



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

30th April 2026

791,093 Visitors

(-4.9%)
as of 29th April 2026

71.30% Weekly SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

16th-22nd April 2026

67,983 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,101
were resort beds

Key Markets

China (15.2%), Russia (13.0%), United Kingdom (9.2%), Italy (8.4%), Germany (6.8%), and India (4.7%)

Major Highlights

Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation meets with National Boating Association of Maldives

Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Assures Continuity of Aviation Operations





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

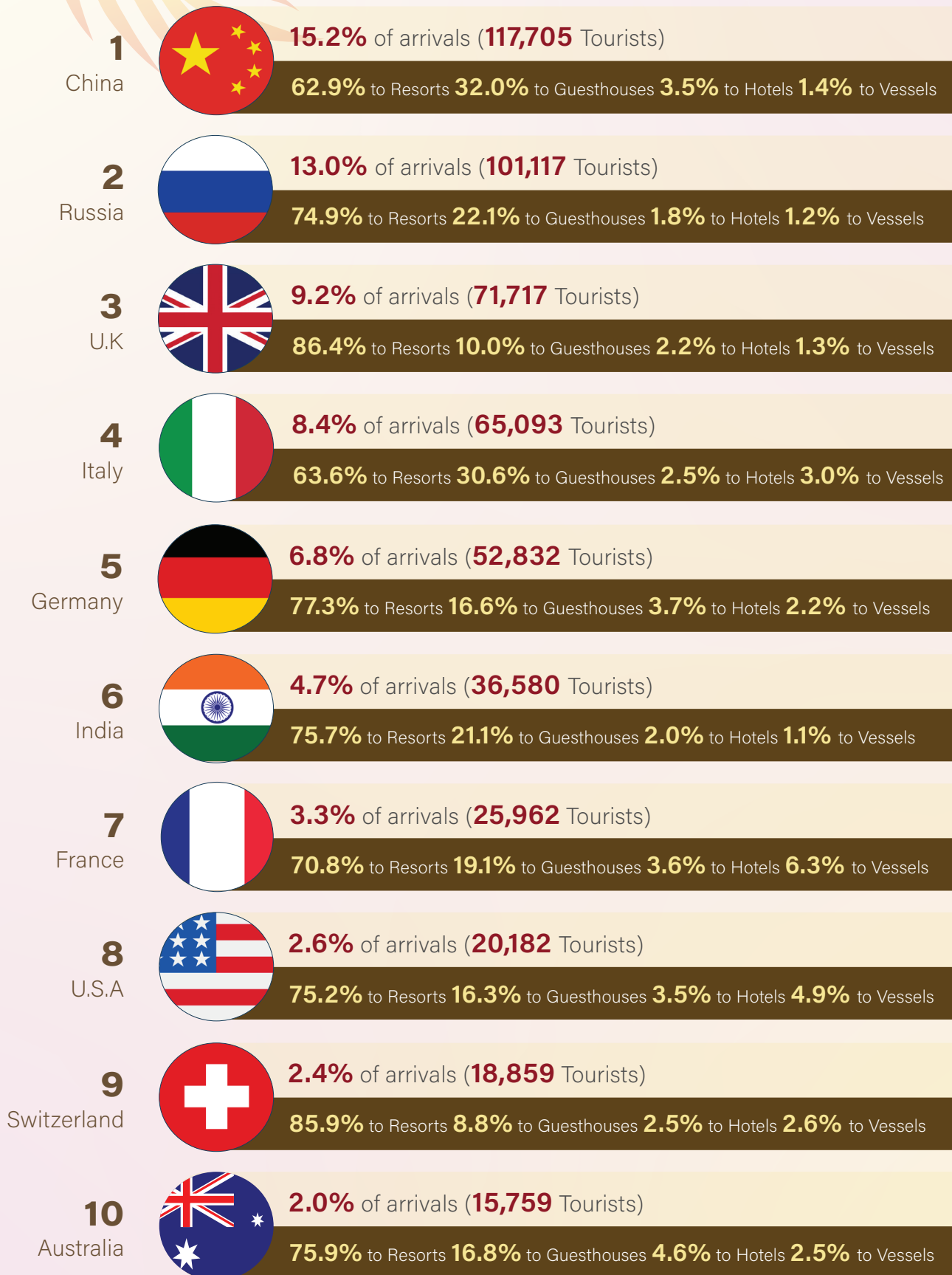
International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 29th Apr 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr (1-29th)	Total (as of 29th Apr)	Daily Average
2024 Total Visitors	195,143	218,631	197,047	162,686	773,507	6,500
Tourists	192,385	217,392	194,227	162,686	766,690	6,443
Business Arrivals	960	1,086	1,034	n/a	3,080	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,798	153	1,786	n/a	3,737	n/a
2025 Total Visitors	216,544	216,309	207,707	191,240	831,800	6,990
Tourists	214,863	204,091	203,468	191,240	823,662	6,922
Business Arrivals	1,465	1,606	1,314	n/a	4,385	n/a
Cruise Passengers	216	612	2,925	n/a	3,753	n/a
2026 Total Visitors	227,403	254,556	166,616	142,518	791,093	6,648
Tourists	224,788	247,722	161,259	142,518	776,287	6,523
Business Arrivals	1,550	1,597	1,308	n/a	4,455	n/a
Cruise Passengers	1,065	5,237	4,049	n/a	10,351	n/a
Growth % (2026/2025)	5.0	17.7	-19.8	-25.5	-4.9	-

Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 29th Apr 2026



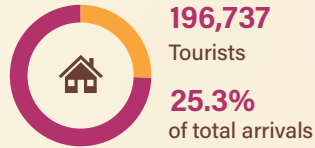
Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 29th Apr 2026

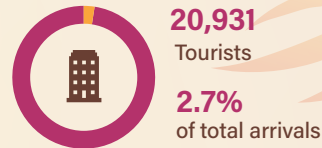
Resorts



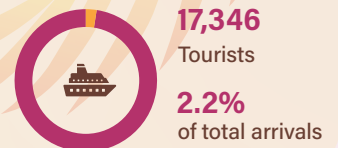
Guesthouses



Hotels



Vessels



Total Visitors by Port of Entry

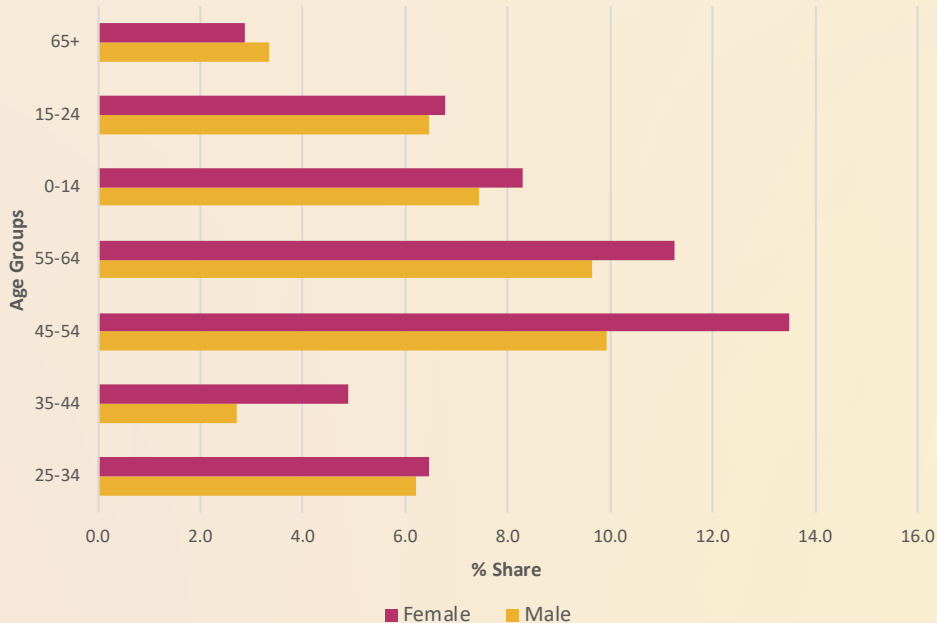
As of 29th Apr 2026



Airports		Arrivals	Share
■	Velana International Airport	770,710	97.4%
■	Hanimaadhoo International Airport	1,816	0.2%
■	Maafaru International Airport	2,890	0.4%
■	Gan International Airport	3,249	0.4%
■	Villa International Airport Maamigili	1,426	0.2%
■	Dhaalu Airport	651	0.1%
Sea Ports		Arrivals	Share
■	All	10,351	1.4%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 29th Apr 2026





Total Capacity

As of 29th Apr 2026

98.6%

of beds were in
Operation

(as of 29th Apr 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	46,087
Guesthouses	945	16,721
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	172	3,507
Total (As of 29th Apr)	1,313	68,969

Capacity in Operation

As of 29th Apr 2026



Resorts

67%

of total bed capacity in **19 atolls**
180 resorts/islands with **45,101** beds



Guesthouses

25%

of total bed capacity
in **115 islands** of **20 atolls**
945 guesthouses with **16,721** beds



Hotels

4%

of total bed capacity
in **9 islands** of **8 atolls**
16 hotels with **2,654** beds



Vessels

5%

of total bed capacity
172 tourist vessels with **3,507** beds

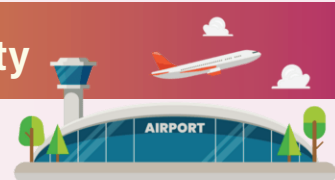


Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 29th Apr 2026



Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	5,816	730	448		282
Haa Dhaalu	2,417	392	162	104	126
Shaviyani	6,170	516	444		72
Noonu	32,781	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	58,989	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	44,850	4,852	3,442	150	1,260
Lhaviyani	34,816	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	337,558	25,264	15,640	1,646	7,978
Alifu Alifu	60,220	4,937	2,518		2,419
Alifu Dhaalu	69,824	6,276	4,306	102	1,868
Vaavu	25,530	1,656	794	52	810
Meemu	6,690	686	614		72
Faafu	2,284	346	250		96
Dhaalu	31,457	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,484	290	152		138
Laamu	3,357	500	360		140
Gaafu Alifu	14,385	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	7,436	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	4,055	410			410
Seenu	7,795	1,286	824	156	306
Total	757,914	64,476	45,101	2,654	16,721



MARCH 2026



AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT		21	19,886	CONDOR		11	6,820	SAUDIA		7	3,653
AIR ARABIA		-	159	EDELWEISS		6	4,162	SICHUAN AIRLINES		3	1,067
AIR ASIA		24	7,559	EMIRATES		20	6,810	SINGAPORE AIRLINES		25	13,524
AIR ASIA THAILAND		12	3,523	ETIHAD AIRWAYS		16	2,940	SMARTWINGS		2	6
AIR ASTANA		10	4,399	EUROWINGS		5	2,488	SRILANKAN AIRLINES		29	18,966
AIR INDIA		14	4,535	FITS AIR		16	3,644	TURKISH AIRLINES		17	11,596
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES		9	7,349	FLY DUBAI		9	1,105	US BANGLA AIRLINES		9	3,386
AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES		5	1,688	HISKY EUROPE		2	589	VIRGIN ATLANTIC		12	7,368
AZUR AIR		5	928	HONG KONG AIRLINES		-	236	Note: Air Arabia, Hong Kong Airlines & Icelandair operated 1 flight each in March 2026			
BANGKOK AIRWAYS		7	1,130	ICELANDAIR		-	64				
BATIK AIR		10	2,678	INDIGO		50	13,314				
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES		3	1,584	ITA AIRWAYS		5	3,551				
BEOND		13	685	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES		18	5,771				
BRITISH AIRWAYS		12	7,171	MALDIVIAN		24	6,306				
CENTRUM AIR		3	415	NEOS		8	5,120				
CHINA EASTERN		12	4,278	QATAR AIRWAYS		2	308				
CHONGQING AIRLINES		5	1,641	SAN MARINO EXECUTIVE AVIATION SRL		1	267				

Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation meets with National Boating Association of Maldives



As part of an introductory engagement with key stakeholders in the tourism industry, Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, H.E. Mohamed Ameen, held discussions with senior officials of the boating association. The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration with industry stakeholders and advancing the sustainable development of the tourism sector.



Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Assures Continuity of Aviation Operations Amid Regional Unrest



Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, H.E. Mohamed Ameen, has assured that aviation operations to the Maldives have shown clear improvements despite the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East. Speaking at a press conference convened by the Special Ministerial Committee, the Minister confirmed that Gulf-based airlines continued to operate flights and noted that several carriers plan to increase flight frequencies by June 2026 in response to sustained passenger demand.

The Minister also highlighted growing interest from the United Kingdom, stating that British Airways will increase its services to the Maldives from three to five flights per week during the peak summer season of July and August. He added that UK flight searches to the Maldives have risen by 75 percent, while holiday-related searches have increased by 32 percent, reflecting strong market confidence in the destination.

Maldives Chairs 2nd Meeting Interinstitutional Working Group on Tourism & Climate Action by UN Tourism



State Minister Dr. Abdulla Niyaz chaired the 2nd Meeting of the Interinstitutional Working Group on Tourism and Climate Action by UN Tourism, bringing together countries from Asia and the Pacific, Eastern and Southern Africa, and Eastern Europe. The Working Group aims to strengthen collaborative efforts toward climate action in tourism.



Edelweiss Expands Summer Connectivity Between Zurich and the Maldives



Edelweiss Air is set to strengthen its presence in the Maldives through the expansion of its seasonal flight programme, introducing two additional weekly services from Zurich. This enhancement further improves air connectivity between Switzerland and the Maldives.

From 4th July to 13th September, the Swiss leisure carrier will operate increased frequencies on the Zurich–Malé route, offering travellers greater choice and convenience during the peak summer travel period. The additional services reflect sustained demand for the Maldives as a preferred long-haul leisure destination.

Prior to this expansion, Edelweiss Air already operated a seasonal service between Zurich and Malé, forming part of its established summer network. The route was traditionally served on a limited weekly frequency during peak travel months, catering primarily to strong outbound leisure demand from Switzerland and neighbouring European markets.

Edelweiss Air expanded its service between Zurich and Malé during April and May 2026. From 3 April to 8 May, the airline increased the route from three to four weekly flights. Between 12 April and 27 April, frequencies rose further to five flights per week. This additional expansion brought the total frequency to seven weekly flights during the peak period.

Second Batch of Standard First Aid Training Program Concludes



The second batch of the Standard First Aid Training Program was concluded marking another milestone in efforts to strengthen safety and emergency preparedness within the tourism sector.

A total of 24 participants from across the industry successfully completed the intensive three-day training, gaining essential life-saving skills and receiving their certificates upon completion. Certificates were handed over to the participants at a ceremony held at Cyryx College on 25 April 2026. The program is part of ongoing initiatives to enhance the capacity of tourism professionals to respond effectively to medical emergencies.



The organizers expressed appreciation to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Ministry of Health, and the Maldives Red Crescent for their valuable collaboration and continued support in delivering the training. Their partnership plays a key role in ensuring that industry personnel are better equipped to maintain high standards of safety for visitors and staff alike.



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