



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

9th July 2026

1,114,751 Visitors

(-4.9%)

as of 8th July 2026

74.10% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+7.5%)

as of 5th Jul 2026

68,142 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,115 were resort beds

Key Markets

China (16.5%), Russia (14.5%), United Kingdom (8.2%), Italy (6.9%), Germany (6.4%), and India (6.0%)

Major Highlights

Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and Visit Maldives Corporation Deepen Tourism Collaboration in Beijing

Maldives Strengthens Tourism Partnerships in Shanghai to Boost Chinese Visitor Arrivals





Tourist Arrivals

2024 2,074,442

Total Visitors as at year-end

2,046,615 Tourists

15,610 Business Arrivals

12,217 Cruise Passengers

2025 2,275,088

Total Visitors as at year-end

2,246,516 Tourists

20,309 Business Arrivals

8,263 Cruise Passengers

International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

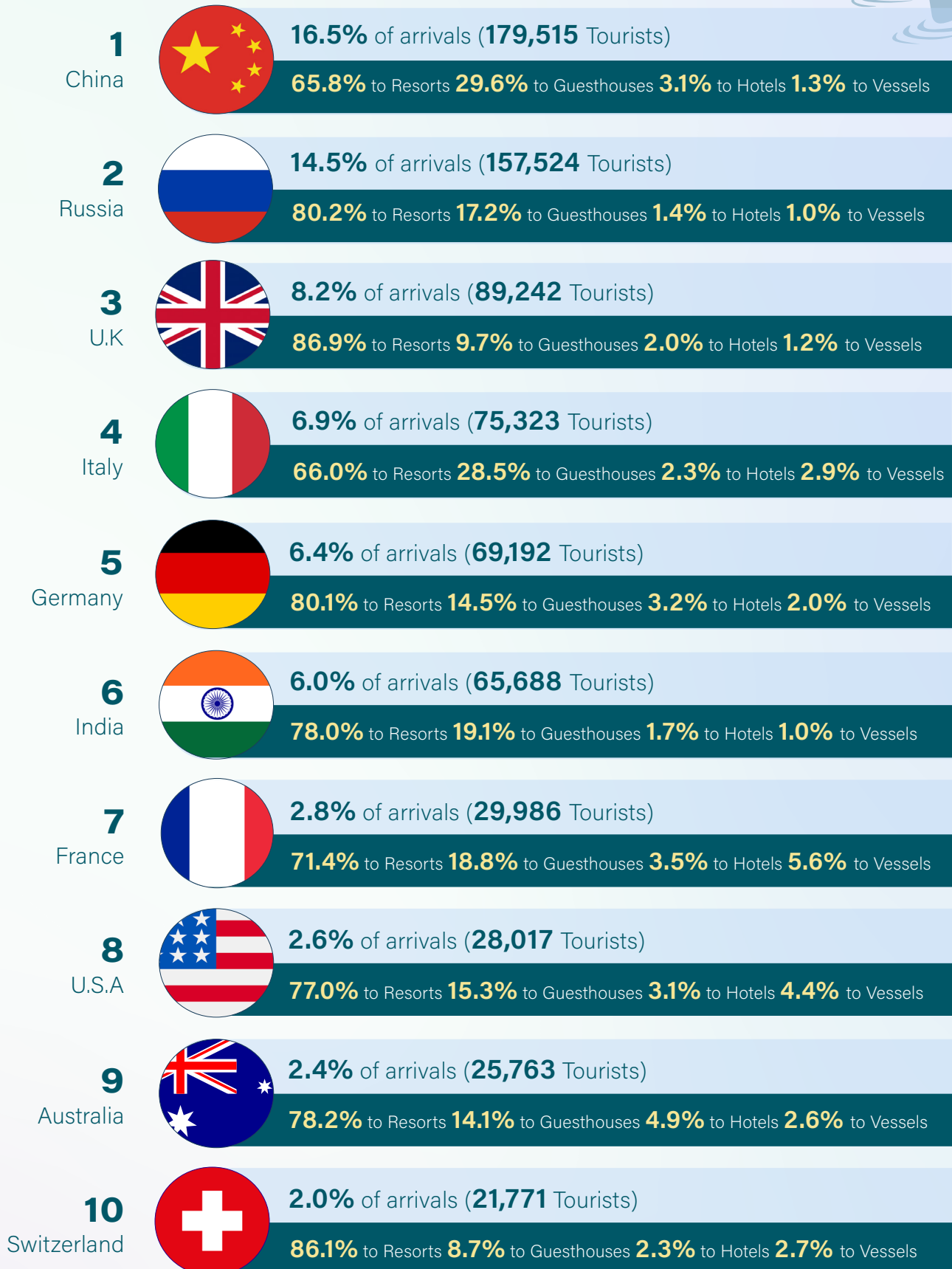
As of 8th July 2026

	2024				2025				2026				Growth % (2025/26)
	Total	Tourist Arrivals	Business Arrivals	Cruise Passengers	Total	Tourist Arrivals	Business Arrivals	Cruise Passengers	Total	Tourist Arrivals	Business Arrivals	Cruise Passengers	
Jan	195,143	192,385	960	1,789	216,544	214,863	1,465	216	227,403	224,788	1,550	1,065	5.0
Feb	218,631	217,392	1,086	153	216,309	214,091	1,606	612	254,556	247,722	1,597	5,237	17.7
Mar	197,047	194,227	1,034	1,786	207,707	203,468	1,314	2,925	166,616	161,259	1,308	4,049	-19.8
Apr	172,477	168,366	926	3,185	202,214	198,322	2,022	1,870	152,861	147,600	1,804	3,457	-24.4
May	121,009	119,875	1,096	38	140,211	135,614	1,957	2,640	142,555	139,746	1,770	1,039	1.7
Jun	124,422	123,284	1,097	41	143,099	141,772	1,327	-	125,891	123,552	1,609	730	-12.0
Jul (1st-8th)	40,388	40,388	n/a	n/a	45,816	45,816	n/a	n/a	44,869	44,869	n/a	n/a	-2.1
Total (as of Jul 8th)	1,069,117	1,055,917	6,199	7,001	1,171,900	1,153,946	9,691	8,263	1,114,751	1,089,536	9,638	15,577	-4.9
Daily Average	5,657	5,587	n/a	n/a	6,201	6,106	n/a	n/a	5,898	5,765	n/a	n/a	-



Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 8th July 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 8th July 2026

Resorts



788,234
Tourists
72.3%
of total arrivals

Guesthouses



251,618
Tourists
23.1%
of total arrivals

Hotels



26,273
Tourists
2.4%
of total arrivals

Vessels



21,691
Tourists
2.0%
of total arrivals

Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 8th July 2026



Airports

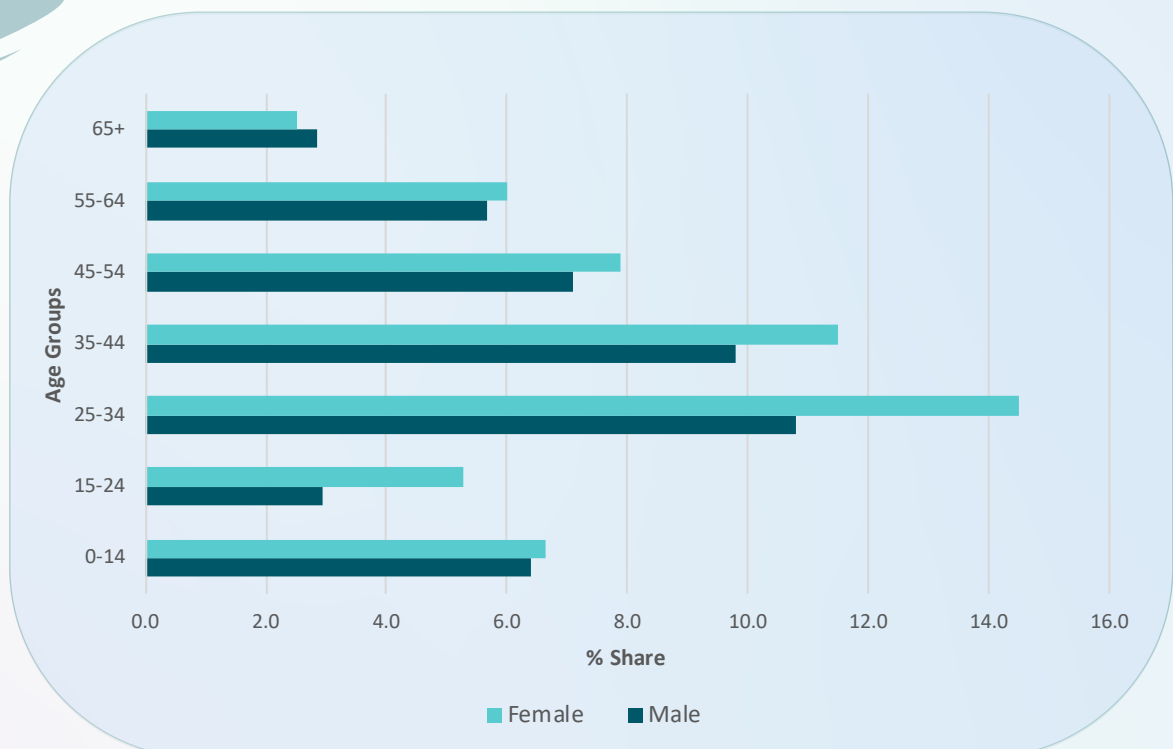
	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	1,085,806	97.4%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	2,460	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	3,769	0.3%
Gan International Airport	4,228	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	2,009	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	902	0.1%

Sea Ports

	Arrivals	Share
All	15,577	1.4%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 8th July 2026





Total Capacity

As of 8th July 2026

98.8%

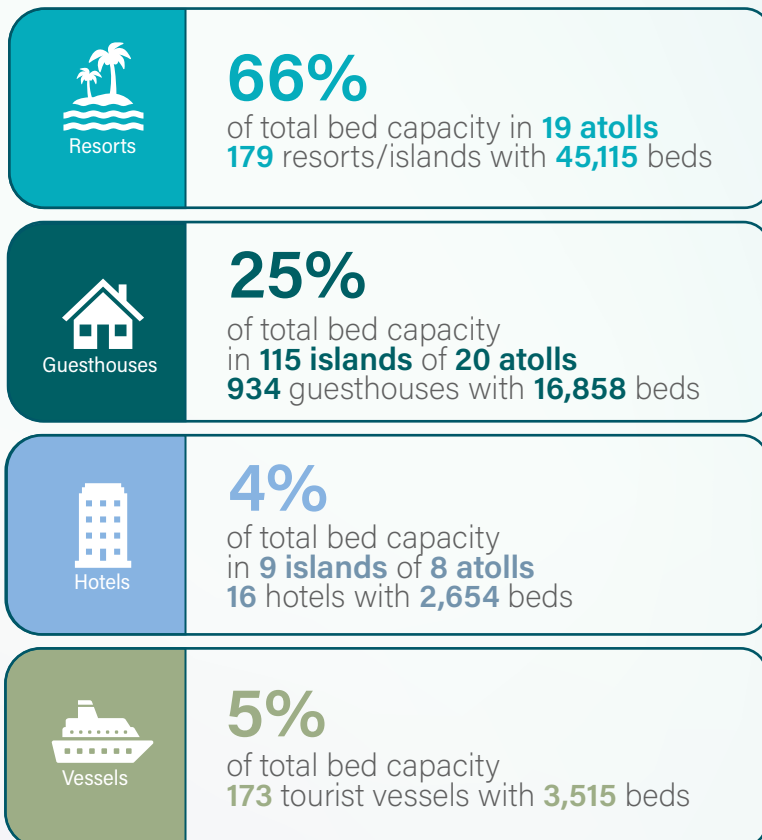
of beds were in
Operation

(as of 8th Jul 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	185	45,963
Guesthouses	934	16,858
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	173	3,515
Total (As of 8th Jul)	1,308	68,990

Capacity in Operation

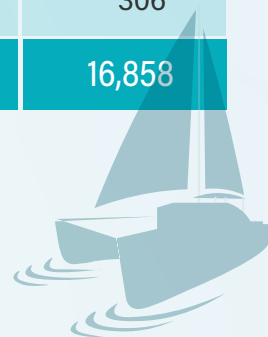
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Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 8th July 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	7,926	718	448		270
Haa Dhaalu	2,926	384	162	104	118
Shaviyani	8,155	516	444		72
Noonu	48,366	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	85,484	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	59,468	4,998	3,442	150	1,406
Lhaviyani	50,860	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	489,473	25,266	15,516	1,646	8,104
Alifu Alifu	79,506	4,796	2,518		2,278
Alifu Dhaalu	91,467	6,290	4,306	102	1,882
Vaavu	33,850	1,680	828	52	800
Meemu	9,708	686	614		72
Faafu	2,906	346	250		96
Dhaalu	47,166	3,072	2,968		104
Thaa	1,748	290	152		138
Laamu	3,920	546	360		186
Gaafu Alifu	18,834	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	10,133	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	4,829	386			386
Seenu	9,399	1,286	824	156	306
Total	1,066,124	64,627	45,115	2,654	16,858





MAY 2026



AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)
	AEROFLOT	9		EDELWEISS	3
	AIR ARABIA	2		EMIRATES	19
	AIR ASIA	12		ETIHAD AIRWAYS	12
	AIR ASIA THAILAND	5		FITS AIR	5
	AIR ASTANA	4		FLY DUBAI	8
	AIR INDIA	6		INDIGO	25
	AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	-		MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	9
	AZUR AIR	1		MALDIVIAN	14
	BANGKOK AIRWAYS	1		NEOS	1
	BATIK AIR	6		QATAR AIRWAYS	6
	BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	2		SAUDIA	2
	BEOND	-		SICHUAN AIRLINES	1
	BRITISH AIRWAYS	3		SINGAPORE AIRLINES	13
	CENTRUM AIR	2		SRILANKAN AIRLINES	19
	CHINA EASTERN	5		TURKISH AIRLINES	5
	CHONGQING AIRLINES	2		US BANGLA AIRLINES	5
	CONDOR	1	Note: Austrian Airlines operated 1 flight in May 2026 & Beond operated 2 flights in May 2026		



Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and Visit Maldives Corporation Deepen Tourism Collaboration in Beijing



The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and Visit Maldives Corporation hosted a high-level networking event in Beijing, bringing together tour operators, airlines, travel media, and industry leaders to strengthen tourism partnerships with the Chinese market. VMC's representation was led by CEO and MD, Mr. Ibrahim Shiuree. Minister of State Haris Mohamed welcomed guests with a destination showcase highlighting the diverse experiences awaiting Chinese travellers in the Maldives.



During the visit, the Maldivian delegation held strategic meetings with Cross Horizons and the World Tourism Cities Federation (WTCF), exploring new promotional initiatives, cultural exchange opportunities, and international partnerships aimed at enhancing the Maldives' presence in China and supporting the continued growth of the country's tourism sector.



Maldives Strengthens Tourism Partnerships in Shanghai to Boost Chinese Visitor Arrivals



The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation hosted a high-level networking event in Shanghai, bringing together tour operators, airlines, and travel media from across Eastern China to strengthen tourism ties with the Chinese market. Guests were welcomed with remarks from the Maldivian delegation and a destination video showcasing the unique experiences that continue to attract Chinese travellers to the Maldives.



During the visit, the delegation held a series of strategic meetings with key industry partners, including Trip.com (C-Trip), one of China's largest online travel platforms, ABC Travel, Run Tour, and Megacap, Maldivian's General Sales Agent in China. Discussions focused on expanding the Maldives' presence in the Chinese market through enhanced retail and distribution networks, strengthening group travel packages, increasing ticket sales, and improving air connectivity between China and the Maldives.





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