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MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during August 2018 was 200,359. In comparison to August last year, there is a growth of 4.9% when the arrivals were 190,928.

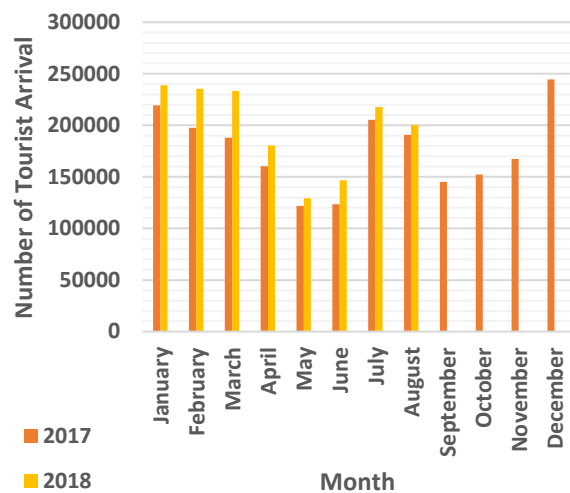
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by China and United Kingdom.

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

As at 31st August 2018, 1,582,835 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 12.5% growth over last year when 1,406,854 tourists had visited the country during the same period.

Month	2017	2018*	% Change 2017/2018
January	219,360	238,924	8.9
February	197,517	235,618	19.3
March	188,076	233,382	24.1
April	160,249	180,429	12.6
May	121,891	129,466	6.2
June	123,351	146,828	19.0
July	205,482	217,829	6.0
August	190,928	200,359	4.9
September	145,077		
October	152,429		
November	167,511		
December	244,536		
TOTAL	2,116,407		
Up to August	1,406,854	1,582,835	12.5

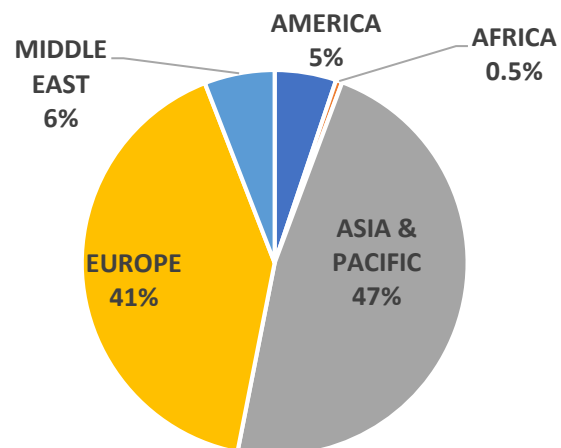
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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

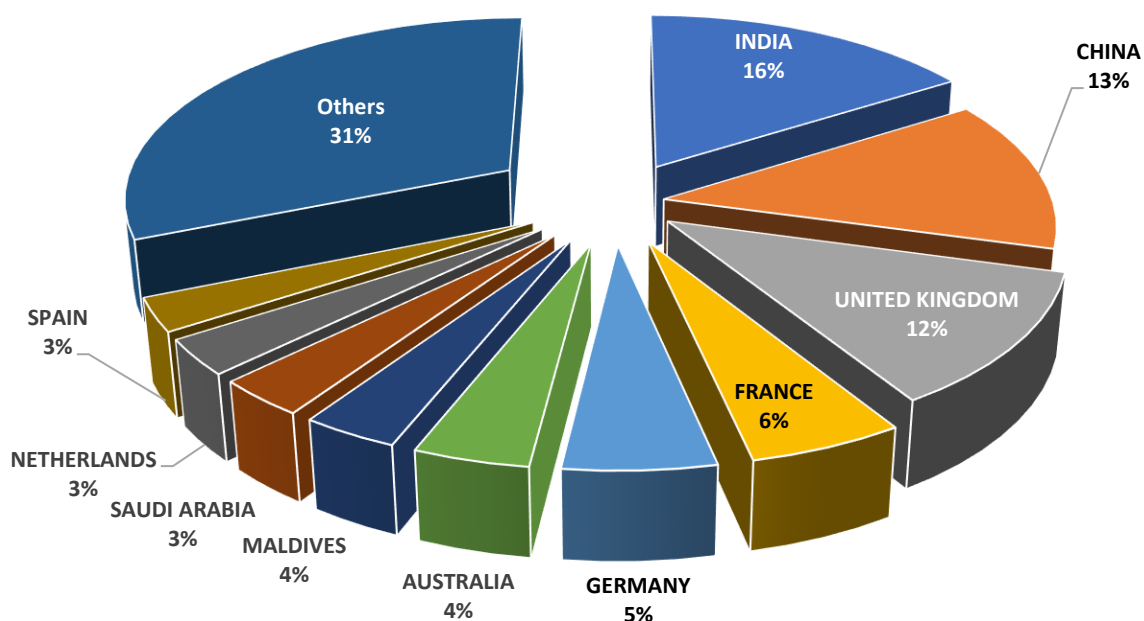
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 47% of the total traffic received in August 2018.

Europe accounted for 41% of the total traffic, Middle East 6%, America 5% and Africa 0.5%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, France and Germany were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of August this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 16% of the total traffic received in August 2018. China accounted for 13% of the total traffic, while United Kingdom, France and Germany accounted for 12%, 6% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals August 2018			Tourist Arrivals August 2017	% Change August 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	31,627	488	32,115	31,220	2.9
2	CHINA	26,488	70	26,558	26,507	0.2
3	UNITED KINGDOM	23,558	85	23,643	21,903	7.8
4	FRANCE	11,008	8	11,016	10,730	2.7
5	GERMANY	10,806	3	10,809	10,993	(1.7)
6	AUSTRALIA	8,237	2	8,239	5,959	38.3
7	MALDIVES	6,879	1	6,880	6,405	7.4
8	SAUDI ARABIA	6,517	0	6,517	8,761	(25.6)
9	NETHERLANDS	6,178	4	6,182	5,697	8.5
10	SPAIN	5,782	0	5,782	4,100	41.0

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	AUGUST 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals August 2017	% Change August (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to August 2018
	Tourist Arrivals ¹					
	By Air	By Sea	Total			
AMERICAS			10,340	9,973	3.7	98,578
North America	9,913	5	9,918	9,557	3.8	92,860
Canada	5,440	0	5,440	5,496	(1.0)	39,196
Mexico	68	0	68	79	(13.9)	1,123
United States	4,405	5	4,410	3,982	10.7	52,541
Caribbean & Central America	72	0	72	80	(10.0)	611
Jamaica	14	0	14	1	-	80
Costa Rica	15	0	15	8	87.5	77
Others	43	0	43	71	(39.4)	454
South America	350	0	350	336	4.5	5,107
Argentina	54	0	54	58	-6.9	1,358
Brazil	98	0	98	121	-19.0	1,980
Chile	59	0	59	40	47.5	680
Colombia	52	0	52	48	8.3	441
Others	87	0	87	69	27.5	648
AFRICA			1,073	1,033	3.9	9,274
North Africa	310	1	311	345	(9.9)	1,916
Morocco	127	0	127	164	(22.6)	672
Sudan	66	1	67	83	(19.3)	532
Others	117	0	117	98	19.4	712
Sub-Saharan Africa	754	8	762	688	10.8	7,358
Kenya	61	0	61	72	(15.3)	455
Mauritius	32	0	32	44	(27.3)	418
Nigeria	28	0	28	42	(33.3)	265
South Africa	453	4	457	343	33.2	4,517
Others	180	4	184	187	(1.6)	1,703

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ASIA & PACIFIC			94,965	92,185	3.0	723,757
North East Asia	34,468	103	34,571	33,945	1.8	242,302
China	26,488	70	26,558	26,507	0.2	190,312
Japan	5,622	3	5,625	5,511	2.1	34,824
South Korea	1,562	21	1,583	1,332	18.8	10,957
Taiwan	785	9	794	580	36.9	6,082
Others	11	0	11	15	(26.7)	127
South East Asia	7,695	404	8,099	8,477	(4.5)	56,736
Cambodia	35	0	35	28	25.0	623
Indonesia	440	31	471	1,143	(58.8)	3,584
Malaysia	2,093	8	2,101	2,311	(9.1)	15,060
Myanmar	670	25	695	699	(0.6)	2,141
Philippines	1,400	323	1,723	1,394	23.6	13,550
Singapore	1,899	5	1,904	1,783	6.8	12,929
Thailand	821	2	823	889	(7.4)	6,315
Vietnam	288	10	298	221	34.8	2,309
Others	49	0	49	9	-	225
Oceania	9,374	7	9,381	6863	36.7	79,113
Australia	8,237	2	8,239	5,959	38.3	70,010
New Zealand	1,091	0	1,091	862	26.6	8,888
Others	46	5	51	42	19.0	215
South Asia	42,320	594	42,914	42,900	0.0	345,606
Afghanistan	78	0	78	81	(3.7)	662
Bangladesh	1,041	19	1,060	1,360	(22.1)	7,067
Bhutan	48	0	48	46	4.3	429
India	31,627	488	32,115	31,220	2.9	269,484
Iran	556	24	580	256	126.6	4,791
Maldives	6,879	1	6,880	6,405	7.4	46,718
Nepal	383	61	444	399	11.3	3,412
Pakistan	1,708	1	1,709	3,133	(45.5)	13,043

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Tourist Arrivals¹				Total Tourist Arrivals August 2017	% Change - August (2017 /2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to August 2018	
By Air	By Sea	Total					
EUROPE			82,167	73,328	12.1	694,878	
Northern Europe	27,149	101	27,250	24,641	10.6	231,837	
Denmark	911	14	925	791	16.9	14,702	
Finland	210	1	211	118	78.8	5,741	
Norway	952	0	952	740	28.6	12,849	
Sweden	664	1	665	448	48.4	17,532	
United Kingdom	23,558	85	23,643	21,903	7.9	173,478	
Others	854	0	854	641	33.2	7,535	
Western Europe	33,137	15	33,152	31,381	5.6	274,777	
Austria	1,216	0	1,216	970	25.4	13,703	
Belgium	1,994	0	1,994	1,354	47.3	12,555	
France	11,008	8	11,016	10,730	2.7	81,049	
Germany	10,806	3	10,809	10,993	(1.7)	101,922	
Netherlands	6,178	4	6,182	5,697	8.5	42,246	
Switzerland	1,744	0	1,744	1,517	15.0	22,539	
Others	191	0	191	120	59.2	763	
Central / Eastern Europe	5,495	316	5,811	5,203	11.7	113,698	
Belarus	96	0	96	74	29.7	3,113	
Czech Republic	637	0	637	567	12.3	11,897	
Estonia	52	4	56	40	40.0	1,674	
Hungary	183	0	183	168	8.9	3,099	
Kazakhstan	77	0	77	130	(40.8)	1,938	
Lithuania	118	0	118	63	87.3	2,303	
Poland	955	66	1,021	684	49.3	12,961	
Romania	264	16	280	205	36.6	3,754	
Russian Federation	1,126	48	1,174	1,272	(7.7)	40,463	
Slovakia	258	1	259	272	(4.8)	3,745	
Ukraine	1,352	161	1,513	1,399	8.1	23,253	
Others	377	20	397	329	20.7	5,498	

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	15,684	270	15,954	12,103	31.8	74,566
Greece	541	222	763	333	129.1	5,133
Italy	5,739	8	5,747	4,871	18.0	28,033
Portugal	652	1	653	407	60.4	3,562
Spain	5,782	0	5,782	4,100	41.0	19,249
Turkey	374	1	375	294	27.6	2,980
Israel	1,976	0	1,976	1,431	38.1	8,761
Others	620	38	658	667	(1.3)	6,848
MIDDLE EAST	11,804	10	11,814	14,409	(18.0)	56,348
Bahrain	432	0	432	512	(15.6)	2,258
Egypt	388	3	391	366	6.8	2,542
Iraq	124	0	124	106	17.0	693
Jordan	313	1	314	328	(4.3)	2,089
Kuwait	599	0	599	678	(11.7)	2,740
Lebanon	629	1	630	489	28.8	3,903
Oman	960	5	965	1,126	(14.3)	5,748
Qatar	379	0	379	168	125.6	1,399
Saudi Arabia	6,517	0	6,517	8,761	(25.6)	28,736
United Arab Emirates	1,045	0	1,045	1,373	(23.9)	1,045
Others	418	0	418	502	(16.7)	3,211
TOTAL	198,525	1,834	200,359	190,928	4.9	1,582,835

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