



APRIL
2018

MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

SRI LANKA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

www.sltda.lk

Photo courtesy of SLTDA, SLRC Lovingly Sri Lanka programme



SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during April 2018 was 180,429. In comparison to April last year, there is a growth of 12.6% when the arrivals were 160,249.

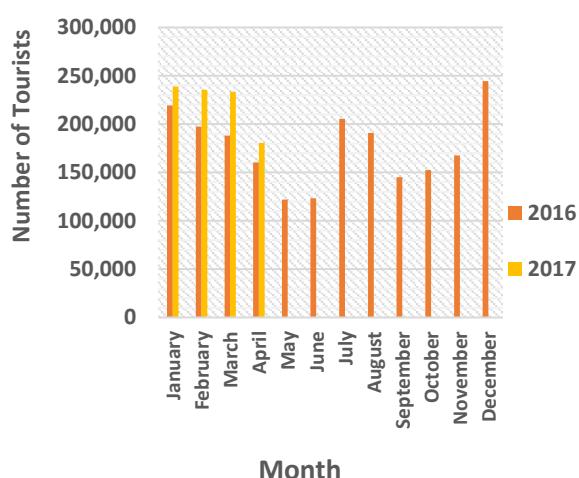
This month, the largest source market for tourists was India, followed by United Kingdom and China.

Almost 94% of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 30th April 2018, 888,353 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 16.1% growth over last year when 765,202 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		
June	123,351		
July	205,482		
August	190,928		
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
TOTAL	2,116,407		
Up to April	765,202	888,353	16.1

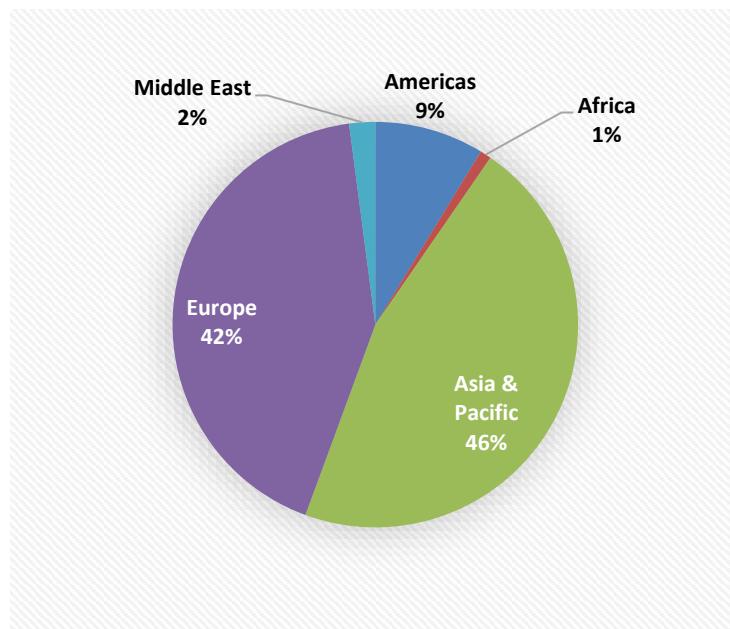
*Rebased



TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

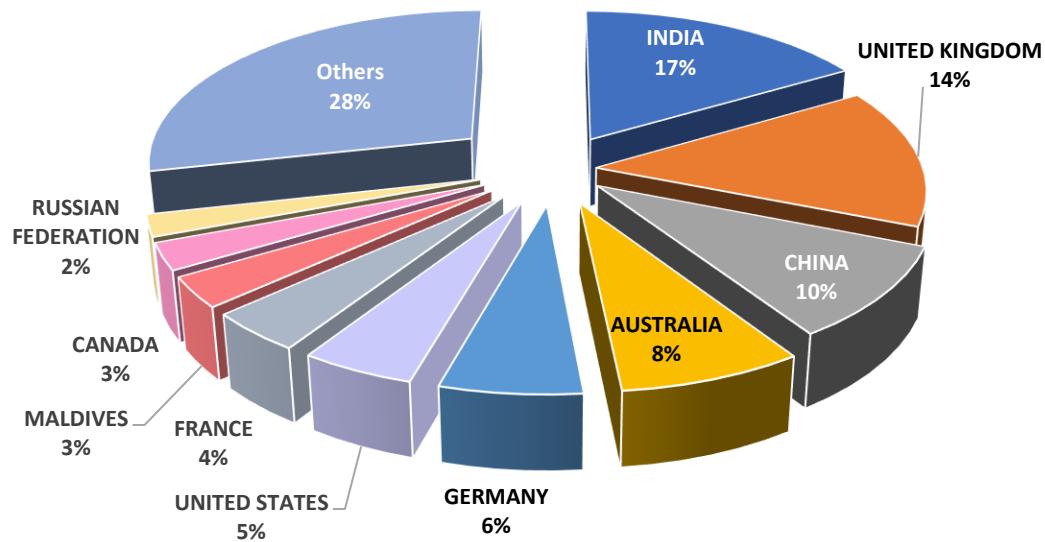
Asia & Pacific was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 46% of the total traffic received in April 2018.

Europe accounted for 42% of the total traffic, Americas 9%, Middle East 2% and Africa 1%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, China, Australia and Germany were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of April this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 17% of the total traffic received in April 2018. United Kingdom accounted for 14% of the total traffic, while China, Australia and Germany accounted for 10%, 8% and 6% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals April 2018			Tourist Arrivals April 2017	% Change April 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	29,378	482	29,860	26,323	13.4
2	UNITED KINGDOM	20,407	5,656	26,063	17,841	46.1
3	CHINA	17,295	167	17,462	19,823	(11.9)
4	AUSTRALIA	10,347	3,676	14,023	6,756	107.6
5	GERMANY	9,501	1,302	10,803	11,866	(9.0)
6	UNITED STATES	6,135	2,544	8,679	4,291	102.3
7	FRANCE	6,920	491	7,411	7,804	(5.0)
8	MALDIVES	5,696	0	5,696	5,791	(1.6)
9	CANADA	3,978	994	4,972	3,142	58.2
10	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	3,889	138	4,027	4,602	(12.5)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	APRIL 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals April 2017 ¹	% Change April (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to April 2018			
	Tourist Arrivals								
	By Air	By Sea	Total						
AMERICAS			15,737	8,043	95.7	56,597			
North America	10,393	3,754	14,147	7,525	88.0	52,478			
Canada	3,978	994	4,972	3,142	58.2	19,766			
Mexico	280	216	496	92	439.1	847			
United States	6,135	2,544	8,679	4,291	102.3	31,865			
Caribbean & Central America	89	16	105	81	29.6	368			
Jamaica	6	2	8	5	60.0	46			
Costa Rica	10	3	13	10	30.0	56			
Others	73	11	84	66	27.3	266			
South America	971	514	1,485	437	239.8	3,751			
Argentina	207	93	300	84	257.1	1,061			
Brazil	459	327	786	141	457.4	1,525			
Chile	114	33	147	54	172.2	459			
Colombia	72	16	88	69	27.5	271			
Others	119	45	164	89	84.3	435			
AFRICA			1,614	1,066	51.4	5,339			
North Africa	217	0	217	236	(8.1)	1,002			
Morocco	98	0	98	78	25.6	382			
Sudan	37	0	37	66	(43.9)	198			
Others	82	0	82	92	(10.9)	422			
Sub-Saharan Africa	1,248	149	1,397	830	68.3	4,337			
Kenya	45	4	49	67	(26.9)	196			
Mauritius	38	2	40	29	37.9	256			
Nigeria	28	0	28	29	(3.4)	152			
South Africa	611	131	742	540	37.4	2,683			
Others	526	12	538	165	226.1	1,050			

	APRIL 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals April 2017	% Change - April (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to April 2018			
	Tourist Arrivals ¹								
	By Air	By Sea	Total						
ASIA & PACIFIC			82,976	76,445	8.5				
North East Asia	22,105	312	22,417	24,541	(8.7)	126,402			
China	17,295	167	17,462	19,823	(11.9)	98,767			
Japan	3,403	109	3,512	3,404	3.2	18,098			
South Korea	808	17	825	886	(6.9)	6,075			
Taiwan	588	19	607	401	51.4	3,387			
Others	11	0	11	27	(59.3)	75			
South East Asia	6,325	350	6,675	7,590	(12.1)	27,806			
Cambodia	141	1	142	96	47.9	415			
Indonesia	330	22	352	1,885	(81.3)	1,826			
Malaysia	1,794	33	1,827	1,676	9.0	7,300			
Myanmar	301	8	309	185	67.0	976			
Philippines	1,389	242	1,631	1,197	36.3	6,817			
Singapore	1,327	30	1,357	1,218	11.4	6,022			
Thailand	680	11	691	1,041	(33.6)	3,070			
Vietnam	339	3	342	271	26.2	1,289			
Others	24	0	24	21	14.3	91			
Oceania	11,614	3971	15,585	7,742	101.3	42,378			
Australia	10,347	3,676	14,023	6,756	107.6	38,100			
New Zealand	1,246	294	1,540	974	58.1	4,188			
Others	21	1	22	12	83.3	90			
South Asia	37,710	589	38,299	36,572	4.7	170,522			
Afghanistan	40	0	40	74	(45.9)	385			
Bangladesh	660	12	672	1,429	(53.0)	3,391			
Bhutan	42	0	42	33	27.3	261			
India	29,378	482	29,860	26,323	13.4	131,293			
Iran	215	24	239	218	9.6	2,901			
Maldives	5,696	0	5,696	5,791	(1.6)	23,785			
Nepal	315	51	366	314	16.6	1,700			
Pakistan	1,364	20	1,384	2,390	(42.1)	6,806			

	APRIL 2018					
	Tourist Arrivals ¹			Total Tourist Arrivals April 2017	% Change - April (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to April 2018
	By Air	By Sea	Total			
EUROPE			76,366	69,640	9.7	439,679
Northern Europe	24,109	5,992	30,101	22,689	32.7	142,108
Denmark	894	49	943	1,310	(28.0)	9,411
Finland	356	15	371	262	41.6	4,760
Norway	627	63	690	1,052	(34.4)	6,047
Sweden	1,034	39	1,073	1,312	(18.2)	14,301
United Kingdom	20,407	5,656	26,063	17,841	46.1	103,186
Others	791	170	961	912	5.4	4,403
Western Europe	25,084	2367	27,451	27,739	(1.0)	165,788
Austria	1,020	83	1,103	1,250	(11.8)	9,665
Belgium	1,140	71	1,211	1,140	6.2	5,601
France	6,920	491	7,411	7,806	(5.1)	51,321
Germany	9,501	1,302	10,803	11,866	(9.0)	67,590
Netherlands	3,843	146	3,989	2,907	37.2	18,321
Switzerland	2,579	266	2,845	2,691	5.7	12,865
Others	81	8	89	79	12.7	425
Central / Eastern Europe	11,043	554	11,597	12,498	(7.2)	91,863
Belarus	286	0	286	239	19.7	2,696
Czech Republic	1,299	5	1,304	1,502	(13.2)	9,317
Estonia	137	7	144	71	102.8	1,524
Hungary	223	8	231	239	(3.3)	2,512
Kazakhstan	158	0	158	213	(25.8)	1,609
Lithuania	228	13	241	207	16.4	1,595
Poland	1,108	55	1,163	696	67.1	9,288
Romania	395	74	469	303	54.8	2,908
Russian Federation	3,889	138	4,027	4,602	(12.5)	35,728
Slovakia	490	4	494	624	(20.8)	2,970
Ukraine	2,248	200	2,448	3,138	(22.0)	17,754
Others	582	50	632	664	(4.8)	3,962

	APRIL 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals April 2017	% Change - April (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to April 2018			
	Tourist Arrivals ¹								
	By Air	By Sea	Total						
Southern / Mediterranean Europe	6,420	797	7,217	6,714	7.5	39,920			
Greece	496	208	704	389	81.0	2,691			
Italy	2,029	237	2,266	1,977	14.6	16,614			
Portugal	444	80	524	508	3.1	2,128			
Spain	1,881	191	2,072	1,810	14.5	7,592			
Turkey	229	15	244	237	3.0	1,899			
Israel	511	2	513	1,056	(51.4)	4,342			
Others	830	64	894	737	21.3	4,654			
MIDDLE EAST	3,708	28	3,736	5,055	(26.1)	19,630			
Bahrain	151	0	151	148	2.0	1,081			
Egypt	243	11	254	255	(0.4)	1,246			
Iraq	40	0	40	114	(64.9)	319			
Jordan	239	2	241	408	(40.9)	1,160			
Kuwait	246	3	249	376	(33.8)	1,437			
Lebanon	675	1	676	858	(21.2)	2,137			
Oman	306	0	306	374	(18.2)	1,989			
Qatar	111	0	111	48	131.3	517			
Saudi Arabia	1,263	0	1,263	1,836	(31.2)	7,722			
United Arab Emirates	290	1	291	454	(35.9)	1,294			
Others	144	10	154	184	(16.3)	728			
TOTAL	161,036	19,393	180,429	160,249	12.6	888,353			

¹ Rebased

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