



MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

# MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

4th June 2026

## 955,296 Visitors

(-4.1%)

as of 3rd June 2026

## 74.0% SLF (Arrival Seat Load Factor)

(+4.8%)

as of 30th May 2026

## 67,554 Beds

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

## Key Markets

China (15.6%), Russia (13.7%), United Kingdom (8.7%), Italy (7.5%), Germany (6.7%), and India (5.7%)

## Major Highlights

Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and UNFPA Sign MoU to Advance Community-Centered Sustainable Tourism in the Maldives

Maldives Nominated for Indian Ocean's Leading Tourist Board 2026



**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

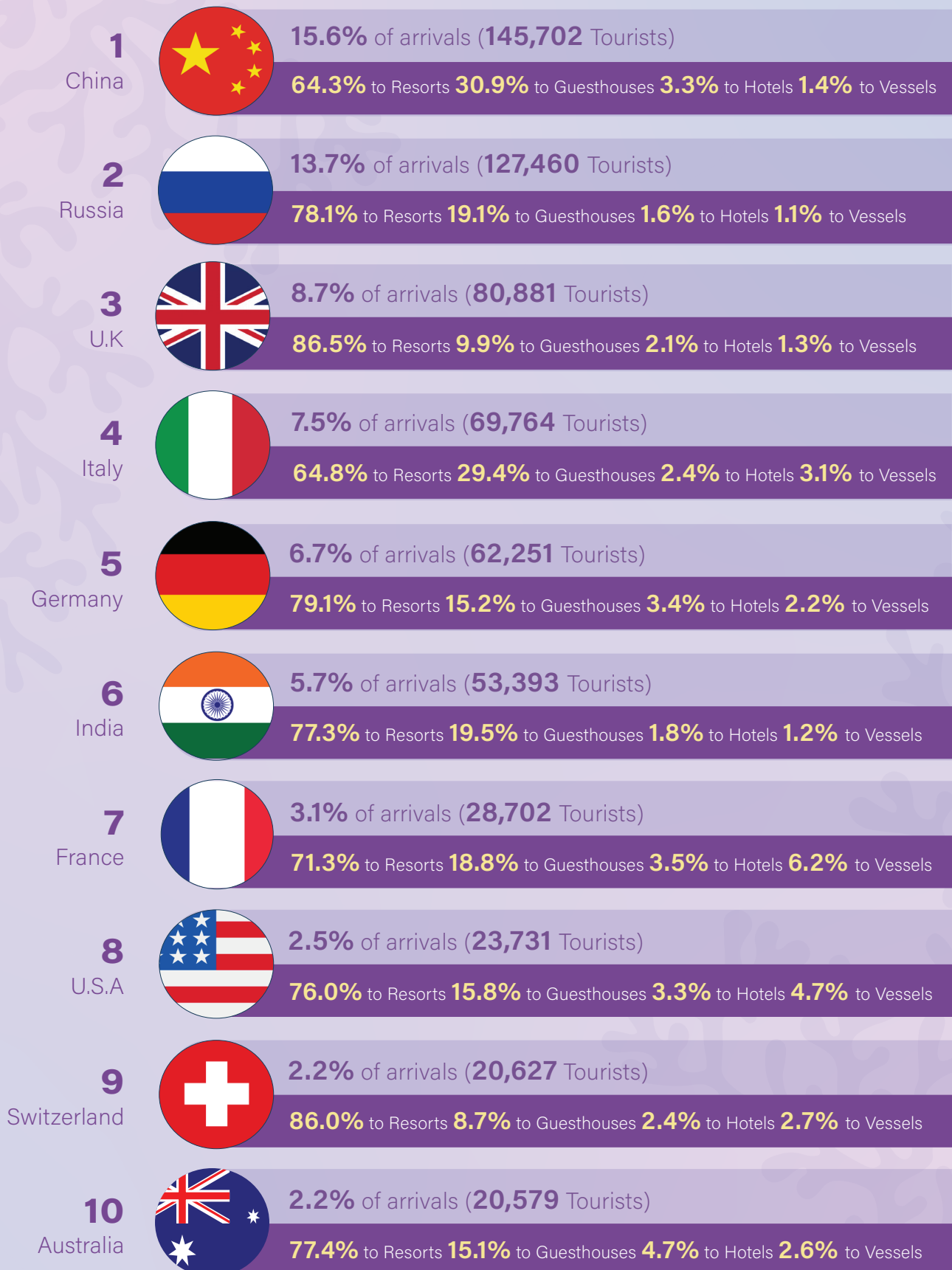
## International Visitor Arrivals - Monthly

As of 3rd 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	11,530	11,530	n/a	n/a	13,600	13,600	n/a	n/a	11,305	11,305	n/a	n/a	-16.9
<b>Total</b> <i>(as of Jun 3rd)</i>	<b>915,837</b>	<b>903,775</b>	<b>5,102</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>996,585</b>	<b>979,958</b>	<b>8,364</b>	<b>8,263</b>	<b>955,296</b>	<b>932,420</b>	<b>8,029</b>	<b>14,847</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
<b>Daily Average</b>	<b>5,947</b>	<b>5,869</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>6,471</b>	<b>6,363</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>6,203</b>	<b>6,055</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>-</b>

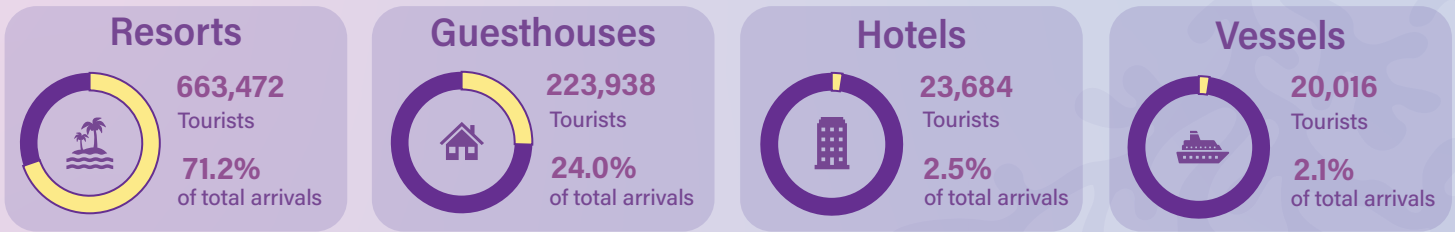
# Top 10 Nationalities & their Accommodation Preference

As of 3rd June 2026



# Tourist Distribution to Facilities

As of 3rd June 2026



## Total Visitors by Port of Entry

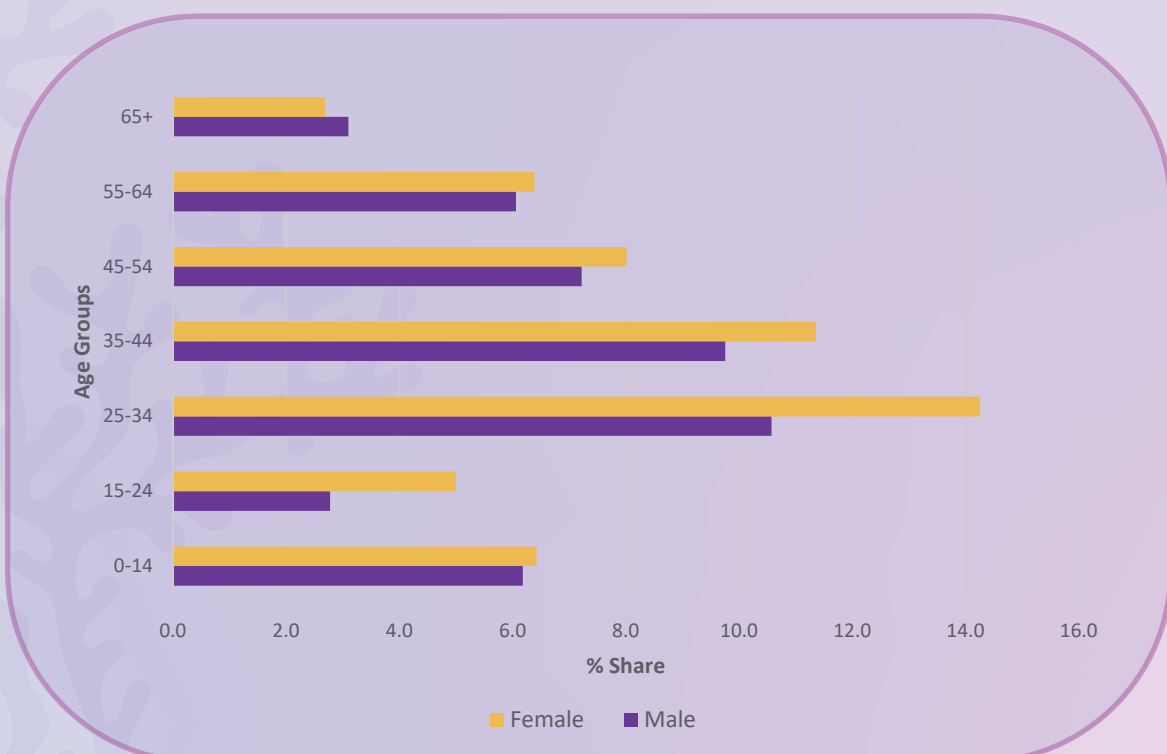
As of 3rd June 2026



Airports	Arrivals	Share
Velana International Airport	928,680	97.2%
Hanimaadhoo International Airport	2,166	0.2%
Maafaru International Airport	3,328	0.3%
Gan International Airport	3,787	0.4%
Villa International Airport Maamigili	1,727	0.2%
Dhaalu Airport	761	0.1%
Sea Ports	Arrivals	Share
All	14,847	1.6%

## Tourists by Age Group & Gender

As of 3rd June 2026





## Total Capacity

As of 3rd June 2026

# 98.6%

## of beds were in Operation

(as of 3rd Jun 2026)

	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	185	45,963
Guesthouses	920	16,434
Hotels	16	2,654
Tourist Vessels	172	3,489
<b>Total</b> (As of 3rd Jun)	<b>1,293</b>	<b>68,540</b>

## Capacity in Operation

As of 3rd 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**  
920 guesthouses with **16,434** 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 3rd June 2026

Atolls	Arrivals (Resorts, Hotels & Guesthouses)	Beds			
		Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guesthouses
Haa Alifu	6,777	718	448		270
Haa Dhaalu	2,630	384	162	104	118
Shaviyani	7,233	516	444		72
Noonu	40,221	2,806	2,580		226
Raa	72,195	4,954	4,560	300	94
Baa	51,935	4,934	3,442	150	1,342
Lhaviyani	42,713	3,430	3,402		28
Kaafu	414,433	25,040	15,516	1,646	7,878
Alifu Alifu	69,637	4,776	2,518		2,258
Alifu Dhaalu	80,468	6,256	4,306	102	1,848
Vaavu	29,444	1,646	794	52	800
Meemu	8,196	686	614		72
Faafu	2,642	346	250		96
Dhaalu	38,636	2,968	2,864		104
Thaa	1,605	290	152		138
Laamu	3,645	500	360		140
Gaafu Alifu	16,638	1,595	1,301	144	150
Gaafu Dhaalu	8,815	566	440		126
Gnaviyani	4,501	386			386
Seenu	8,729	1,268	824	156	288
<b>Total</b>	<b>911,094</b>	<b>64,065</b>	<b>44,977</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>16,434</b>



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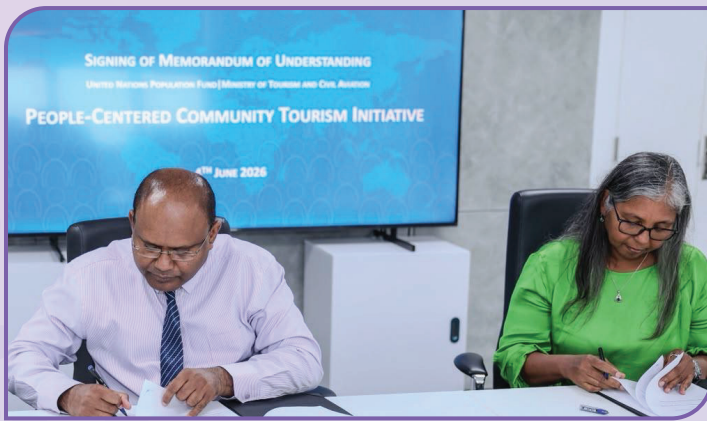
AIRLINES	NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES	NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX	AIRLINES	NO. FLIGHTS (WEEKLY)	NO. PAX
AEROFLOT	18	17,865	EMIRATES	24	9,049	US BANGLA AIRLINES	8	3,575
AIR ASIA	21	8,390	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	24	9,248	VIRGIN ATLANTIC	8	3,073
AIR ASIA THAILAND	12	4,791	EUROWINGS	2	1,061			
AIR ASTANA	9	2,954	FITS AIR	11	2,650			
AIR INDIA	12	3,377	FLY DUBAI	10	1,646			
AUSTRIAN AIRLINES	8	4,492	HISKY EUROPE	1	443			
AZUR AIR	5	907	INDIGO	48	15,388			
BANGKOK AIRWAYS	7	1,441	ITA AIRWAYS	1	514			
BATIK AIR	10	3,137	MALAYSIAN AIRLINES	18	6,885			
BEIJING CAPITAL AIRLINES	3	1,648	MALDIVIAN	29	7,660			
BEOND	2	171	NEOS	4	3,650			
BRITISH AIRWAYS	8	3,123	QATAR AIRWAYS	8	2,419			
CENTRUM AIR	3	941	SAUDIA	3	1,335			
CHINA EASTERN	10	4,761	SICHUAN AIRLINES	3	1,168			
CHONGQING AIRLINES	5	1,575	SINGAPORE AIRLINES	24	14,246			
CONDOR	9	6,183	SRILANKAN AIRLINES	36	18,129			
EDELWEISS	8	5,075	TURKISH AIRLINES	8	5,708			



### Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and UNFPA Sign MoU to Advance Community-Centered Sustainable Tourism in the Maldives



Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation (MOTCA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 4th June 2026, to strengthen cooperation on community-centered sustainable tourism development in the Maldives.



The partnership aims to support social transformation by improving the wellbeing of women and youth in local island communities. It focuses on addressing gender gaps, expanding youth economic participation, and promoting inclusive and safe community frameworks through tourism-linked development initiatives. Both parties will collaborate on data-driven planning, community mapping, capacity building, and the development of island-level profiles and action plans.

Under the MoU, a joint Technical Working Group will oversee implementation, with engagement from local councils, Women's Development Committees, and youth groups to support community-based initiatives.

## Maldives Nominated for Indian Ocean's Leading Tourist Board 2026



The Maldives has been nominated for Indian Ocean's Leading Tourist Board 2026 at the World Travel Awards, a prestigious recognition of the country's continued excellence in destination marketing, visitor engagement, and commitment to sustainable tourism.

Support the Maldives by casting your vote through the World Travel Awards voting portal. Voters can access the ballot by scanning the QR code provided or by visiting: <http://worldtravelawards.com/vote>



## Visit Maldives Strengthens Trade Engagement and Market Presence at ITB China 2026



Visit Maldives participated in ITB China 2026 in Shanghai from 26–28 May, reinforcing the Maldives' presence in one of its most significant tourism source markets. The event brought together leading travel trade professionals, tour operators, travel agencies, online travel platforms, and MICE planners from across China.



During the exhibition, Visit Maldives held a series of B2B meetings with key industry partners, showcasing the destination's latest tourism offerings, improved connectivity, and experiences tailored to Chinese travellers. Discussions highlighted a range of tourism segments, including luxury travel, family holidays, honeymoon experiences, wellness tourism, diving, and cultural tourism.



The Maldives stand featured destination promotions and digital content showcasing the country's diverse tourism products, while media engagements and targeted marketing activities further enhanced brand visibility. Participation at ITB China forms part of Visit Maldives' ongoing efforts to strengthen trade partnerships, expand market reach, and drive tourism growth from China.

## Visit Maldives CEO & MD Opens Raaraa Pro 2026 in Dhiffushi as International Kiteboarding Competition Begins



The second edition of Raaraa Pro 2026, the Maldives' premier kiteboarding competition, officially commenced on 1 June 2026 in Dhiffushi, bringing together local and international riders for six days of competition, community engagement, and adventure tourism activities. The event was organised by Iconic Events, with Visit Maldives Corporation serving as the Destination Collaboration Partner.



The opening ceremony was officiated by Ibrahim Shiuree, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Visit Maldives Corporation, who reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to supporting sports and adventure tourism initiatives. The event features expanded disciplines this year, including freestyle kiteboarding alongside twin-tip slalom racing, further enhancing participation opportunities for athletes across different skill levels.



Raaraa Pro 2026 also places strong emphasis on inclusivity and community engagement, featuring kiteboarding clinics for children, live scoring systems, and a broader festival programme including food and art stalls, interactive activities, and evening entertainment. Comprehensive safety measures have been implemented with support from national authorities and local stakeholders, reinforcing Dhiffushi's growing profile as a hub for watersports and experiential tourism.

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