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MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

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ARRIVAL UPDATES

2021
192,379
as of 1st March

1,321,937
Total end Year

2022
285,978
as of 1st March

1,675,303
Total end Year

2023
356,538
as of 1st March

+24.7%
Change 2023/2022

Minister of Tourism graces the launch of Savaadheetha Yacht Rally 2023

TOURIST ARRIVALS

	Arrivals			Growth %	Daily Average	Avg. Duration of Stay 2023 (days)
	2021	2022	2023	2023/2022	2023	
January	92,103	131,765	172,499	30.9	5,564	8.1
February	96,882	149,011	177,914	19.4	6,354	8.0
March (01st March)	3,394	5,202	6,125	17.7	6,125	7.8
TOTAL (as of 01st March)	**192,379**	**285,978**	**356,538**	**24.7**	**5,942**	**8.0**

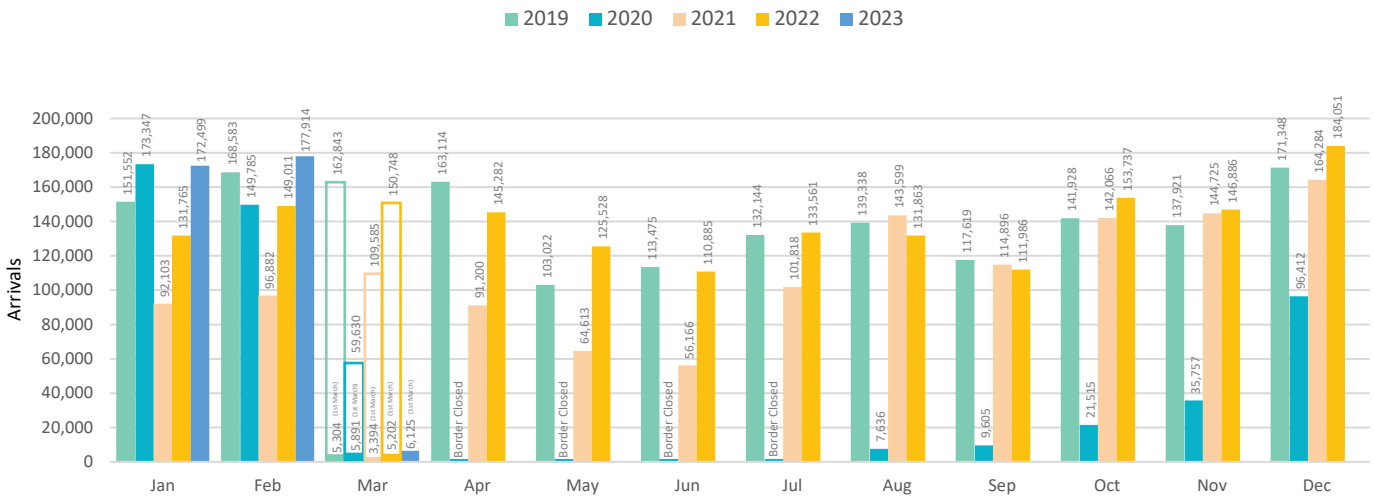
Top 10 Markets, 2022
(end December)

	Arrivals	Market Share (%)	Rank 2021
1. India	241,369	14.4	1
2. Russia	201,957	12.1	2
3. United Kingdom	179,312	10.7	4
4. Germany	133,424	8.0	3
5. Italy	97,627	5.8	10
6. United States	80,691	4.8	5
7. France	48,340	2.9	9
8. Spain	42,123	2.5	7
9. South Korea	35,947	2.1	32
10. Switzerland	34,608	1.1	11

Top 10 Markets, 2023
(as of 01st March)

	Arrivals	Market Share (%)	Rank 2022
1 Russia	45,707	12.8	2
2 India	38,982	10.9	1
3 United Kingdom	33,178	9.3	3
4 Italy	32,542	9.1	5
5 Germany	23,257	6.5	4
6 France	16,407	4.6	7
7 USA	14,269	4.0	6
8 China	10,427	2.9	27
9 Switzerland	8,544	2.4	10
10 Poland	6,749	1.9	14

Monthly Arrivals, 2019 - 2023



Note: International border was closed for tourists from 27th March till 14th July during 2020.

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

(as of 01st March 2023)

	Total Capacity		Operational Capacity	
	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	172	41,945	168	41,049
Hotels	13	1,640	13	1,640
Guesthouses	886	14,310	886	14,310
Safari Vessels	154	3,139	154	3,139
Total	**1,224**	**61,034**	**1,220**	**60,138**

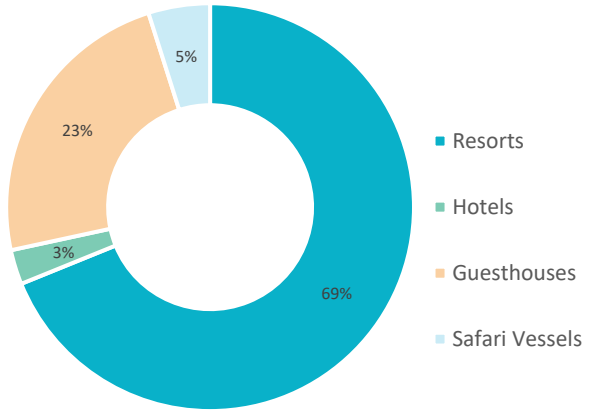
Spatial Distribution of Hotels & Guesthouses

(Operational as of 01st March 2023)

	Atolls	Islands	Beds
Guesthouses	20	117	14,310
Hotels	7	7	1,640

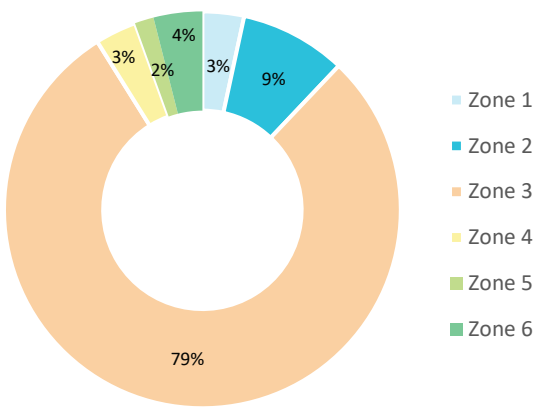
Share of Beds by Type of Facilities

(In Operation as of 01st March 2023)



Distribution of Guesthouse / Hotel Beds by Zones

(In Operation as of 01st March 2023)



Distribution of Tourist Facilities by Zones

(as of 01st March 2023)

	Resorts		Hotels		Guesthouses	
	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds
Zone 1	**5**	**1,008**	**1**	**128**	**47**	**485**
Haa Alif (Ha)	***2***	***446***			***22***	***235***
1 Dhidhdhoo					4	41
2 Hoarafushi					2	24
3 Kelaa					8	96
4 Vashafaru					8	74
Haa Dhaalu (HDh)	***1***	***118***	***1***	***128***	***17***	***188***
1 Finey					1	8
2 Hanimaadhoo			1	128	7	98
3 Kulhudhuffushi					2	14
4 Makunudhoo					2	16
5 Nolhivaranfaru					3	40
6 Vaikaradhoo					2	12
Shaviyani (Sh)	***2***	***444***			***8***	***62***
1 Bilehfahi					1	8
2 Funadhoo					1	8
3 Goidhoo					1	8
4 Kanditheemu					1	8
5 Komandoo					1	8
6 Lhaimagu					1	8
7 Maroshi					1	8
8 Milandhoo					1	6
Zone 2	**49**	**12,216**	**1**	**150**	**94**	**1,242**
Noonu (N)	***8***	***2,542***			***15***	***168***
1 Fodhdhoo					5	78
2 Holhudhoo					3	20
3 Lhohi					1	20
4 Manadhoo					2	16
5 Velidhoo					4	34
Raa (R)	***16***	***4,146***			***7***	***60***
1 Alifushi					1	8
2 Hulhudhuffaaru					1	6
3 Inguraidhoo					1	10
4 Maakurathu					1	10
5 Meedhoo					1	8
6 Rasgetheemu					1	12
7 Ungoofaaru					1	6
Baa (B)	***16***	***3,128***	***1***	***150***	***64***	***938***
1 Dharavandhoo					14	192
2 Dhonfanu					1	8
3 Fehendhoo					4	66
4 Finolhas			1	150	1	62
5 Fulhadhoo					8	138
6 Goidhoo					5	72
7 Hithaadhoo					2	30
8 Kamadhoo					11	166
9 Kendhoo					5	48
10 Kihaadhoo					1	8
11 Kudarikulu					1	20
12 Maalhos					10	114
13 Thulhaadhoo					1	14
Lhaviyani (Lh)	***9***	***2,400***			***8***	***76***
1 Hinnavaru					1	12
2 Kurendhoo					3	24
3 Naifaru					3	30
4 Olhuvelifushi					1	10
Zone 3	**87**	**21,076**	**9**	**1,062**	**649**	**11,311**
Kaafu (K)	***55***	***13,804***	***7***	***954***	***343***	***7,459***
1 Greater Male' Area			7	954	130	3,501
2 Dhiffushi					23	464
3 Gaafaru					8	86
4 Gulhi					13	216
5 Guraidhoo					27	340
6 Himmafushi					19	220
7 Huraa					18	244
8 Kaashidhoo					7	78
9 Maafushi					64	1,790
10 Thulusdhoo					34	520
Alifu Alifu (AA)	***11***	***2,224***			***158***	***1,958***
1 Bodufulhadhoo					7	86
2 Feridhoo					10	116
3 Himandhoo					4	32
4 Maalhos					3	24
5 Mathiveri					13	124
6 Rasdhoo					30	390
7 Thoddoo					58	744
8 Ukulhas					33	442
Alifu Dhaalu (Adh)	***17***	***4,354***	***1***	***56***	***93***	***1,208***
1 Dhangethi					19	266
2 Dhidhdhoo					2	18
3 Dhigurah					22	390
4 Fenfushi					2	18
5 Hangnaameedhoo					15	170
6 Kunburudhoo					1	12
7 Maamigili					7	74
8 Mahibadhoo					10	126
9 Mandhoo			1	56	4	28
10 Omadhoo					11	106
Vaavu (V)	***4***	***694***	***1***	***52***	***55***	***686***
1 Felidhoo					7	106
2 Fulidhoo					21	224
3 Keyodhoo					16	172
4 Thinadhoo			1	52	10	158
5 Rakeedhoo					1	26
Zone 4	**16**	**4,118**	**0**	**0**	**34**	**482**
Meemu (M)	***3***	***614***			***6***	***50***
1 Dhiggaru					1	6
2 Madduvari					1	8
3 Mulah					1	12
4 Muli					2	18
5 Veyvah					1	6
Faafu (F)	***1***	***250***			***7***	***86***
1 Magoodhoo					2	30
2 Nilandhoo					5	56
Dhaalu (Dh)	***9***	***2,860***			***10***	***114***
1 Bandidhoo					1	14
2 Hulhudheli					1	6
3 Kudahuvadhoo					3	52
4 Maaenboodhoo					2	18
5 Meedhoo					1	12
6 Rinbudhoo					2	12
Thaa (Th)	***1***	***152***			***6***	***70***
1 Buruni					1	6
2 Gaadhiffushi					1	12
3 Kinbidhoo					1	8
4 Thimarafushi					2	36
5 Veymandoo					1	8
Laamu (L)	***2***	***242***			***5***	***162***
1 Gan					5	162
Zone 5	**9**	**1,829**	**1**	**144**	**21**	**222**
Gaafu Alifu (GA)	***6***	***1,279***	***1***	***144***	***13***	***100***
1 Dhaandhoo					1	6
2 Gemanafushi					1	8
3 Kolamaafushi					1	8
4 Kondey					1	8
5 Koodoo			1	144		
6 Maamendhoo					4	28
7 Nilandhoo					2	12
8 Villingili					3	30
Gaafu Dhaalu (GDh)	***3***	***550***			***8***	***122***
1 Faresmaathodaa					1	14
2 Hoadedhdhoo					4	54
3 Thinadhoo					1	24
4 Vaadhoo					2	30
Zone 6	**2**	**802**	**1**	**156**	**41**	**568**
Gnaviyani (Gn)					***21***	***274***
1 Fuvahmulah					21	274
Seenu (S)	***2***	***802***	***1***	***156***	***20***	***294***
1 Feydhoo					4	48
2 Gan			1	156		
3 Hithadhoo					7	138
4 Hulhudhoo					1	12
5 Maradhoo					2	32
6 Maradhoo Feydhoo					3	42
7 Meedhoo					3	22
Total	**168**	**41,049**	**13**	**1,640**	**886**	**14,310**

DIRECT AIR CONNECTIONS TO THE MALDIVES

(updated January 2023)

Flights Operating to the Maldives

(end January 2023)

- AEROFLOT
- AIR ASIA
- AIR ASIA THAILAND
- AIR ASTANA
- AIR FRANCE
- AIR INDIA
- AIR ITALIA
- AIR SEYCHELLES
- AIR VISTARA
- AUSTRIAN AIRLINES
- AZUR AIR RUSSIA
- BANGKOK AIRWAYS
- BRITISH AIRWAYS
- CAPITAL AIRLINES
- CONDOR
- EDELWEISS
- EMIRATES
- ETIHAD AIRWAYS
- EUROWINGS DISCOVER
- FLY DUBAI
- GOAIR
- GULF AIR
- INDIGO
- KUWAIT AIRWAYS
- LOT POLISH AIRLINES
- MALDIVIAN
- NEOS
- QATAR AIRWAYS
- SALAM AIR
- SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES
- SINGAPORE AIRLINES
- SMARTWINGS
- SRILANKAN AIRLINES
- TURKISH AIRLINES
- US-BANGLA AIRLINES
- WIZZ AIR

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Minister of Tourism graces the launch of Savaadheetha Yacht Rally 2023

The second rally of the 'Savaadheetha Dhathuru' Yacht Rally commenced on 01 March 2023 from N. Landhoo. The yacht rally will sail through some of the Central Atolls of the Maldives including Noonu, Lhaviyani, Baa, Alif Alif and Alif Dhaal Atolls. The Minister of Tourism Dr. Abdulla Mausoom thanked the Maldives Integrated Tourism Corporation (MITDC), the Landhoo Council, Landhoo Women's Development Committee, the people of the community, participants and sponsors for their support in bringing this journey to life.

The launch was followed by a tour of the island by the Landhoo Council, joined by the Minister of Tourism Dr. Abdulla Mausoom, Minister of Arts, Culture & Heritage Ms. Yumna Maumoon, Member of Parliament for Manadhoo Constituency Mr. Ahmed Haroon and the Indian High Commissioner to Maldives Mr. Shri Munu Mahawar, among other officials.
The Minister of Tourism highlighted on the significance of this rally to the development of community tourism, while he also thanked MP Mr. Ahmed Haroon for his role in the development of tourism in Noonu Atoll.

'Savaadheetha Dhathuru', or the yacht rally first set sail on the 5th of February 2022 for three weeks, where sailors from across the globe traveled to the 4 Northern Atolls of the Maldives, visiting 9 inhabited islands and 2 uninhabited islands. The rally was joined by 23 tourists travelling in 7 yachts.

Minister of Tourism attends the launch of The Sea Hub of Environmental Learning in Laamu (SHELL) at Six Senses Laamu

New by: Six Senses Laamu

The Minister of Tourism Dr. Abdulla Mausoom attends the launching of the Sea Hub for Environmental Learning in Laamu (SHELL) at Six Senses Laamu on March 1, 2023. The SHELL, based on the resort's sunset beach, covers a total area of 5,952 square feet (553 square meters). The sea hub also holds the Maldives Underwater Initiative (MUI), a marine conservation collaborative consisting of Six Senses Laamu marine biologists and partner NGOs, The Manta Trust, Blue Marine Foundation, and the Olive Ridley Project, along with a gallery exhibition space, offices, marine laboratory, cinema room, and kids' zone.

Speaking at the ceremony, the CEO of Six Senses Mr. Niel Jacobs stated that this was a huge milestone for the resort and the company, and that it represents the passion for the underwater and its biology. The ceremony was also attended by the CEO of HPL Mr. Stephen Lau, The Vice President of HPL Mr. Gan Kim Leng, Erin Quigley - Women Divers Hall of Fame, the Special Envoy for Climate Change for President Office Mrs. Sabra Noordeen, the Project Manager for Noo Rajje Mrs. Fathimath Nishtharan, members of the Noonu Atoll and Island Councils and representatives from Laamu Atoll.

MMPRC launches the Visit Maldives Storyteller's Conference 2023 with 50+ free trips to the Maldives

The Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC/Visit Maldives) has announced the launch of a social media competition that will select 50+ participants for the marketing corporation's largest event to be held in the Maldives this year. The competition is now open and will run from 27 February – 25 March 2023.

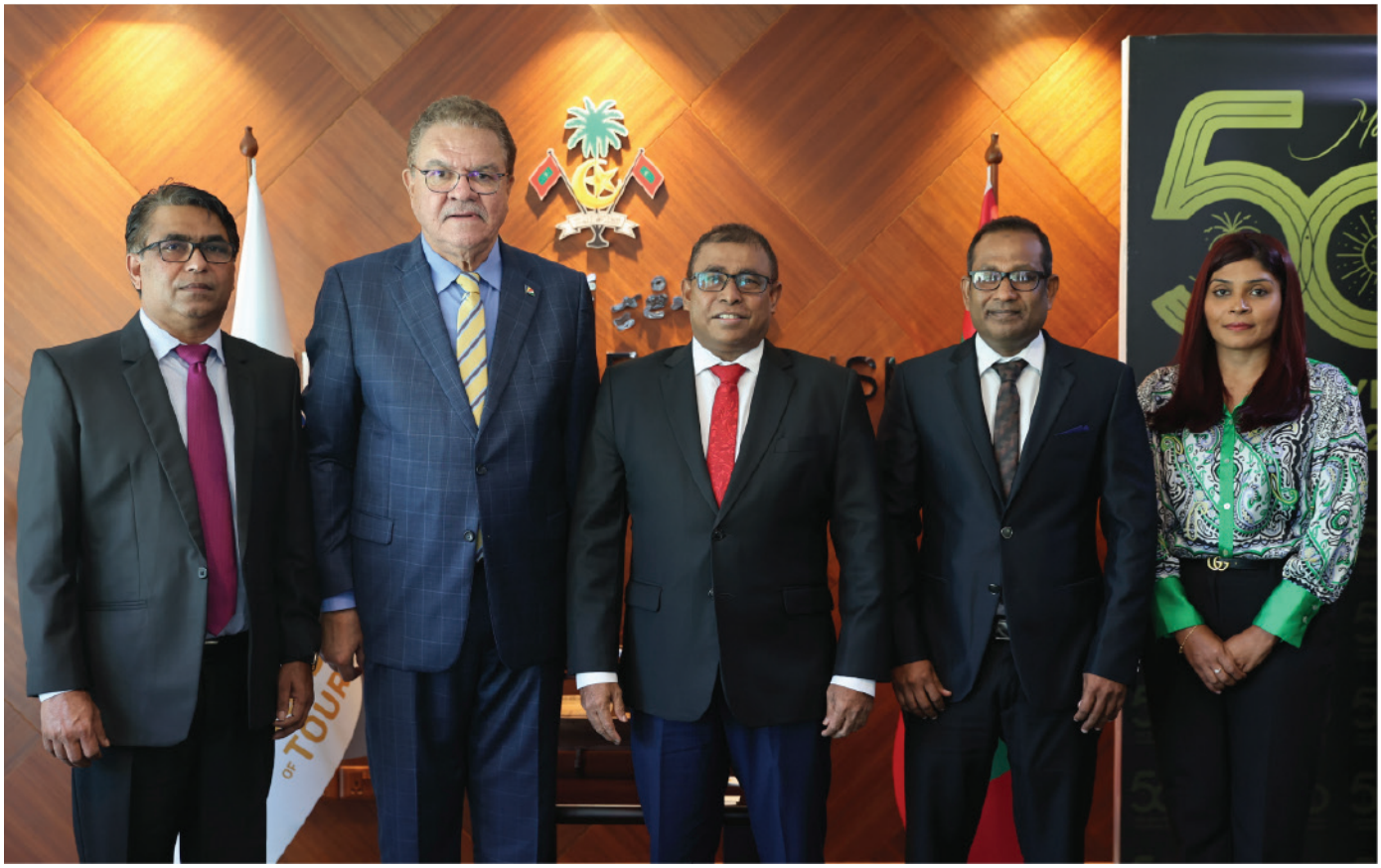
The Visit Maldives Storyteller's Conference 2023 is scheduled to be held from 30 May – 2 June, bringing together more than 50 content creators from around the world to 'Weave Your Maldivian Story.' Content created will be in the form of videos, photos, articles and social media posts.

Ambassador of Sudan calls on the Minister of Tourism

The newly appointed Non-Resident Ambassador of Sudan to the Maldives, H.E Abdulla Omer Bashir Elhusain paid courtesy call on the Minister of Tourism, Dr. Abdulla Mausoom on Tuesday, 28 February 2023.

At the meeting, the Ambassador praised the numerous achievements of the Maldives tourism industry and the Minister highlighted on notable milestones of the industry and the remarkable journey of tourism development on the Maldives.

The High Commissioner of Seychelles paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Tourism



His Excellency Claude Morel, having recently assumed office as the High Commissioner of Seychelles to the Maldives, calls on the Minister of Tourism.

At the meeting held on the 28th of February, dialogues were exchanged on the importance of tourism relations and further collaborations between Seychelles and the Maldives.

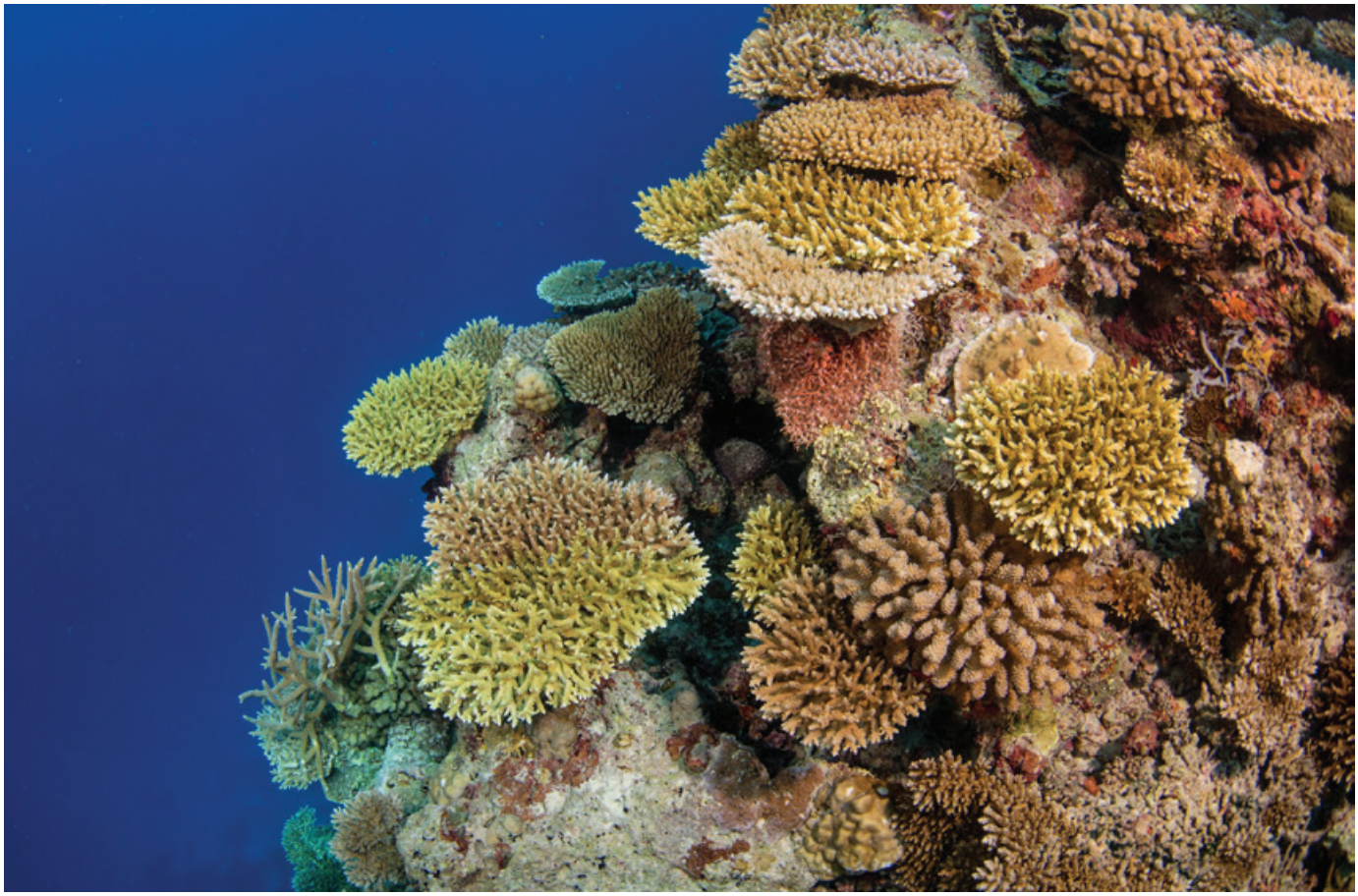
Maldives promoted at IMM Australia 2023

The Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) have taken part on the International Media Marketplace (IMM Australia) 2023 in order to promote the Maldives in the Australian market. The event, held from 23-24 February in Sydney, Australia provided an excellent platform with top journalists and media publications from the Oceanic market to promote MMPRC's upcoming events including the Visit Maldives Storyteller's Conference 2023.

Some of the media that took part in the fair include BBC Travel, Conde Nast Traveler, Vogue Magazine, National Geographic Traveler, etc.

Noo Raajje scientist Maeesha Mohamed joins National Geographic Seas scientific expedition

News by: Atoll Maldives Communications



Noo Raajje scientist Maeesha Mohamed has joined the National geographic Pristine Seas scientific expedition which is set to gather scientific information that will help collect more data to develop the Maldives Marine Spatial Plan. The expedition will travel to Huvadhoo Atoll, Fuvahmulah and Addu during the month of March, aboard Blue Force Three and conduct a variety of scientific surveys that will build upon information gathered during the previous Noo Raajje expeditions.

Research gathered from this expedition will contribute to the long-term plan to protect marine life and support sustainable development in the Maldives. Maeesha will be joining a star line-up of local and international scientists and ocean experts such as expedition leader Dr. Keiron Fraser of the University of Plymouth, expedition chief scientist Dr. Alan Friedlander and local marine biologist Aya Naseem.

Jalboot Marine Services Pvt Ltd completes internship program on the marine industry for youth

News by: Jalboot Marine Services Pvt Ltd

Jalboot Marine Services Pvt Ltd has completed a six-month internship program for the youth. The program will allow their interns to gain first-hand experience and practical knowledge about the marine industry of the Maldives.

The program was designed to provide opportunities for the youth to learn from industry professionals and work on real-life projects. The internship program also provides an excellent platform for young individuals to learn from experts in the industry and contribute in their own way. The program also provides permanent job offers to all their interns.

OBLU conducts Educational Marine Tour for School Children

News by: Atmosphere Hotels & Resorts

OBLU Xperience Ailafushi and OBLU SELECT Lobigili organized an underwater marine tour on 23 February 2023 for 14 students from Jamaluddin School. The marine tour was conducted for the students by the resort's in-house Marine Biologist, Giorgia Maggioni. The students were given a presentation on the different type of fish and coral that are found in the Maldives. Following the presentation, the students were able to observe different types of fish through the windows of the restaurant and were able to mark the fishes they encountered on their Educational Marine Booklet.

After the fascinating tour, the students were able to spend some time at the KIDSX CAMP – the kids club at OBLU Xperience Ailafushi before departure from the resort. The Educational Marine Tour exposes and educates school children between the ages of 5 to 12 years on the rich marine life of the Maldives. They identify fish and corals, connecting with the country's fragile ecosystem. This initiative attempts to educate future generations who may decide to have a career in hospitality. Every month the resort invites students from different schools in Malé for the program.

Atmosphere Hotels & Resorts conduct a donation event at K. Guraidhoo

News by: Atmosphere Hotels & Resorts

OBLU Xperience Ailafushi and OBLU SELECT Lobigili held a donation event at K. Guraidhoo's home for people with special needs. In preparation for the donation, a fundraising initiative was carried out in the resort on 10 February 2023. A total of MVR 50,000 was collected from the fundraising event, where the funds were utilized to procure essential linen for the institute, including pillows, pillow covers, bedsheets, and waterproof mattress protectors.

On 25 February 2023, Ram Bhoyroo, the GM of OBLU Xperience Ailafushi and OBLU SELECT Lobigili, along with the Resort Management and Welfare Committee visited K. Guraidhoo. They were given a tour of the institute and afterwards had a special ceremony to hand over the items collected.

Ministry of Tourism invites all tourism stakeholders to submit updates and news highlights to be featured in the Ministry's weekly online publication "Maldives Tourism Updates".

Submissions are to be made with related photos latest by 12pm on every Wednesday via email to;
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