MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

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1. Tourist Arrivals

From 1st January 2021 to 13th October 2021, a total of 923,146 tourists arrived in the Maldives. The top five markets during this period were India, Russia , Germany, U.S.A and Saudi Arabia.

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

Total Arrivals 2020
555,494
as at end December 2020

Total Arrivals 2021
923,146
As of 13th October 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 (1st - 13th)	58,738	7,624	52,284	-11.0	+585.8	4,022	8.2
Total (as of 13th October)	1,310,428	409,434	923,146	-29.6	+125.5	3,228	9.0

Top 10 Markets 2021

As of 13th October 2021

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
India	211,062	23.0	01
Russia	177,321	19.3	02
Germany	60,463	6.6	03
U.S.A	37,463	4.1	04
Saudi Arabia	31,433	3.4	05
Ukraine	28,899	3.1	06
Spain	27,657	3.0	07
United Kingdom	21,132	2.3	08
Kazakhstan	17,877	1.9	09
France	17,031	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

2. Tourist Accommodation

Accommodation Facilities by Type

As of 13th Octo ber 2021

Facility Type	Total Capacity		Operational Capacity	
	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	166	38,849	157	36,974
Hotels & Guesthouses	782	14,110	589	11,362
Safari Vessels	159	2,962	144	2,846
Total	1,107	55,921	890	51,182

Guesthouses in Operation by Atolls and Islands

As of 13th October 2021

Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Haa Alifu	11	128
1. Hoarafushi	2	24
2. Kelaa	4	52
3. Vashafaru	5	52
Haa Dhaalu	5	66
1. Hanimaadhoo	4	56
2. Nolhivaranfaru	1	10
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	37	632
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	58
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	225	5,174
1. Greater Male' Region	68	2,108
2. Dhiffushi	23	388
3. Gaafaru	6	62
4. Gulhi	7	108
5. Guraidhoo	21	286
6. Himmafushi	12	122
7. Huraa	14	190
8. Kaashidhoo	4	48
9. Maafushi	41	1,418
10. Thulusdhoo	29	444
Alifu Alifu	118	1,518
1. Bodufulhadhoo	5	56
2. Feridhoo	8	86
3. Himandhoo	3	24
4. Maalhos	2	16
5. Mathiveri	8	86
6. Rasdhoo	25	346
7. Thoddoo	43	558
8. Ukulhas	24	346
Alifu Dhaalu	65	906
1. Dhangethi	12	182
2. Dhidhdhoo	1	12
3. Dhigurah	13	278
4. Fenfushi	1	12
5. Hangnaameedhoo	13	138
6. Maamigili	5	56
7. Mahibadhoo	8	112
8. Mandhoo	1	10
9. Omadhoo	11	106
Vaavu	44	504
1. Felidhoo	5	46
2. Fulidhoo	17	182
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	8	100
1. Magoodhoo	2	20
2. Nilandhoo	6	80
Dhaalu	3	56
1. Bandidhoo	1	14
2. Kudahuvadhoo	1	36
3. Maaenboodhoo	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	4	34
1. Kolamaafushi	1	8
2. Maamendhoo	1	8
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	11	208
1. Feydhoo	1	22
2. Hithadhoo	4	112
3. Hulhudhoo	1	14
4. Maradhoo Feydhoo	2	20
5. Meedhoo	2	28
Total	577	10,002

3. Airlines & Connectivity

Maldives is Connected to the World

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 SPICEJET
16 AZUR AIR UKRIANE
17 AIR ASTANA
18 SINGAPORE AIRLINES
19 SILK AIR
20 AIR FRANCE
21 GULF AIR
22 AUSTRIAN AIRLINES
23 CONDOR
24 AIR VISTARA
25 UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS
26 UKRAINE INT'L AIRLINES
27 SCAT AIRLINES
28 GULLIVAIR
29 LOT POLISH AIRLINES
30 SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES
31 BLUE PANAROMA
32 IBERIA
33 AIR INDIA EXPRESS

4. COVID-19 Cases & Vaccination Update

COVID-19 Case Updates

As at 13th October 2021

Tourist COVID cases
as a % of total Tourist Arrivals
(15th Jul 2020- 13th October 2021)

0.19% 2020 (15 July- 31 Dec)
0.20% 2021 (1 Jan- 30 Sep)
0.04% 2021 (1-13 Oct)

Vaccination Updates

Maldives
Total Vaccinated
as of 12th October 2021

First Dose **393,413**

Second Dose **348,662**

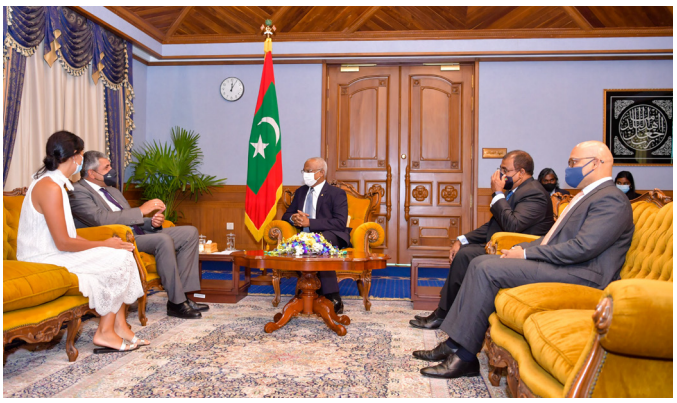
Resort employees Vaccination

Fully Vaccinated **93%**

First Dose **99%**

5. News Highlights

The Secretary General of UNWTO Pays a Courtesy Call on the President of Maldives



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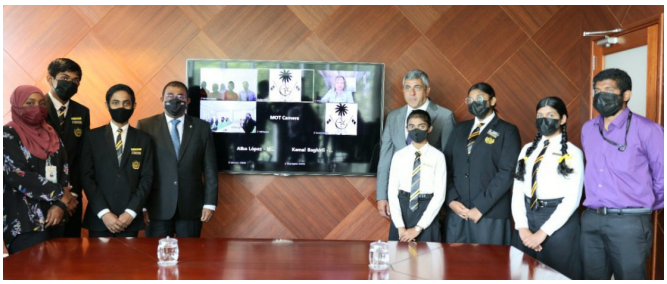

The Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Zurab Pololikashvili met the finalists of the UNWTO Students League, Plastic Challenge participants in the Maldives. Secretary-General congratulated the finalists from Thaajuddeen School, Addu City Maradhoo School and Baa Atoll School.

The 15th UNWTO Asia Pacific Executive Training Program Concludes

The closing ceremony of the 15th UNWTO Asia Pacific Executive Training Programme, jointly organized by the UNWTO and the Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Maldives, and sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Korea, was held on 7th October 2021. More than 50 participants from the Asia and the Pacific countries participated in this training carried out in hybrid format, amongst which 11 officials were physical participants. Speaking at the closing ceremony, Deputy Minister, Dr. Naushad Mohamed highlighted the importance of domestic tourism. Furthermore, the UNWTO Asia & Pacific Director Mr. Harry Hwang thanked the Maldives for hosting this programme. A special closing dinner was hosted for the physical participants.

Maldives Minister of Tourism Meets with Deputy Minister for Tourism of Iran and CEO of Nepal Tourism Board on the Sideline of 15th UNWTO Executive Training Program

On the sidelines of the 15th UNWTO Executive Training Program, the Minister of Tourism, Dr. Abdulla Mausoom had separate meetings with the Deputy Minister for Tourism of Iran, Mr. Ali Asghar Shalbafian and with the Chief Executive Officer of Nepal Tourism Board, Mr. Dhananjay Regmi on 6th October 2021. During the meetings, discussions were focused on the tourism cooperation between Maldives and these countries.

Seminar on Classification of Tourist Accommodating Facilities

The Ministry of Tourism held a one-day Seminar on "Classification of Tourist Accommodating Facilities" on 10th October 2021, to develop on the existing classifications to reflect present-day and future tourism accommodation facilities in the Maldives. The seminar was attended by tourism stakeholder associations, relevant Ministries and other agencies. Main purpose of the seminar was to carry out a dialogue and gather key points to form a framework of classification which caters to the emergence of new products, following tourism diversification and localization which aligns with the Strategic Action Plan (2019-2023). In addition to this, discussions were carried out on the forthcoming homestay product in the year 2022. The opening remarks were delivered by Honorable Minister of Tourism, Dr. Abdulla Mausoom.

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