



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

2nd April 2026

653,513 Visitors

as of 1st April 2026

+0.7% Increase

compared to the same period of 2025

67,663 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,035 were resort beds

Key Markets

China (14.9%), Russia (12.5%), United Kingdom (9.7%), Italy (9.0%), Germany (6.9%), and India (4.2%)

Major Highlights

Minister of Tourism and Environment Engages with Industry Expert on Dive Sector Reforms

Belavia to Launch Malé Flights Amid Connectivity Push

Visit Maldives Launches "SeaSational Summer" Campaign





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

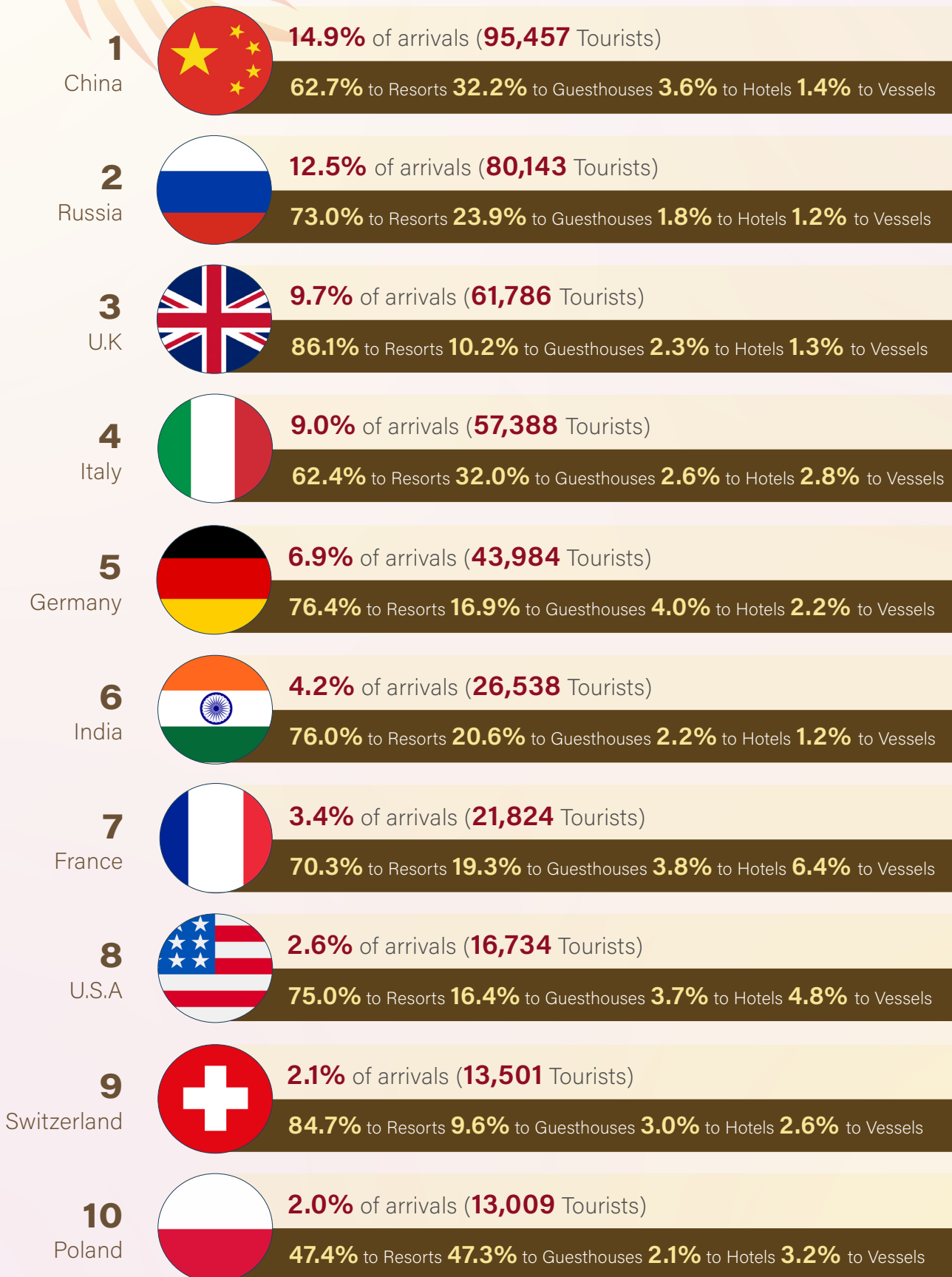
International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 1st Apr 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr <i>(1st)</i>	Total <i>(as of 1st Apr)</i>	Daily Average
2024 Total Visitors	195,143	218,631	197,047	5,297	616,118	6,771
Tourists	192,385	217,392	194,227	5,297	609,301	6,696
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	8,106	648,666	7,128
Tourists	214,863	204,091	203,468	8,106	640,528	7,039
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	4,938	653,513	7,181
Tourists	224,788	247,722	161,259	4,938	638,707	7,019
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	-39.1	0.7	-

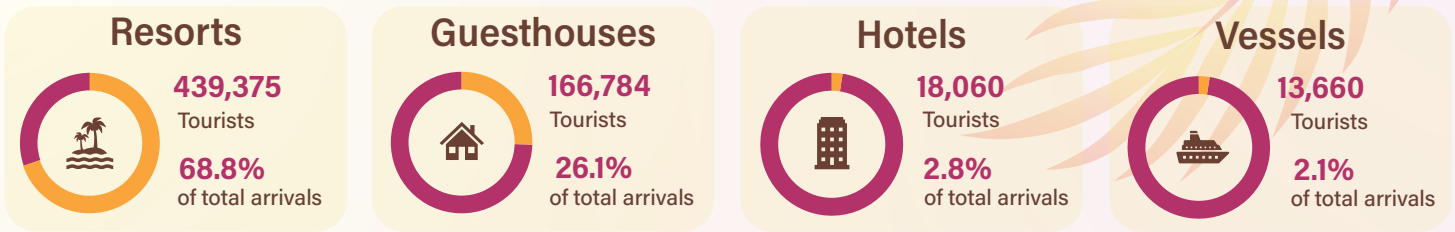
Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 1st Apr 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 1st Apr 2026



Total Visitors by Port of Entry

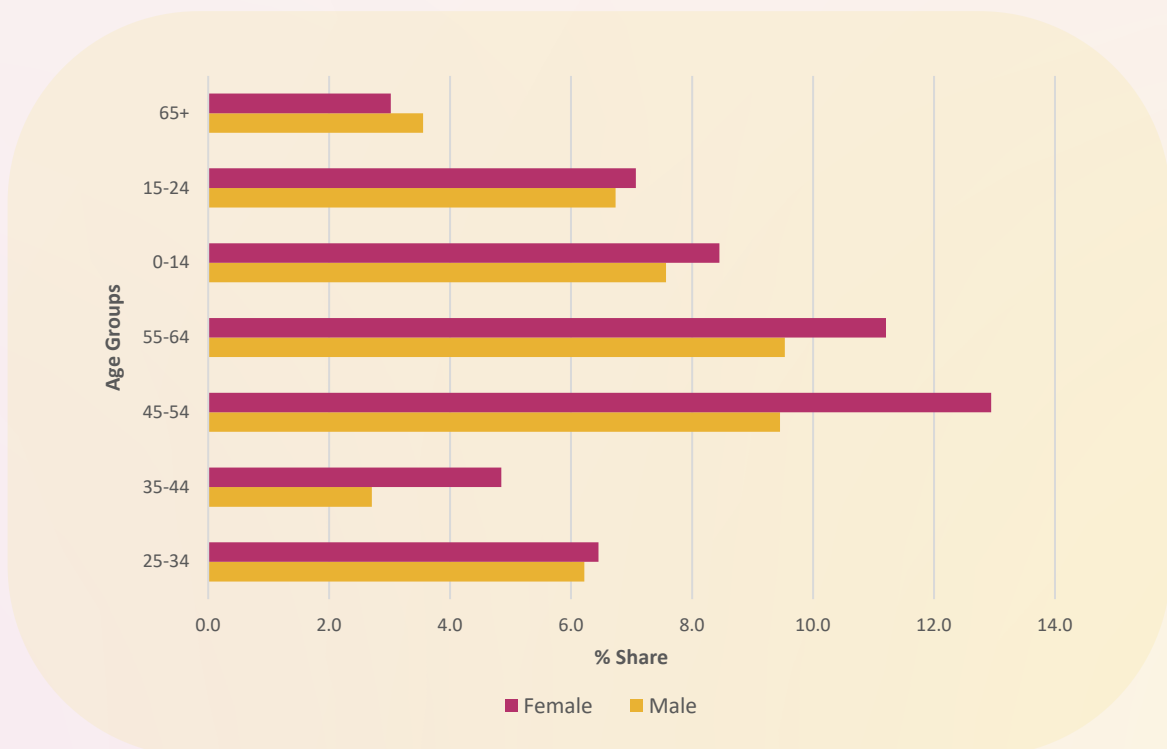
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Airports	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	634,750	97.1%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	1,589	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	2,493	0.4%
Gan International Airport	2,622	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	1,167	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	540	0.1%
Sea Ports	Arrivals	Share
All	10,351	1.6%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 1st Apr 2026



Tourist Accommodation



Total Capacity

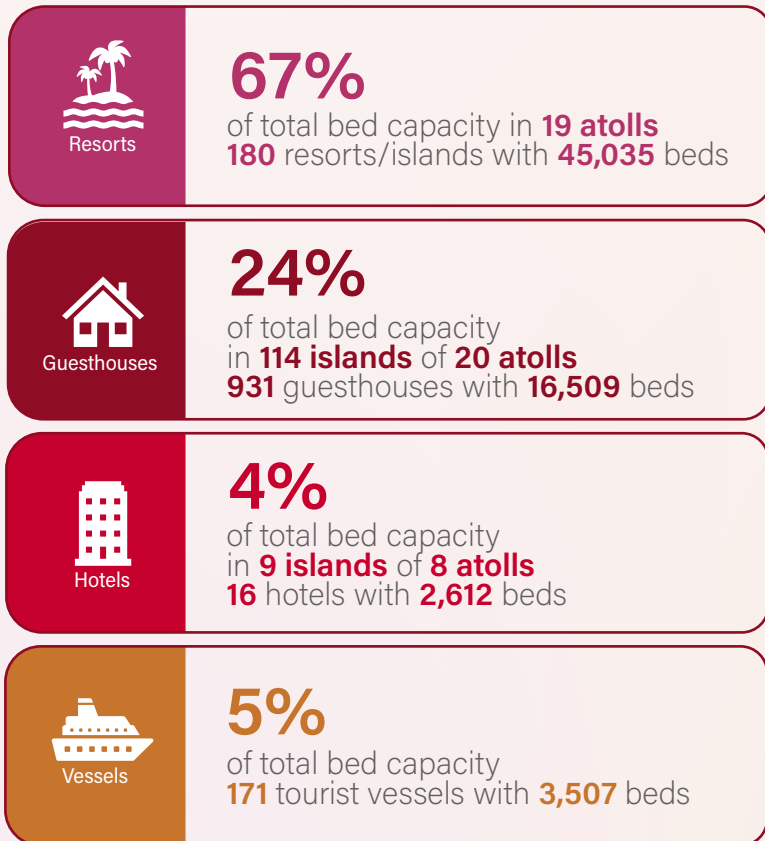
As of 1st Apr 2026

98.6%
of the beds were in
Operation
(as of 1st Apr 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	46,021
Guesthouses	931	16,509
Hotels	16	2,612
Tourist Vessels	171	3,507
Total (As of 1st Apr)	1,305	68,649

Capacity in Operation

As of 1st Apr 2026



Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 1st Apr 2026



Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	4,892	730	448		282
Haa Dhaalu	2,092	392	162	104	126
Shaviyani	5,146	516	444		72
Noonu	27,076	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	47,518	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	37,495	4,870	3,442	150	1,278
Lhaviyani	28,212	3,370	3,326		44
Kaafu	275,657	25,082	15,650	1,604	7,828
Alifu Alifu	50,990	4,937	2,518		2,419
Alifu Dhaalu	57,904	6,266	4,306	102	1,858
Vaavu	21,259	1,632	794	52	786
Meemu	5,774	686	614		72
Faafu	1,906	346	250		96
Dhaalu	26,128	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,222	290	152		138
Laamu	2,894	500	360		140
Gaafu Alifu	11,895	1,589	1,301	144	144
Gaafu Dhaalu	6,081	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	3,457	370			370
Seenu	6,619	1,286	824	156	306
Total	624,218	64,156	45,035	2,612	16,509



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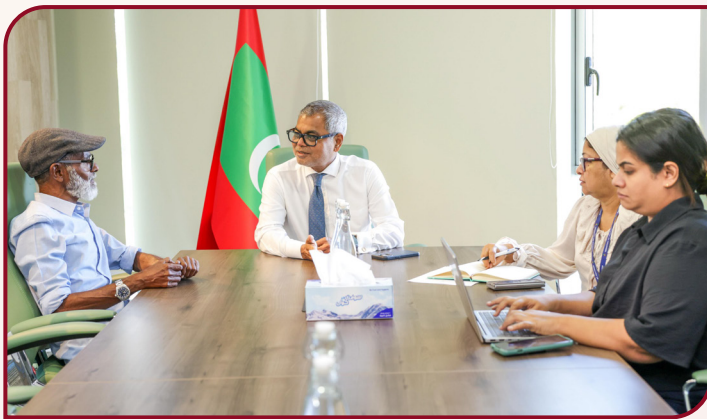


AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT		20	13,136	CONDOR		10	5,639	SICHUAN AIRLINES		9	2,354
AIR ARABIA		28	6,979	EDELWEISS		6	3,196	SINGAPORE AIRLINES		28	13,535
AIR ASIA		34	10,198	EMIRATES		71	32,191	SRILANKAN AIRLINES		42	16,794
AIR ASIA THAILAND		14	4,605	ETIHAD AIRWAYS		42	20,370	TURKISH AIRLINES		20	10,467
AIR ASTANA		9	2,402	EUROWINGS		4	1,957	US BANGLA AIRLINES		10	3,336
AIR INDIA		15	3,872	FITS AVIATION		19	4,390	UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS		1	304
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES		11	6,467	FLY DUBAI		60	13,620	VIRGIN ATLANTIC		14	6,275
AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES		6	1,276	GULF AIR		33	3,860	XIAMEN AIR		7	1,720
AZUR AIR RUSSIA		6	837	HISKY EUROPE		2	633				
BANGKOK AIRWAYS		1	48	HONG KONG AIRLINES		14	5,962				
BATIK AIR		14	3,311	INDIGO		56	13,666				
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES		7	3,224	ITA AIRWAYS		8	4,117				
BEOND		15	761	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES		22	6,615				
BRITISH AIRWAYS		14	6,608	MALDIVIAN		29	6,858				
CENTRUM AIR		2	378	NEOS		6	4,030				
CHINA EASTERN		24	7,294	QATAR AIRWAYS		42	16,420				
CHONGQING AIRLINES		6	1,221	SAUDIA		5	595				

Minister of Tourism and Environment Engages with Industry Expert on Dive Sector Reforms



As part of ongoing stakeholder consultations on dive sector regulations in Maldives, Thoriq Ibrahim met with diving expert Hussein Sendi on Sunday, 29 March 2026, as authorities continue efforts to strengthen safety standards and environmental protection frameworks.



The engagement reflects a broader initiative to gather insights from experienced industry professionals to inform upcoming regulatory updates.

Belarusian airline Belavia to launch Malé flights as Maldives expands air connectivity amid disruptions



Belavia is planning to launch direct flights to Malé from August, marking a potential new connection between Belarus and the Maldives. The airline intends to begin with a limited trial of six to eight flights to assess demand as part of its broader network expansion.

The move comes as global airlines continue adjusting routes amid ongoing disruptions, particularly across the Middle East. Several carriers have recently expanded services to the Maldives to maintain connectivity. British Airways and Edelweiss Air have increased flight frequencies, while Air India and Aeroflot have added extra services using alternative routings.

According to Maldives Airports Company Limited and Visit Maldives, these developments reflect continued efforts to sustain international access, with the Maldives maintaining strong connectivity despite ongoing global aviation challenges.

Visit Maldives Launches “SeaSational Summer” Campaign to Boost Shoulder Season Travel



Visit Maldives has launched a major digital campaign, “SeaSational Summer,” across Google, DV360, YouTube, and Meta to drive visitor arrivals during the April–July shoulder season. The campaign targets high-intent and last-minute travellers, with a strategic focus on resilient markets including India, China, and Russia, as well as CIS and ASEAN regions.

Using a two-stage digital strategy, the campaign aims to first build awareness and then drive engagement and bookings through targeted advertising and remarketing. According to CEO Ibrahim Shiuree, the initiative is designed to move beyond visibility and directly influence travel decisions, positioning the Maldives as a year-round destination.

By leveraging advanced targeting tools and platform data, the campaign is expected to reach up to 100 million users, reinforcing efforts to sustain demand amid evolving global travel conditions.



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