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MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT



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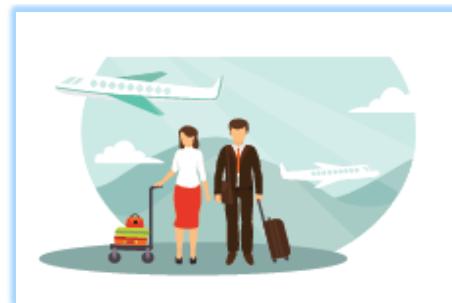


SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during April 2021 was 4,168. As at 30th April 2021, 13,797 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a decline of 97.3% over last year when 507,311 tourists had visited the country from January to 18th March. The figures reflect the evolution of COVID- 19 and its palpable impact on the travel and tourism industry.

The largest source markets recorded for the month of April was India, followed by the China, and Kazakhstan.

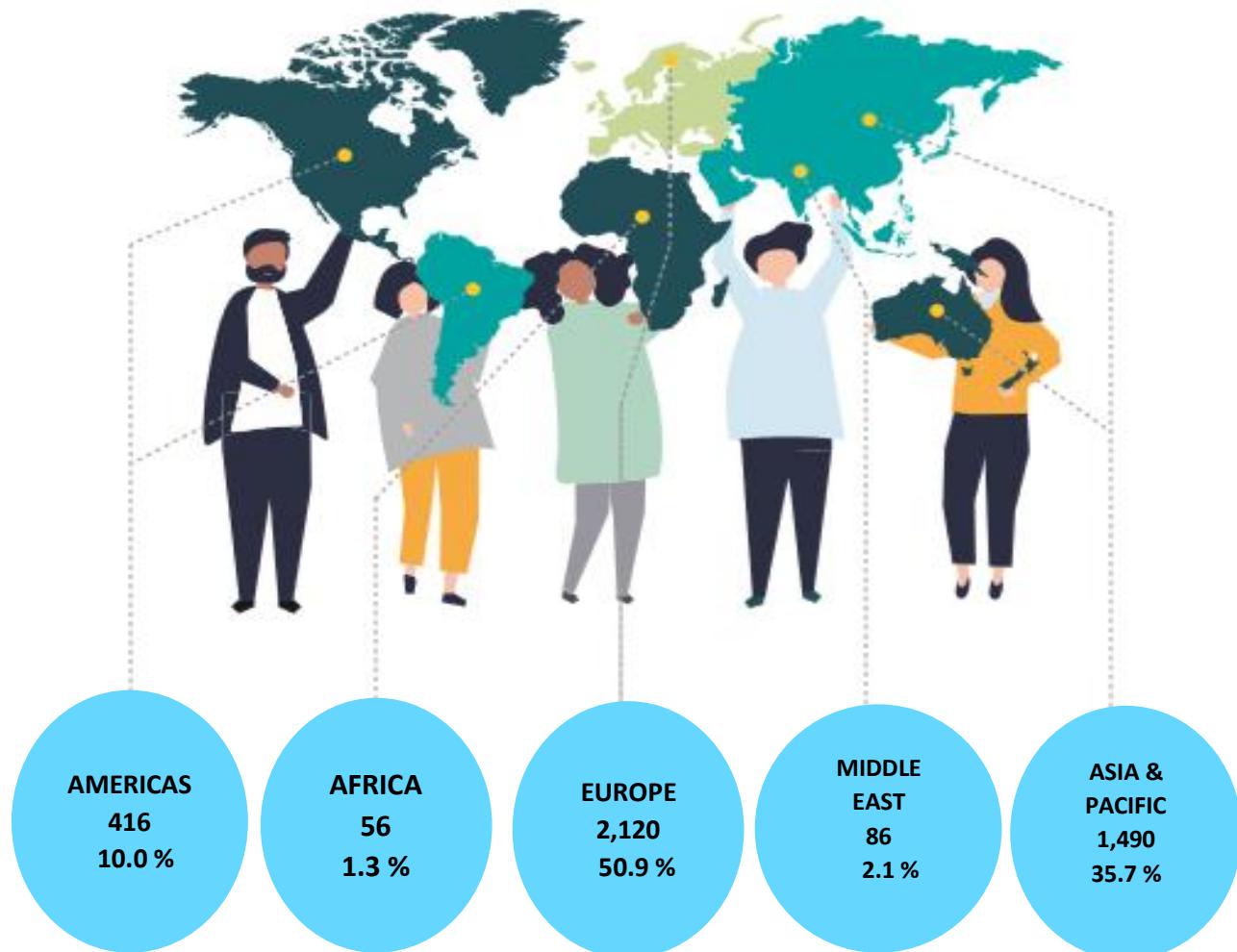
| Month | 2020 | 2021 | % change 2021/20 |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| January | 228,434 | 1,682 | (99.3) |
| February | 207,507 | 3,366 | (98.4) |
| March | 71,370 | 4,581 | (93.6) |
| April | 0 | 4,168 | - |
| May | 0 | - | - |
| June | 0 | - | - |
| July | 0 | - | - |
| August | 0 | - | - |
| September | 0 | - | - |
| October | 0 | - | - |
| November | 0 | - | - |
| December | 393 | - | - |
| Total (Jan ~ April) | 507,311 | 13,797 | (97.3) |
| TOTAL | 507,704 | | |



Tourist Arrivals – April
4,168



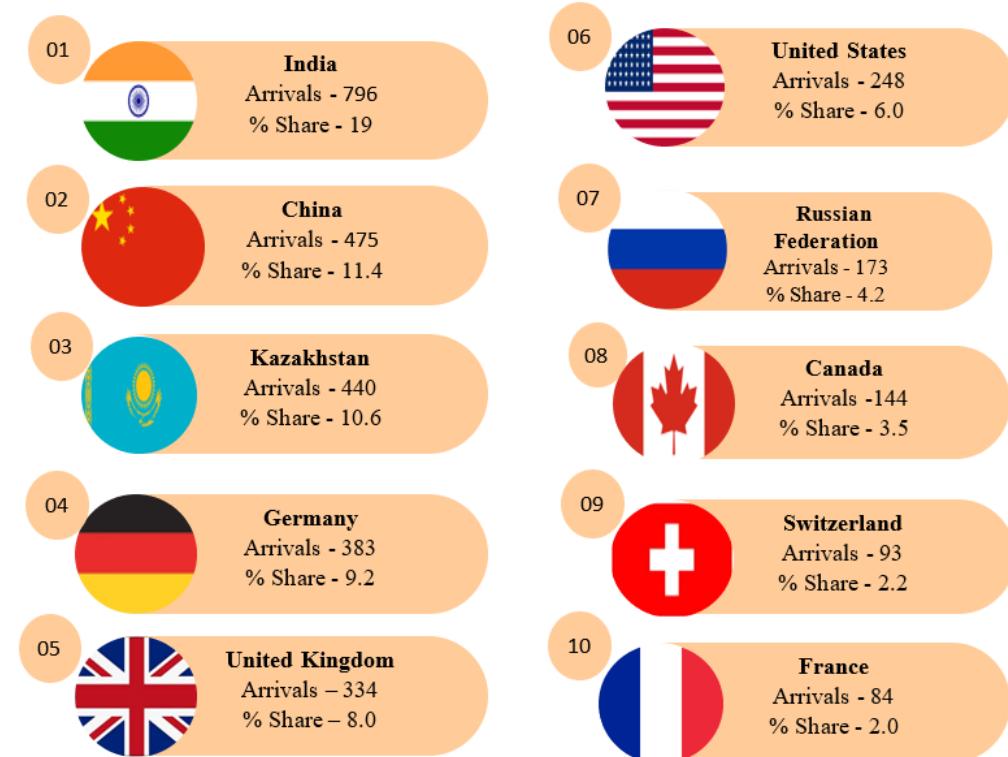
TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION AND PERCENTAGE SHARE- APRIL 2021



Europe became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 50.9% of the total traffic received in April 2021. Asia and Pacific accounted for 35.7% of the total traffic while Americas accounted for 10%. In comparison to arrivals up to April last year all regions have recorded a decline in arrivals. It is noteworthy that total arrivals up to April from Kazakhstan had recorded a growth in comparison to total arrivals up to April 2020.

TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS –APRIL 2021

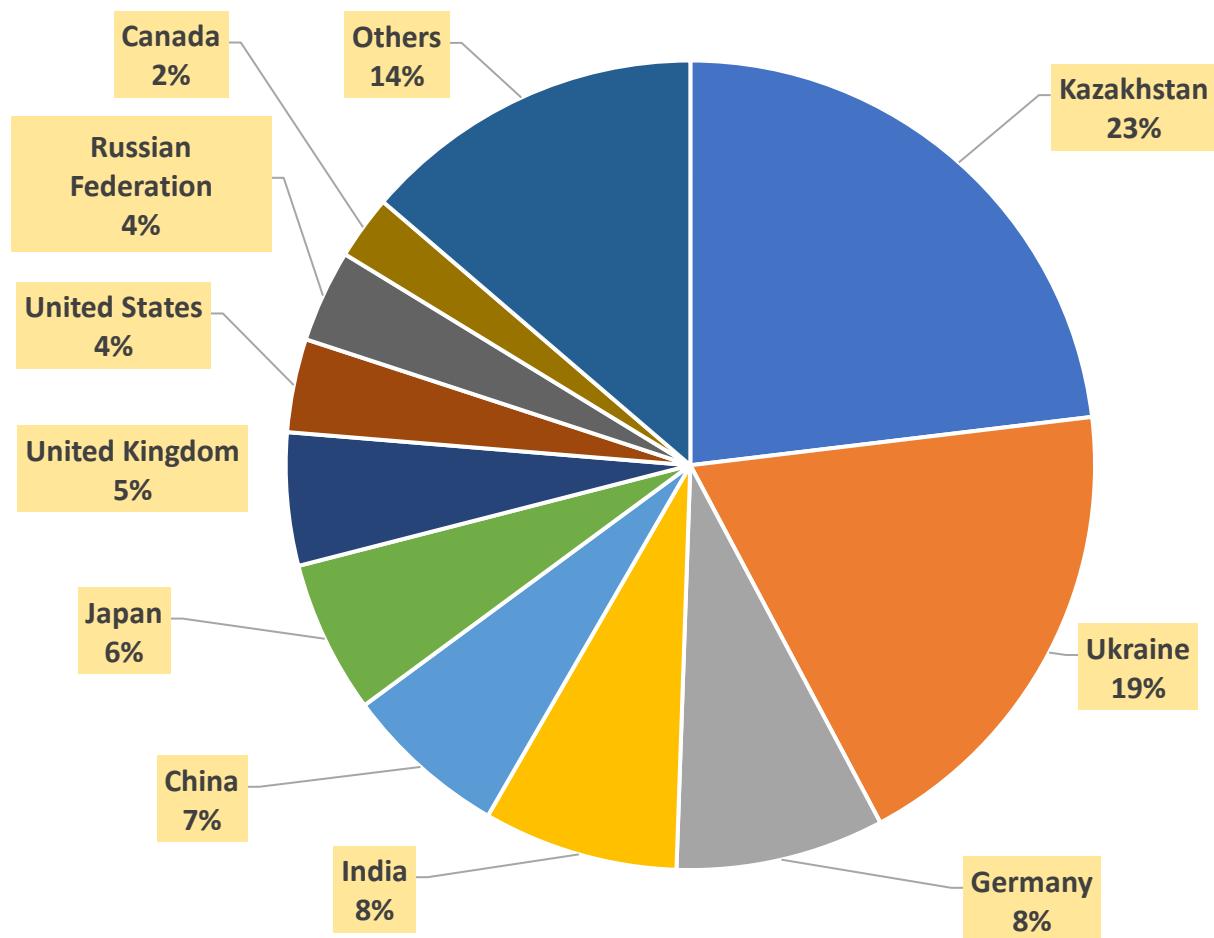
India, China, Kazakhstan, Germany and United Kingdom were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of April this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 19 % of the total traffic received in above period. China accounted for 11.4% of the total traffic; while Kazakhstan, Germany and United Kingdom accounted for 10.6%, 9.2% and 8% respectively. The gradual prominence of Indian market is noteworthy while the presence of countries from the Americas, Western, Central & Eastern Europe and Asia Pacific regions among the top source markets reflects the gradual revitalisation of tourism industry in Sri Lanka.



| Rank | Country of Residence | Tourist Arrivals April 2021 | | | Tourist Arrivals April 2020 |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------------|
| | | By Air | By Sea | Total | |
| 1 | India | 796 | - | 796 | - |
| 2 | China | 475 | - | 475 | - |
| 3 | Kazakhstan | 440 | - | 440 | - |
| 4 | Germany | 383 | - | 383 | - |
| 5 | United Kingdom | 334 | - | 334 | - |
| 6 | United States | 248 | - | 248 | - |
| 7 | Russian Federation | 173 | - | 173 | - |
| 8 | Canada | 144 | - | 144 | - |
| 9 | Switzerland | 93 | - | 93 | - |
| 10 | France | 84 | - | 84 | - |

TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS – JANUARY TO APRIL - 2021

Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Germany, India and China were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets from January to April this year. Kazakhstan was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 23% of the total traffic received from January to April 2021 and it has recorded a growth of 36.6% compared to 2020 in terms of total arrivals for the consecutive months from January to April. Ukraine accounted for 19% of the total traffic; while Germany, India and China accounted for 8% (both) and 7% respectively.



| Rank | Country of Residence | Tourist Arrivals (Jan-April) 2021 | Tourist Arrivals (Jan - April) 2020 | % Change (Jan - Apr 2021 & Jan - Apr 2020) |
|------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Kazakhstan | 3,186 | 2,333 | 36.6 |
| 2 | Ukraine | 2,639 | 16,776 | (84.3) |
| 3 | Germany | 1,149 | 34,507 | (96.7) |
| 4 | India | 1,075 | 89,357 | (98.8) |
| 5 | China | 842 | 26,147 | (96.8) |
| 6 | Japan | 41 | 6,644 | (99.4) |
| 7 | United Kingdom | 732 | 55,455 | (98.7) |
| 8 | United States | 515 | 16,842 | (96.9) |
| 9 | Russian Federation | 509 | 49,397 | (99.0) |
| 10 | Canada | 352 | 12,436 | (97.2) |

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

| | April 2021 | | | Total Tourist Arrivals April 2020 | % Change April (21/20) | Total Tourist Arrivals up to April 2021 | Total Tourist Arrivals up to April 2020 | % Change up to April 2021/20 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Tourist Arrivals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | By Air | By Sea | Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| AMERICAS | 416 | 0 | 416 | 0 | - | 918 | 31,843 | (97.1) | | | | | |
| North America | 393 | 0 | 393 | 0 | - | 873 | 29,627 | (97.1) | | | | | |
| Canada | 144 | 0 | 144 | 0 | - | 352 | 12,436 | (97.2) | | | | | |
| Mexico | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 6 | 349 | (98.3) | | | | | |
| United States | 248 | 0 | 248 | 0 | - | 515 | 16,842 | (96.9) | | | | | |
| Caribbean & Central America | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 14 | 226 | (93.8) | | | | | |
| Costa Rica | - | - | - | 0 | - | 0 | 33 | (100.0) | | | | | |
| Jamaica | - | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 25 | (96.0) | | | | | |
| Others | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 13 | 168 | (92.3) | | | | | |
| South America | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 | - | 31 | 1,990 | (98.4) | | | | | |
| Argentina | 5 | - | 5 | 0 | - | 5 | 416 | (98.8) | | | | | |
| Brazil | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | - | 12 | 875 | (98.6) | | | | | |
| Chile | - | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 271 | (99.6) | | | | | |
| Colombia | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | - | 9 | 201 | (95.5) | | | | | |
| Others | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 4 | 227 | (98.2) | | | | | |
| AFRICA | 56 | 0 | 56 | 0 | - | 91 | 2,880 | (96.8) | | | | | |
| North Africa | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | - | 6 | 689 | (99.1) | | | | | |
| Morocco | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - | 3 | 311 | (99.0) | | | | | |
| Sudan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 2 | 143 | (98.6) | | | | | |
| Others | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 1 | 235 | (99.6) | | | | | |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 52 | 0 | 52 | 0 | - | 85 | 2,191 | (96.1) | | | | | |
| Kenya | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 2 | 110 | (98.2) | | | | | |
| Mauritius | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 3 | 170 | (98.2) | | | | | |
| Nigeria | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - | 2 | 25 | (92.0) | | | | | |
| South Africa | 31 | 0 | 31 | 0 | - | 55 | 1,364 | (96.0) | | | | | |
| Others | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | - | 23 | 522 | (95.6) | | | | | |

| | April 2021 | | | Total Tourist Arrivals April 2020 | % Change April (21/20) | Total Tourist Arrivals up to April 2021 | Total Tourist Arrivals up to April 2020 | % Change up to April 2021/20 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Tourist Arrivals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | By Air | By Sea | Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| ASIA & PACIFIC | 1,490 | 0 | 1,490 | 0 | - | 2,510 | 181,154 | (98.6) | | | | | |
| North East Asia | 501 | 0 | 501 | 0 | - | 905 | 37,320 | (97.6) | | | | | |
| China | 475 | 0 | 475 | 0 | - | 842 | 26,147 | (96.8) | | | | | |
| Japan | 19 | 0 | 19 | 0 | - | 41 | 6,644 | (99.4) | | | | | |
| South Korea | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - | 14 | 2,499 | (99.4) | | | | | |
| Taiwan | 5 | 0 | 5 | | - | 8 | 1,985 | (99.6) | | | | | |
| Others | - | - | - | 0 | - | 0 | 45 | (100.0) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South East Asia | 56 | 0 | 56 | 0 | - | 128 | 14,927 | (99.1) | | | | | |
| Cambodia | - | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 372 | (99.7) | | | | | |
| Indonesia | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | - | 17 | 1,114 | (98.5) | | | | | |
| Malaysia | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | - | 15 | 3,494 | (99.6) | | | | | |
| Myanmar | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | - | 11 | 532 | (97.9) | | | | | |
| Philippines | 28 | 0 | 28 | 0 | - | 57 | 4,249 | (98.7) | | | | | |
| Singapore | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | - | 9 | 2,545 | (99.6) | | | | | |
| Thailand | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | - | 11 | 1,880 | (99.4) | | | | | |
| Vietnam | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - | 7 | 709 | (99.0) | | | | | |
| Others | - | - | - | 0 | - | 0 | 32 | (100.0) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oceania | 74 | 0 | 74 | 0 | - | 145 | 22,706 | (99.4) | | | | | |
| Australia | 60 | 0 | 60 | 0 | - | 116 | 20,283 | (99.4) | | | | | |
| New Zealand | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0 | - | 29 | 2,342 | (98.8) | | | | | |
| Others | - | - | - | 0 | - | 0 | 99 | (100.0) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Asia | 859 | 0 | 859 | 0 | - | 1332 | 106,201 | (98.7) | | | | | |
| Afghanistan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 2 | 146 | (98.6) | | | | | |
| Bangladesh | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | - | 14 | 1,986 | (99.3) | | | | | |
| Bhutan | - | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 208 | (99.5) | | | | | |
| India | 796 | 0 | 796 | 0 | - | 1075 | 89,357 | (98.8) | | | | | |
| Iran | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | - | 69 | 648 | (89.4) | | | | | |
| Maldives | 32 | 0 | 32 | 0 | - | 118 | 9,407 | (98.7) | | | | | |
| Nepal | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | - | 5 | 1,384 | (99.6) | | | | | |
| Pakistan | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | - | 48 | 3,065 | (98.4) | | | | | |

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| | Tourist Arrivals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | By Air | By Sea | Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| EUROPE | 2,120 | 0 | 2,120 | 0 | - | 10,065 | 281,203 | (96.4) | | | | | |
| Northern Eur. | 407 | 0 | 407 | 0 | - | 946 | 75,146 | (98.7) | | | | | |
| Denmark | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | - | 42 | 4,905 | (99.1) | | | | | |
| Finland | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | - | 19 | 2,298 | (99.2) | | | | | |
| Norway | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | - | 52 | 3,019 | (98.3) | | | | | |
| Sweden | 19 | 0 | 19 | 0 | - | 50 | 7,061 | (99.3) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 334 | 0 | 334 | 0 | - | 732 | 55,455 | (98.7) | | | | | |
| Others | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | - | 51 | 2,408 | (97.9) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Eur. | 673 | 0 | 673 | 0 | - | 1,832 | 82,229 | (97.8) | | | | | |
| Austria | 32 | 0 | 32 | 0 | - | 94 | 4,300 | (97.8) | | | | | |
| Belgium | 22 | 0 | 22 | 0 | - | 38 | 3,371 | (98.9) | | | | | |
| France | 84 | 0 | 84 | 0 | - | 200 | 24,838 | (99.2) | | | | | |
| Germany | 383 | 0 | 383 | 0 | - | 1149 | 34,507 | (96.7) | | | | | |
| Netherlands | 52 | 0 | 52 | 0 | - | 126 | 8,656 | (98.5) | | | | | |
| Switzerland | 93 | 0 | 93 | 0 | - | 213 | 6,389 | (96.7) | | | | | |
| Others | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 12 | 168 | (92.9) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central / Eastern Europe | 899 | 0 | 899 | 0 | - | 6,963 | 100,373 | (93.1) | | | | | |
| Belarus | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0 | - | 81 | 2,638 | (96.9) | | | | | |
| Czech Republic | 52 | 0 | 52 | 0 | - | 121 | 7,599 | (98.4) | | | | | |
| Estonia | 22 | 0 | 22 | 0 | - | 33 | 1,185 | (97.2) | | | | | |
| Hungary | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 19 | 1,588 | (98.8) | | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | 440 | 0 | 440 | 0 | - | 3,186 | 2,333 | 36.6 | | | | | |
| Lithuania | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - | 18 | 1,054 | (98.3) | | | | | |
| Poland | 26 | 0 | 26 | 0 | - | 82 | 11,908 | (99.3) | | | | | |
| Romania | 32 | 0 | 32 | 0 | - | 38 | 1,724 | (97.8) | | | | | |
| Russian Federation | 173 | 0 | 173 | 0 | - | 509 | 49,397 | (99.0) | | | | | |
| Slovakia | 39 | 0 | 39 | 0 | - | 79 | 1,513 | (94.8) | | | | | |
| Ukraine | 47 | 0 | 47 | 0 | - | 2,639 | 16,776 | (84.3) | | | | | |
| Others | 45 | 0 | 45 | - | - | 158 | 2,658 | (94.1) | | | | | |

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|--|------------------|----------|--------------|--|------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Tourist Arrivals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | By Air | By Sea | Total | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern / Mediterranean Europe | 141 | 0 | 141 | 0 | - | 324 | 23,455 | (98.6) | | | | | |
| Greece | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | - | 8 | 1,573 | (99.5) | | | | | |
| Italy | 43 | 0 | 43 | 0 | - | 102 | 8,603 | (98.8) | | | | | |
| Portugal | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | - | 16 | 1,602 | (99.0) | | | | | |
| Spain | 30 | 0 | 30 | 0 | - | 84 | 3,385 | (97.5) | | | | | |
| Turkey | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0 | - | 30 | 2,121 | (98.6) | | | | | |
| Israel | 33 | 0 | 33 | 0 | - | 48 | 3,556 | (98.7) | | | | | |
| Others | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | - | 36 | 2,615 | (98.6) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MIDDLE EAST | 86 | 0 | 86 | 0 | - | 213 | 10,231 | (97.9) | | | | | |
| Bahrain | 2 | 0 | 2 | | - | 10 | 549 | (98.2) | | | | | |
| Egypt | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | - | 20 | 956 | (97.9) | | | | | |
| Iraq | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 4 | 138 | (97.1) | | | | | |
| Jordan | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0 | - | 52 | 627 | (91.7) | | | | | |
| Kuwait | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | - | 6 | 825 | (99.3) | | | | | |
| Lebanon | 45 | 0 | 45 | 0 | - | 99 | 483 | (79.5) | | | | | |
| Oman | - | - | - | 0 | - | 1 | 1,045 | (99.9) | | | | | |
| Qatar | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - | 3 | 129 | (97.7) | | | | | |
| Saudi Arabia | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - | 2 | 4,755 | (100.0) | | | | | |
| United Arab Emirates | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 11 | 352 | (96.9) | | | | | |
| Others | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | - | 5 | 372 | (98.7) | | | | | |
| | | | | 0 | - | 0 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 4,168 | 0 | 4,168 | 0 | - | 13,797 | 507,311 | (97.3) | | | | | |

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