

SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during April 2018 was 180,429. In comparison to April last year, there is a growth of 12.6% when the arrivals were 160,249.

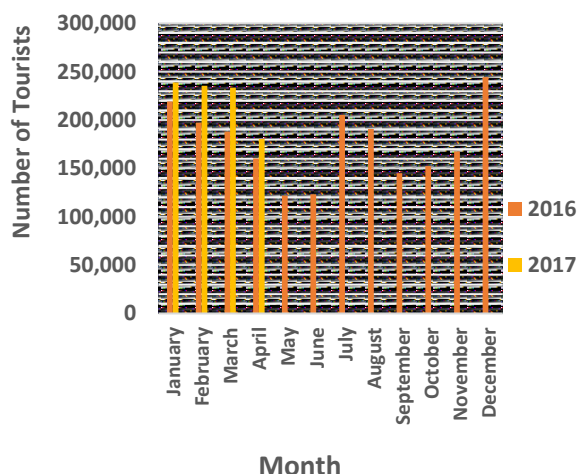
This month, the largest source market for tourists was India, followed by United Kingdom and China.

Almost 94% of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 30th April 2018, 888,353 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 16.1% growth over last year when 765,202 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		
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 April	765,202	888,353	16.1

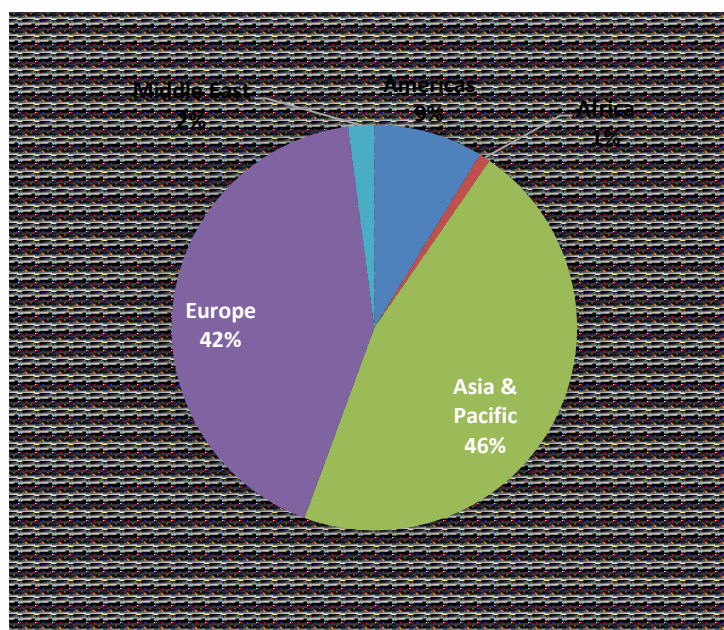
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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

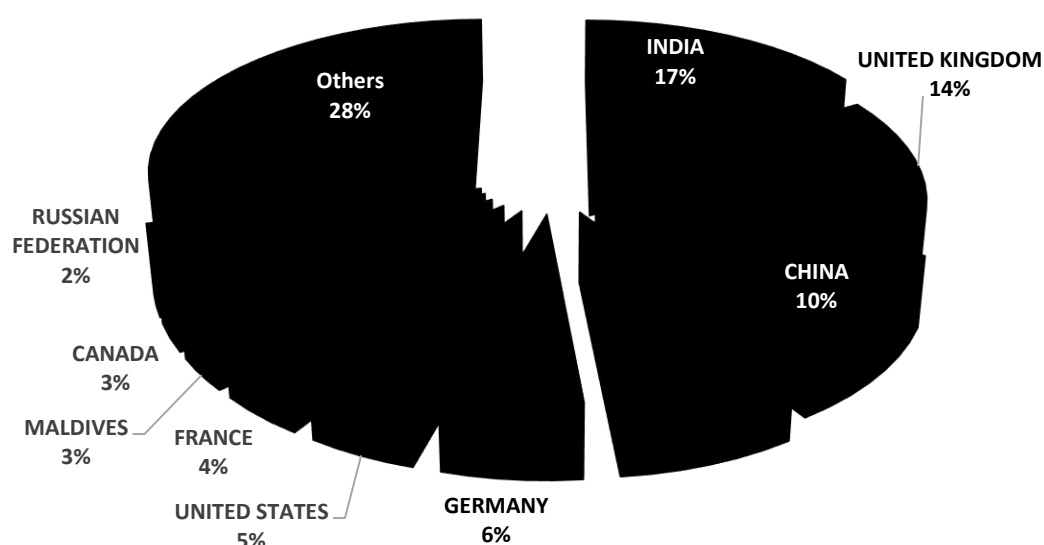
Asia & Pacific was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 46% of the total traffic received in April 2018.

Europe accounted for 42% of the total traffic, Americas 9%, Middle East 2% and Africa 1%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, China, Australia and Germany 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 17% of the total traffic received in April 2018. United Kingdom accounted for 14% of the total traffic, while China, Australia and Germany accounted for 10%, 8% and 6% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals April 2018			Tourist Arrivals April 2017	% Change April 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	29,378	482	29,860	26,323	13.4
2	UNITED KINGDOM	20,407	5,656	26,063	17,841	46.1
3	CHINA	17,295	167	17,462	19,823	(11.9)
4	AUSTRALIA	10,347	3,676	14,023	6,756	107.6
5	GERMANY	9,501	1,302	10,803	11,866	(9.0)
6	UNITED STATES	6,135	2,544	8,679	4,291	102.3
7	FRANCE	6,920	491	7,411	7,804	(5.0)
8	MALDIVES	5,696	0	5,696	5,791	(1.6)
9	CANADA	3,978	994	4,972	3,142	58.2
10	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	3,889	138	4,027	4,602	(12.5)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		APRIL 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals April 2017 ¹	% Change April (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to April 2018
		Tourist Arrivals					
		By Air	By Sea	Total			
<u>AMERICAS</u>			15,737	8,043	95.7	56,597	
North America		10,393	3,754	14,147	7,525	88.0	52,478
Canada		3,978	994	4,972	3,142	58.2	19,766
Mexico		280	216	496	92	439.1	847
United States		6,135	2,544	8,679	4,291	102.3	31,865
Caribbean & Central America		89	16	105	81	29.6	368
Jamaica		6	2	8	5	60.0	46
Costa Rica		10	3	13	10	30.0	56
Others		73	11	84	66	27.3	266
South America		971	514	1,485	437	239.8	3,751
Argentina		207	93	300	84	257.1	1,061
Brazil		459	327	786	141	457.4	1,525
Chile		114	33	147	54	172.2	459
Colombia		72	16	88	69	27.5	271
Others		119	45	164	89	84.3	435
<u>AFRICA</u>				1,614	1,066	51.4	5,339
North Africa		217	0	217	236	(8.1)	1,002
Morocco		98	0	98	78	25.6	382
Sudan		37	0	37	66	(43.9)	198
Others		82	0	82	92	(10.9)	422
Sub-Saharan Africa		1,248	149	1,397	830	68.3	4,337
Kenya		45	4	49	67	(26.9)	196
Mauritius		38	2	40	29	37.9	256
Nigeria		28	0	28	29	(3.4)	152
South Africa		611	131	742	540	37.4	2,683
Others		526	12	538	165	226.1	1,050

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		By Air	By Sea	Total			
ASIA & PACIFIC			82,976	76,445	8.5		
North East Asia		22,105	312	22,417	(8.7)	126,402	
China		17,295	167	17,462	(11.9)	98,767	
Japan		3,403	109	3,512	3.2	18,098	
South Korea		808	17	825	(6.9)	6,075	
Taiwan		588	19	607	51.4	3,387	
Others		11	0	11	(59.3)	75	
South East Asia		6,325	350	6,675	(12.1)	27,806	
Cambodia		141	1	142	47.9	415	
Indonesia		330	22	352	(81.3)	1,826	
Malaysia		1,794	33	1,827	9.0	7,300	
Myanmar		301	8	309	67.0	976	
Philippines		1,389	242	1,631	36.3	6,817	
Singapore		1,327	30	1,357	11.4	6,022	
Thailand		680	11	691	(33.6)	3,070	
Vietnam		339	3	342	26.2	1,289	
Others		24	0	24	14.3	91	
Oceania		11,614	3971	15,585	101.3	42,378	
Australia		10,347	3,676	14,023	107.6	38,100	
New Zealand		1,246	294	1,540	58.1	4,188	
Others		21	1	22	83.3	90	
South Asia		37,710	589	38,299	4.7	170,522	
Afghanistan		40	0	40	(45.9)	385	
Bangladesh		660	12	672	(53.0)	3,391	
Bhutan		42	0	42	27.3	261	
India		29,378	482	29,860	13.4	131,293	
Iran		215	24	239	9.6	2,901	
Maldives		5,696	0	5,696	(1.6)	23,785	
Nepal		315	51	366	16.6	1,700	
Pakistan		1,364	20	1,384	(42.1)	6,806	

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EUROPE			76,366	69,640	9.7	439,679	
Northern Europe	24,109	5,992	30,101	22,689	32.7	142,108	
Denmark	894	49	943	1,310	(28.0)	9,411	
Finland	356	15	371	262	41.6	4,760	
Norway	627	63	690	1,052	(34.4)	6,047	
Sweden	1,034	39	1,073	1,312	(18.2)	14,301	
United Kingdom	20,407	5,656	26,063	17,841	46.1	103,186	
Others	791	170	961	912	5.4	4,403	
Western Europe	25,084	2367	27,451	27,739	(1.0)	165,788	
Austria	1,020	83	1,103	1,250	(11.8)	9,665	
Belgium	1,140	71	1,211	1,140	6.2	5,601	
France	6,920	491	7,411	7,806	(5.1)	51,321	
Germany	9,501	1,302	10,803	11,866	(9.0)	67,590	
Netherlands	3,843	146	3,989	2,907	37.2	18,321	
Switzerland	2,579	266	2,845	2,691	5.7	12,865	
Others	81	8	89	79	12.7	425	
Central / Eastern Europe	11,043	554	11,597	12,498	(7.2)	91,863	
Belarus	286	0	286	239	19.7	2,696	
Czech Republic	1,299	5	1,304	1,502	(13.2)	9,317	
Estonia	137	7	144	71	102.8	1,524	
Hungary	223	8	231	239	(3.3)	2,512	
Kazakhstan	158	0	158	213	(25.8)	1,609	
Lithuania	228	13	241	207	16.4	1,595	
Poland	1,108	55	1,163	696	67.1	9,288	
Romania	395	74	469	303	54.8	2,908	
Russian Federation	3,889	138	4,027	4,602	(12.5)	35,728	
Slovakia	490	4	494	624	(20.8)	2,970	
Ukraine	2,248	200	2,448	3,138	(22.0)	17,754	
Others	582	50	632	664	(4.8)	3,962	

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	6,420	797	7,217	6,714	7.5	39,920
Greece	496	208	704	389	81.0	2,691
Italy	2,029	237	2,266	1,977	14.6	16,614
Portugal	444	80	524	508	3.1	2,128
Spain	1,881	191	2,072	1,810	14.5	7,592
Turkey	229	15	244	237	3.0	1,899
Israel	511	2	513	1,056	(51.4)	4,342
Others	830	64	894	737	21.3	4,654
MIDDLE EAST	3,708	28	3,736	5,055	(26.1)	19,630
Bahrain	151	0	151	148	2.0	1,081
Egypt	243	11	254	255	(0.4)	1,246
Iraq	40	0	40	114	(64.9)	319
Jordan	239	2	241	408	(40.9)	1,160
Kuwait	246	3	249	376	(33.8)	1,437
Lebanon	675	1	676	858	(21.2)	2,137
Oman	306	0	306	374	(18.2)	1,989
Qatar	111	0	111	48	131.3	517
Saudi Arabia	1,263	0	1,263	1,836	(31.2)	7,722
United Arab Emirates	290	1	291	454	(35.9)	1,294
Others	144	10	154	184	(16.3)	728
TOTAL	161,036	19,393	180,429	160,249	12.6	888,353

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