



**JULY
2018**

MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during July 2018 was 217,829. In comparison to July last year, there is a growth of 6.0% when the arrivals were 205,482.

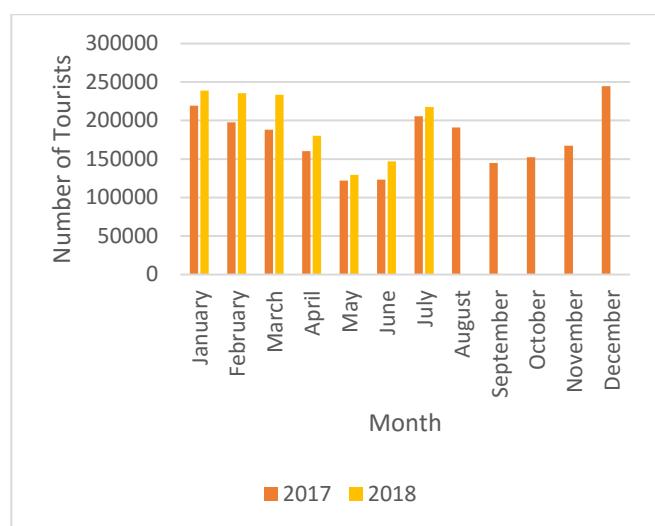
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

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

As at 31st July 2018, 1,382,476 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 13.7% growth over last year when 1,215,926 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		
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
TOTAL	2,116,407		
Up to July	1,215,926	1,382,476	13.7

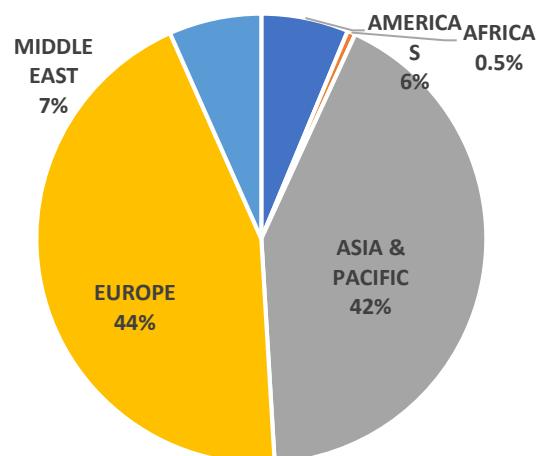
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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

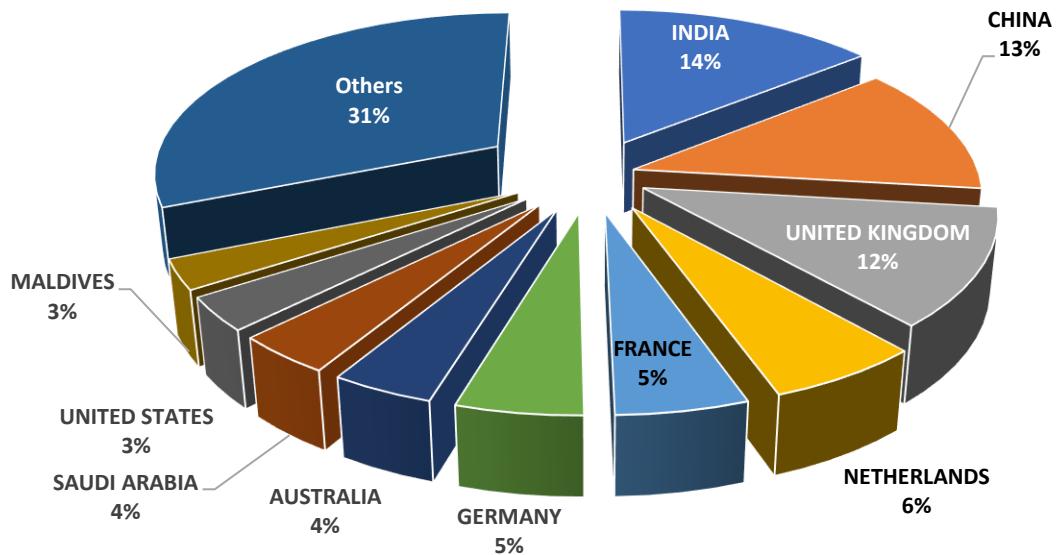
Europe continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 44% of the total traffic received in July 2018.

Asia and Pacific accounted for 42% of the total traffic, Middle East 7%, America 6% and Africa 0.5%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, Netherlands and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of July this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 14% of the total traffic received in July 2018. China accounted for 13% of the total traffic, while United Kingdom, Netherlands and France accounted for 12%, 6% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals July 2018			Tourist Arrivals July 2017	% Change July 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	30,570	462	31,032	29,006	7.0
2	CHINA	27,418	42	27,460	28,445	(3.5)
3	UNITED KINGDOM	25,089	97	25,186	23,553	6.9
4	NETHERLAND	13,318	24	13,342	11,990	11.3
5	FRANCE	11,300	1	11,301	11,393	(0.8)
6	GERMANY	10,823	2	10,825	10,835	(0.1)
7	AUSTRALIA	8,801	-	8,801	6,883	27.9
8	SAUDI ARABIA	8,409	-	8,409	8,354	0.7
9	UNITED STATES	7,149	15	7,164	4,857	47.5
10	MALDIVES	6,344	4	6,348	6,458	(1.7)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	JULY 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals July 2017	% Change July (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to July 2018			
	Tourist Arrivals ¹								
	By Air	By Sea	Total						
AMERICAS			13,668	11,260	21.4	88,237			
North America	13,241	16	13,257	10,929	21.3	82,942			
Canada	6,016	1	6,017	6,018	0.0	33,756			
Mexico	76	0	76	54	40.7	1,055			
United States	7,149	15	7,164	4,857	47.5	48,131			
Caribbean & Central America	63	0	63	36	75.0	539			
Jamaica	7	0	7	7	0.0	66			
Costa Rica	0	0	0	2	-	62			
Others	56	0	56	27	107.4	411			
South America	348	0	348	295	18.0	4,756			
Argentina	71	0	71	49	44.9	1,304			
Brazil	117	0	117	107	9.3	1,882			
Chile	64	0	64	49	30.6	621			
Colombia	53	0	53	38	39.5	389			
Others	43	0	43	52	(17.3)	560			
AFRICA			1,267	828	53.0	8,201			
North Africa	258	2	260	239	8.8	1,605			
Morocco	72	0	72	68	5.9	545			
Sudan	113	2	115	111	3.6	465			
Others	73	0	73	60	21.7	595			
Sub-Saharan Africa	1,001	6	1,007	799	26.0	6,596			
Kenya	95	0	95	76	25.0	394			
Mauritius	72	0	72	50	44.0	386			
Nigeria	23	1	24	52	(53.8)	237			
South Africa	595	3	598	377	58.6	4,060			
Others	216	2	218	244	(10.7)	1,519			

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ASIA & PACIFIC			91,909	90,266	1.8	628,793			
North East Asia	33,582	68	33,650	34,748	(3.2)	207,731			
China	27,418	42	27,460	28,445	(3.5)	163,754			
Japan	3,793	5	3,798	4,025	(5.6)	29,199			
South Korea	1,426	18	1,444	1,454	(0.7)	9,374			
Taiwan	921	3	924	804	14.9	5,288			
Others	24	0	24	20	20.0	116			
South East Asia	6,418	314	6,732	6,569	2.5	48,637			
Cambodia	51	0	51	56	(8.9)	588			
Indonesia	447	21	468	606	(22.8)	3,113			
Malaysia	1,658	8	1,666	1,628	2.3	12,959			
Myanmar	214	16	230	417	(44.8)	1446			
Philippines	1,415	266	1,681	1,209	39.0	11,827			
Singapore	1,562	1	1,563	1,485	5.3	11,025			
Thailand	805	2	807	912	(11.5)	5,492			
Vietnam	241	0	241	195	23.6	2,011			
Others	25	0	25	61	(59.0)	176			
Oceania	10,208	0	10,208	7,949	28.4	69,733			
Australia	8,801	0	8,801	6,883	27.9	61,771			
New Zealand	1,376	0	1,376	1,011	36.1	7797			
Others	31	0	31	55	(43.6)	165			
South Asia	40,773	546	41,319	41,000	0.8	302,692			
Afghanistan	47	0	47	76	(38.2)	584			
Bangladesh	849	8	857	1,272	(32.6)	6007			
Bhutan	49	0	49	33	48.5	381			
India	30,570	462	31,032	29,006	7.0	237,369			
Iran	701	9	710	275	158.2	4211			
Maldives	6,344	4	6,348	6,458	(1.7)	39,838			
Nepal	308	44	352	307	14.7	2,968			
Pakistan	1,905	19	1,924	3,573	(46.2)	11,334			

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EUROPE			96,468	88,375	9.2	612,711			
Northern Europe	33,693	136	33,829	30,449	11.1	204,587			
Denmark	2,939	12	2,951	2,824	4.5	13,777			
Finland	242	0	242	205	18.0	5,530			
Norway	3,040	27	3,067	2,181	40.6	11,897			
Sweden	1,206	0	1,206	860	40.2	16,867			
United Kingdom	25,111	97	25,208	23,553	7.0	149,835			
Others	1,155	0	1,155	826	39.8	6,681			
Western Europe	46,322	28	46,350	44,670	3.8	241,625			
Austria	1,642	0	1,642	1,414	16.1	12,487			
Belgium	3,681	0	3,681	3,275	12.4	10,561			
France	11,302	1	11,303	11,393	(0.8)	70,033			
Germany	10,823	2	10,825	10,835	(0.1)	91,113			
Netherlands	13,318	24	13,342	11,990	11.3	36,064			
Switzerland	5,459	1	5,460	5,683	(3.9)	20,795			
Others	97	0	97	80	21.3	572			
Central / Eastern Europe	5,941	371	6,312	5,394	17.0	107,887			
Belarus	70	1	71	69	2.9	3,017			
Czech Republic	1,050	0	1,050	793	32.4	11,260			
Estonia	26	2	28	25	12.0	1,618			
Hungary	163	0	163	206	(20.9)	2,916			
Kazakhstan	112	0	112	124	(9.7)	1,861			
Lithuania	160	3	163	116	40.5	2,185			
Poland	1,198	83	1,281	911	40.6	11,940			
Romania	188	23	211	152	38.8	3,474			
Russian Federation	1,116	46	1,162	1,274	(8.8)	39,289			
Slovakia	218	0	218	276	(21.0)	3,486			
Ukraine	1,213	196	1,409	1,165	20.9	21,740			
Others	427	17	444	283	56.9	5,101			

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	9,715	262	9,977	7,862	26.9	58,612			
Greece	373	197	570	395	44.3	4,370			
Italy	3,240	7	3,247	2,269	43.1	22,286			
Portugal	337	0	337	271	24.4	2,909			
Spain	3,357	0	3,357	2,701	24.3	13,467			
Turkey	234	15	249	251	(0.8)	2,605			
Israel	1,345	0	1,345	1,154	16.5	6,785			
Others	829	43	872	821	6.2	6,190			
MIDDLE EAST	14,507	10	14,517	14,543	(0.2)	44,534			
Bahrain	392	0	392	451	(13.1)	1,826			
Egypt	460	6	466	334	39.5	2,151			
Iraq	78	0	78	72	8.3	569			
Jordan	227	3	230	273	(15.8)	1,775			
Kuwait	335	0	335	538	(37.7)	2,141			
Lebanon	546	0	546	459	19.0	3,273			
Oman	2,171	0	2,171	2,404	(9.7)	4,783			
Qatar	267	0	267	55	385.5	1,020			
Saudi Arabia	8,409	0	8,409	8,354	0.7	22,219			
United Arab Emirates	1,199	0	1,199	1,333	(10.1)	3,211			
Others	423	1	424	270	57.0	1,566			
TOTAL	216,070	1,759	217,829	205,482	6.0	1,382,476			

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