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*Provisional – Based on Foreign Exchange Earnings & GDP value prepared by the Department of Census and Statistics



01

INTRODUCTION

This is the 49th in the series of 'Annual Statistical Reports' published by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA). The reports were designed to provide data on Sri Lanka's tourist industry on a consistent basis, which is useful for evidence-based decision making for the development and promotion of the tourism industry. The data compiled and published in this report series cover the following areas:

- i. Trends and characteristics of inbound tourism to Sri Lanka
- ii. Scheduled airline operators and passenger movements
- iii. Accommodation industry – Capacity and its utilization
- iv. Income and employment
- v. Outbound tourism – Sri Lankans travelling to overseas destinations
- vi. Growth of travel and tourism
- vii. Revenue from tourism

The Annual Statistical Report 2017 is presented in seven parts. Part I is an introduction including definitions, sources of information, global tourism trends and tourism demand. Part II provides a detailed account of the structure of tourist traffic received during 2017 showing the principal markets, seasonality of traffic, travel motivation, duration of stay, age and sex, occupation, passenger movement and scheduled airline operations. Part III presents sectoral information including a statistical analysis of accommodation showing the capacity on offer and its distribution and Part IV provides volume of tourism employment while public sector revenue and foreign travel by Sri Lankans are presented in part V and VI. Part IV is the statistical appendix.

1.1 Definition

Tourist:

A visitor is a traveller taking a trip to a main destination outside his/her usual environment, for less than a year, for any main purpose (business, leisure or other personal

purpose) other than travelling to be a full-time student or to be employed by a resident entity in the country or place visited. A visitor (domestic, inbound or outbound) is classified as a tourist, if his/her trip includes an overnight stay. [United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) definition]

International Visitor:

An international traveller qualifies as an international visitor with respect to the country of reference if: (a) he/she is on a tourism trip and (b) he/she is a non-resident travelling in the country of reference or a resident travelling outside of it. The term 'International Excursionist' (same day visitor) refers to an International Visitor, who does not stay overnight in the country visited. [UNWTO definition]

To clarify further, the following are excluded from the definition of 'International Visitor':

- ◆ All persons arriving with a specific purpose of engaging themselves in gainful occupation, full-time studying or to establish residence in Sri Lanka irrespective of their length of stay.
- ◆ Diplomatic personnel.
- ◆ Crews of ships and aircraft even if they stay for one night or more.
- ◆ Dependents of temporary immigrants and children below three years.

In this report the terms 'Visitor', 'Tourist' and 'Excursionist' are used for 'International Visitor', 'International Tourist' and 'International Excursionist' respectively. In Sri Lanka's tourism statistics, excursionists consist almost exclusively of passengers on sea cruises who come on shore for purposes of sightseeing, shopping, etc. while the ship is in harbour.

Tourist Arrivals:

Every single visit (or entry) of a tourist to the country either in the course of the same trip or in the course of different

trips is counted as a 'tourist arrival', provided the visit (or entry) lasts at least one night in the country (N.B. those who do not cross borders are not regarded as visitors).

Tourist Night:

A night spent in Sri Lanka by a tourist in any type of immobile accommodation.

Guest Night:

A night spent in a tourist hotel, rest house or guest house approved by the SLTDA as being suitable for occupation by foreign visitors.

Tourist Hotels:

All tourist hotels that are registered under the SLTDA. There are three main categories of tourist hotel: Classified, unclassified and boutique hotels. Statistics for some other categories (i.e. small luxury hotels) are added to the report from the year 2014.

Supplementary Accommodation:

Guest houses which are approved by the SLTDA as being suitable for occupation by foreign visitors. Home stay units consist of tourist bungalows, rented tourist home, rented tourist apartments, heritage hotels and heritage bungalows.

Tourism Expenditure:

Tourism expenditure refers to the amount paid for the acquisition of consumption goods and services, as well as valuables, for own use or to give away, for and during tourism trips. [UNWTO definition]

Forms of Tourism:

There are three basic forms of tourism – domestic tourism, inbound tourism and outbound tourism.

1.2 Sources of Information

a) Tourist Statistics:

Tourist arrival reports generated by the Electronic Travel Authorization System (ETA) compiled by the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

b) Excursionist Statistics:

Passenger arrival reports compiled by the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

c) Accommodation Statistics:

Monthly reports obtained by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority from the SLTDA-registered accommodation establishments.

d) Passenger Statistics:

Passenger arrival and departure reports compiled by the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

e) Air Traffic Statistics:

Quarterly returns obtained by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority from the scheduled airlines, which operate flights to Sri Lanka.

f) Statistics on Official Tourist Receipts:

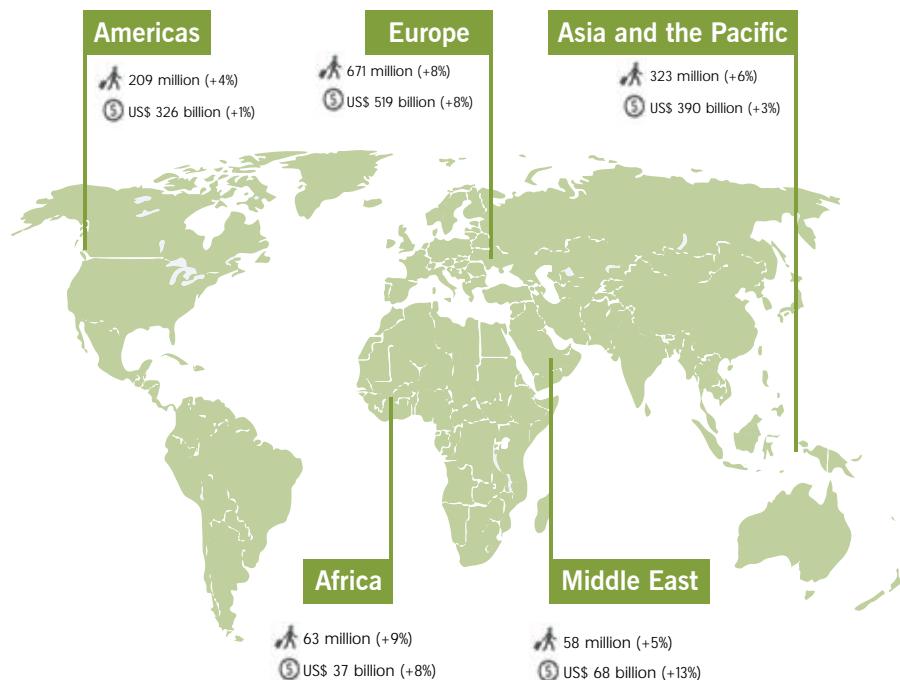
Information calculated from the Airport Survey of Departing Foreign Tourists from Sri Lanka 2017.

g) Employment Statistics:

Annual surveys conducted by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority among all registered accommodation providers and travel agents as well as information from the licensing system.

1.3 Global Tourism

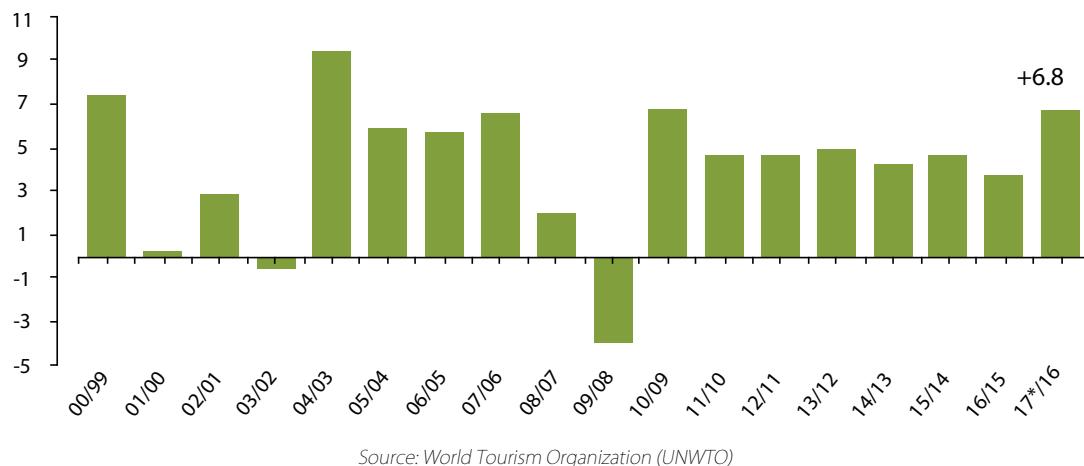
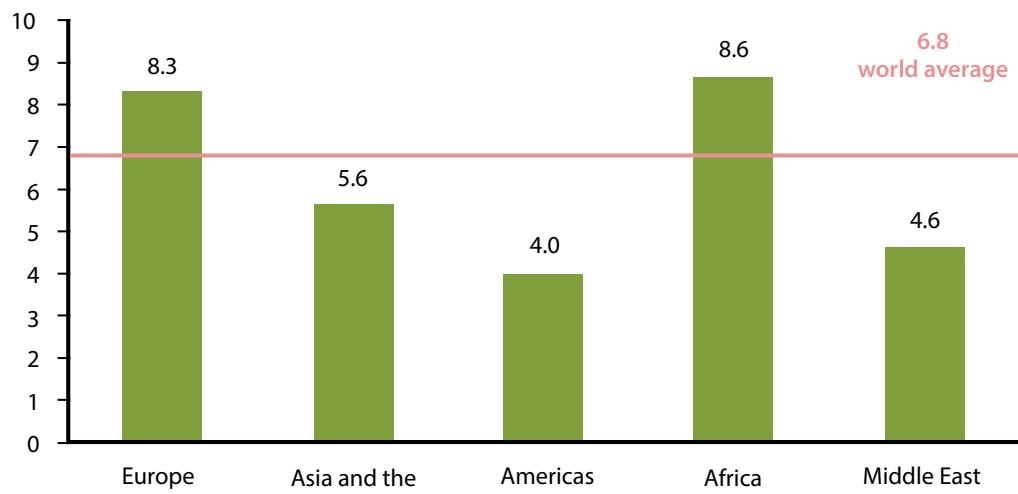
Figure 1



Source: UNWTO Tourism Highlights, 2018 Edition

Data reveals that international tourist arrivals grew by 7% in 2017, reaching a total of 1,323 million. This surpasses the 4% or higher growth rate observed since 2010 and represents the strongest results in the last seven years. The growth in the tourism sector at the global level, measured by international arrivals, is projected to continue in 2018 at a rate of 4 to 5%.

In 2017, many destinations throughout the world experienced sustained growth, with previously disadvantaged regions benefiting from a firm recovery. These trends were influenced partly by enhancement of the global economy and increasing outbound demand from emerging and well-developed markets.

Chart 1: International Tourist Arrivals, Change (%)**Chart1a: International Tourist Arrivals, Change by Region ,2017 (%)**

Source: UNWTO Tourism Highlights, 2018 Edition

In Europe, foreign tourist arrivals reached 671 million in 2017, with an increase of 8.3%. Southern and Mediterranean Europe were the primary drivers of the growth rate where international tourist arrivals increased by 12.3%, followed by Western Europe with an increase of 6.1%, and Northern Europe, Central and Eastern Europe at rates of 5.6% and 5.3%.

Asia and the Pacific hosted 323 million international tourist arrivals in 2017, with an increase of 5.6%. Arrivals in South East Asia remarkably grew at a rate of 8.6% percent, followed by arrivals in Oceania increasing by 6% and South Asia by 5.6%. Arrivals to North East Asia increased by 3.4%.

The Americas welcomed 209 million international tourist arrivals, growing by 4% with most destinations enjoying positive results. South America experienced an increase in

incoming tourists at 8.3% and was the primary driver of the higher rates observed in the continent overall, followed by Central America and the Caribbean both growing at rates of 4.7% and 3% respectively. Arrivals in Caribbean grew at a rate of 2.9%.

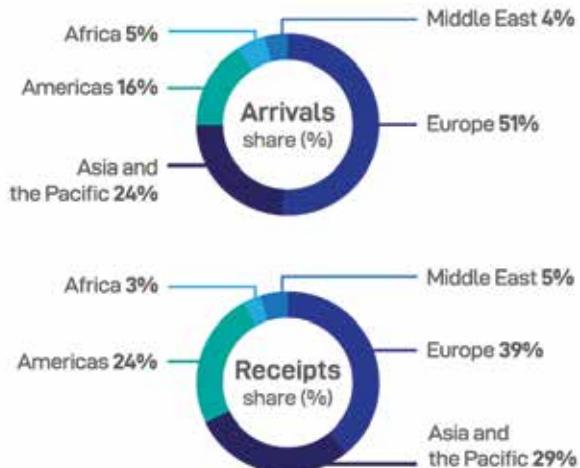
Africa also shared similar trends with the rest of the world with an increase in international arrivals by 8.6% in 2017. In fact, the region reached its record with 63 million international arrivals. North Africa was the main driver of this significant growth, where international tourist arrivals grew by 14.9%, while in Sub Saharan Africa arrivals increased by 5.5%.

The Middle East received 58 million international tourist arrivals in 2017.

Table I: World Tourist Arrivals by Region (in millions) – 2014 to 2017

| | International Tourist Arrivals (Million) | | | | | Market Share (%) 2017* | Change (%) | | Average Annual Growth (%) 2005-17* |
|--------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------|------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017* | | 16/15 | 17*/16 | |
| World | 809 | 952 | 1,195 | 1,239 | 1,323 | 100 | 3.8 | 6.8 | 4.2 |
| Europe | 452.7 | 487.7 | 605.1 | 619.5 | 670.6 | 51 | 2.4 | 8.3 | 3.3 |
| Asia & the Pacific | 154.1 | 208.2 | 284.1 | 306.0 | 323.1 | 24 | 7.7 | 5.6 | 6.4 |
| Americas | 133.3 | 150.4 | 193.8 | 200.7 | 208.7 | 16 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Africa | 34.8 | 50.4 | 53.6 | 57.7 | 62.7 | 5 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 5.0 |
| Middle East | 33.7 | 55.4 | 58.1 | 55.6 | 58.1 | 4 | -4.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 |

Source: UNWTO Tourism Highlights, 2018 Edition

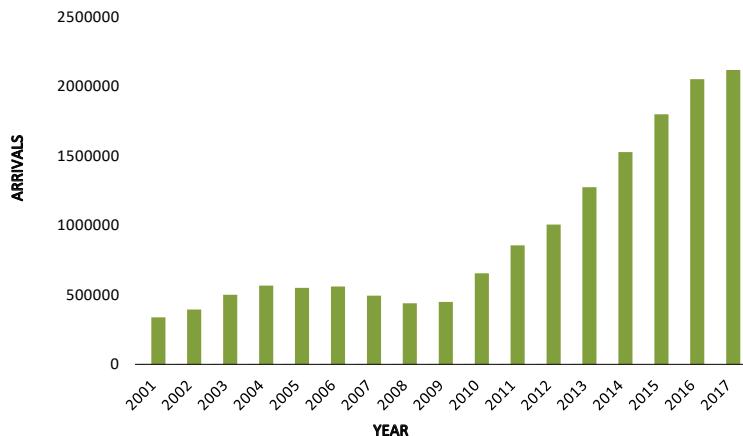
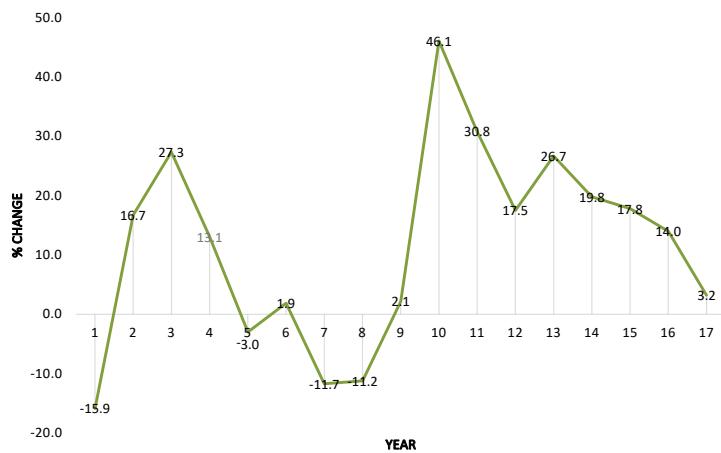
Figure 2: Distribution of World Tourist Arrivals by Region – 2017

Source: UNWTO Tourism Highlights, 2018 Edition

1.4 Tourism Demand – Volume and Value

Volume

Tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during the year 2017 amounted to 2,116,407, registering a 3.2% increase since 2016. Reported number of nights spent in 2017 by international tourists was 23,068,000, showing an increase of 10.27%, with an average duration of 10.9 nights (Table 12 and 21).

Chart 2: Tourists Arrivals – 2001 to 2017**Chart 3: Tourist Arrivals Growth Change – 2001 to 2017**

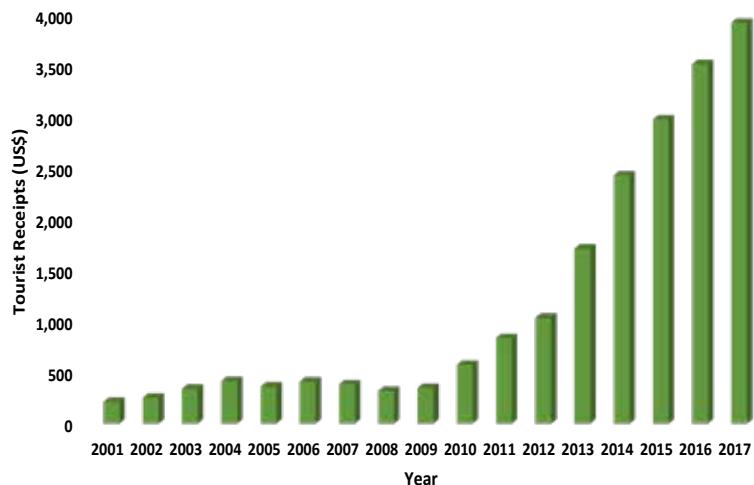
Value

Tourism was the third largest foreign exchange earner for the country in 2017, preceded by Worker's Remittance and Textiles & Garments, significantly contributing to the Sri Lankan economy. Foreign exchange earnings from the tourism sector increased to 14.8% of the total foreign exchange earnings, compared to 14.2% recorded in the previous year.

The official tourist receipts for 2017 were estimated at Rs. 598,356 million as compared to Rs. 512,593 million in

2016, growing by 16.7%. In terms of US Dollars, the total tourist receipts were estimated to be US\$ 3,924.9 million, compared to US\$ 3,518.5 million observed in the previous year, increasing by 11.5%.

The per capita tourist receipts per day amounted to US\$ 170.1, showing an increase of 1.1% as compared to US\$ 168.2 in 2016.

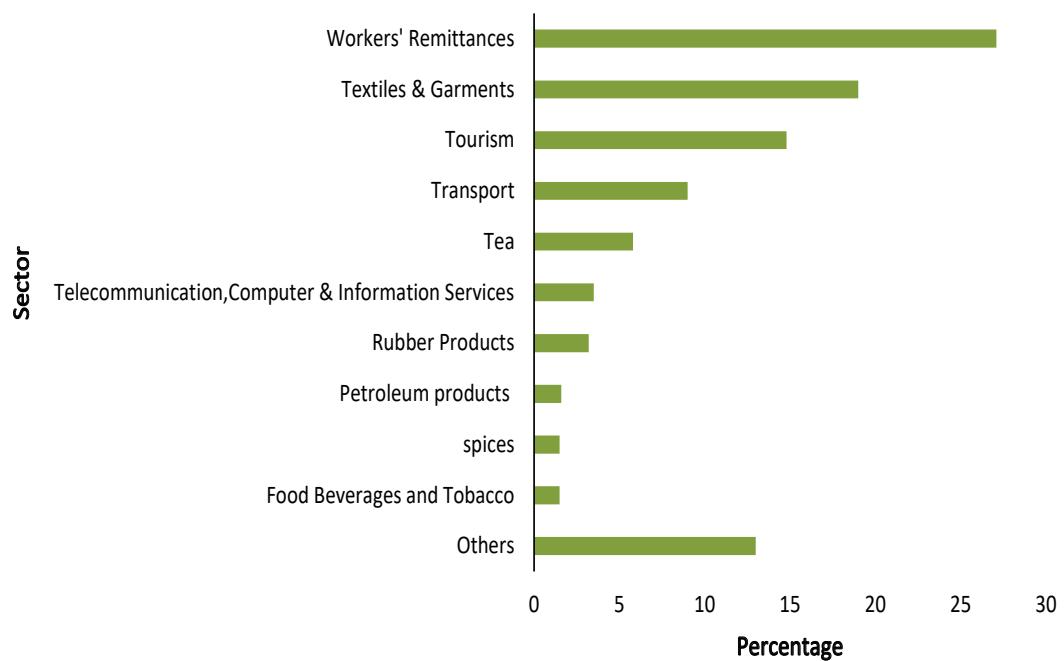
Chart 4: Tourist Receipts (US\$) – 2001 to 2017**Table II: Foreign Exchange Earnings by Industry – 2016 & 2017**

| 2016 | | | | 2017 | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Sector | FE Earnings (Rs. Million) | % of Total FE Earnings | Rank | Sector | FE Earnings (Rs. Million) | % of Total FE Earnings | Rank |
| Workers' Remittances | 1,054,489 | 29.2 | 1 | Workers' Remittances | 1,091,972 | 27.1 | 1 |
| Textiles and Garments | 710,768 | 19.7 | 2 | Textiles and Garments | 767,254 | 19.0 | 2 |
| Tourism | 512,593 | 14.2 | 3 | Tourism | 598,356 | 14.8 | 3 |
| Transport | 327,581 | 9.1 | 4 | Transport | 362,199 | 9.0 | 4 |
| Tea | 184,778 | 5.1 | 5 | Tea | 233,338 | 5.8 | 5 |
| Telecommunication, Computer & Information Services | 124,934 | 3.5 | 6 | Telecommunication, Computer & Information Services | 141,126 | 3.5 | 6 |
| Rubber Products | 111,791 | 3.1 | 7 | Rubber Products | 127,426 | 3.2 | 7 |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------|----|----------------------------|-----------|-------|----|
| Coconut | 53,283 | 1.5 | 8 | Petroleum Products | 66,280 | 1.6 | 8 |
| Food Beverages and Tobacco | 47,087 | 1.3 | 9 | Spices | 61,994 | 1.5 | 9 |
| Machinery and Mechanical Appliances | 46,267 | 1.3 | 10 | Food Beverages and Tobacco | 59,921 | 1.5 | 10 |
| Others | 442,479 | 12.0 | | Others | 523,544 | 13.0 | |
| Total | 3,616,050 | 100.0 | | Total | 4,033,410 | 100.0 | |

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Chart 5: Distribution of Total Foreign Exchange Earnings (Percentage) – 2017





02

TOURIST TRAFFIC

2.1 Markets

Tourist arrivals from different regional markets for the past four consecutive years is indicated in Table 2, 3 and 3a. Western Europe continues to be the largest regional market represented in foreign arrivals in the year 2017.

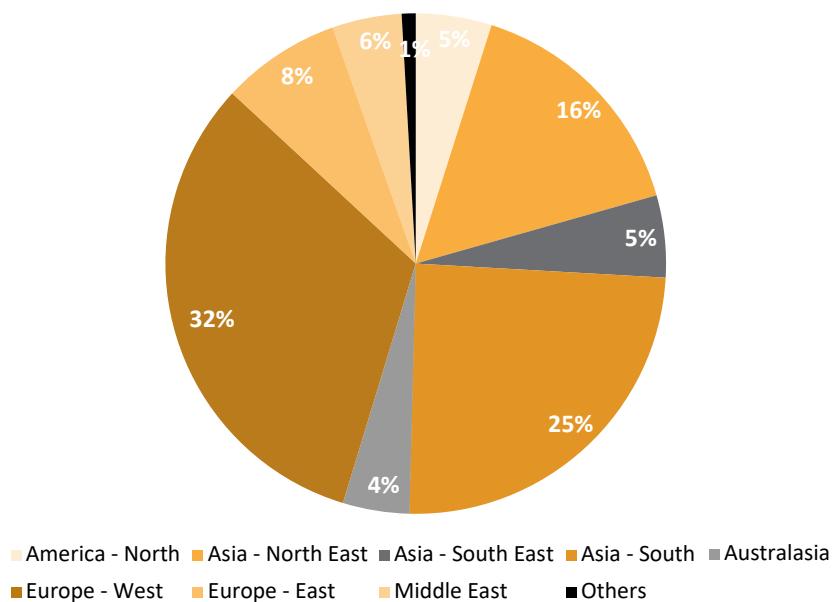
Table III: Tourist Arrivals by Region – 2014 to 2017

| Region | Year | | | | Percentage Change | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 15/14 | 16/15 | 17/16 |
| America - North | 72,653 | 84,943 | 98,376 | 104,375 | 16.9 | 15.8 | 6.1 |
| Asia - North East | 185,907 | 273,844 | 329,207 | 332,119 | 47.3 | 134.9 | 0.9 |
| Asia - South East | 94,604 | 89,013 | 95,954 | 112,191 | -5.9 | 81.1 | 16.9 |
| Asia - South | 370,299 | 459,415 | 513,536 | 518,085 | 24.1 | -76.6 | 0.9 |
| Australasia | 65,252 | 71,672 | 83,851 | 92,003 | 9.8 | 616.5 | 9.7 |
| Europe - West | 479,007 | 552,442 | 643,333 | 680,901 | 15.3 | -40.4 | 5.8 |
| Europe - East | 154,153 | 148,458 | 161,171 | 161,967 | -3.7 | -44.8 | 0.5 |
| Middle East | 88,991 | 101,066 | 107,635 | 95,581 | 13.6 | -17 | -11.2 |
| Others | 16,287 | 17,527 | 17,769 | 19,185 | 7.6 | 80.9 | 8.0 |
| Total | 1,527,153 | 1,798,380 | 2,050,832 | 2,116,407 | 17.8 | 14 | 3.2 |

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration, analysis by SLTDA

Overall, it is noteworthy that all regions showed significant growth in the number of tourist arrivals, except the Middle East region (Table IV). Western Europe showed an increase of 5.8% compared to the previous year. South Asia was the second major source market, recording a 0.9% increase compared to the year 2016. Even though South East

Asia ranked fifth in the number of international arrivals, a significant increase was observed since 2016. It should be noted that on average, all regional markets, except the Middle East region, recorded an increase of 3.2% compared to the previous year.

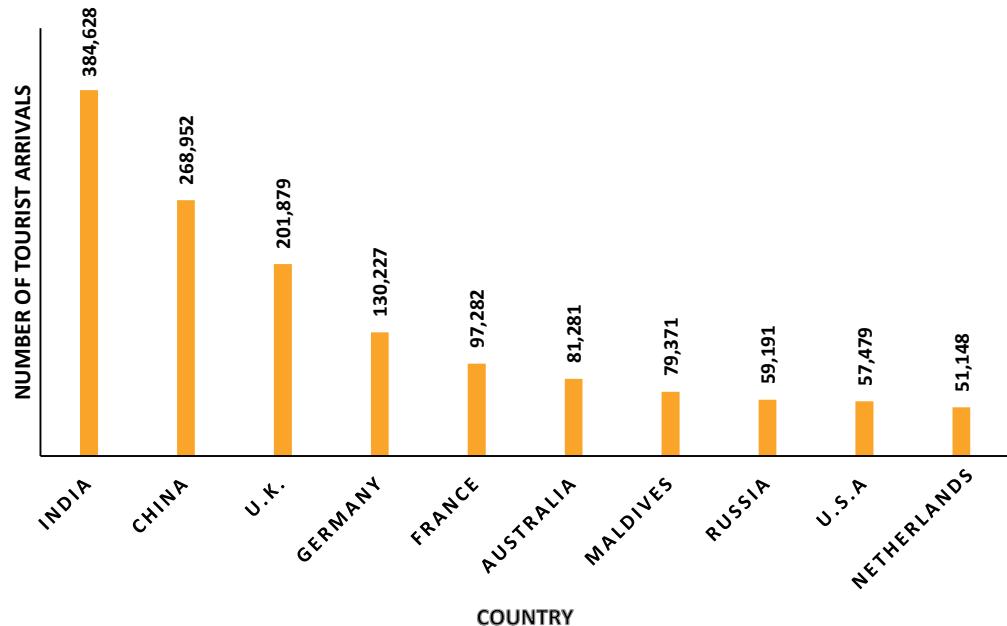
Chart 6: Distribution of Market Areas (Percentage) – 2017**Table IV: Relative Importance of Regional Markets – 2015 to 2017**

| Market Region | Percentage Share | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| America -North | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Asia -North East | 15.2 | 16.1 | 15.7 |
| Asia -South East | 4.7 | 4.0 | 5.3 |
| Asia - South | 25.5 | 25.0 | 24.5 |
| Australasia | 4 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| Europe -West | 30.7 | 31.4 | 32.2 |
| Europe - East | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.7 |
| Middle East | 5.6 | 5.2 | 4.5 |
| Others | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration, analysis by SLTDA

Even though Europe West held the major market share in 2017, there was only a slight increase to 32.2% in 2017 from 31.4% in 2016. It is noteworthy that the market share of North America, South East Asia and Australasia had increased from 4.8% to 4.9%, 4% to 5.3% and 4.1% to 4.3% respectively. However, the shares of North East Asia, South Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Others had decreased.

Chart 7: Top Ten Source Markets – 2017



An analysis of the ten major source markets revealed that tourists from India represented the largest number of international arrivals. China was recorded as the second major country of origin for tourists with a share of 12.7% during 2017. The highest tourist source markets, namely India and China, claimed almost one third of the total

An analysis of average annual growth rates of the regions by country of residence from 2007 to 2017 (Table 1) revealed that Western Europe was the market region with the highest annual growth rate of 44.2%, while 36.3% was recorded as the average annual growth rate for all markets.

tourist traffic to the country during the year under review. United Kingdom was the third major source of tourists to the country (9.53%), while Germany and France retained their fourth and fifth positions. Canada dropped from the top ten ranking list. The top ten markets accounted for almost 66.13% of the total tourist traffic to the country in 2017.

Table V: Top Ten Source Markets – 2016 & 2017

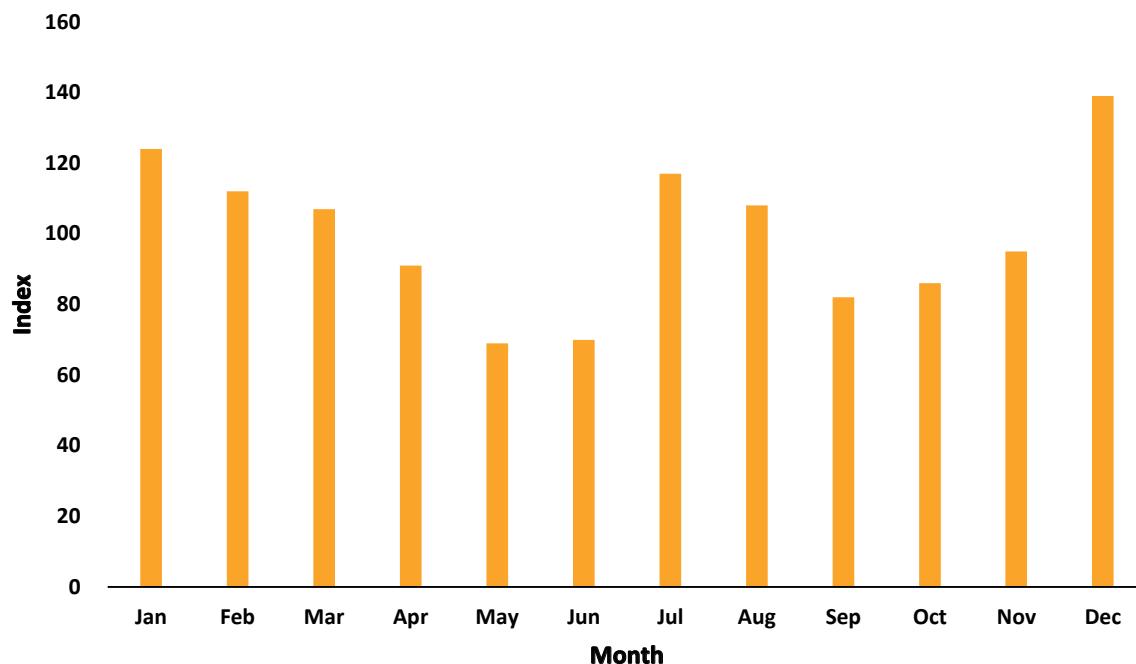
| Source Market | 2016 | | Source Market | 2017 | |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Total Arrivals | % Distribution | | Total Arrivals | % Distribution |
| India | 356,729 | 17.39 | India | 384,628 | 18.17 |
| China | 271,577 | 13.24 | China | 268,952 | 12.70 |
| United Kingdom | 188,159 | 9.17 | United Kingdom | 201,879 | 9.53 |
| Germany | 133,275 | 6.50 | Germany | 130,227 | 6.15 |
| France | 96,440 | 4.70 | France | 97,282 | 4.59 |
| Maldives | 95,167 | 4.64 | Australia | 81,281 | 3.84 |
| Australia | 74,496 | 3.63 | Maldives | 79,371 | 3.75 |
| Russia | 58,176 | 2.84 | Russia | 59,191 | 2.80 |
| USA | 54,254 | 2.65 | USA | 57,479 | 2.72 |
| Canada | 44,122 | 2.15 | Netherlands | 51,148 | 2.42 |
| Total | 1,372,395 | 66.92 | Total | 1,411,438 | 66.69 |

2.2 Seasonality of Arrivals

Table 4, 5 in the Statistical Appendix shows the monthly variation in tourist arrivals received from various countries.

During the year 2017, the high season was spread over a period of six months. The index of arrivals reached above 100 during the months of December, January,

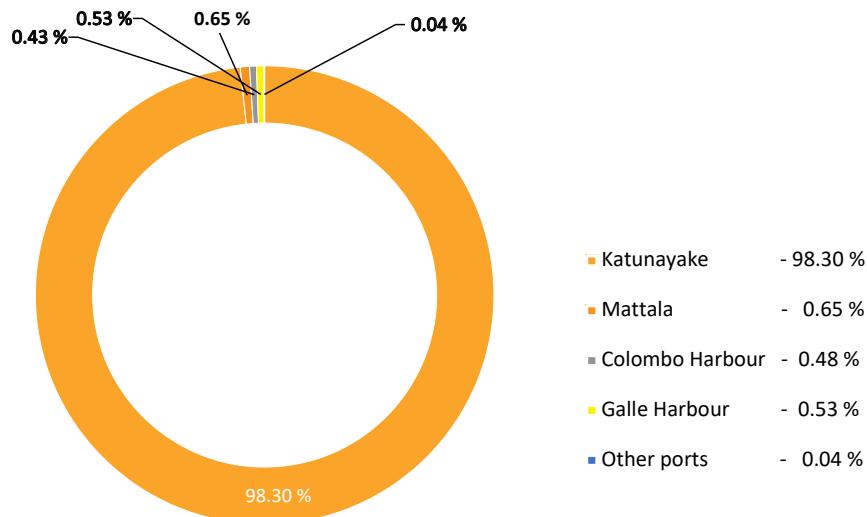
July, February, August and March. In all other months the index was below 100. The highest number of arrivals were recorded in the month of December with a seasonal index of 139. The coefficient of seasonal variation in 2017 was 22 (Table 4). The lowest number of arrivals was recorded in May.

Chart 8: Seasonality of Traffic – 2017 (Seasonal Indices)

2.3. Mode of Transport and Port of Arrival

Table 6 in the Statistical Appendix shows detailed statistics of passenger movements categorised according to mode of transport and port of arrival. During the year 2017, 98.9% of the tourists came to Sri Lanka by air travel, following a similar distribution rate as in the previous year. The balance 1.05% arrived in the country by sea, mostly through the Galle harbour (Table 6, Statistical Appendix).

Passenger movements by ports show that the Bandaranaike International Airport in Katunayake continued to handle the majority of tourist traffic, with 98.3% of the total arrivals and departures. The balance was reported from Mattala Rajapaksha International Airport (0.6%), Colombo harbour (0.4%), Galle harbour (0.5%) and other ports (0.04%).

Chart 9: Distribution by Ports of Arrival (Percentage) – 2017

2.4 Purpose of Visit

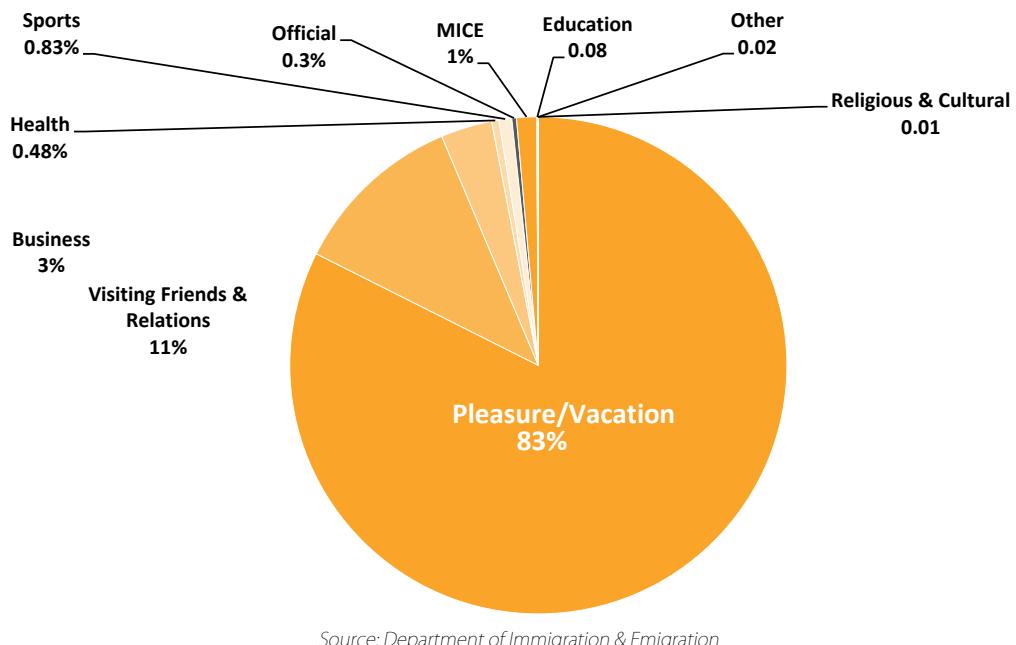
Tourist arrivals classified by the expressed purpose of visit to Sri Lanka are shown in Table 10 and 11 in the Statistical Appendix. The data for the purpose of visit has been analysed by using Electronic Travel Authorization system for the year 2017 and reported by the Department of Immigration & Emigration.

The table shows that 82.4% of the tourists who visited the island in 2017 had come for pleasure – i.e. for holiday, recreation, touring, etc. 11.3% of tourists had come to visit friends and relatives followed by business related travel (3.3%) and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, Exhibitions) (1.3%) purposes. The proportion of tourists who came to Sri Lanka for sports and health purposes constituted 0.8% and 0.5% respectively. 0.3% of tourists reported coming for official purposes, while nearly 0.1% reported visiting for educational purposes. Out of the total pleasure travellers, the highest proportion of tourists came

from Western Europe at 32.4% followed by South Asia 23% and East Asia 22.7%. The proportion of leisure tourists from Eastern Europe, Middle East and Australasia constituted 8.8%, 5.1% and 3.4% respectively.

The largest proportion of business travellers were from South Asia (59.9%) followed by East Asia (20.8%) and Western Europe (11.7%). The highest proportion recorded for the purpose of visiting friends and relatives were from Western Europe (38.3%) followed by South Asia (20.9%) and North America (16.9%).

India as the major tourist source market, produced over 300,000 tourists to Sri Lanka in 2017 which is comparatively different from all the other markets that constituted 17.09% for pleasure, 16.48% for visiting friends and relatives, 48.4% for business related travel and 27.4% for MICE, out of the total travellers who came for respective purposes.

Chart 10: Distribution by Purpose of Visit (Percentage) – 2017

2.5. Duration of Stay

Statistics on duration of stay by the country of residence of tourists are shown in table 12 and 13 in the Statistical Appendix.

The table 12 shows that the average duration of stay for tourists in Sri Lanka during the year under review has increased from 10.2 to 10.9 nights in 2017. The highest (37.1%) percentage of tourists had stayed 4 to 7 nights. 30.1% of tourists stayed for 8-14 days while 12.3% of tourists stayed for 15-21 days.

An analysis of average duration of stay by region of origin reveals that the highest average duration of stay (14.4 nights) has been recorded from the North American region. Tourists from Western Europe and Eastern Europe recorded an average duration of stay of 13.9 and 12.3 nights respectively. The lowest average duration of stay of

6.8 nights has been recorded from tourists from the Asian region.

The total number of nights spent by the 2,116,407 tourists who visited the country in 2017 amounted to 23,068,836 (Table 13). This was an increase of 10.27% when compared with 20,918,486 nights recorded for the previous year.

By the end of 2017, foreign tourists spent a total of 11,609,886 nights in Sri Lankan hotels (i.e. Classified Hotels, Unclassified Hotels, Boutique Hotels.) This was an increase of 9.57%, when compared with the figure of 10,595,118 nights recorded in 2016. (Table 21).

Tourist nights recorded in supplementary establishments (i.e. Boutique Villas, Guest Houses, Rest Houses, Home Stay Units, Tourist Bungalows, Rented Tourist Homes, Rented

Tourist Apartments and Heritage Bungalows/Homes etc.) in 2017 was 6,204,126, showing an increase of 14.8% when compared with 5,404,602 nights in supplementary establishments recorded in year 2016.

It is noteworthy that only 50.33 percent of the total nights tourists spent in Sri Lanka they stayed hotels while 26.89 percent of nights were spent in supplementary establishments. In the remaining 22.78% of nights, tourists used accommodation units and private houses (see Table 21).

Chart 11: Distribution of Average Duration of Stay (Nights) – 2017

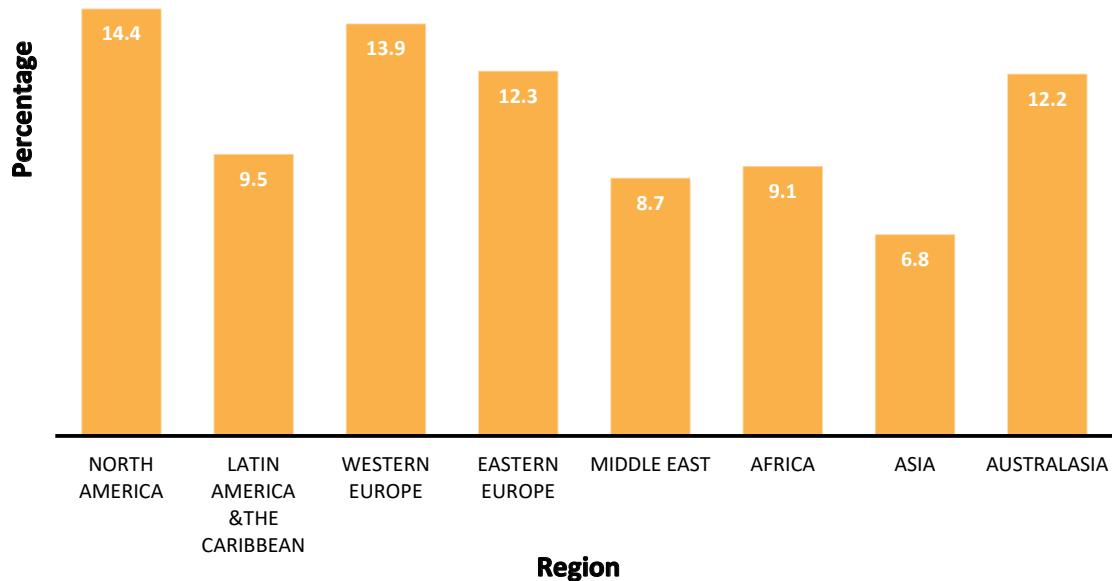
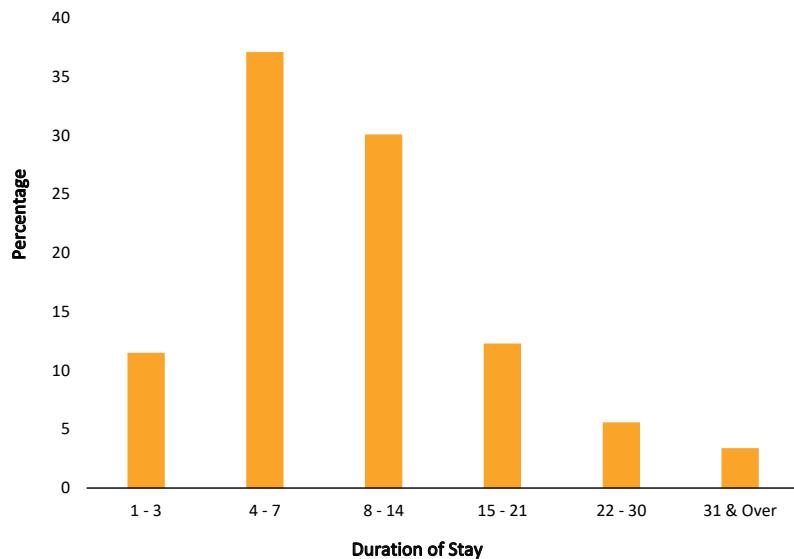


Chart 12: Distribution of Period of Stay (Percentage) – 2017



Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

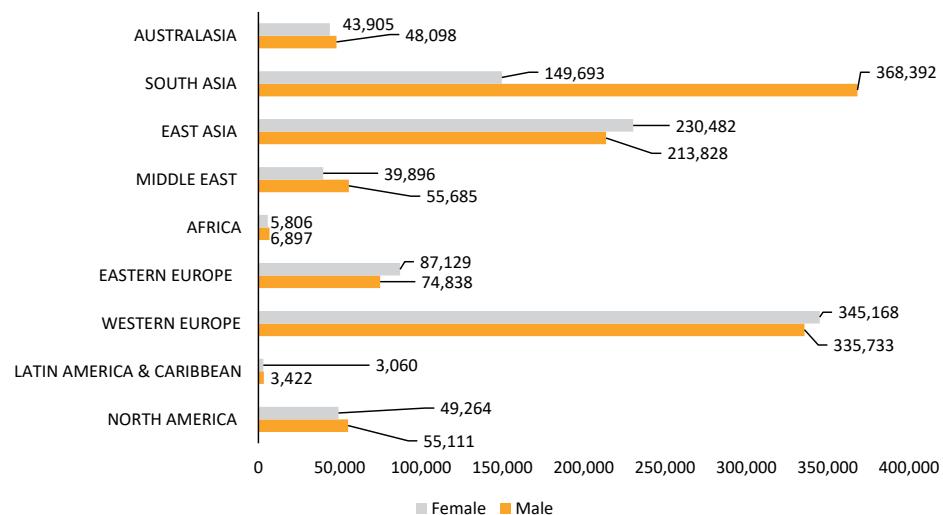
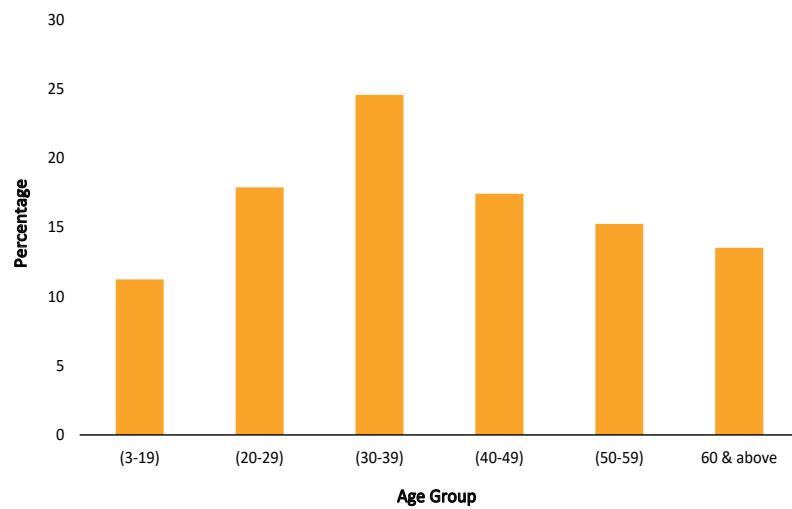
2.6 Age and Sex

An analysis of 2017 arrivals by the age and sex composition of the tourists who visited Sri Lanka are shown in Table 14 and 15 in the Statistical Appendix.

The age composition shows the majority of incoming visitors (42.5%) in the 20-29 and 30-39 age brackets. Of the total tourists, 11.2% were below 20 years in age, 17.9% were in the age group 20-29 years, 24.6% between 30-39 years, 17.5% between 40-49 years, 15.3% between 50-59 years and the remaining 13.5% were 60 years and above.

The sex distribution of the tourists who visited Sri Lanka during the year shows that 54.9% of tourists were male while 45.1% were female.

It can also be seen from Table 15 in the Statistical Appendix that in 2017 the highest proportions of female tourists were recorded from Western Europe (36.1%), East Asia (24.1%) and South Asia (15.7%). On the other hand, the highest proportions of male tourists have been recorded from South Asia (31.7%), Western Europe (28.9%) and East Asia (18.4%).

Chart 13: Distribution of Tourists by Sex and Region (Percentage) – 2017**Chart 14: Distribution of Tourists by Age Group (Percentage) – 2017**

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

2.7 Occupation

Occupational classification of tourists who visited Sri Lanka during the year under review are shown in Table 16 and 17 in the Statistical Appendix.

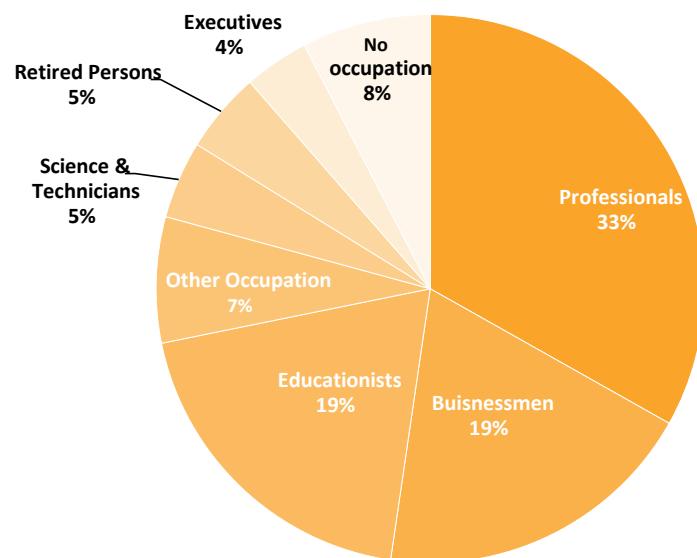
The 'No Occupation' category in the table largely includes housewives and dependents while the category 'Other Occupations' consists of those whose occupations cannot be classified into any one of the employment categories specified in the table.

The table 16 shows that 7.6% of the tourists who visited Sri Lanka in 2017 belonged to the 'No Occupation' category. This group together with the retired persons (4.8%) represented the tourists who were 'economically inactive,' at 12.4%. The balance 87.6% of the tourists could

be described as 'economically active' persons, as active contributors to the labour force in their country. Out of the 'economically active' tourists, Professionals formed the largest group with 33.2% of the total traffic received in 2017. Educationists came second with 19.5%, Businessmen third with 19.4%, those in the 'Other Occupations' category fourth with 7.1% and Scientists & Technicians fifth with 4.6%. Executives constituted 3.8% of the total traffic.

A fairly high proportion of tourists from South Asia (71.4%), Western Europe (45.7%) and East Asia (40.2%) belonged to the economically inactive group. This was due largely to the high proportion of female tourists and dependents visiting Sri Lanka from these regions.

Chart 15: Distribution of Occupational Categories (Percentage) – 2017



Source: Airport Survey of Departing Foreign Tourists from Sri Lanka 2017

2.8 Arrivals by Carrier

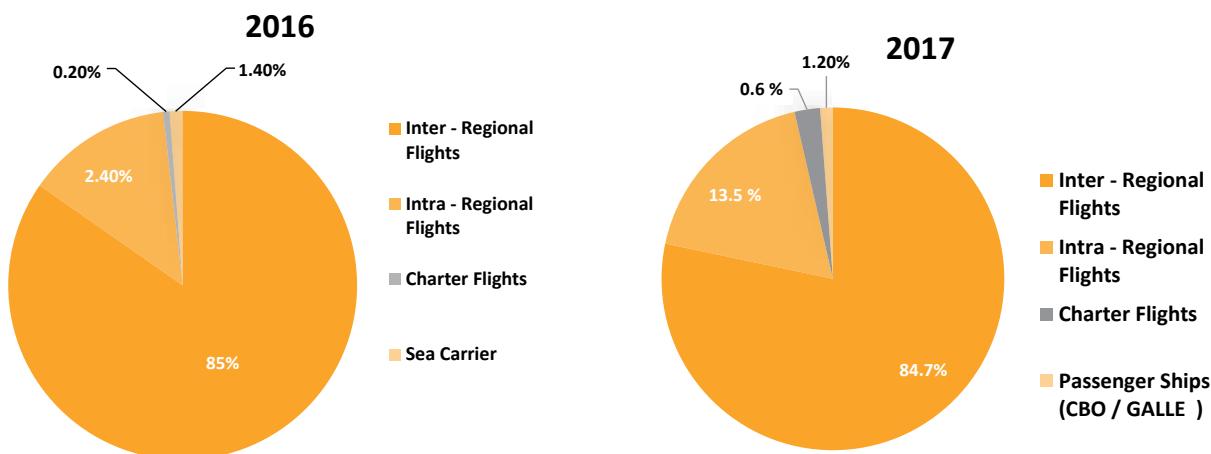
Statistics showing the capacity operated by all airlines are shown in Tables 9 and 9a in the Statistical Appendix.

During the year 2017, 30 airlines including the national carrier Sri Lankan Airlines operated flights to Sri Lanka (Table 18 and Table 9). The number of flights operated by these carriers amounted to 1,203 per week. The number of seats available in incoming flights per week during winter was 141,943 while 123,234 seats were available

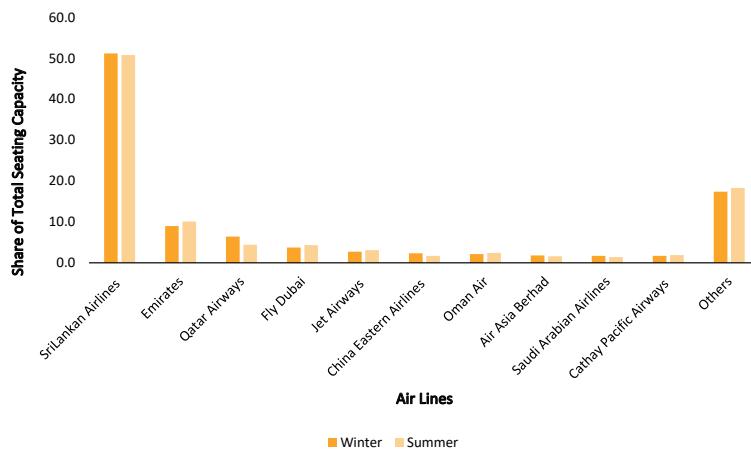
during summer. Top three airlines carrying 1.1 million tourists to Sri Lanka were Sri Lankan Airlines, Emirates and Qatar Airlines.

In analyzing the arrivals by carrier, Inter regional flights have contributed to 78.3% of the arrivals while intra - regional flights and charter flights contributed to 18.1% and 2.4% respectively (Table 8). During the year under review there were around 8 charter airlines operating to Sri Lanka.

Chart 16: Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Type of Carrier (percentage) – 2016 & 2017



**Chart 17 : Distribution of Total Seating Capacity by Carrier (percentage)
– 2017**



Source: Civil Aviation Authority

| Air Line | Winter | Summer |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Sri Lankan Airlines | 51.2 | 50.8 |
| Emirates | 9.0 | 10.1 |
| Qatar Airways | 6.4 | 4.4 |
| Fly Dubai | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| Jet Airways | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| China Eastern Airlines | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| Oman Air | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Air Asia Berhad | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| Saudi Arabian Airlines | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| Cathay Pacific Airways | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Others | 17.4 | 18.3 |

2.9 Passenger Movement

As a whole, the two-way passenger traffic into and out of the country amounted to 7,197,408 for the year, through the main access point (BIA- Katunayake). This represents an increase of 1.6% as compared to the two-way passenger traffic of 7,087,387 recorded for the previous year (Table 31).

The analysis of the passenger traffic composition revealed that almost half of these passengers (59.9 percent) were tourists. For both arrival and departures, Sri Lankan nationals accounted for 40.1 percent of the total traffic. (See Table 19)

2.10 Scheduled Airline Operations

During the year 2017, there were 30 scheduled airlines operating flights to Sri Lanka including National Carrier, Sri Lankan Airlines. (see Table 9) In terms of popularity the top three airlines used by tourists are Sri Lankan Air Lines, Emirates and Qatar Air Lines. The tourist arrivals by charter carriers is shown in Table 9a in the Statistical Appendix.



03

ACCOMMODATION SECTOR

3.1 Accommodation Capacity

The establishments which provide accommodation for international visitors to Sri Lanka could be divided into three broad categories: tourist hotels, supplementary establishments and other establishments¹. At the end of the year 2017, the total number of establishments in the registered list of accommodation at SLTDA amounted to 2,094 with 35,986 rooms. The total capacity consisted of 401 tourist hotels and 1,693 supplementary establishments.

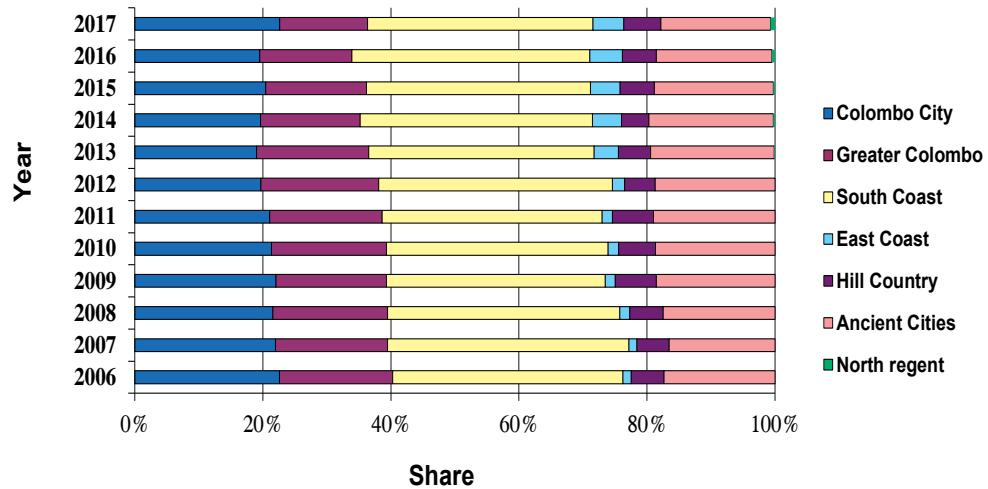
Compared with 2016, the accommodation capacity of tourist hotels increased by 4.97% from 382 to 401 units, while the number of rooms increased by 6.1% from 22,126 to 23,477 rooms in 2017. The capacity offered by the supplementary accommodation category increased by 8.85% from 1,558 to 1,696 units, while the number of rooms increased by 8.44% from 11,535 to 12,509 rooms. In 2017, the percentage distribution of room capacity of graded accommodation units (Tourist Hotels) by star

category was 17.96% in the five-star category, 8.91% in four-star category, 12.60% in three-star category, 7.32% in two-star category, 7.53% in one-star category, 43.52% in the unclassified category, and 2.16% in boutique hotels (Table 21 & 23).

The distribution of capacity available in 2017 by resort regions is shown in Chart 18. Colombo City (Colombo 1-14) had 22.62% of the capacity on offer, while Greater Colombo (extending from Moratuwa to Colombo and Negombo to Colombo) had 13.74%, bringing the total capacity in Colombo and surrounding areas to 36.36%. The South Coast region had 35.23% of the total capacity, Ancient Cities region 17.11%, Hill Country 5.78%, East Coast 4.82%, and Northern Region 0.70%.

The distribution of guest rooms by size of accommodation and by resort areas is shown in Table 20 in the Statistical Appendix.

Chart 18: Distribution of Accommodation Capacity by Region (Percentage) – 2017



Source: SLTDA

1. Supplementary establishments include Boutique Villas, Guest Houses, Rest Houses, Home Stay Units, Tourist Bungalows, Rented Tourist Homes, Rented Tourist Apartments and Heritage Bungalows/Homes etc. Other establishments refer to those who are not formally registered with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority. Currently there is no formal data on these facilities.
2. The districts covered in each region are as follows: South Coast (Kalutara, Galle, Hambantota, Matara), Ancient Cities (Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Kurunegala, Matale), Hill Country (Rathnapura, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kegalle), East Coast (Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Ampara), Northern Region (Vavuniya, Jaffna, Mannar).

3.2 Occupancy Rates

Tables 23 & 22 in the Statistical Appendix show monthly and annual occupancy rates by region. The overall annual room occupancy rate recorded for all accommodation in 2017 was 73.27%. This occupancy rate was similar to that of last year (74.76%).

The highest occupancy rate was recorded in the month of December (78.92%) and the lowest in the month of

April (67.39%). Region wise, Colombo City recorded the highest occupancy rate – 75.31%. Ancient Cities recorded an occupancy rate of 73.85%, followed by Hill Country (73.55%), Greater Colombo (73.14%), East Coast (72.95%), South Coast (72.38%) and Northern Region (70.98%).

Chart 19: Distribution of Occupancy Rates by Month (Percentage) – 2017

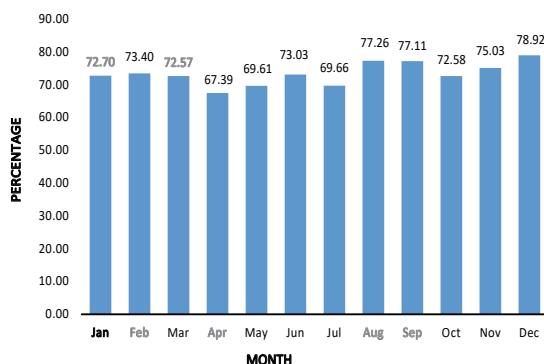


Chart 20: Distribution of Occupancy Rates by Region (Percentage) – 2017

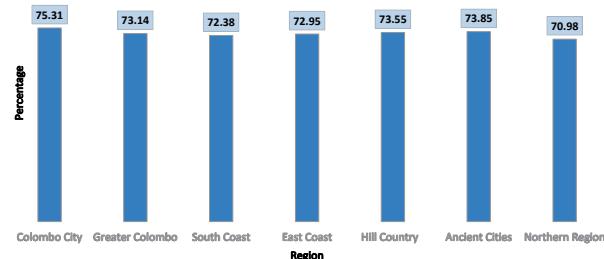


Figure 3: Occupancy Rates by Resort Region – 2016 & 2017



Table VI: Occupancy Rates by Resort Region 2016 & 2017

| Resort Region | Occupancy Rate | |
|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2017 |
| Colombo City | 76.75% | 75.31% |
| Greater Colombo | 75.18% | 73.14% |
| South Coast | 74.24% | 72.38% |
| East Coast | 74.92% | 72.95% |
| Hill Country | 75.24% | 73.55% |
| Ancient Cities | 75.46% | 73.85% |
| Northern Region | 69.58% | 70.98% |

Source: Occupancy as reported to SLTDA

3.3 Guest Nights

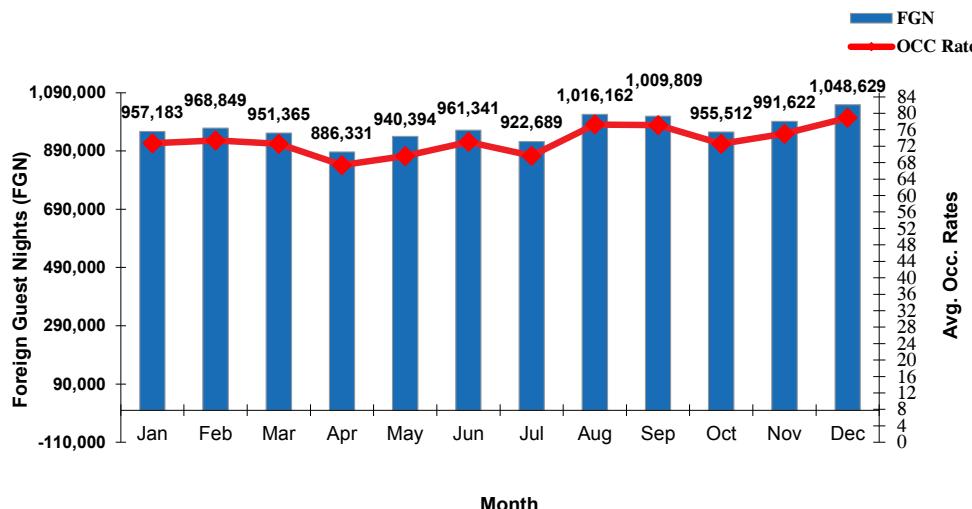
Detailed statistics showing the distribution of nights both foreign and local spent in accommodation establishments classified by month, by accommodation type and by tourist destination are shown in Table 23a, 24 and 25 in the Statistical Appendix.

In 2017, the total number of guest nights recorded in the accommodation facilities included in the analysis amounted to 23,068,836. This was an increase of 10.27% when compared to 2016 (20,918,486). The number of nights foreign visitors spent in accommodation facilities registered with SLTDA throughout the island increased by 11.33% from 15,999,720 in 2016 to 17,814,012 in 2017, while the local guest nights recorded and increase by 7.3% from 2,539,480 in 2016 to 2,725,337 in 2017.

The distribution of foreign guest nights by resort region shows that 38.10% of the foreign guest nights have been spent in the Colombo city and its environs. The proportion of foreign guest nights spent in the South Coast was 36.04%, followed by Ancient Cities (16.3%) and Hill Country (5.4%).

The local guest nights figures show a different distribution. The largest proportion of nights local guests spent was reported from the South Coast (31.73%) followed by Colombo City and Greater Colombo (27.42%) and Ancient Cities (23.96%). These three areas accounted for 83.11% of total nights local guests spent while travelling.

Chart 21: Number of Nights Spent by Foreign Tourists and Occupancy Rates by Month – 2017





04

EMPLOYMENT

4.1 Employment

Table 27 in the Statistical Appendix shows the volume of employment by type of establishment and by broad categories of employees from 2015 to 2017.

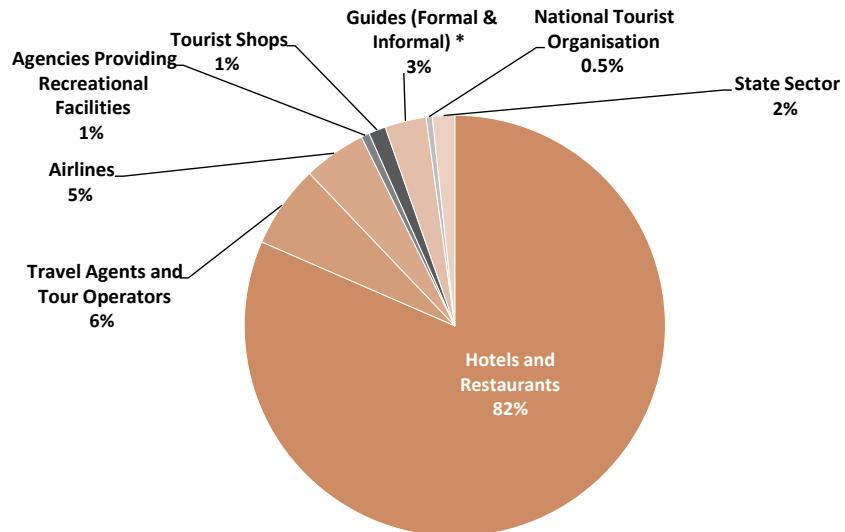
The total number of establishments covered in the 2017 survey was 3,634. The total number of employees in these establishments amounted to 156,369 as compared to 146,115 in 2016. This was an increase of 10,254 (7.01%). Substantial increases were recorded in all categories of establishments.

Of the total tourism-based direct employment in 2017, 81.52% were employed in Hotels and Restaurants. Travel Agents & Tour Operators accounted for 6.36% of the total, Airlines 4.81%, Guides 3.18%, State Sector 1.71%, Tourist Shops 1.30%, the Agencies providing Recreational Facilities 0.64% and the National Tourist Organization 0.47%.

A classification of the total number in employment by broad occupational categories shows that 14.33% belonged to managerial, scientific and professional grades, 50% to technical, clerical, allied and supervisory grades and 35.76% to manual and operative grades (Table 27).

Table 27 in the Statistical Appendix shows only the volume of direct employment in the tourism sector of the economy. In order to access the total employment in the tourism industry, both direct and indirect, it is necessary to estimate the volume of indirect employment that tourist spending can generate in ancillary industries such as the handicraft trade, gems and jewellery shops, liquor shops laundries, etc. In 2017, the estimated total number for indirect employment was 202,846 (Table 29). Therefore, the total number in employment, both direct and indirect, in the tourism sector in 2017 can be estimated as 359,215.

Chart 22: Distribution of Employment in the Tourism Industry (Percentage) – 2017



4.2 Demand for Employment

The Labour Demand Survey by the Department of Census & Statistics analysed the demand for labour within tourism as a subsector, covering the service industry for accommodation and food, as well as transportation providers. A total of 6,757 occupations were in demand in 2017. There was a large demand for service providers in the food & beverage industry: for waiters and waitresses

(21.47%), cooks (11.01%), chefs (9.04%), bartenders (8.81%) and kitchen helpers (5.90%). Furthermore, higher labour participation was needed to fill vacancies under cleaning and housekeeping services in tourism-based establishments, for both supervisor positions and cleaners/helpers (17.86% and 8.29%, respectively). There were also vacancies reported for accounting associates (7.78%), stall and market salespersons (5.49%) and drivers (4.34%).

Table VII: Demand for Labour in the Tourism Sector by Industry and Occupation

| Occupation | Number | Percentage |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Food and Beverage Industry | 3,800 | 56.24 |
| Waiters | 1,451 | 21.47 |
| Cooks | 744 | 11.01 |
| Chefs | 611 | 9.04 |
| Bartenders | 595 | 8.81 |
| Kitchen Helpers | 399 | 5.90 |
| Cleaning and Housekeeping Services | 1,767 | 26.15 |
| Cleaning and Housekeeping Supervisors in Offices, Hotels and Other Establishments | 1,207 | 17.86 |
| Cleaners and Helpers in Offices, Hotels or Other Establishments | 560 | 8.29 |
| Other | 1,190 | 17.61 |
| Accounting Associate Professionals | 526 | 7.78 |
| Stall and Market Salespersons | 371 | 5.49 |
| Car, Taxi, Van Drivers | 293 | 4.34 |
| Total | 6,757 | 100 |

Source: Labour Demand Survey (2017), Department of Census & Statistics

Chart 23: Distribution of Demand for Labour in Tourism Industry by Occupational Categories (Percentage) - 2017

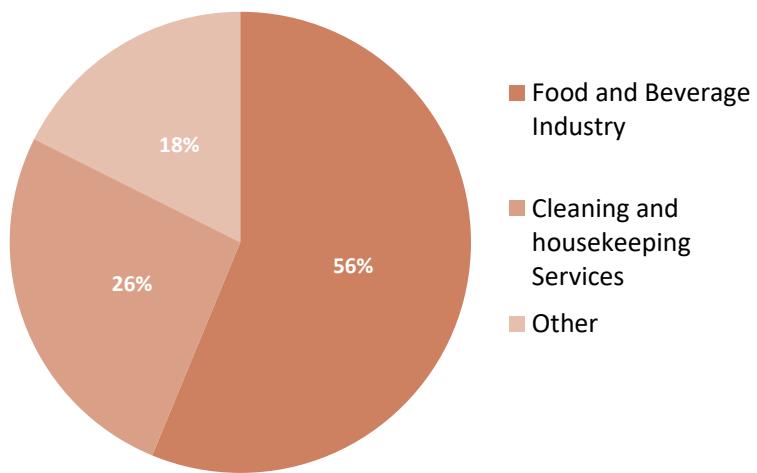
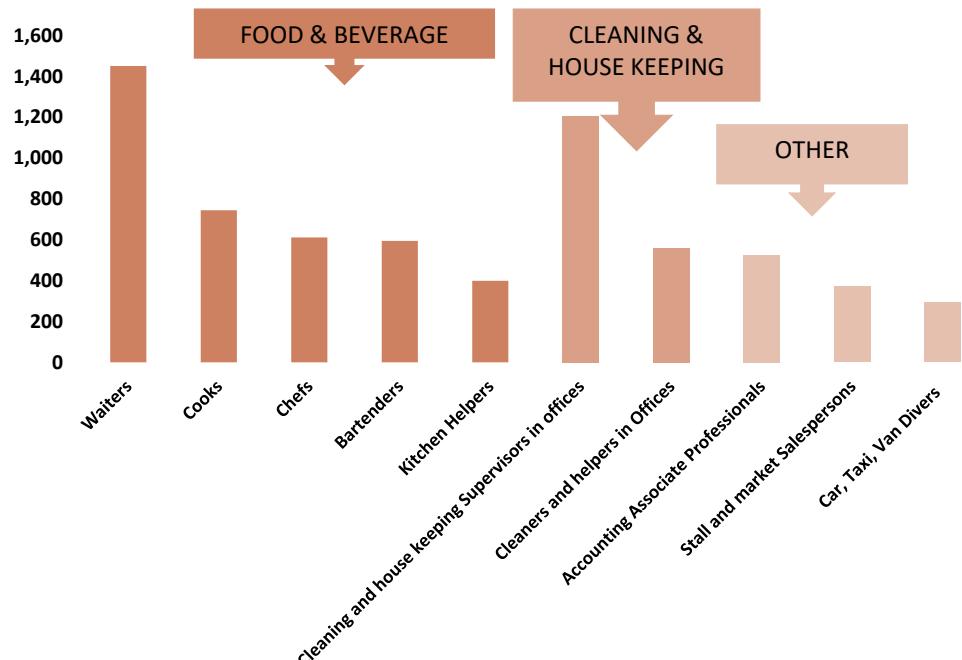


Chart 23a: Distribution of Demand for Labour in Tourism Industry by Occupation (Percentage) - 2017





05

PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE

5.1 Public Sector Revenue

Public sector institutions derive revenue from tourism in a variety of ways, namely direct and indirect taxes, fees and levies, profits from business undertakings, etc. However, statistics of revenue collections are readily available only from few sources, such as the Tourism Development Levy, Embarkation Tax, Income of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, and entrance fees to Cultural Triangle sites, Wildlife Parks, Conservation Forests, Museums, Zoological Gardens and Botanical Gardens, and Income of Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH). The revenue collections from some of these sources are given in Tables 32 to 40 in the Statistical Appendix.

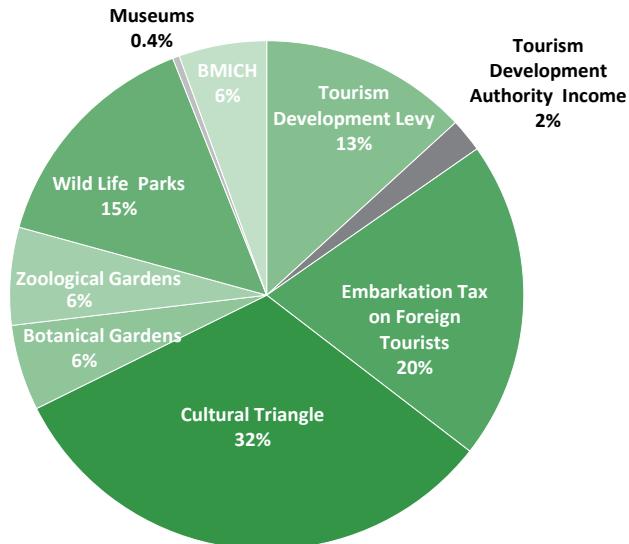
In 2017, the total revenue collected from the listed sources amounted to Rs. 11,767.6 million, compared to Rs. 10,630.5

million collected in the previous year (without the revenue from conservation forests).

Out of the total revenue collected in 2017, the top three contributors were: Cultural Triangle Entrance Fees (Rs. 3,774.4 million), Embarkation Taxes (Rs. 2,378.8 million) and the Wildlife Parks (Rs.1,730.7 million). The revenue earned from Conservation Forests was 25.4 million, while the Tourism Development Levy, Zoological Gardens and Botanical Gardens also contributed considerable amounts, recording Rs. 1,541.5 million, Rs. 728.9 million and Rs. 640 million respectively.

The government earns a substantial amount of income in addition to the above revenue through indirect means. The figures presented are only partial indicators of the total revenue from tourism.

Chart 24: Distribution of Public Sector Revenue from Tourism (Percentage) – 2017



Source: SLTDA and relevant line agencies



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FOREIGN TRAVEL BY SRI LANKANS

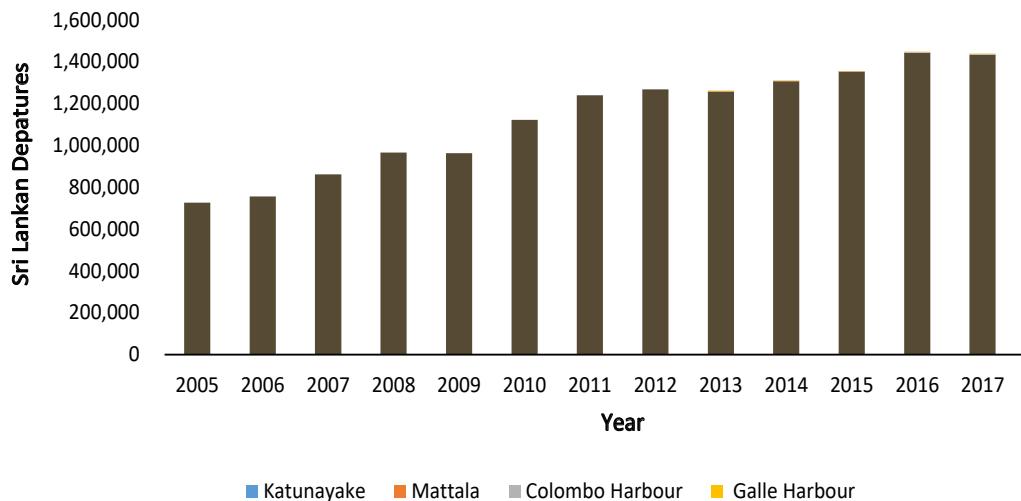
6.1 Foreign Travel by Sri Lankans

1,439,429 Sri Lankans travelled overseas during the year 2017. This was a decrease of 0.57% compared to the previous year when the total departures were 1,447,786.

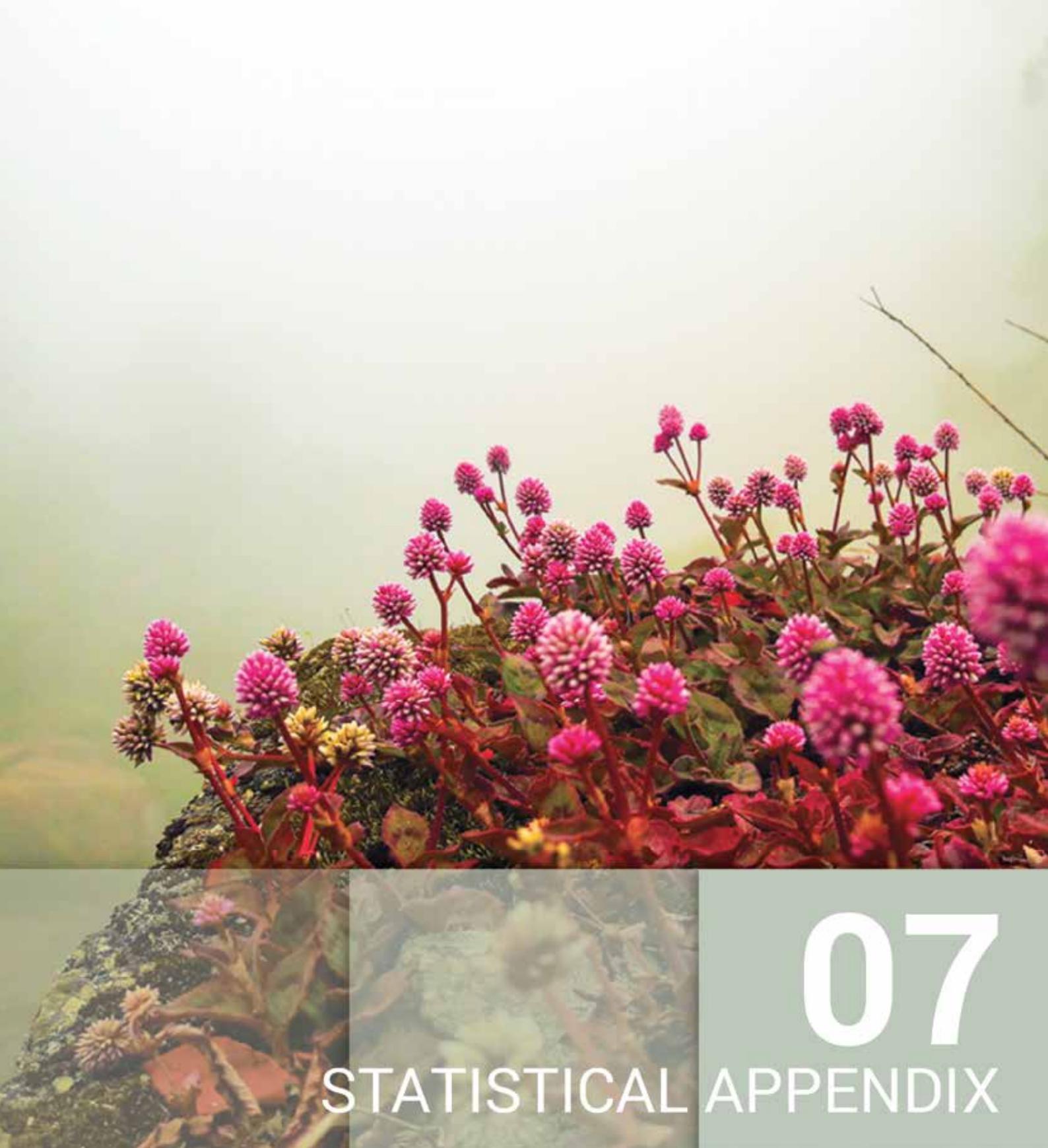
Departures of Sri Lankan nationals analysed by the mode of travel and port of departure are shown in Table 19 and

28. In 2017, the mode of overseas travel of 99.7% of Sri Lankans was by air, out of which 99.6% of Sri Lankans used BIA, Katunayake as the port of departure. 0.1% of departing Sri Lankans used Colombo harbour as a main port when it comes to the mode of sea.

Chart 25: Sri Lankan Departures – 2005 to 2017



Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration



07

STATISTICAL APPENDIX

Table 1

Market Growth Trends by Country of Residence – Growth Indices – 2007 to 2017 Average 1963/1966=100)

| Market | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Average Annual Growth Rates |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Western Europe | 2,628 | 2,260 | 2,299 | 3,472 | 4,260 | 5,042 | 5,690 | 6,474 | 7,466 | 8,695 | 9,203 | 44.2 |
| Asia | 2,862 | 2,446 | 2,467 | 3,451 | 4,719 | 5,376 | 7,205 | 9,200 | 11,624 | 13,270 | 13,605 | 36.5 |
| North America | 1,022 | 876 | 899 | 1,449 | 1,768 | 2,135 | 2,365 | 2,618 | 3,061 | 3,545 | 3,761 | 12.9 |
| Oceania | 3,256 | 3,102 | 3,703 | 5,297 | 6,600 | 8,207 | 8,641 | 9,269 | 10,181 | 11,911 | 13,069 | 43.3 |
| Others | 4,305 | 4,896 | 4,908 | 7,141 | 10,470 | 12,711 | 20,437 | 24,383 | 25,099 | 26,934 | 26,009 | 43.2 |
| All Markets | 2,598 | 2,306 | 2,355 | 3,442 | 4,501 | 5,288 | 6,703 | 8,031 | 9,457 | 10,785 | 11,130 | 36.3 |

Table 2Tourist Arrivals by Nationality – 2017

| Nationality | 2017 | Percentage Share |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| NORTH AMERICA | 110,502 | 5.22 |
| Canadian | 48,376 | 2.29 |
| American | 61,196 | 2.89 |
| Mexican | 930 | 0.04 |
| CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA | 5,830 | 0.28 |
| Argentinian | 1,028 | 0.05 |
| Brazilian | 1,734 | 0.08 |
| Others | 3,068 | 0.14 |
| WESTERN EUROPE | 328,144 | 15.50 |
| Austrian | 16,719 | 0.79 |
| Belgian | 14,152 | 0.67 |
| Dane | 125,369 | 5.92 |
| Dutch | 48,875 | 2.31 |
| French | 94,109 | 4.45 |
| Swiss | 28,200 | 1.33 |
| Others | 720 | 0.03 |
| NORTHERN EUROPE | 275,219 | 13.00 |
| British | 204,515 | 9.66 |
| Danish | 17,821 | 0.84 |
| Finnish | 6,985 | 0.33 |
| Irish | 8,302 | 0.39 |
| Norwegian | 13,694 | 0.65 |
| Swedish | 23,536 | 1.11 |
| Others | 366 | 0.02 |
| CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE | 147,598 | 6.97 |
| Czech | 14,978 | 0.71 |
| Polish | 14,572 | 0.69 |
| Russian | 56,325 | 2.66 |
| Ukrainian | 30,753 | 1.45 |
| Others | 30,970 | 1.46 |

Table 2 (contd.)

| Nationality | 2017 | Percentage Share |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| SOUTHERN EUROPE | 84,637 | 4.00 |
| Spanish | 21,369 | 1.01 |
| Italian | 31,945 | 1.51 |
| Israeli | 10,544 | 0.50 |
| Others | 20,779 | 0.98 |
| MIDDLE EAST | 72,151 | 3.41 |
| Saudi Arabian | 33,688 | 1.59 |
| Omani | 8,121 | 0.38 |
| Others | 30,342 | 1.43 |
| AFRICA | 17,863 | 0.84 |
| South Africans | 5,667 | 0.27 |
| Seychelles | 4,467 | 0.21 |
| Others | 7,729 | 0.37 |
| NORTH EAST ASIA | 340,201 | 16.07 |
| Chinese | 268,683 | 12.70 |
| Japanese | 47,308 | 2.24 |
| Others | 24,210 | 1.14 |
| SOUTH ASIA | 529,700 | 25.03 |
| Indians | 386,131 | 18.24 |
| Maldivians | 80,956 | 3.83 |
| Pakistani | 31,490 | 1.49 |
| Others | 31,123 | 1.47 |
| SOUTH EAST ASIA | 104,842 | 4.95 |
| Indonesians | 26,115 | 1.23 |
| Malaysians | 24,982 | 1.18 |
| Singaporeans | 19,183 | 0.91 |
| Others | 34,562 | 1.63 |
| OCEANIA | 99,720 | 4.71 |
| Australian | 87,882 | 4.15 |
| New Zealanders | 10,982 | 0.52 |
| Others | 856 | 0.04 |
| Total | 2,116,407 | 100.00 |

Table 3Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence – 2012 to 2017

| Country of Residence | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| NORTH AMERICA | 59,236 | 65,616 | 72,653 | 84,943 | 98,376 | 104,375 |
| Canada | 29,329 | 30,926 | 33,282 | 37,732 | 44,122 | 46,896 |
| United States | 29,907 | 34,690 | 39,371 | 47,211 | 54,254 | 57,479 |
| LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN | 1,626 | 3,166 | 4,124 | 4,628 | 5,625 | 6,482 |
| WESTERN EUROPE | 373,063 | 421,037 | 479,007 | 552,442 | 643,333 | 680,901 |
| Austria | 7,991 | 11,300 | 12,664 | 14,253 | 16,995 | 17,466 |
| Belgium | 11,323 | 9,138 | 9,915 | 13,054 | 14,387 | 14,616 |
| Denmark | 8,323 | 9,845 | 11,239 | 15,203 | 18,097 | 18,647 |
| Finland | 4,840 | 2,471 | 2,903 | 3,830 | 5,057 | 7,334 |
| France | 56,863 | 64,388 | 78,883 | 86,126 | 96,440 | 97,282 |
| Germany | 71,642 | 85,470 | 102,977 | 115,868 | 133,275 | 130,227 |
| Italy | 15,871 | 17,982 | 21,116 | 24,293 | 29,791 | 31,428 |
| Netherlands | 26,754 | 22,281 | 24,196 | 32,742 | 41,373 | 51,148 |
| Norway | 7,703 | 8,573 | 9,237 | 12,007 | 12,790 | 14,159 |
| Spain | 8,319 | 8,183 | 11,914 | 15,582 | 19,425 | 22,361 |
| Sweden | 13,775 | 12,597 | 14,259 | 18,423 | 21,589 | 24,275 |
| Switzerland | 20,054 | 19,141 | 20,097 | 22,418 | 26,282 | 28,402 |
| United Kingdom | 114,218 | 137,416 | 144,168 | 161,845 | 188,159 | 201,879 |
| Others | 5,387 | 12,252 | 15,439 | 16,798 | 19,673 | 21,677 |
| EASTERN EUROPE | 72,401 | 125,695 | 154,153 | 148,458 | 161,171 | 161,967 |
| Russia | 28,402 | 51,235 | 69,718 | 61,846 | 58,176 | 59,191 |
| Ukraine | 22,348 | 38,607 | 29,882 | 23,853 | 31,302 | 32,346 |
| Others | 21,651 | 35,853 | 54,553 | 62,759 | 71,693 | 70,430 |
| MIDDLE EAST | 56,169 | 80,509 | 88,991 | 101,066 | 107,635 | 95,581 |

Table 3 (contd.)

| Country of Residence | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| AFRICA | 5,045 | 8,081 | 12,163 | 12,899 | 12,144 | 12,703 |
| South Africa | 3,048 | 3,366 | 4,155 | 4,717 | 5,208 | 5,726 |
| Others | 1,997 | 4,715 | 8,008 | 8,182 | 6,936 | 6,977 |
| EAST ASIA | 132,730 | 183,097 | 280,511 | 362,857 | 425,161 | 444,310 |
| China (P.R.) | 27,316 | 54,288 | 128,166 | 214,783 | 271,577 | 268,952 |
| Indonesia | 2,890 | 17,295 | 29,558 | 23,305 | 16,047 | 25,806 |
| Japan | 26,085 | 31,505 | 39,136 | 39,358 | 43,110 | 44,988 |
| South Korea | 7,838 | 12,207 | 13,412 | 14,373 | 14,520 | 15,963 |
| Malaysia | 21,776 | 19,181 | 23,178 | 22,772 | 24,727 | 26,414 |
| Philippines | 5,687 | 14,616 | 11,160 | 11,305 | 12,747 | 16,845 |
| Singapore | 17,273 | 15,546 | 15,762 | 15,846 | 19,033 | 19,457 |
| Thailand | 7,897 | 9,608 | 9,260 | 10,112 | 9,462 | 10,828 |
| Taiwan (P.C) | 12,703 | 3,931 | 5,193 | 5,330 | 6,579 | 7,636 |
| Others | 3,265 | 4,920 | 5,686 | 5,673 | 7,359 | 7,421 |
| SOUTH ASIA | 247,559 | 326,556 | 370,299 | 459,415 | 513,536 | 518,085 |
| Bangladesh | 4,646 | 10,037 | 10,754 | 13,358 | 17,098 | 15,510 |
| India | 176,340 | 208,795 | 242,734 | 316,247 | 356,729 | 384,628 |
| Maldives | 47,572 | 79,474 | 86,359 | 90,617 | 95,167 | 79,371 |
| Nepal | 1,038 | 2,019 | 3,319 | 5,801 | 13,153 | 5,144 |
| Pakistan | 16,056 | 25,336 | 25,424 | 32,300 | 29,965 | 31,815 |
| Others | 1,907 | 895 | 1,709 | 1,092 | 1,424 | 1,617 |
| AUSTRALASIA | 57,776 | 60,836 | 65,252 | 71,672 | 83,851 | 92,003 |
| Australia | 51,614 | 54,252 | 57,940 | 63,554 | 74,496 | 81,281 |
| New Zealand | 5,641 | 6,174 | 6,880 | 7,762 | 9,045 | 10,332 |
| Others | 521 | 410 | 432 | 356 | 310 | 390 |
| Total | 1,005,605 | 1,274,593 | 1,527,153 | 1,798,380 | 2,050,832 | 2,116,407 |

Table 3 (a)Tourists Arrivals by Miscellaneous Countries – 2012 to 2017

| Country of Residence | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN | 1,626 | 3,166 | 4,124 | 4,628 | 5,625 | 6,482 |
| Argentina | 387 | 400 | 509 | 550 | 771 | 921 |
| Chile | - | 255 | 366 | 433 | 524 | 631 |
| Colombia | - | 268 | 340 | 466 | 567 | 710 |
| Brazil | 476 | 803 | 1,071 | 1,341 | 1,385 | 1,822 |
| Others | 763 | 1,440 | 1,838 | 1,838 | 2,378 | 2,398 |
| WESTERN EUROPE-OTHERS | 5,387 | 12,252 | 15,439 | 16,798 | 19,673 | 21,677 |
| Greece | 1,415 | 4,010 | 5,002 | 5,144 | 4,573 | 5,651 |
| Ireland | 1,951 | 4,512 | 5,163 | 5,970 | 7,968 | 9,806 |
| Portugal | 1,284 | 2,097 | 2,620 | 3,001 | 4,095 | 5,060 |
| Others | 737 | 1,633 | 2,654 | 2,683 | 3,037 | 1,160 |
| EASTERN EUROPE-OTHERS | 21,651 | 35,853 | 54,553 | 54,553 | 71,693 | 70,430 |
| Czech Republic | 5,877 | 8,881 | 11,736 | 15,278 | 17,858 | 15,712 |
| Hungary | 1,418 | 1,653 | 2,697 | 2,955 | 3,942 | 4,951 |
| Poland | 5,806 | 9,688 | 13,370 | 13,245 | 14,432 | 15,346 |
| Romania | 1,029 | 1,687 | 2,331 | 3,107 | 3,466 | 4,652 |
| Slovakia | 2,040 | 1,731 | 2,411 | 4,214 | 5,696 | 6,579 |
| Lithuania | 1,078 | 1,405 | 1,858 | 1,764 | 2,372 | 2,959 |
| Turkey | 1,460 | 2,399 | 2,500 | 3,108 | 3,804 | 4,609 |
| Kazakhstan | 996 | 2,362 | 3,750 | 6,371 | 5,285 | 6,122 |
| Others | 1,947 | 6,047 | 13,900 | 4,511 | 14,838 | 9,500 |
| AFRICA -OTHERS | 1,997 | 4,715 | 8,008 | 8,182 | 6,936 | 6,977 |
| Kenya | 645 | 507 | 665 | 601 | 706 | 853 |
| Mauritius | 284 | 288 | 347 | 430 | 550 | 703 |
| Nigeria | 684 | 550 | 487 | 390 | 343 | 416 |
| Sudan | - | 426 | 718 | 665 | 902 | 1,078 |

Table 3a (contd.)

| Country of Residence | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Others | 384 | 2,944 | 5,791 | 6,096 | 4,435 | 3,927 |
| MIDDLE EAST | 56,169 | 80,509 | 88,991 | 101,066 | 107,635 | 95,581 |
| Bahrain | 2,016 | 2,743 | 2,699 | 2,697 | 2,887 | 3,296 |
| Iran | 1,815 | 2,058 | 2,809 | 3,486 | 5,862 | 6,816 |
| Israel | 7,212 | 8,545 | 8,058 | 7,790 | 10,391 | 11,080 |
| Jordan | 1,852 | 2,976 | 2,998 | 3,370 | 4,488 | 5,165 |
| Kuwait | 3,245 | 7,427 | 8,170 | 6,522 | 5,726 | 4,327 |
| Lebanon | 2,116 | 3,371 | 3,714 | 4,829 | 6,000 | 7,152 |
| Oman | 2,602 | 7,634 | 12,756 | 14,216 | 13,268 | 8,343 |
| Saudi Arabia | 19,423 | 23,753 | 30,875 | 36,617 | 38,836 | 35,481 |
| Qatar | 2,271 | 1,073 | 1,400 | 1,547 | 1,709 | 1,859 |
| UAE | 11,083 | 8,471 | 9,895 | 10,576 | 8,475 | 7,136 |
| Egypt | 800 | 1,806 | 2,179 | 2,734 | 3,240 | 3,907 |
| Others | 1,734 | 10,652 | 3,438 | 6,682 | 6,753 | 1,019 |
| ASIA – OTHERS | 5172 | 5,815 | 7,395 | 6,765 | 8,783 | 9,038 |
| Myanmar | 1108 | 2,848 | 2,644 | 2,794 | 3,645 | 4,365 |
| Vietnam | 906 | 1,163 | 1,432 | 1,798 | 2,114 | 2,551 |
| Afghanistan | 649 | 559 | 699 | 587 | 869 | 745 |
| Bhutan | 831 | 266 | 425 | 397 | 462 | 737 |
| Others | 1,678 | 979 | 2,195 | 1,189 | 1,693 | 640 |
| TOTAL | 92,002 | 142,310 | 178,510 | 191,992 | 220,345 | 210,185 |

Table 4Seasonal Variation in Tourist Traffic – 1971 to 2017 (Seasonal Indices) (1)

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Seasonality Ratio (2) | Coefficient of Seasonal Variation (3) |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1971 | 179 | 199 | 156 | 47 | 29 | 29 | 57 | 75 | 57 | 78 | 121 | 173 | 2.0 | 60 |
| 1972 | 123 | 125 | 119 | 66 | 70 | 50 | 79 | 99 | 73 | 96 | 132 | 168 | 1.7 | 33 |
| 1973 | 145 | 129 | 121 | 84 | 66 | 50 | 91 | 103 | 64 | 91 | 110 | 146 | 1.5 | 30 |
| 1974 | 154 | 136 | 139 | 90 | 46 | 47 | 76 | 87 | 70 | 88 | 118 | 149 | 1.5 | 37 |
| 1975 | 137 | 121 | 130 | 68 | 65 | 56 | 69 | 100 | 62 | 87 | 131 | 174 | 1.7 | 44 |
| 1976 | 158 | 153 | 135 | 90 | 62 | 46 | 43 | 35 | 68 | 107 | 137 | 166 | 1.7 | 47 |
| 1977 | 137 | 141 | 143 | 77 | 59 | 43 | 77 | 87 | 59 | 90 | 134 | 153 | 1.5 | 37 |
| 1978 | 144 | 140 | 128 | 73 | 55 | 44 | 82 | 97 | 64 | 89 | 129 | 155 | 1.6 | 36 |
| 1979 | 136 | 121 | 122 | 90 | 63 | 51 | 81 | 97 | 71 | 93 | 123 | 152 | 1.5 | 30 |
| 1980 | 135 | 126 | 128 | 81 | 73 | 57 | 86 | 102 | 74 | 88 | 108 | 142 | 1.4 | 27 |
| 1981 | 146 | 127 | 124 | 92 | 70 | 54 | 92 | 106 | 78 | 87 | 96 | 127 | 1.5 | 26 |
| 1982 | 121 | 118 | 124 | 88 | 85 | 77 | 91 | 101 | 88 | 89 | 99 | 119 | 1.2 | 16 |
| 1983 | 175 | 156 | 159 | 116 | 117 | 87 | 89 | 30 | 36 | 58 | 73 | 104 | 1.7 | 45 |
| 1984 | 127 | 122 | 123 | 89 | 69 | 68 | 101 | 104 | 82 | 98 | 105 | 112 | 1.3 | 19 |
| 1985 | 134 | 126 | 139 | 92 | 65 | 52 | 86 | 94 | 71 | 85 | 108 | 148 | 1.5 | 30 |
| 1986 | 172 | 159 | 151 | 101 | 68 | 50 | 64 | 79 | 65 | 66 | 94 | 131 | 1.7 | 41 |
| 1987 | 167 | 156 | 150 | 106 | 54 | 50 | 67 | 75 | 66 | 80 | 93 | 135 | 1.7 | 40 |
| 1988 | 134 | 126 | 128 | 91 | 73 | 76 | 116 | 123 | 98 | 110 | 69 | 56 | 1.3 | 25 |
| 1989 | 84 | 80 | 104 | 80 | 83 | 75 | 99 | 112 | 93 | 98 | 123 | 169 | 1.7 | 25 |
| 1990 | 107 | 106 | 109 | 92 | 74 | 73 | 106 | 108 | 90 | 93 | 99 | 143 | 1.4 | 18 |
| 1991 | 109 | 106 | 103 | 78 | 67 | 66 | 115 | 109 | 94 | 95 | 107 | 151 | 1.5 | 22 |
| 1992 | 108 | 118 | 101 | 86 | 64 | 70 | 103 | 122 | 91 | 97 | 109 | 125 | 1.3 | 18 |
| 1993 | 131 | 123 | 116 | 91 | 68 | 62 | 101 | 100 | 84 | 94 | 107 | 123 | 1.3 | 21 |
| 1994 | 134 | 121 | 122 | 83 | 64 | 63 | 104 | 97 | 91 | 98 | 98 | 126 | 1.3 | 22 |
| 1995 | 137 | 127 | 119 | 100 | 73 | 67 | 107 | 107 | 92 | 91 | 84 | 95 | 1.4 | 21 |

Table 4 (contd.)

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Seasonality Ratio (2) | Coefficient of Seasonal Variation (3) |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1996 | 123 | 117 | 105 | 81 | 70 | 78 | 101 | 98 | 92 | 93 | 99 | 142 | 1.4 | 20 |
| 1997 | 107 | 115 | 112 | 88 | 73 | 76 | 101 | 105 | 98 | 93 | 105 | 128 | 1.3 | 16 |
| 1998 | 117 | 111 | 102 | 81 | 64 | 71 | 93 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 121 | 142 | 1.4 | 21 |
| 1999 | 122 | 114 | 113 | 95 | 69 | 72 | 92 | 107 | 93 | 97 | 115 | 111 | 1.2 | 16 |
| 2000 | 130 | 130 | 121 | 101 | 70 | 66 | 100 | 104 | 93 | 80 | 98 | 105 | 1.3 | 20 |
| 2001 | 157 | 166 | 158 | 131 | 96 | 101 | 102 | 56 | 42 | 46 | 62 | 83 | 1.4 | 43 |
| 2002 | 86 | 97 | 101 | 83 | 81 | 80 | 109 | 108 | 101 | 111 | 114 | 129 | 1.5 | 15 |
| 2003 | 97 | 94 | 98 | 81 | 72 | 76 | 105 | 101 | 86 | 120 | 132 | 138 | 1.4 | 23 |
| 2004 | 106 | 92 | 81 | 65 | 64 | 68 | 107 | 103 | 109 | 126 | 138 | 140 | 1.4 | 26 |
| 2005 | 114 | 115 | 120 | 109 | 96 | 96 | 121 | 116 | 84 | 85 | 82 | 86 | 1.1 | 15 |
| 2006 | 112 | 113 | 117 | 107 | 94 | 94 | 119 | 114 | 83 | 83 | 81 | 84 | 1.2 | 15 |
| 2007 | 137 | 105 | 85 | 80 | 64 | 75 | 107 | 109 | 90 | 90 | 110 | 148 | 1.5 | 25 |
| 2008 | 156 | 111 | 104 | 81 | 85 | 77 | 90 | 84 | 81 | 96 | 101 | 134 | 1.6 | 24 |
| 2009 | 103 | 92 | 91 | 70 | 66 | 81 | 113 | 110 | 102 | 101 | 119 | 152 | 1.5 | 23 |
| 2010 | 93 | 105 | 96 | 70 | 65 | 82 | 116 | 102 | 87 | 96 | 132 | 155 | 1.6 | 25 |
| 2011 | 104 | 92 | 105 | 89 | 69 | 75 | 117 | 102 | 84 | 98 | 127 | 137 | 1.4 | 20 |
| 2012 | 102 | 100 | 109 | 83 | 69 | 78 | 108 | 95 | 85 | 96 | 130 | 146 | 1.5 | 22 |
| 2013 | 104 | 107 | 107 | 76 | 70 | 85 | 101 | 116 | 85 | 101 | 103 | 145 | 1.4 | 20 |
| 2014 | 115 | 111 | 104 | 88 | 70 | 81 | 105 | 110 | 82 | 95 | 94 | 140 | 1.4 | 19 |
| 2015 | 104 | 110 | 105 | 82 | 76 | 77 | 117 | 111 | 96 | 88 | 96 | 138 | 1.4 | 18 |
| 2016 | 114 | 116 | 113 | 80 | 73 | 69 | 122 | 109 | 87 | 88 | 98 | 132 | 1.3 | 20 |
| 2017 | 124 | 112 | 107 | 91 | 69 | 70 | 117 | 108 | 82 | 86 | 95 | 139 | 1.4 | 22 |

(1) Seasonal indices are compiled by taking average arrivals per month as 100

(2) Seasonality ratio = Highest Monthly Arrival / Average Arrival per month

(3) Coefficient of Seasonal Variation is obtained by calculating the standard deviation of the Seasonal Index.

Table 5Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & Month – 2017

| Country of Residence | TOTAL | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Seasonality Ratio |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| NORTH AMERICA | 104,375 | 10,521 | 8,489 | 9,355 | 7,433 | 6,676 | 8,547 | 10,875 | 9,478 | 5,532 | 5,939 | 7,635 | 13,895 | 1.6 |
| Canada | 46,896 | 4,366 | 3,611 | 4,064 | 3,142 | 3,352 | 4,347 | 6,018 | 5,496 | 2,328 | 2,408 | 2,992 | 4,772 | 1.5 |
| United States | 57,479 | 6,155 | 4,878 | 5,291 | 4,291 | 3,324 | 4,200 | 4,857 | 3,982 | 3,204 | 3,531 | 4,643 | 9,123 | 1.9 |
| LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN | 6,482 | 684 | 564 | 589 | 610 | 377 | 381 | 389 | 495 | 488 | 535 | 584 | 786 | 1.5 |
| WESTERN EUROPE | 680,901 | 72,500 | 76,770 | 65,640 | 55,304 | 26,892 | 33,228 | 80,896 | 65,949 | 39,610 | 42,416 | 45,903 | 75,793 | 1.4 |
| Austria | 17,466 | 2,524 | 2,963 | 2,113 | 1,250 | 580 | 365 | 1,414 | 970 | 658 | 1,069 | 1,302 | 2,258 | 2.0 |
| Belgium | 14,616 | 1,063 | 1,274 | 1,203 | 1,140 | 547 | 573 | 3,275 | 1,354 | 1,119 | 747 | 804 | 1,517 | 2.7 |
| Denmark | 18,647 | 3,535 | 3,424 | 1,527 | 1,310 | 446 | 1,103 | 2,824 | 791 | 420 | 723 | 795 | 1,749 | 2.3 |
| France | 97,282 | 10,666 | 13,909 | 11,482 | 7,804 | 3,735 | 3,365 | 11,390 | 10,730 | 4,637 | 5,132 | 5,574 | 8,858 | 1.7 |
| Netherlands | 51,148 | 4,457 | 4,162 | 3,043 | 2,907 | 1,997 | 2,399 | 11,990 | 5,697 | 3,818 | 3,044 | 3,234 | 4,400 | 2.8 |
| Italy | 31,428 | 4,440 | 3,368 | 2,629 | 1,977 | 957 | 1,252 | 2,269 | 4,871 | 1,365 | 1,230 | 1,782 | 5,288 | 2.0 |
| Norway | 14,159 | 1,566 | 1,461 | 859 | 1,052 | 374 | 1,927 | 2,181 | 740 | 550 | 713 | 1,097 | 1,639 | 1.8 |
| Spain | 22,361 | 1,193 | 1,120 | 1,321 | 1,810 | 746 | 1,059 | 2,701 | 4,100 | 2,115 | 1,989 | 1,848 | 2,359 | 2.2 |
| Sweden | 24,275 | 4,784 | 4,103 | 2,038 | 1,312 | 454 | 846 | 860 | 448 | 547 | 1,263 | 1,760 | 5,860 | 2.9 |
| Switzerland | 28,402 | 2,525 | 2,749 | 1,848 | 2,691 | 1,127 | 1,381 | 5,683 | 1,517 | 1,593 | 2,099 | 1,901 | 3,288 | 2.4 |
| United Kingdom | 201,879 | 19,468 | 20,218 | 19,451 | 17,841 | 8,520 | 10,424 | 23,553 | 21,903 | 12,593 | 12,518 | 13,634 | 21,756 | 1.4 |
| Germany | 130,227 | 12,471 | 14,712 | 15,207 | 11,866 | 6,351 | 7,024 | 10,835 | 10,993 | 8,574 | 10,180 | 9,891 | 12,123 | 1.4 |
| Others | 29,011 | 3,808 | 3,307 | 2,919 | 2,344 | 1,058 | 1,510 | 1,921 | 1,835 | 1,621 | 1,709 | 2,281 | 4,698 | 1.9 |

Table 5 (Contd.)

| Country of Residence | TOTAL | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Seasonality Ratio |
|----------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| EASTERN EUROPE | 161,967 | 26,540 | 23,768 | 19,248 | 12,981 | 4,835 | 3,865 | 6,127 | 5,711 | 6,044 | 10,393 | 18,636 | 23,819 | 2.0 |
| Russia | 59,191 | 10,337 | 9,031 | 7,097 | 4,602 | 1,242 | 1,029 | 1,274 | 1,272 | 1,521 | 3,980 | 7,864 | 9,942 | 2.1 |
| Ukraine | 32,346 | 5,806 | 4,252 | 3,582 | 3,138 | 1,464 | 552 | 1,165 | 1,399 | 1,687 | 2,162 | 3,284 | 3,855 | 2.2 |
| Czech Republic | 15,712 | 2,305 | 2,735 | 2,327 | 1,502 | 353 | 430 | 793 | 567 | 558 | 693 | 1,577 | 1,872 | 2.1 |
| Poland | 15,346 | 2,134 | 1,876 | 1,503 | 696 | 489 | 589 | 911 | 684 | 735 | 906 | 2,433 | 2,390 | 1.9 |
| Others | 39,372 | 5,958 | 5,874 | 4,739 | 3,043 | 1,287 | 1,265 | 1,984 | 1,789 | 1,543 | 2,652 | 3,478 | 5,760 | 1.9 |
| AFRICA | 12,703 | 963 | 803 | 1,047 | 1,070 | 727 | 843 | 1,041 | 1,047 | 941 | 856 | 926 | 2,439 | 2.3 |
| South Africa | 5,726 | 480 | 319 | 472 | 540 | 249 | 438 | 377 | 343 | 320 | 310 | 388 | 1,490 | 3.1 |
| Others | 6,977 | 483 | 484 | 575 | 530 | 478 | 405 | 664 | 704 | 621 | 546 | 538 | 949 | 1.6 |
| MIDDLE EAST | 95,581 | 8,948 | 5,530 | 8,064 | 6,624 | 3,236 | 4,958 | 16,163 | 16,336 | 9,331 | 4,662 | 5,066 | 6,663 | 2.1 |
| Saudi Arabia | 35,481 | 3,163 | 1,388 | 2,034 | 1,836 | 834 | 1,789 | 8,354 | 8,761 | 4,003 | 1,078 | 1,120 | 1,121 | 3.0 |
| UAE | 7,136 | 310 | 234 | 635 | 454 | 301 | 590 | 1,333 | 1,373 | 556 | 305 | 421 | 624 | 2.3 |
| Israel | 11,080 | 1,104 | 1,026 | 776 | 1,056 | 330 | 426 | 1,154 | 1,431 | 1,170 | 818 | 615 | 1,174 | 1.5 |
| Kuwait | 4,327 | 605 | 339 | 317 | 376 | 246 | 217 | 538 | 678 | 281 | 232 | 225 | 273 | 1.9 |
| Oman | 8,343 | 1,175 | 779 | 429 | 374 | 246 | 284 | 2,404 | 1,126 | 458 | 302 | 353 | 413 | 3.5 |
| Others | 29,214 | 2,591 | 1,764 | 3,873 | 2,528 | 1,279 | 1,652 | 2,380 | 2,967 | 2,863 | 1,927 | 2,332 | 3,058 | 1.6 |
| EAST ASIA | 444,310 | 48,773 | 41,460 | 38,030 | 32,122 | 31,269 | 28,643 | 41,264 | 42,417 | 31,127 | 34,870 | 36,087 | 38,248 | 1.3 |
| China(P.R.) ** | 268,952 | 31,802 | 25,248 | 22,172 | 19,823 | 18,494 | 17,205 | 28,445 | 26,507 | 18,939 | 21,846 | 19,237 | 19,234 | 1.4 |
| Japan | 44,988 | 4,026 | 4,757 | 4,271 | 3,404 | 2,848 | 2,970 | 4,025 | 5,511 | 4,254 | 3,111 | 3,063 | 2,748 | 1.5 |

Table 5 (Contd.)

| Country of Residence | TOTAL | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Seasonality Ratio |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Malaysia | 26,414 | 2,266 | 1,672 | 2,145 | 1,676 | 2,089 | 2,019 | 1,628 | 2,311 | 1,564 | 1,764 | 2,686 | 4,594 | 2.1 |
| Philippines | 16,845 | 839 | 864 | 1,093 | 1,197 | 1,074 | 1,208 | 1,209 | 1,394 | 1,583 | 1,561 | 1,624 | 3,199 | 2.3 |
| Indonesia | 25,806 | 4,529 | 3,690 | 3,677 | 1,885 | 1,494 | 923 | 606 | 1,143 | 561 | 2,073 | 3,795 | 1,430 | 2.1 |
| Singapore | 19,457 | 1,263 | 1,157 | 1,573 | 1,218 | 1,465 | 1,854 | 1,485 | 1,783 | 1,336 | 1,205 | 1,900 | 3,218 | 2.0 |
| Thailand | 10,828 | 703 | 1,148 | 668 | 1,041 | 1,223 | 823 | 912 | 889 | 692 | 841 | 936 | 952 | 1.4 |
| South Korea | 15,963 | 1,843 | 1,569 | 1,193 | 886 | 1,003 | 952 | 1,454 | 1,332 | 1,150 | 1,342 | 1,757 | 1,482 | 1.4 |
| Others | 15,057 | 1,502 | 1,355 | 1,238 | 992 | 1,579 | 689 | 1,500 | 1,547 | 1,048 | 1,127 | 1,089 | 1,391 | 1.3 |
| SOUTH ASIA | 518,085 | 41,470 | 35,148 | 39,804 | 36,358 | 43,511 | 35,793 | 40,769 | 42,649 | 44,853 | 46,763 | 45,061 | 65,906 | 1.5 |
| India | 384,628 | 31,173 | 26,320 | 27,075 | 26,323 | 34,167 | 27,836 | 29,006 | 31,220 | 34,481 | 36,996 | 32,243 | 47,788 | 1.5 |
| Maldives | 79,371 | 5,662 | 5,103 | 8,076 | 5,791 | 5,364 | 4,443 | 6,458 | 6,405 | 5,522 | 5,121 | 8,165 | 13,261 | 2.0 |
| Pakistan | 31,815 | 2,514 | 1,826 | 2,433 | 2,390 | 2,333 | 2,035 | 3,573 | 3,133 | 3,022 | 2,907 | 2,838 | 2,811 | 1.3 |
| Bangladesh | 15,510 | 1,282 | 1,331 | 1,732 | 1,429 | 1,104 | 1,106 | 1,272 | 1,360 | 1,344 | 1,096 | 1,112 | 1,342 | 1.3 |
| Others | 6,761 | 839 | 568 | 488 | 425 | 543 | 373 | 460 | 531 | 484 | 643 | 703 | 704 | 1.5 |
| AUSTRALASIA | 92,003 | 8,961 | 4,985 | 6,299 | 7,747 | 4,368 | 7,093 | 7,958 | 6,846 | 7,151 | 5,995 | 7,613 | 16,987 | 2.2 |
| Australia | 81,281 | 8,116 | 4,482 | 5,575 | 6,756 | 3,805 | 6,360 | 6,883 | 5,959 | 6,310 | 5,198 | 6,779 | 15,058 | 2.2 |
| New Zealand | 10,332 | 812 | 472 | 714 | 974 | 531 | 706 | 1,011 | 862 | 813 | 765 | 806 | 1,866 | 2.2 |
| Others | 390 | 33 | 31 | 10 | 17 | 32 | 27 | 64 | 25 | 28 | 32 | 28 | 63 | 2.0 |
| TOTAL | 2,116,407 | 219,360 | 197,517 | 188,076 | 160,249 | 121,891 | 123,351 | 205,482 | 190,928 | 145,077 | 152,429 | 167,511 | 244,536 | 1.4 |

Table 6Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Port – 2008 to 2017

| Port | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Katunayake (BIA) | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 98.8 | 98.1 | 98.6 | 98.7 | 98.3 |
| Mattala (MRIA) | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.65 |
| Total Air | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 98.9 | 98.2 | 98.6 | 98.8 | 98.95 |
| Galle Harbour | — | — | — | — | — | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.53 |
| Colombo Harbour | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.48 |
| Other Ports | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.04 |
| Total Sea | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.05 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Table 7Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & Modes of Transport – 2017

| Country of Residence | Arrivals | By Air | By Sea |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| NORTH AMERICA | 104,375 | 103,441 | 934 |
| Canada | 46,896 | 46,681 | 215 |
| United States | 57,479 | 56,760 | 719 |
| LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN | 6,482 | 6,370 | 112 |
| WESTERN EUROPE | 680,901 | 676,063 | 4,838 |
| Austria | 17,466 | 17,412 | 54 |
| Belgium | 14,616 | 14,548 | 68 |
| Denmark | 18,647 | 18,553 | 94 |
| Finland | 7,334 | 7,323 | 11 |
| France | 97,282 | 96,837 | 445 |
| Germany | 130,227 | 129,599 | 628 |
| Italy | 31,428 | 30,381 | 1,047 |

table 7 (contd.)

| Country of Residence | Arrivals | By Air | By Sea |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Netherlands | 51,148 | 50,989 | 159 |
| Norway | 14,159 | 14,065 | 94 |
| Spain | 22,361 | 22,250 | 111 |
| Sweden | 24,275 | 24,221 | 54 |
| Switzerland | 28,402 | 28,299 | 103 |
| United Kingdom | 201,879 | 199,914 | 1,965 |
| Others | 21,677 | 21,672 | 5 |
| EASTERN EUROPE | 161,967 | 155,024 | 6,943 |
| Russia | 59,191 | 58,492 | 699 |
| Ukraine | 32,346 | 30,626 | 1,720 |
| Others | 70,430 | 65,906 | 4,524 |
| MIDDLE EAST | 95,581 | 95,476 | 105 |
| AFRICA | 12,703 | 12,414 | 289 |
| ASIA | 962,395 | 950,511 | 11,884 |
| China (P.R.) | 268,952 | 268,113 | 839 |
| India | 384,628 | 378,502 | 6,126 |
| Indonesia | 25,806 | 25,576 | 230 |
| Japan | 44,988 | 44,929 | 59 |
| South Korea | 15,963 | 15,770 | 193 |
| Malaysia | 26,414 | 26,288 | 126 |
| Maldives | 79,371 | 79,358 | 13 |
| Pakistan | 31,815 | 31,641 | 174 |
| Philippines | 16,845 | 14,260 | 2,585 |
| Singapore | 19,457 | 19,366 | 91 |
| Thailand | 10,828 | 10,795 | 33 |
| Bangladesh | 15,510 | 15,262 | 248 |
| Others | 21,818 | 20,651 | 1,167 |
| AUSTRALASIA | 92,003 | 91,464 | 539 |
| Australia | 81,281 | 80,830 | 451 |
| New Zealand | 10,332 | 10,264 | 68 |
| Others | 390 | 370 | 20 |
| Total | 2,116,407 | 2,090,763 | 25,644 |

Table 8Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Different Carriers – 2007 to 2017

| Carrier | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Inter-Regional Flights | 76.1 | 77.6 | 78.1 | 82.5 | 81.5 | 86.2 | 87.8 | 86.9 | 92.3 | 96 | 84.7 | 78.3 |
| Intra-Regional Flights | 22.9 | 20.6 | 18.8 | 16.2 | 17.4 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 9.7 | 5.6 | 2.4 | 13.5 | 18.1 |
| Charter Flights | 0.9 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| Total Air | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 98.0 | 98.3 | 98.6 | 98.8 | 98.8 |
| Passenger Ships* | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| TOTAL SEA | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

*Colombo/Hambantota/Norochcholai/Galle/Trincomalee Ports

Table 9

Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & Carrier – 2017

| Country | Total | Air Asia | Air China | Air India | Air Arabia | Austrian Airlines | Emirates | Ethihad Airways | Gulf Air | Himalaya Airline | Jet Airways | Korean Airlines | Kuwait Airways | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| North America | 104,375 | 3,149 | 215 | 2,380 | 204 | 112 | 4,052 | 1,241 | 232 | 14,900 | 4,691 | 2,178 | 372 | 156 | 3,347 | 1,271 | 888 |
| Canada | 46,896 | 1,245 | 74 | 955 | 95 | 55 | 1,733 | 747 | 135 | 5,159 | 2,097 | 790 | 155 | 56 | 1,360 | 461 | 306 |
| USA | 57,479 | 1,904 | 141 | 1,425 | 109 | 57 | 2,319 | 494 | 97 | 9,741 | 2,594 | 1,388 | 217 | 100 | 1,987 | 810 | 582 |
| Latin America & The Caribbean | 6,482 | 401 | 381 | 36 | 0 | 546 | 672 | 0 | 635 | 227 | 97 | 24 | 1 | 89 | 49 | 20 | |
| Western Europe | 680,901 | 11,685 | 299 | 11,843 | 1,062 | 4,376 | 2,942 | 1,200 | 218 | 183,937 | 48,530 | 10,902 | 5,752 | 1,113 | 15,882 | 5,817 | 8,901 |
| Austria | 17,466 | 227 | 11 | 245 | 43 | 3,101 | 25 | 27 | 2 | 5,352 | 929 | 266 | 40 | 1 | 59 | 39 | 34 |
| Belgium | 14,616 | 265 | 1 | 132 | 30 | 28 | 54 | 25 | 15 | 3,112 | 2,230 | 224 | 35 | 4 | 270 | 142 | 55 |
| Denmark | 18,647 | 243 | 6 | 680 | 14 | 18 | 26 | 31 | 0 | 4,871 | 1,550 | 197 | 179 | 2 | 199 | 64 | 580 |
| France | 97,282 | 1,883 | 102 | 2,923 | 130 | 61 | 315 | 235 | 26 | 22,768 | 7,229 | 1,437 | 672 | 187 | 4,810 | 2,147 | 1,924 |
| Netherlands | 51,148 | 1,395 | 4 | 208 | 45 | 34 | 177 | 156 | 30 | 15,610 | 5,084 | 491 | 109 | 19 | 1,636 | 829 | 112 |
| Italy | 31,428 | 434 | 9 | 609 | 31 | 63 | 114 | 91 | 21 | 10,190 | 1,623 | 878 | 73 | 26 | 205 | 119 | 1,199 |
| Norway | 14,159 | 205 | 7 | 90 | 155 | 7 | 17 | 23 | 16 | 2,743 | 338 | 598 | 36 | 7 | 325 | 120 | 148 |
| Spain | 22,361 | 613 | 15 | 573 | 62 | 12 | 43 | 105 | 25 | 6,896 | 1,120 | 486 | 47 | 7 | 268 | 172 | 140 |
| Sweden | 24,275 | 531 | 12 | 280 | 23 | 42 | 47 | 61 | 9 | 5,132 | 1,158 | 183 | 73 | 4 | 425 | 146 | 164 |
| Switzerland | 28,402 | 353 | 4 | 194 | 14 | 155 | 72 | 29 | 3 | 9,731 | 2,338 | 222 | 61 | 4 | 280 | 125 | 177 |
| United Kingdom | 201,879 | 3,443 | 65 | 2,475 | 257 | 49 | 1,747 | 207 | 33 | 53,345 | 6,131 | 3,691 | 3,075 | 427 | 4,441 | 1,164 | 3,165 |
| Germany | 130,227 | 1,824 | 57 | 2,216 | 145 | 797 | 230 | 167 | 30 | 41,932 | 18,202 | 770 | 1,172 | 407 | 901 | 650 | 1,135 |
| Others | 29,011 | 269 | 6 | 1,218 | 113 | 9 | 75 | 43 | 8 | 2,255 | 598 | 1,459 | 180 | 18 | 2,063 | 100 | 68 |
| Eastern Europe | 161,967 | 2,908 | 70 | 2,568 | 18,751 | 516 | 504 | 457 | 105 | 29,196 | 4,797 | 27,518 | 2,451 | 481 | 731 | 850 | 510 |
| Russian Federation | 59,191 | 749 | 22 | 2,040 | 8,216 | 21 | 163 | 195 | 45 | 12,683 | 2,185 | 9,039 | 1,909 | 411 | 215 | 405 | 140 |
| Ukraine | 32,346 | 274 | 12 | 98 | 8,049 | 16 | 36 | 54 | 8 | 2,017 | 552 | 7,880 | 231 | 12 | 125 | 111 | 52 |
| Czech Republic | 15,712 | 232 | 0 | 29 | 11 | 195 | 18 | 48 | 10 | 6,186 | 212 | 5,237 | 23 | 8 | 28 | 57 | 75 |
| Poland | 15,346 | 259 | 10 | 103 | 89 | 160 | 20 | 40 | 14 | 2,655 | 726 | 960 | 118 | 7 | 144 | 69 | 78 |
| Others | 39,372 | 1,394 | 26 | 298 | 2,386 | 124 | 267 | 120 | 28 | 5,655 | 1,122 | 4,402 | 170 | 43 | 219 | 208 | 165 |

Table 9 (contd.)

| | Africa | 12,703 | 467 | 7 | 172 | 68 | 0 | 297 | 236 | 3 | 2,576 | 385 | 600 | 56 | 4 | 250 | 981 | 39 |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----|
| South Africa | 5,726 | 220 | 3 | 68 | 16 | 0 | 224 | 190 | 3 | 1,494 | 211 | 223 | 22 | 3 | 94 | 943 | 8 | |
| Other | 6,977 | 247 | 4 | 104 | 52 | 0 | 73 | 46 | 0 | 1,082 | 174 | 377 | 34 | 1 | 156 | 38 | 31 | |
| Middle East | 95,581 | 1,110 | 73 | 524 | 3,906 | 18 | 571 | 240 | 44 | 15,888 | 3,628 | 5,818 | 2,122 | 521 | 694 | 311 | 2,568 | |
| Saudi Arabia | 35,481 | 273 | 44 | 71 | 2,026 | 2 | 13 | 72 | 23 | 4,306 | 978 | 2,213 | 943 | 152 | 84 | 126 | 619 | |
| United Arab Emirates | 7,136 | 7 | 1 | 31 | 750 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 3,080 | 1,051 | 777 | 10 | 3 | 36 | 13 | 6 | |
| Israel | 11,080 | 55 | 14 | 320 | 11 | 12 | 78 | 47 | 3 | 2,040 | 449 | 142 | 22 | 6 | 226 | 91 | 309 | |
| Kuwait | 4,327 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 32 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 240 | 31 | 116 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 1,078 | |
| Oman | 8,343 | 46 | 1 | 13 | 107 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 592 | 114 | 305 | 33 | 9 | 37 | 6 | 48 | |
| Others | 29,214 | 712 | 9 | 82 | 980 | 0 | 458 | 107 | 17 | 5,630 | 1,005 | 2,265 | 1,105 | 343 | 306 | 70 | 508 | |
| East Asia | 444,310 | 32,780 | 32,216 | 2,083 | 1,662 | 15 | 46,605 | 37,032 | 2,562 | 10,885 | 878 | 4,524 | 944 | 86 | 1,658 | 8,947 | 1,835 | |
| China | 268,952 | 20,339 | 31,841 | 950 | 1,199 | 5 | 39,353 | 33,043 | 2413 | 2,536 | 233 | 1,188 | 244 | 40 | 970 | 1,410 | 381 | |
| Indonesia | 25,806 | 1,422 | 8 | 46 | 178 | 1 | 30 | 22 | 9 | 356 | 29 | 336 | 51 | 0 | 20 | 30 | 17 | |
| Japan | 44,988 | 2,202 | 271 | 438 | 33 | 6 | 3,132 | 2,470 | 41 | 743 | 191 | 212 | 35 | 13 | 232 | 802 | 204 | |
| Malaysia | 26,414 | 5,657 | 4 | 33 | 5 | 0 | 84 | 297 | 2 | 2,520 | 15 | 112 | 25 | 1 | 44 | 1,044 | 25 | |
| Philippines | 16,845 | 514 | 5 | 41 | 200 | 1 | 584 | 45 | 7 | 1,408 | 243 | 1,831 | 498 | 26 | 75 | 60 | 87 | |
| Singapore | 19,457 | 389 | 14 | 54 | 3 | 0 | 129 | 27 | 4 | 2,496 | 52 | 317 | 15 | 0 | 121 | 22 | 10 | |
| Thailand | 10,828 | 123 | 4 | 28 | 4 | 0 | 21 | 19 | 2 | 93 | 13 | 39 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 40 | |
| South Korea | 15,963 | 816 | 27 | 365 | 15 | 1 | 1,603 | 994 | 58 | 266 | 58 | 169 | 29 | 4 | 101 | 5,471 | 1,031 | |
| Others | 15,057 | 1,318 | 42 | 128 | 25 | 1 | 1,669 | 115 | 26 | 467 | 44 | 320 | 43 | 1 | 82 | 98 | 40 | |
| South Asia | 518,085 | 1,886 | 131 | 36,187 | 2,424 | 2 | 544 | 2,246 | 1,274 | 35,273 | 1,064 | 7,131 | 1,091 | 297 | 46,951 | 15,232 | 2,383 | |
| India | 384,628 | 1,010 | 94 | 35,953 | 1,424 | 1 | 398 | 180 | 56 | 5,624 | 669 | 5,584 | 923 | 88 | 46,042 | 9,284 | 344 | |
| Bangladesh | 15,510 | 62 | 3 | 64 | 36 | 0 | 9 | 24 | 4 | 217 | 27 | 184 | 49 | 1 | 497 | 72 | 58 | |
| Pakistan | 31,815 | 161 | 11 | 20 | 227 | 0 | 66 | 29 | 7 | 2,133 | 262 | 805 | 85 | 10 | 53 | 22 | 80 | |
| Maldives | 79,371 | 542 | 14 | 48 | 9 | 0 | 54 | 1,989 | 1,205 | 26,506 | 50 | 60 | 1 | 3 | 63 | 5,751 | 1,843 | |
| Others | 6,761 | 111 | 9 | 102 | 728 | 1 | 17 | 24 | 2 | 793 | 56 | 498 | 33 | 195 | 296 | 103 | 58 | |
| Australasia | 92,003 | 9,038 | 48 | 1,004 | 111 | 6 | 2,366 | 204 | 85 | 10,442 | 1,334 | 1,072 | 123 | 35 | 811 | 351 | 217 | |
| Australia | 81,281 | 8,096 | 46 | 870 | 63 | 5 | 2,044 | 151 | 63 | 9,343 | 1,159 | 871 | 83 | 20 | 689 | 289 | 161 | |
| New Zealand | 10,332 | 939 | 2 | 133 | 19 | 1 | 321 | 52 | 22 | 1,064 | 169 | 158 | 35 | 15 | 117 | 60 | 40 | |
| Others | 390 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 43 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 16 | |
| Total | 2,116,407 | 63,424 | 33,440 | 56,797 | 28,224 | 5,045 | 58,427 | 43,528 | 4,523 | 303,732 | 65,534 | 59,840 | 12,935 | 2,694 | 70,413 | 33,809 | 17,361 | |

Table 9 (contd.)

| Country | Malaysian Airlines | Oman Air | Qatar Airlines | Saudi Arabian Airlines | Royal Flight | SilkAir | Singapore Airlines | Spice Jet | Srilankan Airlines | Sriwijaya Air | Thai Airways | Turkish Airlines | Ukrainian Airlines | Charter Flights | By Sea | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| North America | 501 | 506 | 1,026 | 11,266 | 1,268 | 511 | 341 | 2,139 | 612 | 34,917 | 7,359 | 1,110 | 643 | 142 | 1,712 | 934 | |
| Canada | | | 211 | 225 | 607 | 4,850 | 630 | 346 | 83 | 345 | 240 | 18,639 | 3,906 | 339 | 232 | 61 | 544 215 |
| USA | | | 290 | 281 | 419 | 6,416 | 638 | 165 | 258 | 1,794 | 372 | 16,278 | 3,453 | 771 | 411 | 81 | 1,168 719 |
| Latin America & The Caribbean | 87 | 49 | 45 | 334 | 1 | 10 | 34 | 104 | 13 | 2,166 | 24 | 175 | 45 | 61 | 8 | 112 | |
| Western Europe | 1,688 | 1,543 | 37,157 | 113,100 | 11,299 | 4,465 | 586 | 2,344 | 3,233 | 126,740 | 25,253 | 2,430 | 13,265 | 6,727 | 11,774 | 4,838 | |
| Austria | 28 | 25 | 719 | 4,060 | 42 | 18 | 2 | 34 | 22 | 1,322 | 304 | 73 | 189 | 87 | 86 | 54 | |
| Belgium | 49 | 32 | 135 | 3,831 | 294 | 73 | 17 | 49 | 46 | 1,662 | 492 | 37 | 597 | 488 | 124 | 68 | |
| Denmark | 47 | 49 | 1,339 | 3,922 | 178 | 68 | 6 | 37 | 34 | 2,877 | 433 | 80 | 620 | 157 | 46 | 94 | |
| France | 210 | 192 | 6,697 | 18,663 | 1,187 | 1,488 | 97 | 300 | 272 | 12,327 | 1,891 | 319 | 3,270 | 1,925 | 1,150 | 445 | |
| Netherlands | 133 | 150 | 664 | 6,500 | 6,613 | 804 | 36 | 151 | 126 | 5,913 | 1,648 | 156 | 1,034 | 807 | 315 | 159 | |
| Italy | 65 | 51 | 1,794 | 6,133 | 69 | 95 | 8 | 80 | 77 | 3,381 | 791 | 116 | 660 | 468 | 908 | 1,047 | |
| Norway | 25 | 25 | 858 | 3,945 | 275 | 62 | 4 | 33 | 44 | 2,786 | 461 | 85 | 444 | 105 | 78 | 94 | |
| Spain | 43 | 51 | 247 | 5,749 | 146 | 581 | 15 | 43 | 112 | 2,982 | 714 | 54 | 537 | 147 | 245 | 111 | |
| Sweden | 44 | 57 | 585 | 7,391 | 516 | 41 | 19 | 58 | 49 | 3,976 | 493 | 135 | 930 | 298 | 1,339 | 54 | |
| Switzerland | 56 | 63 | 4,098 | 5,728 | 127 | 38 | 37 | 153 | 71 | 2,751 | 823 | 151 | 189 | 72 | 180 | 103 | |
| United Kingdom | 784 | 585 | 6,753 | 21,773 | 318 | 793 | 271 | 1,053 | 632 | 61,777 | 13,227 | 764 | 1,241 | 602 | 5,626 | 1,965 | |
| Germany | 163 | 216 | 13,082 | 23,295 | 1,487 | 365 | 60 | 266 | 234 | 10,834 | 3,623 | 381 | 2,684 | 1,288 | 986 | 628 | |
| Others | 41 | 47 | 186 | 2,110 | 47 | 39 | 14 | 87 | 1,514 | 14,152 | 353 | 79 | 870 | 283 | 691 | 16 | |
| Eastern Europe | 1,296 | 595 | 1,265 | 13,671 | 4,134 | 1,168 | 406 | 2,197 | 622 | 9,915 | 1,944 | 878 | 3,220 | 8,818 | 12,482 | 6,943 | |
| Russian Federation | 54 | 102 | 143 | 5,359 | 3,312 | 1,027 | 16 | 69 | 182 | 1,594 | 612 | 248 | 493 | 289 | 6,554 | 699 | |
| Ukraine | 14 | 47 | 130 | 1,323 | 38 | 19 | 0 | 42 | 110 | 1,161 | 332 | 58 | 376 | 5,612 | 1,837 | 1,720 | |

Table 9 (contd.)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Czech Republic | 13 | 10 | 406 | 682 | 245 | 40 | 0 | 12 | 19 | 869 | 258 | 21 | 191 | 473 | 93 | 11 |
| Poland | 9 | 15 | 283 | 2,132 | 331 | 23 | 5 | 53 | 180 | 1,747 | 297 | 28 | 294 | 792 | 3,014 | 691 |
| Others | 1,206 | 421 | 303 | 4,175 | 208 | 59 | 385 | 2,021 | 131 | 4,544 | 445 | 523 | 1,866 | 1,652 | 984 | 3,822 |
| Africa | 117 | 124 | 79 | 1,478 | 3 | 75 | 118 | 262 | 58 | 3,061 | 215 | 340 | 212 | 37 | 94 | 289 |
| South Africa | 34 | 19 | 45 | 442 | 2 | 12 | 45 | 69 | 28 | 724 | 105 | 174 | 9 | 1 | 74 | 221 |
| Others | 83 | 105 | 34 | 1,036 | 1 | 63 | 73 | 193 | 30 | 2,337 | 110 | 166 | 203 | 36 | 20 | 68 |
| Middle East | 218 | 514 | 4,071 | 9,166 | 15 | 7,089 | 30 | 527 | 221 | 24,775 | 5,253 | 435 | 1,676 | 826 | 2,624 | 105 |
| Saudi Arabia | 25 | 55 | 962 | 1,748 | 0 | 6,494 | 10 | 46 | 59 | 9,197 | 3,229 | 44 | 11 | 8 | 1,648 | 0 |
| UAE | 7 | 1 | 37 | 110 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 21 | 773 | 255 | 46 | 8 | 1 | 69 | 3 |
| Israel | 13 | 18 | 218 | 2,296 | 9 | 53 | 1 | 19 | 101 | 1,610 | 166 | 143 | 1,488 | 798 | 322 | 0 |
| Kuwait | 7 | 11 | 55 | 187 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1,672 | 597 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 205 | 5 |
| Oman | 6 | 44 | 2,099 | 174 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 4,442 | 152 | 23 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 4 |
| Others | 160 | 385 | 700 | 4,651 | 4 | 494 | 17 | 441 | 37 | 7,081 | 854 | 164 | 159 | 19 | 358 | 93 |
| East Asia | 5,845 | 6,550 | 659 | 4,741 | 29 | 2,137 | 3,094 | 11,893 | 527 | 155,136 | 38,559 | 14,256 | 647 | 212 | 10,543 | 4,770 |
| China | 2,609 | 2,205 | 229 | 632 | 11 | 46 | 814 | 3,394 | 217 | 91,061 | 23,648 | 4,409 | 163 | 54 | 2,476 | 839 |
| Indonesia | 157 | 436 | 27 | 400 | 0 | 1,952 | 21 | 300 | 8 | 12,745 | 4,504 | 64 | 30 | 2 | 2,375 | 230 |
| Japan | 537 | 288 | 56 | 263 | 3 | 31 | 253 | 1,671 | 93 | 20,821 | 5,329 | 3,089 | 27 | 6 | 1,437 | 59 |
| Malaysia | 1,445 | 2,414 | 24 | 133 | 3 | 11 | 75 | 325 | 42 | 10,289 | 867 | 85 | 12 | 7 | 688 | 126 |
| Philippine | 278 | 89 | 233 | 2,643 | 2 | 22 | 38 | 612 | 23 | 2,816 | 655 | 544 | 216 | 109 | 355 | 2,585 |
| Singapore | 137 | 153 | 18 | 234 | 3 | 17 | 1,784 | 4,284 | 34 | 6,278 | 1,370 | 95 | 47 | 17 | 1,242 | 91 |
| Thailand | 29 | 26 | 11 | 53 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 44 | 11 | 4,814 | 1,123 | 3,440 | 14 | 2 | 807 | 33 |
| South Korea | 148 | 95 | 20 | 122 | 1 | 6 | 69 | 280 | 82 | 2,638 | 349 | 676 | 10 | 2 | 264 | 193 |
| Others | 505 | 844 | 41 | 261 | 3 | 52 | 36 | 983 | 17 | 3,674 | 714 | 1,854 | 128 | 13 | 899 | 614 |

Table 9 (contd.)

| Country | Malaysian Airlines | Oman Air | Datar Airlines | Royal Flight Airlines | Saudi Arabian Airlines | Singapore Airlines | Spike Jet | SriLankan Airlines | Thai Airways | Turkish Airlines | Ukrainian International Airlines | Charter Flights | By Sea | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| South Asia | 798 | 1,681 | 1,516 | 3,509 | 14 | 311 | 224 | 1,126 | 22,293 | 263,083 | 53,862 | 705 | 557 | 58 | 7,118 | 7,114 |
| India | 331 | 448 | 783 | 1,875 | 10 | 153 | 137 | 779 | 22,115 | 199,394 | 37,762 | 297 | 461 | 38 | 6,245 | 6,126 |
| Bangladesh | 35 | 876 | 44 | 92 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 49 | 39 | 9,165 | 3,027 | 162 | 28 | 2 | 411 | 248 |
| Pakistan | 43 | 131 | 247 | 559 | 1 | 102 | 8 | 18 | 4 | 21,165 | 5,186 | 58 | 20 | 4 | 124 | 174 |
| Maldives | 173 | 133 | 46 | 227 | 0 | 41 | 14 | 113 | 33 | 32,358 | 7,721 | 85 | 13 | 8 | 255 | 13 |
| Others | 216 | 93 | 396 | 756 | 1 | 4 | 53 | 167 | 102 | 1,001 | 166 | 103 | 35 | 6 | 83 | 553 |
| Australasia | 6,154 | 3,941 | 379 | 2,153 | 19 | 143 | 1,878 | 14,126 | 291 | 21,841 | 3,965 | 4,009 | 225 | 69 | 5,024 | 539 |
| Australia | 5,307 | 3,561 | 309 | 1,944 | 17 | 36 | 1,594 | 12,493 | 231 | 19,378 | 3,491 | 3,724 | 197 | 62 | 4,533 | 451 |
| New Zealand | 846 | 379 | 63 | 201 | 2 | 5 | 284 | 1,631 | 59 | 2,365 | 474 | 283 | 27 | 7 | 491 | 68 |
| Others | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 102 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 98 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Total | 16,704 | 15,503 | 46,197 | 159,418 | 16,782 | 15,909 | 6,711 | 34,718 | 27,870 | 641,634 | 136,434 | 24,338 | 20,490 | 16,950 | 51,379 | 25,644 |

Table 9(a)

Tourist Arrivals by Charter Carriers – 2010 to 2017

Table 9(a) (contd.)

| Charter Carrier | Year | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Edelweiss Air | 2,908 | 371 | 612 | - | - | | | 378 |
| British Airways | | | | | | | 104 | |
| Ukraine Airline | | | | | | 5 | 4,152 | |
| TOM 938 | - | - | 976 | - | - | | | |
| EL AL Israel Airlines | | | | | | | 32 | |
| First Choice | 5,713 | 727 | - | - | - | | | |
| Arkeyfly | - | - | 2,140 | - | - | | | |
| VIM Airlines | - | - | - | 626 | - | | | |
| Island Aviation | | | | | | 502 | | |
| Albanian Airlines | | | | | | | 40 | |
| Thomson Airways | | | | | | | 1,931 | 10,532 |
| Royal Flight Airline | | | | | | | 806 | |
| NVR | 1,952 | 8,757 | 3,918 | - | - | | | |
| Sriwijay Airlines | | | | | | | 395 | |
| Neo Spa | | | | | | | 671 | |
| Ethiopian Airline | | | | | | | 62 | |
| Russia Airline | - | 798 | - | - | - | | | |
| Others | 679 | 411 | 3,255 | - | 2,611 | 336 | 118 | 11,230 |
| Total | 14,675 | 15,122 | 18,681 | 17,387 | 5,965 | 4,068 | 13,144 | 51,379 |

Source: Civil Aviation Authority

Table 10Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit – 2006 to 2017

| Purpose | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pleasure/Holiday | 67.4 | 67.1 | 73.2 | 80.0 | 78.9 | 80.4 | 74.4 | 72.7 | 68.0 | 66.6 | 83.4 | 82.4 |
| Business | 17.8 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 12.7 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 5.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.3 |
| Visiting Friends & Relatives | 7.6 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 8.2 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 27.5 | 25.5 | 11.5 | 11.3 |
| Convention & Meeting | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Religious & Cultural | 1.7 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Health | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Sports | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Official | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Education | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Others | 2.5 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 |

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 11**Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & Purpose of Visit – 2017**

| Residence | TOTAL | Pleasure/ Vacation | Visiting Friends & Relations | Business | Health | Sports | Official | MICE | Education | Religious & Cultural | Other |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|
| North America | 104,375 | 59,421 | 40,296 | 2,635 | 178 | 292 | 294 | 1,171 | 58 | 17 | 13 |
| Canada | 46,896 | 16,885 | 28,921 | 604 | 63 | 79 | 78 | 247 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| United States | 57,479 | 42,536 | 11,375 | 2,031 | 115 | 213 | 216 | 924 | 50 | 11 | 8 |
| Latin America & The Caribbean | 6,482 | 5,348 | 984 | 83 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 34 | - | 2 | 1 |
| Western Europe | 680,901 | 566,350 | 91,219 | 8,312 | 7,893 | 2,099 | 1,223 | 3,294 | 416 | 41 | 54 |
| Austria | 17,466 | 15,827 | 529 | 130 | 882 | 19 | 31 | 39 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Belgium | 14,616 | 13,696 | 564 | 204 | 50 | 13 | 23 | 53 | 10 | 1 | 2 |
| Denmark | 18,647 | 15,869 | 2,314 | 201 | 107 | 26 | 58 | 61 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| France | 97,282 | 86,648 | 9,263 | 714 | 147 | 140 | 74 | 274 | 19 | 3 | 0 |
| Netherlands | 51,148 | 47,429 | 2,633 | 625 | 130 | 77 | 97 | 145 | 10 | 0 | 2 |
| Italy | 31,428 | 27,892 | 2,361 | 759 | 134 | 40 | 68 | 131 | 18 | 0 | 25 |
| Norway | 14,159 | 9,326 | 4,508 | 137 | 26 | 24 | 18 | 117 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Spain | 22,361 | 21,330 | 530 | 238 | 64 | 58 | 34 | 92 | 9 | 3 | 3 |
| Sweden | 24,275 | 21,390 | 2,145 | 388 | 126 | 33 | 41 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Switzerland | 28,402 | 19,339 | 7,771 | 199 | 917 | 25 | 25 | 120 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| United Kingdom | 201,879 | 152,209 | 42,245 | 3,407 | 221 | 1,406 | 588 | 1,506 | 260 | 24 | 13 |
| Germany | 130,227 | 112,534 | 11,413 | 944 | 4,625 | 114 | 108 | 440 | 41 | 5 | 3 |
| Others | 29,011 | 22,861 | 4,943 | 366 | 464 | 124 | 58 | 166 | 25 | 3 | 1 |
| Eastern Europe | 161,967 | 154,017 | 6,006 | 427 | 487 | 560 | 61 | 176 | 230 | 3 | 0 |
| Russia | 59,191 | 56,225 | 2,124 | 151 | 217 | 298 | 6 | 57 | 113 | 0 | 0 |
| Ukraine | 32,346 | 30,494 | 1,650 | 55 | 33 | 56 | 17 | 30 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | 15,712 | 15,216 | 304 | 51 | 71 | 36 | 12 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Poland | 15,346 | 14,643 | 468 | 66 | 48 | 34 | 11 | 29 | 47 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 39,372 | 37,439 | 1,460 | 104 | 118 | 136 | 15 | 43 | 56 | 1 | 0 |
| Africa | 12,703 | 11,533 | 620 | 229 | 36 | 93 | 26 | 134 | 30 | - | 2 |
| South Africa | 5,726 | 4,899 | 361 | 211 | 15 | 69 | 23 | 126 | 20 | 0 | 2 |
| Others | 6,977 | 6,634 | 259 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 |

Table 11 (contd.)

| Residence | TOTAL | Pleasure/ Vacation | Visiting Friends & Relations | Business | Health | Sports | Official | MICE | Education | Religious & Cultural | Other |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Middle East | 95,581 | 89,609 | 4,466 | 368 | 104 | 797 | 65 | 140 | 29 | - | 3 |
| Saudi Arabia | 35,481 | 33,295 | 1,641 | 43 | 36 | 431 | 1 | 21 | 13 | - | - |
| UAE | 7,136 | 6,810 | 205 | 70 | 7 | 21 | 6 | 15 | - | - | 2 |
| Israel | 11,080 | 10,345 | 477 | 122 | 3 | 62 | 25 | 43 | 3 | - | - |
| Kuwait | 4,327 | 4,001 | 271 | 13 | 20 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 5 | - | - |
| Oman | 8,343 | 7,770 | 491 | 23 | 6 | 30 | 12 | 11 | - | - | - |
| Others | 29,214 | 27,388 | 1,381 | 97 | 32 | 244 | 20 | 43 | 8 | - | 1 |
| East Asia | 444,310 | 395,877 | 16,845 | 14,721 | 736 | 5,874 | 1,834 | 7,734 | 447 | 136 | 106 |
| China (P.R.) | 268,952 | 259,881 | 3,471 | 3,448 | 13 | 313 | 403 | 1,387 | 23 | 2 | 11 |
| Indonesia | 25,806 | 16,418 | 2,471 | 1,797 | 12 | 2,667 | 473 | 1,687 | 210 | 53 | 18 |
| Japan | 44,988 | 37,462 | 2,100 | 3,655 | 628 | 129 | 208 | 734 | 10 | 21 | 41 |
| Malaysia | 26,414 | 20,180 | 3,011 | 2,001 | 23 | 239 | 97 | 835 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| Philippines | 16,845 | 14,128 | 1,551 | 463 | 7 | 42 | 92 | 543 | 11 | 2 | 6 |
| Singapore * | 19,457 | 12,228 | 1,879 | 1,355 | 9 | 2,011 | 356 | 1,408 | 158 | 40 | 13 |
| Thailand | 10,828 | 8,973 | 543 | 482 | 5 | 196 | 88 | 528 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| South Korea | 15,963 | 12,935 | 1,323 | 1,069 | 12 | 144 | 67 | 401 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Others | 15,057 | 13,672 | 496 | 451 | 27 | 133 | 50 | 211 | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| South Asia | 518,085 | 401,197 | 49,792 | 42,369 | 467 | 7,176 | 2,637 | 13,828 | 362 | 62 | 195 |
| India | 384,628 | 298,085 | 39,217 | 34,273 | 115 | 3411 | 1,573 | 7,547 | 321 | 24 | 62 |
| Maldives * | 79,371 | 60,781 | 6,326 | 5,019 | 224 | 2,365 | 642 | 3,926 | 27 | 23 | 38 |
| Pakistan | 31,815 | 24,363 | 2,537 | 2,011 | 90 | 948 | 257 | 1,574 | 11 | 9 | 15 |
| Bangladesh | 15,510 | 12,744 | 1,176 | 657 | 20 | 261 | 111 | 463 | 1 | 4 | 73 |
| Others | 6,761 | 5,224 | 536 | 409 | 18 | 191 | 54 | 318 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Australasia | 92,003 | 60,797 | 27,646 | 1,539 | 158 | 611 | 252 | 944 | 29 | 20 | 7 |
| Australia | 81,281 | 53,338 | 24,956 | 1,314 | 142 | 492 | 218 | 773 | 22 | 20 | 6 |
| New Zealand | 10,332 | 7,207 | 2,567 | 219 | 13 | 117 | 32 | 170 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 390 | 252 | 123 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2,116,407 | 1,744,149 | 237,874 | 70,683 | 10,068 | 17,512 | 6,403 | 27,455 | 1,601 | 281 | 381 |

* Data sourced from Department of Immigration & Emigration except for Singapore and Maldives, which is derived from the Airport Survey of SLTDA

Table 12Percentage Distribution of Duration of Stay – 1984 to 2017

| Year | Nights | | | | | | Total | Average Stay |
|------|--------|------|------|---------|---------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| | 1-3 | 4-7 | 8-14 | 15 - 21 | 22 - 30 | 31 & Over | | |
| 1984 | 20.8 | 45 | 20.3 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 100 | 8.9 |
| 1985 | 4.7 | 23.2 | 30.7 | 21.1 | 12.5 | 7.8 | 100 | 9.2 |
| 1986 | 4.2 | 14 | 28.4 | 23 | 13.5 | 16.9 | 100 | 10.9 |
| 1987 | 3.1 | 9.6 | 24.5 | 22.6 | 15.4 | 24.8 | 100 | 13.2 |
| 1988 | 3.3 | 10 | 24.9 | 23.1 | 15.9 | 22.8 | 100 | 12.6 |
| 1989 | 5 | 13.9 | 26.2 | 22.1 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 100 | 10.7 |
| 1990 | 5 | 12.8 | 29.5 | 26.3 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 100 | 10.8 |
| 1991 | 4.5 | 12.2 | 26.9 | 23.8 | 15.2 | 17.4 | 100 | 11.4 |
| 1992 | 25.2 | 26.2 | 27.5 | 14.1 | 4.9 | 2.1 | 100 | 10.3 |
| 1993 | 19.6 | 30 | 30.6 | 12.2 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 100 | 10.6 |
| 1994 | 18.1 | 34.5 | 30.9 | 11.6 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 100 | 10.4 |
| 1995 | 20.4 | 38.5 | 27.5 | 8.2 | 3.4 | 2 | 100 | 10 |
| 1996 | 29.6 | 24.7 | 27.7 | 11.5 | 4.6 | 1.9 | 100 | 9.8 |
| 1997 | 26.1 | 24.4 | 30.8 | 13 | 4.5 | 1.2 | 100 | 10.1 |
| 1998 | 23.7 | 25.1 | 33.7 | 12.6 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 100 | 10.4 |
| 1999 | 20.4 | 27.1 | 37.8 | 11.1 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 100 | 10.3 |
| 2000 | 21.9 | 26.4 | 35.9 | 12.2 | 2.6 | 1 | 100 | 10.1 |
| 2001 | 23.3 | 26.8 | 34.5 | 12 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 100 | 9.9 |
| 2002 | 22.6 | 27 | 34.7 | 12.1 | 2.6 | 1 | 100 | 10.1 |
| 2003 | 23.1 | 27.3 | 34.8 | 11.5 | 2.3 | 1 | 100 | 10.2 |
| 2004 | 23.8 | 27.6 | 34.1 | 11.8 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 100 | 10.1 |
| 2005 | 38.5 | 24.3 | 25.3 | 8.1 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 100 | 8.7 |
| 2006 | 28.3 | 26.4 | 32.2 | 10.2 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 100 | 10.4 |
| 2007 | 24.2 | 29.3 | 33.9 | 8.8 | 2 | 1.8 | 100 | 10 |
| 2008 | 26.4 | 28.7 | 33.2 | 8.7 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 100 | 9.5 |
| 2009 | 25.7 | 29.2 | 34.1 | 8.1 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 100 | 9.1 |
| 2010 | 24.5 | 30.4 | 33.6 | 8.3 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 100 | 10 |
| 2011 | 26.1 | 32.1 | 31.1 | 7.9 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 100 | 10 |
| 2012 | 25.9 | 33.4 | 30.8 | 7.5 | 1 | 1.4 | 100 | 10 |
| 2013 | 9.8 | 30.3 | 38.9 | 12.2 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 100 | 8.6 |
| 2014 | 12.4 | 27.8 | 33.3 | 12.1 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 100 | 9.9 |
| 2015 | 11.4 | 31.8 | 27.1 | 14.3 | 11.6 | 3.8 | 100 | 10.1 |
| 2016 | 10.4 | 29.6 | 40.7 | 11.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 100 | 10.2 |
| 2017 | 11.5 | 37.1 | 30.1 | 12.3 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 100 | 10.9 |

Table 13Average Duration of Stay & Guest Nights by Country of Residence – 2016 & 2017

| Country of Residence | 2016 | | | 2017 | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | Arrivals | Average Duration of stay | Guest Nights | Arrivals | Average Duration of Stay | Guest Nights |
| NORTH AMERICA | 98,376 | 14.2 | 1,396,939 | 104,375 | 14.4 | 1,503,000 |
| Canada | 44,122 | 17.3 | 763,311 | 46,896 | 18.8 | 881,645 |
| United States | 54,254 | 11.0 | 596,794 | 57,479 | 10.0 | 574,790 |
| LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN | 5,625 | 8.1 | 45,563 | 6,482 | 9.5 | 61,579 |
| WESTERN EUROPE | 643,333 | 12.5 | 8,041,663 | 680,901 | 13.9 | 9,464,524 |
| Austria | 16,995 | 19.1 | 324,605 | 17,466 | 14.8 | 258,497 |
| Belgium | 14,387 | 11.4 | 164,012 | 14,616 | 14.3 | 209,009 |
| Denmark | 18,097 | 15.0 | 271,455 | 18,647 | 15.5 | 289,029 |
| Finland | 5,057 | 11.8 | 59,673 | 7,334 | 14.1 | 103,409 |
| France | 96,440 | 10.1 | 974,044 | 97,282 | 13.2 | 1,284,122 |
| Germany | 133,275 | 12.0 | 1,599,300 | 130,227 | 16.5 | 2,148,746 |
| Italy | 29,791 | 11.3 | 336,638 | 31,428 | 12.5 | 392,850 |
| Netherlands | 41,373 | 10.1 | 417,867 | 51,148 | 10.1 | 516,595 |
| Norway | 12,790 | 13.1 | 167,549 | 14,159 | 14.7 | 208,137 |
| Spain | 19,425 | 11.8 | 229,215 | 22,361 | 12.6 | 281,749 |
| Sweden | 21,589 | 12.1 | 261,227 | 24,275 | 13.2 | 320,430 |
| Switzerland | 26,282 | 15.0 | 394,230 | 28,402 | 15.1 | 428,870 |
| United Kingdom | 188,159 | 14.7 | 2,765,937 | 201,879 | 13.3 | 2,684,991 |
| Others | 19,673 | 7.9 | 155,417 | 21,677 | 14.7 | 318,652 |
| EASTERN EUROPE | 161,171 | 9.1 | 1,466,656 | 161,967 | 12.3 | 1,992,194 |
| Russia | 58,176 | 9.7 | 564,307 | 59,191 | 13.2 | 781,321 |
| Ukraine | 31,302 | 9.0 | 281,718 | 32,346 | 11.5 | 371,979 |

Table 13 (contd.)

| Country of Residence | 2016 | | 2017 | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Arrivals | Average Duration of stay | Guest Nights | Arrivals | Average Duration of Stay | Guest Nights |
| Others | 71,693 | 8.7 | 623,729 | 70,430 | 12.1 | 852,203 |
| MIDDLE EAST | 107,635 | 8.3 | 893,371 | 95,581 | 8.7 | 831,555 |
| AFRICA | 12,144 | 9.6 | 116,582 | 12,703 | 9.1 | 115,597 |
| ASIA | 938,697 | 8.8 | 8,260,534 | 962,395 | 6.8 | 6,544,286 |
| China (P.R.) | 271,577 | 10.4 | 2,824,401 | 268,952 | 7.5 | 2,017,140 |
| India | 356,729 | 9.2 | 3,281,907 | 384,628 | 6.4 | 2,461,619 |
| Indonesia | 16,047 | 3.5 | 56,165 | 25,806 | 6.2 | 159,997 |
| Japan | 43,110 | 10.0 | 431,100 | 44,988 | 6.2 | 278,926 |
| South Korea | 14,520 | 11.5 | 166,980 | 15,963 | 7.7 | 122,915 |
| Malaysia | 24,727 | 7.1 | 175,562 | 26,414 | 6.1 | 161,125 |
| Maldives | 95,167 | 11.7 | 1,113,454 | 79,371 | 8.7 | 690,528 |
| Pakistan | 29,965 | 8.6 | 257,699 | 31,815 | 6.7 | 213,161 |
| Philippines | 12,747 | 8.5 | 108,350 | 16,845 | 6.1 | 102,755 |
| Singapore | 19,033 | 6.9 | 131,328 | 19,457 | 6.2 | 120,633 |
| Thailand | 9,462 | 7.3 | 69,073 | 10,828 | 7.1 | 76,879 |
| Bangladesh | 17,098 | 9.2 | 157,302 | 15,510 | 5.5 | 85,305 |
| Others | 28,515 | 10.6 | 302,259 | 21,818 | 8.1 | 176,726 |
| AUSTRALASIA | 83,851 | 11.0 | 922,361 | 92,003 | 12.2 | 1,122,437 |
| Australia | 74,496 | 14.0 | 1,042,944 | 81,281 | 13.9 | 1,129,806 |
| New Zealand | 9,045 | 13.8 | 124,821 | 10,332 | 13.8 | 142,582 |
| Others | 310 | 5.3 | 1,643 | 390 | 8.9 | 3,471 |
| Total | 2,050,832 | 10.2 | 20,918,486 | 2,116,407 | 10.9 | 23,068,836 |

Table 14Percentage Distribution of Tourists by Sex & Age – 2007 to 2017

| | | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Sex | Male | 60.2 | 60.4 | 59.7 | 54.1 | 59.2 | 55.4 | 62.1 | 55.3 | 53.6 | 45.3 | 54.9 |
| | Female | 39.8 | 39.6 | 40.3 | 45.9 | 40.8 | 44.6 | 37.9 | 44.7 | 46.4 | 54.7 | 45.1 |
| Age Group | 3-19 | 9.6 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 10.3 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 2.4 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 7.9 | 11.2 |
| | 20-29 | 17.1 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 16.9 | 19.2 | 20.6 | 17.6 | 17.8 | 14.8 | 17.9 |
| | 30-39 | 27.6 | 28.7 | 28.4 | 28.1 | 22.6 | 25.9 | 30.3 | 23.7 | 22.6 | 22.5 | 24.6 |
| | 40-49 | 30.3 | 27.4 | 28.6 | 28.9 | 26.6 | 25.1 | 21.7 | 20.6 | 18.9 | 21.1 | 17.5 |
| | 50-59 | 8.3 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 12.9 | 11.7 | 10.2 | 13.9 | 16.2 | 17.0 | 16.6 | 15.3 |
| | 60 & Over | 6.9 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 11.1 | 12.4 | 13.9 | 17.1 | 13.5 |

Table 15
Tourist Arrivals by Sex & Age – 2017

| Residence | Total | Sex | Age Group | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | | Male | Female | (3-19) | (20-29) | (30-39) | (40-49) |
| NORTH AMERICA | 104,375 | 55,111 | 49,264 | 16,593 | 12,871 | 19,550 | 16,951 | 17,438 |
| Canada | 46,896 | 24,298 | 22,598 | 8,649 | 5,121 | 7,338 | 7,537 | 8,605 |
| United States | 57,479 | 30,813 | 26,666 | 7,944 | 7,750 | 12,232 | 9,414 | 8,833 |
| LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN | 6,482 | 3,422 | 3,060 | 1,030 | 799 | 1,214 | 1,054 | 1,083 |
| WESTERN EUROPE | 680,901 | 335,733 | 345,168 | 84,242 | 125,951 | 140,746 | 97,765 | 120,044 |
| Austria | 17,466 | 7,924 | 9,542 | 935 | 3,492 | 3,434 | 2,217 | 3,708 |
| Belgium | 14,616 | 7,113 | 7,503 | 2,033 | 3,267 | 2,819 | 2,316 | 2,418 |
| Denmark | 18,647 | 8,666 | 9,981 | 3,191 | 4,299 | 2,664 | 2,533 | 2,894 |
| France | 97,282 | 47,366 | 49,916 | 13,318 | 17,418 | 19,536 | 13,836 | 15,811 |
| Netherlands | 51,148 | 24,707 | 26,441 | 6,416 | 11,792 | 9,674 | 6,253 | 9,003 |
| Italy | 31,428 | 16,868 | 14,560 | 2,590 | 5,230 | 8,449 | 5,684 | 4,970 |
| Norway | 14,159 | 6,909 | 7,250 | 2,352 | 2,817 | 2,168 | 2,139 | 2,646 |
| Spain | 22,361 | 10,688 | 11,673 | 1,397 | 4,228 | 8,397 | 3,703 | 2,844 |
| Sweden | 24,275 | 11,756 | 12,519 | 3,558 | 4,532 | 4,382 | 3,265 | 3,825 |
| Switzerland | 28,402 | 13,767 | 14,635 | 4,463 | 5,448 | 5,279 | 4,300 | 5,233 |
| United Kingdom | 201,879 | 104,366 | 97,513 | 29,517 | 31,882 | 40,408 | 30,955 | 33,647 |
| Germany | 130,227 | 61,701 | 68,526 | 10,883 | 26,180 | 27,539 | 16,399 | 27,930 |
| Others | 29,011 | 13,902 | 15,109 | 3,589 | 5,366 | 5,997 | 4,165 | 5,115 |
| EASTERN EUROPE | 161,967 | 74,838 | 87,129 | 13,739 | 37,608 | 53,039 | 28,005 | 19,568 |
| Russia | 59,191 | 26,324 | 32,867 | 5,356 | 14,187 | 19,914 | 9,489 | 7,171 |
| Ukraine | 32,346 | 15,802 | 16,544 | 2,458 | 8,523 | 11,539 | 5,647 | 3,135 |
| Czech Republic | 15,712 | 7,099 | 8,613 | 1,306 | 3,319 | 3,886 | 2,955 | 2,393 |
| Poland | 15,346 | 7,424 | 7,922 | 1,279 | 2,437 | 4,807 | 3,107 | 2,112 |
| Others | 39,372 | 18,189 | 21,183 | 3,340 | 9,142 | 12,893 | 6,807 | 4,757 |
| AFRICA | 12,703 | 6,897 | 5,806 | 1,636 | 2,380 | 3,239 | 2,180 | 1,728 |
| South Africa | 5,726 | 3,074 | 2,652 | 738 | 1,073 | 1,460 | 982 | 779 |
| Others | 6,977 | 3,823 | 3,154 | 898 | 1,307 | 1,779 | 1,198 | 949 |

Table 15 (contd.)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| MIDDLE EAST | 95,581 | 55,685 | 39,896 | 22,943 | 25,640 | 23,190 | 10,976 | 8,172 | 4,660 |
| Saudi Arabia | 35,481 | 20,380 | 15,101 | 9,553 | 9,421 | 9,178 | 3,808 | 2,622 | 899 |
| UAE | 7,136 | 4,473 | 2,663 | 1,919 | 1,482 | 1,729 | 916 | 732 | 358 |
| Israel | 11,080 | 6,262 | 4,818 | 1,370 | 3,529 | 2,183 | 1,412 | 1,211 | 1,375 |
| Kuwait | 4,327 | 2,835 | 1,492 | 787 | 887 | 992 | 591 | 665 | 405 |
| Oman | 8,343 | 4,733 | 3,610 | 2,298 | 2,485 | 2,021 | 893 | 448 | 198 |
| Others | 29,214 | 17,002 | 12,212 | 7,016 | 7,836 | 7,087 | 3,356 | 2,494 | 1,425 |
| EAST ASIA | 444,310 | 213,828 | 230,482 | 33,611 | 78,930 | 115,924 | 86,438 | 67,584 | 61,823 |
| China(P.R.) | 268,952 | 116,919 | 152,033 | 23,871 | 52,491 | 70,110 | 50,480 | 38,582 | 33,418 |
| Indonesia | 25,806 | 14,261 | 11,545 | 1,407 | 5,936 | 9,165 | 4,885 | 2,905 | 1,508 |
| Japan | 44,988 | 22,971 | 22,017 | 2,083 | 5,206 | 10,161 | 9,349 | 6,754 | 11,435 |
| Malaysia | 26,414 | 16,007 | 10,407 | 1,810 | 3,299 | 5,688 | 5,538 | 5,403 | 4,676 |
| Philippines | 16,845 | 10,705 | 6,140 | 512 | 3,863 | 7,045 | 3,472 | 1,530 | 423 |
| Singapore | 19,457 | 11,165 | 8,292 | 1,638 | 2,378 | 3,863 | 4,102 | 4,267 | 3,209 |
| Thailand | 10,828 | 5,390 | 5,438 | 307 | 1,315 | 2,933 | 2,403 | 1,913 | 1,957 |
| South Korea | 15,963 | 9,168 | 6,795 | 828 | 1,806 | 3,101 | 3,276 | 3,910 | 3,042 |
| Others | 15,057 | 7,242 | 7,815 | 1,155 | 2,636 | 3,858 | 2,933 | 2,320 | 2,155 |
| SOUTH ASIA | 518,085 | 368,392 | 149,693 | 50,182 | 80,478 | 145,430 | 112,547 | 72,848 | 56,600 |
| India | 384,628 | 284,367 | 100,261 | 32,336 | 56,315 | 106,781 | 85,251 | 56,608 | 47,337 |
| Maldives | 79,371 | 47,790 | 31,581 | 11,762 | 14,023 | 21,993 | 16,424 | 9,714 | 5,455 |
| Pakistan | 31,815 | 21,182 | 10,633 | 3,773 | 6,373 | 10,111 | 5,918 | 3,557 | 2,083 |
| Bangladesh | 15,510 | 10,246 | 5,264 | 1,657 | 2,717 | 4,647 | 3,485 | 2,017 | 987 |
| Others | 6,761 | 4,807 | 1,954 | 654 | 1,050 | 1,898 | 1,469 | 952 | 738 |
| AUSTRALASIA | 92,003 | 48,098 | 43,905 | 14,109 | 14,093 | 18,247 | 13,430 | 14,639 | 17,485 |
| Australia | 81,281 | 42,534 | 38,747 | 12,558 | 12,246 | 15,999 | 11,803 | 12,926 | 15,749 |
| New Zealand | 10,332 | 5,363 | 4,969 | 1,490 | 1,788 | 2,171 | 1,570 | 1,651 | 1,662 |
| Others | 390 | 201 | 189 | 61 | 59 | 77 | 57 | 62 | 74 |
| TOTAL | 2,116,407 | 1,162,004 | 954,403 | 238,085 | 378,750 | 520,579 | 369,346 | 323,104 | 286,543 |

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 16Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Occupational Categories – 2007 to 2017

| Occupation | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Businessmen | 16.3 | 15.3 | 12.4 | 13.5 | 18.3 | 14.8 | 29.5 | 15.1 | 16.2 | 19.4 |
| Professionals | 7.6 | 8.0 | 10.3 | 13.7 | 7.6 | 11.4 | 17.5 | 21.3 | 23.4 | 33.2 |
| Executives | 12.7 | 13.3 | 13.9 | 15.5 | 16.7 | 16.8 | 7.4 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 3.8 |
| Scientists & Technicians | 7.2 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 9.9 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 10.0 | 4.6 |
| Educationists | 5.7 | 5.9 | 8 | 10.0 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 9.2 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 19.5 |
| Other Occupation | 27.4 | 26.1 | 26.1 | 18.9 | 25.2 | 19.2 | 10.2 | 18.6 | 12.4 | 7.1 |
| No Occupation | 18.0 | 18.2 | 17.2 | 15.1 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 10.1 | 14.7 | 16.5 | 7.6 |
| Retired Persons | 5.1 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.8 |

Source: Airport Survey of Departing Foreign Tourists from Sri Lanka 2017

Table 17Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & Occupation – 2017

| Residence | TOTAL | Professionals | Businessmen | Educationists | Other Occupation | Scientists & Technicians | Retired Persons | Executives | No occupation |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| North America | 104,375 | 38,155 | 13,882 | 20,796 | 6,360 | 3,902 | 13,162 | 4,425 | 3,693 |
| Canada | 46,896 | 13,026 | 7,816 | 9,820 | 2,605 | 1,303 | 9,118 | 1,824 | 1,384 |
| United States | 57,479 | 25,129 | 6,066 | 10,976 | 3,755 | 2,599 | 4,044 | 2,601 | 2,309 |
| Latin America & The Caribbean | 6,482 | 2,370 | 863 | 1,291 | 395 | 242 | 817 | 275 | 229 |
| Western Europe | 680,901 | 251,997 | 70,119 | 174,157 | 67,273 | 35,184 | 29,476 | 26,226 | 26,470 |
| Austria | 17,466 | 6,075 | 759 | 5,830 | 759 | 1,139 | 1,724 | 379 | 801 |
| Belgium | 14,616 | 5,434 | 1,874 | 2,786 | 1,499 | 1,686 | 298 | 451 | 588 |
| Denmark | 18,647 | 5,854 | 2,819 | 4,770 | 1,951 | 1,084 | 651 | 1,084 | 434 |
| France | 97,282 | 36,871 | 11,345 | 20,421 | 8,509 | 6,807 | 3,971 | 5,671 | 3,687 |
| Netherlands | 51,148 | 18,443 | 6,639 | 11,803 | 6,885 | 1,967 | 2,953 | 1,474 | 984 |
| Italy | 31,428 | 10,476 | 4,930 | 4,622 | 3,081 | 1,849 | 924 | 1,525 | 4,021 |
| Norway | 14,159 | 4,012 | 952 | 2,842 | 1,987 | 987 | 787 | 2,069 | 523 |
| Spain | 22,361 | 12,868 | 2,320 | 2,953 | 1,688 | 1,599 | 174 | 126 | 633 |
| Sweden | 24,275 | 11,126 | 1,011 | 5,732 | 3,709 | 874 | 475 | 1,011 | 337 |

Table 17 (contd.)

| Residence | TOTAL | Professionals | Businessmen | Educationists | Other Occupation | Scientists & Technicians | Retired Persons | Executives | No occupation |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Switzerland | 28,402 | 8,115 | 4,122 | 7,303 | 3,993 | 2,434 | 406 | 812 | 1,217 |
| United Kingdom | 201,879 | 84,208 | 15,812 | 50,746 | 20,960 | 5,516 | 11,399 | 6,987 | 6,251 |
| Germany | 130,227 | 37,777 | 14,548 | 46,929 | 9,386 | 7,743 | 4,458 | 3,520 | 5,866 |
| Others | 29,011 | 10,737 | 2,988 | 7,420 | 2,866 | 1,499 | 1,256 | 1,117 | 1,128 |
| Eastern Europe | 161,967 | 85,805 | 22,042 | 21,159 | 11,025 | 9,250 | 3,313 | 2,880 | 6,493 |
| Russia | 59,191 | 32,621 | 7,629 | 6,051 | 2,894 | 4,209 | 1,152 | 951 | 3,684 |
| Ukraine | 32,346 | 16,890 | 4,940 | 4,302 | 3,027 | 1,434 | 637 | 319 | 797 |
| Czech Republic | 15,712 | 7,361 | 1,557 | 3,256 | 2,123 | 508 | 141 | 483 | 283 |
| Poland | 15,346 | 8,074 | 2,558 | 2,407 | 301 | 802 | 602 | 451 | 151 |
| Others | 39,372 | 20,859 | 5,358 | 5,143 | 2,680 | 2,297 | 781 | 676 | 1,578 |
| Africa | 12,703 | 3,969 | 1,348 | 1,121 | 1,324 | 141 | 1,800 | 1,630 | 1,370 |
| South Africa | 5,726 | 1,584 | 253 | 358 | 886 | 84 | 1,094 | 1,096 | 371 |
| Others | 6,977 | 2,385 | 1,095 | 763 | 438 | 57 | 706 | 534 | 999 |
| Middle East | 95,581 | 29,952 | 18,010 | 16,155 | 9,388 | 4,288 | 5,902 | 3,299 | 8,587 |
| Saudi Arabia | 35,481 | 15,302 | 4,237 | 6,578 | 4,766 | 1,569 | 911 | 530 | 1,588 |
| UAE | 7,136 | 2,989 | 820 | 1,398 | 771 | 289 | 96 | 241 | 532 |
| Israel | 11,080 | 2,483 | 1,146 | 3,585 | 1,528 | 194 | 998 | 764 | 382 |
| Kuwait | 4,327 | 1,065 | 1,640 | 286 | 231 | 220 | 205 | 142 | 538 |
| Oman | 8,343 | 1,582 | 2,014 | 1,784 | 288 | 575 | 230 | 432 | 1,438 |
| Others | 29,214 | 6,531 | 8,153 | 2,524 | 1,804 | 1,441 | 3,462 | 1,190 | 4,109 |
| East Asia | 444,310 | 129,058 | 82,927 | 107,490 | 41,891 | 10,879 | 16,022 | 16,928 | 39,115 |
| China (P.R.) | 268,952 | 74,430 | 43,379 | 75,801 | 30,137 | 4,566 | 6,849 | 8,676 | 25,114 |
| Indonesia | 25,806 | 5,769 | 7,202 | 2,229 | 1,594 | 1,273 | 3,058 | 1,051 | 3,630 |
| Japan | 44,988 | 13,302 | 14,841 | 10,703 | 1,855 | 928 | 1,040 | 464 | 1,855 |
| Malaysia | 26,414 | 10,336 | 2,871 | 4,881 | 1,148 | 1,074 | 675 | 3,138 | 2,291 |
| Philippines | 16,845 | 2,994 | 4,059 | 1,058 | 1,782 | 826 | 2,170 | 599 | 3,357 |
| Singapore * | 19,457 | 8,254 | 884 | 5,012 | 1,178 | 221 | 665 | 2,064 | 1,179 |
| Thailand | 10,828 | 4,373 | 2,415 | 1,755 | 408 | 432 | 625 | 208 | 612 |

Table 17 (contd.)

| Residence | TOTAL | Professionals | Businessmen | Educationists | Other Occupation | Scientists & Technicians | Retired Persons | Executives | No occupation |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| South Korea | 15,963 | 2,902 | 5,982 | 3,628 | 1,440 | 811 | 322 | 152 | 726 |
| Others | 15,057 | 6,698 | 1,294 | 2,423 | 2,349 | 748 | 618 | 576 | 351 |
| South Asia | 518,085 | 124,030 | 188,991 | 48,609 | 6,637 | 28,939 | 26,351 | 21,803 | 72,725 |
| India | 384,628 | 100,230 | 153,910 | 26,789 | 21 | 20,607 | 19,189 | 13,395 | 50,487 |
| Maldives * | 79,371 | 15,053 | 19,158 | 16,970 | 2,737 | 5,473 | 2,189 | 4,106 | 13,685 |
| Pakistan | 31,815 | 7,112 | 8,880 | 2,748 | 1,965 | 1,570 | 1,801 | 3,265 | 4,474 |
| Bangladesh | 15,510 | 433 | 5,414 | 1,677 | 1,199 | 958 | 2,301 | 797 | 2,731 |
| Others | 6,761 | 1,202 | 1,629 | 425 | 715 | 331 | 871 | 240 | 1,348 |
| Australasia | 92,003 | 36,582 | 7,099 | 21,841 | 12,831 | 4,095 | 4,011 | 3,632 | 1,912 |
| Australia | 81,281 | 32,319 | 6,271 | 19,295 | 11,336 | 3,618 | 3,576 | 3,177 | 1,689 |
| New Zealand | 10,332 | 4,108 | 797 | 2,453 | 1,441 | 460 | 419 | 439 | 215 |
| Others | 390 | 155 | 31 | 93 | 54 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 2,116,407 | 701,918 | 410,281 | 412,619 | 152,124 | 96,920 | 100,854 | 81,098 | 160,593 |

Table 18

Scheduled Airline Operations and Seating Capacity – 2017

| No | Airline | Type of Aircraft | Seating Capacity | Number of Incoming Flights per Week | | Number of Seats Available in Incoming Flights per Week | | Percentage of Total Seating Capacity by Carrier | |
|----|------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--|--------|---|--------|
| | | | | Winter | Summer | Winter | Summer | Winter | Summer |
| 1 | Air Arabia | A320 | 168 | 11 | 11 | 1,848 | 1,848 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| 2 | Air Asia Berhad | A333/A320 | 180 | 14 | 11 | 2,520 | 1,980 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| 3 | Air China Airlines | A330 | 283 | 4 | 4 | 1,132 | 1,132 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| 4 | Air India | A321 | 182 | 9 | 9 | 1,638 | 1,638 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| 5 | Austrian Airline | B767 | 214 | 1 | 1 | 214 | 214 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 6 | Cathay Pacific Airways | 74K/77H/77G/B777 | 340 | 7 | 7 | 2,380 | 2,380 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| 7 | China Eastern Airlines | A330/B737/B767 | 297 | 11 | 7 | 3,267 | 2,079 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| 8 | Emirates | B777 | 365 | 35 | 34 | 12,775 | 12,410 | 9.0 | 10.1 |
| 9 | Etihad Airways | A320 / B777 | 136 / 328 | 14 | 14 | 1,904 | 1,904 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| 10 | Fly Dubai | 73H | 189 | 28 | 28 | 5,292 | 5,292 | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| 11 | Gulf Air | A320 | 168 | 5 | — | 840 | — | 0.6 | — |

Table 18 (contd.)

| No | Airline | Type of Aircraft | Seating Capacity | Number of Incoming Flights per Week | | Number of Seats Available in Incoming Flights per Week | | Percentage of Total Seating Capacity by Carrier | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--|----------------|---|--------------|
| | | | | Winter | Summer | Winter | Summer | Winter | Summer |
| 12 | Jet Airways | B737 | 184 | 21 | 21 | 3,864 | 3,864 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| 13 | China Southern Airlines | A330 | 283 | 3 | 3 | 849 | 849 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| 14 | Korean Air | A333 | 218 | 3 | 3 | 654 | 654 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 15 | Kuwait Airways | A330 | 272 | 8 | 7 | 2,176 | 1,904 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| 16 | Malaysia Airlines | B737 | 166 | 10 | 10 | 1,660 | 1,660 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| 17 | Malindo Air | B738 | 172 | 11 | 11 | 1,892 | 1,892 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| 18 | Oman Air | B737 | 216 | 14 | 14 | 3,024 | 3,024 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| 19 | Qatar Airways | A320/A350/B777/B787 | 259/372 | 35 | 21 | 9,065 | 5,439 | 6.4 | 4.4 |
| 20 | Saudi Arabian Airlines | B772 | 341 | 7 | 5 | 2,387 | 1,705 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| 21 | Singapore Airlines | A333 | 285 | 7 | 7 | 1,995 | 1,995 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| 22 | Spice Jet | Q400 | 78 | 14 | 14 | 1,092 | 1,092 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| 23 | SriLankan Airlines Ltd | 320 | 136 | 74 | 76 | 10,064 | 10,336 | 7.1 | 8.4 |
| | | 321 | 169 | 31 | 32 | 5,239 | 5,408 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| | | 332 | 269 | 67 | 56 | 18,023 | 15,064 | 12.7 | 12.2 |
| | | 333 | 297 | 83 | 68 | 24,651 | 20,196 | 17.4 | 16.4 |
| | | 32A | 150 | 35 | 15 | 5,250 | 2,250 | 3.7 | 1.8 |
| | | 32B | 188 | 11 | 16 | 2,068 | 3,008 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| | | M319 | 120 | — | 5 | — | 600 | — | 0.5 |
| | | M320 | 162 | 17 | 16 | 2,754 | 2,592 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| | | M321 | 200 | 23 | 16 | 4,600 | 3,200 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| | | 24 | Thai Airways | A330/A333/B777 | 300 | 7 | 7 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| 25 | Ukraine Airlines | B737/B767 | 297 | 3 | 2 | 891 | 594 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| 26 | Silk Air | B738 | 172 | 3 | 3 | 516 | 516 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 27 | Turkish Airlines | A330/B777 | 297 | 7 | 7 | 2,079 | 2,079 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 28 | KLM Royal Dutch Airlines | B737 | 184 | 3 | — | 552 | — | 0.4 | — |
| 29 | Himalaya Airlines | A320 | 168 | — | 2 | — | 336 | — | 0.3 |
| 30 | Sri Wijay Air | B738 | 172 | 4 | — | 688 | — | 0.5 | — |
| Total | | | | 640 | 563 | 141,943 | 123,234 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Gulf Air – Operations restarted on 19/01/2017

China Southern Airlines – Operations started on 26/06/2017

Mega Maldives Airlines – Operations ceased on 05/01/2017

Source: Civil Aviation Authority

Silk Air – Operations started on 08/04/2017

Himalaya Airlines – Operations ceased on 28/10/2017

Table 19Passenger Arrivals & Departures by Port & Category of Travellers – 2017

| Port | Total | | Sri Lankan Residents | | Foreign Tourists | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Arrivals | Departures | Arrivals | Departures | Arrivals | Departures |
| Katunayake | 3,561,189 | 3,636,219 | 1,475,917 | 1,434,083 | 2,085,272 | 2,202,136 |
| Mattala | 6,488 | 16,026 | 997 | 1,453 | 5,491 | 14,573 |
| TOTAL AIR | 3,567,677 | 3,652,245 | 1,476,914 | 1,435,536 | 2,090,763 | 2,216,709 |
| Colombo Harbour | 12,840 | 12,653 | 2,271 | 1,883 | 10,569 | 10,770 |
| Galle Harbour | 15,602 | 13,215 | 1,503 | 1,285 | 14,099 | 11,930 |
| Other Ports* | 1,527 | 1,697 | 551 | 725 | 976 | 972 |
| TOTAL SEA | 29,969 | 27,565 | 4,325 | 3,893 | 25,644 | 23,672 |
| TOTAL (Sea & Air) | 3,597,646 | 3,679,810 | 1,481,239 | 1,439,429 | 2,116,407 | 2,240,381 |

*Hambantota/Norochcholai/Trincomalee

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 20 :Accommodation Capacity (Rooms) in Tourist Hotels & Regional Distribution – 2006 to 2017

| Resort Region | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Colombo City | 3,209 | 3,209 | 3,188 | 3,190 | 3,141 | 3,086 | 3,054 | 3,170 | 3,633 | 3,966 | 4,319 | 5,310 |
| Greater Colombo | 2,520 | 2,555 | 2,651 | 2,494 | 2,640 | 2,573 | 2,856 | 2,913 | 2,883 | 3,041 | 3,184 | 3,225 |
| South Coast | 5,112 | 5,505 | 5,370 | 4,940 | 5,099 | 5,037 | 5,660 | 5,868 | 6,717 | 6,787 | 8,227 | 8,270 |
| East Coast | 184 | 184 | 230 | 230 | 238 | 238 | 296 | 628 | 842 | 895 | 1,121 | 1,129 |
| Hill Country | 726 | 734 | 772 | 928 | 847 | 940 | 743 | 838 | 789 | 1,035 | 1,178 | 1,356 |
| Ancient Cities | 2,467 | 2,417 | 2,582 | 2,679 | 2,749 | 2,779 | 2,901 | 3,217 | 3,595 | 3,601 | 3,990 | 4,024 |
| Northern Region | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 51 | 51 | 107 | 163 |
| All Regions | 14,218 | 14,604 | 14,793 | 14,461 | 14,714 | 14,653 | 15,510 | 16,655 | 18,510 | 19,376 | 22,126 | 23,477 |

Table 21**Accommodation Capacity & Guest Nights in Graded & Supplementary Establishments – 2007 to 2017**

| Description | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A. Accommodation Capacity -Tourist Hotels) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a). No. of Units | 245 | 256 | 242 | 253 | 252 | 269 | 304 | 334 | 354 | 382 | 401 |
| (b). No. of Rooms | 14,604 | 14,793 | 14,461 | 14,714 | 14,653 | 15,510 | 16,655 | 18,078 | 19,376 | 22,126 | 23,477 |
| (c). No. of Beds | 27,500 | 28,698 | 28,344 | 28,978 | 28,844 | 30,399 | 34,840 | 36,883 | 38,370 | 45,508 | 47,259 |
| B. Accommodation Capacity- Supplementary Establishments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a). No. of Units | 513 | 578 | 629 | 530 | 654 | 930 | 1,021 | 1,265 | 1,409 | 1,558 | 1,693 |
| (b). No. of Rooms | 5,030 | 5,397 | 5,946 | 5,895 | 6,141 | 8,207 | 8,513 | 9,916 | 10,702 | 11,535 | 12,509 |
| (c). No. of Beds | 8,299 | 9,712 | 11,654 | 11,210 | 11,601 | 13,347 | 16,105 | 18,340 | 20,211 | 21,570 | 23,392 |
| C. Guest Nights - Tourist Hotels | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a). Foreign | 2,777,599 | 2,763,223 | 2,818,487 | 4,126,544 | 5,011,480 | 5,038,066 | 6,969,239 | 7,982,110 | 8,945,380 | 10,595,118 | 11,609,886 |
| (b). Local | 1,051,077 | 979,438 | 1,163,220 | 1,464,098 | 1,607,393 | 1,457,063 | 1,439,483 | 2,072,886 | 1,588,223 | 1,727,292 | 1,805,141 |
| D. Guest Nights - Supplementary Establishments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a). Foreign | 598,931 | 701,254 | 779,317 | 1,249,146 | 2,241,407 | 2,372,266 | 2,728,603 | 3,596,548 | 4,349,313 | 5,404,602 | 6,204,126 |
| (b). Local | 497,321 | 421,987 | 471,730 | 425,350 | 574,958 | 682,374 | 639,275 | 512,017 | 636,644 | 812,188 | 920,196 |
| E. Foreign Guest Nights (Total) | 4,940,080 | 4,165,511 | 4,075,799 | 6,544,760 | 8,559,750 | 10,056,050 | 10,909,050 | 15,118,815 | 18,163,638 | 20,918,486 | 23,068,836 |
| (a). Tourist Hotels | 2,777,599 | 2,763,223 | 2,818,487 | 4,126,544 | 5,011,480 | 5,038,066 | 6,969,239 | 7,982,110 | 8,945,380 | 10,595,118 | 11,609,886 |
| (b). Supplementary Establishments | 598,931 | 701,254 | 779,317 | 1,249,146 | 2,241,407 | 2,372,266 | 2,728,607 | 3,596,548 | 4,349,313 | 5,404,602 | 6,204,126 |
| (c). Others | 1,563,550 | 701,034 | 477,995 | 1,169,070 | 1,306,863 | 2,645,718 | 1,211,204 | 3,540,157 | 4,868,945 | 4,918,766 | 5,254,824 |

Table 22Occupancy Rates by Region – 2005 to 2017

| Region | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Colombo City | 76.3 | 64.3 | 63.9 | 57.1 | 57.8 | 78.3 | 84.0 | 75.8 | 75.2 | 75.9 | 76.4 | 76.75 | 75.31 |
| Greater Colombo | 44.8 | 48.0 | 49.3 | 52.6 | 52.7 | 75.1 | 79.5 | 74.5 | 70.1 | 74.0 | 74.4 | 75.18 | 73.14 |
| South Coast | 31.5 | 41.2 | 47.6 | 46.1 | 49.6 | 71.9 | 78.1 | 73.9 | 70.2 | 73.1 | 74.3 | 74.24 | 72.38 |
| East Coast | 29.1 | 16.9 | 18.0 | 21.6 | 37.8 | 70.0 | 75.7 | 68.2 | 69.8 | 73.8 | 74.1 | 74.92 | 72.95 |
| Hill Country | 36.6 | 39.9 | 41.2 | 34.2 | 42.2 | 63.5 | 73.3 | 68.1 | 73.2 | 74.9 | 74.8 | 75.24 | 73.55 |
| Ancient Cities | 39.5 | 43.3 | 40.3 | 35.2 | 44.4 | 62.6 | 71.7 | 66.5 | 73.5 | 75.0 | 75.2 | 75.46 | 73.85 |
| Northern Region | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 69.9 | 72.4 | 72.0 | 69.58 | 70.98 |
| All Areas (Average) | 45.4 | 47.8 | 46.2 | 43.9 | 48.4 | 70.1 | 77.1 | 71.2 | 71.7 | 74.3 | 74.5 | 74.76 | 73.27 |

Table 23**Monthly Occupancy Rates in Tourist Hotels by Region – 2017**

| | Number of Units *** | Rooms ** | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Annual O/R |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Colombo City | 41 | 5,310 | 73,20 | 69,70 | 72,80 | 67,92 | 79,53 | 72,86 | 71,17 | 81,57 | 75,06 | 78,20 | 78,34 | 83,41 | 75,31 |
| Greater Colombo | 62 | 3,225 | 73,44 | 71,62 | 73,11 | 63,49 | 73,30 | 71,33 | 70,03 | 77,32 | 75,76 | 73,35 | 76,32 | 78,68 | 73,14 |
| 1. North of Colombo | 53 | 2,734 | 76,78 | 71,90 | 73,50 | 64,58 | 69,83 | 72,12 | 70,62 | 77,81 | 77,06 | 73,04 | 75,32 | 79,21 | 73,48 |
| 11. South of Colombo | 9 | 491 | 70,10 | 71,33 | 72,71 | 62,39 | 76,77 | 70,54 | 69,45 | 76,82 | 74,45 | 73,66 | 77,33 | 78,16 | 72,81 |
| South Coast | 145 | 8,270 | 75,22 | 74,07 | 70,90 | 67,32 | 68,54 | 70,11 | 70,53 | 73,29 | 76,69 | 71,05 | 72,39 | 78,44 | 72,38 |
| 1. Up to Galle | 80 | 5,202 | 75,68 | 75,91 | 71,96 | 67,68 | 73,55 | 68,29 | 69,90 | 74,63 | 78,32 | 73,47 | 76,51 | 78,63 | 73,71 |
| 11. Beyond Galle | 65 | 3,068 | 74,76 | 72,22 | 69,83 | 66,96 | 63,54 | 71,94 | 71,17 | 71,95 | 75,05 | 68,64 | 68,27 | 78,25 | 71,05 |
| East Coast | 27 | 1129 | 70,65 | 76,10 | 74,48 | 66,78 | 68,09 | 74,88 | 69,08 | 79,30 | 79,12 | 73,19 | 68,31 | 75,38 | 72,95 |
| Hill Country | 36 | 1356 | 69,46 | 73,43 | 75,03 | 70,86 | 70,27 | 78,84 | 68,63 | 74,24 | 77,95 | 72,63 | 72,18 | 79,10 | 73,55 |
| Ancient Cities | 84 | 4,024 | 73,67 | 75,36 | 73,11 | 68,89 | 66,27 | 72,20 | 69,74 | 79,68 | 78,73 | 71,45 | 77,44 | 79,70 | 73,85 |
| 1. Kandy Area | 33 | 1,697 | 75,13 | 76,88 | 77,04 | 68,01 | 68,05 | 70,97 | 68,99 | 82,71 | 81,19 | 70,82 | 79,24 | 82,93 | 75,16 |
| 11. Anuradhapura Area | 15 | 451 | 74,42 | 78,18 | 74,19 | 66,22 | 67,82 | 73,29 | 67,54 | 81,19 | 78,80 | 69,02 | 75,52 | 80,45 | 73,89 |
| 111. Polonnaruwa / Giritale | 9 | 413 | 74,15 | 76,77 | 73,60 | 69,91 | 65,68 | 68,39 | 70,08 | 76,92 | 79,53 | 71,08 | 74,53 | 79,19 | 73,32 |
| IV/Habarana/Sigiriya/ Dambulla | 27 | 1463 | 70,99 | 69,61 | 67,61 | 71,43 | 63,52 | 76,15 | 72,34 | 77,91 | 75,38 | 74,89 | 80,45 | 76,24 | 73,04 |
| Northern Region | 6 | 163 | 67,08 | 68,77 | 68,09 | 65,92 | 68,63 | 78,14 | 66,91 | 72,05 | 73,41 | 72,33 | 74,31 | 76,12 | 70,98 |
| All Regions | 401 | 23,477 | 72,70 | 73,40 | 72,57 | 67,39 | 69,61 | 73,03 | 69,66 | 77,26 | 77,11 | 72,58 | 75,03 | 78,92 | 73,27 |

Table 23(a)**Capacity and Nights in all Accommodation Establishments by Category – 2016 & 2017**

| Class of Accommodation | Number of Units | Number of Rooms | Number of Beds | Total Guest Nights | | Foreign Guest Nights | | Local Guest Nights | | Occupancy Rate | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|
| | | | | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | | | | | |
| Hotel** | 382 | 401 | 22,126 | 23,477 | 45,508 | 47,259 | 12,322,410 | 13,415,027 | 10,595,118 | 11,609,886 | 1,727,292 | 1,805,141 | 74.76 | 73.27 |
| 5 Star | 17 | 20 | 3,550 | 4,217 | 7,377 | 8,720 | 2,300,803 | 2,493,193 | 2,069,510 | 2,228,806 | 231,293 | 264,387 | 74.81 | 74.64 |
| 4 Star | 18 | 18 | 2,185 | 2,092 | 4,540 | 4,326 | 1,566,801 | 1,179,622 | 1,388,625 | 1,022,881 | 178,176 | 156,741 | 75.37 | 72.81 |
| 3 Star | 16 | 25 | 1,798 | 2,957 | 3,736 | 6,115 | 1,192,831 | 1,773,795 | 1,093,618 | 1,648,554 | 99,213 | 125,241 | 75.33 | 73.45 |
| 2 Star | 33 | 36 | 1,902 | 1,718 | 3,952 | 3,553 | 1,203,261 | 988,223 | 1,079,872 | 879,092 | 123,389 | 109,131 | 74.27 | 72.89 |
| 1 Star | 34 | 40 | 1,329 | 1,767 | 2,762 | 3,654 | 1,027,702 | 914,733 | 876,229 | 715,856 | 151,473 | 198,877 | 73.84 | 71.54 |
| Small luxury Hotel (Boutique Hotel) | 24 | 26 | 448 | 508 | 931 | 1,051 | 212,016 | 304,916 | 194,592 | 285,683 | 17,424 | 19,233 | 74.35 | 73.01 |
| Unclassified ** | 240 | 236 | 10,914 | 10,218 | 22,700 | 21,131 | 4,818,996 | 5,760,545 | 3,892,672 | 4,829,014 | 926,324 | 931,531 | 75.37 | 74.54 |
| Supplementary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Establishments** | 1,558 | 1,693 | 11,535 | 12,509 | 23,970 | 25,869 | 6,216,790 | 7,124,322 | 5,404,602 | 6,204,126 | 812,188 | 920,196 | 74.89 | 74.91 |

Table 24

Foreign Guest Nights in Graded Accommodation Establishments by Region & Month – 2017* (Classified/ Unclassified/ Boutique Hotels)

| Resort Region | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Annual Total |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Colombo City | 221,272 | 219,415 | 226,029 | 210,879 | 246,926 | 226,223 | 220,959 | 253,260 | 233,052 | 231,806 | 243,227 | 258,974 | 2,792,022 |
| Greater Colombo | 136,219 | 132,920 | 135,814 | 118,914 | 131,205 | 139,033 | 130,381 | 143,741 | 141,896 | 135,362 | 139,969 | 146,302 | 1,631,756 |
| 1. North of Colombo | 116,467 | 112,820 | 115,325 | 101,332 | 109,573 | 117,156 | 110,812 | 122,094 | 120,917 | 114,606 | 118,178 | 124,279 | 1,383,559 |
| 11. South of Colombo | 19,752 | 20,100 | 20,489 | 17,582 | 21,632 | 21,877 | 19,569 | 21,647 | 20,979 | 20,756 | 21,791 | 22,023 | 248,197 |
| South Coast | 360,232 | 359,424 | 340,314 | 322,332 | 333,919 | 341,998 | 336,468 | 352,097 | 368,684 | 342,725 | 351,198 | 375,304 | 4,184,695 |
| 1. Up to Galle | 227,614 | 231,320 | 216,444 | 203,557 | 221,210 | 214,386 | 210,231 | 224,470 | 235,558 | 220,968 | 230,100 | 236,500 | 2,660,358 |
| 11. Beyond Galle | 132,618 | 128,104 | 123,870 | 18,775 | 112,709 | 127,612 | 126,237 | 127,627 | 133,126 | 121,757 | 121,098 | 138,804 | 1,512,337 |
| East Coast | 31,812 | 38,579 | 37,758 | 33,850 | 34,514 | 37,960 | 35,020 | 40,201 | 40,106 | 37,099 | 34,630 | 38,214 | 439,743 |
| Hill Country | 48,039 | 56,845 | 52,971 | 50,029 | 49,614 | 55,667 | 48,457 | 52,414 | 55,038 | 51,278 | 50,962 | 55,848 | 627,162 |
| Ancient Cities | 156,559 | 158,537 | 155,482 | 147,616 | 140,977 | 156,291 | 148,562 | 170,966 | 167,638 | 153,745 | 167,947 | 170,192 | 1,894,512 |
| 1. Kandy Area | 67,540 | 69,112 | 69,259 | 61,140 | 61,174 | 63,801 | 62,024 | 74,355 | 72,988 | 63,664 | 71,244 | 74,555 | 810,856 |
| 11. Anuradhapura Area | 17,781 | 18,679 | 17,775 | 15,821 | 16,203 | 17,510 | 16,138 | 19,398 | 18,828 | 16,490 | 18,043 | 19,221 | 211,837 |
| 111. Polonnaruwa / Giritale | 16,222 | 16,797 | 16,102 | 15,296 | 14,370 | 14,964 | 15,333 | 16,829 | 17,399 | 15,550 | 16,307 | 17,325 | 192,494 |
| IV. Habarana/Sig. / Damb. | 55,016 | 53,949 | 52,396 | 55,359 | 49,230 | 60,016 | 55,067 | 60,384 | 58,423 | 58,041 | 62,353 | 59,091 | 679,325 |
| Northern Region | 3,050 | 3,129 | 2,997 | 2,711 | 3,239 | 4,169 | 2,842 | 3,483 | 3,395 | 3,497 | 3,689 | 3,795 | 39,996 |
| All Regions | 957,183 | 968,849 | 951,365 | 886,331 | 940,394 | 961,341 | 922,689 | 1,016,162 | 1,009,809 | 955,512 | 991,622 | 1,048,629 | 11,609,886 |

*Estimated

Table 25**Local Guest Nights in Graded Accommodation Establishments by Region & Month – 2017 (Classified/ Unclassified/ Boutique Hotels)**

| Resort Region | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Annual Total |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Colombo City | 19,395 | 17,468 | 18,889 | 15,996 | 21,072 | 19,305 | 18,856 | 22,613 | 19,888 | 21,420 | 20,756 | 24,901 | 240,559 |
| Greater Colombo | 21,698 | 18,842 | 21,287 | 18,567 | 20,931 | 20,813 | 21,415 | 22,521 | 22,155 | 21,282 | 22,072 | 22,921 | 254,504 |
| 1. North of Colombo | 15,263 | 12,294 | 14,612 | 12,839 | 13,883 | 14,337 | 15,040 | 15,469 | 15,320 | 14,520 | 14,973 | 15,746 | 174,296 |
| 11. South of Colombo | 6,435 | 6,548 | 6,675 | 5,728 | 7,048 | 6,476 | 6,375 | 7,052 | 6,835 | 6,762 | 7,099 | 7,175 | 80,208 |
| South Coast | 49,320 | 49,118 | 44,546 | 44,013 | 45,644 | 45,905 | 46,314 | 48,352 | 51,016 | 47,002 | 48,071 | 53,609 | 572,910 |
| 1. Up to Galle | 28,961 | 29,452 | 25,730 | 26,079 | 28,341 | 26,314 | 26,934 | 28,759 | 30,179 | 28,310 | 29,480 | 32,300 | 340,839 |
| 11. Beyond Galle | 20,359 | 19,666 | 18,816 | 17,934 | 17,303 | 19,591 | 19,380 | 19,593 | 20,837 | 18,692 | 18,591 | 21,309 | 232,071 |
| East Coast | 14,458 | 16,575 | 15,244 | 13,666 | 13,934 | 15,325 | 14,139 | 16,230 | 16,191 | 14,978 | 13,981 | 15,428 | 180,149 |
| Hill Country | 8,936 | 9,659 | 9,868 | 8,920 | 9,243 | 10,371 | 8,527 | 9,765 | 10,253 | 9,553 | 9,494 | 10,504 | 115,093 |
| Ancient Cities | 35,797 | 36,743 | 35,148 | 33,664 | 32,033 | 35,417 | 34,106 | 39,018 | 38,310 | 35,135 | 38,214 | 38,975 | 432,560 |
| 1. Kandy Area | 13,998 | 14,324 | 14,354 | 12,672 | 12,679 | 13,223 | 12,855 | 15,410 | 15,127 | 13,195 | 14,765 | 15,452 | 168,054 |
| 11. Anuradhapura Area | 5,554 | 6,034 | 5,236 | 4,942 | 5,061 | 5,469 | 5,041 | 6,059 | 5,881 | 5,151 | 5,636 | 6,003 | 66,067 |
| 111. Polonnaruwa /Giritale | 4,662 | 5,027 | 4,527 | 4,395 | 3,929 | 4,300 | 4,406 | 4,836 | 5,202 | 4,469 | 4,686 | 4,979 | 55,418 |
| IV. Habarana/Sigiriya /Dambulla | 11,583 | 11,358 | 11,031 | 11,655 | 10,364 | 12,425 | 11,804 | 12,713 | 12,100 | 12,320 | 13,127 | 12,541 | 143,021 |
| Northern Region | 638 | 756 | 749 | 825 | 755 | 959 | 636 | 792 | 807 | 795 | 767 | 887 | 9,366 |
| All Regions | 150,242 | 149,161 | 145,731 | 135,651 | 143,612 | 148,095 | 143,993 | 159,291 | 158,620 | 150,165 | 153,355 | 167,225 | 1,805,141 |

Table 26Volume & Value of Tourism – 2006 to 2017

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tourist Arrivals | 559,603 | 494,008 | 438,475 | 447,890 | 654,476 | 855,975 | 1,005,605 | 1,274,593 | 1,527,153 | 1,798,380 | 2,050,832 | 2,116,407 |
| Excursionist Arrivals | 128,719 | 98,432 | 87,695 | 89,526 | 112,497 | 119,875 | 126,523 | 140,009 | 138,097 | 195,143 | 116,544 | 131,409 |
| Official Receipts * Rs. mn. | 42,585.50 | 42,519.30 | 37,094.00 | 40,133.00 | 65,018.0 | 91,926.0 | 132,427.0 | 221,147.1 | 317,502.2 | 405,492.0 | 512,593.6 | 598,356.0 |
| US\$ mn. | 410.3 | 384.4 | 319.5 | 349.3 | 575.9 | 838.9 | 1,038.3* | 1,715.50 | 2,431.1 | 2,980.6 | 3,518.50 | 3,924.90 |
| SDR Units (mn.) | 278.3 | 250.9 | 202.1 | 226.5 | 376.9 | 530.2 | 677.7 | 1,128.8 | 1,600.3 | 2,129.7* | 2,531.3* | 2,499.4* |
| Receipt per Tourist per day * (US\$) | 83.4 | 79.1 | 76.7 | 81.8 | 88.0 | 98.0 | 103.0 | 156.5 | 160.8 | 164.1 | 168.2 | 170.1 |

** Estimate*

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Table 27**Direct Employment in the Tourism Industry – 2015 to 2017***

| Category of Establishments | Number of Establishments | Managerial, Scientific & Professional | | | | Technical, Clerical, Allied and Supervisory | | | | Manual & Operative | | | | Total | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2015* | 2016* | 2017* | | |
| Hotels & Restaurants | 2,196 | 2,378** | 2,567 | 15,002 | 16,312 | 16,917 | 52,475 | 56,485 | 58,861 | 42,090 | 45,461 | 51,697 | 109,567 | 118,258 | |
| Travel Agents & Tour Operators | 758 | 855** | 864 | 2,555 | 2,748 | 2,850 | 6,046 | 6,096 | 6,168 | 882 | 888 | 931 | 9,483 | 9,732 | |
| Airlines | 28 | 28 | 28 | 993 | 1,068 | 1,108 | 4,028 | 4,537 | 4,808 | 1,348 | 1,542 | 1,605 | 6,369 | 7,147 | |
| Agencies Providing Recreational Facilities | 71 | 76 | 80** | 191 | 205 | 213 | 407 | 415 | 438 | 314 | 334 | 345 | 912 | 954 | |
| Tourist Shops | 66 | 70 | 73 | 230 | 242 | 251 | 1,348 | 1,448 | 1,535 | 218 | 239 | 254 | 1,796 | 1,929 | |
| Guides (Formal & Informal)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,590 | 4,689 | |
| National Tourist Organization | 4 | 4 | 4 | 209 | 225 | 233 | 245 | 257 | 272 | 221 | 233 | 230 | 675 | 715 | |
| State Sector | 18 | 18 | 18 | 736 | 813 | 843 | 808 | 847 | 972 | 994 | 1,031 | 860 | 2,538 | 2,691 | |
| Total | 3,141 | 3,429 | 3,634 | 19,916 | 21,613 | 22,415 | 69,947 | 74,774 | 78,032 | 46,067 | 49,728 | 55,922 | 135,930 | 146,115 | 156,369 |

* Estimate

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Table 28Sri Lankan Departures - Growth Trends- 1980- 2017

| Year | Total | Air | | Sea | | | |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| | | Katunayake | Mattala | Colombo Harbour | Galle Harbour | Talaimannar | Other |
| 1980 | 137,797 | 100,803 | - | 598 | - | 36,396 | - |
| 1981 | 185,035 | 147,402 | - | 730 | - | 36,903 | - |
| 1982 | 216,466 | 185,215 | - | 789 | - | 30,462 | - |
| 1983 | 244,955 | 220,289 | - | 578 | - | 24,088 | - |
| 1984 | 274,418 | 229,568 | - | 616 | - | 44,234 | - |
| 1985 | 239,272 | 238,577 | - | 695 | - | - | - |
| 1986 | 229,386 | 228,925 | - | 461 | - | - | - |
| 1987 | 257,760 | 257,207 | - | 553 | - | - | - |
| 1988 | 298,583 | 297,677 | - | 906 | - | - | - |
| 1989 | 285,510 | 284,765 | - | 745 | - | - | - |
| 1990 | 296,884 | 296,080 | - | 804 | - | - | - |
| 1991 | 310,373 | 309,588 | - | 785 | - | - | - |
| 1992 | 420,749 | 419,726 | - | 1,023 | - | - | - |
| 1993 | 416,246 | 415,434 | - | 812 | - | - | - |
| 1994 | 448,437 | 447,224 | - | 1,213 | - | - | - |
| 1995 | 504,420 | 502,059 | - | 2,361 | - | - | - |
| 1996 | 494,258 | 493,407 | - | 851 | - | - | - |
| 1997 | 530,712 | 529,908 | - | 804 | - | - | - |
| 1998 | 518,050 | 517,222 | - | 828 | - | - | - |
| 1999 | 496,963 | 496,045 | - | 918 | - | - | - |
| 2000 | 524,212 | 523,485 | - | 727 | - | - | - |
| 2001 | 505,341 | 504,503 | - | 838 | - | - | - |
| 2002 | 532,737 | 531,909 | - | 828 | - | - | - |
| 2003 | 591,126 | 590,039 | - | 1,087 | - | - | - |
| 2004 | 680,248 | 679,131 | - | 1,117 | - | - | - |
| 2005 | 727,301 | 725,956 | - | 1,345 | - | - | - |
| 2006 | 756,735 | 756,735 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2007 | 862,011 | 862,011 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2008 | 966,337 | 966,337 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2009 | 962,786 | 962,786 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2010 | 1,122,212 | 1,122,212 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2011 | 1,239,290 | 1,239,290 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2012 | 1,268,792 | 1,268,792 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2013 | 1,261,506 | 1,257,099 | 1,838 | 931 | 1,638 | - | - |
| 2014 | 1,311,063 | 1,307,133 | 1,638 | 744 | 1,548 | - | - |
| 2015 | 1,356,411 | 1,353,115 | 861 | 1,153 | 1,282 | - | - |
| 2016 | 1,447,786 | 1,442,645 | 1,225 | 2,694 | 1,037 | - | 185 |
| 2017 | 1,439,429 | 1,434,083 | 1,453 | 1,883 | 1,285 | - | 725 |

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 29
Tourism Growth Trends – 1978 to 2017

| YEAR | Tourist Arrivals | Tourist Nights '000 | Official Tourist Receipts | | | | Accommodation Capacity (Graded) | Annual Room Occupancy Rate (Graded) | Employment | | | | | | |
|------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|---------|------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|---------|--------|--------|
| | | | Excursions | Arrivals | USD mn | Euro mn | | | Arrivals | Departures | Direct | Indirect* | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Beds | Rooms | Capacity (Graded) | Sri Lankan | | | |
| 1978 | 192,592 | 8,494 | 2,061 | 870.0 | 55.8 | 44.4 | 27.1 | 108 | 5,347 | 10,431 | 47.7 | 102,142 | 117,075 | 15,404 | 20,795 |
| 1979 | 250,164 | 5,565 | 2,777 | 1,209.4 | 77.7 | 60.1 | 28.0 | 111 | 5,599 | 11,212 | 52.8 | 100,603 | 122,197 | 18,472 | 24,937 |
| 1980 | 321,780 | 8,636 | 3,548 | 1,830.3 | 110.7 | 85.1 | 31.2 | 110 | 6,042 | 11,790 | 57.8 | 105,484 | 137,797 | 19,878 | 28,022 |
| 1981 | 370,742 | 7,737 | 3,907 | 2,546.5 | 132.4 | 112.3 | 33.9 | 105 | 6,891 | 13,773 | 54.5 | 142,426 | 185,035 | 23,023 | 32,232 |
| 1982 | 407,230 | 6,632 | 4,048 | 3,050.4 | 146.6 | 129.8 | 36.2 | 100 | 7,539 | 15,001 | 47.8 | 162,034 | 216,466 | 26,776 | 37,486 |
| 1983 | 337,530 | 7,208 | 3,179 | 2,896.1 | 125.8 | 115.1 | 39.6 | 96 | 8,852 | 17,605 | 35.9 | 180,729 | 244,955 | 22,374 | 31,234 |
| 1984 | 317,734 | 8,638 | 2,818 | 2,669.5 | 104.9 | 102.4 | 37.2 | 89 | 9,627 | 18,970 | 35.6 | 212,365 | 274,418 | 24,541 | 34,357 |
| 1985 | 257,456 | 9,882 | 2,365 | 2,233.3 | 82.2 | 80.8 | 34.8 | 92 | 9,826 | 19,352 | 32.7 | 220,094 | 239,272 | 22,723 | 31,810 |
| 1986 | 230,106 | 6,266 | 2,513 | 2,300.1 | 82.1 | 69.9 | 32.7 | 109 | 9,794 | 19,301 | 32.9 | 220,614 | 229,386 | 22,285 | 31,199 |
| 1987 | 182,620 | 2,417 | 2,414 | 2,415.2 | 82.0 | 63.4 | 34.0 | 132 | 9,921 | 19,322 | 31.5 | 217,127 | 257,760 | 20,338 | 28,473 |
| 1988 | 182,662 | 6,108 | 2,305 | 2,438.3 | 76.6 | 57.0 | 33.3 | 126 | 9,977 | 19,432 | 32.1 | 245,065 | 298,533 | 19,960 | 27,944 |
| 1989 | 184,732 | 4,064 | 1,970 | 2,739.7 | 76.0 | 59.3 | 38.6 | 107 | 9,459 | 18,669 | 31.0 | 258,950 | 285,510 | 21,958 | 30,741 |
| 1990 | 297,888 | 3,954 | 3,225 | 5,303.3 | 132.0 | 97.5 | 41.1 | 108 | 9,556 | 18,669 | 47.2 | 306,367 | 296,884 | 24,964 | 34,950 |
| 1991 | 317,703 | 2,665 | 3,633 | 6,485.8 | 156.8 | 114.6 | 42.8 | 114 | 9,679 | 18,947 | 48.4 | 237,424 | 310,373 | 26,878 | 37,629 |
| 1992 | 393,669 | 5,651 | 4,055 | 8,825.6 | 201.4 | 142.9 | 49.7 | 103 | 10,214 | 19,907 | 55.3 | 339,109 | 420,749 | 28,790 | 40,306 |
| 1993 | 392,250 | 6,093 | 4,148 | 10,036.8 | 208.0 | 149.0 | 50.1 | 106 | 10,365 | 20,242 | 57.0 | 375,740 | 416,246 | 30,710 | 42,994 |
| 1994 | 407,511 | 8,413 | 4,251 | 11,401.6 | 230.7 | 161.1 | 54.2 | 104 | 10,742 | 20,929 | 56.6 | 422,367 | 448,437 | 33,956 | 47,538 |
| 1995 | 403,101 | 10,556 | 4,024 | 11,551.6 | 225.4 | 148.6 | 56.1 | 100 | 11,255 | 21,680 | 52.6 | 459,441 | 504,420 | 35,068 | 49,095 |

Table 29 (contd.)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1996 | 302,265 | 12,863 | 2,947 | 9,559.1 | 173.0 | | 119.1 | 57.9 | 98 | 11,600 | 22,040 | 40.3 | 488,055 | 494,238 | 31,963 | 44,748 |
| 1997 | 366,165 | 18,265 | 3,680 | 12,980.3 | 216.7 | 160.4 | 58.6 | 10.1 | 12,370 | 22,944 | 49.1 | 482,850 | 530,712 | 34,006 | 47,608 | |
| 1998 | 381,063 | 27,629 | 3,944 | 14,868.0 | 230.5 | 169.9 | 59.5 | 10.4 | 12,770 | 23,373 | 52.8 | 481,793 | 518,050 | 34,780 | 48,692 | |
| 1999 | 436,440 | 28,335 | 4,479 | 19,297.3 | 274.9 | 201.0 | 61.4 | 10.3 | 12,918 | 24,216 | 57.6 | 521,073 | 496,933 | 36,560 | 51,184 | |
| 2000 | 400,414 | 44,518 | 4,056 | 19,162.2 | 252.8 | 274.1 | 191.9 | 62.3 | 10.1 | 13,311 | 24,953 | 52.3 | 514,448 | 524,212 | 37,943 | 53,120 |
| 2001 | 336,794 | 60,084 | 3,342 | 18,863.3 | 211.1 | 236.1 | 165.7 | 63.1 | 9.9 | 13,626 | 25,595 | 42.1 | 487,356 | 505,341 | 33,710 | 47,194 |
| 2002 | 393,171 | 63,560 | 3,989 | 24,202.0 | 253.0 | 267.7 | 179.3 | 63.4 | 10.1 | 13,818 | 25,956 | 43.1 | 493,947 | 533,565 | 38,821 | 54,349 |
| 2003 | 500,642 | 82,066 | 5,093 | 32,810.0 | 340.0 | 300.5 | 242.6 | 66.8 | 10.2 | 14,137 | 26,511 | 53.2 | 560,602 | 591,126 | 46,761 | 65,465 |
| 2004 | 566,202 | 110,000 | 5,742 | 42,666.3 | 416.8 | 334.3 | 298.6 | 72.2 | 10.1 | 14,322 | 26,854 | 59.3 | 646,990 | 680,248 | 53,766 | 75,272 |
| 2005 | 549,308 | 119,618 | 4,754 | 36,377.30 | 362.3 | 289.8 | 244.6 | 74.6 | 8.7 | 13,162 | 24,740 | 45.4 | 683,169 | 727,301 | 52,085 | 72,919 |
| 2006 | 559,603 | 128,719 | 5,793 | 42,585.5 | 410.3 | 326.1 | 278.3 | 83.4 | 10.4 | 14,218 | 27,117 | 47.8 | 734,421 | 756,735 | 55,649 | 77,909 |
| 2007 | 494,008 | 98,432 | 4,940 | 42,519.3 | 384.4 | 280.5 | 250.9 | 79.1 | 10.0 | 14,604 | 27,500 | 46.2 | 817,524 | 862,011 | 60,516 | 84,722 |
| 2008 | 438,475 | 87,695 | 4,166 | 37,094.0 | 319.5 | 217.2 | 202.1 | 76.7 | 9.5 | 14,793 | 28,698 | 43.9 | 900,815 | 966,337 | 51,306 | 71,828 |
| 2009 | 447,890 | 89,526 | 4,075 | 40,133.0 | 349.3 | 250.5 | 226.5 | 81.8 | 9.1 | 14,461 | 28,344 | 48.4 | 914,584 | 962,786 | 52,071 | 72,899 |
| 2010 | 654,476 | 112,497 | 6,548 | 65,018.0 | 575.9 | 433.2 | 376.9 | 88.0 | 10.0 | 14,714 | 28,978 | 70.1 | 1,081,417 | 1,122,212 | 55,023 | 77,032 |
| 2011 | 855,975 | 119,875 | 8,560 | 91,926.0 | 838.9 | 603.4 | 530.2 | 98.0 | 10.0 | 14,653 | 28,844 | 77.1 | 1,210,951 | 1,239,290 | 57,786 | 80,899 |
| 2012 | 1,005,605 | 126,523 | 10,056 | 132,427.0 | 1038.3 | 807.5 | 677.7 | 103.0 | 10.0 | 15,510 | 30,880 | 71.2 | 1,210,914 | 1,268,792 | 67,862 | 95,007 |
| 2013 | 1,274,593 | 140,009 | 10,909 | 221,147.1 | 1,715.5 | 1,291.4 | 1,128.8 | 156.5 | 8.6 | 16,223 | 32,284 | 71.7 | 1,200,788 | 1,261,711 | 112,550 | 157,600 |
| 2014 | 1,527,153 | 138,097 | 15,119 | 317,501.7 | 2,431.1 | 1,830.0 | 1,600.3 | 160.8 | 9.9 | 18,078 | 35,976 | 74.3 | 1,263,494 | 1,311,063 | 129,790 | 170,100 |
| 2015 | 1,798,380 | 195,134 | 18,163 | 405,492.0 | 2,980.6 | 2,686.1 | 2,129.7 | 164.1 | 10.1 | 18,954 | 37,720* | 74.5 | 1,361,877 | 1,356,411 | 135,930 | 183,506 |
| 2016 | 2,050,832 | 116,544* | 20,918* | 512,593.6 | 3,518.5 | 3,178.9 | 2,531.3 | 168.2 | 10.2 | 21,126 | 45,508* | 74.76 | 1,485,004 | 1,447,786 | 146,115 | 189,544 |
| 2017 | 2,116,407 | 131,409* | 23,068* | 598,356.0 | 3,948.3 | 2,829.2 | 170.1 | 10.9 | 23,477 | 47,259* | 73,27* | 1481,239 | 1,439,429 | 156,369* | 202,846* | |

*Provisional
Exchange rate as per Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Table 30
Tourists Arrivals by Month – 1971 to 2017

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1971 | 5,931 | 6,570 | 5,166 | 1,539 | 952 | 961 | 1,897 | 2,467 | 1,881 | 2,585 | 4,003 | 5,702 | 39,654 |
| 1972 | 5,762 | 5,848 | 5,564 | 3,091 | 3,282 | 2,302 | 3,703 | 4,634 | 3,402 | 4,476 | 6,155 | 7,828 | 56,047 |
| 1973 | 9,386 | 8,343 | 7,875 | 5,468 | 4,168 | 3,246 | 5,919 | 6,680 | 4,184 | 5,977 | 7,137 | 9,505 | 77,888 |
| 1974 | 10,915 | 9,648 | 9,847 | 6,400 | 3,241 | 3,303 | 5,404 | 6,147 | 4,986 | 6,199 | 8,338 | 10,583 | 85,011 |
| 1975 | 11,740 | 10,388 | 11,158 | 5,890 | 5,587 | 4,787 | 5,925 | 8,565 | 5,287 | 7,622 | 11,271 | 14,984 | 103,204 |
| 1976 | 15,627 | 15,214 | 13,431 | 8,886 | 6,097 | 4,550 | 4,278 | 3,481 | 6,707 | 10,636 | 13,600 | 16,464 | 118,971 |
| 1977 | 17,569 | 18,064 | 18,216 | 9,891 | 7,602 | 5,536 | 9,881 | 11,129 | 7,594 | 11,541 | 17,106 | 19,536 | 153,665 |
| 1978 | 23,114 | 22,427 | 20,497 | 11,545 | 8,803 | 7,134 | 13,252 | 15,542 | 10,245 | 14,340 | 20,759 | 24,934 | 192,592 |
| 1979 | 28,366 | 25,226 | 25,472 | 18,847 | 13,042 | 10,674 | 16,801 | 20,203 | 14,798 | 19,376 | 25,743 | 31,616 | 250,164 |
| 1980 | 36,108 | 33,896 | 34,416 | 21,806 | 19,468 | 15,082 | 22,986 | 27,440 | 19,962 | 23,646 | 23,988 | 37,982 | 316,780 |
| 1981 | 45,168 | 39,384 | 38,376 | 28,568 | 21,642 | 16,836 | 28,266 | 32,788 | 24,086 | 27,030 | 29,512 | 39,086 | 370,742 |
| 1982 | 40,932 | 40,148 | 42,178 | 29,606 | 28,972 | 25,772 | 30,942 | 34,332 | 29,754 | 30,296 | 33,748 | 40,550 | 407,230 |
| 1983 | 49,104 | 44,018 | 44,710 | 32,556 | 32,850 | 24,350 | 25,132 | 8,430 | 10,050 | 16,410 | 20,570 | 29,350 | 337,530 |
| 1984 | 33,546 | 32,406 | 32,628 | 23,684 | 18,224 | 17,866 | 26,694 | 27,626 | 21,764 | 25,800 | 27,906 | 29,590 | 317,734 |
| 1985 | 28,814 | 27,012 | 29,886 | 19,778 | 14,014 | 11,092 | 18,362 | 20,138 | 15,242 | 18,176 | 23,218 | 31,724 | 257,456 |
| 1986 | 32,890 | 30,512 | 28,932 | 19,262 | 13,100 | 9,536 | 12,330 | 15,190 | 12,398 | 12,732 | 18,114 | 25,110 | 230,106 |
| 1987 | 25,446 | 23,714 | 22,838 | 8,204 | 7,650 | 10,200 | 11,408 | 10,072 | 12,146 | 14,188 | 20,516 | 182,620 | |
| 1988 | 20,400 | 19,150 | 19,430 | 13,834 | 11,124 | 11,540 | 17,660 | 18,670 | 14,980 | 16,742 | 10,560 | 8,572 | 182,662 |
| 1989 | 12,962 | 12,344 | 16,032 | 12,312 | 12,750 | 11,630 | 15,194 | 17,220 | 14,264 | 15,050 | 18,948 | 26,026 | 184,732 |
| 1990 | 26,592 | 26,368 | 26,946 | 22,788 | 18,286 | 18,050 | 26,410 | 26,786 | 22,438 | 23,060 | 24,596 | 35,568 | 297,888 |
| 1991 | 28,932 | 28,080 | 27,153 | 20,541 | 17,745 | 17,394 | 30,645 | 28,824 | 24,762 | 25,173 | 28,272 | 40,182 | 317,703 |
| 1992 | 35,730 | 38,859 | 33,399 | 28,410 | 21,024 | 23,157 | 33,771 | 40,143 | 29,838 | 32,079 | 35,967 | 41,292 | 393,669 |
| 1993 | 42,726 | 40,116 | 37,953 | 29,589 | 22,368 | 20,412 | 32,904 | 32,796 | 30,621 | 35,103 | 40,167 | 392,250 | |
| 1994 | 45,402 | 41,067 | 41,277 | 28,080 | 21,777 | 21,399 | 35,370 | 32,817 | 31,062 | 33,216 | 33,306 | 42,738 | 407,511 |

Table 30 (contd.)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1995 | 45,987 | 42,591 | 40,074 | 33,756 | 24,672 | 22,416 | 35,994 | 35,814 | 30,828 | 30,603 | 28,365 | 32,001 | 403,101 |
| 1996 | 30,957 | 29,550 | 26,442 | 20,376 | 17,655 | 19,668 | 25,380 | 24,765 | 23,211 | 23,511 | 24,921 | 35,829 | 302,265 |
| 1997 | 32,652 | 35,010 | 34,098 | 26,907 | 22,407 | 23,160 | 30,867 | 32,034 | 29,793 | 28,314 | 31,995 | 38,928 | 366,165 |
| 1998 | 37,224 | 35,283 | 32,256 | 25,578 | 20,394 | 22,410 | 29,529 | 31,446 | 31,653 | 31,767 | 38,421 | 45,102 | 381,063 |
| 1999 | 44,379 | 41,526 | 41,022 | 34,443 | 25,212 | 26,184 | 33,288 | 39,081 | 33,915 | 35,112 | 41,952 | 40,326 | 436,440 |
| 2000 | 43,311 | 43,287 | 40,110 | 33,642 | 23,404 | 21,825 | 33,267 | 34,422 | 31,035 | 26,658 | 32,469 | 36,984 | 400,414 |
| 2001 | 44,187 | 46,575 | 44,290 | 36,906 | 26,924 | 28,323 | 28,566 | 15,717 | 11,758 | 12,904 | 17,344 | 23,300 | 336,794 |
| 2002 | 28,296 | 31,683 | 33,084 | 27,057 | 26,661 | 26,355 | 35,742 | 35,475 | 32,982 | 36,258 | 37,395 | 42,183 | 393,171 |
| 2003 | 40,647 | 39,081 | 40,818 | 33,714 | 30,048 | 31,836 | 43,743 | 42,111 | 36,054 | 49,922 | 54,946 | 57,722 | 500,642 |
| 2004 | 49,950 | 43,584 | 38,418 | 30,672 | 30,162 | 32,119 | 50,525 | 48,675 | 51,525 | 59,442 | 64,971 | 66,159 | 566,202 |
| 2005 | 38,187 | 36,645 | 50,418 | 42,261 | 40,878 | 45,699 | 56,745 | 51,216 | 43,536 | 44,095 | 48,457 | 51,171 | 549,308 |
| 2006 | 52,103 | 52,687 | 54,746 | 49,776 | 43,825 | 44,066 | 55,354 | 52,931 | 38,485 | 38,815 | 37,591 | 39,224 | 559,603 |
| 2007 | 56,553 | 43,051 | 35,031 | 33,039 | 26,307 | 30,810 | 44,142 | 44,742 | 37,104 | 37,011 | 45,102 | 61,116 | 494,008 |
| 2008 | 56,916 | 40,551 | 38,049 | 29,747 | 31,140 | 27,960 | 32,982 | 30,672 | 29,529 | 35,103 | 36,901 | 48,925 | 438,475 |
| 2009 | 38,468 | 34,169 | 34,065 | 26,054 | 24,739 | 30,234 | 42,223 | 41,207 | 37,983 | 37,575 | 44,311 | 56,862 | 447,890 |
| 2010 | 50,757 | 57,300 | 52,352 | 38,300 | 35,213 | 44,730 | 63,339 | 55,898 | 47,339 | 52,370 | 72,251 | 84,627 | 654,476 |
| 2011 | 74,197 | 65,797 | 75,130 | 63,835 | 48,943 | 53,636 | 83,786 | 72,463 | 60,219 | 69,563 | 90,889 | 97,517 | 855,975 |
| 2012 | 85,874 | 83,549 | 91,102 | 69,591 | 57,506 | 65,245 | 90,338 | 79,456 | 71,111 | 80,379 | 109,202 | 122,252 | 1,005,605 |
| 2013 | 110,543 | 113,968 | 113,208 | 80,737 | 74,838 | 90,279 | 107,016 | 123,269 | 90,339 | 107,058 | 109,420 | 153,918 | 1,274,593 |
| 2014 | 146,575 | 141,878 | 133,048 | 112,631 | 90,046 | 103,175 | 133,971 | 140,319 | 105,535 | 121,576 | 119,727 | 178,672 | 1,527,153 |
| 2015 | 156,246 | 165,541 | 157,051 | 122,217 | 113,529 | 115,467 | 175,804 | 166,610 | 143,374 | 132,280 | 144,147 | 206,114 | 1,798,380 |
| 2016 | 194,280 | 197,697 | 192,841 | 136,367 | 125,044 | 118,038 | 209,351 | 186,288 | 148,499 | 150,419 | 167,217 | 224,791 | 2,050,832 |
| 2017 | 219,360 | 197,517 | 188,076 | 160,249 | 121,891 | 123,351 | 205,482 | 190,928 | 145,077 | 152,429 | 167,511 | 244,536 | 2,116,407 |

Table 31**Passenger Arrivals & Departures and by Port – 1981 to 2017**

| | Katunayake | Mattala | Port of Colombo | Port of Galle | Talaimannar | Other Ports | Total | |
|------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| Year | Arrivals | Departures | Arrivals | Departures | Arrivals | Departures | Arrivals | Departures |
| 1981 | 493,619 | 562,421 | - | - | - | 82,003 | 72,800 | 2,599 |
| 1982 | 584,326 | 546,490 | - | - | - | 95,108 | 106,876 | 2,226 |
| 1983 | 559,276 | 534,217 | - | - | - | 70,402 | 93,168 | 1,862 |
| 1984 | 593,883 | 650,812 | - | - | - | 61,568 | 99,796 | 1,738 |
| 1985 | 543,397 | 585,213 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,760 |
| 1986 | 570,304 | 591,448 | - | - | - | - | - | 657,189 |
| 1987 | 512,289 | 548,408 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,277 |
| 1988 | 516,400 | 544,760 | - | - | - | - | - | 631,540 |
| 1989 | 552,189 | 563,027 | - | - | - | - | - | 629,662 |
| 1990 | 603,595 | 581,698 | - | - | - | - | - | 752,368 |
| 1991 | 646,869 | 712,073 | - | - | - | - | - | 649,575 |
| 1992 | 764,453 | 836,310 | - | - | - | - | - | 714,439 |
| 1993 | 813,535 | 823,841 | - | - | - | - | - | 839,229 |
| 1994 | 893,387 | 892,778 | - | - | - | - | - | 826,975 |
| 1995 | 912,877 | 946,109 | - | - | - | - | - | 897,170 |
| 1996 | 857,727 | 851,272 | - | - | - | - | - | 954,214 |
| 1997 | 904,712 | 916,397 | - | - | - | - | - | 861,355 |
| 1998 | 921,343 | 938,656 | - | - | - | - | - | 854,940 |
| 1999 | 970,311 | 977,066 | - | - | - | - | - | 919,975 |
| 2000 | 999,418 | 970,383 | - | - | - | - | - | 942,275 |
| | | | | | | - | - | 980,180 |
| | | | | | | - | - | 973,906 |
| | | | | | | - | - | 973,210 |
| | | | | | | - | - | 1,002,351 |
| | | | | | | - | - | 2933 |
| | | | | | | - | - | 2827 |

Table 31 (contd.)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2001 | 971,621 | 962,586 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,942 | 2,682 | 974,563 | 965,268 | |
| 2002 | 912,419 | 950,655 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,947 | 2,804 | 915,366 | 953,459 | |
| 2003 | 1,140,687 | 1,102,864 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,532 | 1,729 | 1,142,219 | 1,104,593 | |
| 2004 | 1,459,575 | 1,484,685 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,112 | 2,255 | 1,461,687 | 1,480,940 | |
| 2005 | 1,360,217 | 1,396,227 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,930 | 1,560 | 1,362,147 | 1,397,787 | |
| 2006 | 1,444,408 | 1,474,559 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 360 | 401 | 1,444,768 | 1,474,960 | |
| 2007 | 1,529,930 | 1,565,341 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 338 | 211 | 1,530,268 | 1,565,552 | |
| 2008 | 1,644,172 | 1,707,376 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 145 | 168 | 1,644,317 | 1,707,544 | |
| 2009 | 1,644,142 | 1,673,265 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 420 | 379 | 1,644,562 | 1,673,644 | |
| 2010 | 2,111,629 | 2,128,404 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 385 | 356 | 2,112,014 | 2,128,760 | |
| 2011 | 2,435,660 | 2,464,622 | - | 1,842 | 1,842 | - | - | - | 1,842 | 1,842 | 2,437,502 | 2,466,464 | |
| 2012 | 2,518,082 | 2,568,787 | - | 3,136 | 3,136 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,521,218 | 2,571,871 | |
| 2013 | 2,593,818 | 2,644,467 | 2,828 | 2,850 | 7,238 | 6,010 | 21,366 | 18,738 | - | 3,136 | 3,084 | 2,625,250 | 2,672,065 |
| 2014 | 2,757,667 | 2,884,767 | 4,052 | 3,256 | 6,710 | 7,196 | 22,218 | 20,143 | - | - | - | 2,790,647 | 2,915,362 |
| 2015 | 3,222,647 | 3,209,259 | 997 | 1,513 | 6,786 | 7,474 | 20,339 | 18,474 | - | - | - | 3,250,769 | 3,236,720 |
| 2016 | 3,506,488 | 3,580,899 | 2,262 | 2,697 | 10,792 | 10,055 | 15,531 | 13,807 | - | 763 | 813 | 3,535,836 | 3,608,271 |
| 2017 | 3,561,189 | 3,636,219 | 6,488 | 16,026 | 12,840 | 12,653 | 15,602 | 13,215 | - | 1,527 | 1,697 | 3,597,646 | 3,679,810 |

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

REVENUE FROM TOURISM

Table 32

Conferences Held & Revenue Earned at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) – 1987 to 2017

| Year | Conference Status | | Number of Delegates | | Revenue in Rs. '000 |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|
| | National | International | Local | Foreign | |
| 1987 | 50 | 8 | 25,410 | 376 | 1,619.0 |
| 1988 | 42 | 4 | 13,850 | 156 | 1,264.3 |
| 1989 | 34 | 9 | 8,639 | 592 | 777.1 |
| 1990 | 31 | 7 | 12,145 | 2,011 | 1,201.3 |
| 1991 | 40 | 6 | 12,000 | 2,500 | 1,700.0 |
| 1992 | 127 | 33 | 69,601 | 5,248 | 13,939.3 |
| 1993 | 141 | 11 | 20,080 | 5,540 | 7,798.2 |
| 1994 | 105 | 9 | 35,080 | 1,730 | 4,906.7 |
| 1995 | 120 | 10 | 40,000 | 1,900 | 5,933.2 |
| 1996 | 152 | 16 | 58,000 | 1,300 | 5,411.2 |
| 1997 | 98 | 10 | 48,415 | 3,150 | 4,157.5 |
| 1998 | 101 | 5 | 49,475 | 1,550 | 6,039.4 |
| 1999 | 125 | 1 | 55,855 | 350 | 4,759.0 |
| 2000 | 134 | 4 | 54,110 | 600 | 6,685.5 |
| 2001 | 83 | 13 | 35,001 | 400 | 3,574.5 |
| 2002 | 577 | 6 | 285,545 | 1,005 | 46,244.7 |
| 2003 | 594 | 4 | 324,565 | 650 | 61,762.1 |
| 2004 | 642 | 4 | 432,510 | 1,550 | 70,700.5 |
| 2005 | 660 | 12 | 502,335 | 2,120 | 101,381.0 |
| 2006 | 804 | 17 | 916,845 | 2,560 | 120,490.4 |
| 2007 | 844 | 3 | 310,100 | 625 | 142,919.1 |
| 2008 | 758 | 3 | 294,870 | 475 | 137,504.4 |
| 2009 | 751 | 3 | 289,080 | 725 | 146,730.5 |
| 2010 | 442 | 1 | 175,980 | 200 | 133,426.7 |
| 2011 | 441 | 3 | 163,275 | 625 | 178,289.5 |
| 2012 | 496 | 10 | 223,650 | 4500 | 239,228.6 |
| 2013 | 595 | 4 | 349,850 | 250 | 233,781.4 |
| 2014 | 768 | 7 | 591,200 | 1200 | 400,210.0 |
| 2015 | 866 | 4 | 645,000 | 750 | 389,760.1 |
| 2016 | 994 | 6 | 965,000 | 1,350 | 551,405.0 |
| 2017 | 1068 | 6 | 750,000 | 850 | 648,841.6 |

Source: BMICH

Table 33Foreign Visitors to Museums & Revenue from Sale of Tickets – 1987 to 2017

| Year | Total Number of Foreign Visitors | Collection in Rs. '000 |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1987 | 5,538 | 138.5 |
| 1988 | 12,315 | 254.0 |
| 1989 | 20,354 | 479.3 |
| 1990 | 38,248 | 902.1 |
| 1991 | 22,159 | 821.4 |
| 1992 | 26,920 | 1,005.8 |
| 1993 | 31,373 | 1,180.8 |
| 1994 | 31,229 | 1,154.1 |
| 1995 | 24,997 | 1,171.0 |
| 1996 | 13,278 | 622.2 |
| 1997 | 13,916 | 712.1 |
| 1998 | 14,417 | 738.7 |
| 1999 | 16,686 | 860.7 |
| 2000 | 10,122 | 506.2 |
| 2001 | 11,157 | 620.4 |
| 2002 | 13,577 | 769.0 |
| 2003 | 19,213 | 1,181.1 |
| 2004 | 23,883 | 1,463.2 |
| 2005 | 15,281 | 3,937.6 |
| 2006 | 13,771 | 6,522.5 |
| 2007 | 9,040 | 4,190.9 |
| 2008 | 7,353 | 3,340.6 |
| 2009 | 10,244 | 4,636.4 |
| 2010 | 22,061 | 9,868.6 |
| 2011 | 31,096 | 14,200.0 |
| 2012 | 37,305 | 16,843.0 |
| 2013 | 44,751 | 14,981.0 |
| 2014 | 57,604 | 15,812.8 |
| 2015 | 56,387 | 27,568.7 |
| 2016 | 59,982 | 33,636.0 |
| 2017 | 68,107 | 50,210.4 |

Table 33(a)Details of Museums – 2017

| Museums | Foreign Tickets | | Local Tickets | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | Number of Foreign Tourists | Revenue (in Rs.) | Number of Domestic Tourists | Revenue (in Rs.) |
| Colombo National Museum | 55,259 | 43,229,000 | 215,155 | 6,779,250 |
| Natural History Museum | 5,447 | 3,982,700 | 64,994 | 1,781,790 |
| Kandy National Museum | 1,955 | 1,105,300 | 13,451 | 253,335 |
| Rathnapura National Museum | 60 | 17,900 | 20,326 | 221,460 |
| Galle National Museum* | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anuradhapura Folk Museum | 149 | 44,400 | 9,715 | 128,820 |
| Dutch Museum | 1,605 | 796,700 | 1,956 | 36,400 |
| Galle Maritime Museum | 2,942 | 834,300 | 45,196 | 453,965 |
| Independence Memorial Museum | 648 | 179,100 | 25,659 | 196,110 |
| Hambantota National Museum | 42 | 21,000 | 1,218 | 20,415 |
| Total | 68,107 | 50,210,400 | 397,670 | 9,871,545 |

* Closed due to Renovations

Source: Department of National Museums

Table 34Foreign Visitors to Cultural Triangle & Revenue from Sale of Tickets – 1987 to 2017

| Year | No. of Tourists | Revenue in Rs. Mn |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1987 | 76,645 | 13.7 |
| 1988 | 74,062 | 14.1 |
| 1989 | 79,683 | 19.2 |
| 1991 | 132,641 | 69.6 |
| 1992 | 153,817 | 102.3 |
| 1993 | 148,913 | 149.6 |
| 1995 | 166,661 | 168.7 |
| 1996 | 102,788 | 121.2 |

Table 34 (contd.)

| Year | No. of Tourists | Revenue in Rs. Mn |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1997 | 144,517 | 186.0 |
| 1998 | 165,463 | 225.0 |
| 1999 | 207,398 | 300.5 |
| 2000 | 155,167 | 276.0 |
| 2001 | 129,201 | 222.0 |
| 2002 | 131,804 | 242.8 |
| 2003 | 212,521 | 403.3 |
| 2004 | 246,380 | 543.1 |
| 2005 | 110,443 | 284.7 |
| 2007 | 104,583 | 279.8 |
| 2008 | 112,190 | 307.5 |
| 2009 | 109,404 | 402.8 |
| 2010 | 197,947 | 743.5 |
| 2011 | 239,920 | 998.2 |
| 2012 | 592,980 | 1,330.7 |
| 2013 | 504,699 | 1,727.1 |
| 2014 | 627,136 | 2,178.5 |
| 2015 | 355,370 | 1,236.7 |
| 2016 | 905,333 | 3,363.3 |
| 2017 | 978,606 | 3,774.4 |

Table 34(a)Foreign and Domestic Visitors to Cultural Triangle & Revenue from Sale of Tickets – 2017

| Foreign | | Domestic | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Number of Visitors | Revenue (in Rs.) | Number of Visitors | Revenue (in Rs.) |
| 905,333 | 3,363,313,023.00 | 1,092,958 | 38,034,740.00 |

Table 34(b)Details of Foreign Visitors by Location – 2017

| Location | Number of Foreign Visitors | Revenue (in Rs.) |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Anuradhapura | 100,117 | 377,415,122.00 |
| Polonnaruwa | 248,510 | 929,490,703.00 |
| Sigiriya | 563,039 | 2,437,670,173.00 |
| Kataragama | 104 | 78,960.00 |
| Galle | 18,170 | 12,515,342.00 |
| Dambulla | 720 | 223,598.00 |
| Kandy | 220 | 33,402.00 |
| Ape Gama | 1,865 | 1,453,628.00 |
| Monaragala | 26,835 | 7,981,094.00 |
| Yapahuwa | 7,213 | 4,310,126.00 |
| Ramba | 15 | 4,584.00 |
| Ritigala | 10,792 | 2,969,658.00 |
| Ibbankatuwa | 1,006 | 294,804.00 |
| Total | 978,606 | 3,774,441,194.00 |

Table 34(c)Details of Domestic Visitors by Location – 2017

| Location | Numbers of Local Visitors | Revenue (in Rs.) |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Anuradhapura | 46,951 | 856,030 |
| Polonnaruwa | 84,418 | 3,142,550 |
| Sigiriya | 682,646 | 71,125,900 |
| Kataragama | 12,737 | 228,180 |
| Galle | 67,248 | 1,810,015 |
| Dambulla | 1,698 | 28,730 |
| Kandy | 3,493 | 58,380 |
| Apegama | 118,950 | 7,700,150 |
| Ritigala | 45,647 | 1,070,914 |
| Ibbankatuwa | 29,170 | 535,280 |
| Total | 1,092,958 | 86,556,129 |

Source: Central Cultural Fund

Table 35Foreign Visitors to Zoological Gardens & Revenue from Gate Fees – 1987 to 2017

| Year | Number of Tourists | Revenue in Rs. '000 |
|------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1987 | 16,863 | 661 |
| 1988 | 20,648 | 806 |
| 1989 | 23,898 | 941 |
| 1990 | 93,949 | 4,374 |
| 1991 | 110,458 | 6,361 |
| 1992 | 156,868 | 9,283 |
| 1993 | 173,628 | 10,274 |
| 1994 | 186,175 | 11,479 |
| 1995 | 189,043 | 11,448 |
| 1996 | 130,237 | 9,222 |
| 1997 | 175,984 | 15,128 |
| 1998 | 191,123 | 18,846 |
| 1999 | 233,968 | 23,068 |
| 2000 | 204,681 | 29,215 |
| 2001 | 150,353 | 22,249 |
| 2002 | 147,329 | 30,204 |
| 2003 | 217,930 | 42,297 |
| 2004 | 252,445 | 119,547 |
| 2005 | 135,006 | 61,419 |
| 2006 | 178,902 | 82,655 |
| 2007 | 155,310 | 133,118 |
| 2008 | 153,934 | 134,286 |
| 2009 | 149,833 | 201,659 |
| 2010 | 246,556 | 410,097 |
| 2011 | 284,898 | 470,239 |
| 2012 | 287,485 | 480,663 |
| 2013 | 305,860 | 550,923 |
| 2014 | 348,842 | 745,769 |
| 2015 | 393,064 | 813,978 |
| 2016 | 415,776 | 841,070 |
| 2017 | 369,685 | 728,980 |

Table 35(a)Revenue by Location – 2016 & 2017

| Location | Year | Domestic Tourists | | Foreign Tourists | | Total | |
|------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| | | Number | Revenue | Number | Revenue | Number | Revenue |
| Dehiwala | 2016 | 1,392,217 | 110,518,710 | 32,334 | 50,321,200 | 1,424,551 | 160,839,910 |
| | 2017 | 1,360,566 | 108,123,900 | 27,626 | 42,198,850 | 1,388,192 | 150,322,750 |
| Pinnawala | 2016 | 666,881 | 49,915,190 | 381,105 | 788,248,500 | 1,047,986 | 838,163,690 |
| | 2017 | 611,584 | 44,793,230 | 339,744 | 683,990,550 | 951,328 | 728,783,780 |
| Pinnawala Zoo | 2016 | 267,656 | 20,972,850 | 1,838 | 1,509,250 | 269,494 | 22,482,100 |
| | 2017 | 253,266 | 19,491,570 | 1,559 | 1,278,000 | 254,825 | 20,769,570 |
| Ridiyagama Safari Park | 2016 | 217,207 | 48,560,000 | 499 | 991,250 | 217,706 | 49,551,250 |
| | 2017 | 290,854 | 63,801,100 | 756 | 1,513,250 | 291,610 | 65,314,350 |
| Total | 2016 | 2,543,961 | 229,966,750 | 415,776 | 841,070,200 | 2,959,737 | 1,071,036,950 |
| | 2017 | 2,516,270 | 236,209,800 | 369,685 | 728,980,650 | 2,885,955 | 965,190,450 |

Table 35(b)Ticket Rates – 2017

| Ticket Rates | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------|
| Category | Dehiwala Zoo/ Pinnawala Zoo/ Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage | Ridiyagama Safari Park | |
| Local | | | |
| Adult | | Rs. 100 | Rs. 300 |
| Child | | Rs. 30 | Rs. 100 |
| Foreign | | | |
| Adult | | Rs. 2500 | Rs. 2500 |
| Child | | Rs. 1250 | Rs. 1250 |
| Foreigners from SAARC Region | | | |
| Adult | | Rs. 700 | Rs. 700 |
| Child | | Rs. 350 | Rs. 350 |

Source: Department of National Zoological Gardens

Table 36

Revenue from Foreign Visitors to Botanical Gardens – 1987 to 2017

| Year | Peradeniya | Hakgala | Gampaha | Mirijjawila* | Avissawella** | Total Revenue |
|------|------------|----------|---------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | In Rs. '000 |
| 1987 | 1,164.5 | 62.6 | 1.4 | | | 1,228.5 |
| 1988 | 1,019.1 | 58.0 | 1.2 | | | 1,078.3 |
| 1989 | 1,873.1 | 77.5 | 4.9 | | | 1,955.5 |
| 1990 | 4,068.3 | 209.0 | 5.7 | | | 4,283.0 |
| 1991 | 5,799.2 | 372.8 | 12.7 | | | 6,184.7 |
| 1992 | 8,981.2 | 584.0 | 19.3 | | | 9,584.5 |
| 1993 | 9,608.8 | 634.9 | 23.4 | | | 10,267.1 |
| 1994 | 18,477.5 | 1,037.4 | 36.0 | | | 19,550.9 |
| 1995 | 23,922.2 | 1,227.9 | 49.1 | | | 25,199.2 |
| 1996 | 16,082.6 | 689.1 | 28.1 | | | 16,799.8 |
| 1997 | 20,931.5 | 866.5 | 36.3 | | | 21,834.3 |
| 1998 | 25,481.6 | 1,211.1 | 5.3 | | | 26,698.0 |
| 1999 | 31,160.3 | 1,428.7 | 45.9 | | | 32,634.9 |
| 2000 | 28,066.6 | 1,357.0 | 37.2 | | | 29,460.8 |
| 2001 | 20,250.0 | 940.0 | 36.4 | | | 21,226.4 |
| 2002 | 25,348.2 | 962.9 | 34.4 | | | 26,345.5 |
| 2003 | 55,711.3 | 2,154.2 | 53.9 | | | 57,919.4 |
| 2004 | 68,010.3 | 2,613.3 | 80.4 | | | 70,704.0 |
| 2005 | 104,272.0 | 6,136.0 | 23.1 | | | 32,605.2 |
| 2006 | 42,500.7 | 1,642.7 | 66.8 | | | 44,210.2 |
| 2007 | 64,257.0 | 2,202.3 | 100.2 | | | 66,559.5 |
| 2008 | 66,515.7 | 2,513.4 | 90.3 | | | 69,119.4 |
| 2009 | 68,838.3 | 3,353.4 | 75.0 | | | 72,266.7 |
| 2010 | 117,223.8 | 5,825.4 | 112.8 | | | 123,162.0 |
| 2011 | 243,093.3 | 10,271.8 | 226.9 | | | 253,592.0 |
| 2012 | 265,585.1 | 13,194.2 | 265.6 | | | 279,044.9 |
| 2013 | 299,086.9 | 15,527.0 | 250.8 | 6.6 | | 314,871.4 |
| 2014 | 350,386.5 | 18,975.5 | 312.9 | 163.3 | | 369,838.4 |
| 2015 | 409,288.0 | 25,402.8 | 366.8 | 50 | 43.7 | 435,151.3 |
| 2016 | 556,506.4 | 36,971.9 | 463.8 | 173.3 | 182.4 | 594,297.8 |
| 2017 | 600,741.0 | 38,300.0 | 488.0 | 219.7 | 293.7 | 640,042.5 |

* Opened in 2013

** Opened in 2014

Table 36 (a)Details by Location 2017

| Location | Foreign Tickets | | Local Tickets | | Total Revenue (in Rs. '000) |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Number of Foreign Tourists | Revenue (Rs. '000) | Number of Domestic Tourists | Revenue (Rs.) | |
| Peradeniya | 412,660 | 600,741,000 | 1,112,496 | 52,310,710 | 653,051,710 |
| Hakgala | 26,858 | 38,300,000 | 816,801 | 37,099,460 | 75,399,460 |
| Gampaha | 333 | 488,000 | 192,934 | 10,561,440 | 11,049,440 |
| Mirijjawila | 153 | 219,750 | 73,703 | 2,814,230 | 3,033,980 |
| Seethawaka | 203 | 293,750 | 201,413 | 10,187,130 | 10,480,880 |
| Total | 440,207 | 640,042,500 | 2,397,347 | 112,972,970 | 753,015,470 |

Source: Department of National Botanical Gardens

Table 37Revenue from Foreign Visitors to Wildlife Parks (in Rs. '000) – 1988 to 2017

| Year | Yala National Park | Wilpattu National Park | Kumana Bird Sanctuary | Udawalawa National Park | Others | Total Revenue in Rs. '000 |
|------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1988 | 226.7 | - | - | 11.0 | 49.4 | 287.1 |
| 1989 | 365.4 | - | - | 2.7 | 65.0 | 433.1 |
| 1990 | 1,151.6 | - | - | 3.6 | - | 1,155.2 |
| 1991 | 1,511.6 | - | - | 9.5 | 214.7 | 1,735.8 |
| 1992 | 2,700.9 | - | - | 207.3 | 456.2 | 3,364.4 |
| 1993 | 10,803.8 | - | - | 829.2 | 1,824.9 | 13,457.9 |
| 1994 | 21,613.4 | - | - | 5,529.1 | 2,224.0 | 29,366.5 |
| 1995 | 21,595.8 | - | - | 3,905.1 | 13,037.8 | 38,538.7 |
| 1996 | 15,196.9 | - | - | 2,928.7 | 9,776.1 | 27,901.7 |
| 1997 | 12,138.8 | - | - | 10,642.1 | 11,708.5 | 34,489.4 |
| 1998 | 8,918.7 | - | - | 13,626.4 | 18,681.0 | 41,226.1 |
| 1999 | 20,420.1 | - | - | 18,098.6 | 17,454.1 | 55,972.8 |
| 2000 | 25,417.8 | - | - | 15,876.9 | 18,857.8 | 60,152.5 |
| 2001 | 25,183.4 | - | - | 10,940.6 | 18,266.0 | 54,390.0 |
| 2002 | 25,802.4 | - | - | 14,813.7 | 17,920.4 | 58,536.5 |
| 2003 | 46,480.0 | 230.0 | - | 22,780.0 | 32,744.0 | 102,234.0 |
| 2004 | 48,413.9 | 522.3 | 274.6 | 29,647.2 | 34,944.0 | 113,802.0 |
| 2005 | 23,945.8 | 734.9 | 75.9 | 16,205.3 | 21,729.9 | 62,691.8 |
| 2006 | 45,411.8 | 366.4 | 82.1 | 23,514.4 | 30,176.2 | 99,550.9 |
| 2007 | 30,247.9 | - | - | 20,316.5 | 35,168.9 | 85,733.3 |
| 2008 | 27,707.4 | - | - | 18,223.5 | 38,488.7 | 84,419.6 |
| 2009 | 50,221.2 | - | - | 9,864.3 | 43,907.5 | 103,993.0 |
| 2010 | 123,850.1 | 1,503.6 | 445.8 | 22,718.5 | 78,731.3 | 227,249.2 |
| 2011 | 154,310.8 | 3,881.3 | 906.7 | 33,531.2 | 108,378.7 | 301,008.7 |
| 2012 | 222,269.9 | 10,032.3 | 2,499.9 | 43,252.7 | 146,790.1 | 424,844.9 |
| 2013 | 272,581.0 | 91,358.9 | 79,078.1 | 1,166.4 | 132,274.4 | 578,458.8 |
| 2014 | 360,952.8 | 26,182.5 | 4,607.9 | 110,828.8 | 325,015.9 | 831,587.9 |
| 2015 | 419,311.8 | 37,275.2 | 6,307.9 | 172,954.7 | 375,735.7 | 1,011,585.3 |
| 2016 | 570,466.3 | 33,670.9 | 8,763.1 | 259,298.3 | 573,767.9 | 1,445,966.5 |
| 2017 | 623,836.9 | 47,975.3 | 10,720.4 | 310,071.9 | 738,113.8 | 1,730,718.3 |

Table 37(a)
Details by Location – 2017

| Location | Local Tickets | | Foreign Tickets | | Vehicle Income (Rs.) | Boat Income (Rs.) | Total number of Visitors | Total Revenue (Including the vehicle and boat income) |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | Local visitors | Local Income (Rs.) | Foreign Visitors | Foreign Income (Rs.) | | | | |
| Yala | 314,609 | 18,452,370.38 | 290,069 | 623,836,901.52 | 27,543,125.00 | - | 604,678 | 669,832,396.90 |
| Horton Plains | 313,579 | 17,491,960.00 | 121,725 | 269,321,363.50 | 13,821,200.00 | - | 435,304 | 300,634,523.50 |
| Udawalawa | 170,849 | 9,310,837.30 | 159,532 | 310,071,962.60 | 14,998,725.00 | - | 330,381 | 334,381,524.90 |
| Wasgomuwa | 29,189 | 1,080,440.00 | 2,420 | 3,514,150.00 | 1,044,275.00 | - | 31,609 | 5,638,865.00 |
| Minneriya | 92,999 | 5,066,810.00 | 89,499 | 186,824,496.30 | 8,234,250.00 | - | 182,498 | 200,125,556.30 |
| Bundala | 11,860 | 469,680.00 | 10,947 | 15,797,975.00 | 1,234,575.00 | - | 22,807 | 17,502,230.00 |
| Horagolla | 5,478 | 217,530.00 | 10 | 14,442.00 | - | - | 5,488 | 231,972.00 |
| Kaudulla | 107,961 | 4,240,920.00 | 121,794 | 178,626,425.00 | 11,295,125.00 | - | 229,755 | 194,162,470.00 |
| Lunugamwehera | 5,787 | 237,890.00 | 3,344 | 4,398,950.00 | 470,975.00 | - | 9,131 | 5,107,815.00 |
| Galoya | 11,169 | 387,380.00 | 3,782 | 1,630,590.00 | 325,975.00 | 3,925,900.00 | 14,951 | 6,269,845.00 |
| Kumana | 31,494 | 1,069,910.00 | 7,251 | 10,720,450.00 | 2,216,273.00 | - | 38,745 | 14,006,633.00 |
| Angammedilla | 3,478 | 141,810.00 | 8 | 12,226.00 | 90,650.00 | - | 3,486 | 244,686.00 |
| Galways Land | 6,085 | 212,720.00 | 280 | 391,090.00 | - | - | 6,365 | 603,810.00 |
| Wilpattu | 46,613 | 2,726,350.00 | 24,247 | 47,975,319.00 | 2,898,550.00 | - | 70,860 | 53,600,219.00 |
| Maduruoya | 2,984 | 137,700.00 | 304 | 517,126.95 | 138,825.00 | - | 3,288 | 793,651.95 |
| Lahugala | 296 | 11,800.00 | 30 | 43,400.00 | 27,250.00 | - | 326 | 82,450.00 |
| Pigeon Island | 79,531 | 3,131,390.00 | 25,128 | 35,825,650.00 | - | 2,326,126.00 | 104,659 | 41,283,166.00 |
| Hikkaduwa | 23,270 | 108,380.50 | 2,508 | 70,350.00 | - | - | 25,778 | 178,730.50 |
| Eth Athurusevana | 163,580 | 2,996,455.00 | 67,877 | 36,621,000.00 | - | - | 231,457 | 39,617,455.00 |
| Kalawewa | 425 | 18,600.00 | 41 | 60,000.00 | 27,000.00 | - | 466 | 105,600.00 |
| Bar Reef - Kalpitiya | 9,578 | 189,730.00 | 3,837 | 4,444,440.00 | - | - | 13,415 | 4,634,170.00 |
| TOTAL | 1,430,814 | 67,700,663.18 | 934,633 | 1,730,718,307.87 | 84,366,773.00 | 6,252,026.00 | 2,365,447 | 1,889,037,770.05 |

Source: Department of Wildlife Conservation

Table 38Revenue from Visitors to Conservation Forests (in Rs. '000) – 2017

| Name of the Forest | Number of Visitors | | | Income Without VAT | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Domestic Tourists | Foreign Tourists | Total | Domestic Tourists | Foreign Tourist | Total |
| Makandawa Conservation Forest | 2,142 | 1,010 | 3,152 | 54,524.09 | 876,932.00 | 931,456.09 |
| Kottawa Conservation Forest | 1,640 | 537 | 2,177 | 31,209.50 | 302,777.00 | 333,986.50 |
| Kanneliya Conservation Forest | 61,670 | 1,971 | 63,641 | 1,234,445.50 | 1,167,050.00 | 2,401,495.50 |
| Hurulu Eco Park | 1,765 | 5,644 | 7,409 | 136,408.68 | 7,263,260.88 | 7,399,669.56 |
| Sinharaja Conservation Forest | 42,792 | 15,466 | 58,258 | 762,589.50 | 8,201,270.00 | 8,963,859.50 |
| Udawattakele Conservation Forest / Kandy | 19,079 | 11,010 | 30,089 | 486,365.21 | 6,240,405.00 | 6,726,770.21 |
| Knuckles Conservation Forest | 66,090 | 2,450 | 68,540 | 1,627,972.50 | 1,377,400.00 | 3,005,372.50 |
| Total | 195,178 | 38,088 | 233,266 | 4,333,514.98 | 25,429,094.88 | 29,762,609.86 |

Source: Department of Forests Conservation

Table 39Revenue from Embarkation Tax (in Rs. '000) – 1986 to 2017

| Year | Total Amount in Rs. '000 |
|------|--------------------------|
| 1987 | 36,421.2 |
| 1988 | 37,201.2 |
| 1989 | 53,861.0 |
| 1990 | 99,020.3 |
| 1991 | 130,943.1 |
| 1992 | 177,151.1 |
| 1993 | 196,125.0 |
| 1994 | 203,755.5 |
| 1995 | 201,550.5 |
| 1996 | 151,132.5 |
| 1997 | 183,082.5 |
| 1998 | 190,531.5 |
| 1999 | 218,220.0 |
| 2000 | 200,207.0 |
| 2001 | 269,268.0 |
| 2002 | 393,171.0 |

Table 39(contd.)

| Year | Total Amount in Rs. '000 |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 2003 | 500,646.0 |
| 2004 | 566,202.0 |
| 2005 | 823,962.0 |
| 2006 | 839,404.5 |
| 2007 | 741,012.0 |
| 2008 | 738,821.9 |
| 2009 | 766,266.7 |
| 2010 | 1,000,080.0 |
| 2011 | 1,041,700.0 |
| 2012 | 1,161,686.0 |
| 2013 | 1,604,887.1 |
| 2014 | 1,779,766.1 |
| 2015 | 1,968,541.1 |
| 2016 | 2,355,444.2 |
| 2017 | 2,378,828.2 |

Source: SLTDA

Table 40Public Sector Revenue from Tourism (in Rs. Mn) – 2012 to 2017

| Source of Revenue (Rs. Mn) | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Tourism Development Levy | 809.4 | 1,014.20 | 1,005.60 | 1,014.80 | 1,276.80 | 1,541.50 |
| Income of Tourism Development Authority | 130.3 | 136.4 | 149.3 | 126.1 | 168.7 | 248.9 |
| Embarkation Tax on Foreign Tourists | 1,161.70 | 1,604.80 | 1,779.80 | 1,968.50 | 2,355.40 | 2,378.80 |
| Cultural Triangle | 1,330.70 | 1,727.10 | 2,178.50 | 2,495.50 | 3,363.30 | 3,774.40 |
| Botanical Gardens | 279 | 314.9 | 369.8 | 435.1 | 594.3 | 640 |
| Zoological Gardens | 480.7 | 550.9 | 745.8 | 813.9 | 841.1 | 728.9 |
| Wildlife Parks | 424.8 | 578.4 | 831.6 | 1,011.60 | 1,445.90 | 1,730.70 |
| Conservation Forests* | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 25.40 |
| Museums | 16.8 | 14.9 | 15.8 | 27.5 | 33.6 | 50.2 |
| BMICH | 239.2 | 233.7 | 400.2 | 389.7 | 551.4 | 648.8 |
| Total | 4,872.60 | 6,175.30 | 7,476.40 | 8,282.70 | 10,630.50 | 11,767.60 |

* Information gathered from 2017

Source: SLTDA and relevant line agencies

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