

## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during November 2018 was 195,582. In comparison to November last year, there is a growth of 16.8% when the arrivals were 167,511.

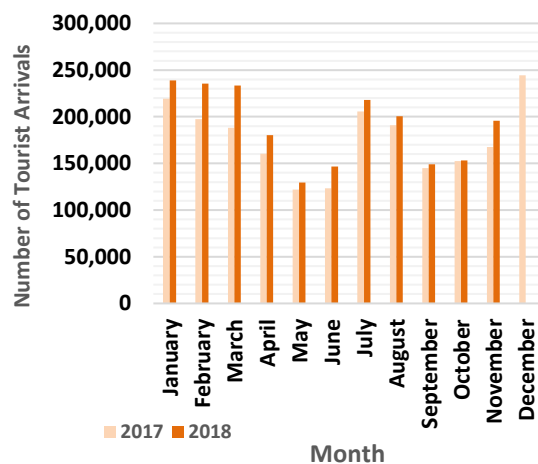
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by United Kingdom and China.

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

As at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 2,080,627 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 11.2% growth over last year when 1,871,871 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	195,582	16.8
December	244,536		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,116,407</b>		
<b>Up to November</b>	<b>1,871,871</b>	<b>2,080,627</b>	<b>11.2</b>

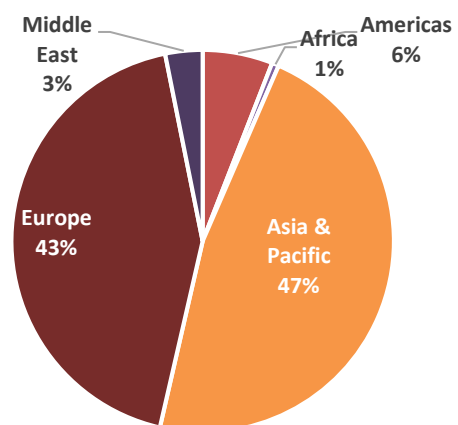
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## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

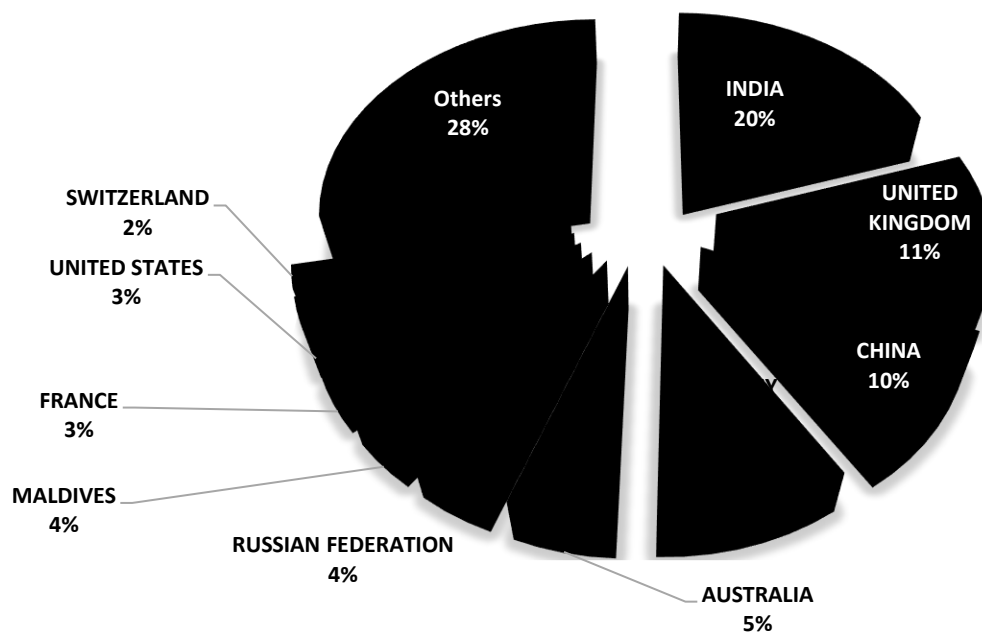
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 47% of the total traffic received in November 2018.

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



## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, China, Germany and Australia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of November this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 20% of the total traffic received in November 2018. United Kingdom accounted for 11% of the total traffic, while China, Germany and Australia accounted for 10%, 10% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals November 2018			Tourist Arrivals November 2017	% Change November 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	38,592	545	39,137	32,243	21.4
2	UNITED KINGDOM	21,286	685	21,971	13,634	61.1
3	CHINA	18,794	94	18,888	19,237	(1.8)
4	GERMANY	15,342	3,412	18,754	9,891	89.6
5	AUSTRALIA	8,718	1,581	10,299	6,779	51.9
6	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	7,934	156	8,090	7,864	2.9
7	MALDIVES	7,418	0	7,418	8,165	(9.1)
8	FRANCE	6,355	472	6,825	5,575	22.4
9	UNITED STATES	5,078	721	5,799	4,643	24.9
10	SWITZERLAND	3,061	470	3,531	1,901	85.7

## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		November 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals November 2017	% Change November (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to November 2018
		Tourist Arrivals <sup>1</sup>					
		By Air	By Sea	Total			
<b>AMERICAS</b>		<b>8,833</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>10,183</b>	<b>8,217</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>123,217</b>
<b>North America</b>		<b>8,205</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>9,407</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>115,848</b>
Canada		3,036	460	3,496	2,992	16.8	48,001
Mexico		91	21	112	74	51.4	1,387
United States		5,078	721	5,799	4,643	24.9	66,460
<b>Caribbean &amp; Central America</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>817</b>
Jamaica		3	1	4	11	(63.6)	95
Costa Rica		3	0	3	13	(76.9)	112
Others		61	7	68	49	38.8	610
<b>South America</b>		<b>561</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>6,552</b>
Argentina		123	46	169	58	191.4	1,706
Brazil		237	61	298	207	44.0	2,505
Chile		92	27	119	41	190.2	913
Colombia		49	4	53	55	(3.6)	589
Others		60	2	62	74	(16.2)	839
<b>AFRICA</b>		<b>1,027</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>12,220</b>
<b>North Africa</b>		<b>258</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>2,618</b>
Morocco		77	4	81	67	20.9	889
Sudan		88	0	88	80	10.0	786
Others		93	0	93	62	50.0	943
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>769</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>9,602</b>
Kenya		58	0	58	38	52.6	679
Mauritius		97	0	97	66	47.0	622
Nigeria		37	0	37	30	23.3	385
South Africa		374	6	380	388	(2.1)	5,664
Others		203	5	208	188	10.6	2,252

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ASIA & PACIFIC		88,451	2,955	91,406	89,248	2.4	979,676
North East Asia		23,415	166	23,581	24,429	(3.5)	314,692
China		18,794	94	18,888	19,237	(1.8)	247,682
Japan		2,613	45	2,658	3,063	(13.2)	44,793
South Korea		1,429	15	1,444	1,757	(17.8)	14,437
Taiwan		557	12	569	350	62.6	7,590
Others		22	0	22	22	0.0	190
South East Asia		6,600	395	6,995	11,666	(40.0)	75,558
Cambodia		64	0	64	100	(36.0)	752
Indonesia		373	41	414	3,795	(89.1)	4,851
Malaysia		2,090	11	2,101	2,686	(21.8)	20,501
Myanmar		350	22	372	355	4.8	2,810
Philippines		1,265	295	1,560	1,624	(3.9)	17,876
Singapore		1,660	9	1,669	1,900	(12.2)	17,337
Thailand		586	7	593	936	(36.6)	8,147
Vietnam		191	9	200	228	(12.3)	3,003
Others		21	1	22	42	(47.6)	281
Oceania		9,719	1,733	11,452	7,608	50.5	108,138
Australia		8,718	1,581	10,299	6,779	51.9	95,967
New Zealand		977	152	1,129	806	40.1	11,887
Others		24	0	24	23	4.3	284
South Asia		48,717	661	49,378	45,545	8.4	481,288
Afghanistan		49	3	52	91	(42.9)	789
Bangladesh		711	25	736	1,112	(33.8)	9,468
Bhutan		47	0	47	68	(30.9)	543
India		38,592	545	39,137	32,243	21.4	379,090
Iran		182	14	196	486	(59.7)	5,472
Maldives		7,418	0	7,418	8,165	(9.1)	64,054
Nepal		332	59	391	542	(27.9)	4,822
Pakistan		1,386	15	1,401	2,838	(50.6)	17,050

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<b>EUROPE</b>		<b>82,843</b>	<b>6,873</b>	<b>89,716</b>	<b>65,446</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>899,893</b>
<b>Northern Europe</b>		<b>26,848</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>27,637</b>	<b>18,392</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>298,290</b>
Denmark		917	26	943	795	18.6	17,215
Finland		686	2	688	443	55.3	7,028
Norway		1,058	32	1,090	1,097	(0.6)	15,365
Sweden		1,986	30	2,016	1,760	14.5	21,433
United Kingdom		21,286	685	21,971	13,634	61.1	227,348
Others		915	14	929	663	40.1	9,901
<b>Western Europe</b>		<b>30,566</b>	<b>4,681</b>	<b>35,247</b>	<b>22,772</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>353,977</b>
Austria		1,533	159	1,692	1,302	30.0	17,306
Belgium		998	47	1,045	804	30.0	15,800
France		6,355	470	6,825	5,575	22.4	96,974
Germany		15,342	3,412	18,754	9,891	89.6	140,264
Netherlands		3,212	108	3,320	3,234	2.7	52,837
Switzerland		3,061	470	3,531	1,901	85.7	29,868
Others		65	15	80	65	23.1	928
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>		<b>18,667</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>19,280</b>	<b>18,152</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>150,367</b>
Belarus		497	3	500	448	11.6	4,043
Czech Republic		1,888	10	1,898	1,577	20.4	15,372
Estonia		201	4	205	196	4.6	2,110
Hungary		293	8	301	333	(9.6)	3,884
Kazakhstan		134	0	134	190	(29.5)	2,290
Lithuania		284	4	288	278	3.6	2,964
Poland		2,599	59	2,658	2,433	9.2	17,845
Romania		414	69	483	401	20.4	4,889
Russian Federation		7,934	156	8,090	7,864	2.9	53,239
Slovakia		534	9	543	434	25.1	4,760
Ukraine		3,198	251	3,449	3,284	5.0	31,681
Others		691	40	731	714	2.4	7,290

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe		6,762	790	7,552	6,130	23.2	97,259
Greece		472	254	726	458	58.5	6,894
Italy		1,759	217	1,976	1,782	10.9	33,203
Portugal		524	50	574	465	23.4	5,071
Spain		2,455	149	2,604	1,848	40.9	26,957
Turkey		224	12	236	393	(39.9)	3,631
Israel		702	1	703	615	14.3	12,708
Others		626	107	733	569	28.8	8,795
<u>MIDDLE EAST</u>		3,214	21	3,235	3,681	(12.1)	65,621
Bahrain		103		103	143	(28.0)	2,550
Egypt		334	5	339	283	19.8	3,336
Iraq		69	1	70	84	(16.7)	927
Jordan		294		294	297	(1.0)	2,764
Kuwait		197	4	201	225	(10.7)	3,252
Lebanon		426	1	427	438	(2.5)	4,876
Oman		307	3	310	353	(12.2)	6,572
Qatar		51	0	51	58	(12.1)	1,565
Saudi Arabia		849	0	849	1,120	(24.2)	32,047
United Arab Emirates		411	1	412	421	(2.1)	5,243
Others		173	6	179	259	(30.9)	2,489
TOTAL		184,368	11,214	195,582	167,511	16.8	2,080,627

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