

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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Table 1: TOURIST ARRIVALS BY NATIONALITY, January - September 2020

REGION / NATIONALITY	September				January - September				Market Ranking 2020
	2019	2020	% Change	% Share 2020	2019	2020	% Change	% Share 2020	
EUROPE	48,284	5,516	-88.6	57.8	594,657	249,511	-58.0	62.1	
CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE	9,953	2,929	-70.6	30.7	124,838	68,042	-45.5	16.9	
Belarus	137	21	-84.7	0.2	1,937	961	-50.4	0.2	54
Bulgaria	187	18	-90.4	0.2	4,276	2,326	-45.6	0.6	34
Czech Republic	547	162	-70.4	1.7	9,816	4,691	-52.2	1.2	18
Hungary	361	26	-92.8	0.3	6,853	4,877	-28.8	1.2	17
Kazakhstan	214	146	-31.8	1.5	3,501	3,040	-13.2	0.8	26
Latvia	59	5	-91.5	0.1	854	461	-46.0	0.1	65
Lithuania	137	4	-97.1	0.0	1,584	699	-55.9	0.2	61
Poland	1,697	162	-90.5	1.7	13,788	5,827	-57.7	1.5	14
Romania	439	42	-90.4	0.4	6,500	4,104	-36.9	1.0	21
Russia	4,837	2,065	-57.3	21.7	58,306	31,489	-46.0	7.8	5
Slovakia	239	15	-93.7	0.2	5,005	2,931	-41.4	0.7	27
Ukraine	840	218	-74.0	2.3	9,303	5,055	-45.7	1.3	16
Other Central / Eastern Europe	259	45	-82.6	0.5	3,115	1,581	-49.2	0.4	40
NORTHERN EUROPE	9,506	725	-92.4	7.6	118,506	47,128	-60.2	11.7	
Denmark	364	29	-92.0	0.3	8,218	3,500	-57.4	0.9	23
Finland	245	7	-97.1	0.1	3,342	1,913	-42.8	0.5	39
Ireland	326	23	-92.9	0.2	3,250	1,046	-67.8	0.3	53
Norway	322	5	-98.4	0.1	4,303	1,509	-64.9	0.4	43
Sweden	370	36	-90.3	0.4	8,256	4,652	-43.7	1.2	19
United Kingdom	7,876	625	-92.1	6.6	90,965	34,414	-62.2	8.6	3
Other Northern Europe	3	0	100.0	0.0	172	94	-45.3	0.0	78
SOUTHERN EUROPE	11,435	786	-93.1	8.2	143,263	57,290	-60.0	14.3	
Croatia	88	7	-92.0	0.1	1,529	790	-48.3	0.2	58
Greece	156	24	-84.6	0.3	1,844	694	-62.4	0.2	62
Italy	5,213	72	-98.6	0.8	97,375	45,241	-53.5	11.3	1
Portugal	1,089	150	-86.2	1.6	8,537	2,382	-72.1	0.6	33
Serbia	297	51	-82.8	0.5	2,310	1,217	-47.3	0.3	49
Slovenia	118	0	-100.0	0.0	2,472	1,461	-40.9	0.4	44
Spain	4,046	466	-88.5	4.9	26,438	4,436	-83.2	1.1	20
Other Southern Europe	428	16	-96.3	0.2	2,758	1,069	-61.2	0.3	52
WESTERN EUROPE	15,168	831	-94.5	8.7	192,970	73,016	-62.2	18.2	
Austria	877	51	-94.2	0.5	15,400	7,036	-54.3	1.8	12
Belgium	478	19	-96.0	0.2	5,467	2,176	-60.2	0.5	35
France	1,924	279	-85.5	2.9	44,722	22,423	-49.9	5.6	7
Germany	8,982	362	-96.0	3.8	93,727	29,040	-69.0	7.2	6
Netherlands / Holland	1,063	55	-94.8	0.6	9,638	2,704	-71.9	0.7	30
Switzerland	1,804	64	-96.5	0.7	23,157	9,355	-59.6	2.3	9
Other Western Europe	40	1	-97.5	0.0	859	282	-67.2	0.1	72
EAST MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE	2,222	245	-89.0	2.6	15,080	4,035	-73.2	1.0	
Israel	1,287	122	-90.5	1.3	7,019	1,330	-81.1	0.3	45
Turkey	907	118	-87.0	1.2	7,463	2,547	-65.9	0.6	32
Other East Mediterranean Europe	28	5	-82.1	0.1	598	158	-73.6	0.0	76

ASIA & THE PACIFIC	56,978	727	-98.7	7.6	535,026	109,631	-79.5	27.3	
NORTH EAST ASIA	32,449	63	-99.8	0.7	300,559	50,724	-83.1	12.6	
China	24,758	33	-99.9	0.3	230,349	33,972	-85.3	8.5	4
Japan	3,318	14	-99.6	0.1	33,367	8,338	-75.0	2.1	10
Korea	2,815	14	-99.5	0.1	25,003	5,744	-77.0	1.4	15
Taiwan	1,526	2	-99.9	0.0	11,604	2,601	-77.6	0.6	31
Other North East Asia	32	0	-100.0	0.0	236	69	-70.8	0.0	79
SOUTH EAST ASIA	6,913	71	-99.0	0.7	65,920	11,802	-82.1	2.9	
Indonesia	390	6	-98.5	0.1	3,425	725	-78.8	0.2	59
Malaysia	1,583	10	-99.4	0.1	16,344	2,889	-82.3	0.7	28
Myanmar	175	3	-98.3	0.0	905	166	-81.7	0.0	75
Philippines	463	32	-93.1	0.3	6,553	1,261	-80.8	0.3	47
Singapore	1,268	5	-99.6	0.1	10,407	2,033	-80.5	0.5	38
Thailand	2,533	11	-99.6	0.1	22,404	3,344	-85.1	0.8	24
Viet Nam	367	2	-99.5	0.0	4,853	1,226	-74.7	0.3	48
Other South East Asia	134	2	-98.5	0.0	1,029	158	-84.6	0.0	76
SOUTH ASIA	13,664	527	-96.1	5.5	135,284	40,294	-70.2	10.0	
Bangladesh	237	38	-84.0	0.4	2,863	810	-71.7	0.2	57
India	11,265	262	-97.7	2.7	115,507	35,262	-69.5	8.8	2
Iran	131	74	-43.5	0.8	1,266	284	-77.6	0.1	70
Pakistan	648	143	-77.9	1.5	4,879	1,527	-68.7	0.4	42
Sri Lanka	1,233	3	-99.8	0.0	9,705	2,128	-78.1	0.5	36
Other South Asia	150	7	-95.3	0.1	1,064	283	-73.4	0.1	71
OCEANIA	3,952	66	-98.3	0.7	33,263	6,811	-79.5	1.7	
Australia	3,570	61	-98.3	0.6	30,066	6,244	-79.2	1.6	13
New Zealand	366	5	-98.6	0.1	3,120	545	-82.5	0.1	64
Other Oceania	16	0	-100.0	0.0	77	22	-71.4	0.0	82
AMERICAS	5,982	1,519	-74.6	15.9	61,113	21,465	-64.9	5.3	
Argentina	118	12	-89.8	0.1	2,033	863	-57.6	0.2	55
Brazil	820	444	-45.9	4.7	7,079	3,206	-54.7	0.8	25
Canada	700	73	-89.6	0.8	8,459	2,732	-67.7	0.7	29
Mexico	162	17	-89.5	0.2	1,401	382	-72.7	0.1	67
U.S.A.	3,819	935	-75.5	9.8	39,013	13,212	-66.1	3.3	8
Other Americas	363	38	-89.5	0.4	3,128	1,070	-65.8	0.3	51
MIDDLE EAST	4,613	1,615	-65.0	16.9	47,387	17,366	-63.4	4.3	
Egypt	338	232	-31.4	2.4	2,898	1,164	-59.8	0.3	50
Jordan	111	22	-80.2	0.2	1,324	311	-76.5	0.1	69
Kuwait	185	97	-47.6	1.0	4,389	2,075	-52.7	0.5	37
Lebanon	110	43	-60.9	0.5	1,474	385	-73.9	0.1	66
Oman	57	17	-70.2	0.2	845	263	-68.9	0.1	73
Qatar	132	35	-73.5	0.4	3,606	705	-80.4	0.2	60
Saudi Arabia	2,640	34	-98.7	0.4	21,521	7,428	-65.5	1.8	11
Syria	107	28	-73.8	0.3	926	230	-75.2	0.1	74
United Arab Emirates	592	1,029	73.8	10.8	7,842	3,955	-49.6	1.0	22
Other Middle East	341	78	-77.1	0.8	2,562	850	-66.8	0.2	56
AFRICA	1,730	158	-90.9	1.7	13,285	3,687	-72.2	0.9	
Algeria	211	5	-97.6	0.1	1,421	330	-76.8	0.1	68
Morocco	149	26	-82.6	0.3	1,618	547	-66.2	0.1	63
South Africa	887	31	-96.5	0.3	6,457	1,530	-76.3	0.4	41
Other Africa	483	96	-80.1	1.0	3,789	1,280	-66.2	0.3	46
OTHERS	32	3	-90.6	0.0	222	54	-75.7	0.0	
UN Passport Holders	15	0	-100.0	0.0	100	31	-69.0	0.0	80
Other / Not Stated	17	3	-82.4	0.0	122	23	-81.1	0.0	81
TOTAL TOURIST ARRIVALS	117,619	9,538	-91.9	100.0	1,251,690	401,714	-67.9	100.0	

Source: Ministry of Tourism (MoT)

Data provided by Maldives Immigration

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Table 2: SUMMARY OF KEY INDICATORS, 2019 - 2020
(at end September 2020)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan-Sep
TOURIST ARRIVALS (by Air)										
	Total									
2019 Male	72,654	80,612	77,386	77,481	49,160	54,044	63,259	66,671	57,144	598,411
Female	78,898	87,971	85,457	85,633	53,862	59,431	68,885	72,667	60,475	653,279
Total	151,552	168,583	162,843	163,114	103,022	113,475	132,144	139,338	117,619	1,251,690
2020 Male	82,485	71,773	28,410	0	26	0	862	3,789	4,835	192,180
Female	90,862	78,013	31,217	0	10	0	890	3,839	4,703	209,534
Total	173,347	149,786	59,627	0	36	0	1,752	7,628	9,538	401,714
% Change (2019/2020)	14.4	-11.1	-63.4	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-98.7	-94.5	-91.9	-67.9
TOURIST ARRIVALS (by Sea)										
	Total									
2019 Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,417	4,410	5,006	5,517	1	2	34	0	11	18,398
2020 Male	1,932	3,078	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,021
Female	1,861	3,021	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,892
Total	3,793	6,099	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,913
% Change (2019/2020)	11.0	38.3	-99.6	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-46.1
Arrivals at International Airports										
	Total									
2020 Velaana (MLE)	171,896	148,936	59,627	0	0	0	1,702	7,628	9,481	399,270
Gan (GAN)	1,362	762	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,124
Hanimaadhoo (HAQ)	89	88	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	177
Maafaru (NMF)	-	-	-	0	36	0	50	NA	57	143
Total	173,347	149,786	59,627	0	36	0	1,752	7,628	9,538	401,714
BED-NIGHTS (Estimated) ⁻¹										
	Total									
2019	998,457	1,019,637	1,006,770	981,769	717,992	714,607	776,708	910,643	708,842	7,835,426
2020	1,142,718	1,020,310	562,302	8,844	4,777	2,326	24,673	67,591	60,833	2,894,374
% Change (2019/2020)	14.4	0.1	-44.1	-99.1	-99.3	-99.7	-96.8	-92.6	-91.4	-63.1
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY (Registered)										
2019 No. of Establishments	835	850	861	869	874	879	886	892	907	-
Beds	45,565	46,073	47,107	47,351	48,603	48,873	49,189	49,740	50,802	-
2020 No. of Establishments	955	965	968	968	968	967	970	971	970	-
Beds	52,016	52,263	52,319	52,319	52,319	52,311	52,347	52,472	52,462	-
% Change (2019/2020)	14.2	13.4	11.1	10.5	7.6	7.0	6.4	5.5	3.3	-
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY (Operational)										
	Average									
2019 No. of Establishments	824	838	846	856	861	866	872	878	892	859
Beds	44,266	44,680	45,216	45,936	47,196	47,477	47,174	47,102	49,213	46,473
2020 No. of Establishments	941	951	955	40	15	15	61	163	226	374
Beds	50,679	50,926	51,001	7,690	2,978	3,078	9,821	19,201	24,702	24,453
% Change (2019/2020)	14.5	14.0	12.8	-83.3	-93.7	-93.5	-79.2	-59.2	-49.8	-46.0
OCCUPANCY RATE (%) ⁻²										
	Average									
2019	72.8	81.5	71.8	71.2	49.1	50.2	53.1	62.4	48.0	62.2
2020	72.7	69.1	35.6	3.8	5.2	2.5	8.1	11.4	8.2	24.1
Change	0.0	-12.4	-36.3	-67.4	-43.9	-47.7	-45.0	-51.0	-39.8	-38.2
AVERAGE DURATION OF STAY (Days)										
	Average									
2019	6.6	6.0	6.2	6.0	7.0	6.3	5.9	6.5	6.0	6.3
2020 ⁻³	6.6	6.8	9.4	9.4	86.8	42.3	14.1	9.3	9.5	21.6
Change	0.0	0.8	3.2	3.4	79.9	36.0	8.2	2.8	3.5	15.3

Source: Ministry of Tourism

Date: 16/10/2020

Note: Maldives border closed for international visitors on 27 March 2020 due to global COVID-19 outbreak

Border re-opened on 15th July 2020

⁻¹ includes estimates for missing data

⁻² Calculated based on bed-nights

⁻³ Apr, May & June 2020, Average Stay is based on the estimated number of tourists in the Maldives

Due to COVID pandemic, some tourists in the Maldives were unable to travel back to their home country

From August 2020 onwards Average stay is based on data from immigration portal

Table 3: NUMBER OF TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS BY TYPE, 2020

	Number of Establishments (Registered)					Number of Establishments (In operation)				
	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels
January	955	166	13	618	158	941	155	13	617	156
February	965	166	13	628	158	951	155	13	627	156
March	968	166	13	631	158	955	155	13	629	158
April	968	166	13	631	158	40	30	2	7	1
May	968	166	13	631	158	15	14	0	1	0
June	967	166	13	630	158	15	14	0	1	0
July	970	166	13	631	160	61	41	2	4	14
August	971	166	13	632	160	163	64	6	18	75
September	970	166	13	631	160	226	83	9	27	107
Average for the Period	967	166	13	629	159	374	79	6	215	74

Source: Ministry of Tourism

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Table 4: TOURIST BED CAPACITY BY TYPE, 2020

	No. of Beds (Registered)					No. of Beds (In operation)					Bed Capacity in Operation (%)				
	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels
January	52,016	37,394	1,698	9,927	2,997	50,679	36,094	1,698	9,917	2,970	97.4	96.5	100.0	99.9	99.1
February	52,263	37,522	1,698	10,037	3,006	50,926	36,222	1,698	10,027	2,979	97.4	96.5	100.0	99.9	99.1
March	52,319	37,522	1,698	10,093	3,006	51,001	36,222	1,698	10,075	3,006	97.5	96.5	100.0	99.8	100.0
April	52,319	37,522	1,698	10,093	3,006	7,690	7,064	336	266	24	14.7	18.8	19.8	2.6	0.8
May	52,319	37,522	1,698	10,093	3,006	2,978	2,904	0	74	0	5.7	7.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
June	52,311	37,522	1,698	10,085	3,006	3,078	3,004	0	74	0	5.9	8.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
July	52,347	37,522	1,698	10,111	3,016	9,821	9,180	252	192	197	18.8	24.5	14.8	1.9	6.5
August	52,472	37,614	1,698	10,133	3,027	19,201	16,222	956	614	1,409	36.6	43.1	56.3	6.1	46.5
September	52,462	37,622	1,698	10,115	3,027	24,702	20,458	1,298	860	2,086	47.1	54.4	76.4	8.5	68.9
Average for the Period	52,314	37,529	1,698	10,076	3,011	24,453	18,597	882	3,567	1,408	46.8	49.6	51.9	35.6	46.8

Source: Ministry of Tourism

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Table 5: TOURIST BED NIGHTS AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION, 2020

	Bed Nights (numbers) ⁻¹					Share of Bed Nights (%)				Occupancy Rate (%)				
	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Average	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels
January	1,142,718	931,123	31,376	148,551	31,668	81.5	2.7	13.0	2.8	72.7	83.2	59.6	48.3	34.4
February	1,020,310	832,837	28,064	125,515	33,893	81.6	2.8	12.3	3.3	69.1	79.3	57.0	43.2	39.2
March	562,302	469,418	14,058	60,702	18,124	83.5	2.5	10.8	3.2	35.6	41.8	26.7	19.4	19.4
April	8,844	8,128	55	631	30	91.9	0.6	7.1	0.3	3.8	3.8	0.5	7.9	4.2
May	4,777	4,669	0	108	0	97.7	0.0	2.3	0.0	5.2	5.2	0.0	4.7	0.0
June	2,326	2,257	0	69	0	97.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	0.0	3.1	0.0
July	24,673	24,093	0	365	215	97.6	0.0	1.5	0.9	8.1	8.5	0.0	6.1	3.5
August	67,591	62,653	1,673	961	2,304	92.7	2.5	1.4	3.4	11.4	12.5	5.6	5.0	5.5
September	60,833	52,453	2,200	1,642	4,538	86.2	3.6	2.7	7.5	8.2	8.5	5.6	6.4	7.3
End Period	2,894,374	2,387,632	77,427	338,544	90,772	82.5	2.7	11.7	3.1	24.1	27.3	17.2	16.0	12.6

Note: ⁻¹ Including estimates for missing data

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