

MINISTRY OF TOURISM

# MONTHLY STATISTIC

## OCTOBER 2020



**TOURIST ARRIVALS BY NATIONALITY, January - October 2020**

REGION / NATIONALITY	October				January - October				
	2019	2020	% Change	% Share 2020	2019	2020	% Change	% Share 2020	Market Ranking 2020
	<b>EUROPE</b>	70,888	14,823	-79.1	68.9	665,545	264,334	-60.3	62.5
<b>CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE</b>	15,812	8,581	-45.7	39.9	140,650	76,623	-45.5	18.1	
Belarus	182	148	-18.7	0.7	2,119	1,109	-47.7	0.3	54
Bulgaria	351	166	-52.7	0.8	4,627	2,492	-46.1	0.6	34
Czech Republic	966	289	-70.1	1.3	10,782	4,980	-53.8	1.2	19
Hungary	899	104	-88.4	0.5	7,752	4,981	-35.7	1.2	18
Kazakhstan	319	265	-16.9	1.2	3,820	3,305	-13.5	0.8	26
Latvia	190	22	-88.4	0.1	1,044	483	-53.7	0.1	65
Lithuania	100	16	-84.0	0.1	1,684	715	-57.5	0.2	62
Poland	2,047	146	-92.9	0.7	15,835	5,973	-62.3	1.4	15
Romania	869	160	-81.6	0.7	7,369	4,264	-42.1	1.0	22
Russia	7,855	5,995	-23.7	27.9	66,161	37,484	-43.3	8.9	2
Slovakia	523	115	-78.0	0.5	5,528	3,046	-44.9	0.7	27
Ukraine	1,178	1,033	-12.3	4.8	10,481	6,088	-41.9	1.4	14
Other Central / Eastern Europe	333	122	-63.4	0.6	3,448	1,703	-50.6	0.4	41
<b>NORTHERN EUROPE</b>	14,982	2,216	-85.2	10.3	133,488	49,344	-63.0	11.7	
Denmark	1,014	89	-91.2	0.4	9,232	3,589	-61.1	0.8	24
Finland	501	36	-92.8	0.2	3,843	1,949	-49.3	0.5	39
Ireland	316	77	-75.6	0.4	3,566	1,123	-68.5	0.3	53
Norway	345	14	-95.9	0.1	4,648	1,523	-67.2	0.4	44
Sweden	1,455	219	-84.9	1.0	9,711	4,871	-49.8	1.2	20
United Kingdom	11,321	1,780	-84.3	8.3	102,286	36,194	-64.6	8.6	4
Other Northern Europe	30	1	-96.7	0.0	202	95	-53.0	0.0	78
<b>SOUTHERN EUROPE</b>	12,712	1,219	-90.4	5.7	155,975	58,509	-62.5	13.8	
Croatia	213	9	-95.8	0.0	1,742	799	-54.1	0.2	58
Greece	241	29	-88.0	0.1	2,085	723	-65.3	0.2	61
Italy	6,560	137	-97.9	0.6	103,935	45,378	-56.3	10.7	1
Portugal	1,062	208	-80.4	1.0	9,599	2,590	-73.0	0.6	33
Serbia	216	75	-65.3	0.3	2,526	1,292	-48.9	0.3	49
Slovenia	480	10	-97.9	0.0	2,952	1,471	-50.2	0.3	45
Spain	3,609	608	-83.2	2.8	30,047	5,044	-83.2	1.2	17
Other Southern Europe	331	143	-56.8	0.7	3,089	1,212	-60.8	0.3	51
<b>WESTERN EUROPE</b>	24,577	2,490	-89.9	11.6	217,547	75,506	-65.3	17.8	
Austria	1,613	136	-91.6	0.6	17,013	7,172	-57.8	1.7	12
Belgium	559	63	-88.7	0.3	6,026	2,239	-62.8	0.5	35
France	3,940	1,093	-72.3	5.1	48,662	23,516	-51.7	5.6	7
Germany	13,625	949	-93.0	4.4	107,352	29,989	-72.1	7.1	6
Netherlands / Holland	840	72	-91.4	0.3	10,478	2,776	-73.5	0.7	30
Switzerland	3,892	165	-95.8	0.8	27,049	9,520	-64.8	2.2	9
Other Western Europe	108	12	-88.9	0.1	967	294	-69.6	0.1	72
<b>EAST MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE</b>	2,805	317	-88.7	1.5	17,885	4,352	-75.7	1.0	
Israel	2,153	138	-93.6	0.6	9,172	1,468	-84.0	0.3	46
Turkey	596	157	-73.7	0.7	8,059	2,704	-66.4	0.6	31
Other East Mediterranean Europe	56	22	-60.7	0.1	654	180	-72.5	0.0	75
<b>ASIA &amp; THE PACIFIC</b>	59,985	2,316	-96.1	10.8	595,011	111,947	-81.2	26.5	
<b>NORTH EAST ASIA</b>	31,557	90	-99.7	0.4	332,116	50,814	-84.7	12.0	
China	21,926	41	-99.8	0.2	252,275	34,013	-86.5	8.0	5
Japan	3,349	19	-99.4	0.1	36,716	8,357	-77.2	2.0	10
Korea	4,587	26	-99.4	0.1	29,590	5,770	-80.5	1.4	16
Taiwan	1,687	3	-99.8	0.0	13,291	2,604	-80.4	0.6	32
Other North East Asia	8	1	-87.5	0.0	244	70	-71.3	0.0	79
<b>SOUTH EAST ASIA</b>	7,171	150	-97.9	0.7	73,091	11,952	-83.6	2.8	
Indonesia	427	19	-95.6	0.1	3,852	744	-80.7	0.2	60
Malaysia	1,611	5	-99.7	0.0	17,955	2,894	-83.9	0.7	28
Myanmar	135	2	-98.5	0.0	1,040	168	-83.8	0.0	76
Philippines	576	92	-84.0	0.4	7,129	1,353	-81.0	0.3	48
Singapore	1,067	6	-99.4	0.0	11,474	2,039	-82.2	0.5	38
Thailand	2,940	18	-99.4	0.1	25,344	3,362	-86.7	0.8	25
Viet Nam	351	5	-98.6	0.0	5,204	1,231	-76.3	0.3	50
Other South East Asia	64	3	-95.3	0.0	1,093	161	-85.3	0.0	77
<b>SOUTH ASIA</b>	17,111	1,887	-89.0	8.8	152,395	42,181	-72.3	10.0	
Bangladesh	242	73	-69.8	0.3	3,105	883	-71.6	0.2	57
India	15,110	1,396	-90.8	6.5	130,617	36,658	-71.9	8.7	3
Iran	91	129	41.8	0.6	1,357	413	-69.6	0.1	68
Pakistan	308	243	-21.1	1.1	5,187	1,770	-65.9	0.4	40
Sri Lanka	1,108	30	-97.3	0.1	10,813	2,158	-80.0	0.5	37
Other South Asia	252	16	-93.7	0.1	1,316	299	-77.3	0.1	71
<b>OCEANIA</b>	4,146	189	-95.4	0.9	37,409	7,000	-81.3	1.7	
Australia	3,710	160	-95.7	0.7	33,776	6,404	-81.0	1.5	13
New Zealand	431	27	-93.7	0.1	3,551	572	-83.9	0.1	64
Other Oceania	5	2	-60.0	0.0	82	24	-70.7	0.0	82
<b>AMERICAS</b>	6,496	2,276	-65.0	10.6	67,609	23,741	-64.9	5.6	
Argentina	183	31	-83.1	0.1	2,216	894	-59.7	0.2	56
Brazil	906	540	-40.4	2.5	7,985	3,746	-53.1	0.9	23
Canada	795	143	-82.0	0.7	9,254	2,875	-68.9	0.7	29
Mexico	199	42	-78.9	0.2	1,600	424	-73.5	0.1	67
U.S.A.	4,078	1,449	-64.5	6.7	43,091	14,661	-66.0	3.5	8
Other Americas	335	71	-78.8	0.3	3,463	1,141	-67.1	0.3	52
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	3,477	1,822	-47.6	8.5	50,864	19,188	-62.3	4.5	
Egypt	270	398	47.4	1.8	3,168	1,562	-50.7	0.4	43
Jordan	155	83	-46.5	0.4	1,479	394	-73.4	0.1	69
Kuwait	228	141	-38.2	0.7	4,617	2,216	-52.0	0.5	36
Lebanon	116	85	-26.7	0.4	1,590	470	-70.4	0.1	66
Oman	47	30	-36.2	0.1	892	293	-67.2	0.1	73
Qatar	252	68	-73.0	0.3	3,858	773	-80.0	0.2	59
Saudi Arabia	1,427	27	-98.1	0.1	22,948	7,455	-67.5	1.8	11
Syria	92	36	-60.9	0.2	1,018	266	-73.9	0.1	74
United Arab Emirates	627	843	34.4	3.9	8,469	4,798	-43.3	1.1	21
Other Middle East	263	111	-57.8	0.5	2,825	961	-66.0	0.2	55
<b>AFRICA</b>	1,059	270	-74.5	1.3	14,344	3,957	-72.4	0.9	
Algeria	88	11	-87.5	0.1	1,509	341	-77.4	0.1	70
Morocco	139	31	-77.7	0.1	1,757	578	-67.1	0.1	63
South Africa	513	56	-89.1	0.3	6,970	1,586	-77.2	0.4	42
Other Africa	319	172	-46.1	0.8	4,108	1,452	-64.7	0.3	47
<b>OTHERS</b>	23	8	-65.2	0.0	245	62	-74.7	0.0	
UN Passport Holders	8	1	-87.5	0.0	108	32	-70.4	0.0	80
Other / Not Stated	15	7	-53.3	0.0	137	30	-78.1	0.0	81
<b>TOTAL TOURIST ARRIVALS</b>	141,928	21,515	-84.8	100.0	1,393,618	423,229	-69.6	100.0	

**Table 2: SUMMARY OF KEY INDICATORS, 2019 - 2020**  
(at end October 2020)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Jan-Oct	
<b>TOURIST ARRIVALS (by Air)</b>												<b>Total</b>
2019	Male	72,654	80,612	77,386	77,481	49,160	54,044	63,259	66,671	57,144	68,634	<b>667,045</b>
	Female	78,898	87,971	85,457	85,633	53,862	59,431	68,885	72,667	60,475	73,294	<b>726,573</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>151,552</b>	<b>168,583</b>	<b>162,843</b>	<b>163,114</b>	<b>103,022</b>	<b>113,475</b>	<b>132,144</b>	<b>139,338</b>	<b>117,619</b>	<b>141,928</b>	<b>1,393,618</b>
2020	Male	82,485	71,773	28,410	0	26	0	862	3,789	4,835	10,646	<b>202,826</b>
	Female	90,862	78,013	31,217	0	10	0	890	3,839	4,703	10,869	<b>220,403</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>173,347</b>	<b>149,786</b>	<b>59,627</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>7,628</b>	<b>9,538</b>	<b>21,515</b>	<b>423,229</b>
% Change (2019/2020)		14.4	-11.1	-63.4	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-98.7	-94.5	-91.9	-84.8	<b>-69.6</b>
<b>TOURIST ARRIVALS (by Sea)</b>												<b>Total</b>
2019	Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>5,517</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18,402</b>
2020	Male	1,932	3,078	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5,021</b>
	Female	1,861	3,021	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4,892</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,793</b>	<b>6,099</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,913</b>
% Change (2019/2020)		11.0	38.3	-99.6	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	<b>-46.1</b>
<b>Arrivals at International Airports</b>												<b>Total</b>
2020	Velaana (MLE)	171,896	148,936	59,627	0	0	0	1,702	7,628	9,481	21,323	<b>420,593</b>
	Gan (GAN)	1,362	762	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	<b>2,131</b>
	Hanimaadhoo (HAQ)	89	88	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>177</b>
	Maafaru (NMF)	-	-	-	0	36	0	50	NA	57	185	<b>328</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>173,347</b>	<b>149,786</b>	<b>59,627</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>7,628</b>	<b>31,053</b>	<b>21,515</b>	<b>444,744</b>
<b>BED-NIGHTS (Estimated) <sup>-1</sup></b>												<b>Total</b>
2019		998,457	1,019,637	1,006,770	981,769	717,992	714,607	776,708	910,643	708,842	916,411	<b>8,751,837</b>
2020		1,142,718	1,020,310	562,302	8,844	4,777	2,326	24,673	71,371	66,975	142,828	<b>3,047,123</b>
% Change (2019/2020)		14.4	0.1	-44.1	-99.1	-99.3	-99.7	-96.8	-92.2	-90.6	-84.4	<b>-65.2</b>
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY (Registered)</b>												
2019	No. of Establishments	835	850	861	869	874	879	886	892	907	918	-
	Beds	45,565	46,073	47,107	47,351	48,603	48,873	49,189	49,740	50,802	51,039	-
2020	No. of Establishments	955	965	968	968	968	967	968	969	968	973	-
	Beds	52,016	52,263	52,319	52,319	52,319	52,311	52,319	52,433	52,423	52,979	-
% Change (2019/2020)		14.2	13.4	11.1	10.5	7.6	7.0	6.4	5.4	3.2	3.8	-
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY (Operational)</b>												<b>Average</b>
2019	No. of Establishments	824	838	846	856	861	866	872	878	892	903	<b>864</b>
	Beds	44,266	44,680	45,216	45,936	47,196	47,477	47,174	47,102	49,213	49,450	<b>46,771</b>
2020	No. of Establishments	941	951	955	40	15	15	61	164	229	323	<b>369</b>
	Beds	50,679	50,926	51,001	7,690	2,978	3,078	9,821	19,263	24,864	32,600	<b>25,290</b>
% Change (2019/2020)		14.5	14.0	12.8	-83.3	-93.7	-93.5	-79.2	-59.1	-49.5	-34.1	<b>-45.1</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY RATE (%) <sup>-2</sup></b>												<b>Average</b>
2019		72.8	81.5	71.8	71.2	49.1	50.2	53.1	62.4	48.0	59.8	<b>62.0</b>
2020		72.7	69.1	35.6	3.8	5.2	2.5	8.1	12.0	9.0	14.1	<b>23.2</b>
Change		0.0	-12.4	-36.3	-67.4	-43.9	-47.7	-45.0	-50.4	-39.0	-45.6	<b>-38.8</b>
<b>AVERAGE DURATION OF STAY (Days)</b>												<b>Average</b>
2019		6.6	6.0	6.2	6.0	7.0	6.3	5.9	6.5	6.0	6.5	<b>6.3</b>
2020 <sup>-3</sup>		6.6	6.8	9.4	9.4	86.8	42.3	14.1	9.3	9.5	9.6	<b>7.2</b>
Change		0.0	0.8	3.2	3.4	79.9	36.0	8.2	2.8	3.5	3.2	<b>0.9</b>

Source: Ministry of Tourism

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Note: Maldives border closed for international visitors on 27 March 2020 due to global COVID-19 outbreak

Border re-opened on 15th July 2020

<sup>-1</sup> includes estimates for missing data

<sup>-2</sup> Calculated based on bed-nights

<sup>-3</sup> April, May & June 2020, Average Stay is based on the estimated number of tourists in the Maldives

Due to COVID pandemic, some tourists in the Maldives were unable to travel back to their home country

From August 2020 onwards Average stay is based on data from immigration portal

**Table 3: NUMBER OF TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS BY TYPE, 2020**

	Number of Establishments (Registered)					Number of Establishments (In operation)				
	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels
January	955	166	13	618	158	941	155	13	617	156
February	965	166	13	628	158	951	155	13	627	156
March	968	166	13	631	158	955	155	13	629	158
April	968	166	13	631	158	40	30	2	7	1
May	968	166	13	631	158	15	14	0	1	0
June	967	166	13	630	158	15	14	0	1	0
July	968	166	13	631	158	61	41	2	4	14
August	969	166	13	632	158	164	64	6	19	75
September	968	166	13	631	158	229	83	9	30	107
October	973	166	13	636	158	323	111	11	80	121
Average for the Period	967	166	13	630	158	369	82	7	202	79

Source: Ministry of Tourism

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**Table 4: TOURIST BED CAPACITY BY TYPE, 2020**

	No. of Beds (Registered)					No. of Beds (In operation)					Bed Capacity in Operation (%)				
	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels
January	52,016	37,394	1,698	9,927	2,997	50,679	36,094	1,698	9,917	2,970	97.4	96.5	100.0	99.9	99.1
February	52,263	37,522	1,698	10,037	3,006	50,926	36,222	1,698	10,027	2,979	97.4	96.5	100.0	99.9	99.1
March	52,319	37,522	1,698	10,093	3,006	51,001	36,222	1,698	10,075	3,006	97.5	96.5	100.0	99.8	100.0
April	52,319	37,522	1,698	10,093	3,006	7,690	7,064	336	266	24	14.7	18.8	19.8	2.6	0.8
May	52,319	37,522	1,698	10,093	3,006	2,978	2,904	0	74	0	5.7	7.7	0.0	0.7	0.0
June	52,311	37,522	1,698	10,085	3,006	3,078	3,004	0	74	0	5.9	8.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
July	52,319	37,522	1,698	10,111	2,988	9,821	9,180	252	192	197	18.8	24.5	14.8	1.9	6.6
August	52,433	37,614	1,698	10,133	2,988	19,263	16,222	956	676	1,409	36.7	43.1	56.3	6.7	47.2
September	52,423	37,622	1,698	10,115	2,988	24,864	20,458	1,318	1,002	2,086	47.4	54.4	77.6	9.9	69.8
October	52,979	37,900	1,698	10,411	2,970	32,600	26,580	1,478	2,256	2,286	61.5	70.1	87.0	21.7	77.0
Average for the Period	52,370	37,566	1,698	10,110	2,996	25,290	19,395	943	3,456	1,496	48.3	51.6	55.6	34.4	50.0

Source: Ministry of Tourism

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**Table 5: TOURIST BED NIGHTS AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION, 2020**

	Bed Nights (numbers) <sup>-1</sup>					Share of Bed Nights (%)				Occupancy Rate (%)				
	Total	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels	Average	Resorts / Marinas	Hotels	Guest Houses	Safari Vessels
January	1,142,718	931,123	31,376	148,551	31,668	81.5	2.7	13.0	2.8	72.7	83.2	59.6	48.3	34.4
February	1,020,310	832,837	28,064	125,515	33,893	81.6	2.8	12.3	3.3	69.1	79.3	57.0	43.2	39.2
March	562,302	469,418	14,058	60,702	18,124	83.5	2.5	10.8	3.2	35.6	41.8	26.7	19.4	19.4
April	8,844	8,128	55	631	30	91.9	0.6	7.1	0.3	3.8	3.8	0.5	7.9	4.2
May	4,777	4,669	0	108	0	97.7	0.0	2.3	0.0	5.2	5.2	0.0	4.7	0.0
June	2,326	2,257	0	69	0	97.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	0.0	3.1	0.0
July	24,673	24,093	0	365	215	97.6	0.0	1.5	0.9	8.1	8.5	0.0	6.1	3.5
August	71,371	62,653	1,673	4,740	2,304	87.8	2.3	6.6	3.2	12.0	12.5	5.6	22.6	5.5
September	66,975	56,275	2,234	3,990	4,475	84.0	3.3	6.0	6.7	9.0	9.2	5.6	13.3	7.2
October	142,828	122,700	3,295	9,426	7,407	85.9	2.3	6.6	5.2	14.1	14.9	7.2	13.5	10.5
End Period	3,047,123	2,514,154	80,756	354,097	98,116	82.5	2.7	11.6	3.2	23.2	26.1	16.2	18.2	12.4

Note: <sup>-1</sup> Including estimates for missing data

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