



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

25th June 2026

1,040,976 Visitors

(-4.9%)

as of 24th June 2026

73.9% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+5%)

as of 20th June 2026

67,642 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 44,977 were resort beds

Key Markets

China (16%), Russia (14.3%), United Kingdom (8.4%), Italy (7.2%), Germany (6.5%), and India (6.0%)

Major Highlights

Maldives Welcomes its 1 Millionth Tourist of 2026

Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation Dr. Abdulla Niyaz participates in Jeju Forum 2026





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

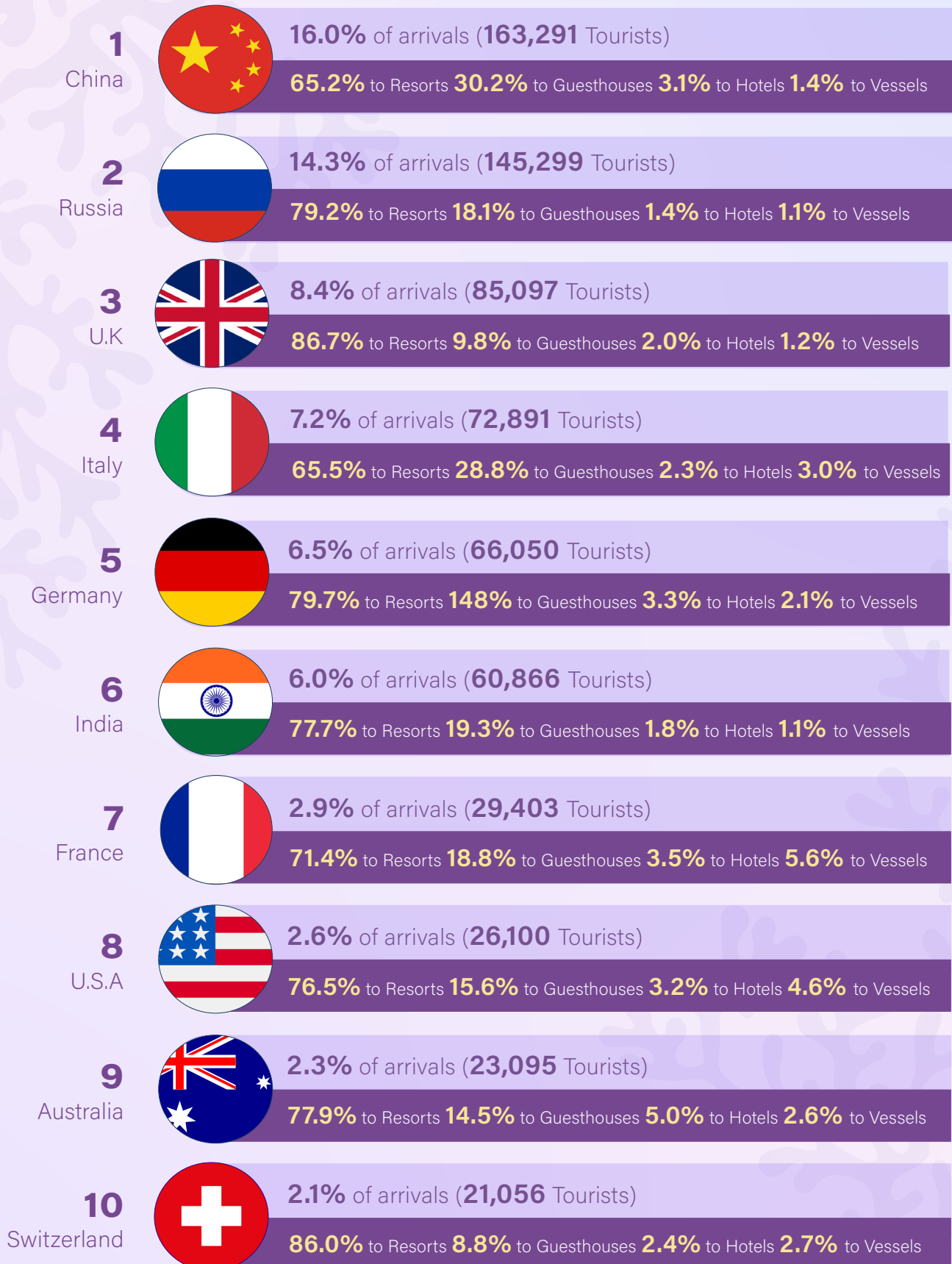
International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 24th June 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 <i>(1st-24th)</i>	97,617	97,617	n/a	n/a	112,121	112,121	n/a	n/a	96,985	96,985	n/a	n/a	-13.5
Total <i>(as of Jun 24th)</i>	1,001,924	989,862	5,102	6,960	1,095,106	1,078,479	8,364	8,263	1,040,976	1,018,100	8,029	14,847	-4.9
Daily Average	5,725	5,656	n/a	n/a	6,258	6,163	n/a	n/a	5,948	5,818	n/a	n/a	-

Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 24th June 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 24th June 2026

Resorts



731,369
Tourists
71.8%
of total arrivals

Guesthouses



239,089
Tourists
23.5%
of total arrivals

Hotels



25,028
Tourists
2.5%
of total arrivals

Vessels



21,037
Tourists
2.1%
of total arrivals

Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 24th June 2026



Airports

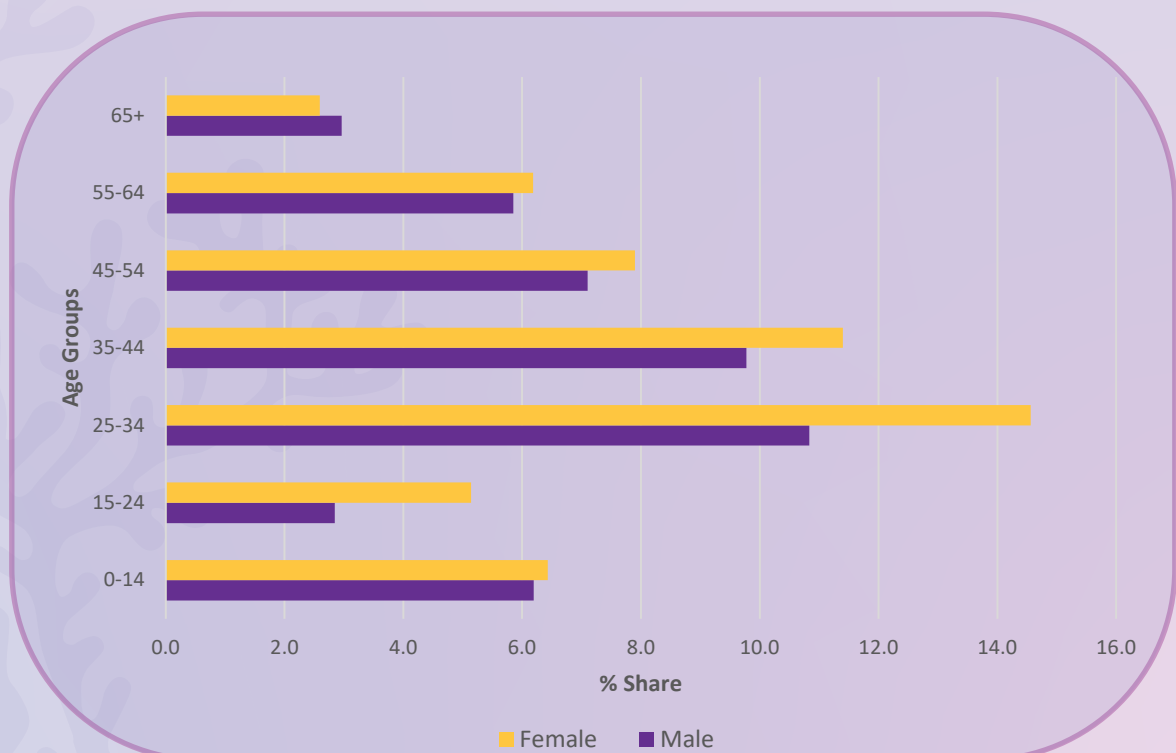
	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	1,013,434	97.4%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	2,321	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	3,567	0.3%
Gan International Airport	4,080	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	1,891	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	836	0.1%

Sea Ports

	Arrivals	Share
All	14,847	1.4%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 24th June 2026





Total Capacity

As of 24th June 2026

98.6%

of beds were in
Operation

(as of 24th Jun 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	185	45,963
Guesthouses	925	16,522
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	172	3,489
Total (As of 24th Jun)	1,298	68,628

Capacity in Operation

As of 24th June 2026



Resorts

67%

of total bed capacity in **19 atolls**
179 resorts/islands with **44,977** beds



Guesthouses

24%

of total bed capacity
in **115 islands** of **20 atolls**
925 guesthouses with **16,522** 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 **3,489** beds



Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 24th June 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	7,388	718	448		270
Haa Dhaalu	2,767	384	162	104	118
Shaviyani	7,707	516	444		72
Noonu	44,439	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	79,656	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	55,772	4,956	3,442	150	1,364
Lhaviyani	47,102	3,430	3,402		28
Kaafu	455,251	25,028	15,516	1,646	7,866
Alifu Alifu	75,311	4,770	2,518		2,252
Alifu Dhaalu	86,623	6,266	4,306	102	1,858
Vaavu	31,874	1,646	794	52	800
Meemu	9,027	686	614		72
Faafu	2,765	346	250		96
Dhaalu	43,088	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,672	290	152		138
Laamu	3,741	546	360		186
Gaafu Alifu	17,884	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	9,597	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	4,670	386			386
Seenu	9,154	1,296	824	156	316
Total	995,486	64,153	44,977	2,654	16,522



MAY 2026



AIRLINES	NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT	9	15,948
AIR ARABIA	2	1,539
AIR ASIA	12	9,313
AIR ASIA THAILAND	5	3,517
AIR ASTANA	4	2,235
AIR INDIA	6	4,140
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	-	108
AZUR AIR	1	254
BANGKOK AIRWAYS	1	310
BATIK AIR	6	3,421
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	2	2,084
BEOND	-	33
BRITISH AIRWAYS	3	2,671
CENTRUM AIR	2	1,403
CHINA EASTERN	5	3,990
CHONGQING AIRLINES	2	1,091
CONDOR	1	860

AIRLINES	NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	NO. PAX
EDELWEISS	3	3,090
EMIRATES	19	16,018
ETIHAD AIRWAYS	12	11,645
FITS AIR	5	2,936
FLY DUBAI	8	3,400
INDIGO	25	17,859
MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	9	6,648
MALDIVIAN	14	8,532
NEOS	1	1,782
QATAR AIRWAYS	6	6,101
SAUDIA	2	1,083
SICHUAN AIRLINES	1	1,171
SINGAPORE AIRLINES	13	13,087
SRILANKAN AIRLINES	19	18,791
TURKISH AIRLINES	5	6,669
US BANGLA AIRLINES	5	4,899

Note: Austrian Airlines operated 1 flight in May 2026 & Beond operated 2 flights in May 2026

Maldives Welcomes its 1 Millionth Tourist of 2026



The Maldives has welcomed its one millionth tourist of 2026 within the same timeframe as last year, highlighting the resilience of the tourism industry despite ongoing global challenges.

The milestone was celebrated at Velana International Airport with a special ceremony organized by the Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC), Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoTCA), Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL), and Maldives Immigration.

The one millionth visitor, Ms. Almudena Ortuño Esparza from Spain, arrived on 21 June 2026 aboard Qatar Airways and was welcomed with a traditional cultural reception.

Speaking at the event, Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Hon. Mohamed Ameen stated that achieving the milestone despite disruptions to key air routes reflects the dedication of tourism stakeholders and the continued global appeal of the Maldives as a premier travel destination.



Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Welcomes Ambassador of the People's Republic of China



Minister Mohamed Ameen received the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Maldives, H.E. Kong Xianhua, for a courtesy call. Discussions were focused on strengthening the longstanding friendship and cooperation between the Maldives and China, particularly in the tourism sector.



Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation Dr. Abdulla Niyaz participates in Jeju Forum 2026



Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Dr. Abdulla Niyaz participates in the Jeju Forum 2026 as a panelist. Jeju Forum has served as an international public forum since 2001, creating platforms to discuss timely global issues with numerous world-class leaders and experts in various fields.



Speaking at the Leaders Dialogue on "Tourism, Resilience and International Action for a Sustainable Future" at the 21st Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity, State Minister Dr. Abdulla Niyaz, highlighted the urgent need for stronger international cooperation to support island destinations. Dr. Niyaz emphasised that international cooperation must deliver practical solutions for island destinations through accessible climate finance, guaranteed connectivity during crises, and dedicated financial support mechanisms for tourism-dependent economies that are highly vulnerable to geo political shocks.

Visit Maldives and Gold Medal launch major B2B joint campaign to capture booming UK luxury market



Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC) has launched a joint marketing campaign with leading UK tour operator Gold Medal, aimed at strengthening the Maldives' position as the ultimate luxury destination for British travelers. Signed on May 29, 2026, the high-impact campaign is currently live across the United Kingdom and will run through July 31, 2026. Through this partnership, VMC aims to establish an efficient, high-value B2B sales pipeline by securing direct access to specialist travel agents and retail networks across the UK.

The campaign comes at a time of remarkable growth for the destination. According to the latest Maldives Tourism Updates, the UK stands strong as the third largest source market for the Maldives this year, accounting for 80,881 arrivals and an impressive 8.7 percent of the total market share as of June 4, 2026. This strong demand for luxury, leisure, and experiential travel underscores the timeliness of the new initiative, which focuses heavily on the trade and retail sectors to convert interest into concrete bookings.

Visit Maldives together with MAYA Welcomes Chinese Cruise ship “Viking Yidun” as it makes its first visit to Maldives



Visit Maldives Corporation (VMC) together with the Maldives Association of Yacht Agents (MAYA) welcomed the Chinese cruise ship Viking Yidun, as it makes its first visit to Maldives, with a special reception held at Jetty 1, Male'. This marks the first arrival of a Chinese cruise vessel to the Maldives.

The arrival represents a step in the continued diversification of the Maldives' tourism portfolio and the development of cruise tourism as a complementary segment of the Maldives' wider tourism offering.

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