MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

MALDIVES TOURISM UPDATES

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1. Tourist Arrivals

From 1st January 2021 to 9th June 2021, a total of 469,942 tourists arrived in the Maldives.

The top source market for the tourist arrival was Russia with 111,628 arrivals, followed by India with 89,499 tourist arrivals. Germany stood third with 25,935 tourist arrivals. Other top source markets include Ukraine, Kazakhstan, USA, United Kingdom, Romania, France and Czech Republic.

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

Total Arrivals 2020
555,494
as at end December 2020

Total Arrivals 2021
469,942
As of 9th June 2021

	Arrivals			Growth (%)		Daily Average	Duration of Stay (Days)
	2019	2020	2021	2019/2021	2020/2021		
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 (1st - 9th)	36,224	-	15,559	-57.0	N/A	1,729	9.0
Total (as of 9th June)	785,338	382,816	469,942	-40.2	+22.8	2,937	9.0

Top 10 Markets 2021

As of 9th June 2021

Market	Arrivals	Share (%)	Rank
Russia	111,628	23.8	01
India	89,499	19	02
Germany	25,935	5.5	03
Ukraine	23,633	5	04
Kazakhstan	16,720	3.6	05
U.S.A	15,624	3.5	06
United Kingdom	13,240	2.8	07
Romania	11,525	2.5	08
France	10,420	2.2	09
Czech Republic	10,087	2.1	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

Recovering Markets

Tourist arrivals to the Maldives, though slowed down since the month of May 2021 with the additional restrictive measures implemented to curb the COVID-19 situation in the country, data as of 9th June shows that market rebounding continues with strong growth rates in 2021 compared with the same period of 2019 and 2020.

In 2021 as of June 9th, while the Central/Eastern Europe, South Asia and Africa regions have made full recovery and performed above pre-COVID levels, East Mediterranean Europe, Middle East, Americas, and Europe are also showing signs of recovery.

Major markets to the Maldives such as Russia and India, which are among the top 10 markets over the years, are seen as star performers, making a strong come back and recording growth rates of triple and double digits respectively in 2021, compared with the period in review for 2019. With the increased connectivity, some markets from the Central/Eastern Europe emerge and make it to the top ten list, while some markets from South Asia, Africa, Americas and the Middle East also made full recovery and performed above pre-COVID levels.

Markets From 1st January to 9th June 2021	Arrivals			Growth (%)	
	2019	2020	2021	2019/2021	2020/2021
Kazakhstan	2,273	2,771	16,720	635.6	503.4
Ukraine	6,311	4,555	23,633	274.5	418.8
Russia	39,739	28,949	111,628	180.9	285.6
Pakistan	2,007	1,214	5,378	168.0	343.0
Romania	4,946	4,017	11,525	133.0	186.9
Lithuania	1,236	686	2,796	126.2	307.6
Bulgaria	3,691	2,298	6,186	67.6	169.2
Czech Republic	7,710	4,375	10,087	39.9	130.6
United Arab Emirates	4,057	1,132	5,237	29.1	362.6
Brazil	4,667	2,572	5,933	27.1	130.7
India	7,1776	34,864	89,499	24.7	156.7
Poland	7,278	5,537	8,592	18.7	55.2
Hungary	5,460	4,736	6,174	13.1	30.4
Slovakia	4,001	2,889	4,399	9.9	52.3
South Africa	3,648	1,424	3,845	5.4	170.0

Central/Eastern Europe	86,429	63,677	211,699	144.9	232.5
South Asia	82,164	39,357	97,928	19.2	148.8
Africa	7,061	3,312	7,394	4.7	123.2

2. Tourist Accommodation

Accommodation Facilities by Type

As of 9th June 2021

Facility Type	Total Capacity		Operational Capacity	
	Nos.	Beds	Nos.	Beds
Resorts	162	37,976	154	35,640
Hotels & Guesthouses	711	12,856	437	9,108
Safari Vessels	160	2,986	139	2,726
Total	1,033	53,818	730	47,474

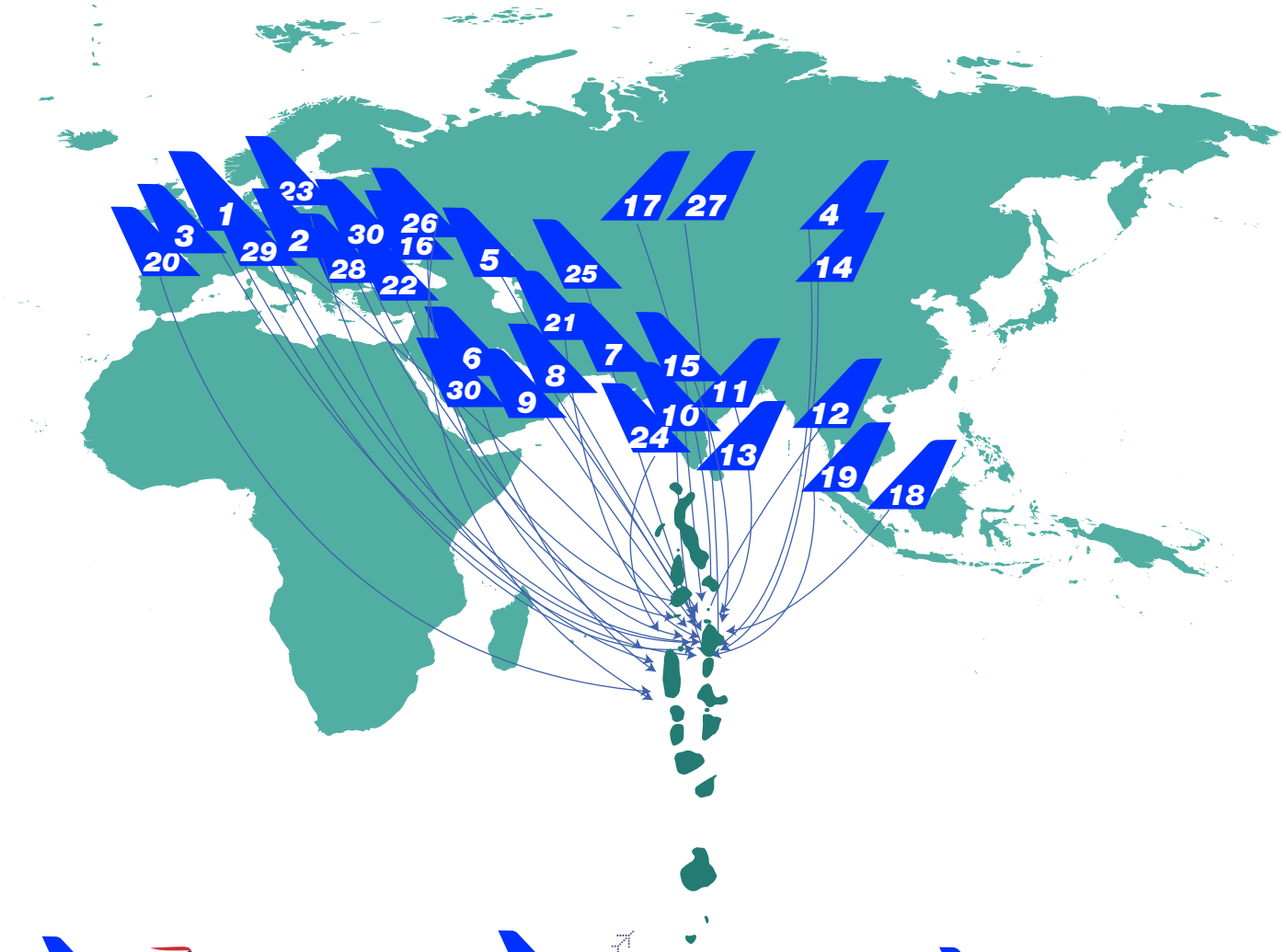
Guesthouses in Operation by Atolls and Islands

As of 9th June 2021

Atoll / Island	Nos.	Beds
Haa Alifu	8	96
1. Kelaa	4	52
2. Vashafaru	4	44
Haa Dhaalu	3	50
1. Hanimaadhoo	3	50
Shaviyani	1	8
1. Kanditheemu	1	8
Noonu	3	44
1. Fodhdhoo	3	44
Baa	25	476
1. Dharavandhoo	6	108
2. Finolhas	1	62
3. Fehendhoo	2	36
4. Fulhadhoo	4	88
5. Goidhoo	2	36
6. Kamadhoo	6	92
7. Maalhos	3	32
8. Kudarikilu	1	22
Lhaviyani	2	28
1. Hinnavaru	1	12
2.Naifaru	1	16
Kaafu	180	4,186
1. Greater Male' Region	60	1,796
2. Dhiffushi	17	300
3. Gaafaru	5	48
4. Gulhi	7	108
5. Guraidhoo	16	218
6. Himmafushi	10	102
7. Huraa	10	156
8. Kaashidhoo	2	32
9. Maafushi	32	1,170
10. Thulusdhoo	21	256
Alifu Alifu	92	1,214
1. Bodufulhadhoo	4	42
2. Feridhoo	5	54
3. Himandhoo	1	12
4. Maalhos	1	8
5. Mathiveri	7	76
6. Rasdhoo	16	250
7. Thoddoo	35	436
8. Ukulhas	23	336
Alifu Dhaalu	46	702
1. Dhangethi	9	144
2. Dhidhdhoo	1	12
3. Dhigurah	11	264
4. Fenfushi	1	12
5. Hangnaameedhoo	8	90
6. Maamigili	4	42
7. Mahibadhoo	3	52
8. Omadhoo	9	86
Vaavu	35	418
1. Felidhoo	5	46
2. Fulidhoo	14	154
3. Keyodhoo	8	70
4. Thinadhoo	8	148
Meemu	1	12
1. Mulah	1	12
Faafu	1	14
1. Nilandhoo	1	14
Thaa	1	12
1. Thimarafushi	1	12
Laamu	2	78
1. Gan	2	78
Gaafu Alifu	1	12
1. Villingili	1	12
Gaafu Dhaalu	3	48
1. Faresmaathodaa	1	14
2. Thinadhoo	1	24
3. Vaadhoo	1	10
Gnaviyani	15	186
1. Fuvahmulah	15	186
Seenu	8	164
1. Feydhoo	1	22
2. Hithadhoo	3	94
3. Maradhoo Feydhoo	2	20
4. Meedhoo	2	28
Total	427	7,748

3. Airlines & Connectivity

Maldives is Connected to the World



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

International Scheduled Flights

(1st Jan to 9th June 2021)

Operator	No.of Passengers	No. of Movements
Emirates	95,164	1,130
Qatar Airways	71,646	852
Aeroflot	66,738	390
Indigo	53,724	944
Go Air	40,980	704
Turkish Airlines	24,326	310
Flydubai	21,209	450
Lufthansa	12,502	130
Azur Air Russia	12,226	46
Etihad Airways	11,854	286
Maldivian	11,628	378
Condor	8,339	90
Edelweiss	7,421	90
Austrian Airlines	7,314	72
Srilankan Airlines	3,999	550
Air India	3,237	94
British Airways	2,438	84
Singapore Airlines	2,012	90
Gulf Air	1,297	116
Silk Air	1,264	50
Saudi Arabian Airlines	1,161	26
Air Seychelles	536	22
Air France	166	06
Others	-	116
Total	461,181	7,026

International Chartered Flights

(1st Jan to 9th June 2021)

Operator	No.of Passengers	No. of Movements
Air Astana	12,032	148
Azur Air Ukraine	6,626	46
Gullivair	4,667	36
Scat Airlines	3,647	30
Ukraine International	3,534	32
Uzbekistan Airways	1,890	50
Air Vistara	1,637	24
Lot Polish Airlines	1,334	12
Blue Air	187	2
Total	35,285	380

4. COVID-19 Cases & Vaccination Update

COVID-19 Case Updates

As at 9th June 2021

Tourist COVID cases as a % of total Tourist Arrivals

(15th Jul 2020- 9th June 2021)

0.19% 2020 (15 July - 31 Dec)
0.28% 2021 (1 Jan - 9 Jun)
0.22% 2021 (May)

Vaccination Updates

Maldives Total Vaccinated

as of 8th June 2021

First Dose	313,085
Second Dose	175,118

Resort employees Vaccination

Fully Vaccinated

as of 8th June 2021

69%

First Dose

as of 8th June 2021

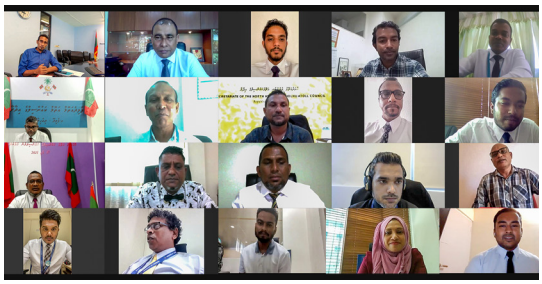
96%

5. News Highlights

Minister of Tourism Participates in SDG Discussions by Diplomatic World

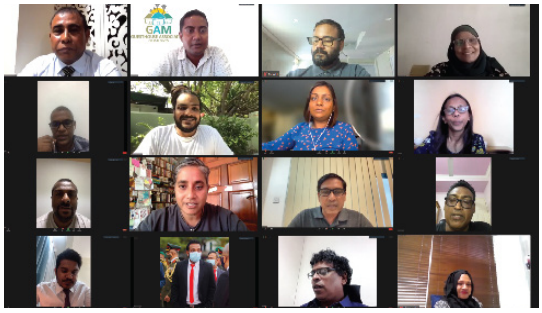
Minister of Tourism Hon. Dr. Abdulla Mausoom joined Diplomatic World's roundtable discussions on 9th June 2021, virtually. The discussions were focused on sustainable development and sustainable development goals. Minister of Education Hon. Dr. Aishath Ali, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Technology Hon. Aishath Shauna. Ambassador of Maldives to the EU, H.E. Hassan Sobir along with other professionals and youth leaders participated in this hybrid event.

Ministry of Tourism Conducts Meetings with Atoll Councils and MPs of Constituencies



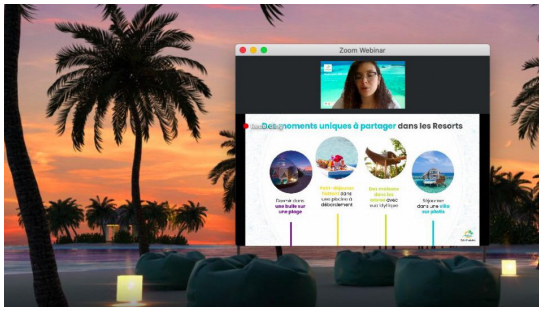
EXCOM members and Tourism Diversification and Localization Unit of Ministry of Tourism are meeting with Members of Atoll Councils and Members of Parliament of respective constituencies, to discuss the way forward on tourism diversification and development of local island tourism in the Maldives. As of 10th June 2021, 8 meetings have been conducted for the Atolls; Haa Alifu, Haa Dhaalu, Shaviyani, Noonu, Raa, Baa, Lhaviyani and Kaafu. The meetings are chaired by Minister of Tourism, Hon. Dr. Abdulla Mausoom.

The 1st Meeting of Steering Committee for Tourism Golden Jubilee



The Ministry of Tourism holds first meeting of the Tourism Golden Jubilee Steering Committee and discussed an indicative activity calendar for the Tourism Golden Year celebrations in the Maldives. The Steering Committee consists of members from Ministry of Tourism, Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC), Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI), Guesthouse Association of Maldives (GAM), National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM), Maldives Association of Travel Agents & Tour Operators (MATATO), Association of Travel Agents (ATA), Chefs Guild of Maldives (CGM), Maldives Alliance of Dive Operators (MADO), Musicians' Union of Maldives (MUM), Ministry of Arts, Culture & Heritage, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment. The year 2022 marks 50 years to the commencement of tourism in the Maldives and is planned to be celebrated grandly.

Special Webinar Session Conducted for the French Market



The second session of the training webinar series for the French Travel Trade was conducted by MMPRC on 08th June 2021 on the recently launched virtual event management platform of Visit Maldives 'My Virtual Maldives'. Conducted in French language, the aim of this webinar series is to promote Maldives as a safe haven for travelers and educate the French Travel Trade about the destination with the latest information and travel guidelines.

GOLDEN YEAR OF TOURISM 2022

205 days to Golden Jubileee of Tourism 2022

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