



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

Maldives Tourism Statistics *January 2026*

Enhanced Data Coverage

The Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MOTE) is strengthening the national tourism statistical framework by transitioning to a broader and more inclusive approach to data reporting commencing from **January 2026**. Historically, the Maldives official tourism statistics captured international visitors arriving by air for holiday purposes only.

With the integration of enhanced administrative and immigration data sources, MOTE is expanding its data coverage to encompass all categories of international visitor arrivals to the country, including *business travelers* and *cruise passengers*. The revised framework also provides additional details on country of residence, port of entry, place of stay, and demographic characteristics of the visitors.

This broadened coverage improves the completeness, accuracy, and analytical value of Maldives tourism statistics, ensuring greater alignment with international best practices and supporting evidence-based policy formulation and strategic planning for the tourism sector. The reports will be updated and published monthly.

MOTE extends its sincere appreciation to the **Maldives Immigration** for its continued support and close collaboration in the timely provision of data.

**Table 1: Key Indicators, 2025-2026
(As at end January)**

	Jan	End Period
INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS		Total
2025	Total	216,265
	Tourists	214,863
	Cruise Passengers	216
	Business Arrivals	1,186
2026	Total	227,198
	Tourists	224,788
	Cruise Passengers	1,065
	Business Arrivals	1,345
% Change (2026/2025)		5.1
TOURISTS BY GENDER		Total
2025	Total	214,863
	Male	100,790
	Female	114,073
2026	Total	224,788
	Male	103,783
	Female	121,004
	Not Specified	1
% Change (2026/2025)		4.6
VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PORT OF ENTRY 2026⁻¹		Total
	Velaana International Airport	223,313
	Gan International Airport	799
	Hanimaadhoo International Airport	716
	Kudahuvadhoo Airport	631
	Maafaru International Airport	413
	Villa International Airport (Maamigili)	260
	Sea Ports (all ports)	1,065
	Total	227,198
TOTAL BEDS IN OPERATION		Average
2025		61,111
2026		66,906
% Change (2026/2025)		9.5
BED NIGHTS⁻²		Total
2025		1,386,916
2026		1,467,156
% Change (2026/2025)		5.8
OCCUPANCY RATE (%)		Average
2025		73.2
2026		70.7
% Change (2026/2025)		-3.4
AVERAGE DURATION OF STAY (Days)⁻¹		Average
2025		7.0
2026		6.9
% Change (2026/2025)		-1.9

Notes: ⁻¹ Estimates based on data from IMUGA

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⁻² Including estimates for missing data

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

**Table 2: Arrivals by Nationality
(Tourists, as at end January 2026)**

REGION / NATIONALITY	January				Market Ranking 2026
	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	
EUROPE	132,840	156,342	17.7	69.6	
<i>CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE</i>	<i>49,494</i>	<i>61,359</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>27.3</i>	
Armenia	183	240	31.1	0.1	67
Azerbaijan	614	544	-11.4	0.2	50
Belarus	639	676	5.8	0.3	44
Bulgaria	2,018	2,422	20.0	1.1	24
Czech Republic	2,598	3,385	30.3	1.5	16
Georgia	167	138	-17.4	0.1	77
Hungary	3,532	3,154	-10.7	1.4	18
Kazakhstan	3,384	4,180	23.5	1.9	11
Kyrgyzstan	257	399	55.3	0.2	57
Latvia	245	284	15.9	0.1	62
Lithuania	358	362	1.1	0.2	59
Poland	4,592	6,041	31.6	2.7	9
Romania	3,291	3,241	-1.5	1.4	17
Russia	21,835	29,370	34.5	13.1	1
Slovakia	2,046	2,044	-0.1	0.9	26
Ukraine	1,940	2,945	51.8	1.3	20
Uzbekistan	1,326	1,422	7.2	0.6	31
Other Central / Eastern Europe	469	512	9.2	0.2	52
<i>NORTHERN EUROPE</i>	<i>24,054</i>	<i>26,736</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>11.9</i>	
Denmark	1,581	1,802	14.0	0.8	27
Finland	512	517	1.0	0.2	51
Ireland	679	788	16.1	0.4	40
Norway	497	668	34.4	0.3	45
Sweden	1,749	2,466	41.0	1.1	23
United Kingdom	19,011	20,478	7.7	9.1	4
Other Northern Europe	25	17	-32.0	0.0	90

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	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	
SOUTHERN EUROPE	27,232	32,515	19.4	14.5	
Albania	152	185	21.7	0.1	70
Bosnia & Herzegovina	170	244	43.5	0.1	66
Croatia	524	937	78.8	0.4	35
Greece	390	559	43.3	0.2	49
Italy	19,780	23,171	17.1	10.3	2
Portugal	1,040	1,026	-1.3	0.5	34
Republic of North Macedonia	167	218	30.5	0.1	68
Serbia	1,110	1,057	-4.8	0.5	33
Slovenia	655	903	37.9	0.4	37
Spain	2,885	3,779	31.0	1.7	14
Other Southern Europe	359	436	21.4	0.2	54
WESTERN EUROPE	29,357	32,969	12.3	14.7	
Austria	3,588	4,585	27.8	2.0	10
Belgium	915	859	-6.1	0.4	39
France	7,324	7,751	5.8	3.4	7
Germany	12,527	14,028	12.0	6.2	5
Netherlands / Holland	1,388	1,667	20.1	0.7	29
Switzerland	3,548	3,970	11.9	1.8	13
Other Western Europe	67	109	62.7	0.0	83
EAST MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE	2,703	2,763	2.2	1.2	
Cyprus	90	131	45.6	0.1	79
Türkiye	2,516	2,632	4.6	1.2	22
Other East Mediterranean Europe	97	0	-100.0	0.0	91

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REGION / NATIONALITY	January				Market Ranking 2026
	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	
ASIA & THE PACIFIC	65,062	50,543	-22.3	22.5	
<i>NORTH EAST ASIA</i>	<i>42,277</i>	<i>29,471</i>	<i>-30.3</i>	<i>13.1</i>	
China	35,948	22,676	-36.9	10.1	3
Japan	2,680	3,057	14.1	1.4	19
Korea	3,622	3,678	1.5	1.6	15
Other North East Asia	27	60	122.2	0.0	86
<i>SOUTH EAST ASIA</i>	<i>4,223</i>	<i>4,401</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.0</i>	
Indonesia	339	335	-1.2	0.1	60
Malaysia	1,712	1,719	0.4	0.8	28
Myanmar	57	88	54.4	0.0	84
Philippines	399	427	7.0	0.2	55
Singapore	669	721	7.8	0.3	43
Thailand	753	908	20.6	0.4	36
Viet Nam	265	155	-41.5	0.1	72
Other South East Asia	29	48	65.5	0.0	87
<i>SOUTH ASIA</i>	<i>15,157</i>	<i>12,366</i>	<i>-18.4</i>	<i>5.5</i>	
Bangladesh	2,981	2,221	-25.5	1.0	25
India	10,170	8,413	-17.3	3.7	6
Iran	198	137	-30.8	0.1	78
Nepal	160	150	-6.3	0.1	75
Pakistan	775	638	-17.7	0.3	46
Sri Lanka	845	785	-7.1	0.3	41
Other South Asia	28	22	-21.4	0.0	88
<i>OCEANIA</i>	<i>3,405</i>	<i>4,305</i>	<i>26.4</i>	<i>1.9</i>	
Australia	3,141	4,008	27.6	1.8	12
New Zealand	247	275	11.3	0.1	63
Other Oceania	17	22	29.4	0.0	88
AMERICAS	10,658	10,429	-2.1	4.6	
Argentina	750	733	-2.3	0.3	42
Brazil	1,382	1,158	-16.2	0.5	32
Canada	1,292	1,482	14.7	0.7	30
Colombia	132	154	16.7	0.1	73
Mexico	183	144	-21.3	0.1	76
U.S.A.	6,563	6,353	-3.2	2.8	8
Other Americas	356	405	13.8	0.2	56

**Table 2: Arrivals by Nationality
(Tourists, as at end January 2026)**

REGION / NATIONALITY	January				Market Ranking 2026
	2025	2026	% Change	% Share 2026	
MIDDLE EAST	4,814	5,875	22.0	2.6	
Egypt	446	507	13.7	0.2	53
Jordan	165	190	15.2	0.1	69
Kuwait	677	865	27.8	0.4	38
Lebanon	168	151	-10.1	0.1	74
Oman	243	112	-53.9	0.0	82
Qatar	154	252	63.6	0.1	65
Saudi Arabia	2,006	2,746	36.9	1.2	21
Syria	113	123	8.8	0.1	81
United Arab Emirates	515	629	22.1	0.3	47
Other Middle East	327	300	-8.3	0.1	61
AFRICA	1,489	1,599	7.4	0.7	
Algeria	155	174	12.3	0.1	71
Morocco	231	270	16.9	0.1	64
Nigeria	66	73	10.6	0.0	85
South Africa	564	585	3.7	0.3	48
Tunisia	117	129	10.3	0.1	80
Other Africa	356	368	3.4	0.2	58
OTHERS	0	0	0.0	0.0	
UN Passport Holders	0	0	0.0	0.0	91
Other / Not Stated	0	0	0.0	0.0	91
TOTAL TOURIST ARRIVALS	214,863	224,788	4.6	100.0	

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

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**Table 3: Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence
(Top 20, as at end January 2026)**

#	Country of Residence	No. of Arrivals	% Share of Resident Country's Nationality
1	Russia	27,908	99.4
2	Italy	22,147	97.4
3	China	21,089	96.6
4	United Kingdom	20,668	92.0
5	Germany	13,682	92.0
6	India	7,427	95.7
7	France	6,366	92.8
8	United States	6,133	90.8
9	Poland	5,649	97.4
10	Switzerland	4,688	76.9
11	Austria	4,543	90.1
12	Kazakhstan	4,101	96.8
13	Australia	4,094	90.1
14	Spain	3,860	86.8
15	Republic of Korea	3,466	98.9
16	United Arab Emirates	3,342	18.0
17	Czech Republic	3,240	95.7
18	Saudi Arabia	3,020	87.2
19	Hungary	2,872	99.1
20	Romania	2,754	96.9

Note: Estimated based on data from IMUGA

Date: 19 February 2026

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

**Table 4: Arrivals by Age Groups and Gender
(Tourists , as at end January 2026)**

Age Group	Male	Female	Other	Total
0-14	12,548	13,071	-	25,619
15-24	6,370	11,431	-	17,801
25-34	21,964	29,835	-	51,799
35-44	21,898	24,746	-	46,645
45-54	17,225	18,985	-	36,209
55-64	15,349	16,034	-	31,383
65+	8,088	6,657	-	14,745
Unknown	341	245	1	587
Total	103,783	121,004	1	224,788
% Share	46.2	53.8	0.0	100.0

Note: Estimated based on data from IMUGA
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 19 February 2026

**Table 5: Distribution of Tourists to Establishments
(as at end January 2026)**

#	Tourist Establishment Type	No. of Tourists	Share (%)
1	Resorts	153,824	68.4
2	Guesthouses	6,008	2.7
3	Hotels	59,813	26.6
4	Vessels	4,942	2.2
5	Others (Foreign Vessels)	201	0.1
Total		224,788	100.0

Note: Estimates based on data from IMUGA Date: 19 February 2026
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

**Table 6: Preferred Choice of Accommodation
(Top 10 Tourist Nationalities, as at end January 2026)**

Rank	Nationality	No. of Tourists	Accommodation Preference (%)				
			Resorts	Guesthouses	Hotels	Tourist Vessels	Foreign Vessels
1	Russian	29,370	76.2	20.7	1.9	1.1	0.1
2	Italian	23,171	59.8	35.0	2.4	2.6	0.2
3	Chinese	22,676	60.8	35.1	2.4	1.6	0.1
4	British	20,478	84.7	11.5	2.4	1.8	0.0
5	German	14,028	75.4	18.0	4.3	2.2	0.1
6	Indian	8,413	76.2	20.3	2.5	1.0	0.0
7	French	7,751	71.3	18.6	3.2	6.8	0.1
8	American	6,353	73.4	16.7	4.2	5.7	0.0
9	Polish	6,041	48.9	46.1	1.9	2.9	0.1
10	Austrian	4,585	84.6	9.3	4.0	2.1	0.1

Note: Estimates based on data from IMUGA
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 19 February 2026

**Table 7: Tourist Arrival Distribution to Atolls, 2026
(Resorts, Hotels and Guesthouses Only)**

#	Atoll	January		End Period	
		No. of Tourists	% Share	No. of Tourists	% Share
1	Haa Alifu	1,631	0.7	1,631	0.7
2	Haa Dhaalu	767	0.3	767	0.3
3	Shaviyani	1,563	0.7	1,563	0.7
4	Noonu	8,914	4.0	8,914	4.0
5	Raa	16,422	7.3	16,422	7.3
6	Baa	12,136	5.4	12,136	5.4
7	Lhaviyani	10,219	4.5	10,219	4.5
8	Kaafu	96,992	43.1	96,992	43.1
9	Alifu Alifu	18,470	8.2	18,470	8.2
10	Alifu Dhaalu	21,078	9.4	21,078	9.4
11	Vaavu	8,096	3.6	8,096	3.6
12	Meemu	2,116	0.9	2,116	0.9
13	Faafu	758	0.3	758	0.3
14	Dhaalu	9,357	4.2	9,357	4.2
15	Thaa	363	0.2	363	0.2
16	Laamu	1,035	0.5	1,035	0.5
17	Gaafu Alifu	4,095	1.8	4,095	1.8
18	Gaafu Dhaalu	2,012	0.9	2,012	0.9
19	Gnaviyani	1,184	0.5	1,184	0.5
20	Seenu	2,436	1.1	2,436	1.1
Total to Atolls		219,645	97.7	219,645	97.7
Total Arrivals to the Maldives		224,788		224,788	

Note: Estimates based on data from IMUGA
Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 19 February 2026

Table 8: Number of Tourist Establishments by Type, 2025 - 2026

Month	Registered Number of Establishments										Operational Number of Establishments									
	2025					2026					2025					2026				
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total
January	180	15	793	155	1,143	186	16	901	169	1,272	174	15	793	155	1,137	179	16	901	174	1,270
Average for the Period	180	15	793	155	1,143	186	16	901	169	1,272	174	15	793	155	1,137	179	16	901	174	1,270

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

Date: 22 February 2026

Table 9: Tourist Bed Capacity by Type, 2025 - 2026

Month	Registered Number of Beds										Operational Number of Beds									
	2025					2026					2025					2026				
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total
January	44,085	2,038	13,381	3,127	62,631	45,893	2,598	15,977	3,393	67,861	42,565	2,038	13,381	3,127	61,111	44,807	2,598	15,977	3,524	66,906
Average for the Period	44,085	2,038	13,381	3,127	62,631	45,893	2,598	15,977	3,393	67,861	42,565	2,038	13,381	3,127	61,111	44,807	2,598	15,977	3,524	66,906

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

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Table 10: Tourist Bed Nights and Occupancy, 2025 - 2026

Month	Bed Nights ⁻¹										Occupancy Rate (%)									
	2025					2026					2025					2026				
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total
January	1,082,990	25,889	245,228	32,809	1,386,916	1,077,928	19,823	334,233	35,172	1,467,156	82.1	41.0	59.1	33.8	73.2	77.6	24.6	67.5	32.2	70.7
End Period	1,082,990	25,889	245,228	32,809	1,386,916	1,077,928	19,823	334,233	35,172	1,467,156	82.1	41.0	59.1	33.8	73.2	77.6	24.6	67.5	32.2	70.7

Note: ⁻¹Including estimates for missing data

Date: 22 February 2026

Source: Ministry of Tourism & Environment

**Table 11: Tourist Accommodation Distribution to Atolls
(Resorts, Hotels and Guesthouses Only)
(as at end January 2026)**

#	Atoll	Tourist Facilities (operational)						Total	
		Resorts		Guesthouses		Hotels		Nos.	Beds
		Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds		
1	Haa Alifu	2	448	22	282	-	-	24	730
2	Haa Dhaalu	2	162	11	148	1	104	14	414
3	Shaviyani	2	444	9	66	-	-	11	510
4	Noonu	8	2,566	18	218	-	-	26	2,784
5	Raa	17	4,548	7	106	1	300	25	4,954
6	Baa	16	3,424	83	1,212	1	150	100	4,786
7	Lhaviyani	13	3,326	3	44	-	-	16	3,370
8	Greater Male'	-	-	110	2,854	8	1,528	118	4,382
9	Kaafu	58	15,566	198	4,824	1	76	257	20,466
10	Alifu Alifu	12	2,426	164	2,315	-	-	176	4,741
11	Alifu Dhaalu	17	4,298	116	1,806	1	88	134	6,192
12	Vaavu	5	794	56	752	1	52	62	1,598
13	Meemu	3	614	6	52	-	-	9	666
14	Faafu	1	250	8	96	-	-	9	346
15	Dhaalu	9	2,864	8	98	-	-	17	2,962
16	Thaa	1	152	10	120	-	-	11	272
17	Laamu	2	360	5	80	-	-	7	440
18	Gaafu Alifu	6	1,301	14	130	1	144	21	1,575
19	Gaafu Dhaalu	2	440	10	126	-	-	12	566
20	Gnaviyani	-	-	25	370	-	-	25	370
21	Seenu	3	824	18	278	1	156	22	1,258
Total		179	44,807	901	15,977	16	2,598	1,096	63,382

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