



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

# MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

12th March 2026

## 536,177 Visitors

as of 11th March 2026.

## +6.4% Increase

compared to the same period of 2025

## 67,420 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,009 were resort beds

## Key Markets

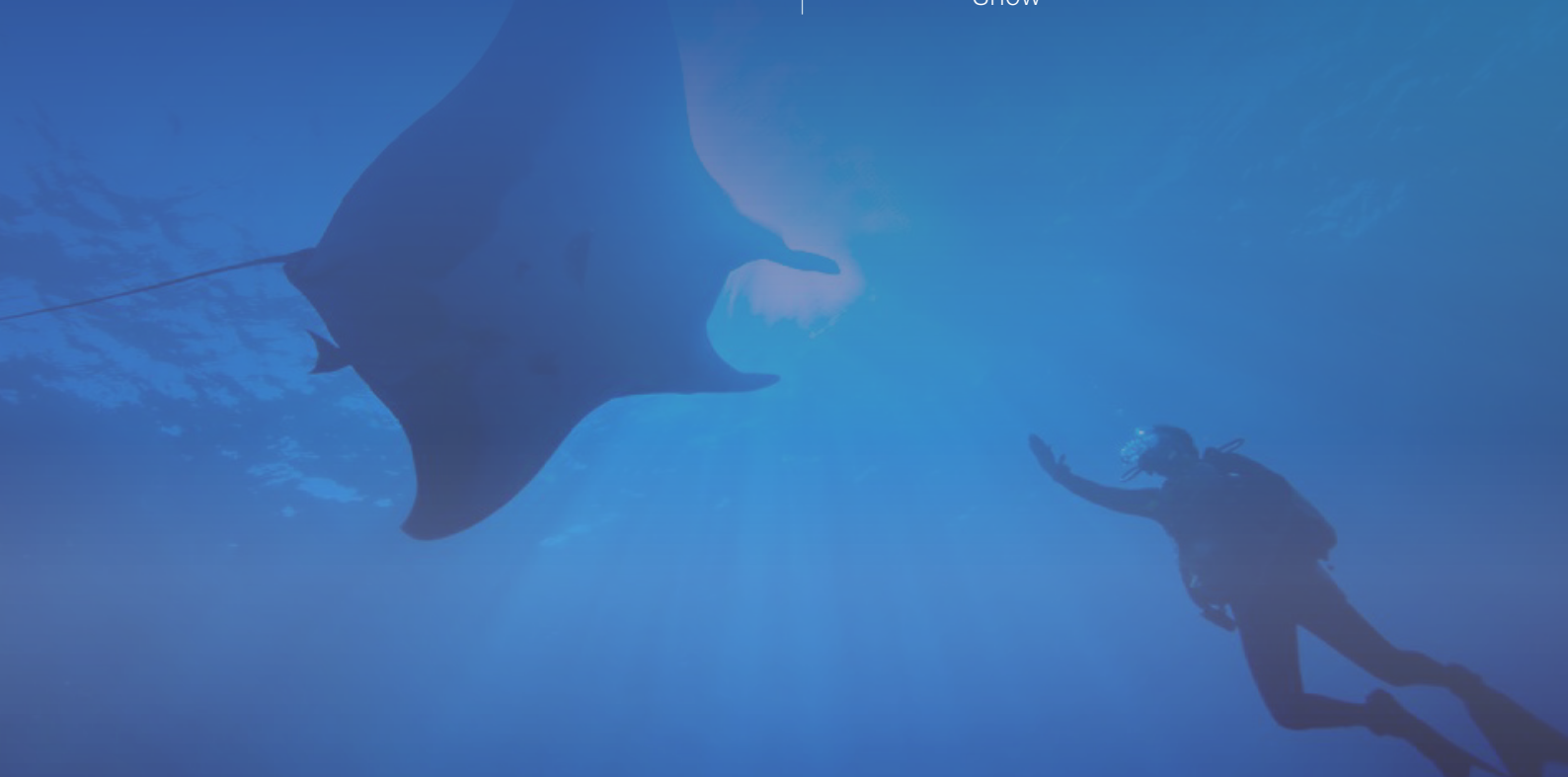
China (15.9%), Russia (11.9%), Italy (9.7%), United Kingdom (9.5%), Germany (6.5%), and India (3.8%)

## Major Highlights

Maldives to Take Centre Stage as Official Host Country of ITB Berlin 2027

Air India and Aeroflot Expand Flights to Maldives Amid Middle East Travel Disruptions

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**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

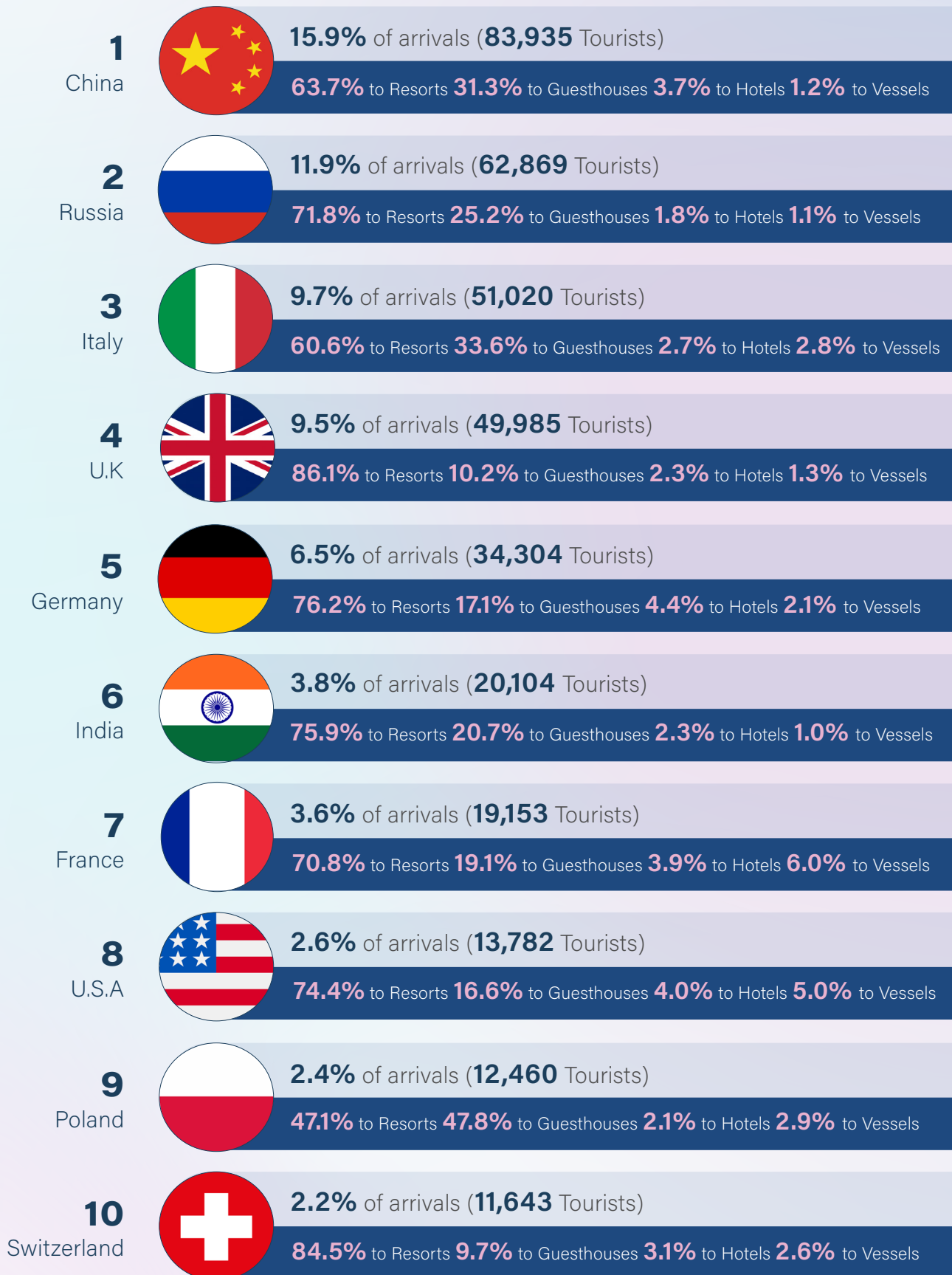
As of 11th Mar 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar (1st-11th)	Total (as of 11th Mar)	Daily Average
<b>2024 Total Visitors</b>	195,143	218,631	68,639	482,413	6,892
Tourists	192,385	217,392	68,639	478,416	6,835
Business Arrivals	960	1,086	n/a	2,046	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,798	153	n/a	1,951	n/a
<b>2025 Total Visitors</b>	216,544	216,309	71,280	504,133	7,202
Tourists	214,863	204,091	71,280	500,234	7,146
Business Arrivals	1,465	1,606	n/a	3,071	n/a
Cruise Passengers	216	612	n/a	828	n/a
<b>2026 Total Visitors</b>	227,403	254,365	54,409	536,177	7,660
Tourists	224,788	247,722	54,409	526,919	7,527
Business Arrivals	1,550	1,406	n/a	2,956	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,065	5,237	n/a	6,302	n/a
<b>Growth % (2026/2025)</b>	5.0	17.7	-23.7	6.4	-



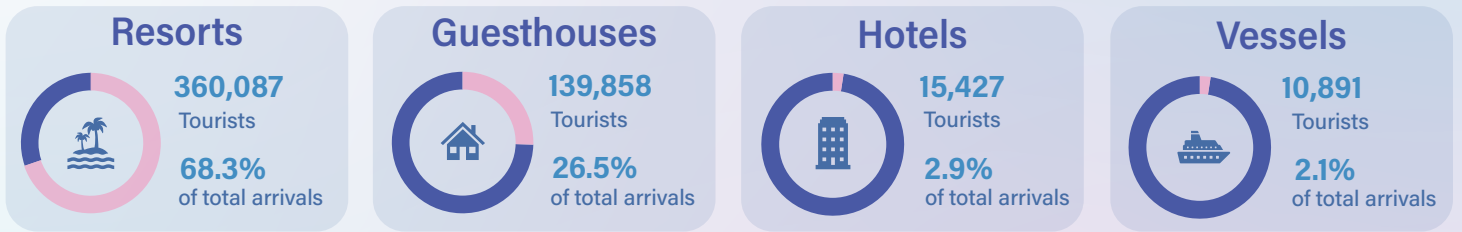
# Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 11th Mar 2026



# Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 11th Mar 2026



## Total Visitors by Port of Entry

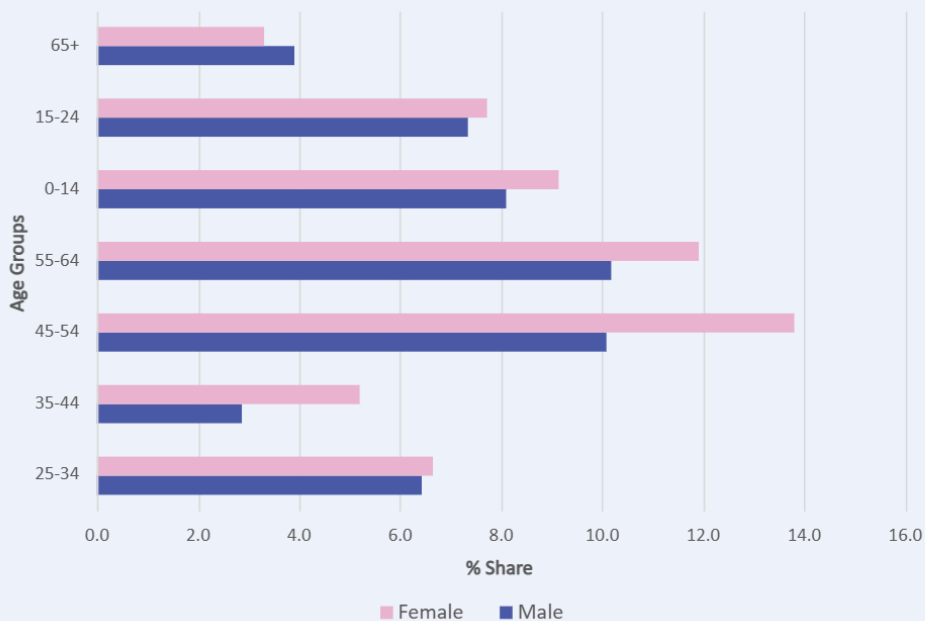
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Airports	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	523,024	97.5%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	1,399	0.3%
Maafaru International Airport	2,015	0.4%
Gan International Airport	1,987	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	979	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	470	0.1%
Sea Ports	Arrivals	Share
All	6,302	1.2%

## Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 11th Mar 2026





# Tourist Accommodation



## Total Capacity

As of 11th Mar 2026

# 98.6%

of the beds were in  
**Operation**

(as of 11th Mar 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	45,995
Guesthouses	924	16,317
Hotels	16	2,598
Tourist Vessels	171	3,496
<b>Total</b> (As of 11th Mar)	<b>1,297</b>	<b>68,406</b>

## Capacity in Operation

As of 11th Mar 2026



Resorts

# 67%

of total bed capacity in **19 atolls**  
**180** resorts/islands with **45,009** beds



Guesthouses

# 24%

of total bed capacity  
in **114 islands** of **20 atolls**  
**924** guesthouses with **16,317** beds



Hotels

# 4%

of total bed capacity  
in **9 islands** of **8 atolls**  
**16** hotels with **2,598** beds



Vessels

# 5%

of total bed capacity  
**171** tourist vessels with **3,496** beds



# Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 11th Mar 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	4,021	730	448		282
Haa Dhaalu	1,799	392	162	104	126
Shaviyani	4,286	516	444		72
Noonu	22,131	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	38,596	4,966	4,560	300	106
Baa	30,925	4,852	3,424	150	1,278
Lhaviyani	23,368	3,370	3,326		44
Kaafu	225,648	24,996	15,650	1,604	7,742
Alifu Alifu	43,257	4,937	2,518		2,419
Alifu Dhaalu	48,153	6,230	4,298	88	1,844
Vaavu	17,846	1,628	794	52	782
Meemu	5,008	666	614		52
Faafu	1,673	346	250		96
Dhaalu	21,912	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,020	290	152		138
Laamu	2,463	440	360		80
Gaafu Alifu	9,820	1,589	1,301	144	144
Gaafu Dhaalu	5,018	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	2,803	370			370
Seenu	5,624	1,266	824	156	286
<b>Total</b>	<b>515,373</b>	<b>63,924</b>	<b>45,009</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>16,317</b>





# Air Connectivity

UPDATED ON JANUARY 2026



AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT	AEROFLOT	18	15,005	CENTRUM AIR	CENTRUM AIR	2	425	SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES	SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES	6	3,331
AIR ARABIA	AIR ARABIA	25	7,919	CONDOR	CONDOR	9	6,160	SICHUAN AIRLINES	SICHUAN AIRLINES	3	1,248
AIR ASIA	AIR ASIA	24	9,709	EDELWEISS	EDELWEISS	5	2,811	SINGAPORE AIRLINES	SINGAPORE AIRLINES	25	13,887
AIR ASIA THAILAND	AIR ASIA THAILAND	12	4,916	EMIRATES	EMIRATES	62	32,407	SRILANKAN AIRLINES	SRILANKAN AIRLINES	37	20,171
AIR ASTANA	AIR ASTANA	10	4,060	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	37	19,148	TITAN AIRWAYS	TITAN AIRWAYS	0	56
AIR FRANCE	AIR FRANCE	1	195	EUROWINGS DISCOVER	EUROWINGS DISCOVER	3	2,001	TURKISH AIRLINES	TURKISH AIRLINES	18	11,490
AIR INDIA	AIR INDIA	12	3,995	FITS AVIATION	FITS AVIATION	16	5,627	US BANGLA AIRLINES	US BANGLA AIRLINES	9	3,914
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	10	7,529	FLY DUBAI	FLY DUBAI	54	15,005	UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS	UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS	2	853
AZUR AIR RUSSIA	AZUR AIR RUSSIA	8	1,207	GULF AIR	GULF AIR	26	4,242	VIRGIN ATLANTIC	VIRGIN ATLANTIC	12	6,300
AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES	AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES	5	1,274	HISKY EUROPE	HISKY EUROPE	2	1,041				
BATIK AIR	BATIK AIR	12	4,251	HONG KONG AIRLINES	HONG KONG AIRLINES	0	278				
BANGKOK AIRWAYS	BANGKOK AIRWAYS	0	122	INDIGO	INDIGO	50	17,477				
BEOND	BEOND	10	562	ITA AIRWAYS	ITA AIRWAYS	7	3,863				
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	2	1,081	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	19	7,589				
BRITISH AIRWAYS	BRITISH AIRWAYS	12	6,800	MALDIVIAN	MALDIVIAN	35	13,593				
CHINA EASTERN	CHINA EASTERN	9	4,268	NEOS	NEOS	5	4,502				
CHONGQING AIRLINES	CHONGQING AIRLINES	4	1,322	QATAR AIRWAYS	QATAR AIRWAYS	46	21,214				



## Maldives to Take Centre Stage as Official Host Country of ITB Berlin 2027



The Maldives has been announced as the Official Host Country of ITB Berlin 2027, highlighting the island nation’s beauty, diversity, and hospitality to the global travel industry. The agreement was signed during ITB Berlin 2026 by Ibrahim Shiuree, CEO and Managing Director of Visit Maldives (MMPRC), and Dr. Mario Tobias, CEO of Messe Berlin.



ITB Berlin 2027 will showcase the Maldives’ full tourism offering, including luxury resorts and boutique properties, diving and water sports experiences, wellness retreats, cultural encounters, and sustainable tourism initiatives. The official opening gala is scheduled for 15 March 2027, with cultural programs, networking events, and press activities running from 16–18 March.



The announcement coincides with “Visit Maldives Year 2027”, a national tourism campaign launched by President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu to promote sustainable growth and global tourism partnerships. As Host Country, the Maldives will use ITB Berlin to strengthen ties with the German and European markets and reinforce its position as a leading long-haul destination.



## Air India and Aeroflot Expand Flights to Maldives Amid Middle East Travel Disruptions



Airlines are increasing flight capacity to the Maldives as global travel disruptions linked to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East continue to affect major air corridors.

Air India has announced a temporary expansion of its international operations, adding 78 additional flights between 10 and 18 March across nine routes connecting Delhi and Mumbai with destinations including Malé, Colombo, and major hubs in Europe and North America. The airline is prioritizing the Maldives by deploying Airbus A320neo aircraft to increase frequencies between India and Malé, adding around 17,660 seats across its network. Long-haul routes such as London and New York will be operated using Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft.

Meanwhile, Aeroflot has announced additional flights in March between Moscow and Bangkok, Phuket, Malé, and Colombo to meet rising tourist demand and assist passengers affected by regional disruptions. The flights will be operated using Boeing 777 aircraft.

In total, Aeroflot will operate 25 additional return flights, providing 9,875 extra seats to Thailand, 5,394 seats to Malé, and 4,020 seats to Sri Lanka, helping maintain connectivity despite ongoing airspace challenges.

## Maldives Set to Join MITT 2026 Travel Show



The Maldives will participate in MITT 2026, showcasing its diverse tourism offerings from 11–13 March in Moscow, Russia.



The destination will highlight its world-renowned resorts, diving and surfing experiences, and family-friendly holiday options, alongside 11 co-exhibitors representing the Maldives' tourism industry. The participation aims to strengthen the Maldives' presence in the Russian market and promote the destination to travel trade professionals and potential visitors.





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