



MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

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1. Tourist Arrivals

From 1st January 2021 to 21st October 2021, a total of 962,490 tourists arrived in the Maldives. The top five markets during this period were India, Russia, Germany, U.S.A and Saudi Arabia.

Total Arrivals 2019
1,702,887
as at end December 2019

Total Arrivals 2020
555,494
as at end December 2020

Total Arrivals 2021
962,490
As of 21st October 2021

	Arrivals			Growth (%)		Daily Average 2021	Duration of Stay (Days)
	2019	2020	2021	2021/2019	2021/2020		
January	151,552	173,347	92,103	-39.2	-46.9	2,971	9.2
February	168,583	149,785	96,882	-42.5	-35.3	3,460	8.8
March	162,843	59,630	109,585	-32.7	+83.8	3,535	8.7
April	163,114	13	91,200	-44.1	N/A	3,040	9.3
May	103,022	41	64,613	-37.3	N/A	2,084	9.1
June	113,475	1	56,166	-50.5	N/A	1,872	9.0
July	132,144	1,752	101,818	-22.9	N/A	3,284	9.1
August	139,338	7,636	143,599	+3.1	+1,780.6	4,632	9.6
September	117,619	9,605	114,896	-2.3	+1,096.2	3,830	8.1
October(1 st -21 st)	95,855	12,997	91,628	-4.4	+605.0	4,363	8.2
Total (as of 21st October)	1,347,545	414,807	962,490	-28.6	+132.0	3,274	8.9

Top 10 Markets 2021

As of 19th October 2021

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
India	219,381	22.8	01
Russia	180,517	18.8	02
Germany	64,200	6.7	03
U.S.A	38,777	4.0	04
Saudi Arabia	32,376	3.4	05
Ukraine	29,240	3.0	06
Spain	28,605	3.0	07
United Kingdom	24,846	2.6	08
Kazakhstan	18,382	1.9	09
France	17,640	1.8	10

Top 10 Markets 2020

end December 2020

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
India	62,960	11.3	01
Russia	61,387	11.1	02
United Kingdom	52,720	9.5	03
Italy	46,690	8.4	04
Germany	36,435	6.6	05
China	34,245	6.2	06
France	28,031	5.0	07
U.S.A	19,759	3.6	08
Switzerland	12,517	2.3	09
Ukraine	10,343	1.9	10

Top 10 Markets 2019

end December 2019

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
China	284,029	16.7	01
India	166,030	9.7	02
Italy	136,343	8.0	03
Germany	131,561	7.7	04
United Kingdom	126,199	7.4	05
Russia	83,369	4.9	06
France	59,738	3.5	07
U.S.A	54,474	3.2	08
Japan	44,251	2.6	09
Australia	39,928	2.3	10

2. Tourist Accommodation

Accommodation Facilities by Type

As of 21st October 2021

Facility Type	Total Capacity		Operational Capacity	
	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	166	38,849	157	36,974
Hotels & Guesthouses	782	14,110	592	11,456
Safari Vessels	159	2,962	144	2,846
Total	1,107	55,921	893	51,276

Guesthouses in Operation by Atolls and Islands

As of 21st October 2021

Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Haa Alifu	11	128
1. Hoarafushi	2	24
2. Kelaa	4	52
3. Vashafaru	5	52
Haa Dhaalu	6	72
1. Hanimaadhoo	4	56
2. Nolvivaranfaru	1	10
3. Vaikaradhoo	1	6
Shaviyani	3	24
1. Bilehfahi	1	8
2. Kanditheemu	1	8
3. Komandoo	1	8
Noonu	6	64
1. Fodhdhoo	1	24
2. Holhudhoo	1	6
3. Velidhoo	4	34
Raa	2	22
1. Rasgetheemu	1	12
2. Maakurathu	1	10
Baa	37	632
1. Dharavandhoo	9	140
2. Dhonfanu	1	8
3. Eydhafushi	1	8
4. Fehendhoo	2	36
5. Finolhas	1	62
6. Fulhadhoo	4	88
7. Goidhoo	4	58
8. Kamadhoo	8	114
9. Kudarikilu	1	22
10. Maalhos	5	82
11. Thulhaadhoo	1	14

Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Lhaviyani	4	44
1. Hinnavaru	1	12
2. Kurendhoo	1	6
3. Olhuveli Fushi	1	10
4. Naifaru	1	16
Kaafu	226	5,254
1. Greater Male' Region	69	2,188
2. Dhiffushi	23	388
3. Gaafaru	6	62
4. Gulhi	7	108
5. Guraidhoo	21	286
6. Himmafushi	12	122
7. Huraa	14	190
8. Kaashidhoo	4	48
9. Maafushi	41	1,418
10. Thulusdhoo	29	444
Alifu Alifu	118	1,518
1. Bodufulhadhoo	5	56
2. Feridhoo	8	86
3. Himandhoo	3	24
4. Maalhos	2	16
5. Mathiveri	8	86
6. Rasdhoo	25	346
7. Thoddoo	43	558
8. Ukulhas	24	346
Alifu Dhaalu	65	906
1. Dhangethi	12	182
2. Dhidhdhoo	1	12
3. Dhigurah	13	278
4. Fenfushi	1	12
5. Hangnaameedhoo	13	138
6. Maamigili	5	56
7. Mahibadhoo	8	112
8. Mandhoo	1	10
9. Omadhoo	11	106
Vaavu	44	504
1. Felidhoo	5	46
2. Fulidhoo	17	182
3. Keyodhoo	13	116
4. Thinadhoo	9	160
Meemu	3	30
1. Madduvari	1	8
2. Mulah	1	12
3. Muli	1	10

Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Faafu	8	100
1. Magoodhoo	2	20
2. Nilandhoo	6	80
Dhaalu	3	56
1. Bandidhoo	1	14
2. Kudahuvadhoo	1	36
3. Maenboodhoo	1	6
Thaa	4	56
1. Gaadhiffushi	1	12
2. Kinbidhoo	1	8
3. Thimarafushi	2	36
Laamu	3	138
1. Gan	3	138
Gaafu Alifu	4	34
1. Kolamaafushi	1	8
2. Maamendhoo	1	8
3. Nilandhoo	1	6
4. Villingili	1	12
Gaafu Dhaalu	6	92
1. Faresmaathodaa	1	14
2. Hoadehdhdhoo	3	44
3. Thinadhoo	1	24
4. Vaadhoo	1	10
Gnaviyani	17	206
1. Fuvahmulah	17	206
Seenu	12	216
1. Feydhoo	2	30
2. Hithadhoo	4	112
3. Hulhudhoo	1	14
4. Maradhoo Feydhoo	2	20
5. Meedhoo	2	28
Total	582	10,096

3. Airlines & Connectivity

Maldives is Connected to the World



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|  1 |  BRITISH AIRWAYS |  2 |  EDELWEISS |  3 |  LUFTHANSA |
|  4 |  AZUR AIR RUSSIA |  5 |  TURKISH AIRLINES |  6 |  QATAR AIRWAYS |
|  7 |  FLY DUBAI |  8 |  EMIRATES |  9 |  ETIHAD AIRWAYS |
|  10 |  GOAIR |  11 |  INDIGO |  12 |  AIR INDIA |
|  13 |  SRILANKAN AIRLINES |  14 |  AEROFLOT |  15 |  SPICEJET |
|  16 |  AZUR AIR UKRIANE |  17 |  AIR ASTANA |  18 |  SINGAPORE AIRLINES |
|  19 |  SILK AIR |  20 |  AIR FRANCE |  21 |  GULF AIR |
|  22 |  AUSTRIAN AIRLINES |  23 |  CONDOR |  24 |  AIR VISTARA |
|  25 |  UZBEKISTAN AIRWAYS |  26 |  UKRAINE INT'L AIRLINES |  27 |  SCAT AIRLINES |
|  28 |  GULLIVAIR |  29 |  LOT POLISH AIRLINES |  30 |  SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES |
|  31 |  BLUE PANAROMA |  32 |  IBERIA |  33 |  AIR INDIA EXPRESS |

4. COVID-19 Cases & Vaccination Update

COVID-19 Case Updates

As at 21st October 2021

Tourist COVID cases
as a % of total Tourist Arrivals
(15th Jul 2020- 21st October 2021)

0.19% 2020 (15 July- 31 Dec)

0.20% 2021 (1 Jan- 30 Sep)

0.05% 2021 (1-21 Oct)

Vaccination Updates

Maldives
Total Vaccinated
as of 20th October 2021

First Dose 393,878

Second Dose 353,108

Resort employees Vaccination

Fully Vaccinated

93%

First Dose

99%



5. News Highlights

Tourism Diversification and Localization Team Visits Lhaviyani Atoll



As part of the tour was to promote tourism diversification and localization in the atolls, the Tourism Diversification & Localization team of Ministry of Tourism, headed by the Minister of Tourism Dr. Abdulla Mausoom visited Lhaviyani Atoll from 15th to 18th October. Faadhippolhu Atoll Council President Yaseen Abdulla and Kurendhoo Constituency MP Abdul Ghani also joined this tour. They visited Naifaru, Hinnavaru, Kurendhoo and Olhuvelifushi, met with the island's council, the Women's Development Committee and relevant private stakeholders and discussed the challenges, concerns in developing tourism in the islands and promoting tourism diversification & localization.



India-Maldives Tourism Roundtable



An 'India-Maldives Tourism Roundtable' organized by the Indian High Commission in Maldives held on 13 October 2021 in the Maldives to promote various tourism products of Maldives in India. A high-level tourism delegation, which includes tour operators, travel agents, travel writers led by CEO Mr. Sanjiv Kumar Agarwal of OTM, India's largest Outbound travel show participated in this discussion. Minister of Tourism Dr. Abdulla Mausoom and Indian High Commissioner Sujay Sudhir were present for the opening ceremony for the discussions. The Managing Director of Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC) Mr. Thoyyib Mohamed and stakeholders from the Maldivian tourism industry also attended this event.

Maldives Wins 4 Awards at World Travel Awards 2021



Maldives has won 4 prestigious awards in the Indian Ocean category in World Travel Awards- the most prestigious honors programme in global travel and tourism, established in 1993 and recognized globally as the ultimate hallmark of industry excellence.

The awards won by Maldives this year includes

- Indian Ocean's Leading Destination 2021: Maldives
- Indian Ocean's Leading Beach Destination 2021: Maldives
- Indian Ocean's Leading Dive Destination 2021: Maldives

Along with the awards listed above, Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corporation has been awarded the Indian Ocean's Leading Tourist Board 2021

Reethi Faru Resort Wins Indian Ocean Continental Award in the “Luxury Eco/Green Hotel”



Reethi Faru Resort has been declared the Indian Ocean Continental Winner in the 'Luxury Eco/Green Hotel' category of the 2021 World Luxury Hotel Awards. 2021 is the fourth consecutive year that Reethi Faru Resort is being bestowed with a prestigious award from the World Luxury Hotel Awards.

The World Luxury Hotel Awards is a globally recognized organization that celebrates luxury hotels and resorts for their world-class facilities and service excellence provided to their patrons.

Media Team from Middle East Arrives in the Maldives for a Familiarization Trip



A media team from the Middle East has arrived in the Maldives for a familiarization trip on invitation by Visit Maldives. This team will be staying in the Maldives from 15th to 20th October 2021.

The team consists of writers, journalists, and editors from Travel & Tourism News – TTN, Al Press, Al Bayan and Travel Trendz International. These diverse outlets target all key segments of the Middle East audience from high-end affluent segments to budget travelers. They are published on print, online and social media on a frequent basis. The team will be hosted in Hurawalhi Island Resort and Spa, Kagi Maldives, and The Westin Maldives Miriandhoo Resort. During their stay they will experience various amenities and services available in these properties and will enjoy snorkeling, spa and wellness treatments, watersports and other activities available in the resorts.



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