



MAY
2018

MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during May 2018 was 129,466. In comparison to May last year, there is a growth of 6.2% when the arrivals were 121,891.

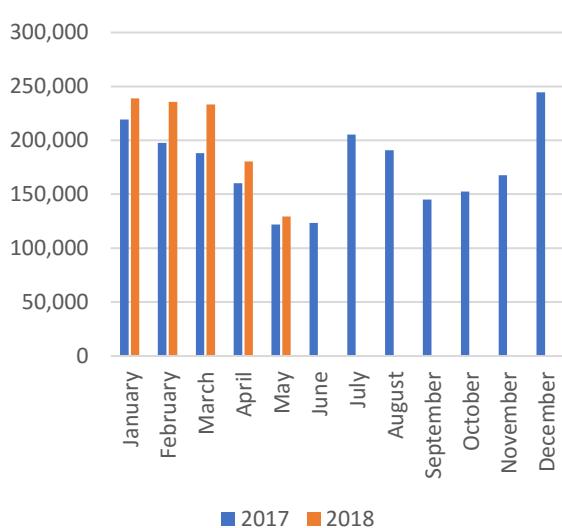
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

Almost 96.7% of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31st May 2018, 1,017,819 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 14.7% growth over last year when 887,093 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		
July	205,482		
August	190,928		
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
TOTAL	2,116,407		
Up to May	887,093	1,017,819	14.7

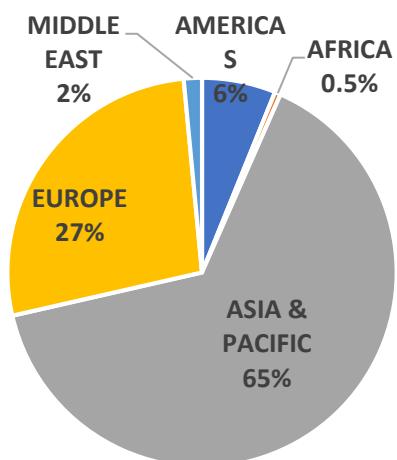
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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

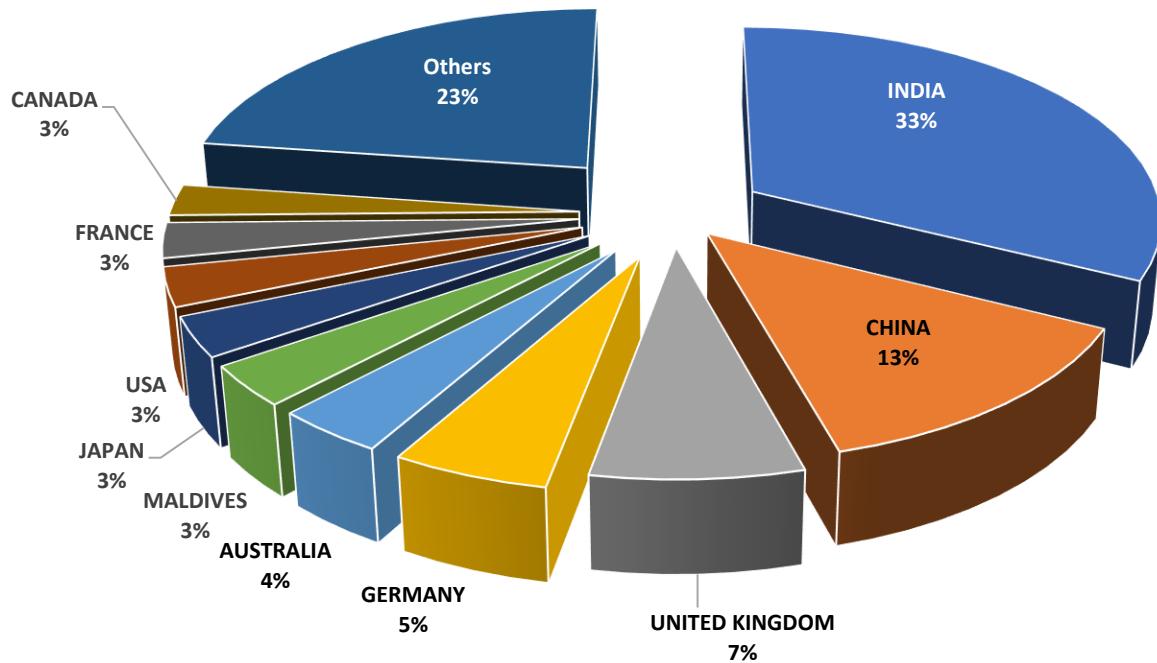
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 65% of the total traffic received in May 2018.

Europe accounted for 27% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 2 % and Africa 0.5%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, Germany and Australia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of May this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 33% of the total traffic received in May 2018. China accounted for 13% of the total traffic, while United Kingdom, Germany and Australia accounted for 7%, 5% and 4% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals May 2018			Tourist Arrivals May 2017	% Change May 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	41,495	578	42,073	34,167	23.1
2	CHINA	16,937	166	17,103	18,494	(7.5)
3	UNITED KINGDOM	9,143	194	9,337	8,520	9.6
4	GERMANY	6,543	363	6,906	6,351	8.7
5	AUSTRALIA	4,817	56	4,873	3,805	28.1
6	MALDIVES	4,341	2	4,343	5,364	(19.0)
7	JAPAN	3,325	904	4,229	2,848	48.5
8	USA	3,687	436	4,123	3,324	24.0
9	FRANCE	3,715	6	3,721	2,907	(0.4)
10	CANADA	3,234	63	3,297	3,352	(1.6)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	MAY 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals May 2017 ¹	% Change May (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to May- 2018			
	Tourist Arrivals								
	By Air	By Sea	Total						
AMERICAS			7,924	7,052	12.4	64,521			
North America	6,988	504	7,492	6,734	11.3	59,970			
Canada	3,234	63	3,297	3,352	(1.6)	23,063			
Mexico	67	5	72	58	24.1	919			
United States	3,687	436	4,123	3,324	24.0	35,988			
Caribbean & Central America	50	1	51	57	(10.5)	419			
Jamaica	6	0	6	5	20.0	52			
Costa Rica	3	0	3	10	(70.00)	59			
Others	41	1	42	42	0.00	308			
South America	365	16	381	261	46.0	4,132			
Argentina	122	0	122	41	197.6	1,183			
Brazil	112	12	124	106	17.0	1,649			
Chile	52	3	55	32	71.9	514			
Colombia	33	0	33	41	(19.5)	304			
Others	46	1	47	41	14.6	482			
AFRICA			633	718	(11.8)	5,972			
North Africa	124	1	125	136	(8.1)	1,127			
Morocco	31	0	31	54	(42.6)	413			
Sudan	52	0	52	44	18.2	250			
Others	41	1	42	38	10.5	464			
Sub-Saharan Africa	494	14	508	582	(12.7)	4,845			
Kenya	59	0	59	64	(7.8)	255			
Mauritius	24	0	24	72	(66.7)	280			
Nigeria	38	1	39	44	(11.4)	191			
South Africa	254	5	259	249	4.0	2,942			
Others	119	8	127	153	(17.0)	1,177			

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ASIA & PACIFIC			83,924	79,353	5.76	451,032			
North East Asia	21,573	1,222	22,795	22,730	0.29	149,197			
China	1,6937	166	17,103	18,494	(7.52)	115,870			
Japan	3,325	904	4,229	2,848	48.49	22,327			
South Korea	865	27	892	1,003	(11.07)	6,967			
Taiwan	440	125	565	334	69.16	3,952			
Others	6	0	6	51	(88.24)	81			
South East Asia	6,099	349	6,448	8,545	(24.54)	34,254			
Cambodia	84	0	84	417	(79.86)	499			
Indonesia	455	15	470	1,494	(68.54)	2,296			
Malaysia	1,560	44	1,604	2,089	(23.22)	8,904			
Myanmar	106	7	113	436	(74.08)	1089			
Philippines	1,411	245	1,656	1,074	54.19	8,473			
Singapore	1,431	30	1,461	1,465	(0.27)	7,483			
Thailand	738	7	745	1,223	(39.08)	3,815			
Vietnam	268	1	269	328	(17.99)	1,558			
Others	46	0	46	19	142.11	137			
Oceania	5,441	67	5,508	4,368	26.10	47,886			
Australia	4,817	56	4,873	3,805	28.07	42,973			
New Zealand	609	11	620	531	16.76	4,808			
Others	15	0	15	32	(53.13)	105			
South Asia	48,483	690	49,173	43,710	12.50	219,695			
Afghanistan	108		108	46	134.78	493			
Bangladesh	700	29	729	1,104	(33.97)	4,120			
Bhutan	30		30	32	(6.25)	291			
India	41,495	578	42,073	34,167	23.14	173,366			
Iran	244	24	268	205	30.73	3,169			
Maldives	4,341	2	4,343	5,364	(19.03)	28,128			
Nepal	422	50	472	459	2.83	2,172			
Pakistan	1,143	7	1,150	2,333	(50.71)	7,956			

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EUROPE			35,031	32,262	8.58	474,710
Northern Europe	11,165	235	11,400	10,278	10.92	153,508
Denmark	444	12	456	446	2.24	9,867
Finland	229	1	230	142	61.97	4,990
Norway	491	20	511	374	36.63	6,558
Sweden	466	5	471	454	3.74	14,772
United Kingdom	9,143	194	9,337	8,520	9.59	112,523
Others	392	3	395	342	15.50	4,798
Western Europe	14,497	467	14,964	14,364	4.18	180,752
Austria	612	25	637	580	9.83	10,302
Belgium	491	3	494	547	(9.69)	6,095
France	3,715	6	3,721	3,738	(0.45)	55,042
Germany	6,543	363	6,906	6,351	8.74	74,496
Netherlands	2,044	7	2,051	1,997	2.70	20,372
Switzerland	1,072	56	1,128	1,127	0.09	13,993
Others	20	7	27	24	12.50	452
Central / Eastern Europe	4,453	360	4,813	4,662	3.24	96,676
Belarus	126	2	128	105	21.90	2,824
Czech Republic	322	0	322	353	(8.78)	9,639
Estonia	29	3	32	38	(15.79)	1,556
Hungary	103	0	103	114	(9.65)	2,615
Kazakhstan	73	0	73	97	(24.74)	1,682
Lithuania	201	2	203	109	86.24	1,798
Poland	594	67	661	489	35.17	9,949
Romania	128	22	150	133	12.78	3,058
Russian Federation	1,200	64	1,264	1,242	1.77	36,992
Slovakia	153	0	153	205	(25.37)	3,123
Ukraine	1,212	174	1,386	1,464	(5.33)	19,140
Others	312	26	338	313	7.99	4,300

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	3,542	312	3,854	2,958	30.29	43,774			
Greece	379	241	620	286	116.78	3,311			
Italy	1,048	10	1,058	957	10.55	17,672			
Portugal	191	0	191	195	(2.05)	2,319			
Spain	987	15	1,002	746	34.32	8,594			
Turkey	277	11	288	218	32.11	2,187			
Israel	399	0	399	330	20.91	4,741			
Others	261	35	296	226	30.97	4,950			
MIDDLE EAST	1,942	12	1,954	2,506	(22.03)	21,584			
Bahrain	108	0	108	85	27.06	1,189			
Egypt	153	8	161	155	3.87	1,407			
Iraq	37	1	38	48	(20.83)	357			
Jordan	116	1	117	151	(22.52)	1,277			
Kuwait	143	0	143	246	(41.87)	1,580			
Lebanon	225	0	225	299	(24.75)	2,362			
Oman	84	0	84	246	(65.85)	2,073			
Qatar	53	0	53	37	43.24	570			
Saudi Arabia	666	0	666	834	(20.14)	8,388			
United Arab Emirates	230	0	230	301	(23.59)	1,524			
Others	127	2	129	104	24.04	857			
TOTAL	125,216	4,250	129,466	121,891	6.2	1,017,819			

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