

## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during August 2018 was 200,359. In comparison to August last year, there is a growth of 4.9% when the arrivals were 190,928.

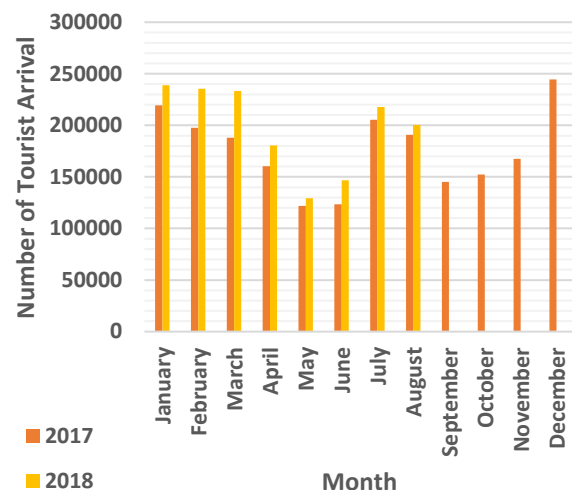
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

Almost 99% of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, 1,582,835 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 12.5% growth over last year when 1,406,854 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	146,828	19.0
July	205,482	217,829	6.0
August	190,928	200,359	4.9
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,116,407</b>		
<b>Up to August</b>	<b>1,406,854</b>	<b>1,582,835</b>	<b>12.5</b>

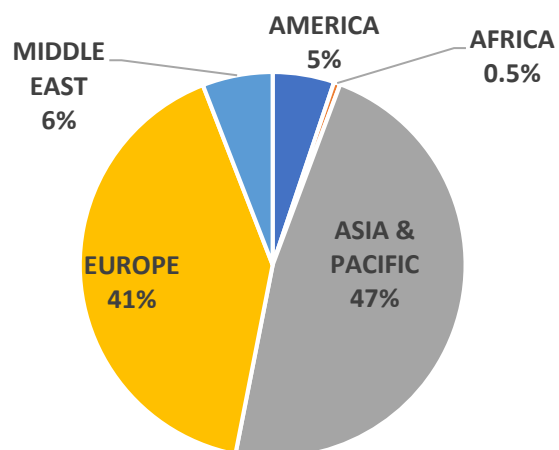
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## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

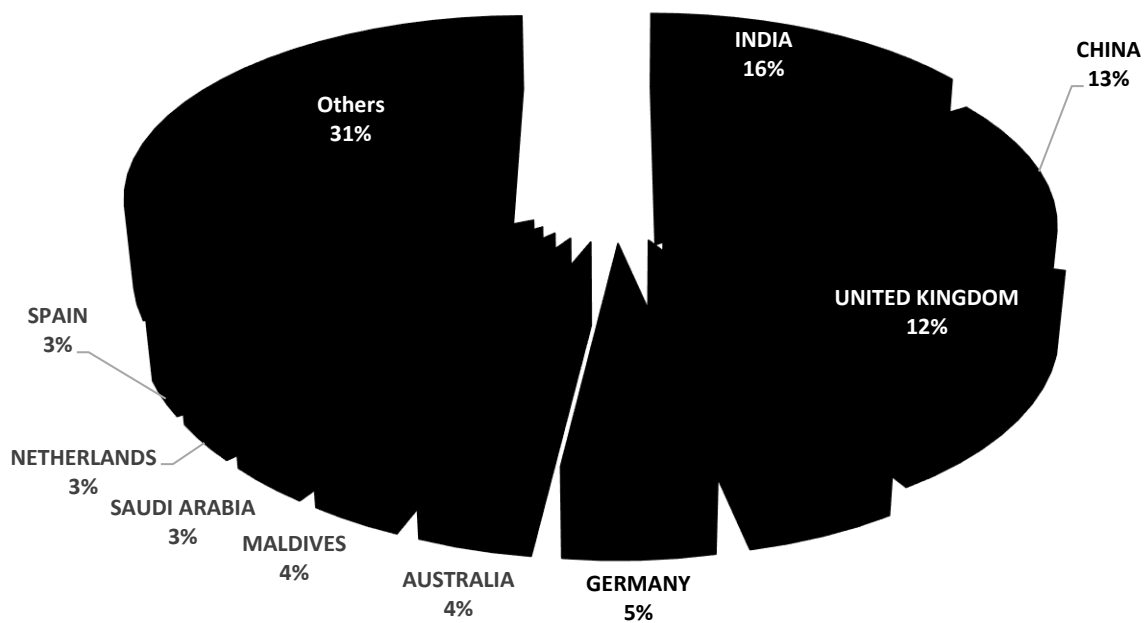
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 47% of the total traffic received in August 2018.

Europe accounted for 41% of the total traffic, Middle East 6%, America 5% and Africa 0.5%.



## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, France and Germany were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of August this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 16% of the total traffic received in August 2018. China accounted for 13% of the total traffic, while United Kingdom, France and Germany accounted for 12%, 6% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals August 2018			Tourist Arrivals August 2017	% Change August 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	31,627	488	32,115	31,220	2.9
2	CHINA	26,488	70	26,558	26,507	0.2
3	UNITED KINGDOM	23,558	85	23,643	21,903	7.8
4	FRANCE	11,008	8	11,016	10,730	2.7
5	GERMANY	10,806	3	10,809	10,993	(1.7)
6	AUSTRALIA	8,237	2	8,239	5,959	38.3
7	MALDIVES	6,879	1	6,880	6,405	7.4
8	SAUDI ARABIA	6,517	0	6,517	8,761	(25.6)
9	NETHERLANDS	6,178	4	6,182	5,697	8.5
10	SPAIN	5,782	0	5,782	4,100	41.0

## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		AUGUST 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals August 2017	% Change August (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to August 2018
		Tourist Arrivals <sup>1</sup>					
		By Air	By Sea	Total			
<b>AMERICAS</b>				<b>10,340</b>	<b>9,973</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>98,578</b>
<b>North America</b>		<b>9,913</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9,918</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>92,860</b>
Canada		5,440	0	5,440	5,496	(1.0)	39,196
Mexico		68	0	68	79	(13.9)	1,123
United States		4,405	5	4,410	3,982	10.7	52,541
<b>Caribbean &amp; Central America</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>(10.0)</b>	<b>611</b>
Jamaica		14	0	14	1	-	80
Costa Rica		15	0	15	8	87.5	77
Others		43	0	43	71	(39.4)	454
<b>South America</b>		<b>350</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5,107</b>
Argentina		54	0	54	58	-6.9	1,358
Brazil		98	0	98	121	-19.0	1,980
Chile		59	0	59	40	47.5	680
Colombia		52	0	52	48	8.3	441
Others		87	0	87	69	27.5	648
<b>AFRICA</b>				<b>1,073</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>9,274</b>
<b>North Africa</b>		<b>310</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>(9.9)</b>	<b>1,916</b>
Morocco		127	0	127	164	(22.6)	672
Sudan		66	1	67	83	(19.3)	532
Others		117	0	117	98	19.4	712
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>754</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>7,358</b>
Kenya		61	0	61	72	(15.3)	455
Mauritius		32	0	32	44	(27.3)	418
Nigeria		28	0	28	42	(33.3)	265
South Africa		453	4	457	343	33.2	4,517
Others		180	4	184	187	(1.6)	1,703

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<b>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</b>			<b>94,965</b>	<b>92,185</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>723,757</b>
<b>North East Asia</b>	<b>34,468</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>34,571</b>	<b>33,945</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>242,302</b>
China	26,488	70	26,558	26,507	0.2	190,312
Japan	5,622	3	5,625	5,511	2.1	34,824
South Korea	1,562	21	1,583	1,332	18.8	10,957
Taiwan	785	9	794	580	36.9	6,082
Others	11	0	11	15	(26.7)	127
<b>South East Asia</b>	<b>7,695</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>8,099</b>	<b>8,477</b>	<b>(4.5)</b>	<b>56,736</b>
Cambodia	35	0	35	28	25.0	623
Indonesia	440	31	471	1,143	(58.8)	3,584
Malaysia	2,093	8	2,101	2,311	(9.1)	15,060
Myanmar	670	25	695	699	(0.6)	2,141
Philippines	1,400	323	1,723	1,394	23.6	13,550
Singapore	1,899	5	1,904	1,783	6.8	12,929
Thailand	821	2	823	889	(7.4)	6,315
Vietnam	288	10	298	221	34.8	2,309
Others	49	0	49	9	-	225
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>9,374</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9,381</b>	<b>6863</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>79,113</b>
Australia	8,237	2	8,239	5,959	38.3	70,010
New Zealand	1,091	0	1,091	862	26.6	8,888
Others	46	5	51	42	19.0	215
<b>South Asia</b>	<b>42,320</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>42,914</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>345,606</b>
Afghanistan	78	0	78	81	(3.7)	662
Bangladesh	1,041	19	1,060	1,360	(22.1)	7,067
Bhutan	48	0	48	46	4.3	429
India	31,627	488	32,115	31,220	2.9	269,484
Iran	556	24	580	256	126.6	4,791
Maldives	6,879	1	6,880	6,405	7.4	46,718
Nepal	383	61	444	399	11.3	3,412
Pakistan	1,708	1	1,709	3,133	(45.5)	13,043

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<b>EUROPE</b>			<b>82,167</b>	<b>73,328</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>694,878</b>
<b>Northern Europe</b>	<b>27,149</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>27,250</b>	<b>24,641</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>231,837</b>
Denmark	911	14	925	791	16.9	14,702
Finland	210	1	211	118	78.8	5,741
Norway	952	0	952	740	28.6	12,849
Sweden	664	1	665	448	48.4	17,532
United Kingdom	23,558	85	23,643	21,903	7.9	173,478
Others	854	0	854	641	33.2	7,535
<b>Western Europe</b>	<b>33,137</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>33,152</b>	<b>31,381</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>274,777</b>
Austria	1,216	0	1,216	970	25.4	13,703
Belgium	1,994	0	1,994	1,354	47.3	12,555
France	11,008	8	11,016	10,730	2.7	81,049
Germany	10,806	3	10,809	10,993	(1.7)	101,922
Netherlands	6,178	4	6,182	5,697	8.5	42,246
Switzerland	1,744	0	1,744	1,517	15.0	22,539
Others	191	0	191	120	59.2	763
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>	<b>5,495</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>5,811</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>113,698</b>
Belarus	96	0	96	74	29.7	3,113
Czech Republic	637	0	637	567	12.3	11,897
Estonia	52	4	56	40	40.0	1,674
Hungary	183	0	183	168	8.9	3,099
Kazakhstan	77	0	77	130	(40.8)	1,938
Lithuania	118	0	118	63	87.3	2,303
Poland	955	66	1,021	684	49.3	12,961
Romania	264	16	280	205	36.6	3,754
Russian Federation	1,126	48	1,174	1,272	(7.7)	40,463
Slovakia	258	1	259	272	(4.8)	3,745
Ukraine	1,352	161	1,513	1,399	8.1	23,253
Others	377	20	397	329	20.7	5,498

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe		15,684	270	15,954	12,103	31.8	74,566
Greece		541	222	763	333	129.1	5,133
Italy		5,739	8	5,747	4,871	18.0	28,033
Portugal		652	1	653	407	60.4	3,562
Spain		5,782	0	5,782	4,100	41.0	19,249
Turkey		374	1	375	294	27.6	2,980
Israel		1,976	0	1,976	1,431	38.1	8,761
Others		620	38	658	667	(1.3)	6,848
<u>MIDDLE EAST</u>		11,804	10	11,814	14,409	(18.0)	56,348
Bahrain		432	0	432	512	(15.6)	2,258
Egypt		388	3	391	366	6.8	2,542
Iraq		124	0	124	106	17.0	693
Jordan		313	1	314	328	(4.3)	2,089
Kuwait		599	0	599	678	(11.7)	2,740
Lebanon		629	1	630	489	28.8	3,903
Oman		960	5	965	1,126	(14.3)	5,748
Qatar		379	0	379	168	125.6	1,399
Saudi Arabia		6,517	0	6,517	8,761	(25.6)	28,736
United Arab Emirates		1,045	0	1,045	1,373	(23.9)	1,045
Others		418	0	418	502	(16.7)	3,211
TOTAL		198,525	1,834	200,359	190,928	4.9	1,582,835

<sup>1</sup> Rebased

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