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# MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during August 2018 was 200,359. In comparison to August last year, there is a growth of 4.9% when the arrivals were 190,928.

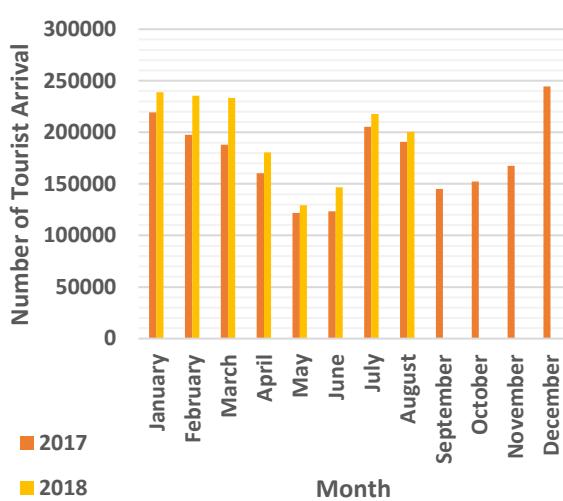
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

Almost 99% of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, 1,582,835 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 12.5% growth over last year when 1,406,854 tourists had visited the country during the same period.

Month	2017	2018*	% Change 2017/2018
January	219,360	238,924	8.9
February	197,517	235,618	19.3
March	188,076	233,382	24.1
April	160,249	180,429	12.6
May	121,891	129,466	6.2
June	123,351	146,828	19.0
July	205,482	217,829	6.0
August	190,928	200,359	4.9
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,116,407</b>		
<b>Up to August</b>	<b>1,406,854</b>	<b>1,582,835</b>	<b>12.5</b>

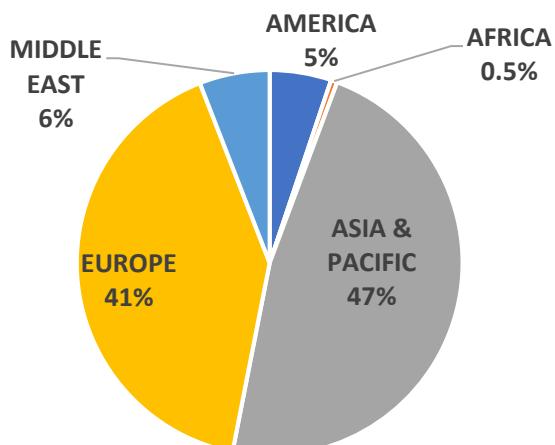
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## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

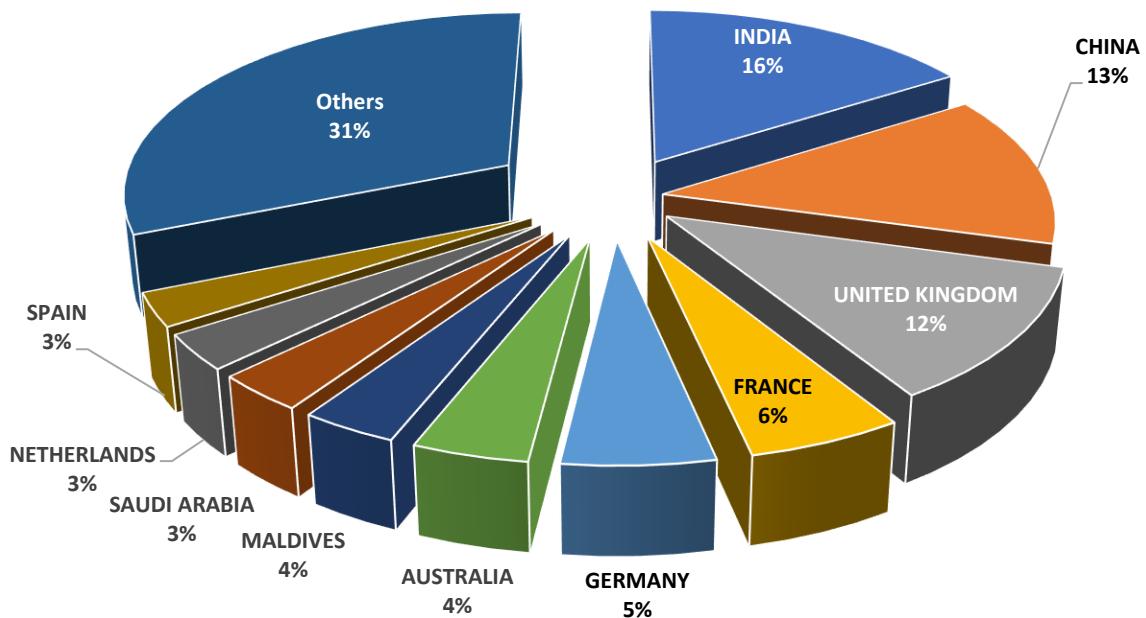
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 47% of the total traffic received in August 2018.

Europe accounted for 41% of the total traffic, Middle East 6%, America 5% and Africa 0.5%.



## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, France and Germany were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of August this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 16% of the total traffic received in August 2018. China accounted for 13% of the total traffic, while United Kingdom, France and Germany accounted for 12%, 6% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals August 2018			Tourist Arrivals August 2017	% Change August 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	31,627	488	32,115	31,220	2.9
2	CHINA	26,488	70	26,558	26,507	0.2
3	UNITED KINGDOM	23,558	85	23,643	21,903	7.8
4	FRANCE	11,008	8	11,016	10,730	2.7
5	GERMANY	10,806	3	10,809	10,993	(1.7)
6	AUSTRALIA	8,237	2	8,239	5,959	38.3
7	MALDIVES	6,879	1	6,880	6,405	7.4
8	SAUDI ARABIA	6,517	0	6,517	8,761	(25.6)
9	NETHERLANDS	6,178	4	6,182	5,697	8.5
10	SPAIN	5,782	0	5,782	4,100	41.0

## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	AUGUST 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals August 2017	% Change August (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to August 2018			
	Tourist Arrivals <sup>1</sup>								
	By Air	By Sea	Total						
<b>AMERICAS</b>			<b>10,340</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>98,578</b>			
North America	9,913	5	9,918	9,557	3.8	92,860			
Canada	5,440	0	5,440	5,496	(1.0)	39,196			
Mexico	68	0	68	79	(13.9)	1,123			
United States	4,405	5	4,410	3,982	10.7	52,541			
Caribbean & Central America	72	0	72	80	(10.0)	611			
Jamaica	14	0	14	1	-	80			
Costa Rica	15	0	15	8	87.5	77			
Others	43	0	43	71	(39.4)	454			
South America	350	0	350	336	4.5	5,107			
Argentina	54	0	54	58	-6.9	1,358			
Brazil	98	0	98	121	-19.0	1,980			
Chile	59	0	59	40	47.5	680			
Colombia	52	0	52	48	8.3	441			
Others	87	0	87	69	27.5	648			
<b>AFRICA</b>			<b>1,073</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>9,274</b>			
North Africa	310	1	311	345	(9.9)	1,916			
Morocco	127	0	127	164	(22.6)	672			
Sudan	66	1	67	83	(19.3)	532			
Others	117	0	117	98	19.4	712			
Sub-Saharan Africa	754	8	762	688	10.8	7,358			
Kenya	61	0	61	72	(15.3)	455			
Mauritius	32	0	32	44	(27.3)	418			
Nigeria	28	0	28	42	(33.3)	265			
South Africa	453	4	457	343	33.2	4,517			
Others	180	4	184	187	(1.6)	1,703			

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<b>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</b>			<b>94,965</b>	<b>92,185</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>723,757</b>			
North East Asia	<b>34,468</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>34,571</b>	<b>33,945</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>242,302</b>			
China	26,488	70	26,558	26,507	0.2	190,312			
Japan	5,622	3	5,625	5,511	2.1	34,824			
South Korea	1,562	21	1,583	1,332	18.8	10,957			
Taiwan	785	9	794	580	36.9	6,082			
Others	11	0	11	15	(26.7)	127			
South East Asia	<b>7,695</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>8,099</b>	<b>8,477</b>	<b>(4.5)</b>	<b>56,736</b>			
Cambodia	35	0	35	28	25.0	623			
Indonesia	440	31	471	1,143	(58.8)	3,584			
Malaysia	2,093	8	2,101	2,311	(9.1)	15,060			
Myanmar	670	25	695	699	(0.6)	2,141			
Philippines	1,400	323	1,723	1,394	23.6	13,550			
Singapore	1,899	5	1,904	1,783	6.8	12,929			
Thailand	821	2	823	889	(7.4)	6,315			
Vietnam	288	10	298	221	34.8	2,309			
Others	49	0	49	9	-	225			
Oceania	<b>9,374</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9,381</b>	<b>6863</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>79,113</b>			
Australia	8,237	2	8,239	5,959	38.3	70,010			
New Zealand	1,091	0	1,091	862	26.6	8,888			
Others	46	5	51	42	19.0	215			
South Asia	<b>42,320</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>42,914</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>345,606</b>			
Afghanistan	78	0	78	81	(3.7)	662			
Bangladesh	1,041	19	1,060	1,360	(22.1)	7,067			
Bhutan	48	0	48	46	4.3	429			
India	31,627	488	32,115	31,220	2.9	269,484			
Iran	556	24	580	256	126.6	4,791			
Maldives	6,879	1	6,880	6,405	7.4	46,718			
Nepal	383	61	444	399	11.3	3,412			
Pakistan	1,708	1	1,709	3,133	(45.5)	13,043			

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<b><u>EUROPE</u></b>			<b>82,167</b>	<b>73,328</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>694,878</b>			
<b>Northern Europe</b>	<b>27,149</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>27,250</b>	<b>24,641</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>231,837</b>			
Denmark	911	14	925	791	16.9	14,702			
Finland	210	1	211	118	78.8	5,741			
Norway	952	0	952	740	28.6	12,849			
Sweden	664	1	665	448	48.4	17,532			
United Kingdom	23,558	85	23,643	21,903	7.9	173,478			
Others	854	0	854	641	33.2	7,535			
<b>Western Europe</b>	<b>33,137</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33,152</b>	<b>31,381</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>274,777</b>			
Austria	1,216	0	1,216	970	25.4	13,703			
Belgium	1,994	0	1,994	1,354	47.3	12,555			
France	11,008	8	11,016	10,730	2.7	81,049			
Germany	10,806	3	10,809	10,993	(1.7)	101,922			
Netherlands	6,178	4	6,182	5,697	8.5	42,246			
Switzerland	1,744	0	1,744	1,517	15.0	22,539			
Others	191	0	191	120	59.2	763			
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>	<b>5,495</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>5,811</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>113,698</b>			
Belarus	96	0	96	74	29.7	3,113			
Czech Republic	637	0	637	567	12.3	11,897			
Estonia	52	4	56	40	40.0	1,674			
Hungary	183	0	183	168	8.9	3,099			
Kazakhstan	77	0	77	130	(40.8)	1,938			
Lithuania	118	0	118	63	87.3	2,303			
Poland	955	66	1,021	684	49.3	12,961			
Romania	264	16	280	205	36.6	3,754			
Russian Federation	1,126	48	1,174	1,272	(7.7)	40,463			
Slovakia	258	1	259	272	(4.8)	3,745			
Ukraine	1,352	161	1,513	1,399	8.1	23,253			
Others	377	20	397	329	20.7	5,498			

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<b>Southern / Mediterranean Europe</b>	<b>15,684</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>15,954</b>	<b>12,103</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>74,566</b>			
Greece	541	222	763	333	129.1	5,133			
Italy	5,739	8	5,747	4,871	18.0	28,033			
Portugal	652	1	653	407	60.4	3,562			
Spain	5,782	0	5,782	4,100	41.0	19,249			
Turkey	374	1	375	294	27.6	2,980			
Israel	1,976	0	1,976	1,431	38.1	8,761			
Others	620	38	658	667	(1.3)	6,848			
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>11,804</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11,814</b>	<b>14,409</b>	<b>(18.0)</b>	<b>56,348</b>			
Bahrain	432	0	432	512	(15.6)	2,258			
Egypt	388	3	391	366	6.8	2,542			
Iraq	124	0	124	106	17.0	693			
Jordan	313	1	314	328	(4.3)	2,089			
Kuwait	599	0	599	678	(11.7)	2,740			
Lebanon	629	1	630	489	28.8	3,903			
Oman	960	5	965	1,126	(14.3)	5,748			
Qatar	379	0	379	168	125.6	1,399			
Saudi Arabia	6,517	0	6,517	8,761	(25.6)	28,736			
United Arab Emirates	1,045	0	1,045	1,373	(23.9)	1,045			
Others	418	0	418	502	(16.7)	3,211			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>198,525</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>200,359</b>	<b>190,928</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>1,582,835</b>			

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\* All visitor arrival statistics in this report are from the Department of Immigration & Emigration.