



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

30th July 2026



1,241,422 Visitors

(-4.5%)

as of 29th July 2026

74.30% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+7.1%)

as of 25th Jul 2026

68,222 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,043
were resort beds

Key Markets

China (17.5%), Russia (14.6%), United Kingdom (8.0%), Italy (6.5%), Germany (6.3%), and India (5.9%)

Major Highlights

Maldives and Namibia Explore
Opportunities for Tourism
Cooperation

Strengthening Maldives-India
Tourism Relations





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

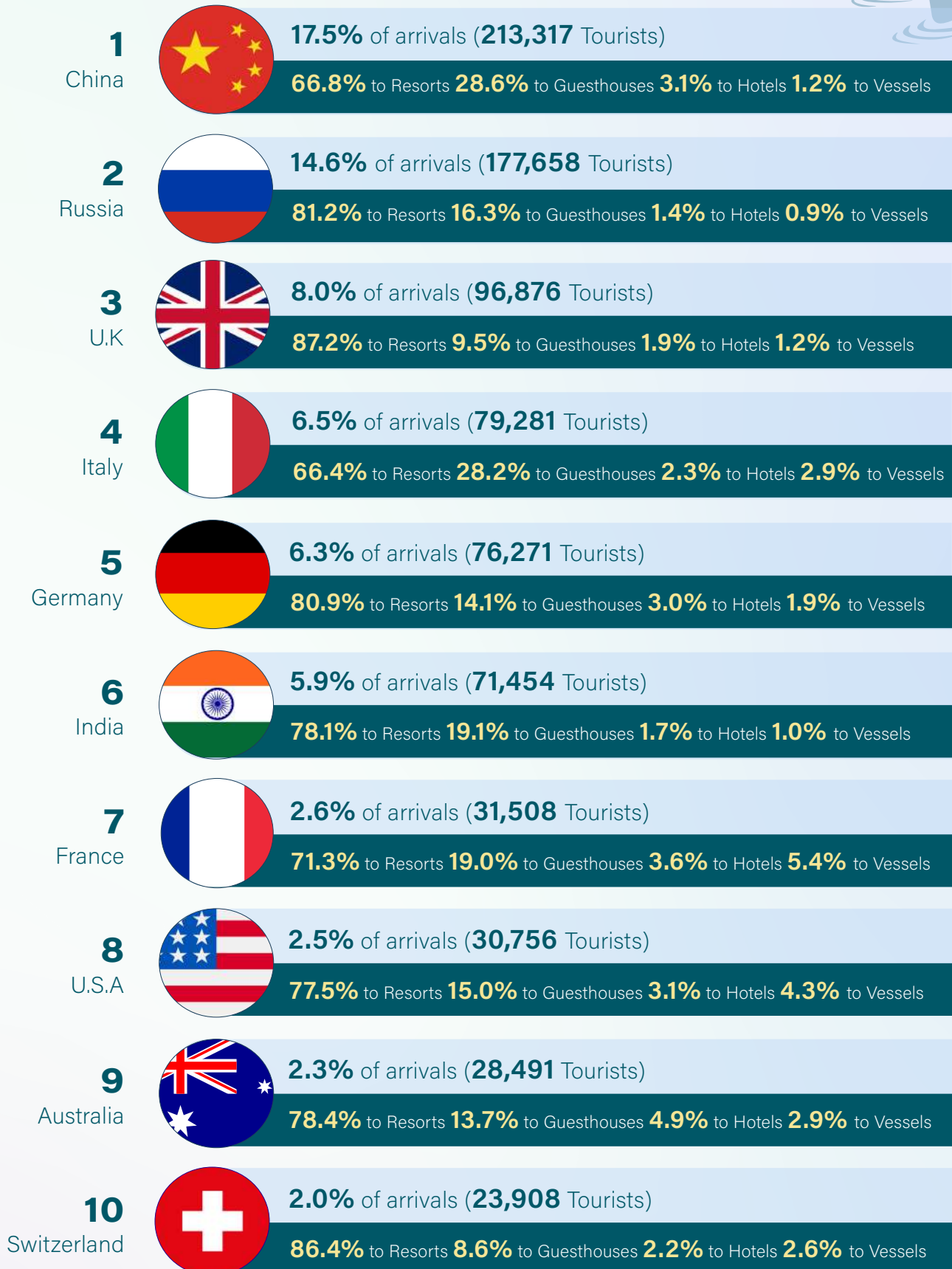
As of 29th July 2026

	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-29th)	156,341	156,341	n/a	n/a	174,189	174,189	n/a	n/a	171,540	171,540	n/a	n/a	-1.5
Total (as of Jul 29th)	1,185,070	1,171,870	6,199	7,001	1,300,273	1,282,319	9,691	8,263	1,241,422	1,216,207	9,638	15,577	-4.5
Daily Average	5,643	5,580	n/a	n/a	6,192	6,106	n/a	n/a	5,912	5,791	n/a	n/a	-



Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 29th July 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 29th July 2026

Resorts



887,540
Tourists
73.0%
of total arrivals

Guesthouses



274,687
Tourists
22.6%
of total arrivals

Hotels



28,939
Tourists
2.4%
of total arrivals

Vessels



23,127
Tourists
1.9%
of total arrivals

Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 29th July 2026



Airports

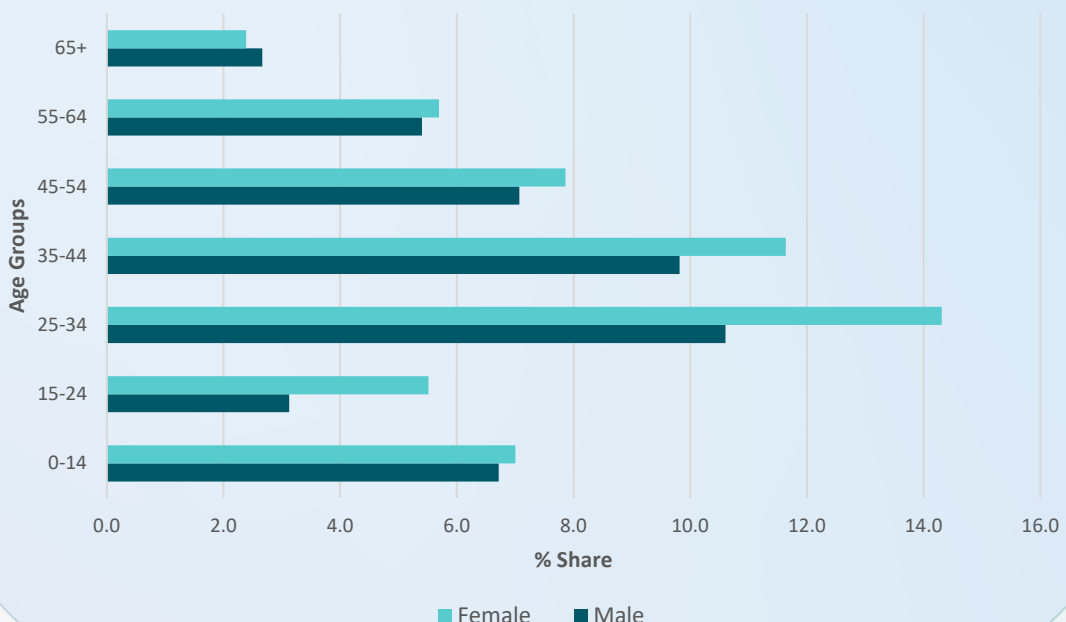
	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	1,211,320	97.6%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	2,661	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	4,093	0.3%
Gan International Airport	4,529	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	2,231	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	1,010	0.1%

Sea Ports

	Arrivals	Share
All	15,577	1.3%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 29th July 2026





Total Capacity

As of 29th July 2026

98.9%

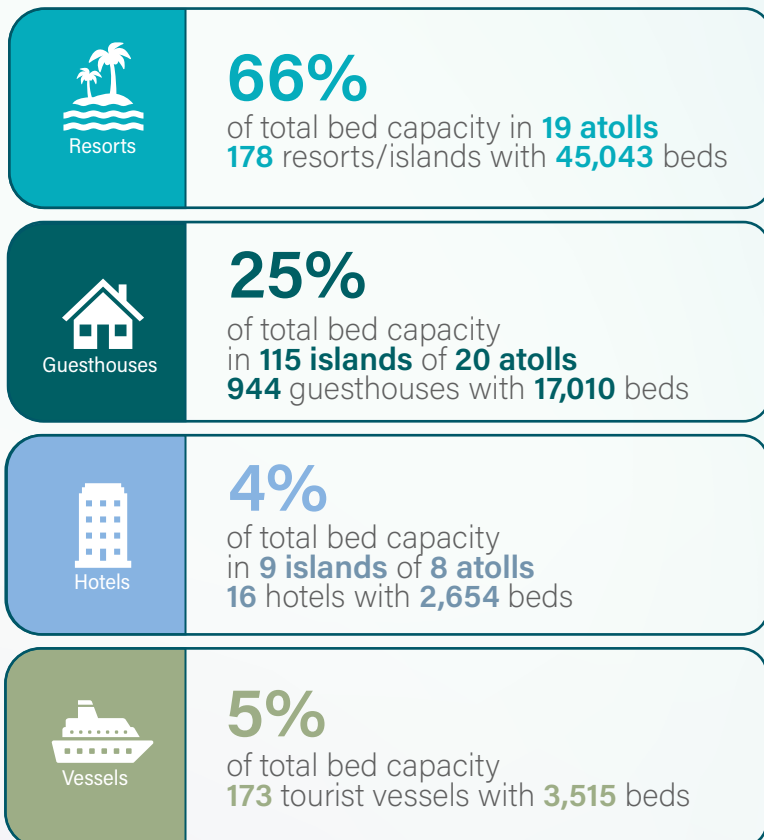
of beds were in
Operation

(as of 29th Jul 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	184	45,793
Guesthouses	944	17,010
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	173	3,515
Total (As of 29th Jul)	1,317	68,972

Capacity in Operation

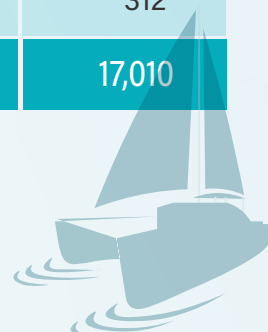
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Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 29th July 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	8,903	718	448		270
Haa Dhaalu	3,248	384	162	104	118
Shaviyani	9,048	516	444		72
Noonu	55,116	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	95,995	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	66,712	5,006	3,442	150	1,414
Lhaviyani	57,936	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	548,127	25,252	15,444	1,646	8,162
Alifu Alifu	86,866	4,830	2,518		2,312
Alifu Dhaalu	100,757	6,302	4,306	102	1,894
Vaavu	37,195	1,680	828	52	800
Meemu	10,937	692	614		78
Faafu	3,217	346	250		96
Dhaalu	54,575	3,072	2,968		104
Thaa	1,901	290	152		138
Laamu	4,196	546	360		186
Gaafu Alifu	20,385	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	11,053	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	5,063	414			414
Seenu	9,939	1,292	824	156	312
Total	1,191,166	64,707	45,043	2,654	17,010





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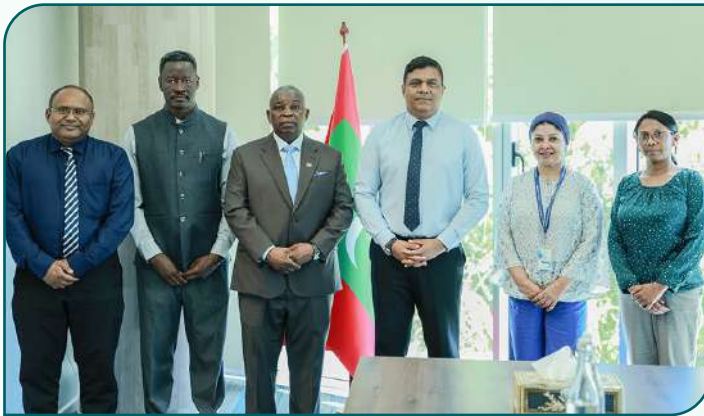
AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)
	AEROFLOT	8		GULF AIR	12
	AIR ARABIA	6		INDIGO	24
	AIR ASIA	6		MALAYSIA AIRLINES	9
	AIR ASIA THAILAND	3		MALDIVIAN	13
	AIR ASTANA	3		NEOS	1
	BATIK AIR	3		QATAR AIRWAYS	7
	BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	2		SAUDIA	1
	BRITISH AIRWAYS	3		SCAT AIRLINES	1
	CENTRUM AIR	2		SICHUAN AIRLINES	2
	CHINA EASTERN	5		SINGAPORE AIRLINES	12
	CHONGQING AIRLINES	2		SRILANKAN AIRLINES	18
	EMIRATES	12		TURKISH AIRLINES	5
	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	12		US BANGLA AIRLINES	4
	FITS AIR	5			
	FLY DUBAI	9			
	FLYNAS	2			



Maldives and Namibia Explore Opportunities for Tourism Cooperation



Minister of Tourism and Environment Mohamed Ameen received H.E. Alex Lunyazo Tukupwele, High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia, for a courtesy call to discuss avenues for strengthening bilateral relations. The meeting highlighted the shared commitment of both countries to enhancing cooperation and fostering stronger diplomatic ties.



Discussions focused on opportunities for collaboration in the tourism sector, including knowledge exchange and initiatives that could support the sustainable growth of tourism in both nations. The meeting reaffirmed the importance of international partnerships in promoting mutual development and strengthening tourism relations between the Maldives and Namibia.



Strengthening Maldives–India Tourism Relations



Minister of Tourism and Environment Mohamed Ameen received H.E. G. Balasubramanian, High Commissioner of India to the Maldives, for a courtesy call to discuss areas of mutual interest and strengthen bilateral cooperation. The meeting reaffirmed the longstanding partnership between the Maldives and India and their shared commitment to advancing collaboration across the tourism sector.

Discussions focused on enhancing tourism cooperation, improving air connectivity between the two countries, and exploring new opportunities to support the continued growth and development of the Maldives' tourism industry. The meeting underscored the importance of strong bilateral partnerships in promoting sustainable tourism and strengthening regional connectivity.



Maldives and Australia Discuss Expanding Tourism Partnership



During the Third Maldives-Australia Official Talks held in Malé on 28 July 2026, the Maldives highlighted the growing importance of the Australian tourism market, which recorded 24,174 arrivals by June 2026, marking a 16.3% increase compared to the previous year.

The discussions emphasized four key areas of cooperation: enhancing connectivity, advancing sustainable tourism, strengthening tourism workforce development, and building tourism resilience. A major milestone noted was the launch of the first direct Maldivian flight to Melbourne in May 2026, which has already brought more than 2,100 visitors to the Maldives.



The Maldives also proposed establishing a Joint Maldives-Australia Centre for Sustainable Tourism, expanding partnerships with Australian vocational institutions, and increasing collaboration on crisis preparedness and data sharing. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deeper cooperation as the Maldives prepares for Visit Maldives Year 2027, celebrating 55 years of Maldivian tourism.



Visit Maldives Partners with LOTI to Deepen Engagement with the Russian Travel Trade



Visit Maldives Corporation, in collaboration with Russian tour operator LOTI, hosted a Business Breakfast in Russia, bringing together travel trade partners, industry stakeholders, and media representatives to further strengthen the Maldives' presence in one of its key source markets. The event served as a platform to foster stronger industry relationships, share the latest destination updates, and exchange insights on evolving travel trends and consumer preferences in the Russian market.



The Business Breakfast reaffirmed Maldives' commitment to maintaining close engagement with the Russian travel trade through collaborative marketing initiatives and strategic partnerships. By facilitating dialogue between tourism stakeholders and industry professionals, the event aimed to enhance destination awareness, identify new opportunities for growth, and support continued visitor arrivals from Russia.



Visit Maldives Announces Official Partners for World Travel Awards 2026



Visit Maldives has announced two strategic partnerships in support of the World Travel Awards Asia, Oceania & Indian Ocean 2026, further strengthening preparations for the landmark tourism event. Ana's Salon has been appointed as the Official Makeup & Beauty Partner, providing professional beauty services to support the successful delivery of the awards, while Maldivian has been named the Official Local Airline Partner, facilitating domestic connectivity and airline services for delegates, guests, and event operations.



These collaborations highlight the collective commitment of national partners to ensuring the successful hosting of one of the region's most prestigious tourism events in the Maldives.





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