



The Maldives Tourism

- Archipelago comprising of 1,190 tiny islands in an area of 90,000 sq km
- 195 islands are inhabited by the country's population of 350,000 people
- Started tourism industry in early 1970s with the arrival of a small group of Italian tourists
- Sustained high economic growth throughout the last 35 years, led mainly by tourism
- Tourism sector account for a third of GDP and is the main source of livelihood
- 89 resorts with a bed capacity of over 17,000, providing world class facilities for tourists



Prospective Economic Sectors

- Infrastructure development including ports, airports, harbours and bridges etc
- Financial services including insurance, banking, consultancy etc
- Aquaculture, cultivation of seaweed and value added marine products
- Tourism and tourism related investments
- Transport sector, including air and sea transport
- Information technology



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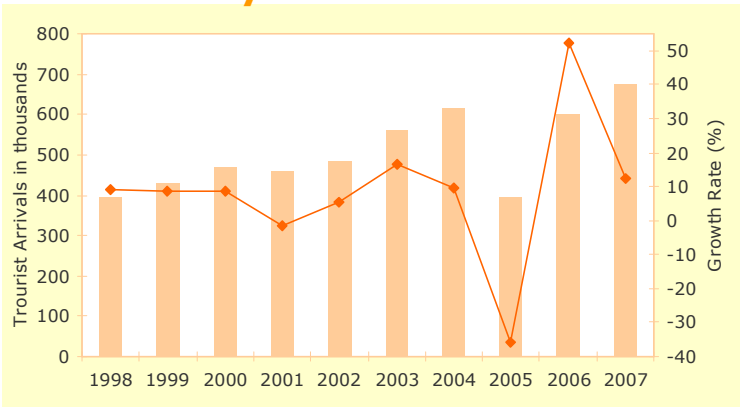
Winner of a number of international awards in many tourism categories including

- leading dive destination
- leading resort destination
- leading spa destination
- Top beach destination

Capacity

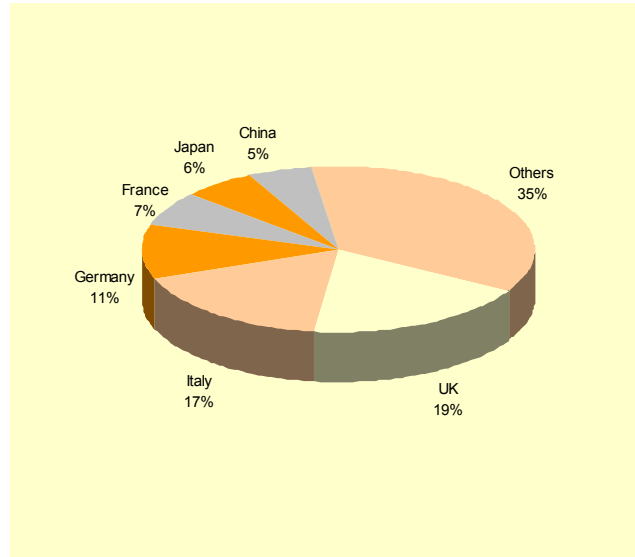
- 89 resort islands (17,802 beds), approximately 9,000 rooms
- Approximately 60 new islands are in various stages of developments.
- 9 hotels (713 beds)
- 21 guest houses, (391 beds)
- 116 live-aboard vessels (1599 beds)
- 20, 505 total bed-capacity

Industry Growth



*The industry has rebounded from the 2005 slump, on account of the Boxing Day tsunami of 2004

Tourism Markets



Investment Opportunities

- Development of new transit hotels
- Development of domestic airports with resorts
- 30 new resorts to be leased in 2008. Opportunity is open to participate in the tenders for these islands
- Form Joint-ventures with local companies to develop, acquire, and manage properties

Foreign Investments

- 'Most business friendly country in south Asia' - World Banks' Doing Business report 2007
- Simple and straightforward process that takes only 10 days
- Incentives to foreign investors include:
 - No income tax, corporate tax or property tax in the Maldives
 - Legally backed investment guarantee
 - Long term contractual agreements and long term lease of land
 - Freedom to use foreign managerial, technical and unskilled workers
 - No restrictions on the repatriations of earnings or profits

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