



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

23rd July 2026

1,198,343 Visitors

(-4.6%)

as of 22nd July 2026

74.10% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+7.0%)

as of 18th Jul 2026

68,266 Beds

available for visitors. Out of which 45,115
were resort beds

Key Markets

China (17.2%), Russia (14.6%), United Kingdom (8.0%), Italy (6.6%), Germany (6.3%), and India (5.9%)

Major Highlights

Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation
Meets Ethiopian Delegation to
Advance Air Connectivity

Visit Maldives partners with SATA
2026 as official destination partner





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

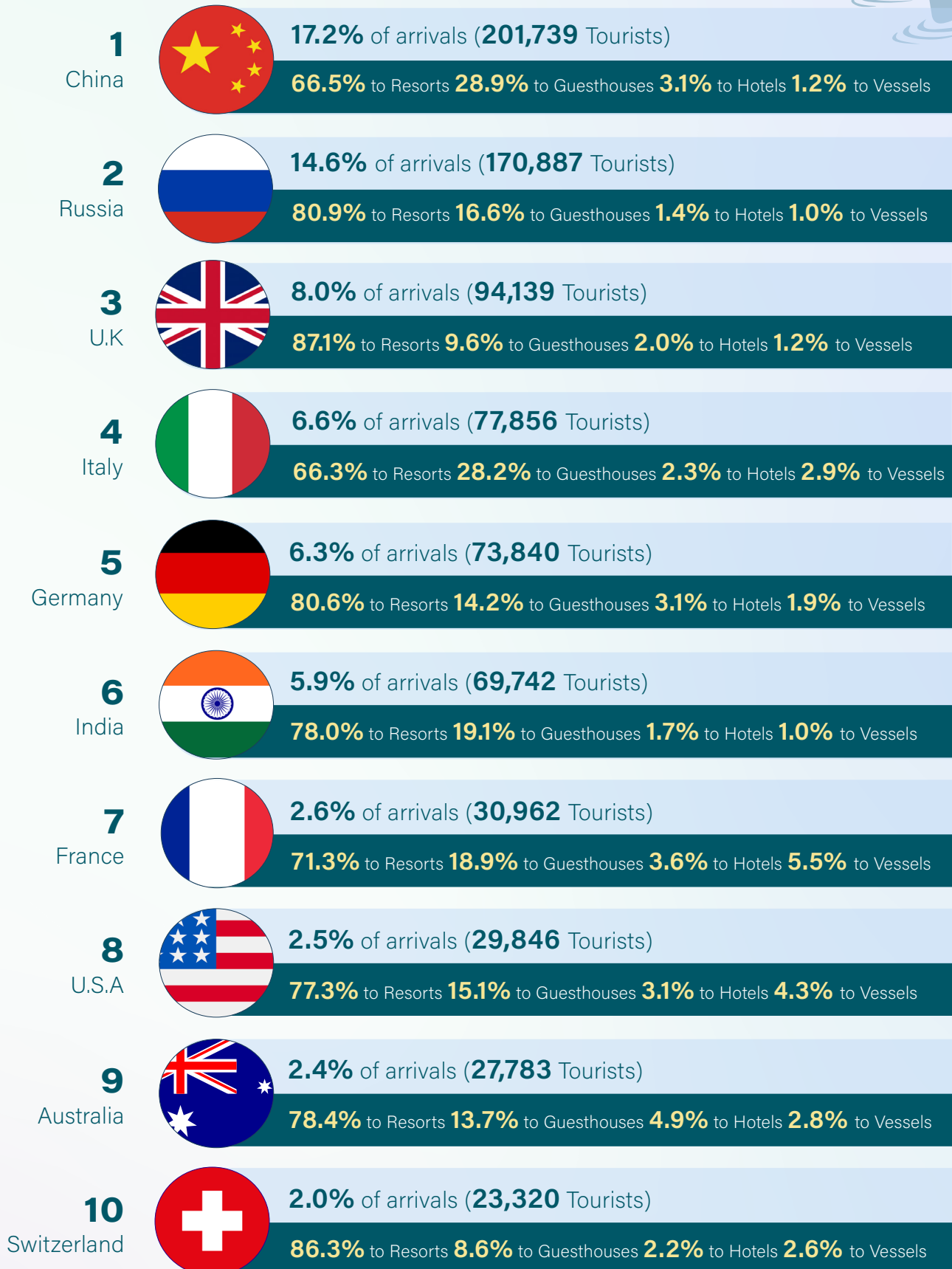
As of 22nd July 2026

	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	124,422	123,284	1,097	41	143,099	141,772	1,327	-	125,891	123,552	1,609	730	-12.0
Jul (1st-22nd)	115,347	115,346	n/a	n/a	130,222	130,222	n/a	n/a	128,461	128,461	n/a	n/a	-1.4
Total (as of Jul 22nd)	1,144,076	1,130,876	6,199	7,001	1,256,306	1,238,352	9,691	8,263	1,198,343	1,173,128	9,638	15,577	-4.6
Daily Average	5,636	5,571	n/a	n/a	6,189	6,100	n/a	n/a	5,903	5,779	n/a	n/a	-



Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 22nd July 2026



Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 22nd July 2026

Resorts



853,863
Tourists
72.8%
of total arrivals

Guesthouses



266,670
Tourists
22.7%
of total arrivals

Hotels



28,116
Tourists
2.4%
of total arrivals

Vessels



22,614
Tourists
1.9%
of total arrivals

Total Visitors by Port of Entry

As of 22nd July 2026



Airports

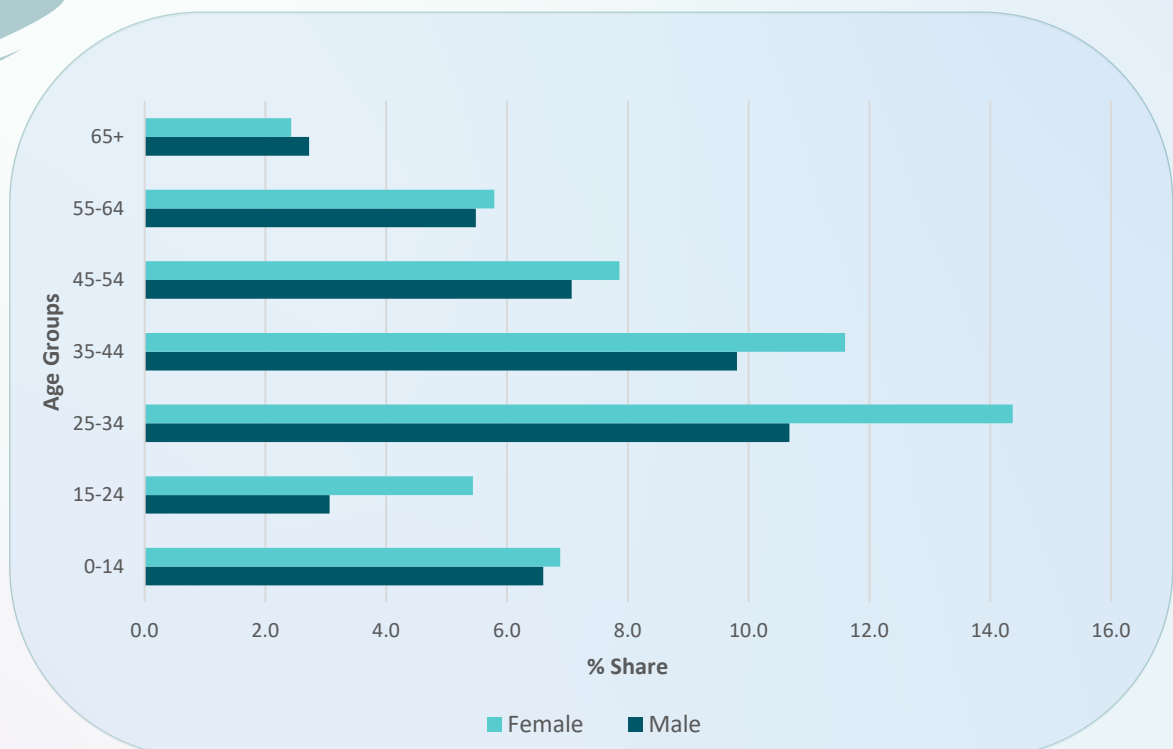
	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	1,168,608	97.5%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	2,598	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	4,004	0.3%
Gan International Airport	4,411	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	2,161	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	984	0.1%

Sea Ports

	Arrivals	Share
All	15,577	1.3%

Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 22nd July 2026





Total Capacity

As of 22nd July 2026

98.8%

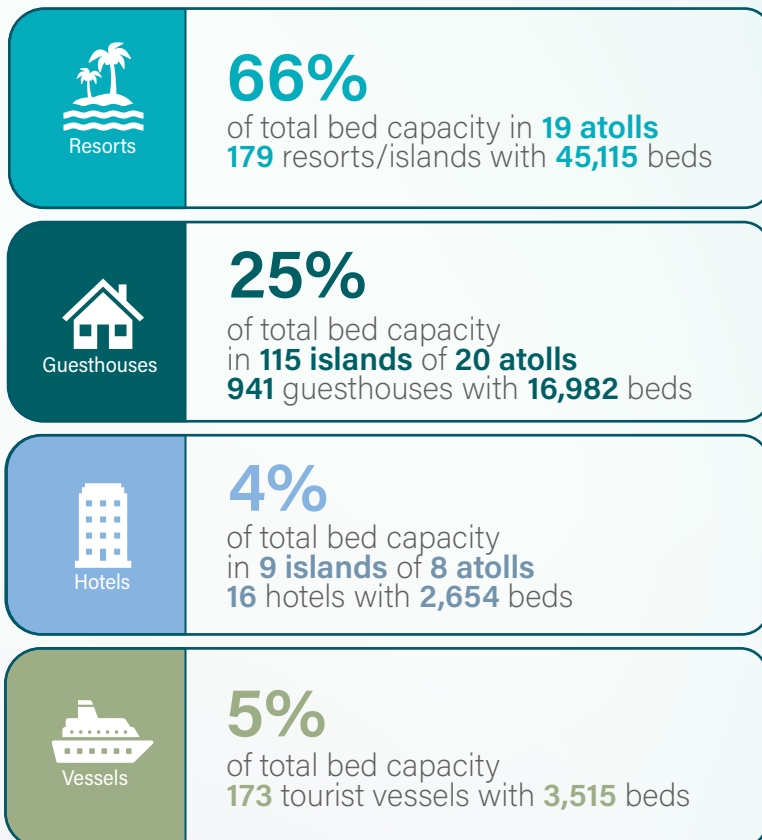
of beds were in
Operation

(as of 22nd Jul 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	185	45,963
Guesthouses	941	16,982
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	173	3,515
Total (As of 22nd Jul)	1,315	69,114

Capacity in Operation

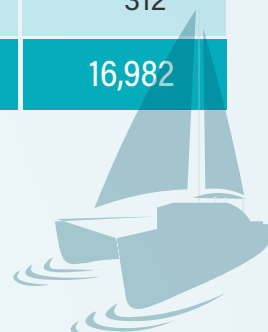
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Arrivals & Beds Distribution by Atolls

As of 22nd July 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	8,545	718	448		270
Haa Dhaalu	3,138	384	162	104	118
Shaviyani	8,723	516	444		72
Noonu	52,834	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	92,497	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	64,214	4,998	3,442	150	1,406
Lhaviyani	55,563	3,446	3,402		44
Kaafu	528,166	25,316	15,516	1,646	8,154
Alifu Alifu	84,439	4,830	2,518		2,312
Alifu Dhaalu	97,519	6,290	4,306	102	1,882
Vaavu	36,054	1,680	828	52	800
Meemu	10,497	692	614		78
Faafu	3,137	346	250		96
Dhaalu	52,030	3,072	2,968		104
Thaa	1,843	290	152		138
Laamu	4,114	546	360		186
Gaafu Alifu	19,865	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	10,761	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	4,987	414			414
Seenu	9,724	1,292	824	156	312
Total	1,148,650	64,751	45,115	2,654	16,982





JUNE 2026



AIRLINES	NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)	AIRLINES	NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY AVERAGE)
AEROFLOT	8	GULF AIR	12
AIR ARABIA	6	INDIGO	24
AIR ASIA	6	MALAYSIA AIRLINES	9
AIR ASIA THAILAND	3	MALDIVIAN	13
AIR ASTANA	3	NEOS	1
BATIK AIR	3	QATAR AIRWAYS	7
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	2	SAUDIA	1
BRITISH AIRWAYS	3	SCAT AIRLINES	1
CENTRUM AIR	2	SICHUAN AIRLINES	2
CHINA EASTERN	5	SINGAPORE AIRLINES	12
CHONGQING AIRLINES	2	SRILANKAN AIRLINES	18
EMIRATES	12	TURKISH AIRLINES	5
ETIHAD AIRWAYS	12	US BANGLA AIRLINES	4
FITS AIR	5		
FLY DUBAI	9		
FLYNAS	2		





Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Meets Ethiopian Delegation to Advance Air Connectivity



Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mohamed Ameen, received a courtesy call from a delegation from the Government of Ethiopia, led by Mr. Yohannes Abera Belete, Director General of the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority.

The visit marked a new milestone for Maldivian aviation as the Maldives and Ethiopia signed an Air Services Agreement, paving the way for direct air connectivity between the two nations. The agreement establishes the framework for future air services, creating new routes for travelers to reach the Maldives while strengthening tourism, trade, and bilateral cooperation.

The signing of the agreement reflects the shared commitment of both countries to enhance international connectivity and expand opportunities for travel and economic collaboration.



Maldives Visitor Survey 2025, Providing Valuable Insights into Visitor Experiences and Travel Behaviour



The Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation has officially published the Maldives Visitor Survey (MVS) 2025, providing comprehensive insights into visitor profiles, travel behaviour, satisfaction, and overall holiday experiences in the Maldives. The findings will support evidence-based policy making and strengthen sustainable tourism development.

The survey confirms the Maldives' strong position as a world-class tourism destination, with nearly four in five visitors choosing the Maldives as their first-choice destination. Visitor satisfaction remains exceptionally high, with more than half of respondents stating their experience exceeded expectations, while most expressed a strong intention to revisit and recommend the Maldives to others.

The findings also show that 65% of visitors travelled with their partner or spouse, 70% stayed in resorts, and the majority visited the Maldives for its beaches, marine life, and peaceful island experience. Recommendations from family and friends, together with social media, were identified as the leading sources of destination awareness.

The Ministry extends its sincere appreciation to all visitors, tourism industry stakeholders, partner institutions, and survey participants whose contributions made this study possible.



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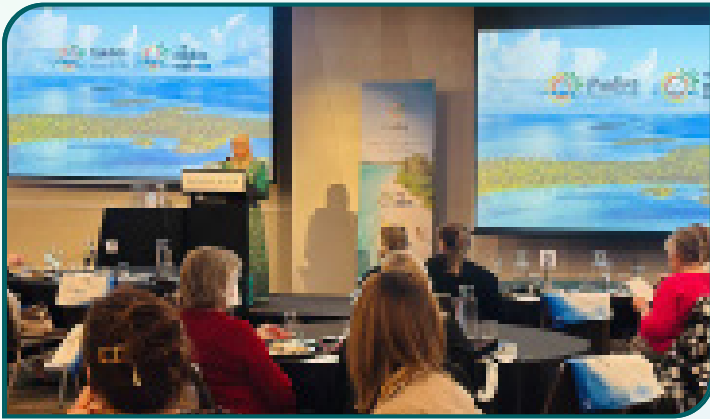
Visit Maldives has partnered with the South Asian Travel Awards (SATA) 2026 as the Official Destination Partner, reaffirming its commitment to advancing regional tourism collaboration and promoting excellence across South Asia's travel and hospitality industry.

The partnership was formalised during the official SATA 2026 Partnership Signing Ceremony held at Barceló Nasandhura Malé, where Visit Maldives joined fellow industry partners in marking the beginning of preparations for the milestone 10th edition of the prestigious awards.

Representing Visit Maldives, CEO and Managing Director Ibrahim Shiuree signed the partnership agreement, reinforcing the organisation's continued support for initiatives that strengthen regional tourism ties and elevate the Maldives' profile as a leading global destination.



Visit Maldives launches Australia roadshow to boost market growth



Visit Maldives has officially launched Visit Maldives Week in Australia, a three-city roadshow designed to strengthen the Maldives' presence in one of its fastest-growing long-haul markets. The week-long roadshow took place in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney, bringing together leading tourism stakeholders from the Maldives and Australia to strengthen industry partnerships and promote the Maldives as the preferred holiday destination for Australian travellers.

Held under Visit Maldives redefined "Visit Maldives Week" concept, the roadshow offers an engaging platform for travel trade professionals, media, influencers, and key industry stakeholders to connect with Maldivian tourism partners while discovering the destination's latest products, experiences, and developments. The initiative forms part of Visit Maldives' ongoing strategy to build stronger market presence through sustained trade engagement and targeted destination marketing.





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