



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES



# MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

19th February 2026

## 390,004 Visitors

as of 18th February 2026.

## +8.2% Increase

compared to the same period of 2025

## 67,027 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 44,807 were resort beds

## Key Markets

China (15.4%), Russia (11.2%), Italy (9.8%), United Kingdom (9.3%), Germany (6.1%), and India (3.6%)

## Major Highlights

Ministry Presents 2026 Regulatory Agenda at MATI's 36th Annual General Meeting





**2024** **2,071,308**  
Total Visitors at year-end

**2,046,615** Tourists  
**12,476** Business Arrivals  
**12,712** Cruise Passengers

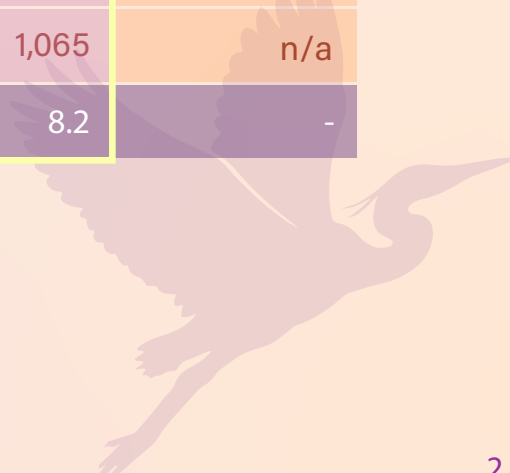
**2025** **2,270,714**  
Total Visitors at year-end

**2,246,516** Tourists  
**15,935** Business Arrivals  
**8,263** Cruise Passengers

## International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 18th Feb 2026

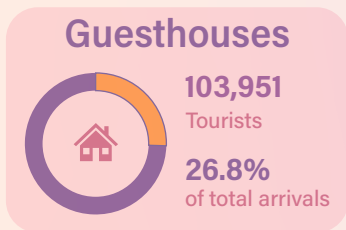
	Jan	Feb (1st-18th)	Total (as of 18th Feb)	Daily Average
<b>2024 Total Visitors</b>	195,028	143,082	338,110	6,900
<b>Tourist</b>	192,385	143,082	335,467	6,846
<b>Business Arrivals</b>	845	n/a	845	n/a
<b>Cruise Passengers</b>	1,798	n/a	1,798	n/a
<b>2025 Total Visitors</b>	216,265	144,136	360,401	7,355
<b>Tourists</b>	214,863	144,136	358,999	7,327
<b>Business Arrivals</b>	1,186	n/a	1,186	n/a
<b>Cruise Passengers</b>	216	n/a	216	n/a
<b>2026 Total Visitors</b>	227,198	169,746	390,004	7,959
<b>Tourists</b>	224,788	162,806	387,594	7,910
<b>Business Arrivals</b>	1,345	n/a	1,345	n/a
<b>Cruise Passengers</b>	1,065	n/a	1,065	n/a
<b>Growth % (2026/2025)</b>	5.1	13.0	8.2	-





## Distribution of Arrivals to Facilities

As of 18th Feb 2026



## Total Visitors by Port of Entry

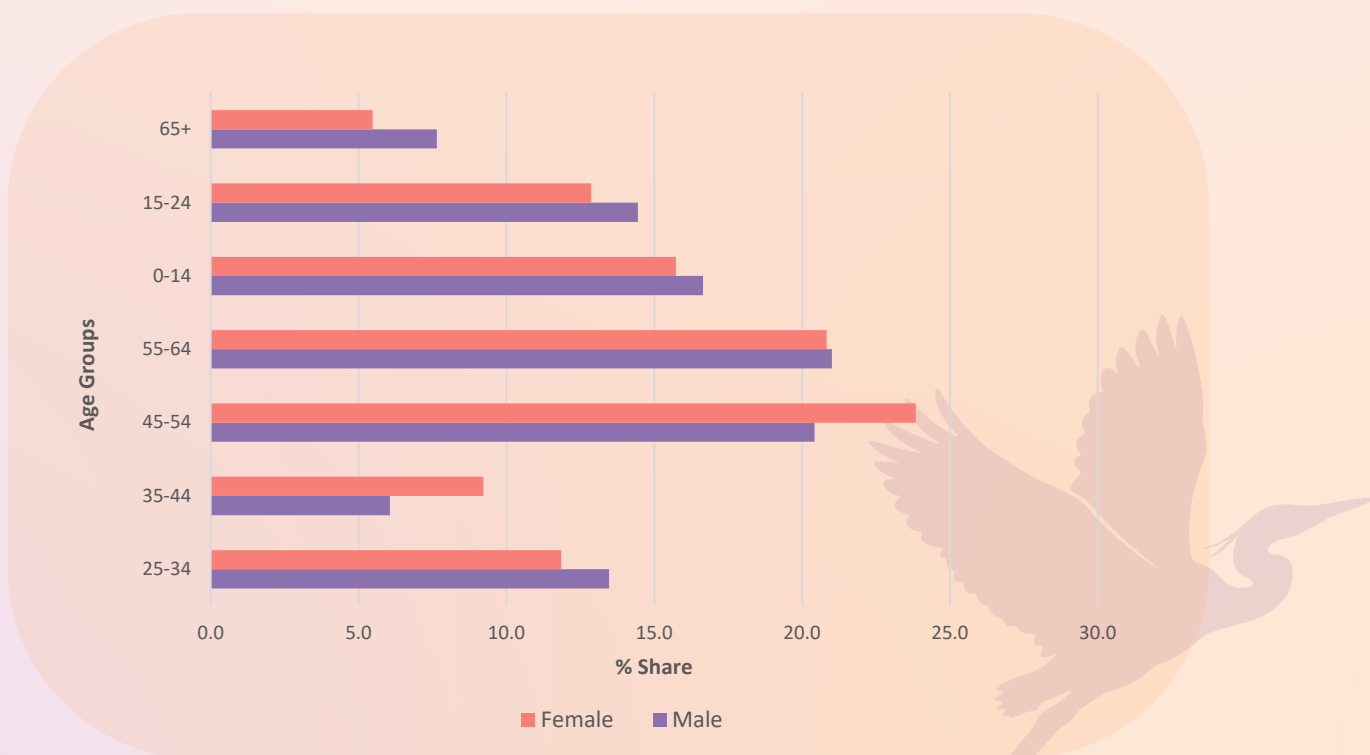
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Airports	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	316,485	98.8%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	882	0.3%
Maafaru International Airport	1,086	0.3%
Gan International Airport	1,071	0.3%
Dhaalu Airport	339	0.1%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	624	0.2%
Sea Ports	Arrivals	
All	5,754	

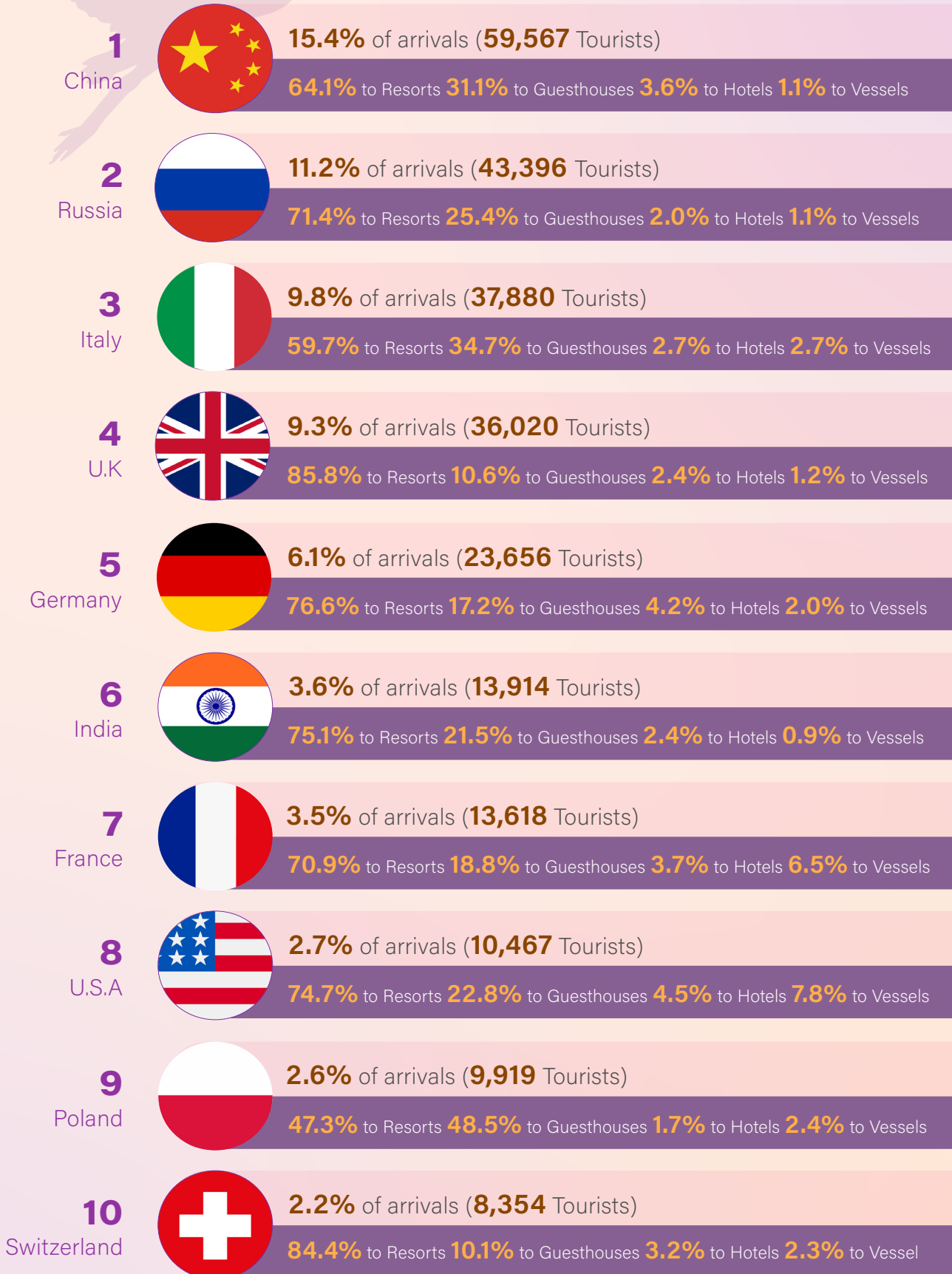
## Arrivals by Age Group & Gender

As of 18th Feb 2026



# Top 10 Nationalities & their Preferred Accommodations

As of 18th Feb 2026





## Total Capacity

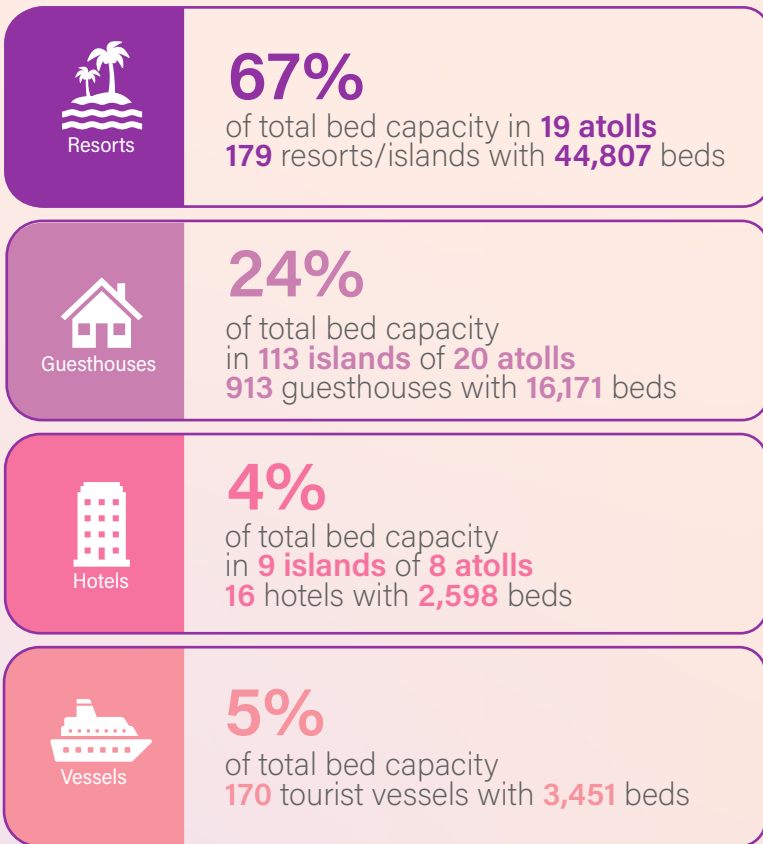
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**98.4%**  
of the beds were in  
**Operation**  
(as of 18th Feb 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	45,893
Guesthouses	913	16,171
Hotels	16	2,598
Tourist Vessels	170	3,451
<b>Total</b> (As of 18th Feb)	<b>1,285</b>	<b>68,113</b>

## Operational Capacity

As of 18th Feb 2026



# Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 18th Feb 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	2,941	730	448		282
Haa Dhaalu	1,330	392	162	104	126
Shaviyani	3,102	516	444		72
Noonu	16,018	2,784	2,566		218
Raa	28,221	4,954	4,548	300	106
Baa	22,371	4,836	3,424	150	1,262
Lhaviyani	17,292	3,370	3,326		44
Kaafu	166,867	24,864	15,566	1,604	7,694
Alifu Alifu	31,870	4,817	2,426		2,391
Alifu Dhaalu	35,451	6,222	4,298	88	1,836
Vaavu	13,152	1,608	794	52	762
Meemu	3,667	666	614		52
Faafu	1,272	346	250		96
Dhaalu	16,332	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	764	286	152		134
Laamu	1,818	440	360		80
Gaafu Alifu	7,095	1,575	1,301	144	130
Gaafu Dhaalu	3,649	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	2,003	370			370
Seenu	4,176	1,266	824	156	286
<b>Total</b>	<b>379,392</b>	<b>63,576</b>	<b>44,807</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>16,171</b>





## Ministry Presents 2026 Regulatory Agenda at MATI's 36th Annual General Meeting



The Ministry of Tourism and Environment participated in the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI), where it presented the Ministry's Regulatory Agenda and 2026 Plan of Works to members of the association.



The session outlined key policy priorities, planned regulatory initiatives, and strategic actions aimed at strengthening governance and supporting the continued growth of the tourism sector.



## Thoriq Ibrahim Visits Maldives High Commission, Strengthens Tourism Promotion Efforts



During his official visit, H.E. Thoriq Ibrahim met with H.E. Iruthisham Adam and diplomats of the Mission, where he also signed the Visitors' Book at the High Commission. Discussions focused on enhancing collaborative tourism promotion initiatives and ensuring strong, coordinated participation at World Travel Market 2026, further reinforcing the Maldives' presence and competitiveness in the global tourism market.



## Minister Meets VMC to Discuss Maldives' Participation at Belgrade Expo 2027



The Minister met with the team of the Visit Maldives Corporation today to discuss the Maldives' participation in Expo 2027 Belgrade.

Discussions focused on strategic engagement, branding opportunities, and maximizing international exposure to further strengthen the Maldives' position in emerging European markets.



## Maldives Showcases Premium Halal Tourism at Muslim Travel Show 2026



The Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC), in partnership with the International Halal Tourism Organization Maldives, participated in the Muslim Travel Show 2026 held at ExCeL London from 7–8 February 2026, promoting the Maldives as a premier destination within the global halal tourism market.

As Europe’s leading exhibition for the Muslim travel segment, the event featured over 200 exhibitors and provided access to high-value travelers, trade buyers, and halal-friendly travel brands. VMC’s participation focused on strengthening destination visibility, unified branding, and positioning the Maldives as an official and credible choice for Muslim travellers, particularly from key markets such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Malaysia, and Europe.

The Maldives’ presence was further highlighted by a high-level visit from H.E. Dr. Iruthisham Adam and Deputy High Commissioner Mohamed Ahmed, underscoring the government’s commitment to expanding diplomatic and tourism engagement within the global halal tourism ecosystem.



## Visit Maldives Signs Strategic MoU with DERTOUR Deutschland to Boost German Arrivals



The Visit Maldives Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DERTOUR Deutschland, one of Europe's largest tour operators, to accelerate German tourist growth and deepen long-term market investment in the Maldives.

The agreement was signed on 10 February 2026 in Berlin on the sidelines of the official visit of Mohamed Muizzu. The MoU was signed by VMC CEO and Managing Director Ibrahim Shiuree and DERTOUR Deutschland's Director, Indian Ocean & Asia, Jörn Krausser.

Under this strategic partnership, both parties will collaborate on joint marketing campaigns, trade engagement programmes, and targeted promotional initiatives aimed at driving a minimum of 100,000 German arrivals, with ambitions to exceed 200,000 visitors in the following year.

The partnership also includes data-sharing, market intelligence collaboration, and coordinated participation in trade events to strengthen engagement with the German travel trade. As part of the DERTOUR Group under REWE Group, DERTOUR Deutschland brings extensive market expertise and a strong brand portfolio, reinforcing Germany's position as one of the Maldives' key European source markets.

## Maldives to Host World Travel Awards Indian Ocean Gala 2026



Visit Maldives has announced that the World Travel Awards (WTA) Indian Ocean Gala Ceremony 2026 will take place in the Maldives on 27 September 2026, coinciding with World Tourism Day. The event returns after more than a decade, marking a key milestone for the country's tourism industry.

The Maldives, a multiple award winner including six consecutive titles as the World's Leading Destination, will also host a special "Visit Maldives Week" featuring industry forums and global engagements to further enhance its international profile and leadership in tourism.





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