



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

TOURISM STATISTICS

SEPTEMBER 2023



TOURIST ARRIVALS BY NATIONALITY, January - September 2023

REGION / NATIONALITY	September				January - September				Market Ranking 2023
	2022	2023	% Change	% Share 2023	2022	2023	% Change	% Share 2023	
EUROPE	63,577	59,520	-6.4	45.4	734,786	751,276	2.2	55.2	
CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE	25,670	19,756	-23.0	15.1	241,832	267,613	10.7	19.7	
Belarus	329	428	30.1	0.3	2,820	4,081	44.7	0.3	50
Bulgaria	183	193	5.5	0.1	5,732	6,477	13.0	0.5	41
Czech Republic	674	1,227	82.0	0.9	12,727	15,759	23.8	1.2	18
Hungary	406	562	38.4	0.4	11,559	10,888	-5.8	0.8	23
Kazakhstan	1,098	605	-44.9	0.5	14,957	14,570	-2.6	1.1	19
Latvia	40	60	50.0	0.0	979	1,161	18.6	0.1	72
Lithuania	115	102	-11.3	0.1	1,845	1,784	-3.3	0.1	69
Poland	944	1,642	73.9	1.3	15,668	18,532	18.3	1.4	14
Romania	386	669	73.3	0.5	7,762	11,165	43.8	0.8	22
Russia	20,341	12,375	-39.2	9.4	143,544	156,905	9.3	11.5	1
Slovakia	194	378	94.8	0.3	6,670	7,571	13.5	0.6	34
Ukraine	366	615	68.0	0.5	10,226	8,576	-16.1	0.6	32
Uzbekistan	59	159	169.5	0.1	1,976	2,982	50.9	0.2	55
Other Central / Eastern Europe	535	741	38.5	0.6	5,367	7,162	33.4	0.5	38
NORTHERN EUROPE	10,200	9,282	-9.0	7.1	160,627	133,260	-17.0	9.8	
Denmark	385	407	5.7	0.3	10,244	7,550	-26.3	0.6	35
Finland	119	122	2.5	0.1	1,949	2,264	16.2	0.2	65
Ireland	337	318	-5.6	0.2	4,772	4,110	-13.9	0.3	49
Norway	174	232	33.3	0.2	4,095	3,291	-19.6	0.2	54
Sweden	328	258	-21.3	0.2	7,680	7,095	-7.6	0.5	39
United Kingdom	8,853	7,935	-10.4	6.1	131,796	108,815	-17.4	8.0	4
Other Northern Europe	4	10	150.0	0.0	91	135	48.4	0.0	78
SOUTHERN EUROPE	11,093	11,327	2.1	8.6	126,534	142,776	12.8	10.5	
Croatia	106	172	62.3	0.1	1,940	2,906	49.8	0.2	56
Greece	179	266	48.6	0.2	2,209	2,562	16.0	0.2	60
Italy	4,675	4,537	-3.0	3.5	68,816	84,177	22.3	6.2	6
Portugal	1,199	1,024	-14.6	0.8	10,653	9,027	-15.3	0.7	30
Serbia	428	624	45.8	0.5	4,445	6,276	41.2	0.5	42
Slovenia	107	182	70.1	0.1	3,021	4,007	32.6	0.3	51
Spain	3,960	3,900	-1.5	3.0	31,324	28,544	-8.9	2.1	9
Other Southern Europe	439	622	41.7	0.5	4,126	5,277	27.9	0.4	47
WESTERN EUROPE	13,817	15,922	15.2	12.2	185,149	185,795	0.3	13.7	
Austria	907	854	-5.8	0.7	17,501	16,285	-6.9	1.2	16
Belgium	317	446	40.7	0.3	4,929	5,132	4.1	0.4	48
France	1,507	1,778	18.0	1.4	35,861	37,448	4.4	2.8	8
Germany	8,679	9,819	13.1	7.5	94,377	91,060	-3.5	6.7	5
Netherlands / Holland	728	1,118	53.6	0.9	7,792	9,706	24.6	0.7	29
Switzerland	1,650	1,857	12.5	1.4	23,746	25,296	6.5	1.9	10
Other Western Europe	29	50	72.4	0.0	943	868	-8.0	0.1	75
EAST MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE	2,797	3,233	15.6	2.5	20,644	21,832	5.8	1.6	
Israel	1,951	1,776	-9.0	1.4	11,927	10,361	-13.1	0.8	25
Turkey	819	1,418	73.1	1.1	7,896	10,484	32.8	0.8	24
Other East Mediterranean Europe	27	39	44.4	0.0	821	987	20.2	0.1	74

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	2022	2023	% Change	% Share 2023	2022	2023	% Change	% Share 2023	
ASIA & THE PACIFIC	34,045	56,411	65.7	43.1	285,917	445,753	55.9	32.8	
NORTH EAST ASIA	6,061	30,299	399.9	23.1	35,568	186,672	424.8	13.7	
China	1,495	25,065	1576.6	19.1	8,688	145,986	1,580.3	10.7	3
Japan	914	2,009	119.8	1.5	4,688	16,227	246.1	1.2	17
Korea	3,634	3,206	-11.8	2.4	21,695	24,363	12.3	1.8	12
Other North East Asia	18	19	5.6	0.0	497	96	-80.7	0.0	80
SOUTH EAST ASIA	5,371	3,837	-28.6	2.9	33,510	43,141	28.7	3.2	
Indonesia	175	196	12.0	0.1	1,340	2,194	63.7	0.2	66
Malaysia	1,193	883	-26.0	0.7	5,184	9,786	88.8	0.7	28
Myanmar	25	23	-8.0	0.0	362	493	36.2	0.0	77
Philippines	316	578	82.9	0.4	4,108	5,880	43.1	0.4	43
Singapore	1,242	689	-44.5	0.5	10,680	8,006	-25.0	0.6	33
Thailand	2,181	1,259	-42.3	1.0	9,937	13,297	33.8	1.0	20
Viet Nam	180	183	1.7	0.1	1,530	2,882	88.4	0.2	57
Other South East Asia	59	26	-55.9	0.0	369	603	63.4	0.0	76
SOUTH ASIA	19,073	18,819	-1.3	14.4	199,145	188,803	-5.2	13.9	
Bangladesh	1,648	2,326	41.1	1.8	11,117	18,487	66.3	1.4	15
India	15,393	14,092	-8.5	10.8	168,613	149,587	-11.3	11.0	2
Iran	285	423	48.4	0.3	2,553	2,824	10.6	0.2	58
Pakistan	421	585	39.0	0.4	7,701	5,507	-28.5	0.4	45
Sri Lanka	1,022	1,155	13.0	0.9	6,960	9,922	42.6	0.7	27
Other South Asia	304	238	-21.7	0.2	2,201	2,476	12.5	0.2	61
OCEANIA	3,540	3,456	-2.4	2.6	17,694	27,137	53.4	2.0	
Australia	3,333	3,195	-4.1	2.4	16,368	24,878	52.0	1.8	11
New Zealand	193	252	30.6	0.2	1,224	2,145	75.2	0.2	67
Other Oceania	14	9	-35.7	0.0	102	114	11.8	0.0	79
AMERICAS	8,088	7,157	-11.5	5.5	85,028	80,417	-5.4	5.9	
Argentina	180	155	-13.9	0.1	1,888	2,316	22.7	0.2	63
Brazil	1,265	1,189	-6.0	0.9	14,588	10,151	-30.4	0.7	26
Canada	799	686	-14.1	0.5	7,438	8,943	20.2	0.7	31
Mexico	165	182	10.3	0.1	1,426	1,382	-3.1	0.1	70
U.S.A.	5,360	4,536	-15.4	3.5	56,283	53,759	-4.5	3.9	7
Other Americas	319	409	28.2	0.3	3,405	3,866	13.5	0.3	52
MIDDLE EAST	4,311	5,703	32.3	4.4	64,756	65,605	1.3	4.8	
Egypt	714	738	3.4	0.6	6,373	5,711	-10.4	0.4	44
Jordan	208	261	25.5	0.2	2,226	2,585	16.1	0.2	59
Kuwait	404	505	25.0	0.4	6,309	7,315	15.9	0.5	36
Lebanon	135	164	21.5	0.1	1,987	2,325	17.0	0.2	62
Oman	36	121	236.1	0.1	957	1,141	19.2	0.1	73
Qatar	178	197	10.7	0.2	5,553	5,462	-1.6	0.4	46
Saudi Arabia	1,704	2,245	31.7	1.7	27,562	24,258	-12.0	1.8	13
Syria	111	154	38.7	0.1	1,173	1,365	16.4	0.1	71
United Arab Emirates	508	894	76.0	0.7	8,837	11,598	31.2	0.9	21
Other Middle East	313	424	35.5	0.3	3,779	3,845	1.7	0.3	53
AFRICA	1,952	2,155	10.4	1.6	20,067	17,946	-10.6	1.3	
Algeria	241	346	43.6	0.3	1,340	1,859	38.7	0.1	68
Morocco	134	289	115.7	0.2	1,625	2,286	40.7	0.2	64
South Africa	974	871	-10.6	0.7	10,608	7,267	-31.5	0.5	37
Other Africa	603	649	7.6	0.5	6,494	6,534	0.6	0.5	40
OTHERS	13	21	61.5	0.0	75	51	-32.0	0.0	
UN Passport Holders	4	2	-50.0	0.0	15	12	-20.0	0.0	82
Other / Not Stated	9	19	111.1	0.0	60	39	-35.0	0.0	81
TOTAL TOURIST ARRIVALS	111,986	130,967	16.9	100.0	1,190,629	1,361,048	14.3	100.0	

Source: Ministry of Tourism (MoT)

Date: 10/10/23

Data provided by Maldives Immigration

**Table 2: Arrivals by Country of Residence
(Sep 2023)**

#	Country of Residence	No. of Arrivals	% Share of Arrivals	% of Residing Country's Nationality
1	Russia	143,308	18.3	99.1
2	India	131,205	16.7	97.5
3	China	125,944	16.0	98.6
4	U.K	100,633	12.8	90.7
5	Germany	81,684	10.4	92.0
6	Italy	76,986	9.8	96.9
7	U.A.E	51,328	6.5	20.7
8	USA	49,577	6.3	88.3
9	Switzerland	28,533	3.6	75.9
10	France	28,193	3.6	82.1

Source: Ministry of Tourism

Date: 19/10/2023

Note: Based on data from IMUGA portal

Table 4: NUMBER OF TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS BY TYPE
(At end Sep 2023)

Month	Registered No. of Establishments					Number of Establishments In OPERATION														
	2022					2023					2023									
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total					
January	167	12	809	155	1,143	172	13	876	159	1,220	162	10	631	148	951	168	13	876	159	1,216
February	167	12	815	154	1,148	172	13	888	161	1,234	162	11	631	148	952	168	13	888	161	1,230
March	169	12	825	154	1,160	174	13	894	161	1,242	164	11	645	150	970	170	13	894	161	1,238
April	169	12	833	157	1,171	174	13	898	160	1,245	164	11	648	150	973	170	13	898	160	1,241
May	170	12	835	158	1,175	174	13	901	159	1,247	164	12	835	158	1,169	170	13	901	159	1,243
June	170	12	841	158	1,181	174	13	909	160	1,256	164	12	841	158	1,175	171	13	909	160	1,253
July	170	13	843	155	1,181	175	13	910	162	1,260	164	13	843	159	1,179	172	13	910	162	1,257
August	170	13	850	156	1,189	176	14	912	162	1,264	164	13	850	160	1,187	172	14	912	162	1,260
September	170	13	861	160	1,204	178	14	917	162	1,271	164	13	861	160	1,198	174	14	917	162	1,267
Average for the Period	169	12	835	156	1,172	174	13	901	161	1,249	164	12	754	155	1,084	171	13	901	161	1,245

Source: Ministry of Tourism

Date: 22/10/2023

Table 5: TOURIST BED CAPACITY BY TYPE

Month	Registered No. of Beds					Number of Beds In OPERATION														
	2022					2023					2023									
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total					
January	39,833	1,564	13,132	2,923	57,452	41,945	1,640	14,426	3,079	61,090	38,822	1,360	11,020	2,912	54,114	41,049	1,640	14,426	3,079	60,194
February	39,897	1,564	13,236	2,911	57,608	41,945	1,640	14,536	3,129	61,250	38,822	1,418	11,020	2,912	54,172	41,049	1,640	14,536	3,129	60,354
March	40,075	1,564	13,490	2,915	58,044	42,137	1,640	14,646	3,129	61,552	39,064	1,418	11,226	2,953	54,661	41,241	1,640	14,646	3,129	60,656
April	40,247	1,564	13,550	2,958	58,319	42,137	1,640	14,732	3,103	61,612	39,196	1,418	11,278	2,954	54,846	41,241	1,640	14,732	3,103	60,716
May	40,585	1,564	13,596	2,972	58,717	42,159	1,640	14,790	3,125	61,714	39,463	1,564	13,596	2,972	57,595	41,263	1,640	14,790	3,125	60,818
June	40,643	1,564	13,714	2,972	58,893	42,159	1,640	14,912	3,139	61,850	39,481	1,564	13,714	2,972	57,731	41,409	1,640	14,912	3,139	61,100
July	41,175	1,616	13,786	2,924	59,501	42,685	1,640	14,924	3,181	62,430	40,053	1,616	13,514	2,917	58,100	41,913	1,640	14,924	3,181	61,658
August	41,175	1,616	13,914	2,932	59,637	42,955	1,940	14,950	3,181	63,026	40,053	1,616	13,700	2,864	58,233	42,151	1,940	14,950	3,181	62,222
September	41,175	1,616	14,152	2,955	59,898	43,503	1,940	15,060	3,181	63,684	40,053	1,616	14,152	2,955	58,776	42,699	1,940	15,060	3,181	62,880
Average for the Period	40,534	1,581	13,619	2,940	58,674	42,403	1,707	14,775	3,139	62,023	39,445	1,510	12,580	2,935	56,470	41,557	1,707	14,775	3,139	61,178

Source: Ministry of Tourism

Date: 22/10/2023

Table 6: TOURIST BED NIGHTS AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION

Month	Bed Nights_1					Occupancy Rate (%)														
	2022					2023					2023									
	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total	Resorts	Hotels	Guest Houses	Tourist Vessels	Total					
January	967,697	20,184	135,464	27,368	1,150,713	1,061,176	23,089	232,301	27,725	1,344,292	80.4	47.9	39.7	30.3	68.6	83.4	45.4	51.9	29.0	72.0
February	937,012	20,307	116,360	27,080	1,100,759	1,021,664	22,670	233,858	28,218	1,306,410	86.2	51.1	37.7	33.2	72.6	88.9	49.4	57.5	32.2	77.3
March	964,759	20,608	118,369	34,236	1,137,972	969,960	20,497	226,266	34,208	1,250,931	79.7	46.9	34.0	37.4	67.2	75.9	40.3	49.8	35.3	66.5
April	942,747	11,796	87,045	32,944	1,074,532	936,135	17,945	198,581	30,676	1,183,338	80.2	27.7	25.7	37.2	65.3	75.7	36.5	44.9	33.0	65.0
May	750,812	13,412	76,750	19,217	860,191	663,042	15,149	150,289	14,221	842,701	61.4	27.7	18.2	20.9	48.2	51.8	29.8	32.8	14.7	44.7
June	674,802	11,359	85,654	8,971	780,786	645,331	12,892	144,336	8,444	811,004	57.0	24.2	20.8	10.1	45.1	51.9	26.2	32.3	9.0	44.2
July	840,923	17,566	124,728	10,681	993,898	714,366	16,530	196,169	11,558	938,624	67.7	35.1	29.8	11.8	55.2	55.0	32.5	42.4	11.7	49.1
August	895,289	18,444	128,794	19,403	1,061,929	878,186	20,617	204,721	16,939	1,120,463	72.1	36.8	30.3	21.9	58.8	67.2	34.3	44.2	17.2	58.1
September	675,150	14,789	100,512	16,585	807,036	660,020	19,287	175,557	16,412	871,276	56.2	30.5	23.7	18.7	45.8	51.5	33.1	38.9	17.2	46.2
End Period	7,649,192	148,463	973,676	196,485	8,967,816	7,549,880	168,677	1,762,078	188,402	9,669,037	71.2	36.4	28.9	24.6	58.5	66.8	36.4	43.8	22.1	58.1

Note: -¹ Including estimates for missing data

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Table 3: KEY INDICATORS, 2022-2023
(at end Sep 2023)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan-Sep	
TOURIST ARRIVALS (by Air)											
										Total	
2022	Total	131,765	149,011	150,748	145,282	125,528	110,885	133,561	131,863	111,986	1,190,629
	Male	63,080	70,520	71,865	69,929	60,608	53,183	63,543	63,210	54,036	569,974
	Female	68,685	78,491	78,883	75,353	64,920	57,702	70,018	68,653	57,950	872,127
2023	Total	172,499	177,915	173,514	164,357	120,959	120,363	145,620	154,854	130,967	1,361,048
	Male	82,501	84,517	81,772	77,445	57,485	56,314	68,211	73,196	61,893	643,334
	Female	89,998	93,396	91,742	86,912	63,474	64,049	77,409	81,658	69,074	717,712
	% Change (2023/2022)	30.9	19.4	15.1	13.1	-3.6	8.5	9.0	17.4	16.9	14.3
TOURIST ARRIVALS (by Sea)											
										Total	
2022	Total	0	42	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	52
	Male	0	42	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	51
	Female	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2023	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% Change (2023/2022)	0.0	-100.0	-100.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Arrivals at International Airports 2023											
										Total	
	Velaana (MLE)	172,085	177,402	172,924	163,828	120,662	120,133	145,409	154,489	130,753	1,357,685
	Gan (GAN)	149	289	308	154	217	201	182	322	169	1,991
	Hanimaadhoo (HAQ)	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	49
	Kudahuvadhoo (DDD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Maafaru (NMF)	242	205	282	374	80	29	29	43	38	1,322
	Maamigili (VAM)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	172,499	177,915	173,514	164,357	120,959	120,363	145,620	154,854	130,967	1,361,048
TOTAL BEDS IN OPERATION											
										Average	
2022		54,114	54,172	54,661	54,846	57,595	57,731	58,100	58,233	58,776	56,470
2023		60,194	60,354	60,656	60,716	60,818	61,100	61,658	62,222	62,880	61,178
	% Change (2023/2022)	11.2	11.4	11.0	10.7	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.9	7.0	8.3
BED NIGHTS											
										Total	
2022		1,150,713	1,100,759	1,137,972	1,074,532	860,191	780,786	993,898	1,061,929	807,036	8,967,816
2023		1,344,292	1,306,410	1,250,931	1,183,338	842,701	811,004	938,624	1,120,463	871,276	9,669,037
	% Change (2023/2022)	16.8	18.7	9.9	10.1	-2.0	3.9	-5.6	5.5	8.0	7.8
OCCUPANCY RATE (%)											
										Average	
2022		68.6	72.6	67.2	65.3	48.2	45.1	55.2	58.8	45.8	58.5
2023		72.0	77.3	66.5	65.0	44.7	44.2	49.1	58.1	46.2	58.1
	% Change (2023/2022)	5.0	6.5	-0.9	-0.5	-7.2	-1.9	-11.0	-1.3	0.9	-0.7
AVERAGE DURATION OF STAY (Days)											
										Average	
2022		9.0	8.6	8.0	8.1	7.2	7.7	8.3	8.3	7.8	8.1
2023		8.1	8.0	7.8	7.6	7.2	7.1	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.6
	% Change (2023/2022)	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5

Source: Ministry of Tourism

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