

## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during October 2018 was 153,123. In comparison to October last year, there is a growth of 0.5% when the arrivals were 152,429.

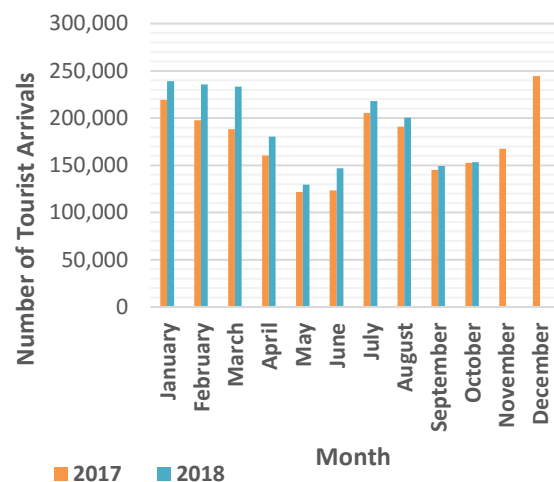
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

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

As at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018, 1,885,045 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 10.6% growth over last year when 1,704,360 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	149,087	2.8
October	152,429	153,123	0.5
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,116,407</b>		
<b>Up to October</b>	<b>1,704,360</b>	<b>1,885,045</b>	<b>10.6</b>

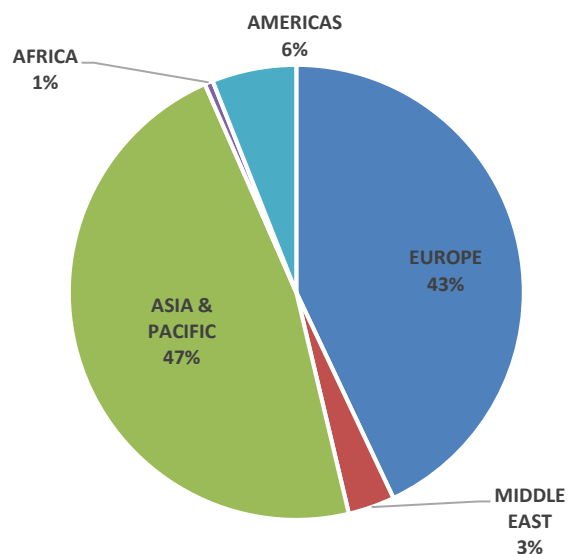
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## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

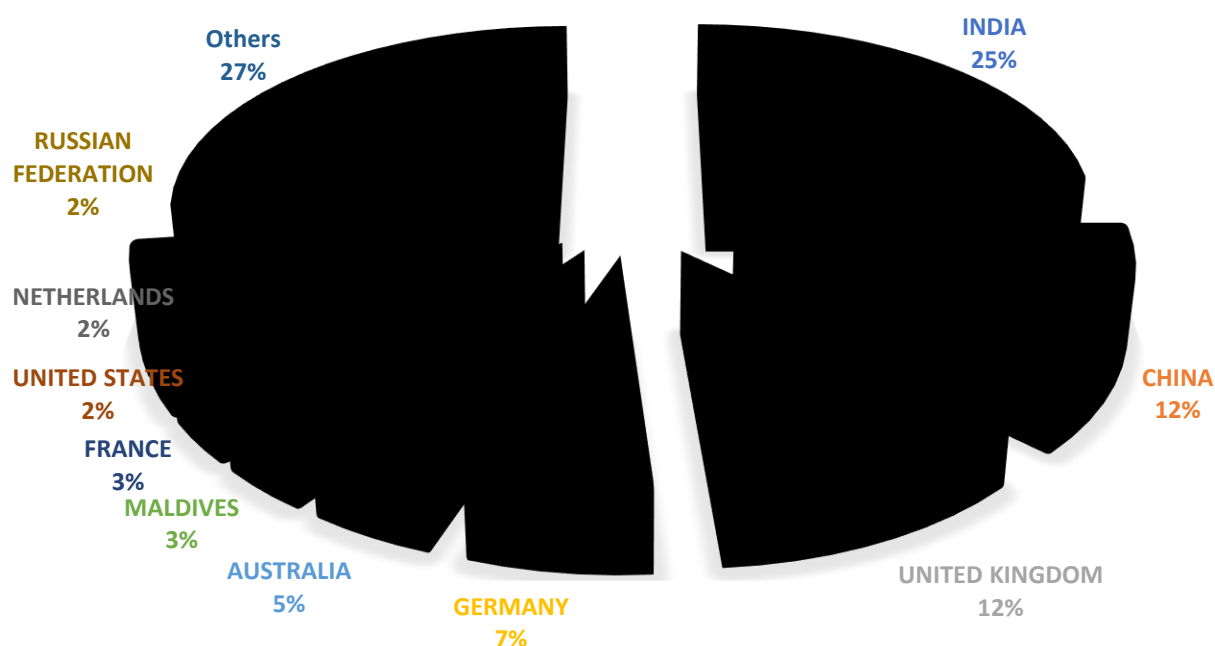
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 47% of the total traffic received in October 2018.

Europe accounted for 43% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 3% and Africa 1%.



## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, Germany and Australia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of October this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 25% of the total traffic received in October 2018. China and United Kingdom accounted for 12% of the total traffic, while Germany and Australia accounted for 7% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals October 2018			Tourist Arrivals October 2017	% Change October 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	37,609	560	38,169	36,996	3.2
2	CHINA	18,836	46	18,882	21,846	(13.6)
3	UNITED KINGDOM	16,882	791	17,673	12,518	41.2
4	GERMANY	9,897	23	9,920	10,180	(2.6)
5	AUSTRALIA	6,847	65	6,912	5,198	33.0
6	MALDIVES	5,222	1	5,223	5,121	2.0
7	FRANCE	4,777	7	4,784	5,132	(6.8)
8	UNITED STATES	3,597	117	3,714	3,531	5.2
9	NETHERLANDS	3,217	5	3,222	3,044	5.8
10	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	3,043	53	3,096	3,980	(22.2)

## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		OCTOBER 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals October 2017	% Change October (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to October 2018
		Tourist Arrivals <sup>1</sup>					
		By Air	By Sea	Total			
<u>AMERICAS</u>		6,507	147	6,654	6,474	2.8	113,034
North America		6,056	143	6,199	6,018	3.0	106,441
Canada		2,385	21	2,406	2,408	(0.1)	44,505
Mexico		74	5	79	79	0.0	1,275
United States		3,597	117	3,714	3,531	5.2	60,661
Caribbean & Central America		63	0	63	69	(8.7)	742
Jamaica		4	0	4	10	(60.0)	91
Costa Rica		6	0	6	6	0.0	109
Others		53	0	53	53	0.0	542
South America		388	4	392	387	1.3	5,851
Argentina		87	0	87	84	3.6	1,537
Brazil		124	1	125	134	(6.7)	2,207
Chile		59	0	59	57	3.5	794
Colombia		52	0	52	50	4.0	536
Others		66	3	69	62	11.3	777
<u>AFRICA</u>		829	6	835	853	(2.1)	11,178
North Africa		146	0	146	206	(29.1)	2,356
Morocco		73	0	73	60	21.7	808
Sudan		24	0	24	101	(76.2)	698
Others		49	0	49	45	8.9	850
Sub-Saharan Africa		683	6	689	647	6.5	8,822
Kenya		111	0	111	39	184.6	621
Mauritius		28	0	28	46	(39.1)	525
Nigeria		36	0	36	31	16.1	348
South Africa		350	4	354	310	14.2	5,284
Others		158	2	160	221	(27.6)	2,044

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<u>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</u>		82,206	1,193	83,399	88,056	(5.3)	888,270
North East Asia		23,183	74	23,257	26,834	(13.3)	291,111
China		18,836	46	18,882	21,846	(13.6)	228,794
Japan		2,829	2	2,831	3,111	(9.0)	42,135
South Korea		1,042	24	1,066	1,342	(20.6)	12,993
Taiwan		463	2	465	487	(4.5)	7,021
Others		13	0	13	48	(72.9)	168
South East Asia		5,257	370	5,627	8,047	(30.1)	68,563
Cambodia		28	0	28	76	(63.2)	688
Indonesia		422	50	472	2,073	(77.2)	4,437
Malaysia		1,426	11	1,437	1,764	(18.5)	18,400
Myanmar		120	18	138	240	(42.5)	2,438
Philippines		1,207	253	1,460	1,561	(6.5)	16,316
Singapore		1,214	5	1,219	1,205	1.2	15,668
Thailand		573	8	581	841	(30.9)	7,554
Vietnam		247	25	272	260	4.6	2,803
Others		20	0	20	27	(25.9)	259
Oceania		7,812	69	7,881	5,991	31.5	96,686
Australia		6,847	65	6,912	5,198	33.0	85,668
New Zealand		943	4	947	765	23.8	10,758
Others		22	0	22	28	(17.9)	260
South Asia		45,954	680	46,634	47,184	(1.2)	431,910
Afghanistan		41	0	41	100	(59.0)	737
Bangladesh		889	5	894	1,096	(18.4)	8,732
Bhutan		29	0	29	69	(58.0)	496
India		37,609	560	38,169	36,996	3.2	339,953
Iran		226	29	255	428	(40.4)	5,276
Maldives		5,222	1	5,223	5,121	2.0	56,636
Nepal		573	69	642	467	37.5	4,431
Pakistan		1,365	16	1,381	2,907	(52.5)	15,649

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<u>EUROPE</u>		58,117	1,466	59,583	53,918	10.5	810,177
Northern Europe		20,927	819	21,746	15,985	36.0	270,653
Denmark		989	5	994	723	37.5	16,272
Finland		362	6	368	254	44.9	6,340
Norway		812	9	821	713	15.1	14,275
Sweden		1,233	1	1,234	1,263	(2.3)	19,417
United Kingdom		16,882	791	17,673	12,518	41.2	205,377
Others		649	7	656	514	27.6	8,972
Western Europe		21,709	80	21,789	22,299	(2.3)	318,730
Austria		1,030	6	1,036	1,069	(3.1)	15,614
Belgium		806	10	816	747	9.2	14,755
France		4,777	7	4,784	5,132	(6.8)	90,149
Germany		9,897	23	9,920	10,180	(2.6)	121,510
Netherlands		3,217	5	3,222	3,044	5.8	49,517
Switzerland		1,945	29	1,974	2,099	(6.0)	26,337
Others		37	0	37	28	32.1	848
Central / Eastern Europe		9,463	332	9,795	9,892	(1.0)	131,087
Belarus		256	0	256	293	(12.6)	3,543
Czech Republic		688	0	688	693	(0.7)	13,474
Estonia		191	6	197	190	3.7	1,905
Hungary		337	0	337	256	31.6	3,583
Kazakhstan		86	0	86	163	(47.2)	2,156
Lithuania		228	3	231	195	18.5	2,676
Poland		1,053	56	1,109	906	22.4	15,187
Romania		327	22	349	202	72.8	4,406
Russian Federation		3,043	53	3,096	3,980	(22.2)	45,149
Slovakia		267	0	267	294	(9.2)	4,217
Ukraine		2,517	170	2,687	2,162	24.3	28,232
Others		470	22	492	558	(11.8)	6,559

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe		6,018	235	6,253	5,742	8.9	89,707
Greece		349	175	524	331	58.3	6,168
Italy		1,532	8	1,540	1,230	25.2	31,227
Portugal		598	3	601	385	56.1	4,497
Spain		2,176	2	2,178	1,989	9.5	24,353
Turkey		232	2	234	200	17.0	3,395
Israel		466	0	466	818	(43.0)	12,005
Others		665	45	710	789	(10.0)	8,062
<u>MIDDLE EAST</u>		2,623	29	2,652	3,128	(15.2)	62,386
Bahrain		89	1	90	112	(19.6)	2,447
Egypt		209	16	225	297	(24.2)	2,997
Iraq		38	0	38	66	(42.4)	857
Jordan		179	2	181	177	2.3	2,470
Kuwait		156	1	157	232	(32.3)	3,051
Lebanon		179	0	179	225	(20.4)	4,449
Oman		209	0	209	302	(30.8)	6,262
Qatar		59	0	59	64	(7.8)	1,514
Saudi Arabia		1,028	2	1,030	1,078	(4.5)	31,198
United Arab Emirates		296	0	296	305	(3.0)	4,831
Others		181	7	188	270	(30.4)	2,310
TOTAL		150,282	2,841	153,123	152,429	0.5	1,885,045

<sup>1</sup> Rebased

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