

SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during June 2018 was 146,828. In comparison to June last year, there is a growth of 19.0 % when the arrivals were 123,351.

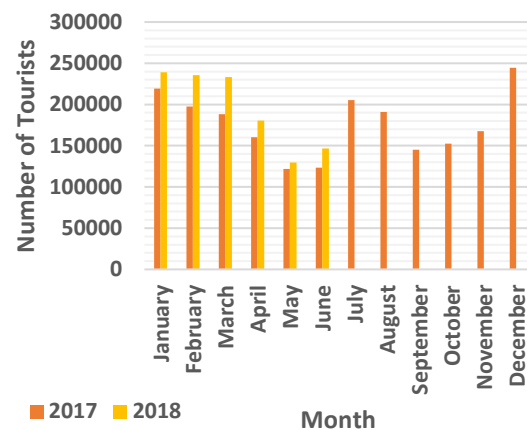
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

Almost 98% of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31st June 2018, 1,164,647 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 15.3% growth over last year when 1,010,444 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		
August	190,928		
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
TOTAL	2,116,407		
Up to June	1,010,444	1,164,647	15.3

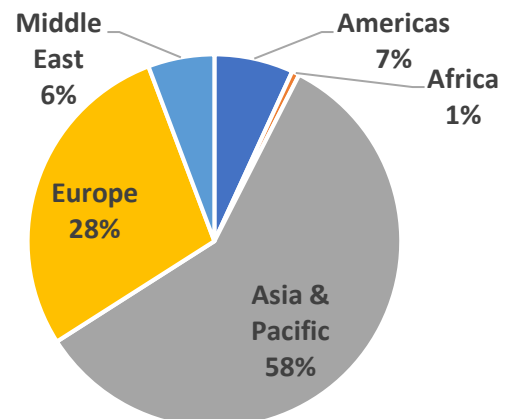
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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

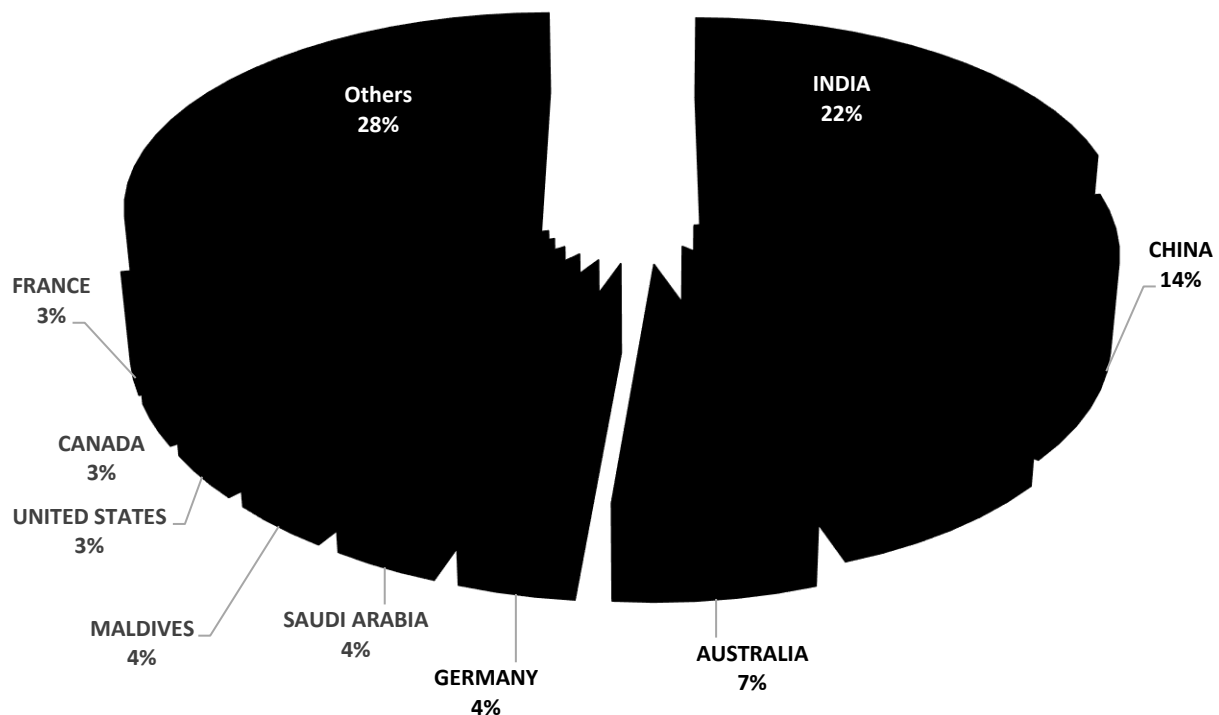
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 58% of the total traffic received in June 2018.

Europe accounted for 28% of the total traffic, America 7%, Middle East 6% and Africa 1%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, Australia and Germany were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of June this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 22% of the total traffic received in June 2018. China accounted for 14% of the total traffic, while United Kingdom, Australia and Germany accounted for 8%, 7% and 4% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals June 2018			Tourist Arrivals June 2017	% Change June 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	32,530	441	32,971	27,836	18.4
2	CHINA	20,333	91	20,424	17,205	18.7
3	UNITED KINGDOM	11,951	153	12,104	10,424	16.1
4	AUSTRALIA	8,643	1,354	9,997	6,360	57.2
5	GERMANY	5,769	23	5,792	7,024	(17.5)
6	SAUDI ARABIA	5,422	0	5,422	1,789	203.1
7	MALDIVES	5,361	1	5,362	4,443	20.7
8	UNITED STATES	4,919	60	4,979	4,200	18.5
9	CANADA	4,672	4	4,676	4,347	7.6
10	FRANCE	3,680	8	3,688	3,365	9.6

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		JUNE 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals June 2017	% Change June (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to June 2018
		Tourist Arrivals ¹					
		By Air	By Sea	Total			
AMERICAS				10,048	8,928	12.5	74,569
North America		9,648	67	9,715	8,619	12.7	69,685
Canada		4,672	4	4,676	4,347	7.6	27,739
Mexico		57	3	60	72	(16.7)	979
United States		4,919	60	4,979	4,200	18.5	40,967
Caribbean & Central America		55	2	57	40	29.6	476
Jamaica		7	0	7	7	60.0	59
Costa Rica		3	0	3	0		62
Others		45	2	47	33	42.4	355
South America		273	3	276	269	2.6	4,408
Argentina		48	2	50	37	35.1	1,233
Brazil		115	1	116	91	27.5	1,765
Chile		43	0	43	50	(14.0)	557
Colombia		32	0	32	47	(31.9)	336
Others		35	0	35	44	(20.5)	517
AFRICA				962	828	16.2	6,934
North Africa		216	2	218	161	35.4	1,345
Morocco		60	0	60	65	(7.7)	473
Sudan		98	2	100	54	85.2	350
Others		58	0	58	42	38.1	522
Sub-Saharan Africa		733	11	744	667	11.5	5,589
Kenya		44	0	44	28	57.1	299
Mauritius		33	1	34	26	30.8	314
Nigeria		21	1	22	46	(52.2)	213
South Africa		514	6	520	438	18.7	3,462
Others		121	3	124	129	(3.9)	1,301

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ASIA & PACIFIC			85,852	71,832	19.5	536,884	
North East Asia		24,746	138	24,884	21,473	15.9	174,081
China		20,333	91	20,424	17,205	18.7	136,294
Japan		3,070	4	3,074	2,970	3.5	25,401
South Korea		924	39	963	952	1.2	7,930
Taiwan		408	4	412	337	22.3	4,364
Others		11	0	11	9	22.2	92
South East Asia		7,363	288	7,651	7,181	6.5	41,905
Cambodia		38	0	38	33	15.2	537
Indonesia		331	18	349	923	(62.2)	2,645
Malaysia		2,384	5	2,389	2,019	18.3	11,293
Myanmar		116	11	127	168	(24.4)	1,216
Philippines		1,431	242	1,673	1,208	38.5	10,146
Singapore		1,975	4	1,979	1,854	6.7	9,462
Thailand		864	6	870	823	5.7	4,685
Vietnam		210	2	212	134	58.2	1,770
Others		14	0	14	19	(26.3)	151
Oceania		9,953	1,686	11,639	7,082	64.3	59,525
Australia		8,643	1,354	9,997	6,360	57.2	52,970
New Zealand		1,281	332	1,613	706	128.5	6,421
Others		29	0	29	16	81.3	134
South Asia		41,145	533	41,678	36,096	15.5	261,373
Afghanistan		44	0	44	24	83.3	537
Bangladesh		1,024	6	1,030	1,106	(6.9)	5,150
Bhutan		41	0	41	14	192.9	332
India		32,530	441	32,971	27,836	18.4	206,337
Iran		312	20	332	303	9.6	3,501
Maldives		5,361	1	5,362	4,443	20.7	33,490
Nepal		390	54	444	335	32.5	2,616
Pakistan		1,443	11	1,454	2,035	(28.6)	9,410

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EUROPE				41,533	37,648	10.3	516,243
Northern Europe		17,066	184	17,250	15,155	13.8	170,758
Denmark		941	18	959	1,103	(13.1)	10,826
Finland		297	1	298	195	52.8	5,288
Norway		2,265	7	2,272	1927	17.9	8,830
Sweden		888	1	889	846	5.1	15,661
United Kingdom		11,951	153	12,104	10,424	16.1	124,627
Others		724	4	728	660	10.3	5,526
Western Europe		14,479	44	14,523	15,133	(4.0)	195,275
Austria		542	1	543	365	48.8	10,845
Belgium		785	0	785	573	37.0	6,880
France		3,680	8	3,688	3,365	9.6	58,730
Germany		5,769	23	5,792	7,024	(17.5)	80,288
Netherlands		2,341	9	2,350	2,399	(2.0)	22,722
Switzerland		1,339	3	1,342	1,381	(2.8)	15,335
Others		23	0	23	26	(11.5)	475
Central / Eastern Europe		4,514	385	4,899	3,507	39.7	101,575
Belarus		122	0	122	50	144.0	2,946
Czech Republic		571	0	571	430	32.8	10,210
Estonia		31	3	34	12	183.3	1,590
Hungary		137	1	138	114	21.1	2,753
Kazakhstan		67	0	67	70	(4.3)	1,749
Lithuania		217	7	224	90	148.9	2,022
Poland		648	62	710	589	20.5	10,659
Romania		174	31	205	161	27.3	3,263
Russian Federation		1,038	97	1,135	1,029	10.3	38,127
Slovakia		144	1	145	135	7.4	3,268
Ukraine		1,027	164	1,191	552	115.8	20,331
Others		338	19	357	275	29.8	4,657

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe		4,637	224	4,861	3,853	26.2	48,635
Greece		319	170	489	246	98.8	3,800
Italy		1,364	3	1,367	1,252	9.2	19,039
Portugal		253	0	253	293	(13.7)	2,572
Spain		1,516	0	1,516	1,059	43.2	10,110
Turkey		159	10	169	241	(29.9)	2,356
Israel		699	0	699	426	64.1	5,440
Others		327	41	368	336	9.5	5,318
MIDDLE EAST		8,431	2	8,433	4,115	104.9	30,017
Bahrain		245	0	245	157	56.1	1,434
Egypt		278	0	278	255	9.0	1,685
Iraq		134	0	134	48	179.2	491
Jordan		268	0	268	208	28.8	1,545
Kuwait		226	0	226	217	4.1	1,806
Lebanon		364	1	365	324	12.7	2,727
Oman		539	0	539	284	89.8	2,612
Qatar		183	0	183	50	266.0	753
Saudi Arabia		5,422	0	5,422	1,789	203.1	13,810
United Arab Emirates		488	0	488	590	(17.3)	2,012
Others		284	1	285	193	47.7	1,142
TOTAL		143,259	3,569	146,828	123,351	19.0	1,164,647

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