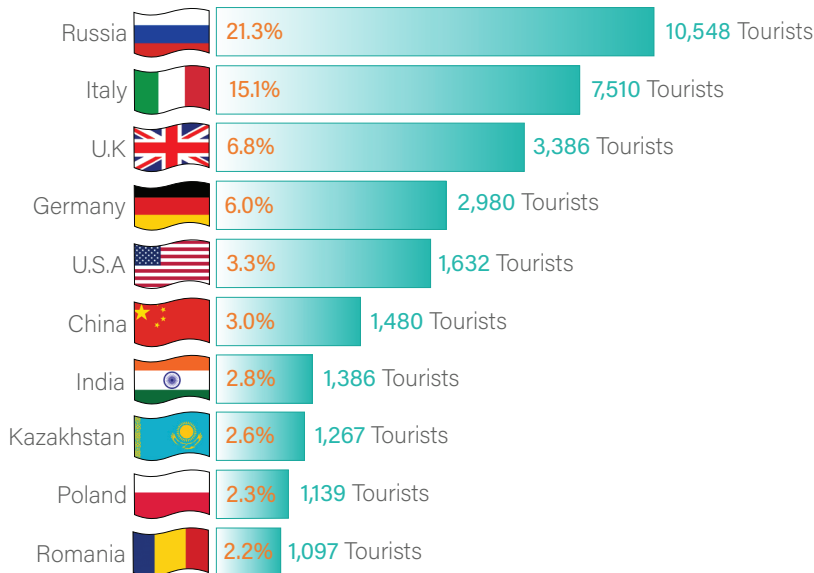
### Distribution of Arrivals to Facilities

(as of 7th Jan 2026)



### Top 10 Arrivals by Nationality

(as of 7th Jan 2026)







## Tourist Accomodation


Total Capacity	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	45,893
Guesthouses	974	16,846
Hotels	16	2,598
Tourist Vessels	168	3,394
<b>Total</b> (as of 7th Jan)	<b>1,344</b>	<b>68,731</b>


**99.8%** of the beds were in operation  
(as of 7th Jan)



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**66%**  
of total bed capacity in 19 atolls  
179 resorts/islands with 44,807 beds
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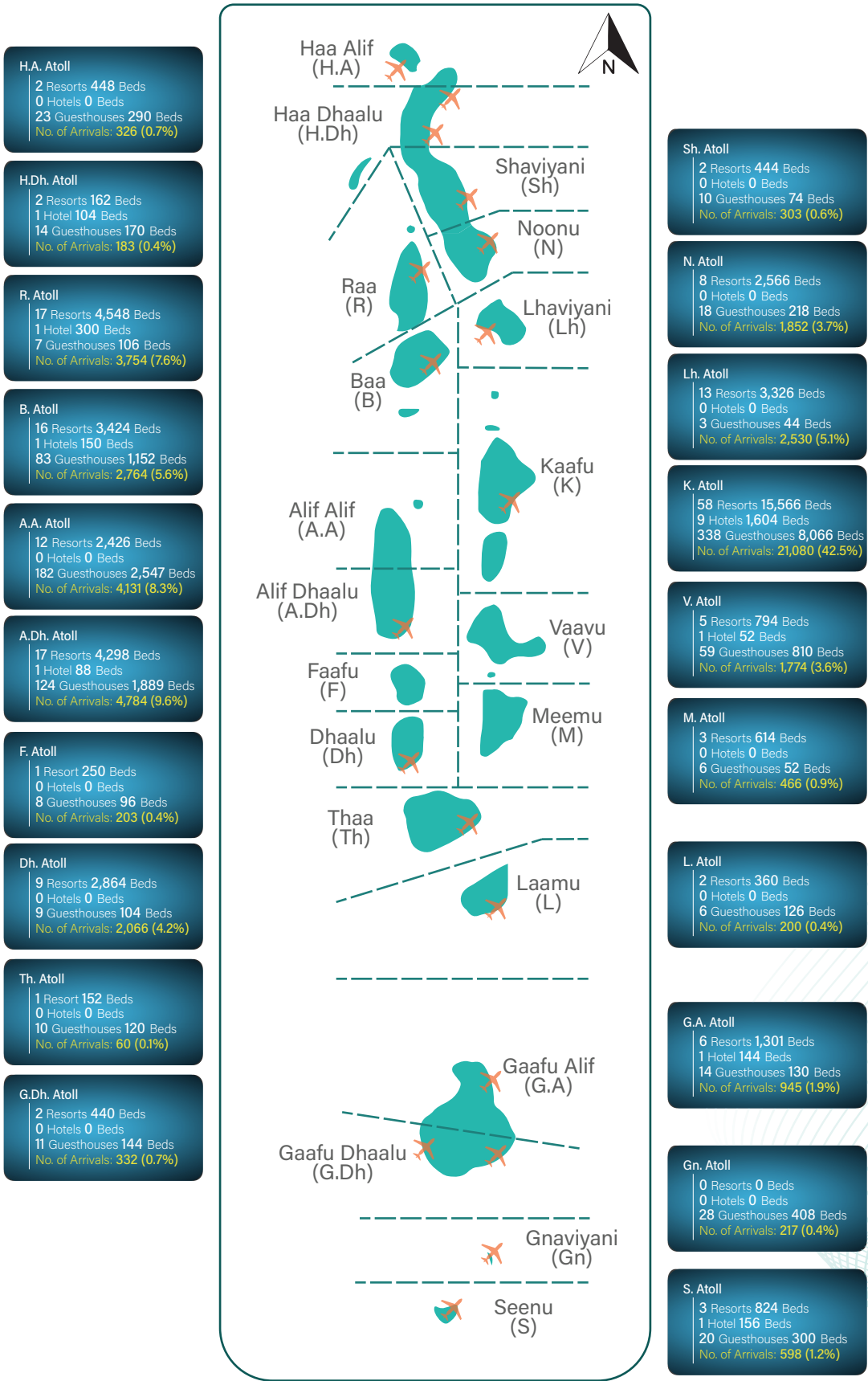
**25%**  
of total bed capacity in 113 islands of 20 atolls  
973 guesthouses with 16,824 beds
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**4%**  
of total bed capacity in 9 islands of 8 atolls  
16 hotels with 2,598 beds
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**5%**  
of total bed capacity  
168 tourist vessesls with 3,394 beds

# Distribution of Accommodation Facilities by Atolls

(in operation as of 7th 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	
 AIR ASIA THAILAND	 FITS AVIATION	
 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	

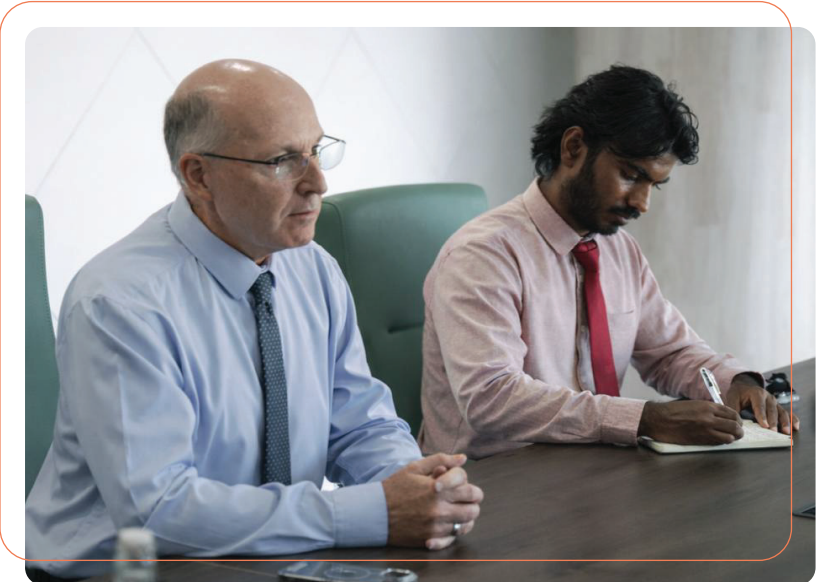
## Minister of Tourism and Environment Meets with Australian High Commissioner



### News Highlights



Minister Thoriq Ibrahim and H.E. David Jessup, the Australian High Commissioner to the Maldives, held discussions today on strengthening strategic partnerships between the tourism and environment sectors. The meeting emphasized the importance of private-public collaboration in driving sustainable growth and building a climate-resilient future for the Maldives.





Tourism performance in January 2026 has shown a strong improvement compared to the same period in 2025, with total arrivals reaching 49,625 as of 7 January 2026, marking a 13.0 percent increase year-on-year. A daily average of 7,089 arrivals has been recorded so far this month, while 3 January 2026 registered the highest daily arrivals of the year, reaching 8,082 visitors.

Resorts continue to account for the largest share of arrivals, welcoming 34,137 visitors within the first week, representing 68.8 percent of total arrivals across all accommodation facilities.

The top three source markets for January 2026 are Russia, Italy, and the United Kingdom, with Russia leading at a 21.3 percent market share, followed by Italy at 15.1 percent and the United Kingdom in third place with a 6.8 percent share.

The positive arrival trends are supported by continued expansion in tourism infrastructure. The total number of operating tourism establishments has increased by 65 facilities across all accommodation categories, adding 4,393 beds to operation. Resort accommodation recorded the largest increase with 2,260 additional beds, followed by guesthouses with 1,221 beds, hotels with 570 beds, and tourism vessels contributing 342 beds.

Overall, these figures underscore sustained growth and positive momentum in the Maldives tourism industry at the start of 2026.

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