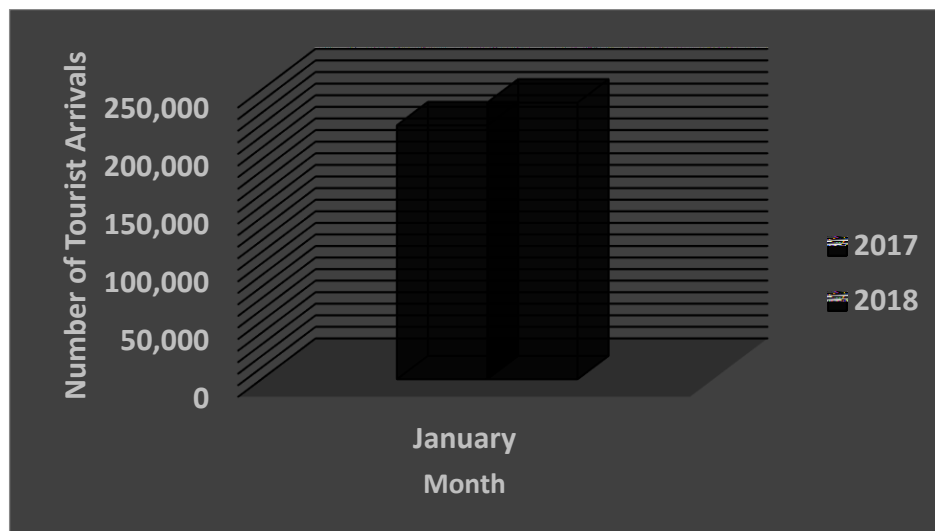


## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during January 2018 was 238,924. In comparison to January last year, there was a growth of 8.9%. 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 in January.

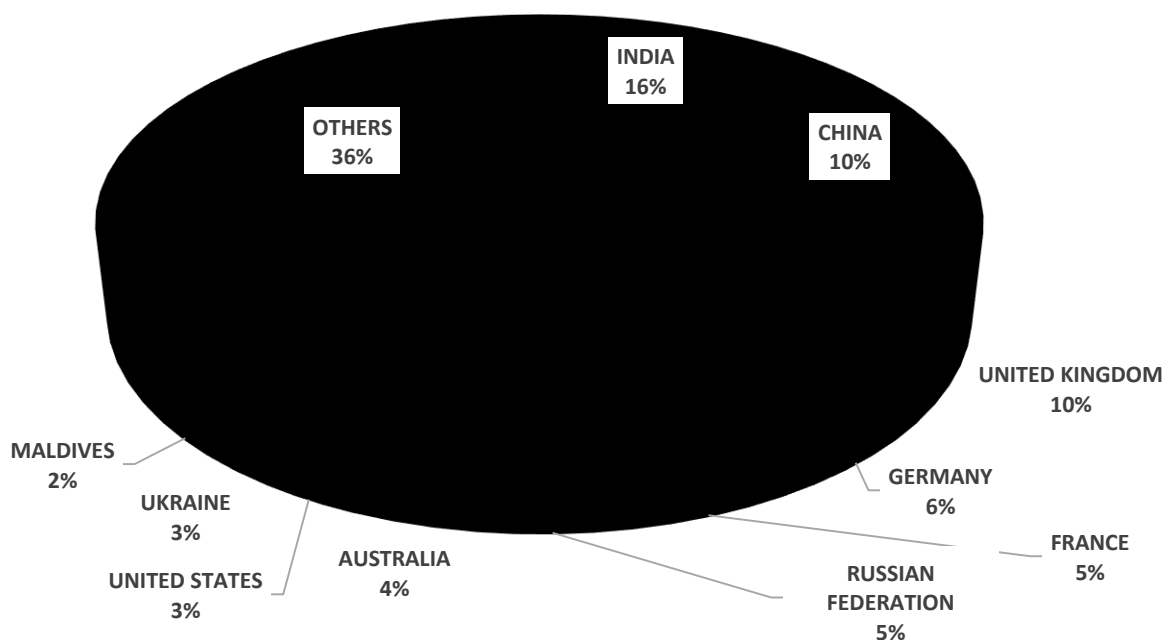
## ANALYSIS

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## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

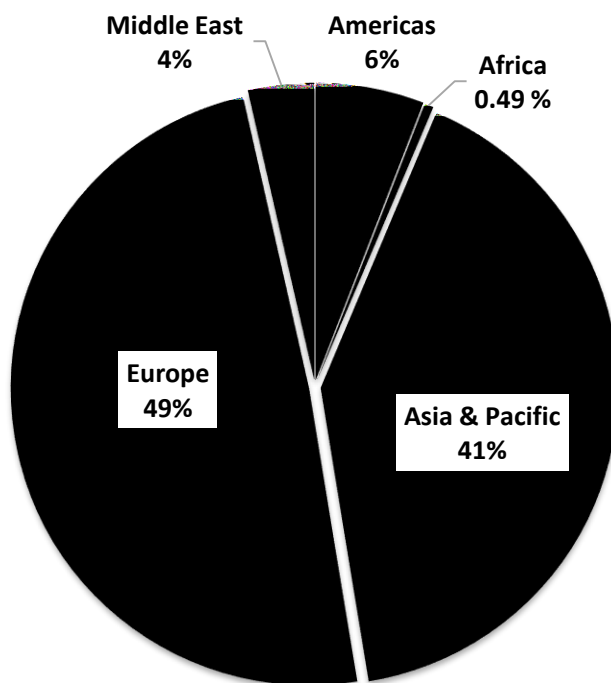
India, China, United Kingdom, Germany and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of January this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 16% of the total traffic received in January 2018. China accounted for 10% of the total traffic; while UK, Germany and France accounted for 10%, 6% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals Jan 2018		Total
		By Air	By Sea	
1	INDIA	37,281	655	37,936
2	CHINA	24,176	99	24,275
3	UNITED KINGDOM	22,100	840	22,940
4	GERMANY	13,583	1,715	15,298
5	FRANCE	11,784	437	12,221
6	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	11,329	240	11,569
7	AUSTRALIA	9,315	137	9,452
8	UNITED STATES	6,897	604	7,501
9	UKRAINE	6,422	214	6,636
10	MALDIVES	6,122	2	6,124

## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

Europe continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 49% of the total traffic received in January 2018. Asia and Pacific accounted for 41% of the total traffic; Americas 6%, Middle East 4% and Africa 0.49%.



## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		JANUARY 2018			% Change - January (2017 / 2018) <sup>1</sup>
		Tourist Arrivals		Total	
		By Air	By Sea		
<u>AMERICAS</u>				14,030	
North America				13,267	
Canada		5,133	549	5,682	30.1
Mexico		73	11	84	90.9
United States		6,897	604	7,501	21.9
Caribbean & Central America				84	
Costa Rica		9		9	-25
Jamaica		9		9	350
Others		62	4	66	
South America				679	
Argentina		193	43	236	11.3
Brazil		187	39	226	14.1
Chile		99	0	99	26.9
Colombia		51	1	52	33.3
Others		61	5	66	
<u>AFRICA</u>				1,154	
North Africa				254	
Morocco		80	6	86	3.6
Sudan		59	0	59	-7.8
Others		102	7	109	
Sub-Saharan Africa				900	
Kenya		64		64	120.7
Mauritius		54	2	56	21.7
Nigeria		44		44	2.3
South Africa		503	85	588	22.5
Others		147	1	148	
<u>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</u>				98,104	
North East Asia				32,413	
China		24,176	99	24,275	-23.7
Japan		4,367	327	4,694	16.6
South Korea		2,478	15	2,493	35.3
Taiwan		915	13	928	-2.3

Others		23	0	23	
<b>South East Asia</b>				<b>6,817</b>	
Cambodia		85		85	-54.3
Indonesia		502	33	535	-88.2
Malaysia		1,696	39	1,735	-23.4
Myanmar		356	16	372	186.2
Philippines		1,370	297	1,667	98.7
Singapore		1,376	11	1,387	9.8
Thailand		775	10	785	11.7
Vietnam		230	7	237	16.2
Others		14	0	14	
<b>Oceania</b>				<b>10,467</b>	
Australia		9,315	137	9,452	16.5
New Zealand		975	14	989	21.8
Others		25	1	26	
<b>South Asia</b>				<b>48,407</b>	
Afghanistan		83		83	207.4
Bangladesh		973	9	982	-23.4
Bhutan		110		110	-47.1
India		37,281	655	37,936	21.7
Iran		477	30	507	4.5
Maldives		6,122	2	6,124	8.2
Nepal		492	74	566	-5.4
Pakistan		2,085	14	2,099	-16.5
<b>EUROPE</b>				<b>117,156</b>	
<b>Northern Europe</b>				<b>36,270</b>	
Denmark		2,988	25	3,013	-14.8
Finland		1,836	18	1,854	8.4
Norway		1,828	23	1,851	18.2
Sweden		5,468	118	5,586	16.8
United Kingdom		22,100	840	22,940	17.8
Others		988	38	1,026	
<b>Western Europe</b>				<b>39,889</b>	
Austria		2,656	177	2,833	12.2
Belgium		1,227	48	1,275	19.9
France		11,784	437	12,221	14.6
Germany		13,583	1,715	15,298	22.7
Netherlands		4,991	70	5,061	13.6

Switzerland		2,938	166	3,104	22.9
Others		92	5	97	
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>				<b>29,804</b>	
Belarus		800	2	802	2.3
Czech Republic		2,241	16	2,257	-2.1
Estonia		432	3	435	9.0
Hungary		874	20	894	23.7
Kazakhstan		672	2	674	-28.1
Lithuania		371	11	382	3.2
Poland		3,148	106	3,254	52.5
Romania		820	115	935	95.2
Russian Federation		11,329	240	11,569	11.9
Slovakia		755	5	760	23.4
Ukraine		6,422	214	6,636	14.3
Others		1,157	49	1,206	
<b>Southern / Mediterranean Europe</b>				<b>11,193</b>	
Greece		464	180	644	80.9
Italy		3,974	1,374	5,348	20.5
Portugal		468	18	486	33.2
Spain		1,279	109	1,388	16.3
Turkey		464	194	658	30.0
Others		2,510	159	2,669	
<b><u>MIDDLE EAST</u></b>				<b>8,480</b>	
Bahrain		588		588	87.3
Egypt		418	15	433	47.8
Iraq		77	4	81	80.0
Jordan		363	3	366	-4.4
Kuwait		545		545	-9.9
Lebanon		351	7	358	18.5
Oman		841	1	842	-28.3
Qatar		268		268	95.6
Saudi Arabia		4,397		4,397	39.0
United Arab Emirates		335	1	336	8.4
Others		260	6	266	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>229,230</b>	<b>9,694</b>	<b>238,924</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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