

OUTBOUND TOURISM STATISTICS: MALDIVES

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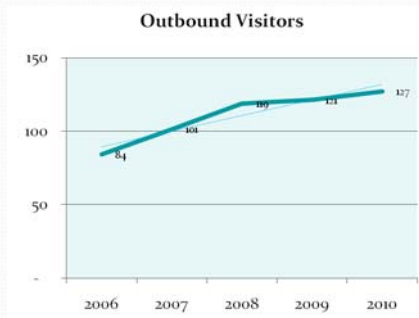
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FLOWS OF OUTBOUND VISITORS

- **Outbound Visitors**
 - Maldivians travelling out of the country for different purposes
 - Seaman/ Crew excluded (most of the time more than 1 year)

FLOWS OF OUTBOUND VISITORS

Year	Outbound Visitors	Percentage increase
2006	84,045	9
2007	101,292	21
2008	118,802	17
2009	121,186	2
2010 (prj)	127,087	5



FLOWS OF OUTBOUND VISITORS

Main source of data:

-Department of Immigration and Emigration

Alternative source of data (BOP purpose):

- Survey on Maldivians Travelling Abroad (MTA)

-December 2009 (Peak)

-October 2010 (Off-peak)

- **Survey on Maldivians Travelling Abroad (MTA-2009)**

- **Main destinations**

Table 1.2 Destinations Travelled by Maldivians

Destinations	No. of people	Percentage
India	1,721	62%
Sri Lanka	637	23%
Malaysia	191	7%
Singapore	104	4%
Thailand	49	2%
Other countries	56	2%
Total	2,758	100%

Purpose: Health services, Vacation & Education

- Encompass 95% of the Maldivians travelling abroad

Table 1.3 Purpose of Travel of Maldivians

Purpose of Travel	No. of people	Percentage
Health Care	1,846	67%
Vacation	493	18%
Education	276	10%
Business	94	3%
Other	49	2%
Total	2,758	100%

INTEREST IN ANALYSING OUTBOUND TOURISM

- **For various reasons**
 - Compilation of balance of payment statistics
 - Survey on Maldivians Travelling Abroad (MTA)- On / Off Season
 - National accounts
 - Plans to share the database / results of the surveys
 - Policy planning at the relevant departments
 - Lack of information / data gaps!
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NEW INITIATIVES ENVISAGED

- **Introducing embarkation / disembarkation cards**
 - Direction / Destination
 - Purpose
 - Expenditure
- **Introducing Customs Form**
 - Currency declaration (a step towards estimating outflows)
 - Personal belongings
 - Import / Export



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