



# MALDIVIAN EXPANDS REGIONAL CAPACITY WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW ATR 42-600 AIRCRAFT

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**Maldivian announced the arrival of its fifth ATR 42-600 aircraft, which landed at Velana International Airport today. A welcoming ceremony was held to mark this important addition to the airline’s ongoing fleet modernization program. The new aircraft is part of Maldivian’s plan to modernize its entire fleet with newer, more efficient aircraft, providing passengers with improved comfort and reliability for inter-island travel in the Maldives.**

The ATR 42-600 is well-suited for the Maldives’ unique geography, offering excellent performance on short domestic routes with a comfortable cabin and smooth flight experience. The aircraft features modern systems that improve both safety and operational efficiency.

Maldivian has also introduced Premium Economy service on domestic routes and launched onboard retail service featuring beverages and snacks. These enhancements reflect the airline’s commitment to delivering a more personalized and enjoyable journey for all travellers.

With this latest addition, Maldivian operates a fleet of 26 aircraft, including five ATR 42-600s, one A330-200, one Airbus A320, eight Dash-8 aircraft, and eleven Twin Otter seaplanes, allowing the

airline to serve various routes across the Maldives.

The arrival of the fifth ATR 42-600 shows Maldivian's dedication to continuous improvement and supporting both local transportation needs and the country's growing tourism industry, aligning with national goals to enhance aviation services and connectivity throughout the Maldives.



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