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INTRODUCTION

Tourism Yearbook 2025 is produced and published by the Tourism Research & Statistics Section of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment. This publication briefly presents the overall performance of the tourism industry of the Maldives through 2020 to 2024.

This publication is divided into 5 sections

1. Tourist Accommodation
2. Tourist Arrival Trends
3. Economic Indicators of Tourism
4. Airlines Statistics
5. Additional Tables

Each section provides important data and information. Together, the sections provide a comprehensive picture of tourism in the Maldives.

Maldives - Quick Facts

Country:	Maldives
Location:	Indian Ocean
Area (including sea):	115,300 sq.km
Capital:	Male’
Language:	Dhivehi
Religion:	Islam
Currency:	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)
Exchange Rate:	1 USD=15.42 MVR
Local time:	GMT +5
No. of Atolls:	20
No. of Islands:	1,192
Inhabited Islands:	187
Uninhabited Islands:	837
Resort islands:	176 (operational as of 2024)
Lagoons Resorts (Converted to islands):	8 (operational as of 2022)
Climate:	Tropical
Dry season:	January- April
Wet season:	Mid-May- November
Annual Rainfall:	2,093 mm
Total duration of sunshine:	2,837 hrs
Temperature Average maximum:	31.3 degree celcius
Average minimum:	26.2 degree celcius
Population:	515,132 (census 2022)

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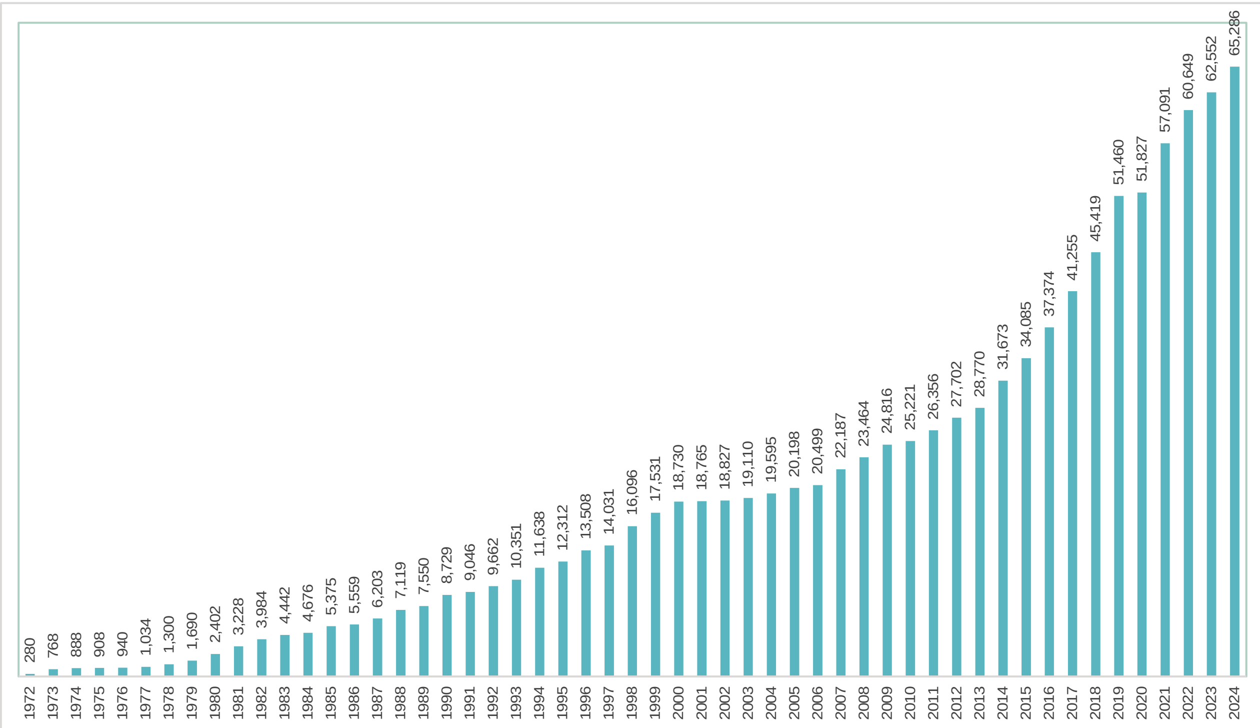
1 TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

1.1 Accommodation Facilities

The Maldives, a tropical archipelago consisting of over a thousand coral islands grouped into 20 atolls in the central Indian Ocean, has been attracting tourists since 1972. Beginning with just 280 beds at the inception of tourism, the industry has since expanded nationwide, reaching an accumulated bed capacity of over 65,286 by the end of 2024. Figure 1 below illustrates the growth in bed capacity over the past five decades.

Figure 1: Bed Capacity of Maldives, 1972-2024



Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

1.1.1 Registered Beds

The Maldives Tourism Act (Law No. 2/99) classifies accommodation facilities into four categories, namely, tourist resorts, hotels, guesthouses, and tourist vessels. All facilities are required to be registered with the Ministry of Tourism and must comply with the regulatory standards and operational guidelines set forth by the Ministry.

Except for hotels, all categories of accommodation recorded significant growth in the number of registered establishments by the end of 2021. In contrast, the hotel segment experienced an approximate 15% decline in registered establishments during the same year. However, from 2022 onwards, both the number of registered establishments and total bed capacity began to increase steadily across all categories.

By the end of 2024, the Maldives recorded a total of 1,275 registered accommodation facilities nationwide, offering a combined 65,286 beds. Tourist resorts continued to dominate the sector, representing 68.5% of total bed capacity, with 44,689 beds across 183 resorts. Guesthouses also maintained a strong presence, accounting for 23.7% of total capacity, with 920 registered guesthouses providing 15,491 beds. Tourist vessels, offering a distinctive liveaboard experience, contributed 4.7% of total bed capacity, with 3,078 beds across 157 vessels.

Table 1: Registered Accommodation Establishments & Bed Capacity, 2020-2024

		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Type of Establishment	Nos	Beds	Nos	Beds	Nos	Beds	Nos	Beds	Nos	Beds
	Resorts / Marinas	159	37,134	167	39,604	172	41,945	180	44,125	183	44,689
	Hotels	13	1,698	11	1,508	13	1,640	14	1,940	15	2,028
Registered	Guest Houses	638	10,343	802	13,040	874	14,146	809	13,657	920	15,491
	Safari Vessels	142	2,652	157	2,939	157	2,918	147	2,830	157	3,078
	Total	**952**	**51,827**	**1,137**	**57,091**	**1,216**	**60,649**	**1,150**	**62,552**	**1,275**	**65,286**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

1.1.2 Operational Beds

Operational bed capacity differs from registered bed capacity, as it excludes tourist accommodations that are temporarily closed for reasons such as renovation, maintenance, or other operational disruptions.

In 2020, the temporary closure of Maldives' borders due to the COVID-19 pandemic led to the suspension of operations across most tourist accommodation facilities. However, following the reopening of borders, the industry demonstrated a steady recovery. By the end of 2020, the Maldives recorded 42,194 operational beds, marking the beginning of a consistent upward trend over the subsequent four years.

By the end of 2024, the Maldives not only recovered but exceeded pre-pandemic levels, recording a total of 63,336 operational beds nationwide (Table 2). The guesthouse segment showed the most notable expansion, registering a 14% year-on-year increase in operational beds compared to 2023—the highest growth among all accommodation categories. Safari vessels and hotels each recorded a 7% increase in operational establishments during the same period.

This overall growth reflects the resilience and adaptability of the Maldives tourism industry, underscoring a strong post-pandemic recovery and sustained expansion of accommodation capacity across the nation.

Table 2: Operational Accommodation Establishments & Bed Capacity, 2020-2024

		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Type of Establishment	Nos	Beds	Nos	Beds	Nos	Beds	Nos	Beds	Nos	Bed
Operational	Resorts / Marinas	140	32,798	161	38,226	168	41,049	176	43,279	173	42,739
	Hotels	11	1,478	10	1,360	13	1,640	14	1,940	15	2,028
	Guest Houses	268	5,388	613	10,716	874	14,146	809	13,657	920	15,491
	Safari Vessels	131	2,530	145	2,858	157	2,918	147	2,830	157	3,078
	Total	**550**	**42,194**	**929**	**53,160**	**1,212**	**59,753**	**1,146**	**61,706**	**1,265**	**63,336**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

1.2 Types of Accomodation Facilities in Maldives

1.2.1 Resorts

Tourist resorts, operating under the Maldives' signature 'one-island-one-resort' concept, continue to captivate visitors with their distinctive offerings and premium services. Accounting for 67% of the country's total bed capacity, the resort segment has maintained a steady growth trajectory over the past five years.

Kaafu Atoll remains the leading contributor, representing 32.8% of total resort bed capacity, followed by Raa Atoll (10.3%) and Alifu Alifu Atoll (10.1%). Between 2023 and 2024, Baa Atoll recorded the most notable year-on-year increase, expanding from 3,362 beds (7.6%) in 2023 to 3,604 beds (8.1%) in 2024, with the addition of 242 new beds.

A total of
44,689
Resort Beds were recorded across the **Maldives** by the end of **2024**

Table 3: *Resort beds by Atolls, 2020-2024*

Atoll	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share
Haa Alifu	394	1.1	394	1.0	446	1.1	446	1.0	448	1.0
Haa Dhaalu	118	0.3	118	0.3	118	0.3	118	0.3	162	0.4
Shaviyani	457	1.2	457	1.2	444	1.1	444	1.0	444	1.0
Noonu	1,436	3.9	2,134	5.4	2,542	6.1	2,542	5.8	2,542	5.7
Raa	3,288	8.9	3,670	9.3	4,146	9.9	4,546	10.3	4,586	10.3
Baa	3,104	8.4	3,120	7.9	3,128	7.5	3,362	7.6	3,604	8.1
Lhaviyani	2,468	6.6	2,774	7.0	2,862	6.8	3,492	7.9	3,492	7.8
Kaafu	12,048	32.4	12,810	32.3	13,954	33.3	14,448	32.7	14,676	32.8
Alifu Alifu	2,224	6.0	2,224	5.6	2,224	5.3	2,224	5.0	2,242	5.0
Alifu Dhaaalu	4,350	11.7	4,350	11.0	4,354	10.4	4,554	10.3	4,534	10.1
Vaavu	614	1.7	694	1.8	694	1.7	794	1.8	794	1.8
Meemu	440	1.2	440	1.1	614	1.5	614	1.4	614	1.4
Faafu	250	0.7	250	0.6	250	0.6	250	0.6	250	0.6
Dhaalu	2,806	7.6	2,860	7.2	2,860	6.8	2,864	6.5	2,864	6.4
Thaa	152	0.4	152	0.4	152	0.4	152	0.3	152	0.3
Laamu	242	0.7	242	0.6	242	0.6	360	0.8	360	0.8
Gaafu Alifu	1,267	3.4	1,279	3.2	1,279	3.0	1,279	2.9	1,289	2.9
Gaafu Dhaalu	550	1.5	550	1.4	550	1.3	550	1.2	550	1.2
Seenu	926	2.5	1,086	2.7	1,086	2.6	1,086	2.5	1,086	2.4
Total	**37,134**	**100.0**	**39,604**	**100.0**	**41,945**	**100.0**	**44,125**	**100.0**	**44,689**	**100.0**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Despite this overall upward trend, several atolls, including Shaviyani and Noonu, recorded declines in their share of representation in resort bed capacity, while Alifu Dhaalu Atoll recorded a marginal decline from 4,554 beds in 2023 to 4,534 beds in 2024.

In 2024, three new resorts with a combined bed capacity of 706 commenced operations, further contributing to the growth in resort capacity. Which include, Soneva Secret (48 beds) in Haa Dhaalu Atoll, Dhipparufushi, Centara Mirage Lagoon Maldives and Centara Grand Lagoon Maldives (504 beds in total) in Kaafu Atoll, and JW Marriott Kaafu Island Resort (154 beds) in Kaafu Atoll, Hathaafinolhu.

The **Maldives** added

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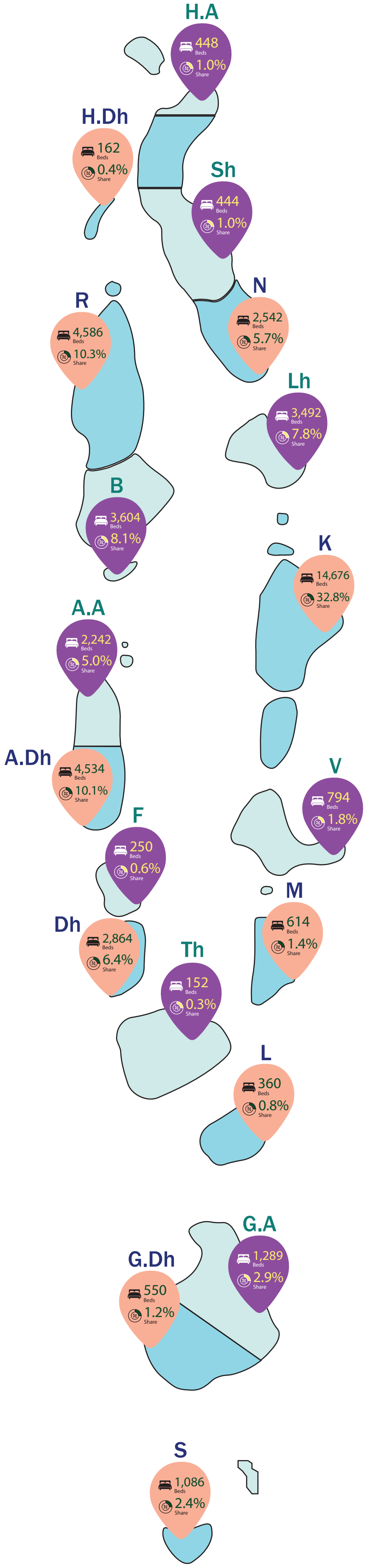
Resort **Beds** in
2024

Figure 2: *Distribution of Resorts in Maldives, 2024*



1.2.2 Hotels

Tourist Hotel are generally located on inhabited or airport islands, serving a mix of transit, business, and short-stay visitors. The hotel segment accounted for approximately 1.7% of the Maldives' total registered tourist bed capacity in 2024, reflecting steady but limited expansion relative to other accommodation categories.

Over the past five years, the hotel segment has remained relatively stable, recording moderate fluctuations in bed capacity. As of end-2024, total hotel bed capacity stood at 2,028 beds, representing a 4.5% year-on-year increase from 1,940 beds in 2023.

Recent market entrants have contributed significantly to sector growth. Ecoboo Maldives and Manhattan Business Hotel, both operational since 2022, have strengthened the midscale and business travel segments. In 2024, two additional hotels commenced operations. These include Stone Hotel Dhiffushi (Kaafu Atoll Dhiffushi, 76 beds, opened January 2024) and Hotel Flora (Malé City, 72 beds, opened October 2024), together adding 148 beds to the national inventory.

***Table 3:** Hotel beds by Atolls, 2020-2024*

	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
Atoll	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share	Beds	% Share
Haa Alifu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haa Dhaalu	104	6.1	104	6.9	128	7.8	128	6.6	128	6.3
Shaviyani	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noonu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raa	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	15.5	300	14.8
Baa	150	8.8	150	9.9	150	9.1	150	7.7	150	7.4
Lhaviyani	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Male'	1,016	59.8	898	59.5	954	58.2	954	49.2	966	47.6
Kaafu	72	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	3.7
Alifu Alifu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alifu Dhaaalu	56	3.3	56	3.7	56	3.4	56	2.9	56	2.8
Vaavu	-	-	-	-	52	3.2	52	2.7	52	2.6
Meemu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faafu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dhaalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thaa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laamu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gaafu Alifu	144	8.5	144	9.5	144	8.8	144	7.4	144	7.1
Gaafu Dhaalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seenu	156	9.2	156	10.3	156	9.5	156	8.0	156	7.7
Total	**1,698**	**100.0**	**1,508**	**100.0**	**1,640**	**100.0**	**1,940**	**100.0**	**2,028**	**100.0**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

1.2.3 Guesthouses

Guesthouses, located on inhabited islands, cater primarily to low- and mid-market tourists, offering visitors the opportunity to experience local culture and authentic island life. This form of accommodation often referred to as "local tourism" has gained significant popularity in recent years, driven by increasing demand for immersive and community-based travel experiences.

By the end of 2024, the Maldives recorded a rapid expansion in this segment, reaching a total of 920 guesthouse establishments with a combined bed capacity of 15,491, dispersed across 117 inhabited islands. This represents a 12.6% year-on-year increase, with 103 new establishments and 1,710 additional beds introduced nationwide during the year.

Comprising Haa Alifu, Haa Dhaalu, Shaviyani, Noonu, Raa, Baa, and Lhaviyani Atolls, the northern region accounts for 13% of total guesthouse bed capacity, with 150 establishments and 1,958 beds. While Baa Atoll leads the region with 74 establishments and 1,126 beds, Haa Alifu and Haa Dhaalu demonstrate balanced growth, with 21 establishments each and 246 and 253 beds, respectively (refer Figure 3.1).

Comprising of Kaafu, Alifu Alifu, Alifu Dhaalu, Vaavu, Meemu, Faafu, and Dhaalu Atolls, the central region dominates the guesthouse sector, representing 80% of total capacity, with 683 establishments and 12,363 beds. Kaafu Atoll remains the largest hub for guesthouses, accounting for 332 establishments and 7,641 beds, largely due to its proximity to Velana International Airport and major tourist transit routes (refer Figure 3.2).

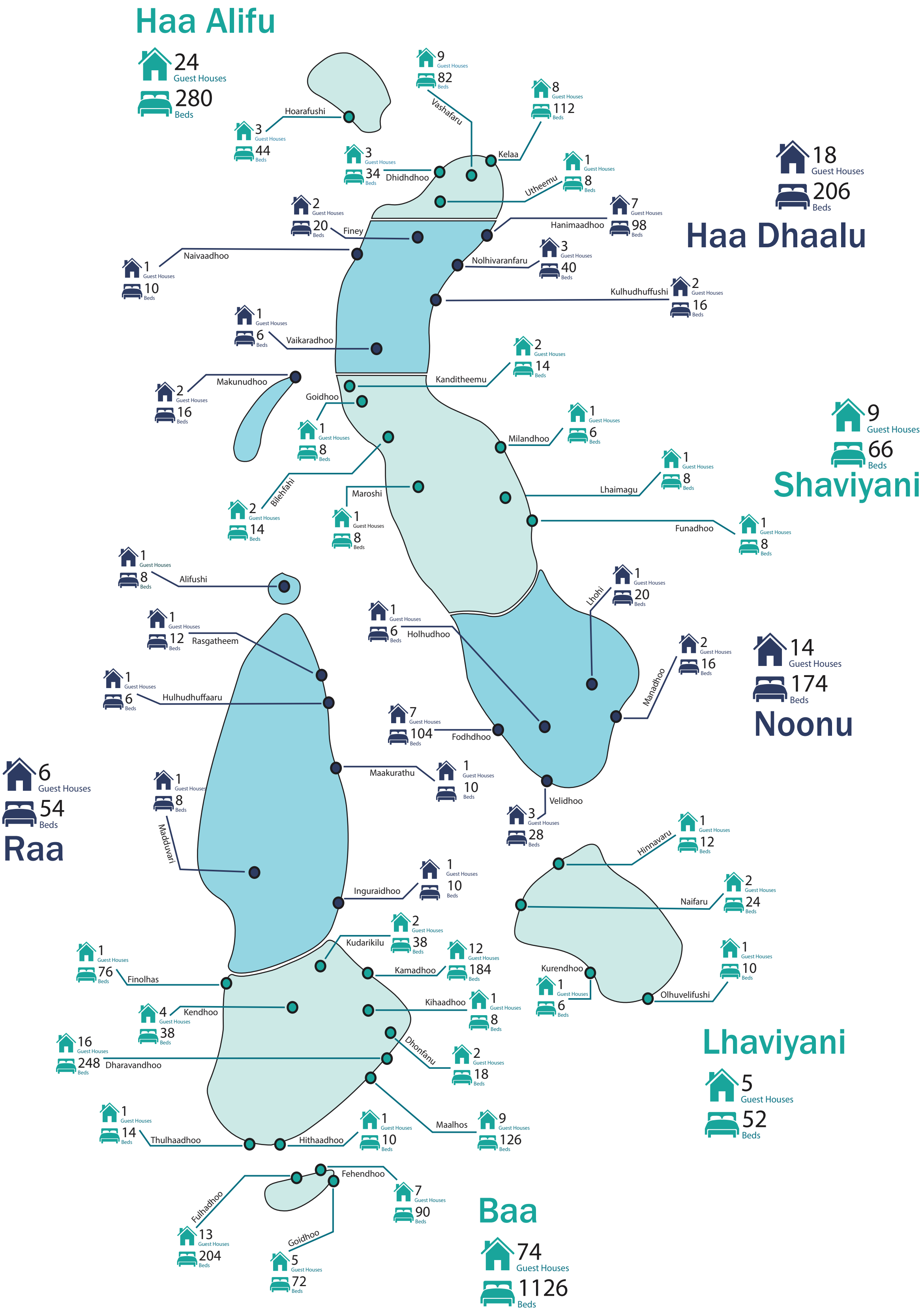
The southern region, comprising of Thaa, Laamu, Gaafu Alifu, Gaafu Dhaalu, Gnaviyani, and Seenu Atolls, accounts for 7% of total guesthouse capacity, with 87 establishments and 1,170 beds. Gnaviyani Atoll leads with 28 establishments and 406 beds, followed by Seenu Atoll with 21 establishments and 310 beds (refer Figure 3.3).

***Table 5:** Guesthouse beds by Atolls, 2022-2024*

Atoll	2022 Beds	2022 % Share	2023 Beds	2023 % Share	2024 Beds	2024 % Share
Haa Alifu	219	1.6	244	1.7	280	1.8
Haa Dhaalu	170	1.2	196	1.4	206	1.3
Shaviyani	48	0.3	68	0.5	66	0.4
Noonu	170	1.2	148	1.1	174	1.1
Raa	60	0.4	46	0.3	54	0.3
Baa	924	6.6	978	7.0	1,126	7.3
Lhaviyani	76	0.5	52	0.4	52	0.3
Kaafu	7,307	52.1	6,981	49.9	7,641	49.3
Alifu Alifu	1,910	13.6	1,894	13.5	2,118	13.7
Alifu Dhaaalu	1,222	8.7	1,314	9.4	1,548	10.0
Vaavu	676	4.8	686	4.9	808	5.2
Meemu	50	0.4	244	1.7	48	0.3
Faafu	86	0.6	86	0.6	96	0.6
Dhaalu	114	0.8	104	0.7	104	0.7
Thaa	70	0.5	64	0.5	100	0.6
Laamu	162	1.2	102	0.7	102	0.7
Gaafu Alifu	100	0.7	86	0.6	126	0.8
Gaafu Dhaalu	122	0.9	108	0.8	126	0.8
Gnaviyani	262	1.9	320	2.3	406	2.6
Seenu	272	1.9	258	1.8	310	2.0
Total	**14,020**	**100.0**	**13,979**	**100.0**	**15,491**	**100.0**

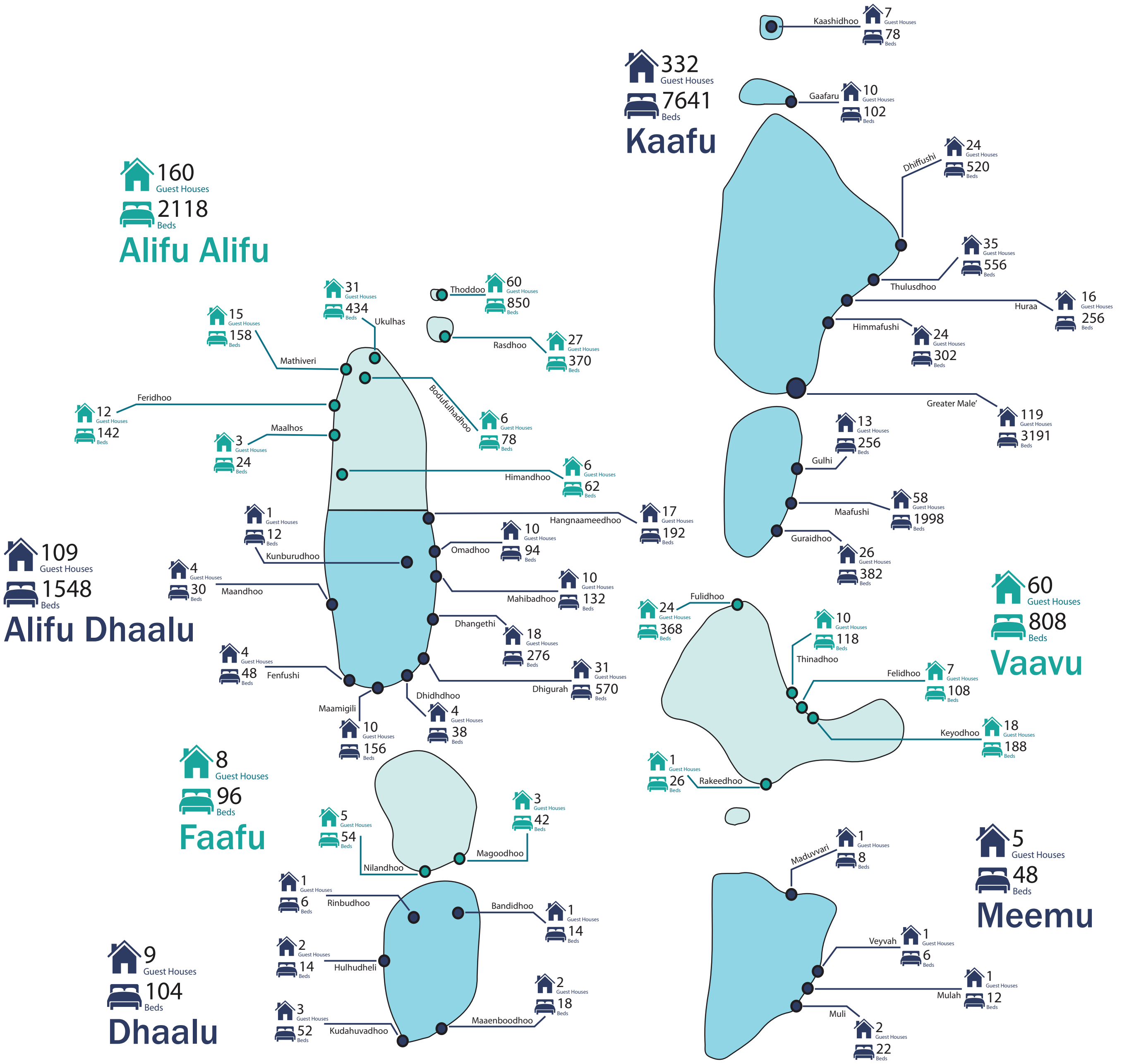
Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Figure 3.1 : Guesthouse Distribution In Northern Atolls & Islands, 2024



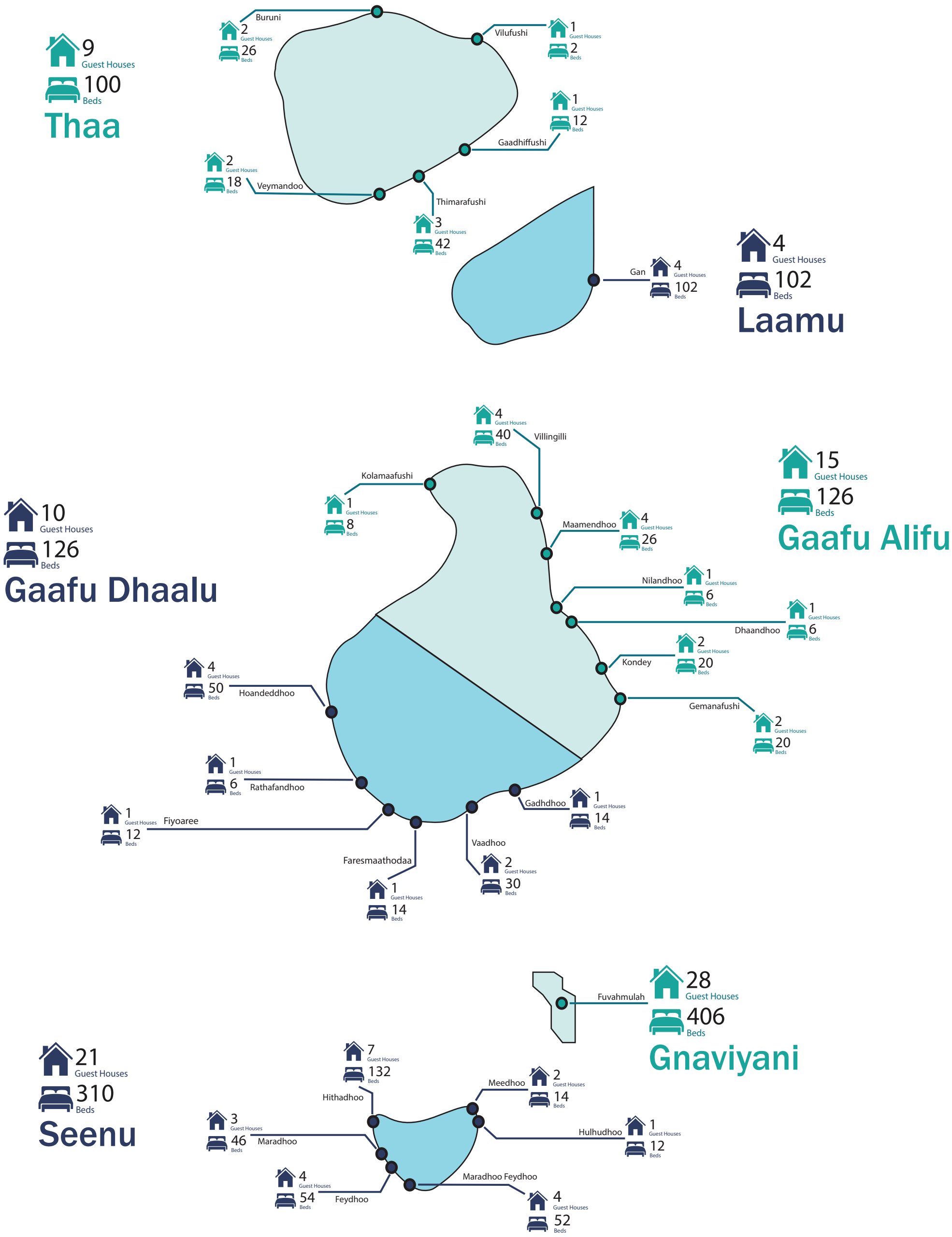
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 3.2 : Guesthouse Distribution in Central Atolls & Islands, 2024



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 3.3 : *Guesthouse Distribution in Southern Atolls & Islands, 2024*



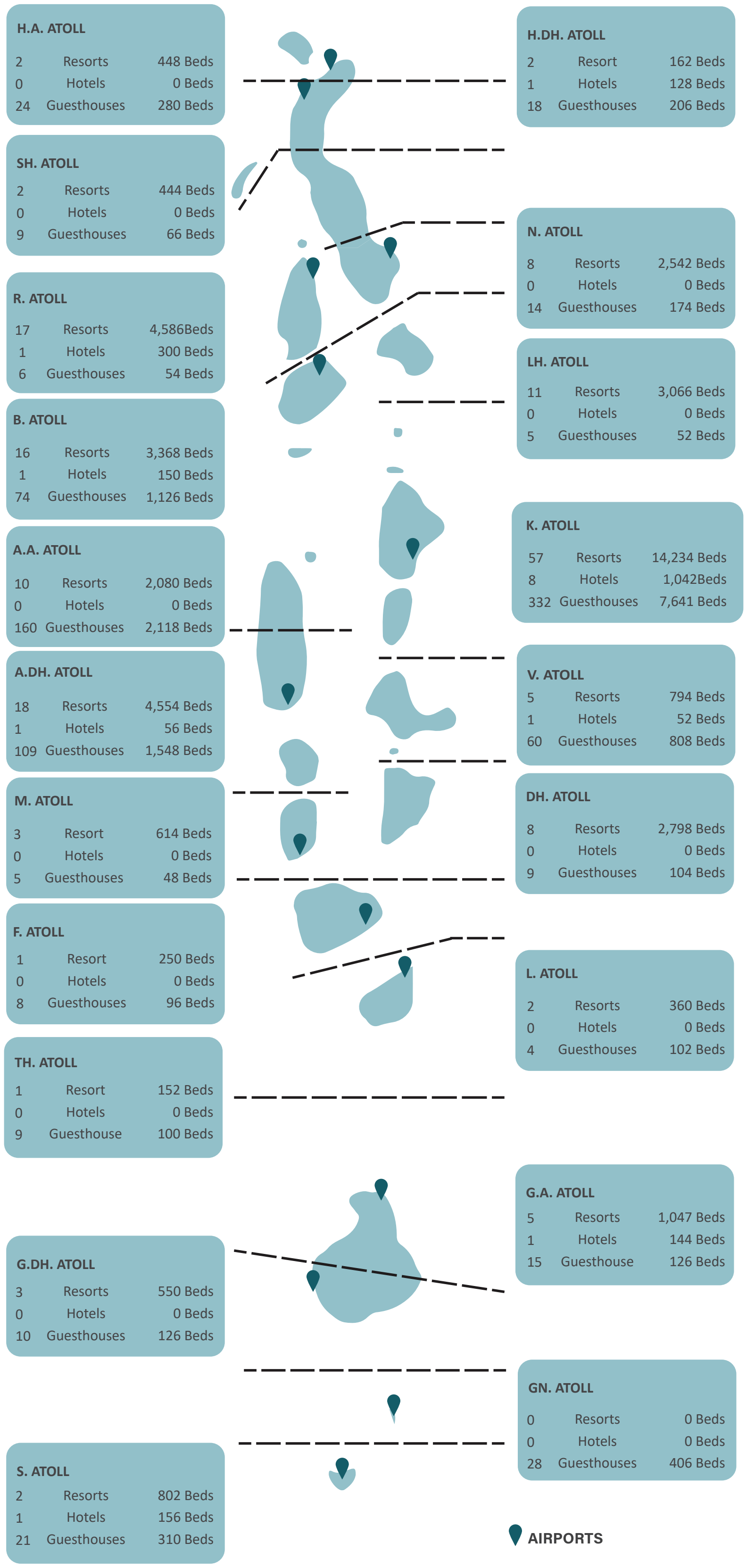
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

1.2.4 Tourist Vessels

Tourist Vessels, commonly known as Safari Vessels, are liveaboard boats that cruise across the Maldives, anchoring at popular dive sites and uninhabited islands. These vessels offer onboard accommodation with full amenities, catering primarily to divers, surfers, and adventure-oriented travelers seeking a mobile and immersive Maldivian experience. The boats are typically equipped with professional diving gear and staffed with certified diving instructors, enabling guests to access some of the country's most remote and pristine marine environments.

In 2024, Safari Vessels accounted for approximately 5% of the Maldives' total tourism bed capacity, with 155 registered vessels offering a combined 3,0782 beds. This represents a 5.4% increase in the number of vessels and a 7.8% increase in bed capacity compared to the previous year, reflecting steady growth in this specialized niche segment of the tourism industry.

Figure 4: *Tourist Facility Distribution by Atolls & Islands, 2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

1.3 Distribution of Accommodation Facilities by Atolls

Tourist accommodation facilities in the Maldives are distributed across all 20 atolls, ensuring nationwide participation in the tourism sector. Eeach atoll hosts at least one registered accommodation facility, whether a resort, hotel, or guesthouse. All atolls, except Gnaviyani Atoll, have at least one resort, while each atoll hosts four or more guesthouse establishments. As of the end of 2024, hotels were operational across seven atolls.

Due to their proximity to Velana International Airport, the majority of accommodation facilities are concentrated in Kaafu Atoll, Ari Atolls (Alifu Alifu and Alifu Dhaalu), and Baa Atoll. As represented in Table 6, Kaafu Atoll continues to dominate the market, accounting for 37.5% of the total bed capacity, equivalent to 23,359 beds. Within Kaafu Atoll, resort beds comprise 63%, guesthouses 33%, and hotels 4% of total capacity.

Alifu Dhaalu Atoll follows with a 9.9% share (6,138 beds). Significant growth was also recorded in Raa Atoll (4,940 beds), Baa Atoll (4,880 beds), and Alifu Alifu Atoll (4,360 beds). In addition, Lhaviyani (3,544 beds), Dhaalu (2,968 beds), and Noonu (2,716 beds) have emerged as key contributors to the expanding geographical distribution of tourism facilities.

The continued diversification of bed capacity across multiple atolls reflects a dynamic and inclusive expansion of tourism infrastructure, promoting broader regional participation and supporting the government's efforts toward balanced tourism development across the Maldives.

***Table 6:** Tourist Facility Distribution by Atolls, 2024*

Atoll	Resorts			Hotels			Guest Houses			Total		
	Nos.	Beds	% Share of Beds	Nos.	Beds	% Share of Beds	Nos.	Beds	% Share of Beds	Nos.	Beds	% Share of Beds
Haa Alifu	2	448	1.0	0	0	-	24	280	1.8	26	728	1.2
Haa Dhaalu	2	162	0.4		128	6.3	18	206	1.3	20	496	0.8
Shaviyani	2	444	1.0	0	0	-	9	66	0.4	11	510	0.8
Noonu	8	2,542	5.7	0	0	-	14	174	1.1	22	2,716	4.4
Raa	17	4,586	10.3	1	300	14.8	6	54	0.3	24	4,940	7.9
Baa	17	3,604	8.1	1	150	7.4	74	1,126	7.3	92	4,880	7.8
Lhaviyani	13	3,492	7.8	0	0	-	5	52	0.3	18	3,544	5.7
Kaafu	60	14,676	32.8	8	1,042	51.4	332	7,641	49.3	400	23,359	37.5
Alifu Alifu	11	2,242	5.0	0	0	-	160	2,118	13.7	171	4,360	7.0
Alifu Dhaaalu	18	4,534	10.1	1	56	2.8	109	1,548	10.0	128	6,138	9.9
Vaavu	5	794	1.8	1	52	2.6	60	808	5.2	66	1,654	2.7
Meemu	3	614	1.4	0	0	-	5	48	0.3	8	662	1.1
Faafu	1	250	0.6	0	0	-	8	96	0.6	9	346	0.6
Dhaalu	9	2,864	6.4	0	0	-	9	104	0.7	18	2,968	4.8
Thaa	1	152	0.3	0	0	-	9	100	0.6	10	252	0.4
Laamu	2	360	0.8	0	0	-	4	102	0.7	6	462	0.7
Gaafu Alifu	6	1,289	2.9	1	144	7.1	15	126	0.8	22	1,559	2.5
Gaafu Dhaalu	3	550	1.2	0	0	-	10	126	0.8	13	676	1.1
Gnaviyani	0	0	-	0	0	-	28	406	2.6	28	406	0.7
Seenu	3	1,086	2.4	1	156	7.7	21	310	2.0	25	1,552	2.5
Total	**183**	**44,689**	**100**	**14**	**2,028**	**100**	**920**	**15,491**	**100**	**1,117**	**62,208**	**100**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

1.4 Capacity and Utilization

Following the disruptions of 2020–2021, the tourism sector demonstrated a strong recovery and sustained growth from 2022 to 2024. National occupancy rates stabilized at approximately 59% in 2024, while total tourist bed nights nearly quadrupled over the five-year period, rising from 3.98 million in 2020 to 13.34 million in 2024 (Refer Table 7).

As resorts continued to dominate the accommodation sector, accounting for 69% of total bed capacity (44,383 beds), and achieving the highest occupancy rates of around 71–72%, contributing 10.96 million bed nights in 2024. The segment recorded a steady growth rate of 7.6%, maintaining its position as the market leader in 2024.

Table 7: *Bed Capacity and Utilization Rate, 2020-2024*

Year	Registered Bed Capacity (end Year)	Bed Capacity in Operation (annual average)	Bed Night Capacity	Tourist Bed Nights –1	Bed Night Growth (%)	Occupancy Rate (%)
2020	**51,827**	**27,745**	**10,094,764**	**3,984,712**	**-62.7**	**25.7**
Resorts	37,134	21,446	7,807,996	3,357,345	-62.7	29.0
Hotels	1,698	1,033	375,864	100,048	-65.0	17.1
Guest Houses	10,343	3,615	1,309,954	408,939	-63.8	18.4
Tourist Vessels	2,652	1,651	600,950	118,381	-57.1	12.6
2021	**54,612**	**48,960**	**17,877,427**	**10,073,404**	**152.8**	**56.1**
Resorts	38,297	36,320	13,259,870	8,602,828	156.2	64.8
Hotels	1,581	1,399	510,560	213,230	113.1	41.9
Guest Houses	11,778	8,484	3,100,316	1,060,727	159.4	33.7
Tourist Vessels	2,955	2,758	1,006,681	196,619	66.1	19.3
2022	**60,649**	**57,281**	**20,907,565**	**12,195,441**	**21.1**	**58.5**
Resorts	41,945	39,798	14,526,270	10,350,102	20.3	71.4
Hotels	1,640	1,539	561,735	202,504	-5.0	36.4
Guest Houses	14,146	13,026	4,754,490	1,384,286	30.5	30.8
Tourist Vessels	2,918	2,918	1,065,070	258,549	31.5	24.2
2023	**62,349**	**61,562**	**22,470,160**	**12,903,434**	**5.8**	**57.4**
Resorts	42,732	41,945	15,309,803	10,124,539	-2.2	66.3
Hotels	1,765	1,765	644,225	224,952	11.1	35.0
Guest Houses	14,767	14,767	5,389,925	2,291,260	65.5	42.7
Tourist Vessels	3,086	3,086	1,126,208	262,683	1.6	23.5
2024	**63,970**	**61,750**	**22,539,730**	**13,340,875**	**3.3**	**59.0**
Resorts	44,383	42,163	15,388,958	10,958,966	7.6	71.0
Hotels	1,999	1,999	729,624	204,641	-9.9	27.9
Guest Houses	14,654	14,654	5,349,895	1,899,533	-20.6	35.4
Tourist Vessels	2,934	2,934	1,071,253	277,735	5.4	26.0

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

The guesthouse segment remained the fastest-growing category, with capacity expanding by 41% between 2020 and 2024 to reach 14,654 beds. However, a -20.6% contraction in 2024 and lower occupancy rates (30–35%) reflected increasing market pressures, despite contributing 1.9 million bed nights.

The hotel category maintained a stable presence with approximately 2,000 beds, though a decline in occupancy was observed in 2024, generating 204,641 bed nights in 2024.

Meanwhile, Tourist Vessels (liveaboards) continued to represent a specialized niche segment, with capacity increasing by 11% to 2,934 beds. Despite low occupancy rates of 23–26%, the segment recorded 5.4% growth in 2024 and contributed 277,735 bed nights, underscoring its continuing role in supporting adventure-based and experiential tourism.

***Table 8:** Capacity Utilization Rates of Accommodation Establishments and Average Duration of Stay, 2020-2024*

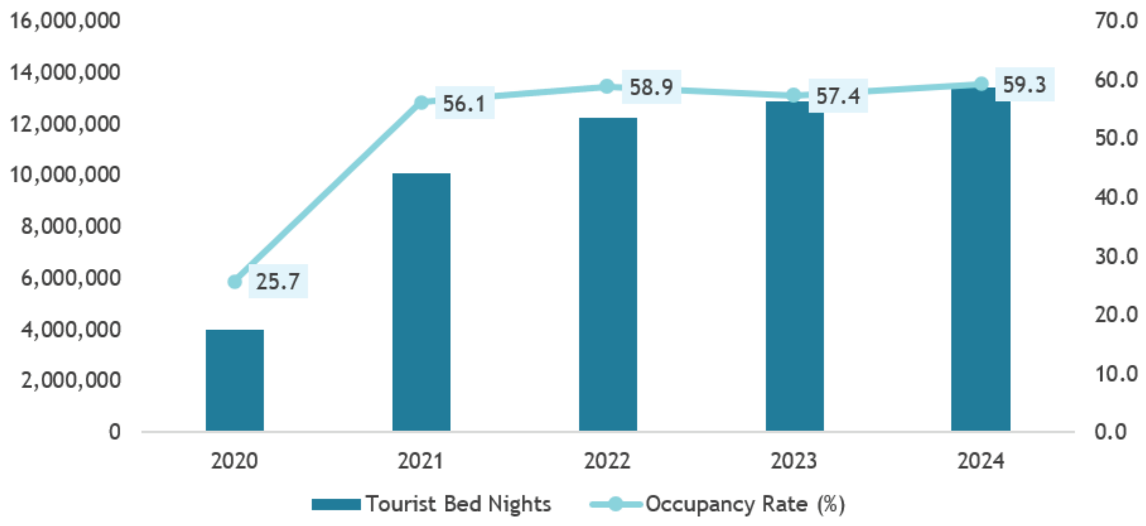
Month	2020 Occupancy (%)	2020 Avg. Stay (Days)	2021 Occupancy (%)	2021 Avg. Stay (Days)	2022 Occupancy (%)	2022 Avg. Stay (Days)	2023 Occupancy (%)	2023 Avg. Stay (Days)	2024 Occupancy (%)	2024 Avg. Stay (Days)
January	72.7	6.6	61.3	9.2	68.6	9.0	71.8	8.1	71.6	7.9
February	69.1	6.8	60.1	8.8	72.6	8.6	73.3	8.0	81.3	7.8
March	35.6	9.4	60.8	8.7	67.2	8.0	66.2	7.8	70.8	8.0
April	3.8	9.4	51.5	9.3	65.3	8.1	64.0	7.6	64.1	7.6
May	5.2	86.8	40.3	9.1	48.2	7.2	43.8	7.2	44.2	7.3
June	2.5	42.3	32.1	9.0	45.1	7.7	43.4	7.1	39.6	7.2
July	8.1	14.1	50.9	9.1	55.2	8.3	47.6	7.7	56.2	7.7
August	12.0	9.3	64.9	9.6	58.8	8.3	57.5	7.5	61.7	7.7
September	9.9	9.5	48.3	8.1	45.8	7.8	45.1	7.2	44.9	6.9
October	16.8	9.6	63.7	8.3	58.4	7.7	55.7	7.5	58.4	6.7
November	24.9	8.9	68.8	8.0	59.5	7.7	60.6	7.6	52.9	6.7
December	47.7	9.1	71.1	8.4	62.1	7.8	59.5	7.7	65.8	7.0
Annual Average	25.7	7.2	56.1	8.7	58.9	8.0	57.4	7.6	59.3	7.4

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Maldives has maintained a consistent seasonality over the years, as seen in table 8. Peak occupancy period lasts from November to March while low season runs from May to July. The peak period was complimented by the festive season in Europe and was further enhanced by the Chinese New Year holidays, until the year 2020 when Chinese arrivals came to a halt due to the pandemic. Within the past 5 years, Maldives has had an average annual occupancy rate of 51.4% despite the pandemic drop.

The taverage duration of stay pre-pandemic, was recorded to be 6 in the Maldives. Despite falling behind 2021's peak average of 8.7 days, the data reflects ongoing stability over the past years, with an average of 7.4 days as average duration of stay at the end of 2024.

***Figure 5:** Tourist Bed Nights Vs. Occupancy Rate, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

2 TOURIST ARRIVALS

2.1 Global Tourist Arrivals

According to UN Tourism's World Tourism Barometer (May, 2025) 1.5 billion international tourist arrivals were recorded globally during the year 2024, representing a 12.2% increase compared to 2023. This growth was driven by sustained post-pandemic travel demand, strong performance in major source markets, improved air connectivity, enhanced visa facilitation, and the continued recovery of destinations in Asia and the Pacific.

Regionally, all regions recorded positive growth in 2024, led by Asia and the Pacific (+33.7%), followed by Africa (+13.5%), while Europe and the Americas continued to register steady growth. Europe welcomed 756 million international arrivals, marginally surpassing 2019 levels, supported by robust intra-regional travel. Middle East remained the strongest-performing region when compared to 2019, with international arrivals climbing 32% above pre-pandemic levels in 2024, though 8% compared to 2023.

At the destination level, the Maldives was highlighted as recording the highest growth in the region, with arrivals 20% above pre-pandemic levels, followed by Japan (+16%), Fiji (+10%), and Sri Lanka (+7%). On a year-on-year basis.

Looking ahead, the UNWTO Panel of Experts projects a robust outlook for international tourism in 2025, with a high likelihood of fully returning to pre-pandemic arrival levels. Global international tourist arrivals are expected to grow by a further 3% to 5% in 2025, reinforcing confidence in the sector's continued recovery and resilience.

Table 9: *International Tourist Arrivals, 2020-2024*

	(in millions)					% Change	% Share
	2020	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**(2024/2023)**	**2024***
Europe	240.8	302.8	610.7	710.2	755.7	6.4	51.6
Asia & the Pacific	59.0	26.5	92.7	237.4	317.5	33.7	21.7
Americas	69.7	81.7	157.1	200.2	216.6	8.2	14.8
Africa	18.9	19.9	47.2	65.1	73.9	13.5	5.0
Middle East	19.4	30.5	68.0	93.4	101.2	8.4	6.9
World	408	461	976	1,306	1,465	12.1	100

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Adapted from UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, May 2025 Edition

2.2 Maldives Arrival Trends

The Maldives recorded a significant increase in tourist arrivals in 2024, welcoming a total of 2,046,615 visitors. This achievement marked a major milestone for the country, as it surpassed 2 million arrivals in a single year for the first time, representing an 8.9% increase compared to 2023. The strong performance in 2024 reflects sustained global travel demand, improved air connectivity, and the continued recovery of key source markets, particularly in Asia and Europe.

Following the sharp decline in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maldivian tourism sector demonstrated a resilient and accelerated recovery. By 2023, tourist arrivals had already exceeded pre-pandemic levels, reaching approximately 1.8 million visitors. This positive momentum continued into 2024, with arrivals increasing by around 20% compared to 2019.

On a monthly basis, tourist arrivals in 2024 showed a consistent upward trend from January to April when compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, indicating strong early-year demand. Although May recorded a marginal decline of 0.9% compared to May 2023, the overall performance still reflects a recovery trend. Notably, May 2023 had experienced a larger decline of 3.6% compared to 2022. The slight decrease observed in May 2024 can largely be attributed to seasonal factors, as it falls within the traditional low season for tourism in the Maldives, rather than to a weakening of demand.

Table 10: *Tourist Arrivals to the Maldives by Month, 2020-2024*

	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Arrivals	Growth %	Arrivals	Growth %	Arrivals	Growth %	Arrivals	Growth %	Arrivals	Growth %
January	173,347	14.4	92,103	-46.9	131,765	43.1	172,499	30.9	192,385	11.5
February	149,785	-11.2	96,882	-35.3	149,011	53.8	177,915	19.4	217,392	22.2
March	59,630	-63.4	109,585	83.8	150,748	37.6	173,514	15.1	194,227	11.9
April	13	-100.0	91,200	N/A	145,282	59.3	164,357	13.1	168,366	2.4
May	41	-100.0	64,613	N/A	125,528	94.3	120,959	-3.6	119,875	-0.9
June	1	-100.0	56,166	N/A	110,885	97.4	120,363	8.5	123,284	2.4
July	1,752	-98.7	101,818	5711.5	133,561	31.2	145,620	9.0	167,528	15.0
August	7,636	-94.5	143,599	1780.6	131,863	-8.2	154,854	17.4	176,175	13.8
September	9,605	-91.8	114,896	1096.2	111,986	-2.5	130,967	16.9	132,795	1.4
October	21,515	-84.8	142,066	560.3	153,737	8.2	159,141	3.5	172,621	8.5
November	35,757	-74.1	144,725	304.7	146,886	1.5	163,658	11.4	172,987	5.7
December	96,412	-43.7	164,284	70.4	184,051	12.0	194,696	5.8	208,980	7.3
Total	**555,494**	**-67.4**	**1,321,937**	**138.0**	**1,675,303**	**26.7**	**1,878,543**	**12.1**	**2,046,615**	**8.9**

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment
Data provided by Maldives Immigration

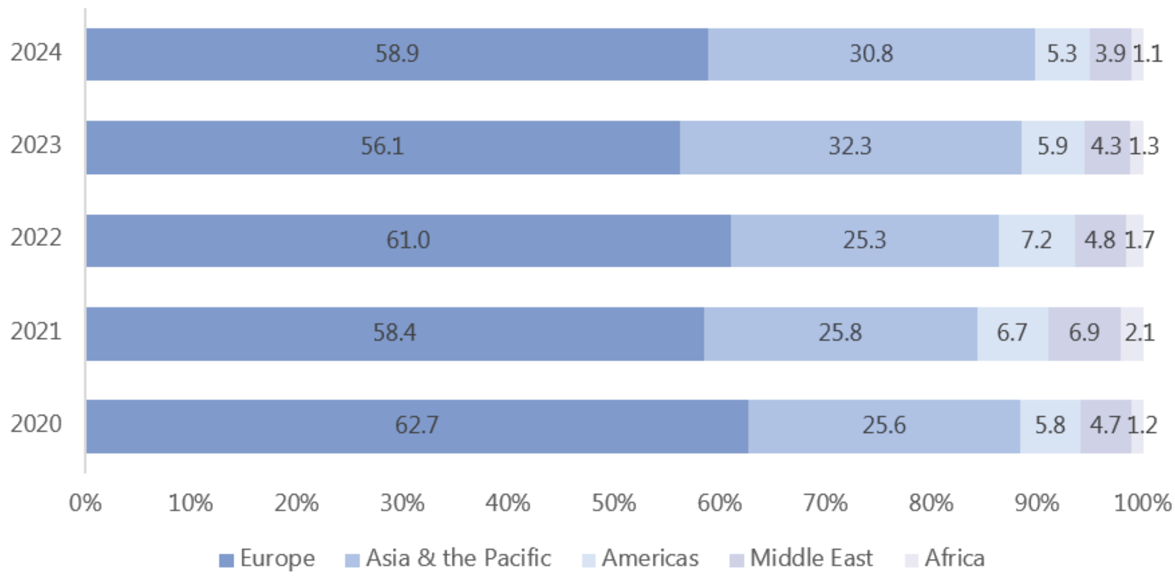
2.3 Tourist Arrival by Regions

The regional market share of the Maldivian tourism industry is led by Europe, by dominating the market from 2020 till 2024 with minimal deviation. The year 2020 marked the European market's peak, with a percentage share at 62.7%, upholding the market with 58.9% by the end of 2024. This shows the strong appeal of the Maldives to European travelers, who have remained a stable and important market for the country's tourism industry.

The Asia & the Pacific region has recorded ongoing growth within the past five years. In 2020, the market share for Asia & the Pacific region was at 25.6%, which increased by 5.2% by the end of 2024 reaching a total share percentage of 30.8%, making them the second largest contributor to the Maldives tourism industry.

Other regions such as the Americas, the Middle East, and Africa, have experienced a decline, despite earlier indicators of sustained growth. In comparison to 2020, Americas have decreased from 5.8% to 5.3% by 2024, though they peaked in 2021 and 2022 at 6.7% and 7.2% respectively. The Middle East market dropped by 3% within the span of 4 years, with a total share of 6.9% in 2021 to 3.9% in 2024. While, Africa has maintained the lowest position throughout the period with slight variations, from 1.2% in the year 2020, to 1.1% in the year 2024.

Figure 6: *Market Share by Regions, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

2.4 Top 10 Markets

Compared to the 2023, the ranking of the top ten markets has slightly shifted in 2024. China rose from ranking 3rd in 2023 to leading the market with a total of 263,042 arrivals accounting for 12.9% of the total market share by the end of 2024. Russia followed closely with an 11% market share and a total arrival figure of 224,699, maintain their ranking at 2 with slight increment in arrivals.

The United Kingdom, Germany, and Italy each rose by one rank, advancing from 4th,5th and 6th to 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively. The UK at third position, accounts to 8.8% of the total market share with 180,455 arrivals. Germany maintained their position in between the UK and Italy with 156,208 arrivals in 2024. Italy saw a 0.8% increase in market share with total 144,214 arrivals by the end of year. From leading the market in 2022 and 2023, India experienced a downturn, landing at 6th position in 2024. A dramatic decrease from 11.1% market share to 6.4%, with a total of 130,328 arrivals for the year 2024.

The bottom quartet positions (rankings 7 to 10), USA, France, Spain, and Switzerland remained constant with marginal differences in market share. The USA recorded 69,521 arrivals in 2024, with a 0.6% decrease in market share when compared to 2023. France, Spain, and Switzerland each maintained relatively stable market shares, with France contributing 54,352 arrivals, Spain 47,648, and Switzerland 40,772 by the end of 2024.

Table 11: *Tourist Arrivals & Market Share of Top Ten Markets to the Maldives, 2020-2024*

Rank 2024	Country	2024 Arrivals	2024 Market Share (%)	Rank 2023	2023 Arrivals	2023 Market Share (%)
1	China	187,125	12.9	3	187,125	14.4
2	Russia	209,146	11	2	209,146	12.1
3	United Kingdom	155,994	8.9	4	155,994	8.3
4	Germany	135,091	8	5	135,091	10.7
5	Italy	118,525	7.1	6	118,525	8.0
6	India	209,193	6	1	209,193	5.8
7	U.S.A	74,838	3.4	7	74,838	4.8
8	France	49,201	3	8	49,201	2.9
9	Spain	40,461	2.3	9	40,461	2.5
10	Switzerland	37,258	2	10	37,258	2.1
Total		1,216,832	59.5		1,216,832	64.8
Total Arrivals to the Maldives		2,046,615			1,878,543	

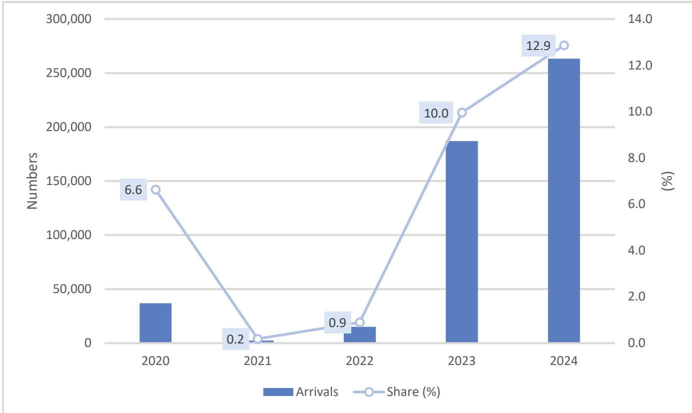
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

2.4.1 China

The Chinese market experienced major changes between 2019 and 2024. In 2019, the Chinese accounted for 17.6% market, with an arrival figure of 299,001 tourists, however, the COVID pandemic in 2020 caused the arrival rates to decline dramatically to 36,873 - a decrease of 87.7%. This downturn continued into 2021, with arrivals dropping to just 2,424, marking a 93.4% decline from the previous year.

Following the reduction of travel restrictions in 2022, there was a substantial increase in growth of Chinese arrivals by 519.8% in comparison to 2021. The prolonged impact of the pandemic on Chinese outbound tourism was evident despite the substantial increase as the market share remained at 0.9%.

Figure 7: *Growth Trends and Market Share of China, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

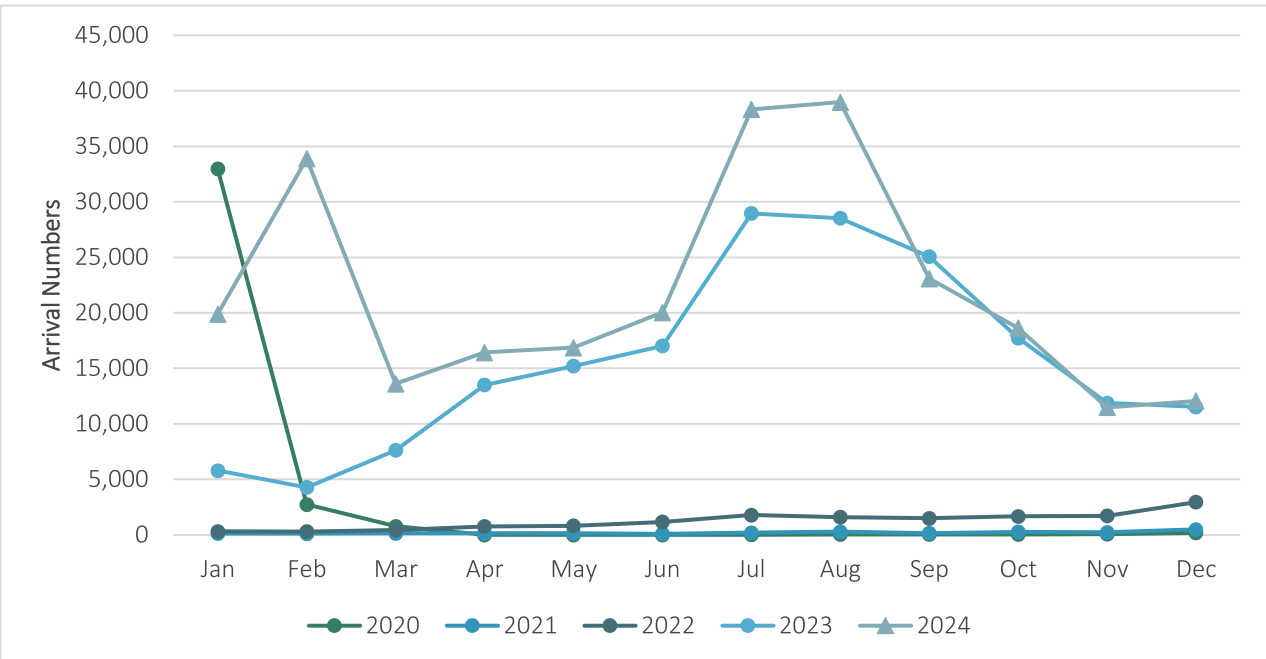
Table 12: *Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of Chinese Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	36,873	2,424	15,023	187,125	263,340
Growth (%)	-87.7	-93.4	519.8	1,145.6	40.7

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

The Chinese market made a dramatic comeback in 2024 by leading the market, with a total 263,340 arrivals and owned 12.9% market share. It is to note that Chinese market has grown after the pandemic, slowly reaching the pre-pandemic figures in arrivals. The data highlights the resilience and potential of the Chinese market, emphasizing its importance to the tourism industry of Maldives.

Figure 8: *Monthly Arrivals from China, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

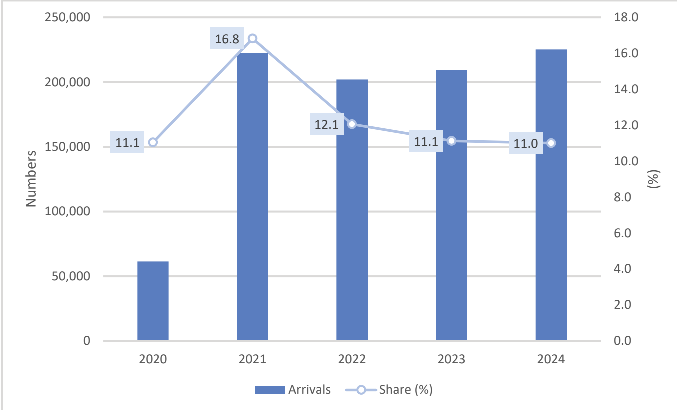
2.4.2 Russia

Russia has maintained its second position in the top 10 market share chart for three consecutive years, from 2022 to 2024. In 2019, the Russian market accounted for 17.5% of the total market share, however the COVID-19 pandemic led to a -26.4% decline with a total arrival figure of 61,387 in 2020. Following the pandemic, the figure doubled to 222,422 in 2021 acquiring a total share of 16.8% in the market, and with slight deviations, sustained a steady course in subsequent years.

Based on the data from recent years, it is evident that the market is trending upward. Despite the -9.2% decrease in growth rates in 2022 compared to 2021, by the end of 2024, the Russian market accounts for 11% of the market with total 225,204 arrivals recorded.

As shown in figure 9, the seasonality of Russian market remained very firm over the years. January and December are the peak months for the Russian market.

Figure 9: *Growth Trends and Market Share of Russia, 2020-2024*



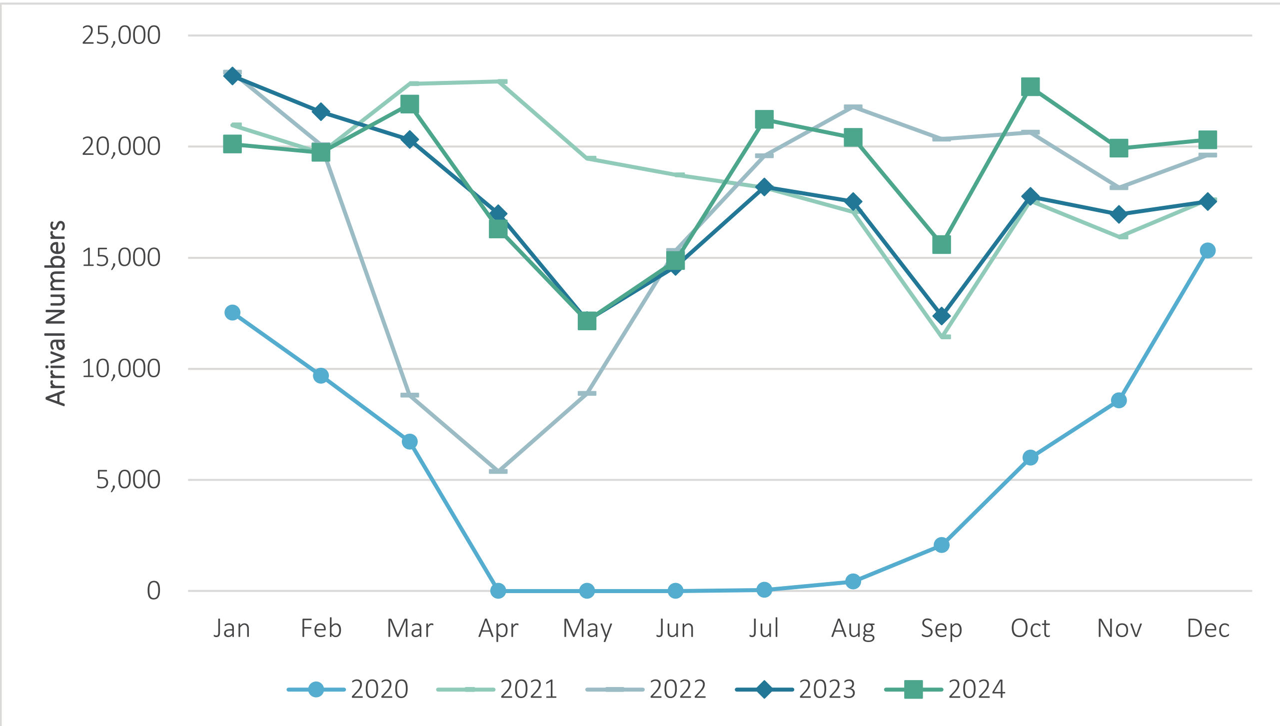
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Table 13: *Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of Russian Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	61,387	222,422	201,954	209,146	225,204
Growth (%)	-26.4	262.3	-9.2	3.6	7.7

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 10: *Monthly Arrivals from Russia, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

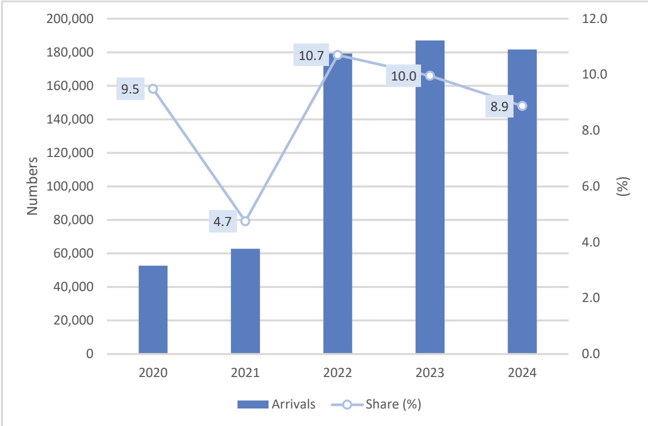
2.4.3 United Kingdom (U.K)

The British market experienced notable shifts over the past 5 years. In 2020, the market contracted by-58.2%, followed by a gradual recovery in 2021 and a robust rebound reaching a 185.6% increase in 2022. Though the upward trend continued throughout 2023, 2024 saw a minor downturn of-2.9% growth rate. Yet, the overall figure remained comparatively resilient.

In 2022, the British market rebounded strongly with 179,311 arrivals, from 52,720 in 2020 and 62,777 in 2021. By year's end, it achieved a 10.7% market share, marking the highest figure observed between 2019 and 2024. The recovery was likely driven by policy shifts in travel accessibility and increased demand for international mobility.

The arrival rate maintained its growth trend by 2023, reaching 187,125 arrivals, an increase of 4.4% compared to 2022. However, in 2024, both the market share and arrival figures registered a modest decline relative to the previous year. In 2024, the total arrivals recorded was 181,645 with a total market share of 8.9%. Overall, the British market has demonstrated commendable resilience and recovery following the pandemic, marked by strong post-pandemic growth and maintaining stability thereafter, even amidst subtle fluctuations.

Figure 11: *Growth Trends and Market Share of United Kingdom (U.K), 2020-2024*



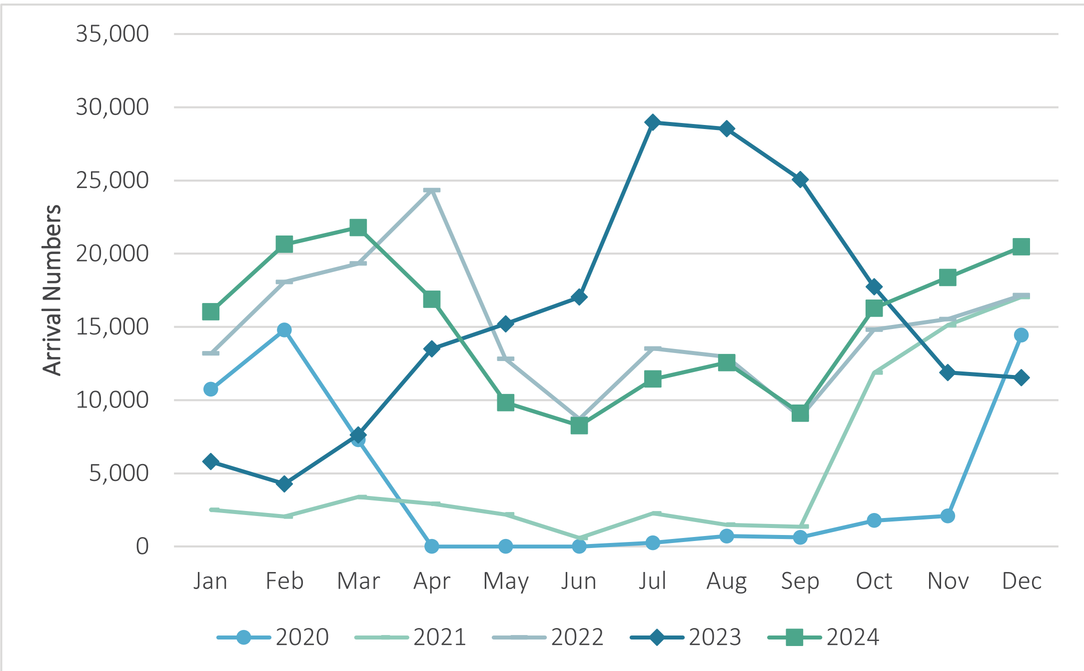
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Table 14: *Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of United Kingdom (U.K) Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	52,720	62,777	179,311	187,125	181,645
Growth (%)	-58.2	19.1	185.6	4.4	-2.9

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 12: *Monthly Arrivals from United Kingdom, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

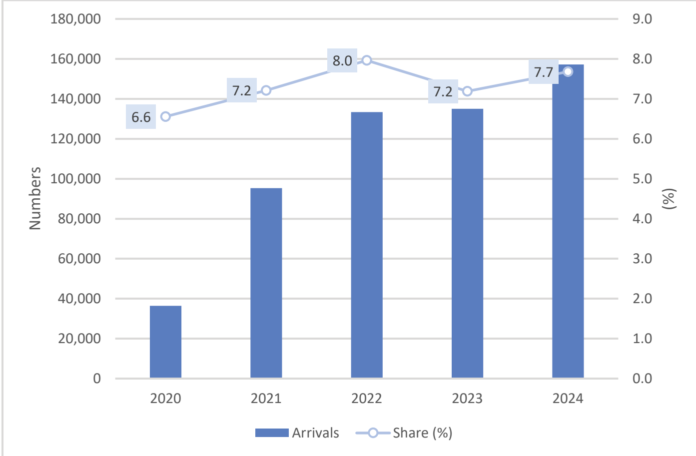
2.4.4 Germany

The German market has experienced modest fluctuations over the 2019-2024 period. The COVID pandemic in 2020 led to a steep decline with only 36,435 arrivals, a-71.1% decrease in comparison to 126,199 arrivals in 2019 withholding a market share of 7.4%. Despite the downturn, the German market's total share only experienced a slight decrease to 6.6% in 2020, indicating relative stability throughout the period of the pandemic.

By 2021, the German market entered a phase of recovery with arrivals improving by 161.7%, restoring its market share to 7.2%. This rebound was largely influenced by the increased demand for international travel and the ease of travel ban following the pandemic. Growth momentum continued with arrivals rising to 133,432 in 2022 and 135,091 in 2023, respectively market share peaking in 2022 at 8%.

In 2024, the upward trend remained visible, with arrivals reaching 157,246, reflecting a 16.4% increase over the previous year. The market share saw a modest rise to 7.7% compared to 2023, indicating Maldives's strong positioning amongst the German market.

***Figure 13:** Growth Trends and Market Share of Germany 2020-2024*



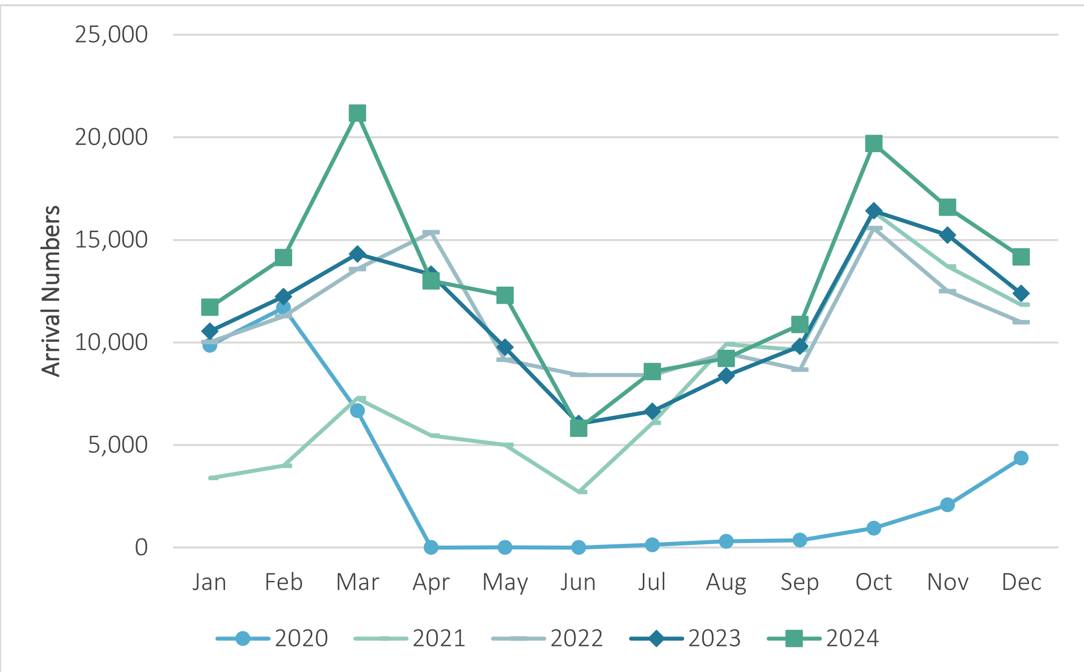
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

***Table 15:** Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of German Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	36,435	95,358	133,432	135,091	157,246
Growth (%)	-72.3	161.7	39.9	1.2	16.4

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

***Figure 14:** Monthly Arrivals from Germany, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

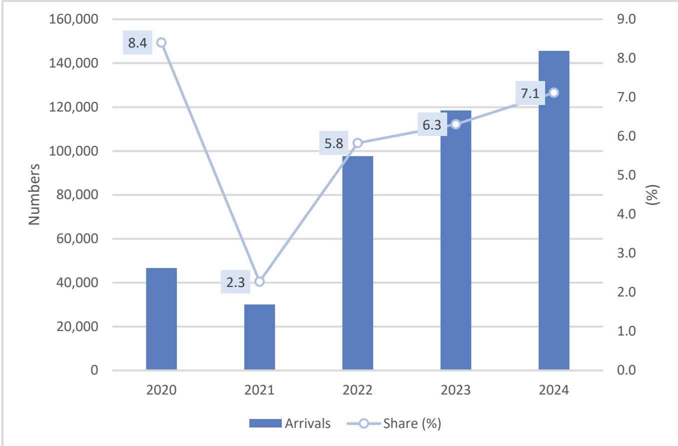
2.4.5 Italy

The Italian market saw considerable fluctuations in arrivals between 2019 and 2024. In 2019, there were 136,343 Italian visitors, representing 8% of the market share. The pandemic in 2020 caused arrivals to drop significantly, by -65.8% (46,690), though the market share increased slightly to 8.4%, indicating a relative stability compared to other markets.

The situation worsened in 2021, with arrivals falling further to 30,068, a -41.5% decline from the previous year, and the market share dropped to 2.1%. However, 2022 marked a dramatic recovery, with arrivals surging by 257.5% growth rate with 97,627 total arrivals, resulting in a market share of 5.8%.

By 2023, the Italian market continued its positive trend, with arrivals increasing by 21.4% with 118,525 total arrivals. The market share rose to 6.3%, reflecting the ongoing recovery. By the end of 2024, Italy has been showing positive growth with slight change of growth rate to 22.9% with a total of 145,672 arrivals and a market share of 7.1%, taking the fifth place in the market share. Despite the initial setbacks, the Italian market demonstrated resilience and a strong comeback, contributing significantly to the overall tourist arrivals.

Figure 15: *Growth Trends and Market Share of Italy, 2020-2024*



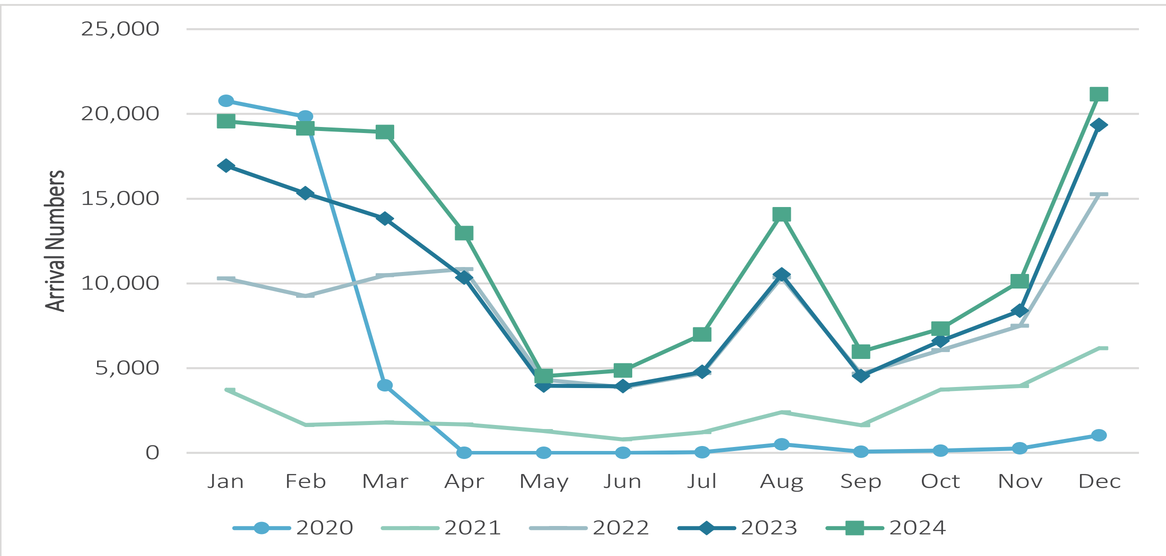
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Table 16: *Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of Italy Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	46,690	30,068	97,627	118,525	145,672
Growth (%)	-65.8	-41.5	257.5	21.4	22.9

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 16: *Monthly Arrivals from Italy, 2020-2024*



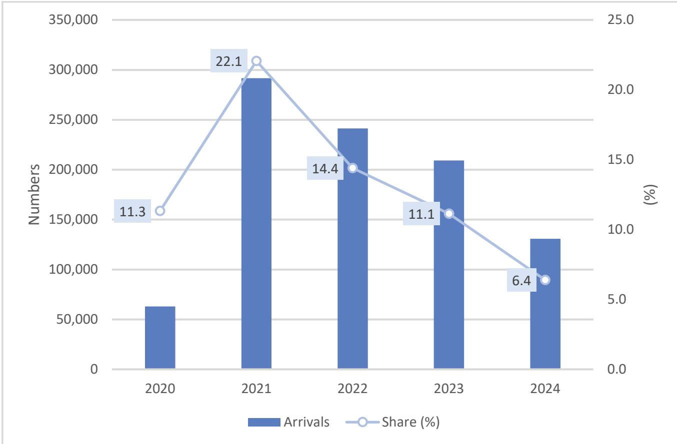
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

2.4.6 India

Indian tourist arrivals to the Maldives have experienced notable changes over the past six years. In 2019, India contributed 166,030 arrivals, accounting for 9.7% of the total market share due to increased flight connections between India and Maldives. However, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a sharp decline in arrivals to 62,960, a 62.1% decline in growth rates. This changed drastically in 2021, with arrivals surging to 291,787, marking an impressive growth of 363.4% and the market share peaking at 22.1%. This resurgence highlighted India's significant role in the recovery of Maldivian tourism post-pandemic.

Although, the upward trend did not continue. In 2022 arrivals fell to 241,382, marking a 17.3% decrease from the previous year, and the market share dropped to 14.4%. The downward trend continued into 2023, with arrivals further declining to 209,193, a 13.3% decrease compared to the previous year. In the year 2024, India kept declining with a total arrival of 130,805, and a growth rate of-37.5% compared to 2023. In the year 2024, India held the sixth place with a total of 6.6% of the market share. Despite these fluctuations, India has remained an important market for the Maldives.

Figure 17: *Growth Trends and Market Share of India, 2020-2024*



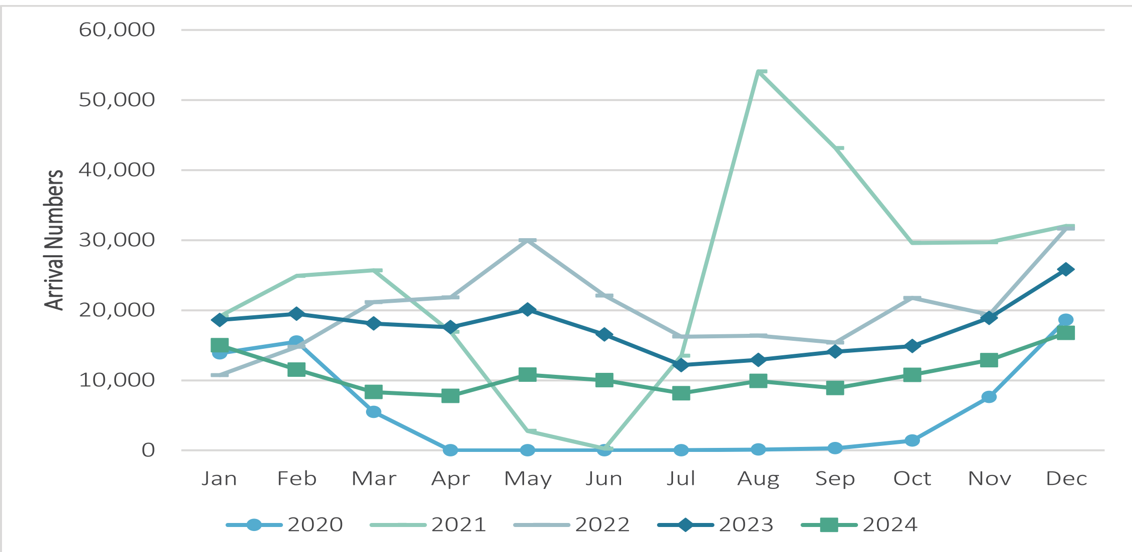
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Table 17: *Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of Indian Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	62,960	291,787	241,382	209,193	130,805
Growth (%)	-62.1	363.4	-17.3	-13.3	-37.5

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 18: *Monthly Arrivals from India, 2020-2024*



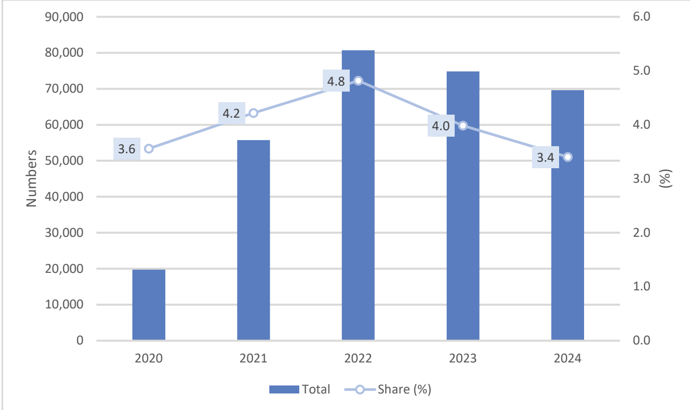
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

2.4.7 United States of America (U.S.A)

The American market experienced significant fluctuations from 2019 to 2024. In 2019, the Maldives welcomed 54,474 American visitors, contributing to 3.2% of the market share. However, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 caused a sharp decline, with arrivals dropping by 63.7% to 19,759. Despite the decrease in numbers, the market share saw a slight increase to 3.6%, indicating relative stability compared to other markets.

In 2021, the American market made a strong recovery, with arrivals soaring by 182.2% to 55,760, as travel restrictions eased and interest in international travel resumed. This growth brought the market share up to 4.2%. The upward trend continued into 2022, with arrivals increasing by 44.7% to 80,697, further boosting the market share to 4.8%, highlighting the Maldives' growing appeal to American travelers.

***Figure 19:** Growth Trends and Market Share of U.S.A, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

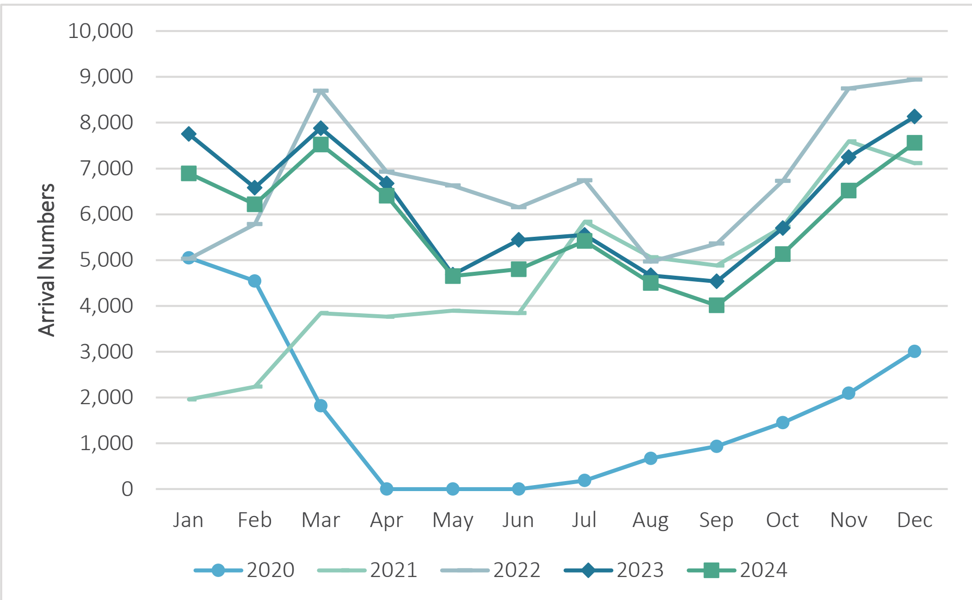
***Table 18:** Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of American Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	19,759	55,760	80,697	74,838	69,620
Growth (%)	-63.7	182.2	44.7	-7.3	-7.0

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

However, in 2023, the market saw a slight decline, with arrivals decreasing by 7.3% to 74,838, and the market share adjusting to 4.0%. This decline has reflected in the year 2024 as well, with a decline of -7.0% in growth rate and a total of 69620 arrivals, compared to the year 2023. This has shown a decrease in market share to 3.4% in the year 2024. Although the American market is facing minor setbacks, this market has a significant impact in the tourism industry of the Maldives, with it holding the 7th place in the market, demonstrating resilience and continued interest from American tourists.

***Figure 20:** Monthly Arrivals from United States of America (U.S.A), 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

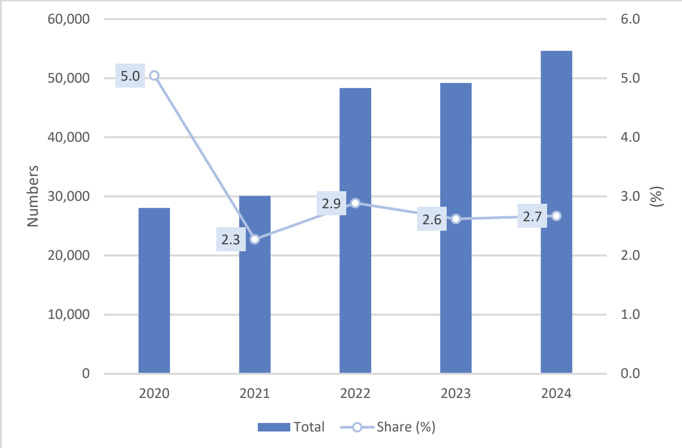
2.4.8 France

In 2019, there were 59,738 French arrivals, representing 3.5% of the market share. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 led to a significant drop in arrivals by-53.1% to 28,031, although the market share increased to 5.0%.

By 2021, the French market began to recover, with arrivals increasing by 7.3% to 30,068. However, the market share decreased to 2.3%, suggesting a slower recovery pace compared to other markets. The recovery accelerated in 2022, with a substantial growth of 60.8%, resulting in 48,341 arrivals and a market share of 2.9%, reflecting renewed interest in travel and the easing of restrictions.

By 2023, the growth stabilized, with arrivals reaching 49,201, a modest 1.8% increase from the previous year. The market share slightly decreased to 2.6%, indicating steady but moderate growth. Finally in the year 2024, tourist arrivals increased to 54,637 with a growth rate of 11.0%, while the market share slightly increased to 2.7% stabilizing the French market. Overall, the French market demonstrated resilience and a steady recovery, maintaining its significance in the Maldives' tourism industry.

Figure 21: *Growth Trends and Market Share of France, 2020-2024*



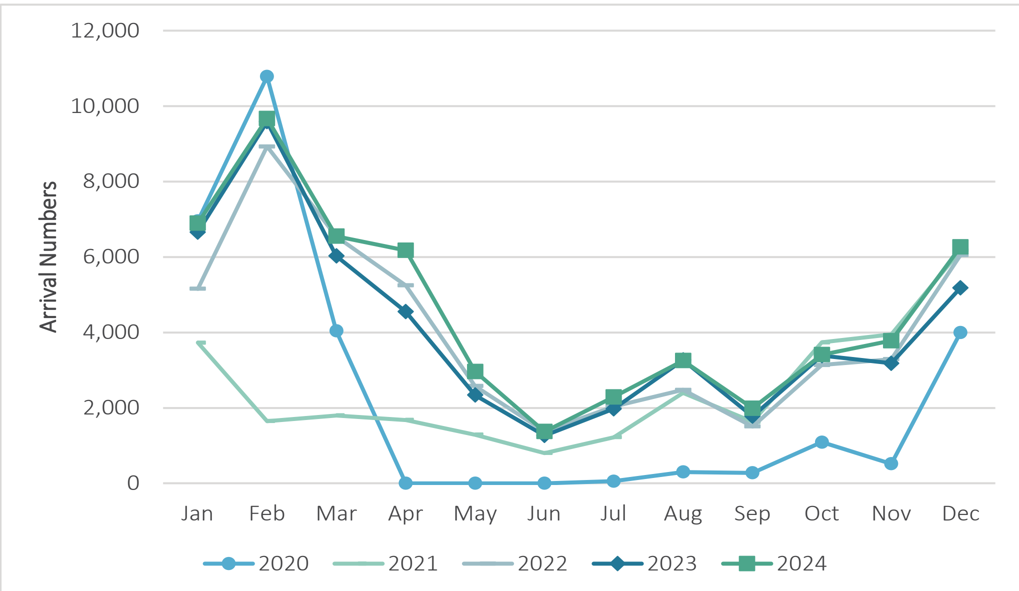
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Table 19: *Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates from French Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	28,031	30,068	48,341	49,201	54,637
Growth (%)	-53.1	7.3	60.8	1.8	11.0

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 22: *Monthly Arrivals from France, 2020-2024*



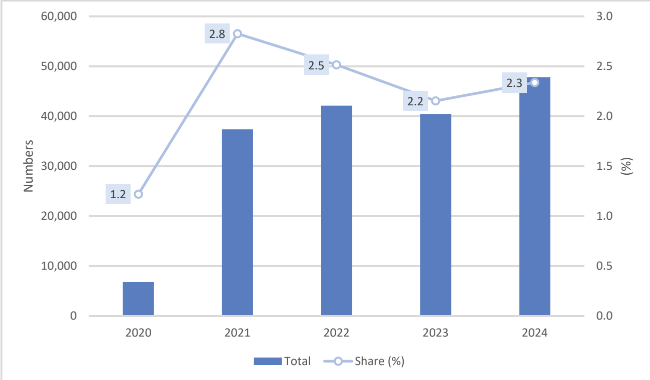
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

2.4.9 Spain

Spain ranked in the 9th place among the top ten markets to the Maldives for a consecutive two year. The Spanish market has kept its momentum since 2019. In 2019, Spanish tourists accounted for 2.1% of the market share of the tourists to the Maldives, and ranked in the 12th position. In 2020, tourist arrivals decreased to 6778, with a growth rate of-81.2%, ranking in the 19th position due to the covid-19 pandemic. Despite this inevitable decline in arrivals, Spanish tourists to the Maldives increased greatly after the Maldives re-opened its borders in July 2020. This led to Spain emerging as a top market to the Maldives.

From 2021 to 2024, Spanish tourist arrivals were steady and surpassed pre-pandemic arrival records of 2019. Recovery in 2021 was prominent, recording a growth of 451.1%, totaling 37,354 tourists and a market share of 2.8%. This growth continued into 2022 with a 12.5% increase. However, in 2023, Spanish tourist arrivals experienced a slight decline of 3.9% totaling 40,461 tourists. Although, the market share had slightly decreased to 2.2%, which shows that the Spanish market is still steady. While in 2024, Maldives saw a total of 47,835 arrivals from the Spanish market with 18.2% of increase in growth rates, and a market share of 2.3% showing a stable market placement.

Figure 23: *Growth Trends and Market Share of Spain, 2020-2024*



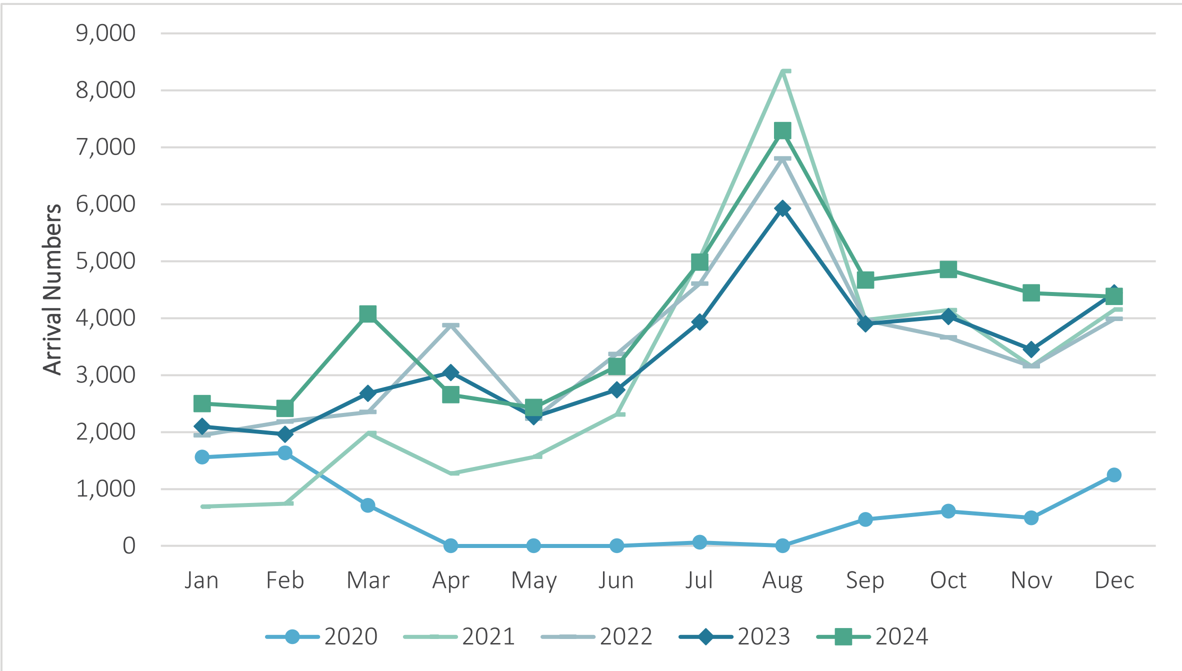
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Table 20: *Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of Spanish Market, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	6,778	37,354	42,123	40,461	47,835
Growth (%)	-81.2	451.1	12.8	-3.9	18.2

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Figure 24: *Monthly Arrivals from Spain, 2020-2024*



Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

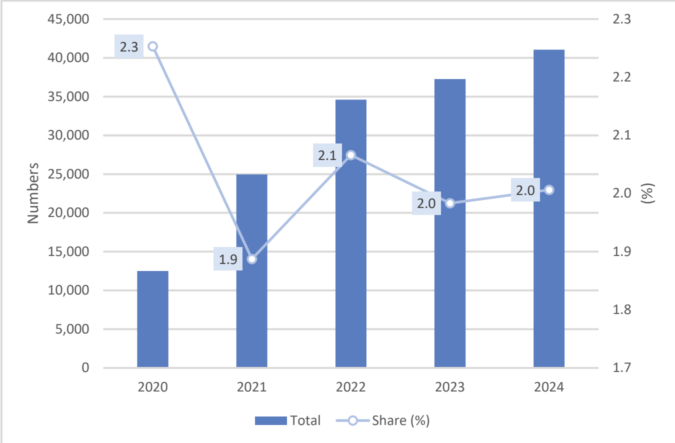
2.4.10 Switzerland

Switzerland has long been a key market to the Maldives, contributing to the country's robust tourism industry. By the end of 2023, the Swiss market ranked 10th place among the top ten markets to the Maldives, gaining 2% of the market share. Switzerland has kept a steady growth, holding the 10th place for the second consecutive year in 2024.

Post pandemic, the Swiss market has shown a trajectory of recovery and growth. Swiss arrivals began a vigorous rebound in 2021 with a remarkable increase of 99.3%. This trend continued into 2022, which saw a double-digit growth of 38.7% in Swiss arrivals and carried over into 2023, with a further increase of 7.6% in Swiss arrivals. Hence, the number of Swiss tourists increased from 24,951 in 2021 to 37,258 by the end of 2023.

By the end of 2024, Maldives has seen a slight increase in tourist arrivals from Switzerland with a total of 41,062 tourists showing an 10.2% growth rate and a steady market share of 2.%. Over this period, the market share has remained stable, averaging around 2%. One of the reasons for this consistency is the predictable travel pattern and seasonality preferences of Swiss tourists which helps to understand the market dynamics. Swiss tourists have a uniform pattern of travel to the Maldives in which arrivals peak in April and experience a downturn in June and August.

***Figure 25:** Growth Trends and Market Share of Switzerland, 2020-2024*



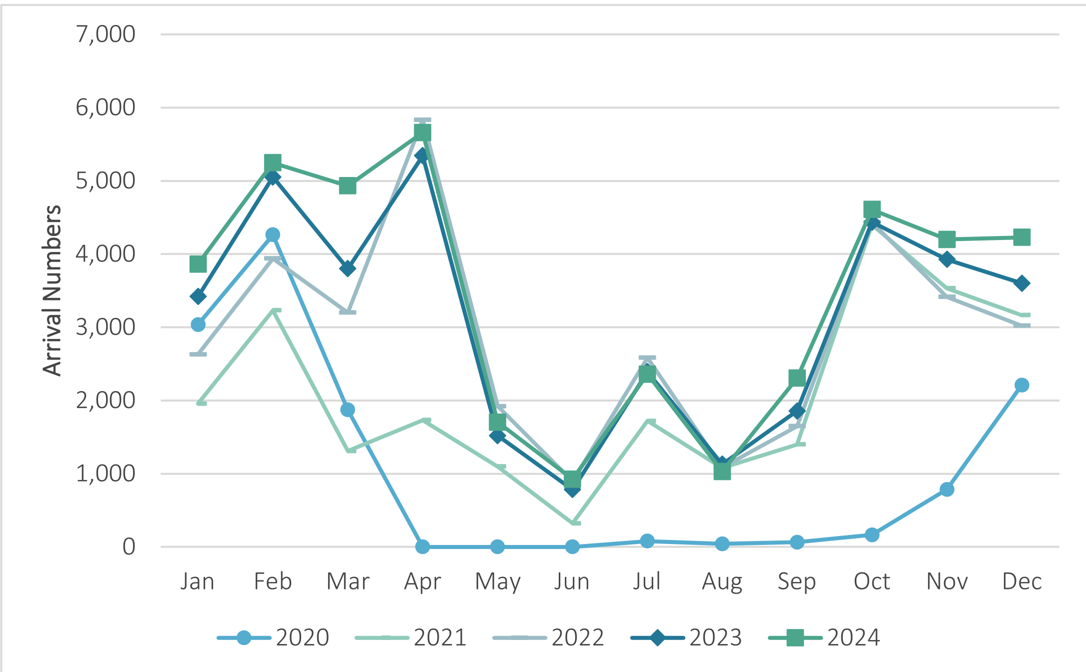
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

***Table 21:** Annual Arrivals and Growth Rates of SwissMarket, 2020-2024*

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Arrivals	12,517	24,951	34,614	37,258	41,062
Growth (%)	-63.0	99.3	38.7	7.6	10.2

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

***Figure 26:** Monthly Arrivals from Switzerland, 2020-2024*

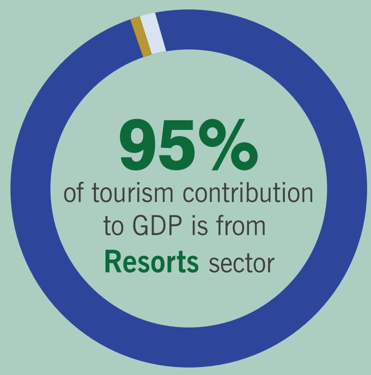


Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

3 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

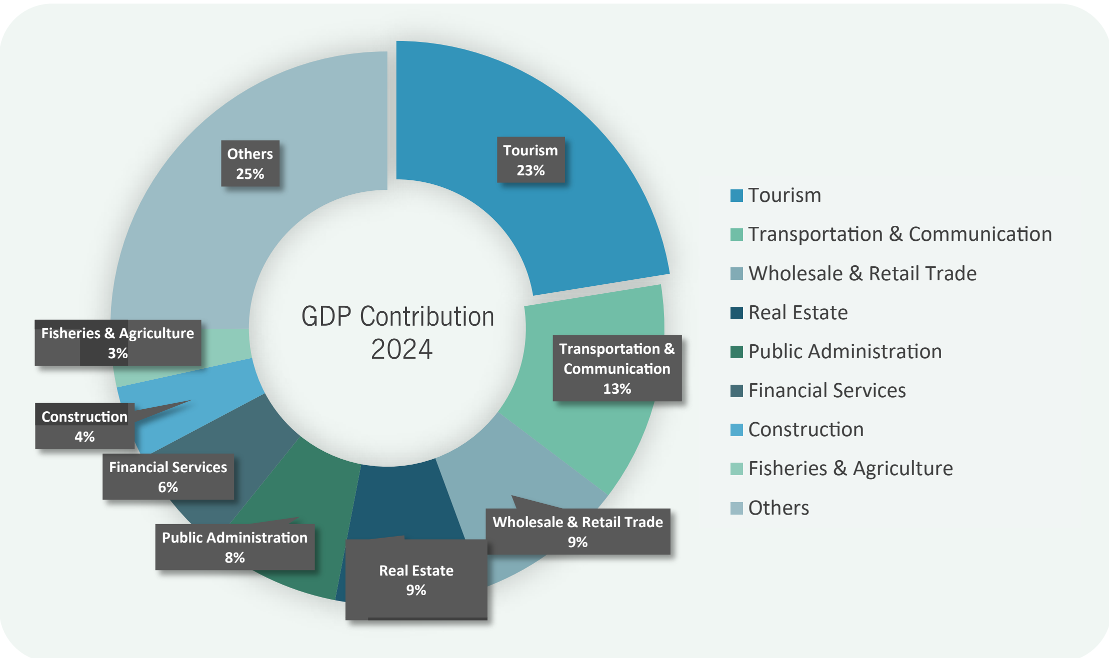
3.1 Tourism Contribution to GDP

As shown in Figure 25, tourism remains the dominant pillar of the Maldivian economy, generating over one-third of total government revenue and reinforcing its critical role in national development and fiscal sustainability. In 2024, the tourism sector accounted for 22.5% of total GDP, highlighting the economy's continued reliance on tourism-led growth. The sector's contribution is primarily driven by resorts (21.4%), with comparatively limited value addition from other accommodation services (0.4%) and food and beverage services (0.6%), underscoring the structural dependence on high-end resort operations as the main engine of economic activity.



While, primary sectors such as fisheries and agriculture contributed a modest 4.7% of GDP, transportation and communication, accounted for 11.1% of GDP, largely reflecting its indirect and strong linkages with tourism and its role in supporting inter-island connectivity and international access.

Figure 25: *GDP Contribution by Major Economic Sectors, 2024*



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Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Table 22: *Tourism Contribution to Government Revenue, 2020-2024 (Million MVR)*

Year	GDP at Market Price	Tourism Contribution	Growth %	% Share of Tourism Contribution
2020	59,093.25	6,687.96 _/	-64.8	11.3
2021	81,257.87	17,277.81	158.3	21.3
2022	92,492.66	20,543.57	18.9	22.2
2023	97,064.45 _/	20,847.14 _/	1.5	21.5
2024	100,456.27	22,557.60	8.2	22.0

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As published by Maldives Bureau of Statistics / Ministry of Finance and Planning, in September 2025
Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

3.2 Tourism Revenue

Table 23: *Tourism Contribution to Government Revenue, 2020-2024 (Million MVR)*

		Tourism Revenue[2]					
Year	Total Government Revenue[1]	Land Rent	Green Tax	Tourism Goods & Service Tax (T-GST)	Lease Period Extension Fee	Total Tourism Revenue	% Share of Tourism Revenue in Total Government Revenue
2020	14,263.90	702.97	351.99	2,220.38	153.50	3,428.85	24.0
2021	20,321.60	2,072.27	802.12	5,249.61	230.20	8,354.19	41.1
2022	25,768.80 _/	1,921.19	972.99	6,601.17	1,956.33	11,451.68	44.4
2023	29,636.20 _/	1,764.61	980.02	8,778.26	-	11,522.89	38.9
2024	31,985.50	1,883.54	1,080.71	9,511.79	306.60	12,782.65	40.0

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Data provided by: [1] Ministry of Finance and Planning, [2] Maldives Inland Revenu Authority
Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

TTourism revenue comprises of revenue generated from Goods and Services Tax on the Tourism Sector (T-GST), the Green Tax (GRT), Tourism Land Rent, and Lease Period Extension Fees.

Tourism Land Rent is now regulated under the 10th Amendment to the Maldives Tourism Act (Act No. 2/99), which came into effect in 2020. Rent is calculated based on island land area, with rental rates ranging from US$ 2 to US$ 8 per square meter depending on atoll location. Higher rates apply in central atolls, while lower rates in northern and southern atolls aim to encourage more balanced regional tourism development. Within each geographic zone, tiered rental rates are further applied based on land size categories and scale of development. Additionally, a separate fixed rate of US$ 1 per square meter per annum applies to reclaimed lagoons used for private, non-commercial purposes.

The Green Tax, introduced in November 2015, is levied on tourists staying in registered tourist facilities. The amount payable varies depending on the type of accommodation. For tourists staying at resorts, tourist hotels, and safari vessels, a rate of US$ 6 per tourist per day was charged until December 2022. From October 2016, a minimal rate of US$ 3 per tourist per day was applied to tourists staying at guesthouses. This rate structure was further revised in 2023, whereby hotels and guesthouses located on inhabited islands with 50 or fewer rooms were included under the US$ 3 per tourist per day category.

The Tourism Goods and Services Tax (T-GST) was introduced in 2011 under the Goods and Services Tax Act (Law No. 10/2011), at a rate of 3.5% and increased to 6% in 2012. The rate was subsequently raised to 8% in 2013, further increased to 12% in 2014, and most recently to 16% in 2023. T-GST represents a consumption-based revenue stream that is directly linked to tourism demand and expenditure patterns, making it highly responsive to fluctuations in visitor arrivals and spending.

40%

of government revenue is generated from **tourism**

Table 23 presents the contribution of tourism revenue to total government revenue between 2020 and 2024. The data indicate a steady upward trend in tourism revenue over the period, with tourism consistently accounting for nearly 35% of total government revenue. In 2024, tourism revenue reached MVR 12.7 billion, underscoring the sector's growing significance. Notably, T-GST accounted for over 74% of total tourism revenue, amounting to MVR 9.5 billion.

Table 24: *Tourism Revenue by type of Facilities, 2020-2024 (Million MVR)*

Year	Facility Type	Tourism Land Rent	Green Tax	Tourism Goods & Service Tax (T-GST)	Lease Period Extension Fee	Total Tourism Revenue	% Share
2020	**Total**	**702.97**	**351.99**	**2,220.38**	**153.50**	**3,428.85**	**100.00**
	Resorts	699.60	320.56	1,917.33	153.50	3,090.99	90.15
	Hotels	3.30	7.23	27.17	-	37.69	1.10
	Guesthouses	0.08	13.29	32.80	-	46.16	1.35
	Safari vessels		10.92	26.92	-	37.85	1.10
	Others		-	216.16	-	216.16	6.30
2021	**Total**	**2,072.27**	**802.12**	**5,249.61**	**230.20**	**8,354.19**	**100.00**
	Resorts	2,063.83	753.76	4,615.07	230.20	7,662.86	91.46
	Hotels	8.20	13.35	54.69	-	76.24	1.18
	Guesthouses	0.23	20.64	48.09	-	68.97	0.81
	Safari vessels	-	14.36	39.18	-	53.54	0.64
	Others	-	-	492.58	-	492.58	5.90
2022	**Total**	**1,921.19**	**973.00**	**6,601.18**	**1,956.33**	**11,451.68**	**100.00**
	Resorts	1,885.35	906.65	5,811.83	1,956.33	10,560.15	92.21
	Hotels	35.35	15.12	79.31	-	129.77	1.13
	Guesthouses	0.49	31.78	79.40	-	111.67	0.98
	Safari vessels	-	19.44	52.94	-	72.38	0.63
	Others	-	0.01	577.70	-	577.70	5.04
2023	**Total**	**1,764.61**	**980.02**	**8,778.26**	**0.00**	**11,522.89**	**100.00**
	Resorts	1,751.56	914.36	7,328.47	-	9,994.39	86.74
	Hotels	12.95	15.52	94.58	-	123.05	1.07
	Guesthouses	0.10	48.81	133.68	-	182.59	1.58
	Safari vessels	-	1.33	72.74	-	74.07	0.64
	Others	-	0.00	1,148.79	-	1,148.79	9.97
2024	**Total**	**1,883.55**	**1,080.72**	**9,511.79**	**306.60**	**12,782.65**	**100.00**
	Resorts	1,862.69	977.94	8,188.40	306.60	11,335.62	98.37
	Hotels	20.78	18.41	106.24	-	145.43	1.26
	Guesthouses	0.08	60.80	163.25	-	224.13	1.95
	Safari vessels	-	23.42	82.13	-	105.55	0.92
	Others	-	0.15	971.77	-	971.92	8.43

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by [1]Ministry of Finance, [2]Maldives Inland Revenue Authority
Note: Others include yacht marinas

Table 24 presents tourism revenue by type of facility for the period 2020–2024. Of the total MVR 12.7 billion tourism revenue generated by the tourism sector, tourist resorts accounted for an overwhelming 98.3%, generating MVR 11,335.62 million, underscoring the dominant role of the resort segment in revenue generation.

In comparison, hotels and guesthouses together contributed a relatively modest share of tourism revenue. Hotels generated MVR 145.43 million, while guesthouses contributed MVR 224.13 million, together accounting for approximately 3.2% of total tourism revenue. Tourist vessels recorded revenues of MVR 105.55 million, representing 0.92% of total tourism revenue. This distribution highlights the highly concentrated nature of tourism revenue.

Compared to previous years, T-GST revenue from all facility types increased significantly, reflecting the raised T-GST rate for the tourism sector from 12% to 16%, effective 1 January 2023. While tourism land rent also made a substantial contribution, totaling MVR 1,883.55 million in 2024, the majority of this revenue was also derived from resort (MVR 1,862.69 million).

3.3 Tourism Receipts

Tourism receipts represent the total expenditure incurred by tourists during their stay in the Maldives and are measured in U.S. dollars. The estimates are derived using tourism goods and services tax, green tax, tourism tax, duty free sales and airport development fee. Data for 2021 includes airport service charge and data from January 2022 onward includes departure tax.

In 2024
US$ 4.8 billion
was recieved as tourism **receipts**

Table 25: *Tourism Receipts, 2020-2024 (Million U.S Dollars)*

Year	Tourism Receipts [1]	Growth Rate (%)	Exports, FOB [2]	Imports, CIF [2]
2020	1,397.87	-55.7	157.39 _/	1,827.86 _/
2021	3,508.36	151.0	150.37 _/	2,550.53 _/
2022	4,498.00	28.2	156.00	3,492.13 _/
2023	4,230.29	-6.0	161.71 _/	3,479.45 _/
2024	4,785.81	13.1	92.23	3,627.13

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by [1]Maldives Monetary Authority, [2]Maldives Customs Services
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Table 25 presents tourism receipts for the period from 2020-2024. As can be seen from the table, after the sharp decline caused by the pandemic in 2020, a strong recovery was observed in 2021, with receipts increasing by 151.0 per cent to US$3.5 billion, followed by continued growth of 28.2 per cent in 2022, reaching US$4.5 billion. In 2023, tourism receipts moderated slightly, declining by 6.0 per cent to US$4.2 billion. However, receipts rebounded in 2024, increasing by 13.1 per cent to US$4.8 billion, the highest level recorded during the period under review. Over the same period, merchandise exports (FOB) remained relatively stable at modest levels, while imports (CIF) showed an overall upward trend, highlighting the continued importance of tourism receipts in supporting external sector balances.

3.4 Tourism Expenditure

Table 26: *Tourism Expenditure, 2020-2024 (Million MVR)*

Year	Government Expenditure	Tourism Expenditure	% Share of Tourism Expenditure
2020	25,517.70 _/	42.00 _/	0.2
2021	30,084.80 _/	39.90 _/	0.1
2022	37,460.30 _/	57.50 _/	0.2
2023	44,587.30 _/	30.00 _/	0.1
2024	49,981.10	38.00	0.1

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by: Ministry of Finance and Planning
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Tourism expenditure refers to expenditure allocated to tourism from the central government budget. As shown in the Table 26, total government expenditure increased steadily from MVR 25,517.7 million in 2020 to MVR 49,981.1 million in 2024. Over the same period, tourism expenditure remained relatively modest, fluctuating between MVR 30.0 million and MVR 57.5 million. The highest allocation to tourism was recorded in 2022 at MVR 57.5 million, while the lowest was observed in 2023 at MVR 30.0 million. Consequently, the share of tourism expenditure in total government expenditure remained low throughout the period, ranging between 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, indicating that direct budgetary allocations to tourism constituted a very small proportion of overall government spending.

4 AIRLINE STATISTICS

4.1 Traffic by International Carriers

In 2024, the Maldives welcomed over 2.5 million passengers from international carriers. While scheduled carrier traffic continued to grow, charter operations came to a halt between 2019 and 2020. This trend reversed in 2021 and 2022 which saw a sharp rise in charter flights accounting for a total of 4% market share. However, by 2023 and 2024, charter activity had declined significantly to only 1% of the total market share.

In 2024
Velana International Airport
served
2.5 million
international passengers

Table 27: *Passenger Arrivals by International Carriers, 2020-2024 (Velana International Airport)*

Type of Carrier	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Arrivals	% Share	Arrivals	% Share	Arrivals	% Share	Arrivals	% Share	Arrivals	% Share
Scheduled	643,172	100.0	1,368,734	95.6	1,853,797	95.9	2,244,306	98.9	2,450,797	99.0
Charter	-	-	63,712	4.4	79,094	4.1	24,311	1.1	28,834	1.0
Total	643,172	100.0	1,432,446	100.0	1,932,891	100.0	2,268,617	100.0	2,479,631	100.0

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by: Maldives Civil Aviation Authority 2020-2022 and Maldives Airports Company Limited from 2023-2024
*Note: * Includes movements by photo, training, technical and surveillance flights*

Table 28: *Passenger Arrivals by International Chartered Carriers, 2020-2024 (Velana International Airport)*

Operator	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	No. of Movements	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movements	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movements	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movements	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movements	Incoming Passengers
Air Astana	-	-	244	18,102	296	21,007	8,558	118	164	12,558
Air Asia X	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,261	40	-	-
Air Seychelles	-	-	-	-	6	482	1,118	24	-	-
Air Vistara	-	-	204	9,026	308	21,002	-	-		
Azerbaijan Airlines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	1,654
Azur Air Ukraine	-	-	52	7,562	12	1,935	-	-	-	-
BEOND									6	25
Blue Air	-	-	2	187	-	-	-	-	2	73
Cambodia Airways	-	-	-	-	2	134	-	-		
Centrum Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,142	16		
Enter Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	1,761
Ethiopian Airlines	-	-	-	-	8	235	-	-		
Gullaivair	-	-	42	4,971	2	37	-	-		
Hisky Europe	-	-	-	-	-	-	541	6	22	2,133
Iberia	-	-	68	6,819	36	2,629	-	-		
Indigo									30	130
Jazeera Airways	-	-	12	46	-	-	-	-		
Klasjet									4	88
Lot Polish Airlines	-	-	44	5,262	56	6,738	1,737	12	14	1,706
Malaysian Airlines	-	-	-	-	4	40	35	4	-	-
Mongolian Airlnes	-	-	4	109	8	360	-	-	-	-
Nordwind	-	-	2	71	36	1,734	-	-		
Salam Air	-	-	130	0	16	210	1,772	28	4	204
Saudi Arabain Airlines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	356
Scat Airlines	-	-	34	3,570	4	112	4,765	56	56	5,473
Sichuan Airlines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smartwings	-	-	-	-	-	-	745	12	-	-
Thomson Fly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Titan Airways Ltd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	51
Transaero Airlines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine International	-	-	32	3,896	12	927	-	-	-	-
US Bangla Airlines	-	-	38	1,852	352	20,125	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan Airways	-	-	40	2,239	24	1,387	635	8	30	2,164
Xiamen Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	458
Other Internationals	2,082	2,732	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-
Charter Total	**0**	**0**	**948**	**63,712**	**1,182**	**79,094**	**24,309**	**324**	**392**	**28,376**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by: Maldives Civil Aviation Authority 2020-2022 and Maldives Airports Company Limited from 2023-2024

Table 29: *Passenger Arrivals by International Scheduled Carriers, 2020-2024 (Velana International Airport)*

Operator	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Movements	Incoming Passengers	Movements	Incoming Passengers	Movements	Incoming Passengers	Movements	Incoming Passengers	Movements	Incoming Passengers
Aeroflot	320	43,194	990	139,193	720	101,911	676	110,340	828	124,974
Air Arabia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	8,524
Air Asia	208	14,141	6	20	310	20,863	900	67,691	1,156	88,398
Air Asia Thailand	166	7,877	62	230	446	24,821	710	53,850	720	53,359
Air Astana	22	2,185	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	5,136
Air France	82	9,642	66	5,123	146	11,776	72	6,039	8	1,270
Air India	-	-	294	16,189	608	40,615	268	18,124	328	21,407
Air India Express	-	-	28	2,388	-	-	-	-	-	-
Air Italy	-	-			16	2,389	72	6,873	-	-
Air Seychelles	10	261	122	5,795	86	4,283	-	-	-	-
Air Vistara	-	-	-	-	62	4,726	912	63,927	1,086	59,526
Alitalia	126	12,725	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Austrian Airlines	72	6,130	140	15,688	210	25,865	188	25,090	224	32,310
Azur Air Russia	12	2,550	104	24,087	76	10,477	136	13,620	90	2,805
Azur Air Ukraine	4	636	-	-	-	-			-	-
Bangkok Airways	160	4,049	-	-	220	8,821	302	11,467	416	16,595
Batik Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	316	17,346	650	42,958
Beijing Capital Airlines	24	2,628	-	-	-	-	236	27,852	204	20,125
Beond	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	411	436	3,485
Blue Panorama	-	-	38	5,253	-	-	-	-		
British Airways	158	16,686	266	21,030	332	36,764	488	52,024	502	54,390
Cathay Pacific	60	3,864	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centrum Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	268	-	-
China Eastern Airlines	104	8,287	-	-	-	-	458	39,639	832	59,207
China Southern Airlines	48	3,160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chongqing Airlines			-	-	-	-	-	-	20	725
Condor	92	8,109	216	22,630	190	21,222	276	38,313	250	34,355
Edelweiss	78	8,568	178	15,651	230	25,770	226	26,365	206	22,472
Emirates	1,304	137,610	2,888	256,227	3,754	364,373	3,600	309,046	3,610	339,192
Etihad Airways	434	22,769	744	51,351	734	83,021	1,098	93,590	1,464	154,345
Eurowings Discover	-	-	-	-	168	18,950	114	12,954	108	12,080
Expo Aviation (Cargo)	160	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fits Aviation	-	-	438	0	282	1,708	172	5,978	374	16,689
Fly Dubai	102	5,165	1,272	68,798	1,928	108,515	2,690	121,549	2,744	146,024
Flynas	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	1,690	-	-
Fly Me	12	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Go Air	322	19,207	1,716	101,099	1,390	71,342	190	9,448	-	-
Gulf Air	234	3,614	816	13,886	1,470	27,470	1,460	31,018	1,460	34,395
Hongkong Airways	34	2,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	14,789
Indian Airlines	344	18,019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indigo	682	37,514	2,540	175,923	2,372	181,130	2,454	213,556	2,298	164,365
ITA Airways							22	2,943	102	12,390
Korean Air	52	5,866	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait Airways	-	-	-	-	40	1,116	54	1,974	-	-
LOT Polish Airlines									2	285
Lufthansa	84	8,932	268	27,822	106	10,958	-	-	-	-
Mahan Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia Airlines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	306	21,914
Maldivian	782	18,876	924	34,347	-	-	1,138	59,517	1,356	60,436
Neos	42	5,881	44	6,179	230	32,274	234	36,489	228	36,586
Oman Air	164	5,025	-	-	-	-	196	7,667	140	5,083
Qatar Airways	920	76,514	2,420	214,483	3,034	248,212	2,888	230,972	2,226	221,837
Saudi Arabian Airlines	92	4,351	492	19,349	814	24,103	356	18,677	258	19,529
Scat Airlines	2	240			-	-	-	-	-	-
Silk Air	216	12,206	50	1,264	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sichuan Airlines	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	9,682	356	30,434
Singapore Airlines	164	15,303	500	14,468	1,368	88,825	1,460	134,652	1,526	161,985
Smartwings	-	-	-	-	2	70	-	-	-	-
Spicejet	288	2,187	448	16,805	-	-	-	-	-	-
Srilankan Airlines	894	58,025	1,498	28,821	2,220	151,900	2,090	185,392	2,034	167,655
Tiger Airways	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-
Turkish Airlines	688	23,755	1,068	64,635	1,650	82,688	1,254	76,657	546	65,174
Ukraine International Airlin	2	277			-	-			-	-
US Bangla Airlines	-	-			34	2,398	442	30,419	626	50,064
Virgin Atlantic	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	5,859	208	20,089
Uzbekistan Airways	2	267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wizz Air	-	-	-	-	146	14,441	732	65,338	506	43,436
Xiamen Air									2,437	44
Schedule Total	**9,766**	**639,022**	**20,636**	**1,368,734**	**25,394**	**1,853,797**	**29,210**	**2,244,306**	**30,784**	**2,450,797**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Data provided by: Maldives Civil Aviation Authority 2020-2022 and Maldives Airports Company Limited from 2023-2024

4.2 Traffic by Domestic Carriers

Domestic carriers in the Maldives include seaplane and airplane operations. Table 30 presents an overview of domestic carriers operating across the Maldives. Airplane services are provided by Island Aviation Services, Fly Me, and Manta Air, while seaplane operations are conducted by Trans Maldivian Airways (TMA), Island Aviation Services, and Manta Air Seaplanes. Domestic passenger movements tend to rise in correlation with international arrivals, as seaplanes serve as a primary mode of transport for tourists traveling between airports and resorts.

In 2024, the total number of domestic passenger movements drastically increased due to the increased number of flight movements after the COVID-19 pandemic. Trans Maldivian Airways, a seaplane operator, takes a major chunk of domestic passengers for seaplane services with a total of 126,603 movements carrying 1,217, 646 passengers. While, Manta Air Seaplane continued its upward trend, emerging as the second-largest carrier in 2024, with 27,409 movements carrying 235,186 passengers. Although, Maldivian under Island Aviation Services carried approximately 406,097 passengers, with slightly less movement of 19,256 flights. Overall, domestic carrier movements and passenger volumes rose sharply from 2023 to 2024, increasing from 30,800 to 195,493 in total movements, and from 592,635 to 2,166,815 in passenger numbers.

2024 recorded

+9% growth in

Sea Plane movements

Table 30: *Passenger Arrivals by Domestic Carriers, 2020-2024*

Operator	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	No. of Movement	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movement	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movement	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movement	Incoming Passengers	No. of Movement	Incoming Passengers
Fly Me	2,064	43,361	4,485	88,448	5,970	115,178	4,290	94,497	3,644	83,502
Island Aviation Services	8,855	132,784	19,539	306,009	28,358	515,232	20,576	395,015	19,256	406,097
Island Aviation Sea Planes	5,588	18,219	9,961	35,672	17,238	73,623	15,785	138,753	13,059	118,030
Trans Maldivian Airways	41,110	167,968	88,968	398,626	107,729	484,756	112,157	1,060,590	126,603	1,217,646
Manta Air	1,894	30,590	3,814	54,328	5,765	97,671	5,934	103,123	5,522	106,354
Manta Air Seaplanes	3,828	13,007	11,756	45,639	18,538	75,389	23,816	201,269	27,409	235,186
Other Domestic *	490	133	2,182	185	1,978	21	-	-	-	-
Total	63,829	406,062	140,705	928,907	185,576	1,361,870	182,558	1,993,247	195,493	2,166,815

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by: Maldives Civil Aviation Authority 2020-2022 and Maldives Airports Company Limited from 2023-2024
*Note: * Includes movements by photo, training, technical and surveillance flights*

5 ADDITIONAL TABLES

Table 31: Bed Capacity of Tourist Resorts, 2020-2024

#	Name of the Resort	Atoll & Island Name	Airport Distance (Km)	Initial Bed Capacity	Year of Initial Operation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Aanugandu Island Resort	K. Aanugan'du Finolhu and	13.0	768	2022	-	-	768	768	768
2	Adhaaran Club Rannaalhi	K. Rannalhi	34.0	34	1978	260	260	244	244	244
3	Adhaaran Prestige Vaadhu	K. Vaadhu	8.0	18	1978	100	100	100	100	100
4	Adhaaran Select Hudhuranfushi	K. Lhohifushi	22.5	40	1979	404	404	404	404	404
5	Adhaaran Select Meedhupparu	R. Meedhupparu	130.3	430	2000	470	470	476	476	476
6	Alila Kothaifaru Maldives	R. Kothaifaru and Kuroshigiru	167.0	160	2022	-	-	160	160	160
7	Alimatha Aquatic Resort	V. Alimatha	48.0	20	1975	312	312	312	312	312
8	Anantara Kihavah Villas	B. Kihavah Haruvalhi	125.0	110	2010	178	178	178	178	178
9	Anantara Resort & Spa Maldives	K. Dhigufinolhu	40.0	24	1980	226	226	226	226	226
10	Anantara Veli and Naladhu	K. Veligandu Huraa	27.0	32	1986	176	176	176	176	176
11	Angaaga Island Resort and Spa	A.Dh. Angaga	85.0	100	1989	180	180	180	188	180
12	Angsana Resort and Spa Maldives - Velavaru	Dh. Velavaru	125.0	50	1998	238	238	238	238	238
13	Atmosphere Kanifushi Maldives	Lh. Kanifushi	133.0	140	2013	300	380	380	392	392
14	Avani + Fares Maldives	B.Fares	136.0	222	2023	-	-	-	222	420
15	Ayada Maldives	G.Dh. Magudhdhuva	420.0	200	2011	200	200	200	200	200
16	Baglioni Resort Maldives	D. Maagau	154.0	34	2019	152	206	206	206	206
17	Bandos Maldives	K. Bandos	8.0	220	1972	430	432	432	440	430
18	Banyan Tree Maldives Vabbinfaru	K. Vabbinfaru	12.0	24	1977	96	96	96	96	96
19	Barceló Whale Lagoon Maldives	A.Dh Bodufinolhu	115.0	200	2023	-	-	-	200	200
20	Baros Maldives	K. Baros	16.0	56	1973	150	150	150	150	150
21	Biyaadhu Island Resort	K. Biyaadhoo	18.0	192	1982	192	192	192	192	192
22	Bolifushi Island Resort	K. Bolifushi	12.0	64	1982	222	224	224	224	224
23	Brennia Kottefaru	R. Kottefaru	156.0	158	2020	158	158	290	290	290
24	Canareef Resort Maldives	S. Herethere	480.0	106	2007	542	542	542	542	542
25	Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa Maldives	A.Dh. Machchafushi	95.0	96	1992	224	224	224	224	224
26	Centara Mirage Lagoon Maldives & Centara Grand Lagoon Maldives	K. 4°19'0.85"N 73°20'43.59"E	25.0	56	2024	-	-	-	-	504
27	Centara Ras Fushi Resort & Spa	K. Giraavaru	11.3	40	1980	280	280	280	280	280
28	Cheval Blanc Randheli	N. Randheli	169.0	120	2013	120	120	120	120	120
29	Cinnamon Dhonveli Maldives	K. Kanuoiy Huraa	13.0	20	1981	296	304	304	304	304
30	Cinnamon Hakuraa Huraa Maldives	M. Hakuraa Huraa	128.7	72	1999	200	200	200	200	200

Table 31: *continued...*

#	Name of the Resort	Atoll & Island Name	Airport Distance (Km)	Initial Bed Capacity	Year of Initial Operation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
31	Cinnamon Velifushi Maldives	V. Aarah	76.6	180	2019	180	180	180	180	180
32	Club Med Finolhu Villas	K. Gasfinolhu	23.0	18	1980	104	104	104	104	104
33	Club Med Kanifinolhu	K. Kanifinolhu	19.3	18	1978	544	544	544	544	544
34	Coco Palm Boduhithi	K. Boduhithi	29.0	50	1979	200	200	200	200	200
35	Coco Palm Dhunikolhu	B. Dhunikolhu	124.0	192	1998	196	196	196	196	196
36	Coco Privé Kuda Hithi Island	K. Kudahithi	27.4	12	1984	closed	closed	closed	Closed	Closed
37	Cocoa Island	K. Makunufushi	30.0	12	1981	66	66	66	66	66
38	Cocogiri Island Resort	V. Vashugiri	64.3	80	2021	-	80	80	80	80
39	Cocoon Maldives	Lh. Ookolhu Finolhu	130.0	302	2016	302	302	302	302	302
40	Como Maalifushi	Th. Male'fushi	210.0	46	2013	152	152	152	152	152
41	Conrad Maldives Rangali Island	A.Dh. Rangalifinolhu	96.6	80	1992	310	310	310	310	352
42	Constance Halaveli Resort	A.A. Halaveli	36.0	30	1982	172	172	172	172	172
43	Constance Moofushi Resort	A.Dh. Moofushi	80.0	84	1990	220	220	220	220	220
44	Cora Cora Maldives	R. Maamigili	177.0	40	2014	closed	168	212	212	212
45	Dhawa Ihuru	K. Ihuru	17.0	20	1978	90	90	90	90	90
46	Dheruhfinolhu By Jawakara Islands Maldives	Lh. Dheruhfinolhu	128.0	186	2023	-	-	-	186	186
47	Dhigali Maldives	R. Dhigali	156.0	358	2017	362	362	362	362	362
48	Dhiggiri Tourist Resort	V. Dhiggiri	32.0	50	1982	122	122	122	122	122
49	Dhigufaru Island Resort	B. Dhigufaruvinagand	142.0	80	2016	170	170	170	170	170
50	Diamonds Athuruga Beach and Water Villas	A.Dh. Athurugau	90.0	79	1990	146	146	146	146	144
51	Diamonds Thudufushi Beach & Water Villas	A.Dh. Thundufushi	80.5	74	1990	144	144	144	144	144
52	Dreamland - The Unique Sea & Lake Resort / Spa	B. Hirundhoo	120.0	34	2018	180	180	180	180	180
53	Drift Thelu Veliga Retreat	A.Dh. Theluveliga	90.0	60	2015	60	60	60	60	60
54	Dusit Thani Maldives	B. Mudhdhoo	120.0	20	2012	208	208	208	208	208
55	Ellaidhoo Maldives By Cinnamon	A.A. Ellaidhoo	54.0	32	1985	224	224	224	224	224
56	Emboodhu Village	K. Emboodhu	8.0	44	1979	236	236	236	236	236
57	Emerald Faarufushi Resort & Spa	R. Faarufushi	186.0	160	2019	160	160	176	176	176
58	Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa Fasmendhoo	R. Fasmendhoo	162.0	144	2019	266	266	286	286	286
59	Eri Maldives	K. Eriyadhu	40.0	40	1982	152	152	152	152	152
60	Fihalhohi Island Resort	K. Fihaalhohi	28.0	90	1981	300	300	300	300	300

Table 31: continued...

#	Name of the Resort	Atoll & Island Name	Airport Distance (Km)	Initial Bed Capacity	Year of Initial Operation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
61	Filitheyo Island Resort	F. Filitheyo	120.7	250	1999	250	250	250	250	250
62	Finolhu Baa Atoll Maldives	B. Kanufushi	121.0	272	2016	272	272	272	272	272
63	Four Seasons Private Island Maldives at Voavah	B. Voavah	134.0	26	2016	26	26	26	26	26
64	Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa	K. Kuda Huraa	12.9	32	1977	220	220	224	224	224
65	Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru	B. Landaa Giraavaru	120.0	206	2006	244	260	260	260	260
66	Fun Island Resort	K. Bodufinolhu	38.0	44	1980	150	150	150	150	150
67	Furaveri Island Resort & Spa	R. Furaveri	151.0	130	2016	214	340	340	340	342
68	Fushifaru Maldives	Lh. Fushifaru	145.0	98	2017	126	126	126	126	126
69	Gangehi Island Resort	A.A. Gangehi	77.2	50	1987	72	72	72	72	72
70	Gili Lankanfushi	K. Lankanfushi	9.7	12	1980	94	94	98	98	98
71	Grand Park Kohdhipparu Maldives	K. Kohdhipparu	18.0	250	2017	250	250	250	250	250
72	Hard Rock Hotel Maldives	K. Akasdhoo	9.4	100	2019	396	396	396	396	394
73	Heritance Aarah	R. Aarah	154.0	106	2019	300	300	316	316	316
74	Hideaway Beach Resort and Spa at Dhonakulhi Island Maldives	H.A. Dhonakulhi	250.0	50	2005	220	220	272	272	272
75	Hilton Amingiri Resort & Spa	K. Kohdhipparu Lagoon	18.9	238	2022	-	-	238	252	238
76	Holiday Inn Resort Kandooma Maldives	K. Kandoomafushi	27.4	98	1985	322	322	322	322	324
77	Holiday Island	A.Dh. Dhiffushi	93.0	284	1994	284	284	284	284	Closed
78	Hondaafushi Island Resort	H.Dh. Hondaafushi	291.0	118	2018	118	118	118	118	114
79	Hurawalhi Island Resort	Lh. Hurawalhi	140.0	180	2016	180	180	180	180	180
80	Huvafenfushi	K. Nakatchafushi	25.7	80	1979	98	98	98	98	102
81	Innahura Maldives Resort	Lh. Innahuraa	130.0	156	2019	156	156	156	156	156
82	Inter Continental Maldives Maamunagau	R. Maamunagau	147.0	194	2019	194	194	194	194	194
83	JA Manafaru	H.A Manafaru	337.0	100	2007	174	174	174	174	176
84	Joali Being Bodufushi	R. Bodufushi	159.0	88	2021	-	88	170	170	170
85	Joali Muravandhoo	R. Muravandhoo	170.0	32	2018	160	160	160	160	160
86	Joy Island	K. Kassanfushi	34.7	306	2023	-	-	-	306	306
87	Jumeirah Maldives Olhahali Island	K. Olhahali	56.0	30	2018	182	182	182	182	182
88	JW Marriott Kaafu Atoll Island Resort	K. Hathaafinolhu	11.1	30		-	-	-	-	154
89	JW Marriott Maldives Resort & Spa	Sh. Vagaru	215.0	97	2012	159	159	146	146	146
90	Kagi Maldives Spa Island	K. Kagi	54.4	100	2020	100	100	100	100	100

Table 31: *continued...*

#	Name of the Resort	Atoll & Island Name	Airport Distance (Km)	Initial Bed Capacity	Year of Initial Operation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
91	Kandholhu Island Maldives	A.A. Kandholhudhoo	74.6	60	2014	60	60	60	60	60
92	Kandima Maldives	Dh. Kandinma	170.0	544	2017	544	544	544	544	544
93	Six Senses Kanuhura (Kanuhura)	Lh. Kanuhuraa	125.5	200	1999	192	192	192	200	200
94	Kihaa Maldives	B. Kihaadhuffaru	104.6	200	1999	236	236	236	236	236
95	Komandoo Maldive Island Resort	Lh. Komandoo	128.7	90	1998	130	130	130	130	130
96	Kuda Villingili Resort Maldives	K. Kudavillingili	25.7	198	2021	-	198	198	198	198
97	Kudadoo Maldives Private island	Lh. Kudadhoo	146.0	32	2018	34	34	34	34	34
98	Kudafushi Resort & Spa	R. Kudafushi	160.0	214	2017	214	214	214	214	214
99	Kuramathi Maldives	A.A. Kuramathi	56.3	48	1977	790	790	790	790	790
100	Kuredhdhu Island Resort	Lh. Kuredhdhu	128.7	18	1978	778	778	778	778	778
101	Kurumba Maldives	K. Vihamanaafushi	3.2	60	1972	362	362	362	362	362
102	Le Meridien Maldives Resort And Spa	Lh. Thilamaafushi and Bodufinolhu	122.0	226	2021	-	226	314	314	314
103	Lily Beach Resort	A.Dh. Huvahendhoo	85.0	168	1994	250	250	250	250	250
104	Lux South Ari Atoll, Maldives	A.Dh. Dhidhdhufinolhu	104.0	180	1988	394	394	394	386	386
105	Maayafushi Tourist Resort	A.A. Maayafushi	63.0	48	1983	150	150	150	150	150
106	Mabinhura By Jawakara Islands Maldives	Lh. Mabinhura	130.0	424	2023	-	-	-	424	424
107	Madifushi Private Island	M. Madifushi	124.0	174	2022	-	-	174	174	174
108	Madoogali Resort	A.A. Madoogali	77.2	70	1989	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC
109	Makunudhoo Island	K. Makunudhu	38.6	58	1983	72	72	72	72	72
110	Malahini Kuda Bandos	K. Kuda Bandos	9.0	164	2016	164	164	164	164	440
111	Medhufushi Island Resort	M. Medhufushi	128.7	240	2000	240	240	240	240	240
112	Meeru Island Resort	K. Meerufenfushi	37.0	128	1978	572	572	572	572	572
113	Milaidhoo Island Maldives	B. Milaidhoo	127.0	30	2016	100	100	100	100	100
114	Mirihi Island Resort	A.Dh. Mirihi	112.6	36	1989	76	76	76	76	76
115	Mövenpick Resort Kuredhivaru Maldives	N. Kuredhivaru	188.0	16	2018	222	222	222	222	222
116	NH Collection Maldives Havodda Resort	G.Dh. Havodda	405.0	240	2015	240	240	240	240	240
117	nH Maldives Kuda Rah Resort	A.Dh. Kudarah	88.5	50	1991	102	102	102	102	102
118	Nika Island Resort	A.A. Kudafolhudhu	69.2	30	1983	104	104	104	104	104
119	Niyama Maldives	Dh. Olhuveli & Embudhufushi	128.0	56	2012	274	274	274	278	278
120	Noku Maldives	N. Kudafunafaru	180.0	100	2008	100	100	100	100	100
121	Nooe Maldives Kunaavashi	V. Kunaavashi	63.9	100	2023	-	-	-	100	100
122	Nova Maldives	A.Dh. Vakarufalhi	90.0	100	1994	150	150	154	154	154

Table 31: continued...

#	Name of the Resort	Atoll & Island Name	Airport Distance (Km)	Initial Bed Capacity	Year of Initial Operation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
123	Oaga Art Resort	K. Maaranfushi	48.3	70	2022	-	-	70	124	124
124	Oblu By Atmosphere at Helengeli	K. Helengeli	46.7	20	1979	236	236	236	242	228
125	Oblu Select by Atmosphere at Sangeli	K. Akirifushi	51.0	288	2018	288	288	288	288	288
126	One & Only Reethi Rah, Maldives	K. Medhufinolhu	64.4	24	1979	268	268	268	268	268
127	Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort	G.Dh. Konotta	416.0	110	2015	110	110	110	110	110
128	Outrigger Maldives Maafushivaru Resort	A.Dh. Maafushivaru	54.7	60	1991	178	178	178	178	178
129	Ozen by Atmosphere at Maadhoo	K. Maadhoo Finolhu	32.0	198	2016	204	214	214	214	214
130	Palm Beach Resort & Spa Maldives	Lh. Madhiriguraidhoo	128.7	200	1999	270	270	270	270	LC
131	Park Hyatt Maldives, Hadaha	G.A. Hadahaa	405.0	100	2009	100	106	106	106	106
132	Patina Maldives, Fari Islands	K. Fari Veli Huraa	48.8	258	2021	-	258	258	258	258
133	Pullman Maldives Maamutaa Resort	G.A. Maamutaa	372.0	254	2019	271	271	271	271	271
134	Raaya By Atmosphere	R. Kudakurathu	164.0	400	2023	-	-	-	400	400
135	Radisson Blu Resort Maldives	A.Dh. Huruelhi	105.0	232	2020	320	320	320	320	320
136	Raffles Maldives Meradhoo Resort	G.A. Meradhoo	400.0	38	2011	84	90	90	90	100
137	Rahaa Resort	L. Kuda Fares & Fares	267.0	48	2019	48	48	48	162	162
138	Ranveli Island Resort	A.Dh. Villingilivaru	77.0	112	1991	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC
139	Reethi Beach Resort	B. Fonimagoodhoo	104.6	200	1998	248	248	248	260	260
140	Reethi Faru Resort	R. Filaidhoo	155.0	162	2017	328	328	328	328	328
141	Rihiveli	K. Mahaanaelhi Huraa	40.2	40	1980	100	100	100	100	100
142	Riu Atoll and Riu Palace Maldivas	Dh. Maafushi and Kedhigandu	180.0	880	2019	880	880	880	880	880
143	Robinson Club Maldives	G.A. Funamauddua	400.0	100	2009	242	242	242	242	242
144	Robinson Club Noonu	N. Orivaru	180.0	300	2017	300	300	300	300	300
145	Royal Island Resort & Spa	B. Horubadhoo	110.0	304	2001	304	304	304	304	304
146	Safari Island	A.A. Mushimasmingili	60.0	168	2013	168	168	168	168	168
147	Saii Lagoon Maldives	K. Eh'mafushi	10.1	152	2019	340	340	340	340	340
148	Sandies Bathala	A.A. Bathala	48.3	20	1983	140	140	140	140	140
149	Shangri - La's Villingili Resort & Spa, Maldives	S. Villingili	478.0	284	2009	284	284	284	284	LC
150	Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Reosort & Spa	K. Furanafushi	5.6	112	1973	352	352	352	352	352
151	Sirru Fen Fushi	Sh. Gaakoshibee	240.0	68	2017	298	298	298	298	298
152	Six Senses Laamu	L. Olhuveli	260.0	66	2011	194	194	194	198	198
153	Siyam World Maldives	N. Dhigurah	172.0	698	2021	-	698	1,060	1,060	1,060
154	SO/Maldives	4° 7' 24.562" N, 73° 28' 52.015" E	8.9	160	2023	-	-	-	160	160
155	Soneva Fushi By Six Senses	B. Kunfunadhoo	104.6	50	1983	286	286	286	286	330

Table 31: continued...

#	Name of the Resort	Atoll & Island Name	Airport Distance (Km)	Initial Bed Capacity	Year of Initial Operation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
156	Soneva Jani	N. Medhufaru	160.0	36	2016	112	112	158	158	182
157	Soneva Secret	H.Dh. Dhipparufushi	256.0	32		-	-	-	-	48
158	South Palm Resort Maldives	S. Ismehelahera and Ked	531.0	100	2019	100	260	260	260	260
159	Summer Island Maldives	K. Ziyaaraifushi	35.0	58	1983	314	314	314	314	314
160	Villa Park Sun Island	A.Dh. Nalaguraidhoo	99.8	700	1998	924	924	924	924	932
161	Sun Siyam Iru Veli Maldives	Dh. Aluvifushi	155.0	28	2018	254	254	254	254	254
162	Sun Siyam Olhuveli Maldives	K. Olhuveli	51.5	36	1979	602	654	654	654	654
163	Sun Siyam Vilu Reef Maldives	Dh. Meedhuffushi	128.7	136	1998	208	208	208	208	208
164	Taj Coral Reef Resort and Spa	K. Hembadhoo	32.2	68	1982	128	128	128	128	128
165	Taj Exortica Resort & Spa Maldives	K. Embudhu Finolhu	12.9	20	1983	134	134	134	134	134
166	The Marina at Crossroads Maldives	K. Eh'mafushi	10.4	60	2019	60	60	60	60	60
167	The Nautilus Maldives	B. Thiladhoo	126.0	24	2019	62	62	62	62	62
168	The Residence Maldives	G.A. Falhumafushi	405.0	108	2012	200	200	200	200	200
169	The Residence Maldives At Dhigurah	G.A. Dhigurah	389	254	2019	370	370	370	370	370
170	The Ritz Carlton Maldives Fari Islands	K. Fari Kandu Huraa	46.5	232	2021	-	232	232	232	232
171	The St. Regis Vommuli Resort, Maldives	Dh. Vommuli	128.0	28	2016	190	190	190	190	190
172	The Standard Huruvalhi Maldives	R. Huruvalhi	147.0	244	2018	244	244	244	244	244
173	The Sun Siyam Iru Fushi Maldives	N. Medhafushi	174.0	200	2008	448	448	448	448	448
174	The Westin Maldives Miriandhoo Resort	B. Miriandhoo	112.0	134	2018	146	146	146	146	146
175	Thulhaagiri Island Resort	K. Thulhaagiri	11.0	44	1980	174	174	174	174	174
176	Vakkaru Maldives	B. Vakkaru	125.0	248	2017	248	248	256	256	256
177	Varu by Atmosphere	K. Madivaru	39.0	232	2019	244	244	244	244	244
178	Velaa Private Island	N. Fushivelavaru	186.0	100	2013	134	134	134	134	134
179	Velassaru Maldives	K. Velassaru	11.3	90	1974	258	258	258	258	258
180	Velidhoo Island Resort	A.A. Velidhoo	80.5	22	1989	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC
181	Veligandu Maldives Resort Island	A.A. Veligandu	51.0	34	1984	182	182	182	182	200
182	Vilamendhoo Island Resort	A.Dh. Vilamendhoo	48.3	200	1994	388	388	388	388	388
183	Villa Nautica Paradise Island	K. Lankanfinolhu	9.6	24	1979	568	568	568	568	568
184	W. Retreat and Spa Maldives Fesdhu	A.A. Fesdhu	72.4	90	1982	162	162	162	162	80
185	Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi	K. Ithaafushi	25.3	222	2019	272	272	294	294	294
186	Yash Nature Resort	Dh. Dhoores	158.0	66	2015	66	66	66	66	66
187	You & Me By Cocoon	R. Uthurumaafaru	181.0	64	2019	218	218	218	218	218
Total						**43,194**	**45,667**	**47,957**	**50,194**	**50,559**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Table 32: Tourist Arrivals by Selected Markets with Market Shares, 2020-2024

REGION / NATIONALITY	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
EUROPE	**348,349**	**(62.7)**	**772,460**	**(58.4)**	**1,022,725**	**(61.0)**	**1,054,709**	**(56.1)**	**1,205,962**	**(58.9)**
Central / Eastern Europe	**120,383**	**(21.7)**	**390,738**	**(29.6)**	**339,616**	**(20.3)**	**369,248**	**(19.7)**	**418,749**	**(20.5)**
Belarus	1,754	(0.3)	4,987	(0.4)	4,082	(0.2)	5,741	(0.3)	6,814	(0.3)
Bulgaria	4,057	(0.7)	8,776	(0.7)	7,803	(0.5)	9,059	(0.5)	10,509	(0.5)
Czech Republic	7,282	(1.3)	18,692	(1.4)	17,308	(1.0)	21,729	(1.2)	23,720	(1.2)
Hungary	5,813	(1.0)	12,582	(1.0)	15,224	(0.9)	15,575	(0.8)	18,231	(0.9)
Kazakhstan	6,470	(1.2)	24,024	(1.8)	21,430	(1.3)	20,833	(1.1)	27,575	(1.3)
Latvia	718	(0.1)	1,592	(0.1)	1,560	(0.1)	1,718	(0.1)	1,926	(0.1)
Lithuania	1,186	(0.2)	3,805	(0.3)	2,551	(0.2)	2,710	(0.1)	3,143	(0.2)
Poland	7,108	(1.3)	23,596	(1.8)	23,590	(1.4)	28,394	(1.5)	33,148	(1.6)
Romania	6,800	(1.2)	15,856	(1.2)	11,579	(0.7)	17,010	(0.9)	21,010	(1.0)
Russia	61,387	(11.1)	222,422	(16.8)	201,954	(12.1)	209,146	(11.1)	225,204	(11.0)
Slovakia	4,498	(0.8)	7,637	(0.6)	9,170	(0.5)	10,651	(0.6)	14,272	(0.7)
Ukraine	10,343	(1.9)	35,073	(2.7)	12,947	(0.8)	12,051	(0.6)	14,087	(0.7)
Uzbekistan	695	(0.1)	3,519	(0.3)	2,620	(0.2)	4,382	(0.2)	4,593	(0.2)
Other Central / Eastern Europe	2,272	(0.4)	8,177	(0.6)	7,798	(0.5)	10,249	(0.5)	14,517	(0.7)
Northern Europe	**67,822**	**(12.2)**	**82,893**	**(6.3)**	**220,077**	**(13.1)**	**191,074**	**(10.2)**	**219,315**	**(10.7)**
Denmark	3,938	(0.7)	6,106	(0.5)	13,344	(0.8)	10,010	(0.5)	11,290	(0.6)
Finland	2,128	(0.4)	1,724	(0.1)	3,126	(0.2)	3,632	(0.2)	3,543	(0.2)
Ireland	1,688	(0.3)	2,931	(0.2)	6,691	(0.4)	5,743	(0.3)	6,520	(0.3)
Norway	1,624	(0.3)	1,549	(0.1)	5,336	(0.3)	4,330	(0.2)	4,746	(0.2)
Sweden	5,613	(1.0)	7,746	(0.6)	12,141	(0.7)	11,194	(0.6)	11,396	(0.6)
United Kingdom	52,720	(9.5)	62,777	(4.7)	179,311	(10.7)	155,994	(8.3)	181,644	(8.9)
Other Northern Europe	111	(0.0)	60	(0.0)	128	(0.0)	171	(0.0)	176	(0.0)
Southern Europe	**63,150**	**(11.4)**	**96,247**	**(7.3)**	**175,611**	**(10.5)**	**200,467**	**(10.7)**	**239,308**	**(11.7)**
Croatia	929	(0.2)	1,599	(0.1)	2,895	(0.2)	4,098	(0.2)	4,372	(0.2)
Greece	871	(0.2)	2,454	(0.2)	3,406	(0.2)	3,936	(0.2)	4,356	(0.2)
Italy	46,690	(8.4)	27,309	(2.1)	97,627	(5.8)	118,525	(6.3)	145,672	(7.1)
Portugal	3,206	(0.6)	15,743	(1.2)	13,377	(0.8)	11,950	(0.6)	14,507	(0.7)
Serbia	1,613	(0.3)	4,712	(0.4)	5,952	(0.4)	8,197	(0.4)	8,096	(0.4)
Slovenia	1,561	(0.3)	2,922	(0.2)	4,373	(0.3)	5,822	(0.3)	6,576	(0.3)
Spain	6,778	(1.2)	37,354	(2.8)	42,123	(2.5)	40,461	(2.2)	47,835	(2.3)
Other Southern Europe	1,502	(0.3)	4,154	(0.3)	5,858	(0.3)	7,478	(0.4)	7,894	(0.4)
Western Europe	**91,696**	**(16.5)**	**178,920**	**(13.5)**	**259,971**	**(15.5)**	**267,529**	**(14.2)**	**307,590**	**(15.0)**
Austria	8,103	(1.5)	17,128	(1.3)	25,056	(1.5)	24,930	(1.3)	29,425	(1.4)
Belgium	2,921	(0.5)	4,844	(0.4)	6,745	(0.4)	6,881	(0.4)	7,994	(0.4)
France	28,031	(5.0)	30,068	(2.3)	48,341	(2.9)	49,201	(2.6)	54,637	(2.7)
Germany	36,435	(6.6)	95,358	(7.2)	133,432	(8.0)	135,091	(7.2)	157,246	(7.7)
Netherlands	3,258	(0.6)	5,100	(0.4)	10,452	(0.6)	12,977	(0.7)	15,801	(0.8)
Switzerland	12,517	(2.3)	24,951	(1.9)	34,614	(2.1)	37,258	(2.0)	41,062	(2.0)
Other Western Europe	431	(0.1)	1,471	(0.1)	1,331	(0.1)	1,191	(0.1)	1,425	(0.1)
East Mediterranean Europe	**5,298**	**(1.0)**	**23,662**	**(1.8)**	**27,450**	**(1.6)**	**26,391**	**(1.4)**	**21,000**	**(1.0)**
Israel	1,782	(0.3)	12,175	(0.9)	15,748	(0.9)	10,966	(0.6)	1,435	(0.1)
Turkey	3,164	(0.6)	10,529	(0.8)	10,502	(0.6)	14,016	(0.7)	18,064	(0.9)
Other East Mediterranean Europe	352	(0.1)	958	(0.1)	1,200	(0.1)	1,409	(0.1)	1,501	(0.1)

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REGION / NATIONALITY	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
ASIA & THE PACIFIC	**142,243**	**(25.6)**	**341,395**	**(25.6)**	**772,460**	**(25.6)**	**607,342**	**(32.3)**	**629,883**	**(30.8)**
North East Asia	**51,319**	**(9.2)**	**10,519**	**(9.2)**	**60,067**	**(9.2)**	**246,676**	**(13.1)**	**330,970**	**(16.2)**
China	36,873	(6.6)	2,424	(0.2)	15,023	(0.9)	187,125	(10.0)	263,340	(12.9)
Japan	8,479	(1.5)	937	(1.5)	8,543	(1.5)	23,041	(1.2)	31,074	(1.5)
Korea	5,895	(1.1)	6,849	(1.1)	35,948	(1.1)	36,324	(1.9)	36,395	(1.8)
Other North East Asia	72	(0.0)	309	(0.0)	553	(0.0)	186	(0.0)	161	(0.0)
South East Asia	**12,746**	**(2.3)**	**9,539**	**(2.3)**	**51,927**	**(2.3)**	**58,947**	**(3.1)**	**68,019**	**(3.3)**
Indonesia	857	(0.2)	953	(0.2)	1,958	(0.2)	2,783	(0.1)	3,901	(0.2)
Malaysia	2,946	(0.5)	703	(0.5)	8,479	(0.5)	13,551	(0.7)	19,846	(1.0)
Myanmar	171	(0.0)	153	(0.0)	517	(0.0)	915	(0.0)	1,085	(0.1)
Philippines	1,756	(0.3)	5,474	(0.3)	5,699	(0.3)	7,664	(0.4)	8,227	(0.4)
Singapore	2,117	(0.4)	1,117	(0.4)	15,939	(0.4)	11,776	(0.6)	12,957	(0.6)
Thailand	3,468	(0.6)	839	(0.6)	15,988	(0.6)	17,998	(1.0)	18,410	(0.9)
Viet Nam	1,264	(0.2)	230	(0.2)	2,276	(0.2)	3,454	(0.2)	2,916	(0.1)
Other South East Asia	167	(0.0)	70	(0.0)	1,071	(0.0)	806	(0.0)	677	(0.0)
South Asia	**70,214**	**(12.6)**	**316,488**	**(12.6)**	**284,267**	**(12.6)**	**264,753**	**(14.1)**	**191,693**	**(9.4)**
Bangladesh	1,108	(0.2)	3,923	(0.2)	16,807	(1.0)	28,336	(1.5)	33,295	(1.6)
India	62,960	(11.3)	291,787	(11.3)	241,382	(11.3)	209,193	(11.1)	130,805	(6.4)
Iran	620	(0.1)	2,797	(0.1)	3,058	(0.1)	3,680	(0.2)	3,639	(0.2)
Pakistan	2,882	(0.5)	13,764	(0.5)	9,736	(0.5)	7,248	(0.4)	7,772	(0.4)
Sri Lanka	2,271	(0.4)	2,448	(0.4)	9,831	(0.4)	12,921	(0.7)	13,380	(0.7)
Other South Asia	373	(0.1)	1,769	(0.1)	3,453	(0.1)	3,375	(0.2)	2,802	(0.1)
Oceania	**7,964**	**(1.4)**	**4,849**	**(1.4)**	**27,083**	**(1.4)**	**36,966**	**(2.0)**	**39,201**	**(1.9)**
Australia	7,220	(1.3)	4,077	(1.3)	25,049	(1.3)	33,684	(1.8)	35,818	(1.8)
New Zealand	719	(0.1)	685	(0.1)	1,888	(0.1)	2,912	(0.2)	3,226	(0.2)
Other Oceania	25	(0.0)	87	(0.0)	146	(0.0)	370	(0.0)	157	(0.0)
AMERICAS	**32,060**	**(5.8)**	**88,910**	**(6.7)**	**121,151**	**(7.2)**	**111,483**	**(5.9)**	**107,552**	**(5.3)**
Argentina	956	(0.2)	814	(0.1)	2,761	(0.2)	3,000	(0.2)	3,107	(0.2)
Brazil	5,497	(1.0)	20,512	(1.6)	18,637	(1.1)	13,709	(0.7)	13,898	(0.7)
Canada	3,872	(0.7)	6,943	(0.5)	11,397	(0.7)	12,729	(0.7)	13,188	(0.6)
Mexico	512	(0.1)	1,477	(0.1)	2,249	(0.1)	2,015	(0.1)	2,135	(0.1)
U.S.A	19,759	(3.6)	55,760	(4.2)	80,697	(4.8)	74,838	(4.0)	69,620	(3.4)
Other Americas	1,464	(0.3)	3,404	(0.3)	5,410	(0.3)	5,192	(0.3)	5,604	(0.3)
MIDDLE EAST	**26,288**	**(4.7)**	**91,413**	**(6.9)**	**79,963**	**(4.8)**	**80,671**	**(4.3)**	**79,705**	**(3.9)**
Egypt	2,543	(0.5)	9,717	(0.7)	8,646	(0.5)	7,490	(0.4)	7,743	(0.4)
Jordan	750	(0.1)	3,661	(0.3)	3,137	(0.2)	3,224	(0.2)	2,932	(0.1)
Kuwait	2,816	(0.5)	4,731	(0.4)	7,934	(0.5)	8,647	(0.5)	7,772	(0.4)
Lebanon	1,049	(0.2)	3,632	(0.3)	2,701	(0.2)	2,998	(0.2)	3,185	(0.2)
Oman	440	(0.1)	1,395	(0.1)	1,199	(0.1)	1,429	(0.1)	1,489	(0.1)
Qatar	1,530	(0.3)	6,063	(0.5)	6,033	(0.4)	6,171	(0.3)	5,355	(0.3)
Saudi Arabia	7,578	(1.4)	40,014	(3.0)	32,384	(1.9)	29,963	(1.6)	29,735	(1.5)
Syria	435	(0.1)	1,844	(0.1)	1,587	(0.1)	1,779	(0.1)	1,740	(0.1)
United Arab Emirates	7,368	(1.3)	14,095	(1.1)	11,456	(0.7)	14,043	(0.7)	15,269	(0.7)
Other Middle East	1,779	(0.3)	6,261	(0.5)	4,886	(0.3)	4,927	(0.3)	4,485	(0.2)
AFRICA	**6,458**	**(1.2)**	**27,442**	**(2.1)**	**27,951**	**(1.7)**	**24,222**	**(1.3)**	**23,287**	**(1.1)**
Algeria	431	(0.1)	789	(0.1)	1,848	(0.1)	2,340	(0.1)	2,366	(0.1)
Morocco	748	(0.1)	1,406	(0.1)	2,264	(0.1)	2,911	(0.2)	2,917	(0.1)
South Africa	2,685	(0.5)	16,347	(1.2)	14,840	(0.9)	10,078	(0.5)	9,213	(0.5)
Other Africa	2,594	(0.5)	8,900	(0.7)	8,999	(0.5)	8,893	(0.5)	8,791	(0.4)
OTHERS	**96**	**(0.0)**	**317**	**(0.0)**	**169**	**(0.0)**	**116**	**(0.0)**	**226**	**(0.0)**
UN Passport Holders	33	(0.0)	44	(0.0)	27	(0.0)	23	(0.0)	86	(0.0)
OTHERS / NOT STATED	63	(0.0)	273	(0.0)	142	(0.0)	93	(0.0)	140	(0.0)
GRAND TOTAL	**555,494**		**1,321,937**		**1,675,303**		**1,878,543**		**2,046,615**	

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by: Maldives Immigration

Table 33: *Growth Trends of Selected Markets with Market Shares, 2020-2024*

REGION / NATIONALITY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
EUROPE	**-58.2**	**121.7**	**32.4**	**3.1**	**14.3**
Central / Eastern Europe	***-33.1***	***224.6***	***-13.1***	***8.7***	***13.4***
Belarus	-35.5	184.3	-18.1	40.6	18.7
Bulgaria	-33.3	116.3	-11.1	16.1	16.0
Czech Republic	-45.7	156.7	-7.4	25.5	9.2
Hungary	-42.0	116.4	21.0	2.3	17.1
Kazakhstan	29.8	271.3	-10.8	-2.8	32.4
Latvia	-47.3	121.7	-3.5	10.1	12.1
Lithuania	-44.2	220.8	-33.0	6.2	16.0
Poland	-66.1	232.0	0.0	20.4	16.7
Romania	-32.9	133.2	-27.0	46.9	23.5
Russia	-26.4	262.3	-9.2	3.6	7.7
Slovakia	-34.9	69.8	20.1	16.2	34.0
Ukraine	-22.0	239.1	-63.1	-6.9	16.9
Uzbekistan	33.2	280.0	-25.5	67.3	4.8
Other Central / Eastern Europe	-46.5	300.6	-4.7	31.4	41.6
Northern Europe	***-59.0***	***22.2***	***165.5***	***-13.2***	***14.8***
Denmark	-62.9	55.1	118.5	-25.0	12.8
Finland	-60.0	-19.0	81.3	16.2	-2.5
Ireland	-60.6	73.6	128.3	-14.2	13.5
Norway	-71.2	-4.6	244.4	-18.9	9.6
Sweden	-57.6	38.0	56.7	-7.8	1.8
United Kingdom	-58.2	19.1	185.6	-13.0	16.4
Other Northern Europe	-53.4	-45.9	113.3	33.6	2.9
Southern Europe	***-68.4***	***52.4***	***82.4***	***14.2***	***19.4***
Croatia	-57.6	72.1	81.1	41.6	6.7
Greece	-68.9	181.7	38.8	15.6	10.7
Italy	-65.8	-41.5	257.5	21.4	22.9
Portugal	-71.9	391.0	-15.0	-10.7	21.4
Serbia	-48.5	192.1	26.3	37.7	-1.2
Slovenia	-57.7	87.2	49.2	33.1	13.0
Spain	-81.2	451.1	12.8	-3.9	18.2
Other Southern Europe	-61.5	176.6	41.0	27.7	5.6
Western Europe	***-65.7***	***95.1***	***45.3***	***2.9***	***15.0***
Austria	-62.9	111.4	46.3	-0.5	18.0
Belgium	-60.0	65.8	39.2	2.0	16.2
France	-53.1	7.3	60.8	1.8	11.0
Germany	-72.3	161.7	39.9	1.2	16.4
Netherlands	-73.4	56.5	104.9	24.2	21.8
Switzerland	-63.0	99.3	38.7	7.6	10.2
Other Western Europe	-63.1	241.3	-9.7	-10.5	19.6
East Mediterranean Europe	***-75.1***	***346.6***	***16.0***	***-3.9***	***-20.4***
Israel	-82.9	583.2	29.3	-30.4	-86.9
Turkey	-68.3	232.8	-0.3	33.5	28.9
Other East Mediterranean Europe	-59.7	172.2	25.3	17.4	6.5

Table 33: *Continued...*

REGION / NATIONALITY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ASIA & THE PACIFIC	**-79.8**	**140.0**	**24.0**	**43.5**	**3.7**
North East Asia	***-86.5***	***-79.5***	***471.0***	***310.7***	***34.2***
China	-87.7	-93.4	519.7	1145.6	40.7
Japan	-80.8	-88.9	811.7	169.7	34.9
Korea	-84.1	16.2	424.9	1.0	0.2
Other North East Asia	-75.8	329.2	79.3	-66.4	-13.4
South East Asia	***-85.5***	***-25.2***	***444.4***	***13.5***	***15.4***
Indonesia	-81.6	11.2	105.4	42.1	40.2
Malaysia	-86.4	-76.1	1106.1	59.8	46.5
Myanmar	-86.7	-10.5	237.9	77.0	18.6
Philippines	-79.2	211.7	4.1	34.5	7.3
Singapore	-85.9	-47.2	1327.3	-26.1	10.0
Thailand	-88.1	-75.8	1805.6	12.6	2.3
Vietnam	-79.6	-81.8	889.6	51.8	-15.6
Other South East Asia	-86.6	-58.1	1430.0	-24.7	-16.0
South Asia	***-63.6***	***350.7***	***-10.2***	***-6.9***	***-27.6***
Bangladesh	-71.7	254.1	328.4	68.6	17.5
India	-62.1	363.4	-17.3	-13.3	-37.5
Iran	-59.6	351.1	9.3	20.3	-1.1
Pakistan	-52.7	377.6	-29.3	-25.6	7.2
Sri Lanka	-83.3	7.8	301.6	31.4	3.6
Other South Asia	-75.8	374.3	95.1	-2.3	-17.0
Oceania	***-82.0***	***-39.1***	***458.5***	***36.5***	***6.0***
Australia	-81.9	-43.5	514.4	34.5	6.3
New Zealand	-82.4	-4.7	175.6	54.2	10.8
Other Oceania	-80.8	248.0	66.7	153.4	-57.6
AMERICAS	**-62.2**	**177.3**	**36.2**	**-8.0**	**-3.5**
Argentina	-63.2	-14.9	239.2	8.7	3.6
Brazil	-44.3	273.1	-9.1	-26.4	1.4
Canada	-66.3	79.3	64.1	11.7	3.6
Mexico	-77.1	188.5	52.3	-10.4	6.0
U.S.A	-63.7	182.2	44.7	-7.3	-7.0
Other Americas	-64.7	132.5	58.9	-4.0	7.9
MIDDLE EAST	**-56.2**	**247.7**	**-12.6**	**0.9**	**-1.2**
Egypt	-33.5	282.1	-11.0	-13.4	3.4
Jordan	-60.0	388.1	-14.3	2.8	-9.1
Kuwait	-48.0	68.0	67.7	9.0	-10.1
Lebanon	-45.9	246.2	-26.5	11.0	6.2
Oman	-62.0	217.0	-14.1	19.2	4.2
Qatar	-66.4	296.3	-0.5	2.3	-13.2
Saudi Arabia	-70.7	428.0	-19.1	-7.5	-0.8
Syria	-66.3	323.9	-14.5	12.1	-2.2
United Arab Emirates	-29.8	91.3	-18.7	22.6	8.7
Other Middle East	-50.3	251.9	-22.0	0.8	-9.0
AFRICA	**-65.5**	**324.9**	**1.8**	**-13.3**	**-3.9**
Algeria	-75.1	83.1	134.2	26.6	1.1
Morocco	-64.5	88.0	61.0	28.6	0.2
South Africa	-71.9	508.8	-9.2	-32.1	-8.6
Other Africa	-51.2	243.1	1.1	-1.2	-1.1
OTHERS	**-69.6**	**230.2**	**-4.4**	**-31.4**	**94.8**
UN Passport Holders	-76.1	33.3	27.3	-14.8	273.9
Other / Not Stated	-64.6	333.3	-9.5	-34.5	50.5
TOTAL	**-67.4**	**138.0**	**26.7**	**12.1**	**8.9**

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment
Data provided by: Maldives Immigration

Table 34: Seasonal Indices, 2020-2024

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Seasonality Ratio
2020	374	324	129	0	0	0	4	16	21	46	77	208	**3.7**
2021	84	88	99	83	59	51	92	130	104	129	131	149	**1.5**
2022	94	107	108	104	90	79	96	94	80	110	105	132	**1.3**
2023	110	114	111	105	77	77	93	99	84	102	105	124	**1.1**
2024	113	127	114	99	70	72	98	103	78	101	101	123	**1.1**

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Table 35: Arrivals by Gender, 2020-2024

Year	Male	Female	Total
2020	266,811	288,683	**555,494**
2021	655,655	666,281	**1,321,937**
2022	803,176	872,127	**1,675,303**
2023	890,414	988,129	**1,878,543**
2024	958,895	1,087,720	**2,046,615**

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment
Data provided by Maldives Immigration

Table 36: Locals Inbound and Outbound Travel, 2020-2024

Year	Arrivals	% change	Departure	% Change
2020	52,457	-75.9	37,658	-82.8
2021	47,675	-9.1	56,321	49.6
2022	150,014	214.7	158,898	182.1
2023	207,220	38.1	209,446 _/	31.8
2024	236,581	14.2	275,801	31.7

Note: _/ Revised
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment
Data provided by Maldives Immigration

Table 37: Graduates from Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism Studies, 2020-2024

	Full Time Courses			Other Courses			Grand Total
Year	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
2020	30	26	**56**	0	0	0	**56**
2021	14 _/	10 _/	**24**	110 _/	30 _/	140	**164**
2022	29 _/	60 _/	**89**	288 _/	119 _/	407	**496**
2023	36 _/	66 _/	**102**	75 _/	40 _/	115	**217**
2024	27	36	**63**	2	13	15	**78**
Total	**136**	**198**	**334**	**475**	**202**	**677**	**1,011**

Note: _/ Revised
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment
Data provided by Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism Studies

Table 38: *Key Marketing and Promotional Fairs Attended, 2024*

#	Name	Date	Location
1	Fitur	24th - 28th January 2024	Madrid, Spain
2	EMITT	6th - 9th February 2024	Istanbul, Turkey
3	Moscow Dive Show	8th - 11th February 2024	Moscow, Russia
4	OTM	8th - 10th February 2024	Mumbai, India
5	SATTE	22nd - 24th February 2024	Delhi, India
6	Travmedia’s International Media Marketplace - IMM Germany	06th March 2024	Germany
7	ITB Berlin	07th - 09th March 2024	Berlin, Germany
8	MATTA	22nd - 24th March 2024	Malaysia
9	ADEX	12th - 14th April 2024	Singapore
10	WTM Latin America 2024	15–17 April 2024	Sao Paulo, Brazil
11	KITF 2024	24th - 26th April 2024	Kazakhstan
12	Arabian Travel Market 2024	06th - 09th May 2024	Dubai
13	ITB China 2024	27th-29th May 2024	Shanghai, China
14	Riyadh Travel Fair 2024	27th-29th May 2024	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
15	Travel Trade Maldives	21st - 22nd August 2024	Male', Maldives
16	PATA Travel Mart	August 27-29	Bangkok, Thailand
17	IFTM Top Resa	17-19 September 2024	Paris, France
18	Asian Tourism Fair	19 - 21 September 2024	Dhaka, Bangladesh
19	TTG Travel Experience 2024	9th to 11th October	Rimini, Italy
20	WTM London 2024	5th- 7th November 2024	London, UK
21	ILTM Cannes 2024	2nd - 5th Dec 2025	Cannes, France

Source: Visit Maldives Corportaion

Definitions

The below definitions and terminologies applied in this publication are adopted from the *International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics* (IRTS) 2008 issued by UN Tourism.

Tourism comprises the activities of persons travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business, and other purposes.

International visitor refers to any person traveling to a country other than the one in which he/she has his/her usual residence, but outside his/her usual environment, for less than 12 consecutive months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

Tourist (overnight visitor) is a visitor who stays at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the country visited.

Nationality of a visitor is that of the government issuing his/her passport or other identification document, even if he/she normally resides in another country.

Tourist accommodation refers to any facility that regularly or occasionally provides overnight accommodation for tourists.

Occupancy rate refers to the proportion of the rooms or bed-places in a collective tourism establishment that is occupied over some period, such as night, month, or year.

Duration of stay refers to the time spent during a visit measured from the stand point of the receiving country or place.

Tourism receipts are defined as expenditures of international inbound visitors including their payments to national carriers for international transport. They also include any other prepayments or payments afterwards made for good and services received in the destination country.

Apart from the above UN Tourism definitions, the following definitions from the Maldives Tourism Act (Law No. 2/99) are adopted for this publication.

Tourist resort refers to an island or a designated area of an island that has been developed to accommodate tourists and to provide board and lodging facilities for them.

Tourist hotel refers to an establishment, other than a tourist resort or a tourist guesthouse that has been developed to provide board and lodging or [only] lodging for tourists for a payment decided at a certain rate per day of stay.

Tourist guesthouse refers to an establishment, other than a tourist hotel, that has been developed, in compliance with standards determined by the Ministry of Tourism, to provide board and lodging or [only] lodging for tourists for a payment decided at a certain rate per day of stay.

Tourist vessel (safari vessel) refers to seagoing vessel that has been developed, in compliance with standards determined by the Ministry of Tourism, to provide board and lodging for tourists for a payment decided at a certain rate per day of stay on board such vessel.

Marina refers to harbors developed for anchoring yachts and such vessels and to provide various services to those vessels. A Marina is also associated with accommodation facilities.

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