



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES



# MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

14th May 2026

## 859,687 Visitors

(-5.5%)  
as of 13th May 2026

## 70.40% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+5.6%)  
as of 9th May 2026

## 68,185 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,101  
were resort beds

## Key Markets

China (15.6%), Russia (13.4%), United Kingdom (8.9%), Italy (8.0%), Germany (6.6%), and India (5.2%)

## Major Highlights

Third Batch of Standard First Aid Training Concludes

Maldives Explores Opportunities in Halal Tourism Development





**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

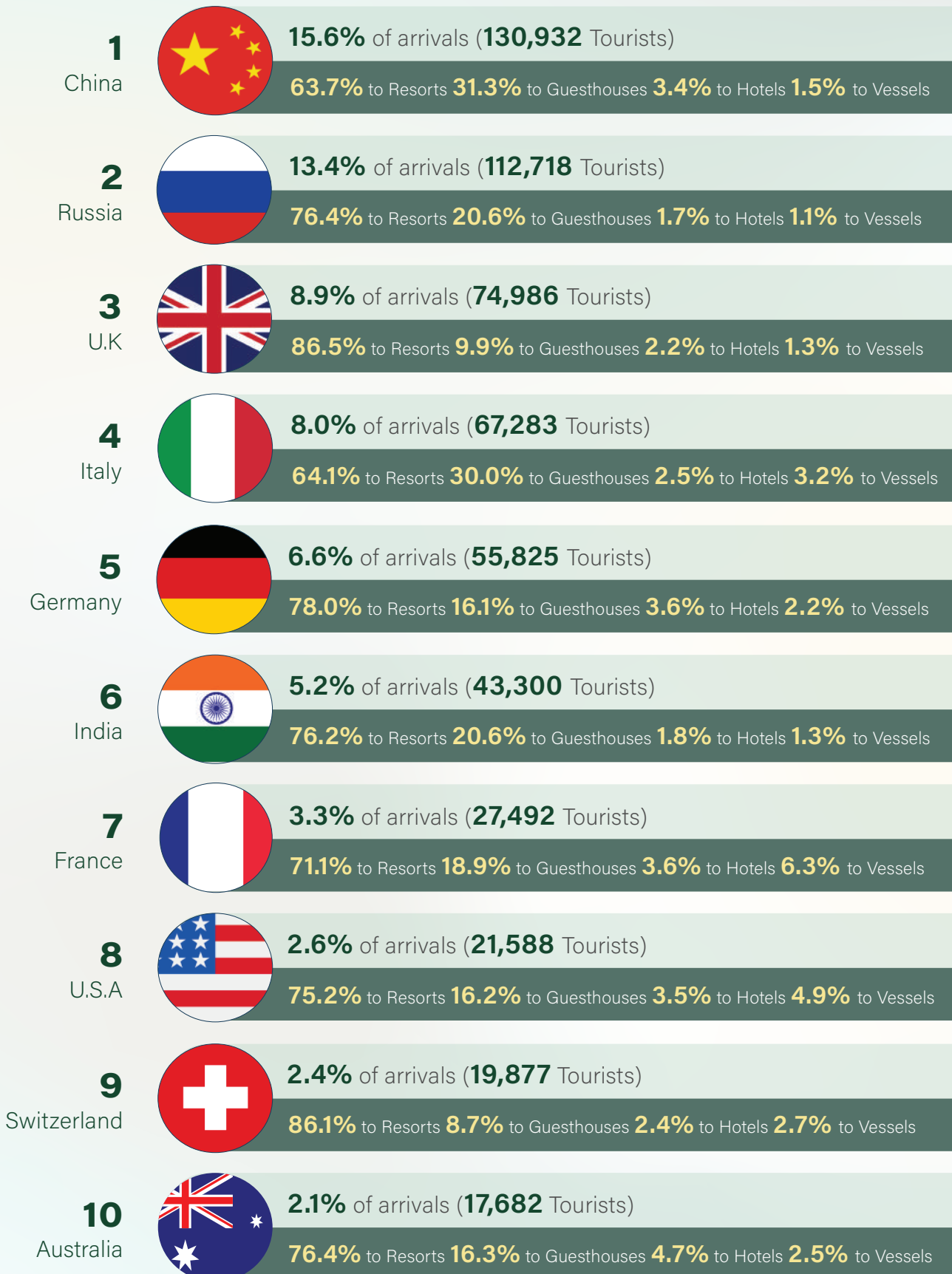
## International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 13th May 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May (1-13th)	Total (as of 13th May)	Daily Average
<b>2024 Total Visitors</b>	195,143	218,631	197,047	172,477	58,015	841,313	6,326
Tourists	192,385	217,392	194,227	168,366	58,015	830,385	6,243
Business Arrivals	960	1,086	1,034	926	n/a	4,006	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,798	153	1,786	3,185	n/a	6,922	n/a
<b>2025 Total Visitors</b>	216,544	216,309	207,707	202,214	66,700	909,474	6,838
Tourists	214,863	204,091	203,468	198,322	66,700	897,444	6,748
Business Arrivals	1,465	1,606	1,314	2,022	n/a	6,407	n/a
Cruise Passengers	216	612	2,925	1,870	n/a	5,623	n/a
<b>2026 Total Visitors</b>	227,403	254,556	166,616	152,861	58,251	859,687	6,464
Tourists	224,788	247,722	161,259	147,600	58,251	839,620	6,313
Business Arrivals	1,550	1,597	1,308	1,804	n/a	6,259	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,065	5,237	4,049	3,457	n/a	13,808	n/a
<b>Growth % (2026/25)</b>	5.0	17.7	-19.8	-24.4	-12.7	-5.5	-

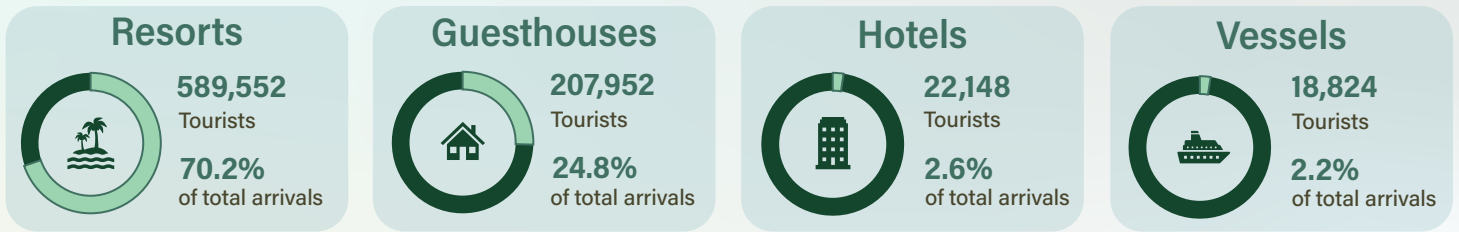
# Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 13th May 2026



# Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 13th May 2026



## Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 13th May 2026

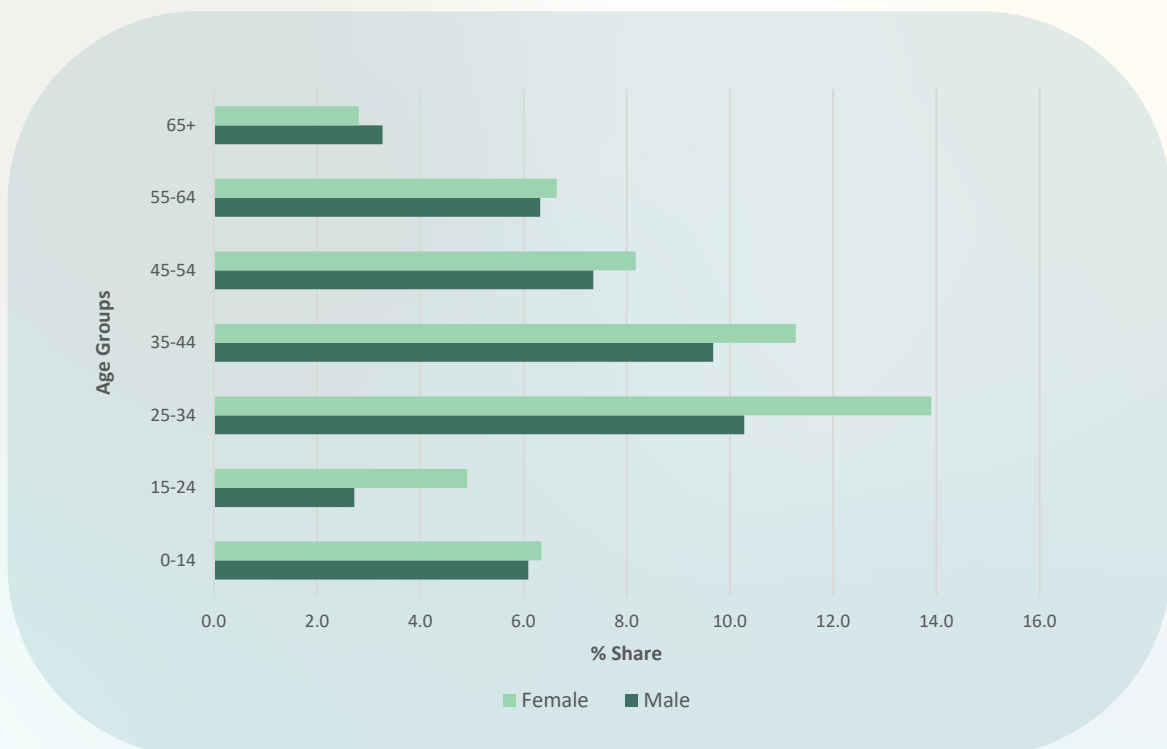


Airports	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	835,088	97.1%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	1,946	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	3,085	0.4%
Gan International Airport	3,520	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	1,533	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	706	0.1%
Sea Ports	Arrivals	Share
All	13,808	1.6%



## Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 13th May 2026





# Tourist Accommodation

## Total Capacity

As of 13th May 2026

# 98.6%

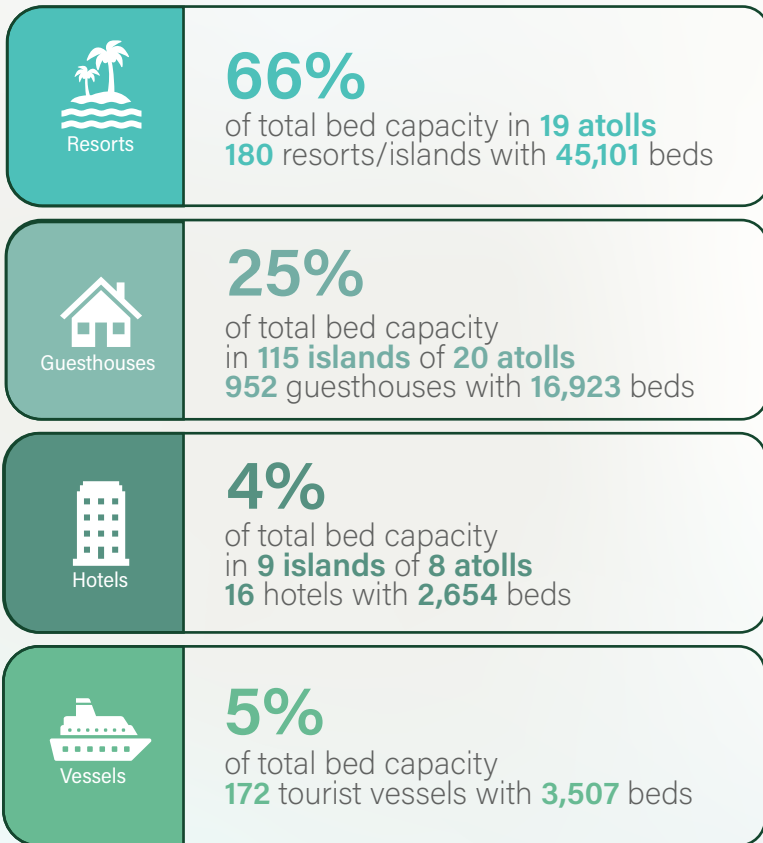
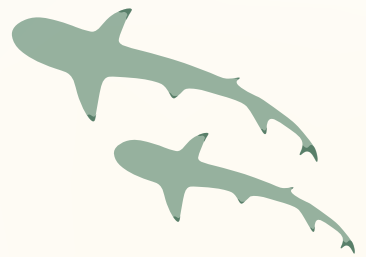
## of beds were in Operation

(as of 13th May 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	46,087
Guesthouses	952	16,923
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	172	3,507
<b>Total</b> (As of 13th May)	<b>1,326</b>	<b>69,171</b>

## Capacity in Operation

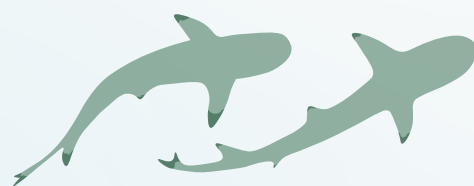
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# Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 13th May 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	6,220	730	448		282
Haa Dhaalu	2,520	392	162	104	126
Shaviyani	6,617	516	444		72
Noonu	35,777	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	64,515	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	47,861	5,004	3,442	150	1,412
Lhaviyani	38,028	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	367,337	25,310	15,640	1,646	8,024
Alifu Alifu	64,176	4,945	2,518		2,427
Alifu Dhaalu	74,575	6,278	4,306	102	1,870
Vaavu	27,195	1,656	794	52	810
Meemu	7,325	686	614		72
Faafu	2,410	346	250		96
Dhaalu	34,171	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,525	290	152		138
Laamu	3,504	500	360		140
Gaafu Alifu	15,330	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	8,072	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	4,285	404			404
Seenu	8,208	1,286	824	156	306
<b>Total</b>	<b>819,651</b>	<b>64,678</b>	<b>45,101</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>16,923</b>

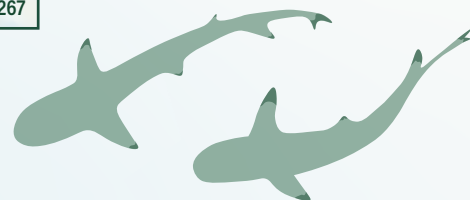




MARCH 2026



AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT		21	19,886	CONDOR		11	6,820	SAUDIA		7	3,653
AIR ARABIA		-	159	EDELWEISS		6	4,162	SICHUAN AIRLINES		3	1,067
AIR ASIA		24	7,559	EMIRATES		20	6,810	SINGAPORE AIRLINES		25	13,524
AIR ASIA THAILAND		12	3,523	ETIHAD AIRWAYS		16	2,940	SMARTWINGS		2	6
AIR ASTANA		10	4,399	EUROWINGS		5	2,488	SRILANKAN AIRLINES		29	18,966
AIR INDIA		14	4,535	FITS AIR		16	3,644	TURKISH AIRLINES		17	11,596
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES		9	7,349	FLY DUBAI		9	1,105	US BANGLA AIRLINES		9	3,386
AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES		5	1,688	HISKY EUROPE		2	589	VIRGIN ATLANTIC		12	7,368
AZUR AIR		5	928	HONG KONG AIRLINES		-	236	<i>Note: Air Arabia, Hong Kong Airlines &amp; Icelandair operated 1 flight each in March 2026</i>			
BANGKOK AIRWAYS		7	1,130	ICELANDAIR		-	64				
BATIK AIR		10	2,678	INDIGO		50	13,314				
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES		3	1,584	ITA AIRWAYS		5	3,551				
BEOND		13	685	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES		18	5,771				
BRITISH AIRWAYS		12	7,171	MALDIVIAN		24	6,306				
CENTRUM AIR		3	415	NEOS		8	5,120				
CHINA EASTERN		12	4,278	QATAR AIRWAYS		2	308				
CHONGQING AIRLINES		5	1,641	SAN MARINO EXECUTIVE AVIATION SRL		1	267				



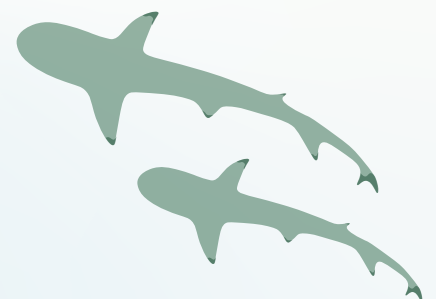
## Third Batch of Standard First Aid Training Concludes



The closing ceremony and certificate handover for the third batch of the Standard First Aid Training Program was held on 9 May 2026 at Cyryx College. A total of 26 participants from resorts across Kaafu, Alif Alif, Alif Dhaalu, Dhaalu, and Baa Atolls successfully completed the three-day training program.



Speaking at the ceremony, Hassan Suwad emphasized the importance of continuously applying and strengthening the knowledge and practical skills gained through the training, both in professional settings and daily life.



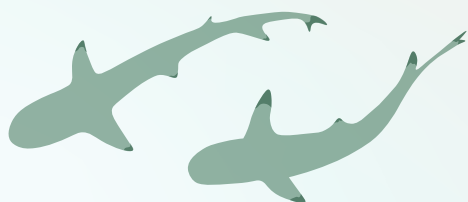
## Maldives Explores Opportunities in Halal Tourism Development



As part of the Government's ongoing efforts to diversify the tourism sector and following the recent announcement of islands allocated for halal tourism development, State Minister Dr. Abdulla Niyaz and State Minister Nashath Rasheed, together with senior officials, met with the International Halal Tourism Organization to discuss potential collaboration in developing the Maldives' halal tourism segment.



The meeting focused on opportunities to work jointly in supporting the growth and development of halal tourism as an emerging market segment in the Maldives.



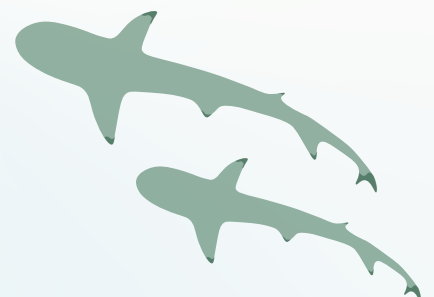
## Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation Highlights Importance of Research-Driven Policy



The Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation Dr. Abdulla Niyaz delivered the keynote address as Chief Guest at the 9th Asia-Euro Conference on Tourism, Hospitality & Gastronomy, where he emphasized the importance of evidence-based policymaking and strengthened collaboration between the Ministry and the research community.



In his remarks, Dr. Niyaz highlighted the role of research and data-driven insights in supporting sustainable tourism development and informed decision-making within the sector.



## Visit Maldives Strengthens Focus on Local Tourism and Adventure Experiences



Visit Maldives Corporation's CEO and Managing Director Ibrahim Shiuree met with Visit Vahmaafushi to discuss opportunities for local tourism development and the promotion of unique tourism experiences in the Maldives.

Discussions highlighted adventure-based tourism activities, including plans to introduce the Maldives' longest zipline, aimed at enhancing visitor experiences and showcasing the diverse attractions of local islands.



## Visit Maldives Corporation and NHGAM to Expand “I AM Maldives” Roadshows Across Europe and CIS Markets

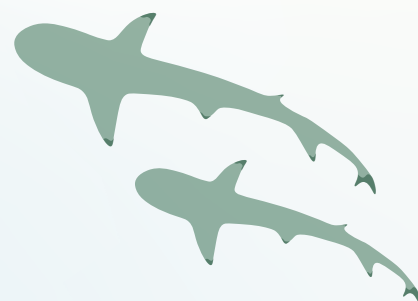


The National Hotels & Guesthouse Association of Maldives (NHGAM) and Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly expand the “I AM Maldives” international roadshow campaign across key source markets in Russia, the CIS region, and Central & Eastern Europe.

The initiative aims to strengthen the Maldives’ presence in emerging and established European markets through targeted destination promotion and engagement with travel trade partners. The roadshows will be conducted in two phases: the first covering Russia and CIS countries in September 2026, and the second across Central and Eastern Europe in November 2026.

The programme will showcase a diverse range of Maldivian tourism offerings, including resorts, guesthouses, diving, family travel, and sustainable tourism experiences. It will also strengthen B2B relationships with tour operators, travel agents, and media to further enhance market connectivity and destination visibility.

Under the agreement, NHGAM will lead overall execution, logistics, and coordination, while VMC will provide official endorsement, branding, and promotional support, reinforcing a coordinated approach to international tourism promotion.



## Visit Maldives CEO Participates in PATA Annual General Meeting 2026 in South Korea



Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC) Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Ibrahim Shiuree participated in the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026, held on 12 May 2026 in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, as part of the PATA Annual Summit 2026.

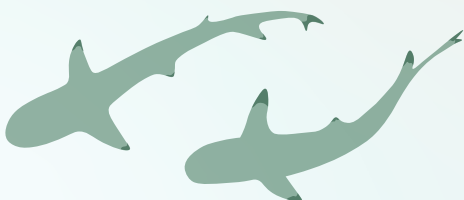


The CEO of VMC, Mr. Ibrahim Shiuree attended the meeting in his capacity as a PATA Board Member, representing the Maldives within one of the region's leading tourism organisations. The AGM brought together tourism leaders from across the Asia-Pacific region to review ongoing activities and discuss strategic priorities, with a focus on sustainable tourism growth, industry collaboration, innovation, and policy development.



The broader summit, held under the theme "Navigating Towards a Resilient Future," convened over 550 delegates from more than 35 destinations and featured discussions on destination resilience, digital transformation, and evolving tourism marketing strategies.

Participation in the AGM reflects the Maldives' continued engagement in regional tourism platforms and its commitment to contributing to collaborative efforts shaping the future of the tourism industry in the Asia-Pacific region.





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