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MALDIVES EXPO2026

Future Maldives · Innovation, Creativity & Global Connections

23–31 October 2026 • Hulhumalé Central Park

Organised by the Business Center Corporation • Ministry of Economic Development & Trade



THE MALDIVES' LARGEST NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Maldives Expo 2026

Maldives Expo 2026 will be the Maldives' largest national exhibition and international showcase of innovation, culture, business and tourism. Building on the success of Expo 2025, it expands its scope to position the Maldives as a regional hub for entrepreneurship, creative industries, digital innovation and the visitor economy.

A national platform where government, private sector, creators, international partners and communities converge to showcase achievements, build partnerships and explore future opportunities.

THEME

Future Maldives

VENUE

Hulhumalé Central Park

DATES

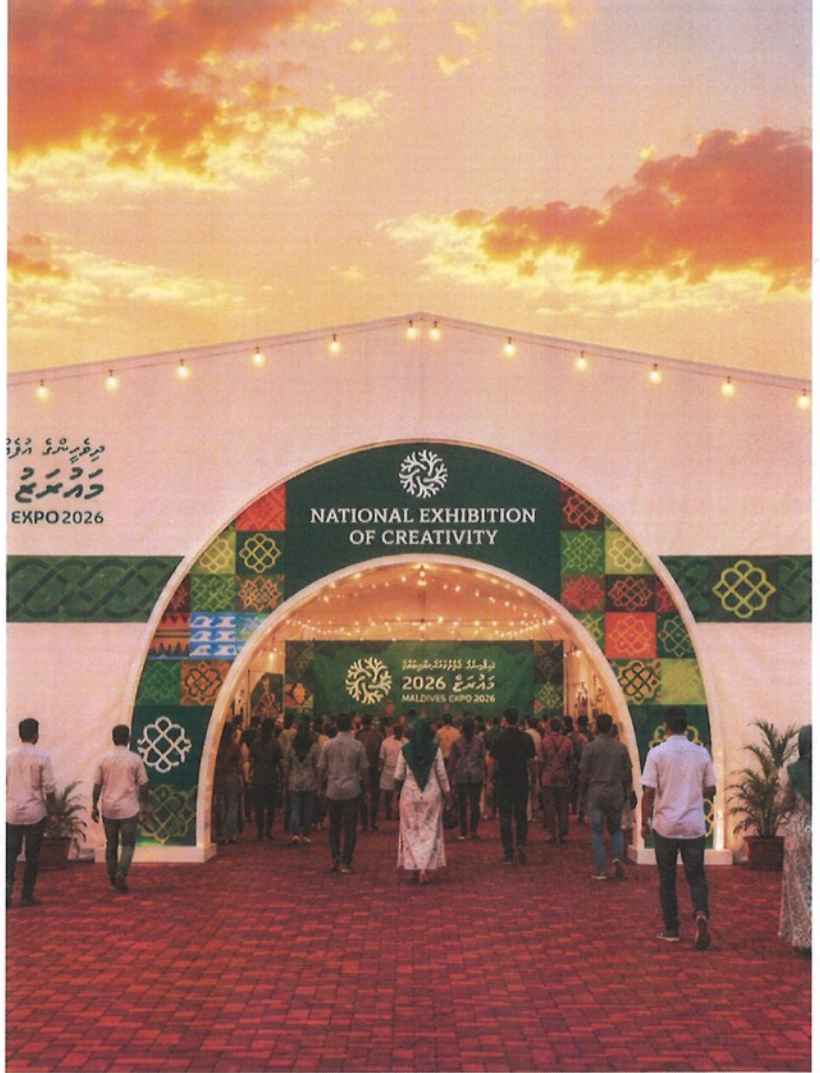
23–31 Oct 2026

DURATION

9 Days

VISITORS

150,000



WHY IT MATTERS

Vision & Legacy

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 01** Showcase national creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship
- 02** Promote Maldivian culture, craftsmanship and heritage
- 03** Strengthen the creative economy ecosystem
- 04** Promote diversification and island experiences
- 05** Provide a commercial platform for MSMEs and startups
- 06** Create international partnerships and investment opportunities

PARTICIPATION

Business

Local companies, MSMEs and startups

National

Government agencies, councils and educational institutions

International

Foreign governments, trade missions and global brands

LEGACY PLAN

- Strengthening the creative economy ecosystem
- Promoting Maldivian brands and MSMEs
- Expanding international trade connections
- Enhancing tourism diversification
- Creating a recurring national innovation platform

THE MASTER PLAN

One Expo, Seven Districts

Maldives Expo 2026 unfolds across seven themed districts at Hulhumalé Central Park, each an immersive world of its own — arranged around a central stage and a lively marketplace spine.

- 01 National Exhibition of Creativity
- 02 Creative Economy District
- 03 Digital & Innovation District
- 04 Tourism & Visitor Economy District
- 05 International Exhibitors District
- 06 Entertainment District
- 07 Marketplace District

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DISTRICT 01 OF 07

KEY CATEGORIES

Fisheries & Marine Innovation

Agriculture & Food Production

Sustainable Island Solutions

Transport & Infrastructure

Local Manufacturing

Information Technology

Traditional Craftsmanship

Community Innovation

KEY ACTIVITIES

National innovation competition

Creative awards ceremony

Traditional craft demonstrations

Youth innovation showcases



02

DISTRICT 02 OF 07

Creative Economy District

A vibrant hub for artists, creators, filmmakers, designers, and content creators to showcase their work and collaborate.

EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

Arts & Crafts

Film & Animation

Photography & Videography

Music Production

Fashion & Design

Digital Content Creation

Literature & Publishing

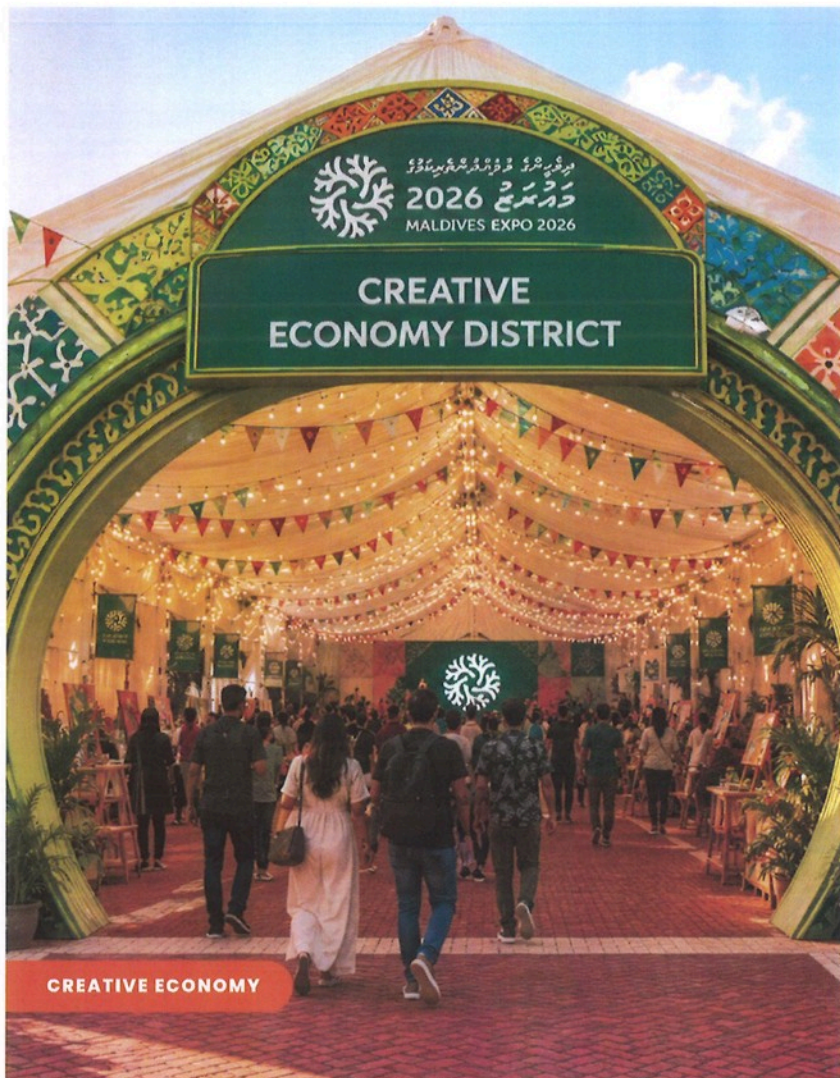
KEY FEATURES

Creator Stage

Live performances, poetry readings & creative talks

Creator Studios

Makeup & fashion demos, photography sets, content spaces



03

DISTRICT 03 OF 07

Digital & Innovation District

This district showcases emerging technologies and digital solutions shaping the Maldives' future — a glimpse into the horizon of what island innovation can become.

EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

- Artificial Intelligence
- Software & Apps
- FinTech
- Smart Island Technologies
- Engineering & Robotics
- Digital Government Solutions

KEY FEATURES

Innovation Lab

Hands-on demonstrations of digital platforms and tools

Startup Pavilion

Dedicated space for startups and early-stage innovators

Technology Demonstration Stage

Live demos of new applications, platforms and hardware



04

DISTRICT 04 OF 07

Tourism & Visitor Economy District

One of the new flagship districts of Maldives Expo 2026, highlighting the Maldives' global tourism leadership and emerging visitor-economy opportunities.

PARTICIPANTS

Resorts & Hotel Brands

Guesthouses

Liveaboards

Tourism Service Providers

Airlines & Travel Partners

Destination Management

Island Tourism Councils

KEY FEATURES

Island Experience Pavilion

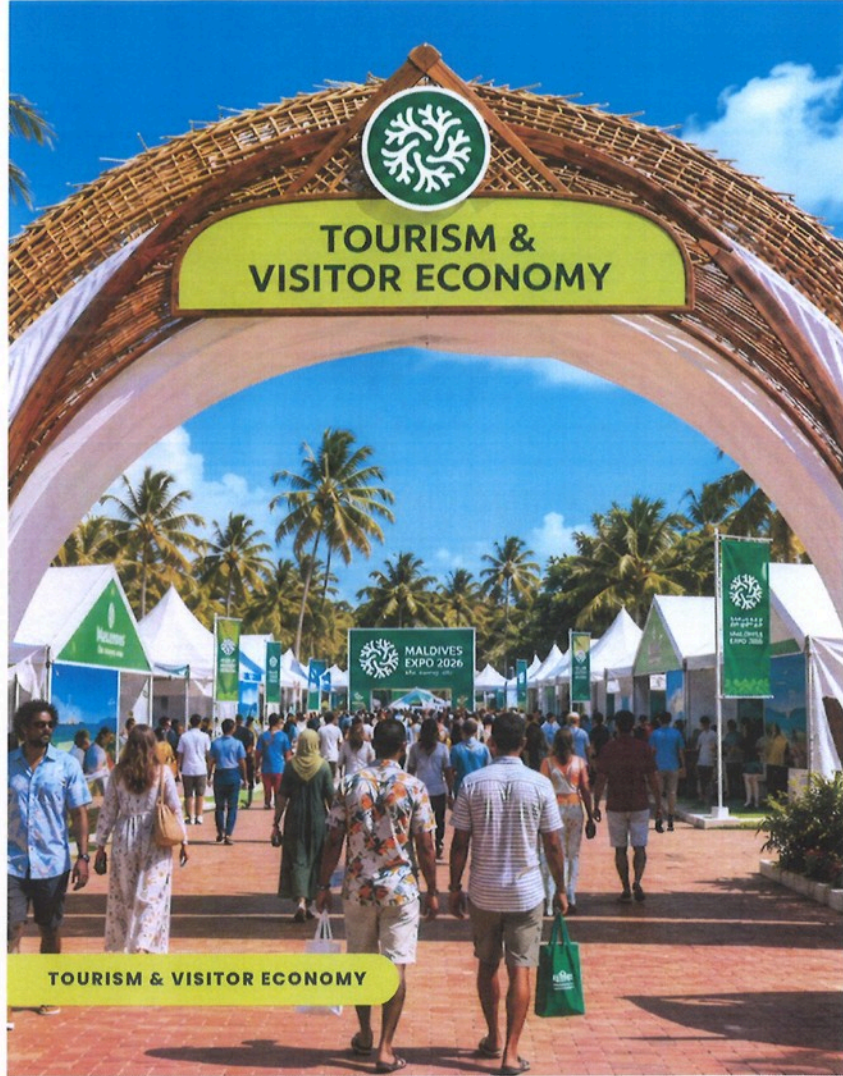
Interactive displays representing different islands and atolls

Resort Brand Showcases

Experiences, sustainability initiatives & investment

Visitor Economy Forum & Travel Marketplace

Tourism deals, packages and destination promotions



05

DISTRICT 05 OF 07

International Exhibitors District

A dedicated zone designed to attract foreign governments, companies, and global brands – transforming Maldives Expo into a regional trade and cultural exchange platform.

PARTICIPANTS

Foreign Country Pavilions

International Technology Companies

Trade Missions

Global Creative Industry Players

International Tourism Boards

KEY FEATURES

Country Pavilions

Culture, technology, investment & business promotion

International Business Lounge

Networking for investors, entrepreneurs & trade reps

Global Innovation Showcase

Presentations from international tech firms & startups



06

DISTRICT 06 OF 07

Entertainment District

The central entertainment hub of the Expo, providing immersive cultural and entertainment experiences throughout all open hours.

MAIN PERFORMANCE STAGE

Music Concerts

Dance Performances

Cultural Shows

International Performances

Stage Dramas

Film Screenings

Literary Performances

INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

VR Gaming & Digital Entertainment

Escape Rooms

Family Entertainment Attractions

Horror House



07

DISTRICT 07 OF 07

Marketplace District

The commercial heart of the Expo, where visitors can shop, dine, and experience Maldivian entrepreneurship along a lively street of back-to-back stalls.

EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

Food & Beverage

Fashion & Accessories

Arts & Crafts

Lifestyle Products

Home & Design

Local Brands

KEY FEATURES

Culinary Pavilion

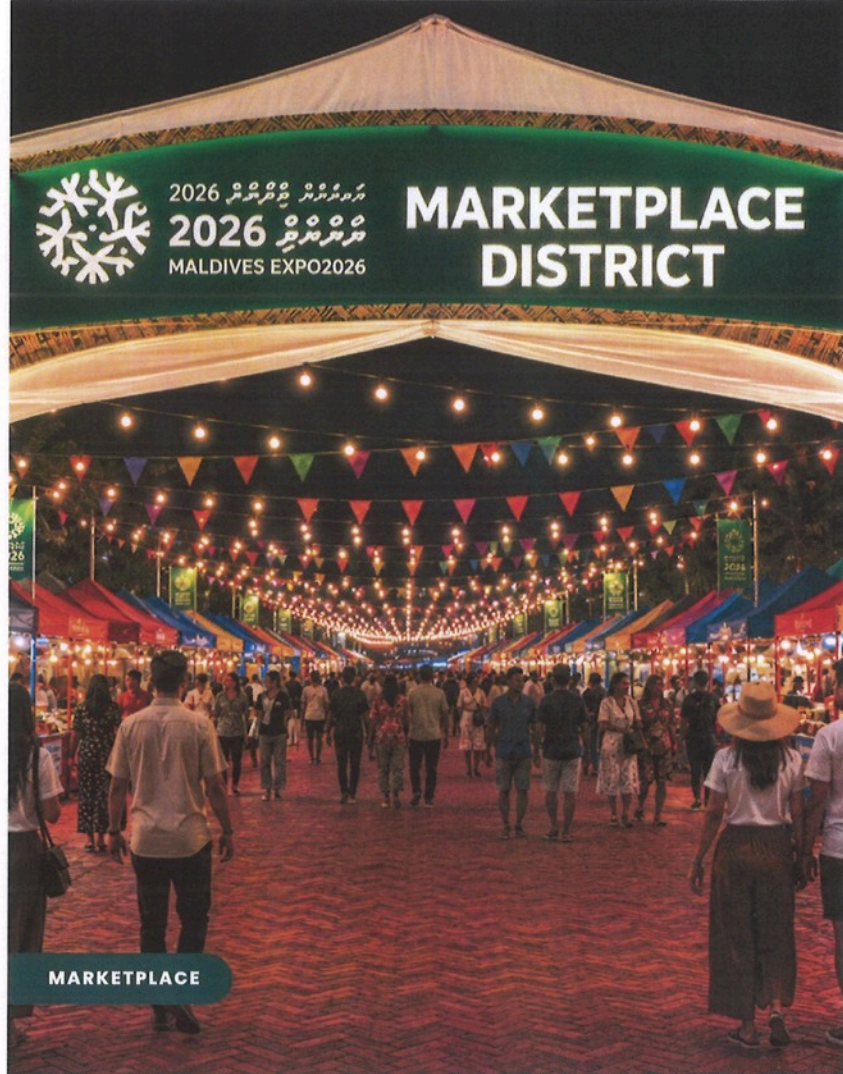
Live cooking demonstrations and chef showcases

Product Launch Stage

New product launches and brand presentations

Food Street

Traditional Maldivian cuisine and international offerings



THROUGHOUT THE NINE DAYS

Activities & Attractions

Beyond the seven districts, Maldives Expo 2026 comes alive with island traditions, youth culture and family attractions running across the full length of the Expo.

SIGNATURE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Boduberu Competition
Traditional drumming & dance

Cultural Performance Competition
Folk music & heritage acts

Bodumas Dhuvvu
Maldivian fishing heritage

Bashi Competition
Traditional women's game

GAMING & YOUTH CULTURE

Kids Gaming Zone
Play area for children

E-gaming
Competitive video-game arena

Cosplay Fiesta Day Challenge
Costume & character showcase

FEATURED ATTRACTIONS

Drone Car
Next-generation mobility demo

EV Vessels
Electric marine vessels

Food Trucks
Street food & local flavours



COMPETE & PLAY

Sports & Tournaments

From the beach court to the chessboard, Expo 2026 hosts a full slate of tournaments and races open to teams and individuals from across the atolls.

TOURNAMENTS & RACES

- **Beach Handball Tournament**
On the beach court
- **Basketball Tournament**
Open-court competition
- **Chess Competition**
Strategy tournament
- **Carrom Competition**
Classic board contest
- **Jetski Race**
Watercraft racing
- **Bicycle Race**
Community cycling race





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