



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

# MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

9th April 2026

**689,264 Visitors**

as of 8th April 2026

**-1.0% Decline**

compared to the same period of 2025

**67,645 Beds**

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

## Key Markets

China (14.9%), Russia (12.6%), United Kingdom (9.7%), Italy (8.8%), Germany (6.9%), and India (4.2%)

## Major Highlights

Minister of Tourism and Environment Engages Tourism Stakeholders on Middle East Instability Impact

Maldives to Launch Global Creator Summit and Awards in 2026

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**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

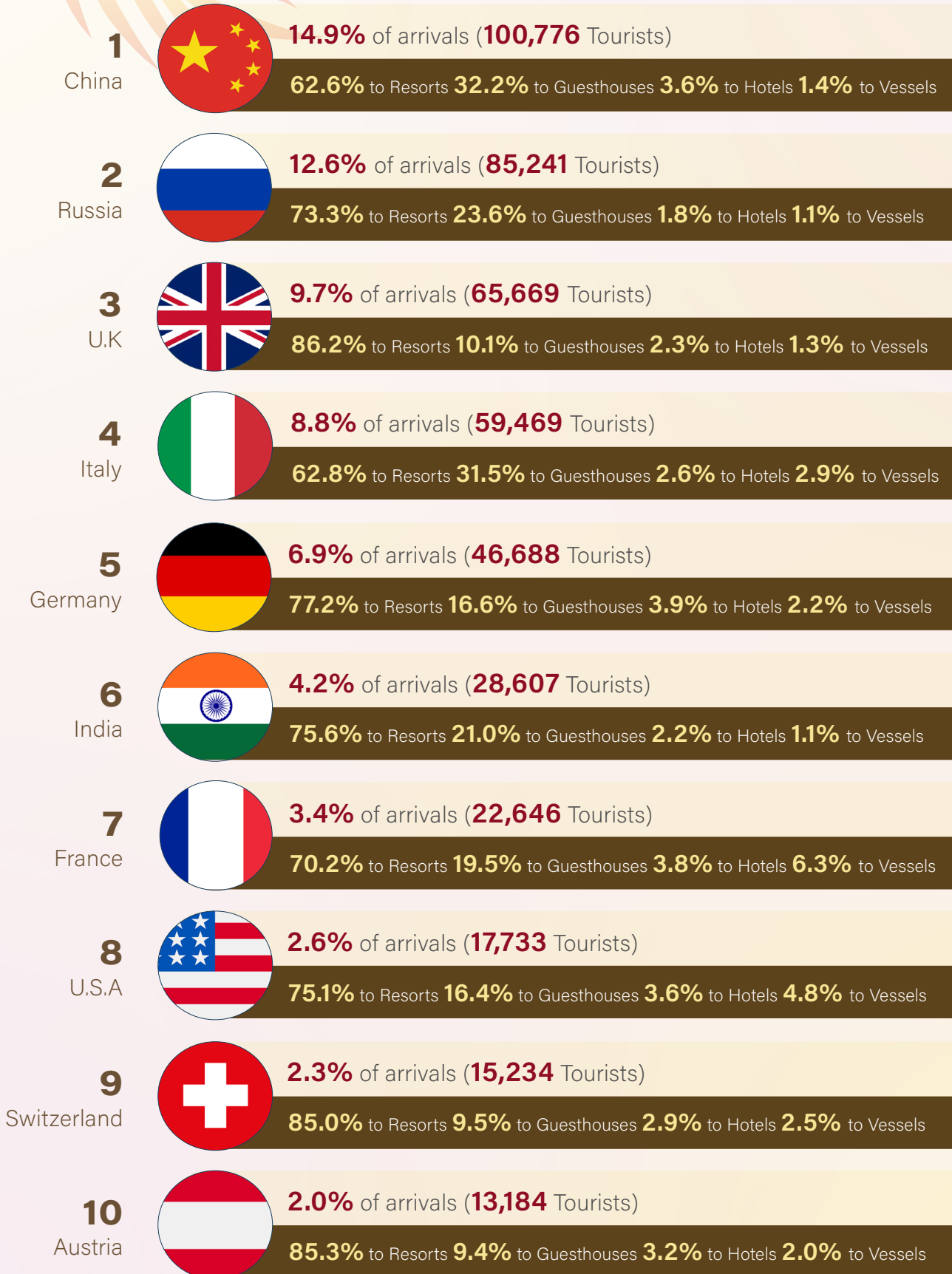
## International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 8th Apr 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr (1-8th)	Total (as of 8th Apr)	Daily Average
<b>2024 Total Visitors</b>	195,143	218,631	197,047	46,400	657,221	6,706
Tourists	192,385	217,392	194,227	46,400	650,404	6,637
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
<b>2025 Total Visitors</b>	216,544	216,309	207,707	55,498	696,058	7,103
Tourists	214,863	204,091	203,468	55,498	687,920	7,020
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
<b>2026 Total Visitors</b>	227,403	254,556	166,616	40,689	689,264	7,033
Tourists	224,788	247,722	161,259	40,689	674,458	6,882
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
<b>Growth % (2026/2025)</b>	5.0	17.7	-19.8	-26.7	-1.0	-

# Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 8th Apr 2026



# Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 8th Apr 2026

## Resorts



**465,384**  
Tourists  
**69.0%**  
of total arrivals

## Guesthouses



**174,644**  
Tourists  
**25.9%**  
of total arrivals

## Hotels



**18,959**  
Tourists  
**2.8%**  
of total arrivals

## Vessels



**14,591**  
Tourists  
**2.2%**  
of total arrivals

# Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 8th Apr 2026



### Airports

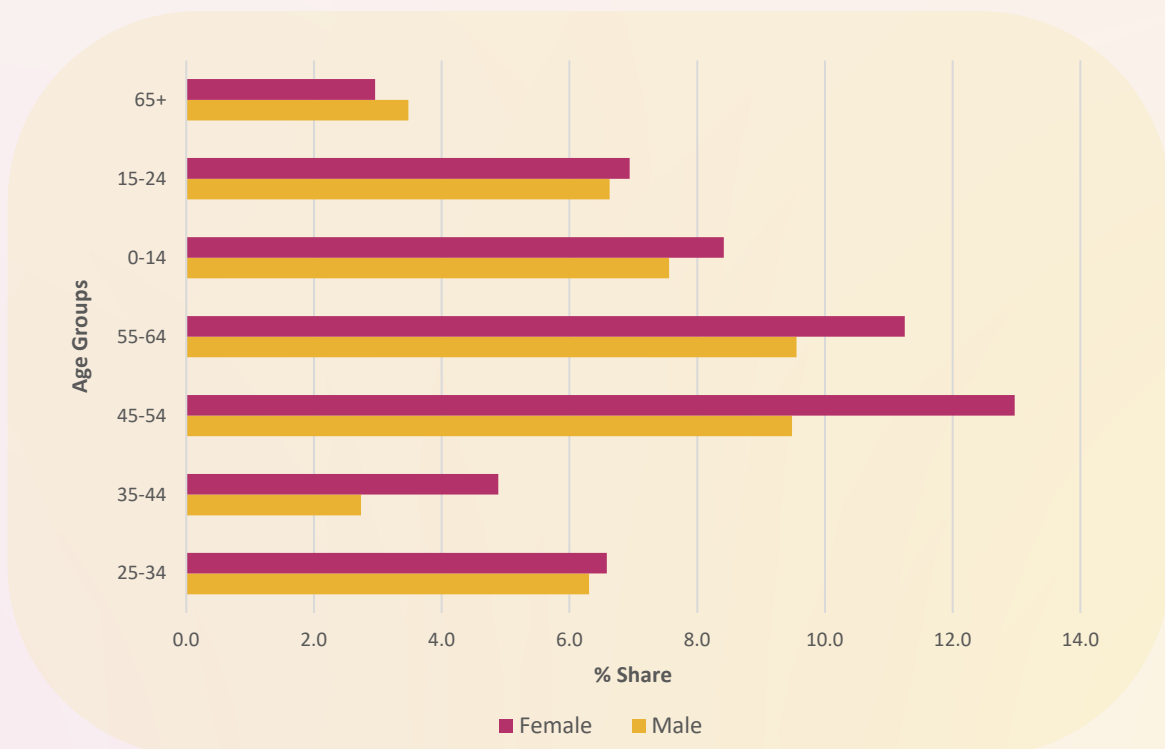
	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	670,014	97.2%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	1,630	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	2,639	0.4%
Gan International Airport	2,816	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	1,243	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	572	0.1%

### Sea Ports

	Arrivals	Share
All	10,351	1.5%

# Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 8th Apr 2026



# Tourist Accommodation



## Total Capacity

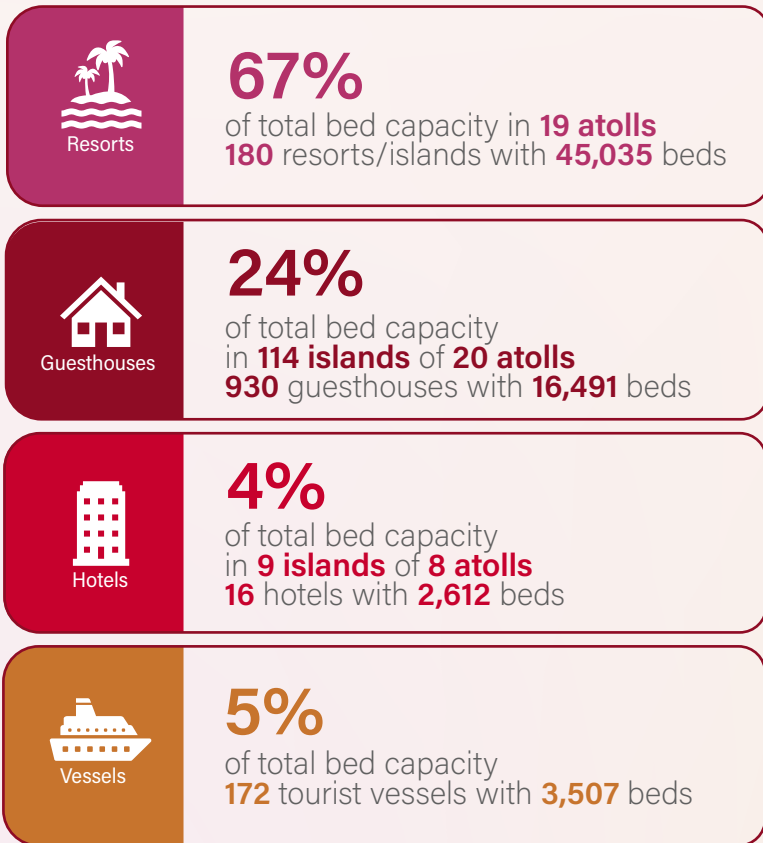
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**98.6%**  
of the beds were in  
**Operation**  
*(as of 8th Apr 2026)*

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	186	46,021
Guesthouses	930	16,491
Hotels	16	2,612
Tourist Vessels	172	3,507
<b>Total</b> (As of 8th Apr)	<b>1,304</b>	<b>68,631</b>

## Capacity in Operation

As of 8th Apr 2026



# Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 8th Apr 2026



Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	5,211	730	448		282
Haa Dhaalu	2,197	392	162	104	126
Shaviyani	5,415	516	444		72
Noonu	28,583	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	50,522	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	39,464	4,870	3,442	150	1,278
Lhaviyani	29,949	3,370	3,326		44
Kaafu	291,301	25,082	15,650	1,604	7,810
Alifu Alifu	53,414	4,937	2,518		2,419
Alifu Dhaalu	60,863	6,266	4,306	102	1,858
Vaavu	22,376	1,632	794	52	786
Meemu	6,002	686	614		72
Faafu	2,011	346	250		96
Dhaalu	27,567	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,330	290	152		138
Laamu	3,082	500	360		140
Gaafu Alifu	12,565	1,589	1,301	144	144
Gaafu Dhaalu	6,450	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	3,615	370			370
Seenu	6,980	1,286	824	156	306
<b>Total</b>	<b>658,987</b>	<b>64,138</b>	<b>45,035</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>16,491</b>



UPDATED ON FEBRUARY 2026



AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES		NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT		20	13,393	CONDOR		10	5,639	SAUDIA		4	595
AIR ARABIA		28	6,979	EDELWEISS		6	3,196	SICHUAN AIRLINES		9	2,436
AIR ASIA		34	10,413	EMIRATES		70	32,462	SINGAPORE AIRLINES		28	13,762
AIR ASIA THAILAND		14	4,605	ETIHAD AIRWAYS		42	20,370	SRILANKAN AIRLINES		42	17,062
AIR ASTANA		8	2,402	EUROWINGS		4	1,957	TURKISH AIRLINES		21	10,727
AIR INDIA		15	3,872	FITS AIR		18	4,457	US BANGLA AIRLINES		10	3,336
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES		11	6,467	FLY DUBAI		59	13,620	UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS		1	304
AZERBAIJAN AIRLINES		6	1,276	GREATER BAY AIRLINES		9	2,558	VIRGIN ATLANTIC		14	6,275
AZUR AIR RUSSIA		6	837	GULF AIR		33	3,860	XIAMEN AIR		7	1,771
BANGKOK AIRWAYS		1	48	HISKY EUROPE		2	807				
BATIK AIR		14	3,311	HONG KONG AIRLINES		14	6,131				
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES		7	3,224	INDIGO		56	13,979				
BEOND		14	721	ITA AIRWAYS		8	4,117				
BRITISH AIRWAYS		14	6,608	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES		22	6,615				
CENTRUM AIR		2	378	MALDIVIAN		30	7,255				
CHINA EASTERN		24	7,386	NEOS		6	4,030				
CHONGQING AIRLINES		6	1,331	QATAR AIRWAYS		41	16,420				

## Minister of Tourism and Environment Engages Tourism Stakeholders on Middle East Instability Impact



Minister Thoriq Ibrahim met with key industry bodies, including the National Boating Association of Maldives and the National Hotels and Guesthouses Association of Maldives, to assess the potential impact of the evolving instability in the Middle East on the Maldives' tourism sector.



The meeting brought together representatives from the liveaboard, hotel, and guesthouse segments, with discussions centered on emerging risks and the need for proactive, coordinated responses. Stakeholders shared concerns regarding travel disruptions, shifting market dynamics, and possible implications for visitor arrivals.

Particular emphasis was placed on identifying adaptive measures to ensure operational continuity across all segments of the industry. Participants highlighted the importance of maintaining service standards, strengthening communication channels, and enhancing resilience in the face of external uncertainties.

The Minister underscored the value of close collaboration between government and industry stakeholders, noting that timely information-sharing and unified action would be critical in mitigating potential impacts and sustaining confidence in the Maldives as a tourism destination.

## Maldives to Launch Global Creator Summit and Awards in 2026



The Maldives is set to step onto the global stage as a new hub for the creator economy with the launch of the World Creator Summit 2026 and the World Creator Awards 2026, powered by Creatoll.

Scheduled for 20–25 September 2026, the invitation-only programme will bring together around 50 leading creators, platforms, publishers, tourism stakeholders, and brand partners. The initiative aims to highlight the growing role of creator-led storytelling in shaping how destinations are marketed and experienced.



Developed by Visit Maldives in collaboration with the World Travel Awards, the programme will combine thought leadership, curated destination experiences, and a global awards platform recognizing excellence in digital storytelling and cultural impact.

Key components include the World Creator Summit, focused on the future of destination storytelling, and the World Creator Awards, celebrating innovation and influence in the creator space. Participants will also engage in curated experiences across the Maldives to generate high-quality, authentic content.

With expected participation from major international markets, the initiative reinforces the Maldives' strategy to leverage creators for more credible, culturally relevant, and commercially effective tourism marketing.

## Visit Maldives to Host PATA Webinar on Global Tourism Disruptions



**PATA Webinar**  
2026

# Navigate: The Conflict Playbook for Travel – Adapt, Pivot, Lead

Presented by Visit Maldives Corporation



**Maldives**  
the sunny side of life

**APR 09**  
Thursday

Starts at  
**1PM**  
Maldives

1h 15 min session

In association with PATA, eTourism Frontiers & Tourism Economics



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The Visit Maldives Corporation is set to host an upcoming industry webinar titled “Navigate: The Conflict Playbook for Travel – Adapt, Pivot, Lead” on 9 April 2026. The session, held in association with the Pacific Asia Travel Association, E-Tourism Frontiers, and Tourism Economics.

The session will bring together international experts to share insights on crisis management, market adaptation, and strategic communication. Noor Ahmad Hamid, CEO of PATA, will deliver the opening remarks, emphasizing resilience and industry collaboration. The programme includes expert-led sessions by Elizabeth Cook, *Managing Director of Tell Em PR and Marketing Director of E-Tourism Frontiers*, on crisis communications and brand trust; Sarah Mathews, *CEO of E-Tourism Frontiers*, on new markets and audiences; and Michael Shoory, *Head of APAC Tourism Analysis at Tourism Economics*, on demand shifts and marketing signals. The webinar will conclude with Abdulla Ghiyas, *Chairperson of Visit Maldives Corporation*, who will present the Maldives’ response to crisis.

The initiative highlights the destination’s continued efforts to provide industry partners with timely insights and practical tools to enhance resilience amid growing global tourism uncertainties.



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