



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

TOURISM UPDATES

22nd January 2026

149,447 tourists

Visited the Maldives as of 21st January 2026.

+7.0% Increase

compared to the same period of 2025

67,829 Beds

in available for visitors. Out of which 44,807 were resort beds

Key Markets

Russia (14.6%), Italy (10.9%), United Kingdom (8.8%), China (7.3%) & Germany (6.3%)

Major Highlights

Findings of Maldives Visitor Survey 2025 Presented to Industry Stakeholders





Tourist Arrivals

2023

1,878,543

Tourist Arrivals
at year-end

+12.1%

Increase over
previous year

2024

2,046,615

Tourist Arrivals
at year-end

+8.9%

Increase over
previous year

2025

2,246,516

Tourist Arrivals
at year-end

+9.8%

Increase over
previous year

2026

149,447

Tourist Arrivals
as of 21st Jan with

+7.0%

Increase over
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Tourist Arrivals by Month

As of 15th Jan 2026

	Arrivals				Growth (%) 2026/2025	Daily Average 2026
	2023	2024	2025	2026		
January	122,653	128,551	139,682	149,447	7.0	7,117
Total (as of 21st Jan)	122,653	128,551	139,682	149,447	7.0	7,117

Distribution of Arrivals to Facilities

As of 21st Jan 2026



Arrivals by Airports

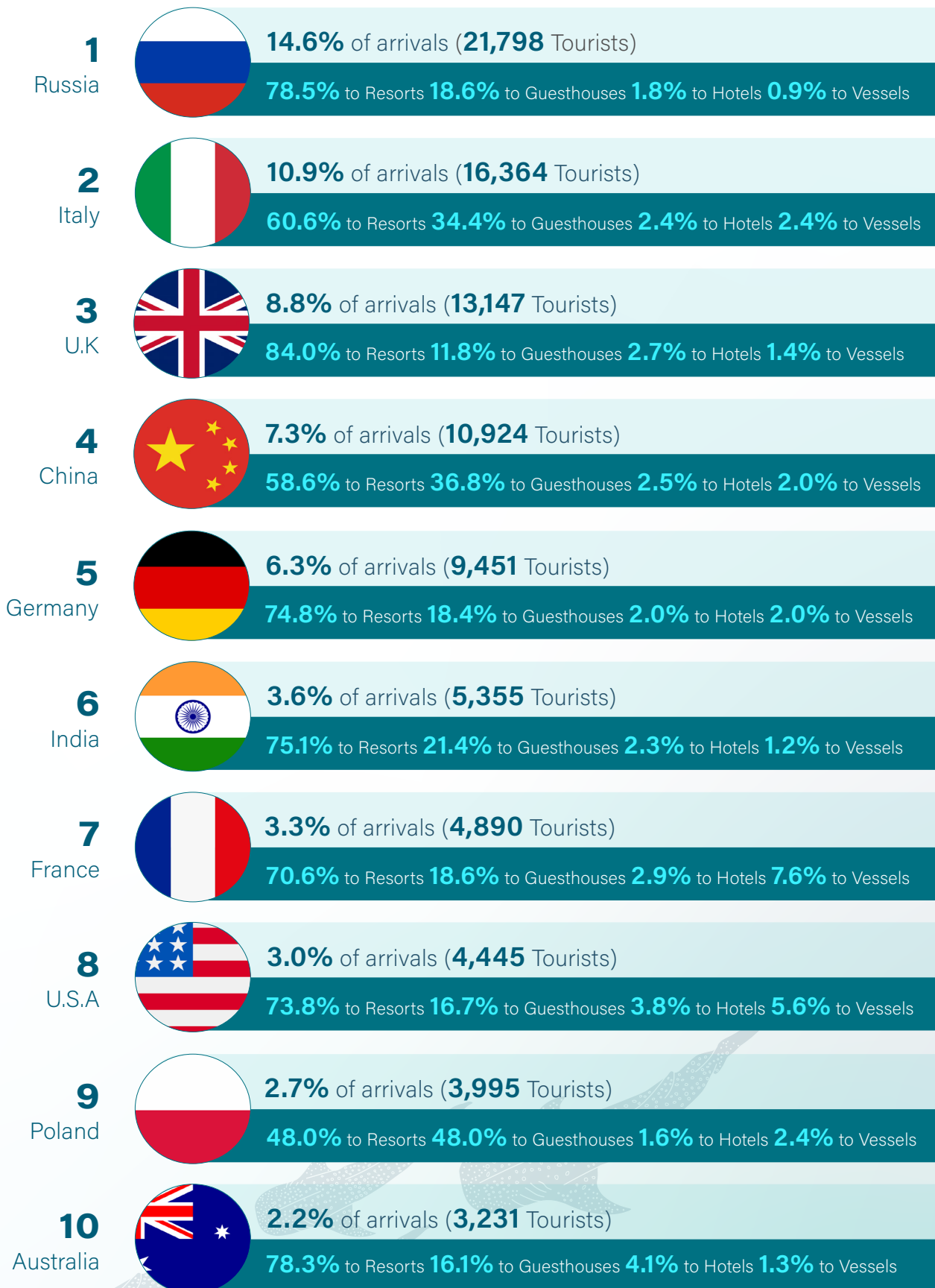
As of 21st Jan 2026



	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	144,226	98.7%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	428	0.3%
Maafaru International Airport	540	0.4%
Gan International Airport	445	0.3%
Dhaalu Airport	183	0.1%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	288	0.2%

Top 10 Nationalities & their Preferred Accommodations

As of 21st Jan 2026



Tourist Accommodation



Total Capacity

As of 21st Jan 2026

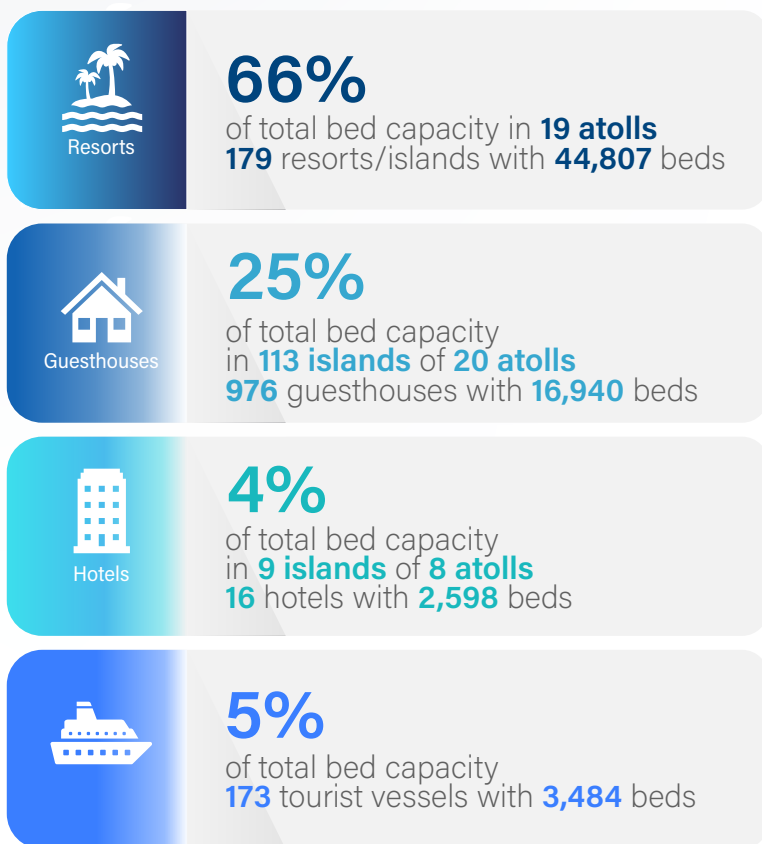
98.4%
of the beds were in
Operation

(as of 21st Jan 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	45,893
Guesthouses	976	16,940
Hotels	16	2,598
Tourist Vessels	173	3,484
Total (As of 21st Jan)	1,351	68,915

Operational Capacity

As of 21st Jan 2026



Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 21st Jan 2026

Atolls	Arrivals	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alif	1,048	738	448	-	290
Haa Dhaalu	502	436	162	104	170
Shaviyani	973	518	444	-	74
Noonu	5,749	2,784	2,566	-	218
Raa	11,049	4,954	4,548	300	106
Baa	8,087	4,830	3,424	150	1,256
Lhaviyani	7,014	3,370	3,326	-	44
Kaafu	64,389	25,214	15,566	1,604	8,044
Alifu Alifu	12,333	4,981	2,426	-	2,555
Alifu Dhaalu	14,046	6,275	4,298	88	1,889
Vaavu	5,421	1,666	794	52	820
Meemu	1,489	666	614	-	52
Faafu	516	346	250	-	96
Dhaalu	6,231	2,962	2,864	-	98
Thaa	222	272	152	-	120
Laamu	691	486	360	-	126
Gaafu Alifu	2,762	1,575	1,301	144	130
Gaafu Dhaalu	1,231	584	440	-	144
Gnaviyani	778	408	-	-	408
Seenu	1,647	1,280	824	156	300
Total	146,179	64,345	44,807	2,598	16,940

TOTAL TOURIST ARRIVALS TO ATOLLS *EXCLUDES ARRIVALS TO VESSELS & FOREIGN VESSELS*

Air Connectivity



AIRLINES	ATM (ARRIVALS)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES	ATM (ARRIVALS)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES	ATM (ARRIVALS)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT	70	12,296	EMIRATES	300	28,415	US BANGLA AIRLINES	44	3,945
AIR ARABIA	120	7,498	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	128	16,981	UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS	10	634
AIR ASIA	118	8,519	EDELWEISS	26	2,987	VIRGIN ATLANTIC	50	5,346
AIR ASIA THAILAND	60	3,472	FITS AVIATION	56	3,598			
AIR INDIA	60	3,941	FLYDUBAI	214	11,192			
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	36	5,519	GULF AIR	118	3,142			
AZUR AIR RUSSIA	30	1,058	INDIGO	240	15,652			
AIR ASTANA	28	2,120	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	94	6,386			
AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES	26	1,504	MALDIVIAN	84	4,805			
BATIK AIR	60	4,217	NEOS	46	7,351			
BANGKOK AIRWAYS	34	930	QATAR AIRWAYS	126	15,902			
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	60	4,217	SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES	16	1,200			
BEOND	66	670	SICHUAN AIRLINES	12	892			
BRITISH AIRWAYS	60	6,739	SINGAPORE AIRLINES	120	12,234			
CENTRUM AIR	2	87	SRILANKAN AIRLINES	168	14,046			
CHINA EASTERN	50	3,906	SMARTWINGS	2	70			
CONDOR	42	5,961	TURKISH AIRLINES	60	7,209			

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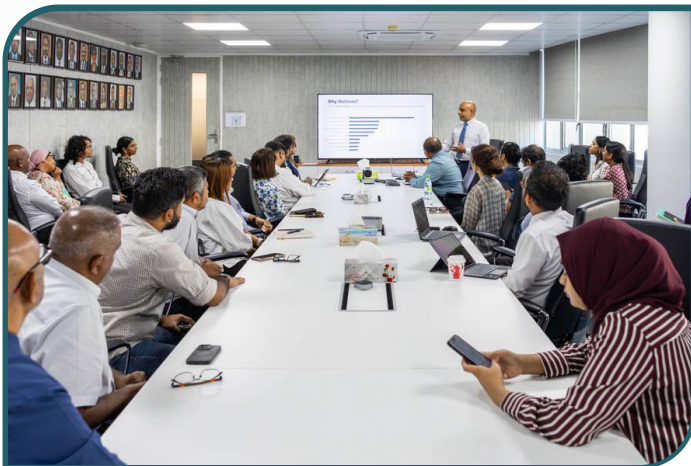


Findings of Maldives Visitor Survey 2025 Presented to Industry Stakeholders



On January 15th, the Ministry of Tourism and Environment convened a dissemination session to share the findings of the Maldives Visitor Survey (MVS) 2025, engaging key stakeholders from the tourism industry.

The session provided a platform to discuss survey insights and gather feedback and recommendations, which will contribute to refining the findings and strengthening their use in evidence-based policymaking and strategic planning for the tourism sector.



Ministry of Tourism and Environment Hosts Tourism Sustainability Workshop with University of Milano-Bicocca



Students from the University of Milano-Bicocca participated in a Tourism and Geography Sustainability Workshop organized by the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, where officials from the Ministry and VMC shared insights into the Maldives' ongoing sustainability initiatives and key developments shaping the tourism sector.



The students also presented Gen Z-focused marketing concepts, offering fresh perspectives on how to inspire and engage the next generation of travelers.



Maldives Shines in TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Best of the Best 2026



The Maldives has reaffirmed its status as a world-class travel destination, earning a place in the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Awards 2026. This elite accolade, reserved for the top 1% of more than eight million global listings, reflects destinations that consistently deliver exceptional visitor experiences.

In the latest rankings, the Maldives outperformed major international destinations including Seoul, Abu Dhabi, and Budapest. The island nation was also named the 3rd Best Honeymoon Destination globally, highlighting its enduring appeal for luxury, romance, and bespoke travel experiences.

This recognition follows a landmark year for the Maldives in global tourism. In 2025, it won the World Travel Awards' World's Leading Destination title for the sixth consecutive year, setting a new global record. Additional accolades from Condé Nast Traveler and MICHELIN Key recognitions for Maldivian resorts further cement the nation's reputation as a benchmark for excellence in luxury and experiential travel.

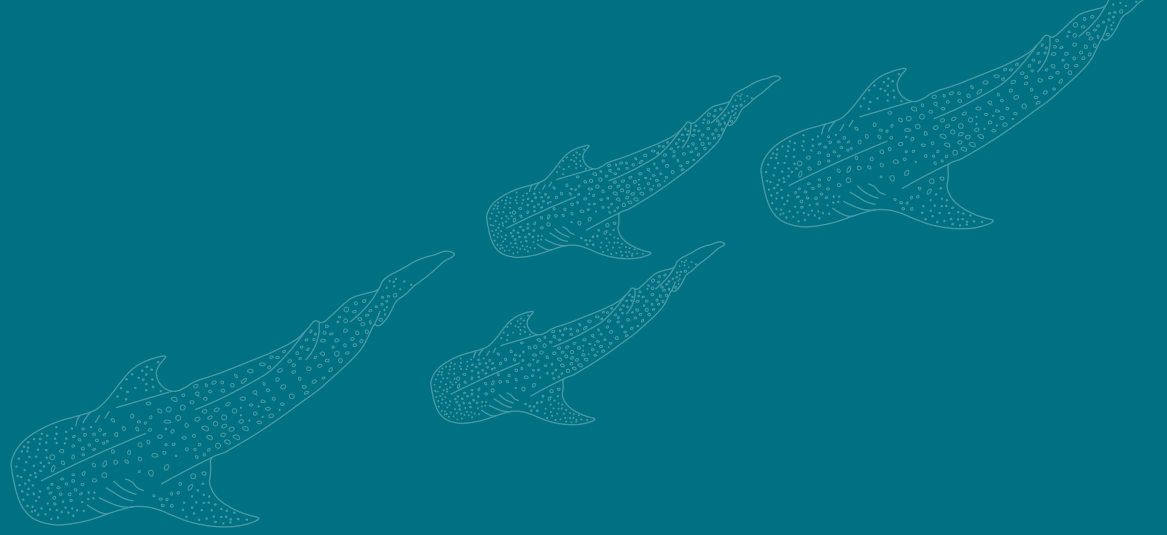
Maldivian Diver to Attempt Record-Breaking Underwater Expedition



Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC) announced "Across Maldives 2026," a major underwater record attempt by diver Shafraz Naeem starting January 23, 2026. Over 15+ days, Shafraz will dive more than 450 km across three atolls using a Diver Propulsion Vehicle (DPV), attempting two records: the longest single DPV dive in open ocean and the longest distance covered with a DPV in a month.

The expedition highlights the Maldives' underwater landscapes, marine biodiversity, and cultural connection to the ocean. Supported by Ooredoo Maldives and beOnd Airlines, the journey will be documented through videography and island visits, marking a new era of adventure storytelling and global promotion for the Maldives.





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