

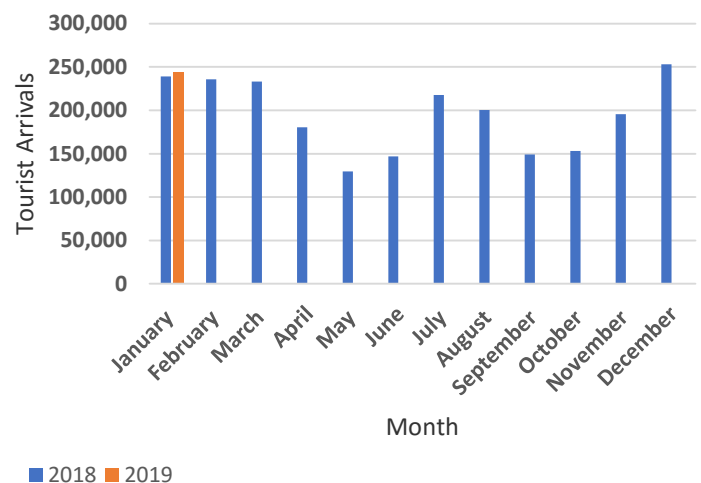
## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during January 2019 was 244,239. In comparison to January last year, there was a growth of 2.2% when the arrivals were 238,924.

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

Almost 96 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

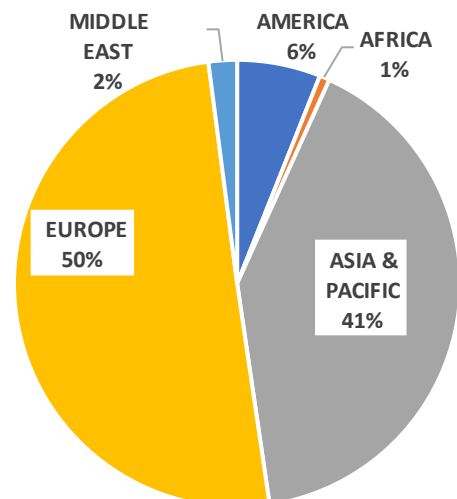
Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618		
March	233,382		
April	180,429		
May	129,466		
June	146,828		
July	217,829		
August	200,359		
September	149,087		
October	153,123		
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,333,796</b>		



## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

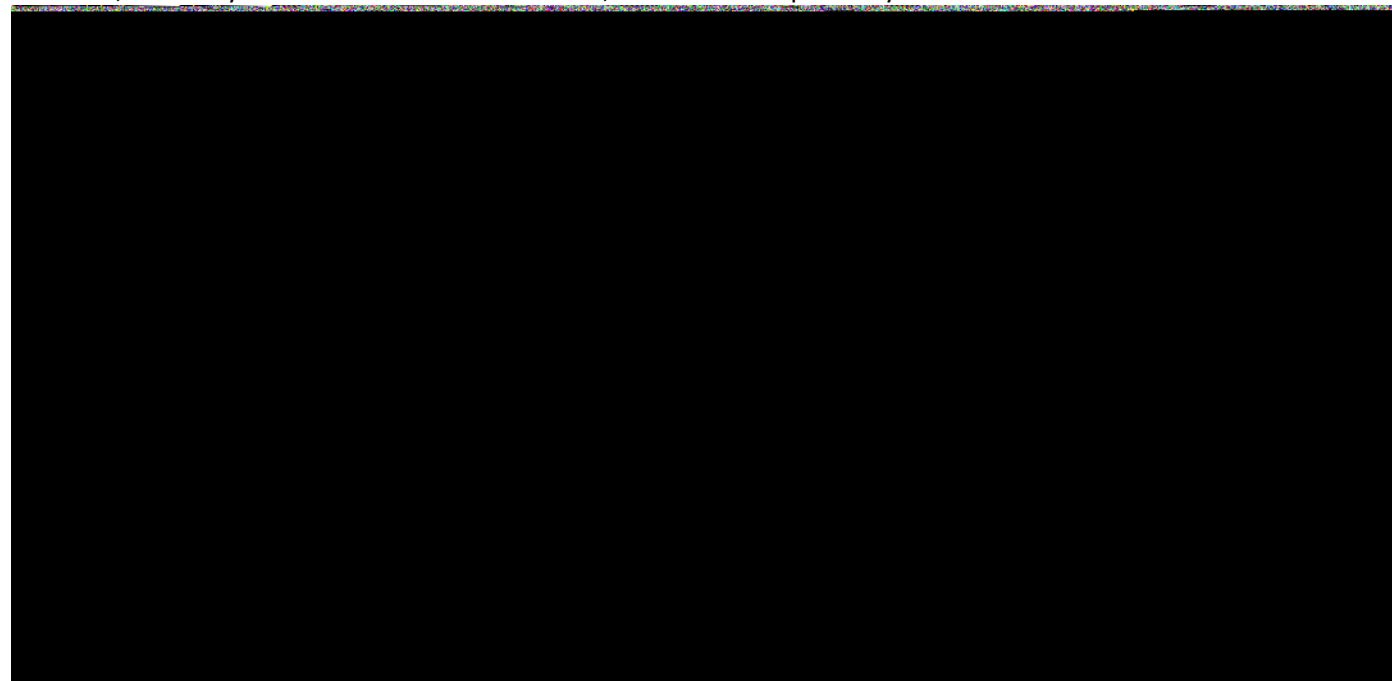
Europe became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 50% of the total traffic received in January 2019.

Asia and Pacific accounted for 41% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 2% and Africa 1%.



## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, Germany and Russia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of January this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 16% of the total traffic received in January 2019. China accounted for 11% of the total traffic; while UK, Germany and Russia accounted for 11%, 6% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals January 2019			Tourist Arrivals January 2018	% Change January 2019/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	38,977	1,072	40,049	37,936	5.6
2	CHINA	26,299	115	26,414	24,275	8.8
3	UNITED KINGDOM	24,233	1,803	26,036	22,940	13.5
4	GERMANY	13,374	653	14,027	15,298	(8.3)
5	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	13,269	205	13,474	11,569	16.5
6	FRANCE	11,628	264	11,892	12,221	(2.7)
7	AUSTRALIA	10,096	272	10,368	9,452	9.7
8	UNITED STATES	7,123	726	7,849	7,501	4.6
9	UKRAINE	6,256	225	6,481	6,636	(2.3)
10	ITALY	5,050	1,383	6,433	5,348	20.3

## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		January 2019			Total Tourist Arrivals January 2018	% Change January (2019 / 2018)
		Tourist Arrivals				
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
<b>AMERICAS</b>		<b>13,500</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>14,771</b>	<b>14,030</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>North America</b>		<b>12,685</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>13,833</b>	<b>13,267</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Canada		5,432	408	5,840	5,682	2.8
Mexico		130	14	144	84	71.4
United States		7,123	726	7,849	7,501	4.6
<b>Caribbean &amp; Central America</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Costa Rica		21	0	21	9	133.3
Jamaica		1	1	2	9	(77.8)
Others		59	10	69	66	4.5
<b>South America</b>		<b>734</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>24.6</b>
Argentina		168	24	192	236	(18.6)
Brazil		286	44	330	226	46.0
Chile		123	9	132	99	0.0
Colombia		79	9	88	52	0.0
Others		78	26	104	66	51.5
<b>AFRICA</b>		<b>1,415</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>54.8</b>
<b>North Africa</b>		<b>310</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>24.8</b>
Morocco		128	0	128	86	48.8
Sudan		64	1	65	59	10.2
Others		118	6	124	109	13.8
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>1,105</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>63.2</b>
Kenya		66	2	68	64	6.3
Mauritius		100	0	100	56	78.6
Nigeria		42	1	43	44	(2.3)
South Africa		717	153	870	588	48.0
Others		180	208	388	148	162.2

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<b>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</b>		<b>97,860</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>99,879</b>	<b>98,104</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>North East Asia</b>		<b>33,064</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>33,235</b>	<b>32,413</b>	<b>2.5</b>
China		26,299	115	26,414	24,275	8.8
Japan		3,520	33	3,553	4,694	(24.3)
South Korea		2,124	16	2,140	2,493	(14.2)
Taiwan		1,090	7	1,097	928	18.2
Others		31	0	31	23	34.8
<b>South East Asia</b>		<b>5,470</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>5,855</b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>(14.1)</b>
Cambodia		128	0	128	85	50.6
Indonesia		414	76	490	535	(8.4)
Malaysia		1,474	7	1,481	1,735	(14.6)
Myanmar		229	19	248	372	(33.3)
Philippines		979	265	1,244	1,667	(25.4)
Singapore		1,110	7	1,117	1,387	(19.5)
Thailand		929	9	938	785	19.5
Vietnam		187	2	189	237	(20.3)
Others		20	0	20	14	42.9
<b>Oceania</b>		<b>11,154</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>11,462</b>	<b>10,467</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Australia		10,096	272	10,368	9,452	9.7
New Zealand		1,031	36	1,067	989	7.9
Others		27	0	27	26	3.8
<b>South Asia</b>		<b>48,172</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>49,327</b>	<b>48,407</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Afghanistan		49	0	49	83	(41.0)
Bangladesh		939	7	946	982	(3.7)
Bhutan		37	0	37	110	(66.4)
India		38,977	1,072	40,049	37,936	5.6
Iran		202	2	204	507	(59.8)
Maldives		6,002	2	6,004	6,124	(2.0)
Nepal		433	62	495	566	(12.5)
Pakistan		1,533	10	1,543	2,099	(26.5)

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		Tourist Arrivals				
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<b>EUROPE</b>		<b>116,897</b>	<b>5,864</b>	<b>122,761</b>	<b>117,156</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Northern Europe</b>		<b>36,344</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>38,414</b>	<b>36,270</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Denmark		3,017	42	3,059	3,013	1.5
Finland		1,573	16	1,589	1,854	(14.3)
Norway		1,850	56	1,906	1,851	3.0
Sweden		4,605	87	4,692	5,586	(16.0)
United Kingdom		24,233	1,803	26,036	22,940	13.5
Others		1,066	66	1,132	1,026	10.3
<b>Western Europe</b>		<b>36,959</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>38,124</b>	<b>39,889</b>	<b>(4.4)</b>
Austria		2,223	65	2,288	2,833	(19.2)
Belgium		1,242	36	1,278	1,275	0.2
France		11,628	264	11,892	12,221	(2.7)
Germany		13,374	653	14,027	15,298	(8.3)
Netherlands		5,052	49	5,101	5,061	0.8
Switzerland		3,370	87	3,457	3,104	11.4
Others		70	11	81	97	(16.5)
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>		<b>32,093</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>32,833</b>	<b>29,804</b>	<b>10.2</b>
Belarus		989	8	997	802	24.3
Czech Republic		2,785	2	2,787	2,257	23.5
Estonia		495	6	501	435	15.2
Hungary		829	16	845	894	(5.5)
Kazakhstan		504	5	509	674	(24.5)
Lithuania		447	4	451	382	18.1
Poland		3,709	131	3,840	3,254	18.0
Romania		833	58	891	935	(4.7)
Russian Federation		13,269	205	13,474	11,569	16.5
Slovakia		752	28	780	760	2.6
Ukraine		6,256	225	6,481	6636	(2.3)
Others		1,225	52	1,277	1206	5.9

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		By Air	By Sea	Total		
Southern / Mediterranean Europe		11,501	1,889	13,390	11,193	19.6
Greece		530	236	766	644	18.9
Italy		5,050	1,383	6,433	5,348	20.3
Portugal		441	11	452	486	(7.0)
Spain		1,703	135	1,838	1,388	32.4
Turkey		584	0	584	658	(11.2)
Israel		1,869	30	1,899	1,321	43.8
Others		1,324	94	1,418	2,669	5.2
<u>MIDDLE EAST</u>		4,986	56	5,042	8,480	(40.5)
Bahrain		394	0	394	588	(33.0)
Egypt		310	10	320	433	(26.1)
Iraq		93	2	95	81	17.3
Jordan		366	4	370	366	1.1
Kuwait		541	4	545	545	0.0
Lebanon		362	27	389	358	8.7
Oman		561	3	564	842	(33.0)
Qatar		65	0	65	268	(75.7)
Saudi Arabia		1,759	0	1,759	4,397	(60.0)
United Arab Emirates		346	0	346	336	3.0
Others		189	6	195	266	(26.7)
TOTAL		234,658	9,581	244,239	238,924	2.2

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