

SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during July 2018 was 217,829. In comparison to July last year, there is a growth of 6.0% when the arrivals were 205,482.

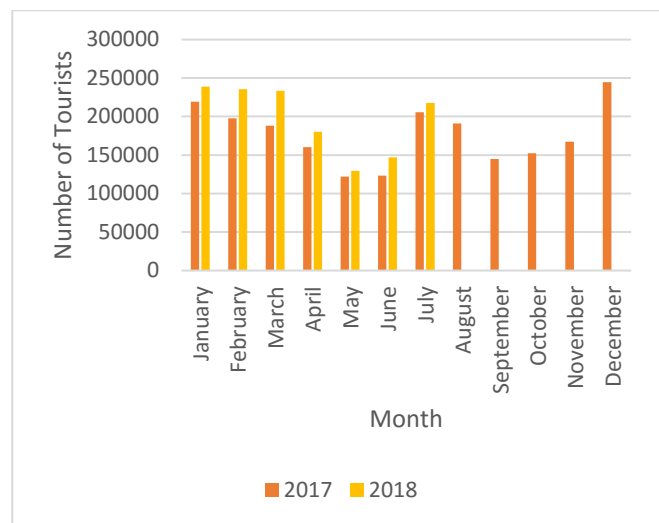
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

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

As at 31st July 2018, 1,382,476 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 13.7% growth over last year when 1,215,926 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		
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
TOTAL	2,116,407		
Up to July	1,215,926	1,382,476	13.7

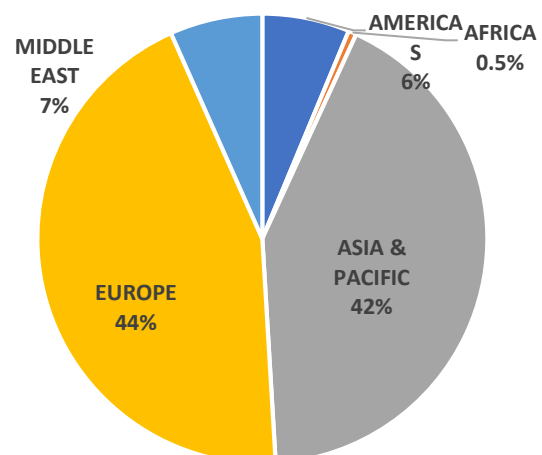
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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

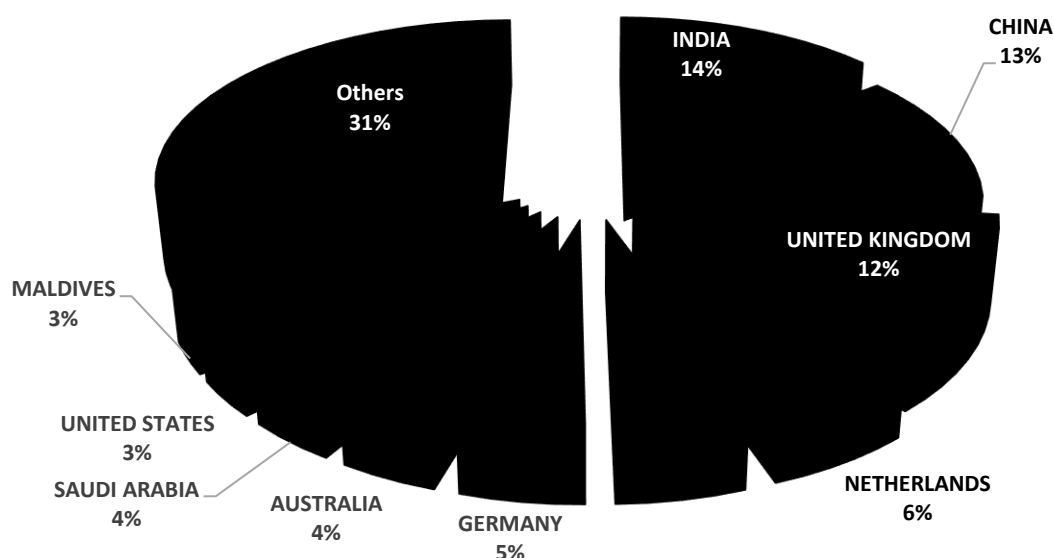
Europe continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 44% of the total traffic received in July 2018.

Asia and Pacific accounted for 42% of the total traffic, Middle East 7%, America 6% and Africa 0.5%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, Netherlands and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of July this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 14% of the total traffic received in July 2018. China accounted for 13% of the total traffic, while United Kingdom, Netherlands and France accounted for 12%, 6% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals July 2018			Tourist Arrivals July 2017	% Change July 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	30,570	462	31,032	29,006	7.0
2	CHINA	27,418	42	27,460	28,445	(3.5)
3	UNITED KINGDOM	25,089	97	25,186	23,553	6.9
4	NETHERLAND	13,318	24	13,342	11,990	11.3
5	FRANCE	11,300	1	11,301	11,393	(0.8)
6	GERMANY	10,823	2	10,825	10,835	(0.1)
7	AUSTRALIA	8,801	-	8,801	6,883	27.9
8	SAUDI ARABIA	8,409	-	8,409	8,354	0.7
9	UNITED STATES	7,149	15	7,164	4,857	47.5
10	MALDIVES	6,344	4	6,348	6,458	(1.7)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		JULY 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals July 2017	% Change July (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to July 2018
		Tourist Arrivals ¹					
		By Air	By Sea	Total			
<u>AMERICAS</u>				13,668	11,260	21.4	88,237
North America		13,241	16	13,257	10,929	21.3	82,942
Canada		6,016	1	6,017	6,018	0.0	33,756
Mexico		76	0	76	54	40.7	1,055
United States		7,149	15	7,164	4,857	47.5	48,131
Caribbean & Central America		63	0	63	36	75.0	539
Jamaica		7	0	7	7	0.0	66
Costa Rica		0	0	0	2	–	62
Others		56	0	56	27	107.4	411
South America		348	0	348	295	18.0	4,756
Argentina		71	0	71	49	44.9	1,304
Brazil		117	0	117	107	9.3	1,882
Chile		64	0	64	49	30.6	621
Colombia		53	0	53	38	39.5	389
Others		43	0	43	52	(17.3)	560
<u>AFRICA</u>				1,267	828	53.0	8,201
North Africa		258	2	260	239	8.8	1,605
Morocco		72	0	72	68	5.9	545
Sudan		113	2	115	111	3.6	465
Others		73	0	73	60	21.7	595
Sub-Saharan Africa		1,001	6	1,007	799	26.0	6,596
Kenya		95	0	95	76	25.0	394
Mauritius		72	0	72	50	44.0	386
Nigeria		23	1	24	52	(53.8)	237
South Africa		595	3	598	377	58.6	4,060
Others		216	2	218	244	(10.7)	1,519

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<u>ASIA & PACIFIC</u>				91,909	90,266	1.8	628,793
North East Asia		33,582	68	33,650	34,748	(3.2)	207,731
China		27,418	42	27,460	28,445	(3.5)	163,754
Japan		3,793	5	3,798	4,025	(5.6)	29,199
South Korea		1,426	18	1,444	1,454	(0.7)	9,374
Taiwan		921	3	924	804	14.9	5,288
Others		24	0	24	20	20.0	116
South East Asia		6,418	314	6,732	6,569	2.5	48,637
Cambodia		51	0	51	56	(8.9)	588
Indonesia		447	21	468	606	(22.8)	3,113
Malaysia		1,658	8	1,666	1,628	2.3	12,959
Myanmar		214	16	230	417	(44.8)	1446
Philippines		1,415	266	1,681	1,209	39.0	11,827
Singapore		1,562	1	1,563	1,485	5.3	11,025
Thailand		805	2	807	912	(11.5)	5,492
Vietnam		241	0	241	195	23.6	2,011
Others		25	0	25	61	(59.0)	176
Oceania		10,208	0	10,208	7,949	28.4	69,733
Australia		8,801	0	8,801	6,883	27.9	61,771
New Zealand		1,376	0	1,376	1,011	36.1	7797
Others		31	0	31	55	(43.6)	165
South Asia		40,773	546	41,319	41,000	0.8	302,692
Afghanistan		47	0	47	76	(38.2)	584
Bangladesh		849	8	857	1,272	(32.6)	6007
Bhutan		49	0	49	33	48.5	381
India		30,570	462	31,032	29,006	7.0	237,369
Iran		701	9	710	275	158.2	4211
Maldives		6,344	4	6,348	6,458	(1.7)	39,838
Nepal		308	44	352	307	14.7	2,968
Pakistan		1,905	19	1,924	3,573	(46.2)	11,334

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EUROPE			96,468	88,375	9.2	612,711
Northern Europe	33,693	136	33,829	30,449	11.1	204,587
Denmark	2,939	12	2,951	2,824	4.5	13,777
Finland	242	0	242	205	18.0	5,530
Norway	3,040	27	3,067	2,181	40.6	11,897
Sweden	1,206	0	1,206	860	40.2	16,867
United Kingdom	25,111	97	25,208	23,553	7.0	149,835
Others	1,155	0	1,155	826	39.8	6,681
Western Europe	46,322	28	46,350	44,670	3.8	241,625
Austria	1,642	0	1,642	1,414	16.1	12,487
Belgium	3,681	0	3,681	3,275	12.4	10,561
France	11,302	1	11,303	11,393	(0.8)	70,033
Germany	10,823	2	10,825	10,835	(0.1)	91,113
Netherlands	13,318	24	13,342	11,990	11.3	36,064
Switzerland	5,459	1	5,460	5,683	(3.9)	20,795
Others	97	0	97	80	21.3	572
Central / Eastern Europe	5,941	371	6,312	5,394	17.0	107,887
Belarus	70	1	71	69	2.9	3,017
Czech Republic	1,050	0	1,050	793	32.4	11,260
Estonia	26	2	28	25	12.0	1,618
Hungary	163	0	163	206	(20.9)	2,916
Kazakhstan	112	0	112	124	(9.7)	1,861
Lithuania	160	3	163	116	40.5	2,185
Poland	1,198	83	1,281	911	40.6	11,940
Romania	188	23	211	152	38.8	3,474
Russian Federation	1,116	46	1,162	1,274	(8.8)	39,289
Slovakia	218	0	218	276	(21.0)	3,486
Ukraine	1,213	196	1,409	1,165	20.9	21,740
Others	427	17	444	283	56.9	5,101

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe		9,715	262	9,977	7,862	26.9	58,612
Greece		373	197	570	395	44.3	4,370
Italy		3,240	7	3,247	2,269	43.1	22,286
Portugal		337	0	337	271	24.4	2,909
Spain		3,357	0	3,357	2,701	24.3	13,467
Turkey		234	15	249	251	(0.8)	2,605
Israel		1,345	0	1,345	1,154	16.5	6,785
Others		829	43	872	821	6.2	6,190
MIDDLE EAST		14,507	10	14,517	14,543	(0.2)	44,534
Bahrain		392	0	392	451	(13.1)	1,826
Egypt		460	6	466	334	39.5	2,151
Iraq		78	0	78	72	8.3	569
Jordan		227	3	230	273	(15.8)	1,775
Kuwait		335	0	335	538	(37.7)	2,141
Lebanon		546	0	546	459	19.0	3,273
Oman		2,171	0	2,171	2,404	(9.7)	4,783
Qatar		267	0	267	55	385.5	1,020
Saudi Arabia		8,409	0	8,409	8,354	0.7	22,219
United Arab Emirates		1,199	0	1,199	1,333	(10.1)	3,211
Others		423	1	424	270	57.0	1,566
TOTAL		216,070	1,759	217,829	205,482	6.0	1,382,476

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