

**APRIL  
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# MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

**SRI LANKA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during April 2018 was 180,429. In comparison to April last year, there is a growth of 12.6% when the arrivals were 160,249.

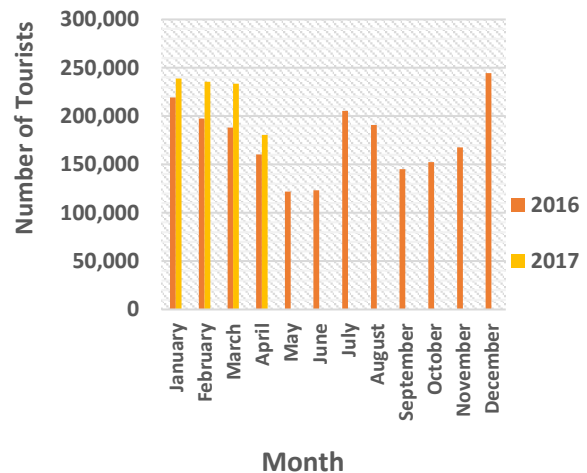
This month, the largest source market for tourists was India, followed by United Kingdom and China.

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

As at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 888,353 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 16.1% growth over last year when 765,202 tourists had visited the country during the same period.

Month	2017	2018*	% Change 2017/2018
January	219,360	238,924	8.9
February	197,517	235,618	19.3
March	188,076	233,382	24.1
April	160,249	180,429	12.6
May	121,891		
June	123,351		
July	205,482		
August	190,928		
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,116,407</b>		
<b>Up to April</b>	<b>765,202</b>	<b>888,353</b>	<b>16.1</b>

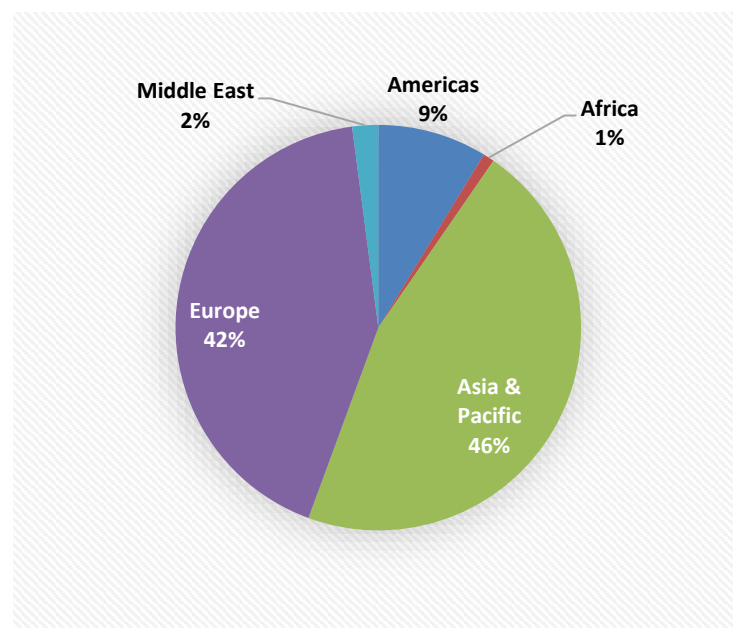
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## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

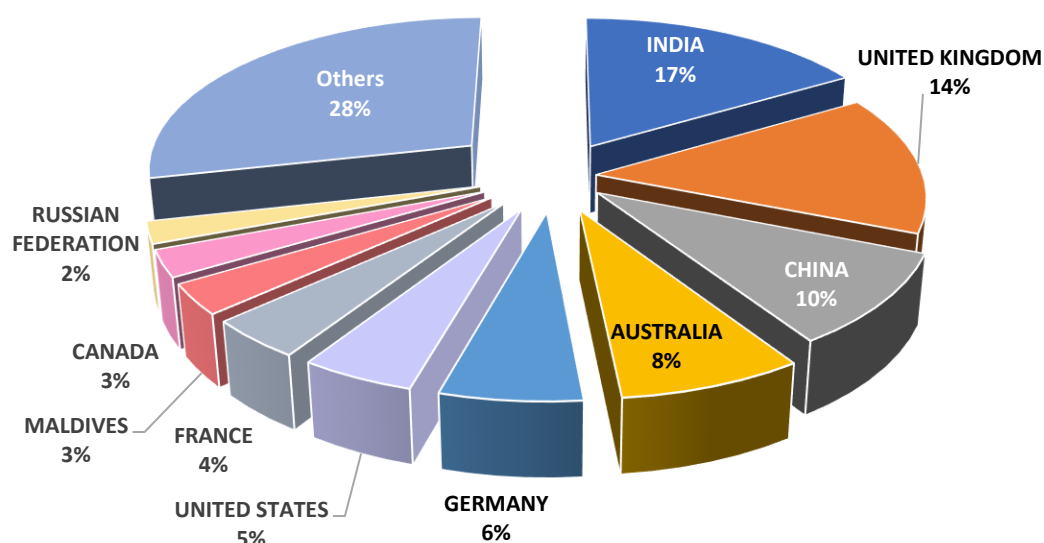
Asia & Pacific was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 46% of the total traffic received in April 2018.

Europe accounted for 42% of the total traffic, Americas 9%, Middle East 2% and Africa 1%.



## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, China, Australia and Germany were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of April this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 17% of the total traffic received in April 2018. United Kingdom accounted for 14% of the total traffic, while China, Australia and Germany accounted for 10%, 8% and 6% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals April 2018			Tourist Arrivals April 2017	% Change April 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	29,378	482	29,860	26,323	13.4
2	UNITED KINGDOM	20,407	5,656	26,063	17,841	46.1
3	CHINA	17,295	167	17,462	19,823	(11.9)
4	AUSTRALIA	10,347	3,676	14,023	6,756	107.6
5	GERMANY	9,501	1,302	10,803	11,866	(9.0)
6	UNITED STATES	6,135	2,544	8,679	4,291	102.3
7	FRANCE	6,920	491	7,411	7,804	(5.0)
8	MALDIVES	5,696	0	5,696	5,791	(1.6)
9	CANADA	3,978	994	4,972	3,142	58.2
10	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	3,889	138	4,027	4,602	(12.5)

## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

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	Tourist Arrivals			Total Tourist Arrivals April 2017 <sup>1</sup>	% Change April (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to April 2018
	By Air	By Sea	Total			
<b><u>AMERICAS</u></b>			<b>15,737</b>	<b>8,043</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>56,597</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>10,393</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>14,147</b>	<b>7,525</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>52,478</b>
Canada	3,978	994	4,972	3,142	58.2	19,766
Mexico	280	216	496	92	439.1	847
United States	6,135	2,544	8,679	4,291	102.3	31,865
<b>Caribbean &amp; Central America</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>368</b>
Jamaica	6	2	8	5	60.0	46
Costa Rica	10	3	13	10	30.0	56
Others	73	11	84	66	27.3	266
<b>South America</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>239.8</b>	<b>3,751</b>
Argentina	207	93	300	84	257.1	1,061
Brazil	459	327	786	141	457.4	1,525
Chile	114	33	147	54	172.2	459
Colombia	72	16	88	69	27.5	271
Others	119	45	164	89	84.3	435
<b><u>AFRICA</u></b>			<b>1,614</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>5,339</b>
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>(8.1)</b>	<b>1,002</b>
Morocco	98	0	98	78	25.6	382
Sudan	37	0	37	66	(43.9)	198
Others	82	0	82	92	(10.9)	422
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>4,337</b>
Kenya	45	4	49	67	(26.9)	196
Mauritius	38	2	40	29	37.9	256
Nigeria	28	0	28	29	(3.4)	152
South Africa	611	131	742	540	37.4	2,683
Others	526	12	538	165	226.1	1,050

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	<b>By Air</b>	<b>By Sea</b>	<b>Total</b>			
<b>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</b>			<b>82,976</b>	<b>76,445</b>	<b>8.5</b>	
<b>North East Asia</b>	<b>22,105</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>22,417</b>	<b>24,541</b>	<b>(8.7)</b>	<b>126,402</b>
China	17,295	167	<b>17,462</b>	19,823	(11.9)	<b>98,767</b>
Japan	3,403	109	<b>3,512</b>	3,404	3.2	<b>18,098</b>
South Korea	808	17	<b>825</b>	886	(6.9)	<b>6,075</b>
Taiwan	588	19	<b>607</b>	401	51.4	<b>3,387</b>
Others	11	0	<b>11</b>	27	(59.3)	<b>75</b>
<b>South East Asia</b>	<b>6,325</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>6,675</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>(12.1)</b>	<b>27,806</b>
Cambodia	141	1	<b>142</b>	96	47.9	<b>415</b>
Indonesia	330	22	<b>352</b>	1,885	(81.3)	<b>1,826</b>
Malaysia	1,794	33	<b>1,827</b>	1,676	9.0	<b>7,300</b>
Myanmar	301	8	<b>309</b>	185	67.0	<b>976</b>
Philippines	1,389	242	<b>1,631</b>	1,197	36.3	<b>6,817</b>
Singapore	1,327	30	<b>1,357</b>	1,218	11.4	<b>6,022</b>
Thailand	680	11	<b>691</b>	1,041	(33.6)	<b>3,070</b>
Vietnam	339	3	<b>342</b>	271	26.2	<b>1,289</b>
Others	24	0	<b>24</b>	21	14.3	<b>91</b>
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>11,614</b>	<b>3971</b>	<b>15,585</b>	<b>7,742</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>42,378</b>
Australia	10,347	3,676	<b>14,023</b>	6,756	107.6	<b>38,100</b>
New Zealand	1,246	294	<b>1,540</b>	974	58.1	<b>4,188</b>
Others	21	1	<b>22</b>	12	83.3	<b>90</b>
<b>South Asia</b>	<b>37,710</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>38,299</b>	<b>36,572</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>170,522</b>
Afghanistan	40	0	<b>40</b>	74	(45.9)	<b>385</b>
Bangladesh	660	12	<b>672</b>	1,429	(53.0)	<b>3,391</b>
Bhutan	42	0	<b>42</b>	33	27.3	<b>261</b>
India	29,378	482	<b>29,860</b>	26,323	13.4	<b>131,293</b>
Iran	215	24	<b>239</b>	218	9.6	<b>2,901</b>
Maldives	5,696	0	<b>5,696</b>	5,791	(1.6)	<b>23,785</b>
Nepal	315	51	<b>366</b>	314	16.6	<b>1,700</b>
Pakistan	1,364	20	<b>1,384</b>	2,390	(42.1)	<b>6,806</b>

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<b>EUROPE</b>			<b>76,366</b>	<b>69,640</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>439,679</b>
<b>Northern Europe</b>	<b>24,109</b>	<b>5,992</b>	<b>30,101</b>	<b>22,689</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>142,108</b>
Denmark	894	49	943	1,310	(28.0)	9,411
Finland	356	15	371	262	41.6	4,760
Norway	627	63	690	1,052	(34.4)	6,047
Sweden	1,034	39	1,073	1,312	(18.2)	14,301
United Kingdom	20,407	5,656	26,063	17,841	46.1	103,186
Others	791	170	961	912	5.4	4,403
<b>Western Europe</b>	<b>25,084</b>	<b>2367</b>	<b>27,451</b>	<b>27,739</b>	<b>(1.0)</b>	<b>165,788</b>
Austria	1,020	83	1,103	1,250	(11.8)	9,665
Belgium	1,140	71	1,211	1,140	6.2	5,601
France	6,920	491	7,411	7,806	(5.1)	51,321
Germany	9,501	1,302	10,803	11,866	(9.0)	67,590
Netherlands	3,843	146	3,989	2,907	37.2	18,321
Switzerland	2,579	266	2,845	2,691	5.7	12,865
Others	81	8	89	79	12.7	425
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>	<b>11,043</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>11,597</b>	<b>12,498</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>	<b>91,863</b>
Belarus	286	0	286	239	19.7	2,696
Czech Republic	1,299	5	1,304	1,502	(13.2)	9,317
Estonia	137	7	144	71	102.8	1,524
Hungary	223	8	231	239	(3.3)	2,512
Kazakhstan	158	0	158	213	(25.8)	1,609
Lithuania	228	13	241	207	16.4	1,595
Poland	1,108	55	1,163	696	67.1	9,288
Romania	395	74	469	303	54.8	2,908
Russian Federation	3,889	138	4,027	4,602	(12.5)	35,728
Slovakia	490	4	494	624	(20.8)	2,970
Ukraine	2,248	200	2,448	3,138	(22.0)	17,754
Others	582	50	632	664	(4.8)	3,962

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<b>Southern / Mediterranean Europe</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>7,217</b>	<b>6,714</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>39,920</b>
Greece	496	208	704	389	81.0	2,691
Italy	2,029	237	2,266	1,977	14.6	16,614
Portugal	444	80	524	508	3.1	2,128
Spain	1,881	191	2,072	1,810	14.5	7,592
Turkey	229	15	244	237	3.0	1,899
Israel	511	2	513	1,056	(51.4)	4,342
Others	830	64	894	737	21.3	4,654
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3,736</b>	<b>5,055</b>	<b>(26.1)</b>	<b>19,630</b>
Bahrain	151	0	151	148	2.0	1,081
Egypt	243	11	254	255	(0.4)	1,246
Iraq	40	0	40	114	(64.9)	319
Jordan	239	2	241	408	(40.9)	1,160
Kuwait	246	3	249	376	(33.8)	1,437
Lebanon	675	1	676	858	(21.2)	2,137
Oman	306	0	306	374	(18.2)	1,989
Qatar	111	0	111	48	131.3	517
Saudi Arabia	1,263	0	1,263	1,836	(31.2)	7,722
United Arab Emirates	290	1	291	454	(35.9)	1,294
Others	144	10	154	184	(16.3)	728
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161,036</b>	<b>19,393</b>	<b>180,429</b>	<b>160,249</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>888,353</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rebased

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