

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT 2019

(Provisional Release)



CONTENTS

2019 Highlights

01. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Definitions**
- 1.2 Sources of Information**
- 1.3 Global Tourism**
- 1.4 Tourism Demand – Volume and Value, Sri Lanka**

02. TOURIST TRAFFIC

- 2.1 Markets**
- 2.2 Seasonality of Arrivals**
- 2.3 Mode of Transport and Port of Arrival**
- 2.4 Purpose of Visit**
- 2.5 Duration of Stay**
- 2.6 Age & Sex**
- 2.7 Occupation**
- 2.8 Arrivals by Carrier**
- 2.9 Passenger Movement**
- 2.10 Scheduled Airline Operations**

03.ACCOMMODATION SECTOR

- 3.1 Accommodation Capacity**
- 3.2 Occupancy Rates**
- 3.3 Guest Nights**

04.EMPLOYMENT

- 4.1 Employment**

05.PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE

- 5.1 Public Sector Revenue**

06.FOREIGN TRAVEL BY SRI LANKANS

- 6.1 Foreign Travel by Sri Lankans**

07. STATISTICAL APPENDIX

Statistical Charts

Chart

1.	International Tourist Arrivals, World, Change (%)
1a.	International Tourist Arrivals, Change by Sub Regions
2.	Tourist Arrivals – 2000-2019
3.	Tourist Arrivals Growth Change- 2000-2019
4	Tourist Receipts (US\$) - 2001 to 2019
5.	Distribution of Total Foreign Exchange Earnings (Percentage) - 2019
6.	Distribution of Market Shares (percentage) – 2019
7.	Top Ten Source Markets – 2019
8.	Seasonality of Traffic – 2019 (Seasonal Indices)
8a.	Tourist Arrivals & Percentage Change 2019/2018
9.	Distribution by Ports of Arrival (percentage) - 2019
10.	Distribution by purpose of visit (percentage)- 2019
11.	Distribution of Average Duration of Stay (Nights) - 2019
12.	Distribution of Period of Stay (Percentage) - 2019
13	Distribution of Tourists by Sex and Region (Percentage)-2019
14	Distribution of Tourists by Age Group (Percentage) - 2019
15	Distribution of occupational categories (Percentage)- 2019
16	Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Type of Carrier (percentage)- 2018-2019
17	Distribution of Total Seating Capacity by Carrier (Percentage)- 2019
18	Distribution of Accommodation Capacity by Region (Percentage)- 2019
19	Distribution of Occupancy Rates by Month (Percentage)- 2019
20	Distribution of Occupancy Rates by Region (Percentage)- 2019
21	Number of Nights spent by Foreign Tourists and Occupancy Rates by Month-2019
22	Distribution of Employment in the Tourism Industry (Percentage) -2019
23	Distribution of Public Sector Revenue from Tourism (Percentage) - 2019
24	Sri Lankan Departures - 2004 to 2019
25	Distribution of Sri Lankan Departures by Gender- 2019
26	Distribution of Sri Lankan Departures by First Port- 2019

Statistical Tables I-VI

Table

I	World Tourist Arrivals by Region
II	Foreign Exchange Earnings by Industry- 2018 & 2019
III	Tourist Arrivals by Region – 2018 & 2019
IV	Relative Importance of Regional Markets- 2018 & 2019
V	Top Ten Source Markets- 2018 & 2019
VI	Occupancy Rates by Resort Region – 2018 & 2019

Statistical Tables 1-40

Table

1.	Tourist Arrivals by Nationality – 2019
2.	Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence – 2018 & 2019
3.	Seasonal Variation in Tourist Traffic – 1971 to 2019 (Seasonal Indices) (1)
4.	Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence and Month (All Countries) - 2019
5.	Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Port – 2009- 2019
6.	Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence and Modes of Transport- 2019
7.	Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Different Carriers – 2007 to 2019
8.	Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & Carrier - 2019
8(a).	Tourist Arrivals by Charter Carriers – 2010 to 2019
9.	Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by purpose of Visit- 2006- 2019
10.	Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & purpose of Visit - 2019
11.	Percentage Distribution of Duration of Stay – 1985 to 2019
12.	Average Duration of Stay & Guest Nights by Country of Residence - 2019
13.	Percentage Distribution of Tourists by Sex & Age- 2007 to 2019
14.	Tourist Arrivals by Sex and Age – 2019
15.	Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Occupational Categories- 2008- 2019
16.	Tourists Arrivals by Country of Residence and Occupation- 2019
17.	Scheduled Airline Operations and Seating Capacity – 2019
18.	Percentage Arrivals & Departures by Port & Category of Travelers 2019
19.	Sri Lanka Departures by First Port
20.	Accommodation Capacity (Rooms) in Tourist Hotels and its Regional Distribution 2006 to 2019
21.	Accommodation Capacity & Guest Nights in Graded & Supplementary Establishments 2012 to 2019
22.	Occupancy Rates by Region – 2005 to 2019
23.	Monthly Occupancy Rates in Tourist Hotels by Region – 2019
23(a).	Capacity and Nights in all Accommodation Establishments by Category- 2018 & 2019
24.	Foreign Guest Nights in Graded Accommodation Establishments by region & Month – 2019* (Classified / Unclassified / Boutique)
25.	Local Guest Nights in Graded Accommodation Establishments by region & Month – 2019* (Classified / Unclassified / Boutique)
26.	Volume & Value of Tourism - 2010 to 2019
27.	Direct Employment in the Tourist Industry - 2017 to 2019*
28.	Sri Lankan Departures - Growth Trends - 1980 to 2019
29.	Tourism Growth Trends 1971 to 2019
30.	Tourist Arrivals by Month 1971 to 2019

31.	Passenger Arrivals and Departures-1981 to 2019
32.	Conferences Held & Revenue Earned at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall – 1990 to 2019
33.	Foreign Visitors to Museums & Revenue from Sale of Tickets - 1988 to 2019
33(a).	Details of Museums – 2019
34.	Foreign Visitors to Cultural Triangle & Revenue from Sale of Tickets - 1988 to 2019
34(a).	Foreign and Domestic Visitors to Cultural Triangle & Revenue from Sale of Tickets – 2019
34(b).	Details of Foreign Visitors by Location - 2019
34(c).	Details of Domestic Visitors by Location – 2019
35.	Foreign Visitors to Zoological Gardens & Revenue from Gate fees - 1988 to 2019
35(a).	Revenue by Location - 2018 & 2019
35(b).	Ticket Rates – 2019
36.	Revenue from foreign Visitors to Botanical Gardens - 1988 to 2019
36(a).	Details by Location 2019
37.	Revenue from Foreign Visitors to Wildlife Parks (in Rs. '000)_ - 1989 to 2019
37(a).	Details by Location -2019
38.	Revenue from Visitors to Conservation Forests (in Rs. '000)_ -2019
39.	Revenue from Embarkation Tax (in Rs. '000)_ - 1988 to 2019
40.	Public Sector Revenue from Tourism (in Rs. Mn)_ - 2013 to 2019

2019

Highlights

Number of international tourists to Sri Lanka	1,913,702
Foreign exchange earnings	Rs. 646,362.3 million
	US\$ 3606.9 million
Direct contribution to GDP	4.3%*(Current price)
Foreign exchange receipts per tourist per day	US\$ 181.2
Average duration of stay	10.4 nights
Total foreign guest nights	19,902,501
Room occupancy rate of graded accommodation	57.09%
Total employment generation Direct employment Indirect employment	402,607 173,592 229,015
Top 5 tourist source markets to Sri Lanka	India, United Kingdom China, Germany, France

01

INTRODUCTION

This is the 51st 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 tourism industry on a consistent basis, which is useful both for evidence-based decision making for the development and promotion of the tourism industry. The data compiled and published in this report cover the following areas:

- a) Trends and characteristics of inbound tourism to Sri Lanka
- b) Scheduled airline operators and passenger movements
- c) Accommodation industry- Capacity and its utilization
- d) Income and employment
- e) Outbound Tourism- Sri Lankans travelling to overseas destinations
- f) Growth of travel and tourism
- g) Revenue from tourism

The Annual Statistical Report 2019 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 2019 showing the principal markets, seasonality of traffic, travel motivation, duration of stay, age and sex, occupation, passenger movements and scheduled airline operations. Part III presents sectorial 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 VII is the statistical appendix.

1.1 Definitions

(a) Visitor:

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 traveling to be a full time student or to be employed by a resident entity in the country or place visited (IRTS 2008, 2.9). A visitor (domestic, inbound or outbound) is classified as a tourist (or overnight visitor), if his/her trip includes an overnight stay, or as a same-day visitor (or excursionist) otherwise (IRTS 2008, 2.13).

(b) 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 (IRTS 2008, 2.42).

The term “International Excursionist” (same day visitor) refers to an International Visitor, who does not stay overnight in the country visited.

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

1. 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.
2. Diplomatic personnel.
3. Crews of ships and aircraft even if they stay for one night or more.
4. Dependents of temporary immigrants and children below 3 years.

In this report the term “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.

(c) 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 an ‘tourists arrival’, provided the visit (or entry) lasts at least one night in the country (N.B. those who do not cross the frontiers are not regarded as visitors).

(d) Tourist Night:

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

(e) Guest Night:

A night spent in a Tourist Hotel, Rest-House or Guest-House approved by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, as being suitable for occupation by foreign visitors.

(f) Tourist Hotels:

All Tourist Hotels, which are registered under Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, can be taken under this category. There are three main categories of Tourist Hotels; Classified, Unclassified & Boutique Hotels. Statistics for some of the other categories (i.e. Small Luxury Hotels/ Boutique Hotels) are added to the report from year 2014.

(g) Supplementary Accommodation:

Guest-Houses which are approved by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority 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.

(h) 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)

(h) Official Receipts:

Official Receipts constitute the foreign exchange purchases and acceptances by authorized dealers and commercial banks from foreign visitors either directly or indirectly.

1.2. Sources of Information

a) Tourist Statistics:

Passenger arrival reports generated by 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 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 Survey of Departing Foreign Tourists from Sri Lanka.

g) Employment Statistics:

Annual Surveys conducted by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority among all registered Tourist Establishments; viz. Accommodation and Catering Establishments, Travel and Transport Agencies, Recreational Clubs, Tourist Shops, Airlines and National Tourist Organizations as well as information from the licensing system.

1.3 Global Tourism

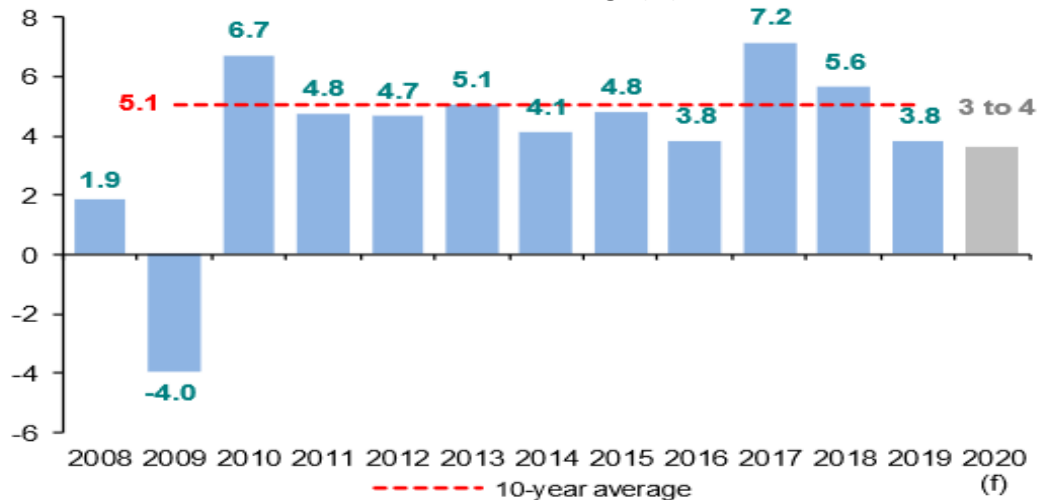
Figure 1



Source: UNWTO

Data reveals that international tourist arrivals grew by 4% in 2019, reaching a total of 1.5 billion. Compared to the exceptional rates of 2017 (+7%) and 2018 (+6%), 2019 recorded a slower growth owing to the slower demand particularly in Europe. The global economic slowdown, uncertainty surrounding Brexit, geopolitical and trade tensions weighed on growth. Further the collapse of Thomas Cook and of several low cost airlines in Europe had negative impacts on the growth.

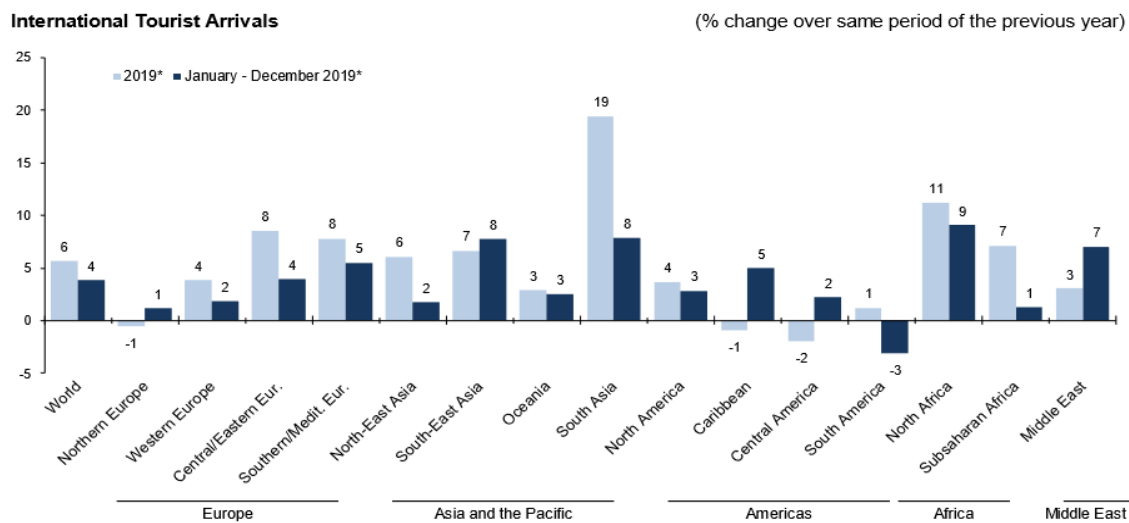
Chart 1: International Tourist Arrivals, World, Change (%)



Source: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) ©

(f) Forecast

Chart 1a: International Tourist Arrivals, Change by Sub Regions



Asia and the Pacific hosted 363.6 million international tourist arrivals in 2019, with an increase of 5%. Arrivals in South East Asia and South Asia grew at a rate of 8%(both), followed by Oceania at 3% and North East Asia at 2%.

In Europe, foreign tourist arrivals reached 742.3 million in 2019, with an increase of 4%.

The Americas welcomed 220.1 million international tourist arrivals, growing by 2%, a 15% share of world arrivals. Caribbean experienced an increase in incoming foreigners at 5% followed by North America (+3%), while Central America recorded a growth of 2.2%. South America recorded a decline of 3.1%.

Africa also shared similar trends with the rest of the world at an increase in international arrivals by 4.2% in 2019, bringing 71.2 million arrivals. North Africa was the main driver of this significant growth, where international tourist arrivals grew by 9.1%, while in Sub Saharan Africa arrivals increased by 1.5%.

The Middle East (7.6%) received 64 million international tourist arrivals in 2019 contributing to 4.4% of the world’s total arrivals. (UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, - Volume 18 January 2020)

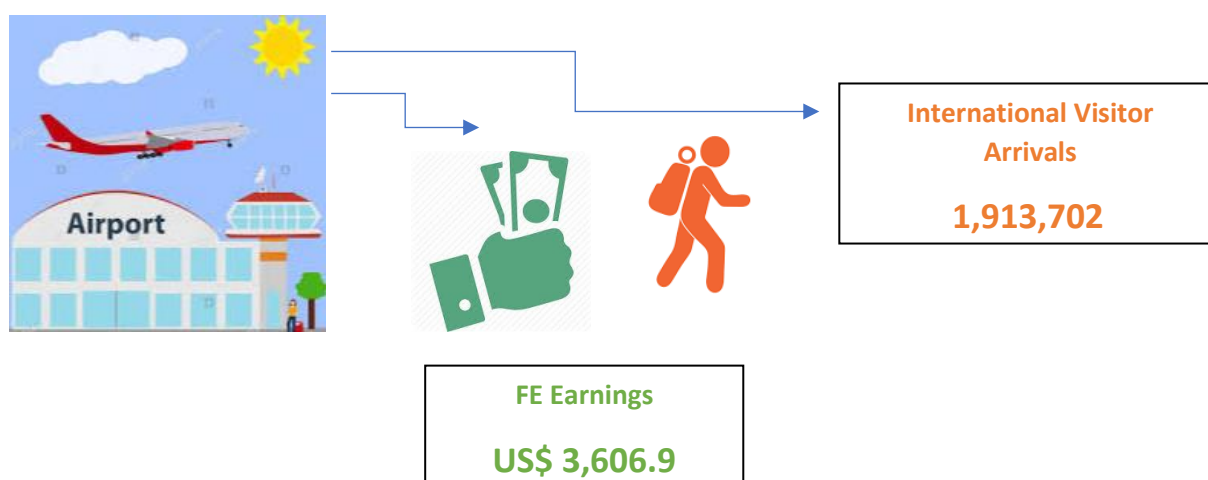
Table I: World Tourist Arrivals by Region

Region	2010	2015	2017	2018	2019*	Share 2019*	Change	
							18/17	19*/18
Europe	487.0	605.7	676.6	716.1	742.3	50.8	5.8	3.7
Asia and the Pacific	208.2	284.1	324.1	347.7	363.6	24.9	7.3	4.6
Americas	150.4	194.1	210.7	215.7	220.1	15.1	2.4	2.0
Africa	50.4	53.5	63	68.4	71.2	4.9	8.5	4.2
Middle East	55.4	58.1	57.7	59.4	63.9	4.4	3.0	7.6
World	951	1,196	1332	1,407	1,461	100	5.6	3.8

Source: UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, - Volume 18 January 2020

**provisional data*

1.4 Tourism Demand- Volume and Value, Sri Lanka



Volume

Tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during the year 2019 amounted to 1,913,702 registering a decline of 18 % since 2018. Reported number of nights spent in 2019 by international tourists was 19,902,501, showing a decline of 21% with an average duration of 10.4 nights (Refer Table 6 &11)

Chart 2: Tourist Arrivals – 2000 to 2019

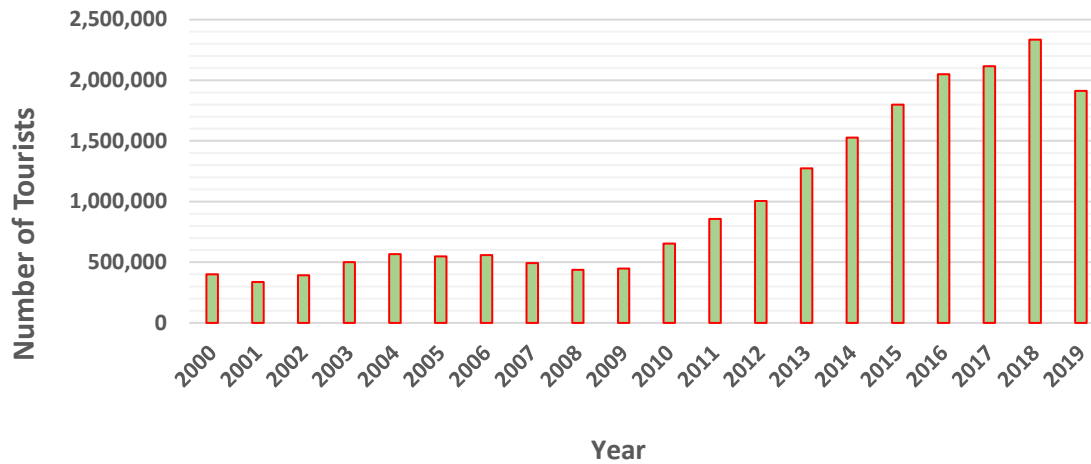


Chart 3: Tourist Arrivals Growth Change- 2000 to 2019



Value

Tourism was the third largest foreign exchange earner for the country in 2019, preceded by worker’s remittance and textiles and garments, significantly contributing to the Sri Lankan economy. Foreign exchange earnings from the tourism sector decreased to 13.7% of the total foreign exchange earnings, compared to 15.9% recorded in the previous year.

The official tourist receipts for 2019 were estimated at Rs. 646,362 million as compared to Rs. 711,961 million in 2018, with a decline of 9.2%. In terms of US Dollars, the total tourist receipts were estimated to be US\$ 3,606.9 million compared to US\$ 4380.6 million observed in the previous year, with a drop of 17.7%.

The per capita tourist receipts per day amounted to 181.2 US\$, showing an increase of 4.2% as compared to US\$ 173.8 in 2018.

Chart 4: Tourist Receipts (US\$) - 2001 to 2019

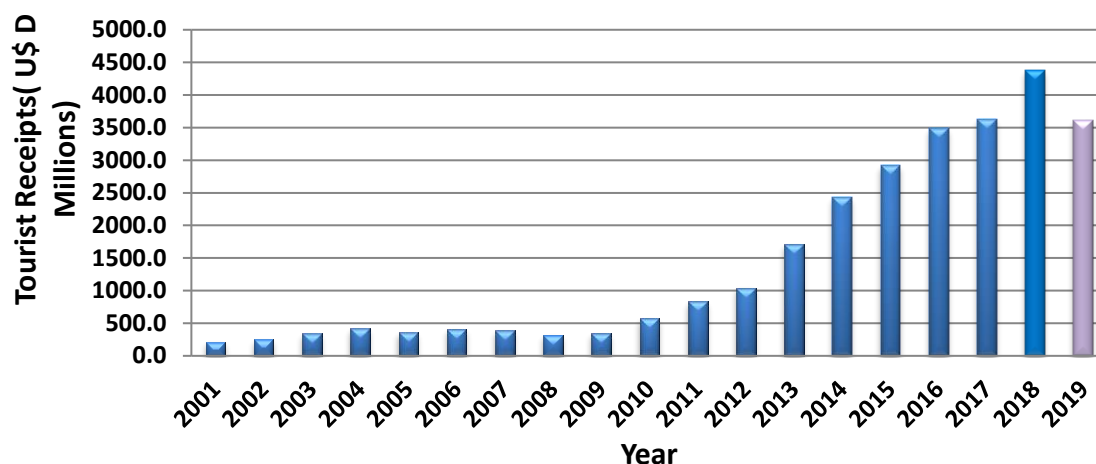


Table II: Foreign Exchange Earnings by Industry- 2018 & 2019

2018 (a)				2019 (b)			
Sector	FE Earnings (Rs. Million)	As a Share of Total FE Earnings (%)	Rank	Sector	FE Earnings (Rs. Million)	As a Share of Total FE Earnings (%)	Rank
Workers' Remittances	1,138,124	25.5	1	Workers' Remittances	1,200,766	25.4	1
Textiles and garments	865,975	19.4	2	Textiles and garments	1,000,713	21.2	2
Tourism	711,961	15.9	3	Tourism	646,362	13.7	3
Transport	402,806	9.0	4	Transport	418,205	8.9	4
Tea	231,750	5.2	5	Tea	240,637	5.1	5
Telecommunication, Computer & Information Services	161,389	3.6	6	Telecommunication, Computer & Information Services	188,313	4.0	6
Rubber products	142,298	3.2	7	Rubber products	154,854	3.3	7
Petroleum products	101,467	2.3	8	Petroleum products	93,194	2.0	8
Food beverages & tobacco	75,060	1.7	9	Food beverages & tobacco	79,989	1.7	9
Machinery and mechanical appliances	70,609	1.6	10	Machinery and mechanical appliances	71,495	1.5	10
Others	570,504	12.8		Others	625,132	13.2	
Total	4,471,942	100.0		Total	4,719,660	100.0	

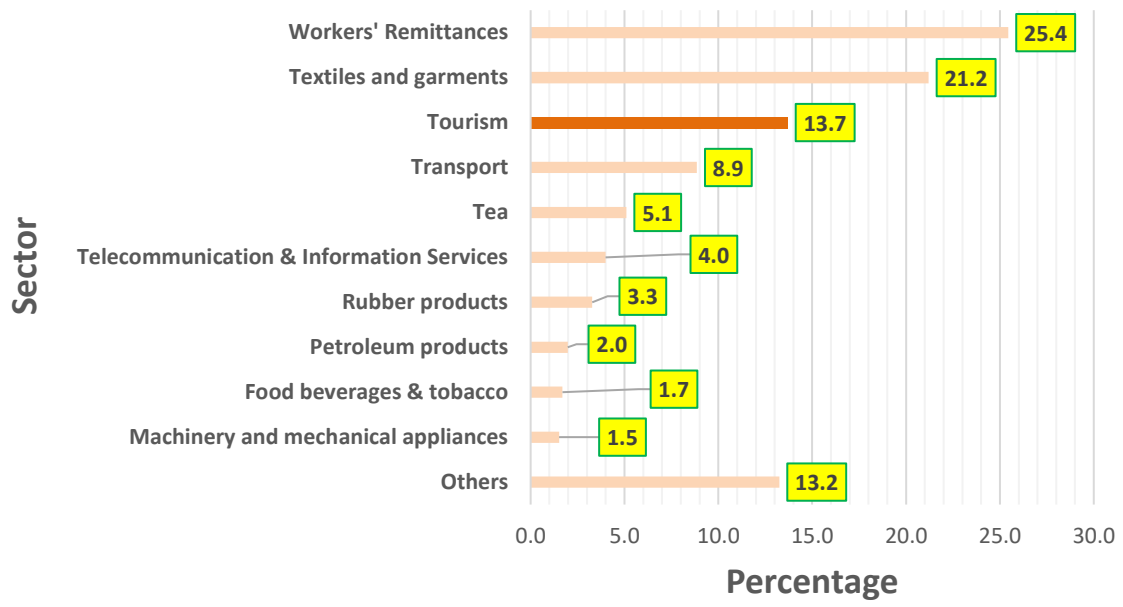
a) Revised

b) Provisional

Sources: Sri Lanka Customs

Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Chart 5: Distribution of Total Foreign Exchange Earnings (Percentage) – 2019



02

TOURIST TRAFFIC

2.1 Markets

Tourist arrivals from different regional markets for the past consecutive years is indicated in Table 1,2, 4 and Table III. Europe is the largest regional market represented in foreign arrivals in the year 2019.

Table III: Tourist Arrivals by Region – 2018 & 2019

Region	2018	2019	19/18
AMERICAS	137,626	127,423	(7.4)
AFRICA	14,873	15,094	1.5
ASIA & PACIFIC	1,091,800	839,470	(23.1)
EUROPE	1,017,861	887,572	(12.8)
MIDDLE EAST	71,636	44,143	(38.4)
	2,333,796	1,913,702	(18.0)

Source: Department of Immigration and Emigration, analysis by SLTDA

Overall, it is noteworthy that all regions showed significant decline in the number of tourist arrivals, except the African region (Table III). Being the major source market Europe recorded a decline of 12.8% while Asia and Pacific which was the second major market showed a decline of 23.1 % compared to the previous year. Middle East region recorded a decline of 38.4% while Americas recorded a decline of 7.4%. It should be noted that on average, all regional markets, except the African region, recorded a decline of 18% compared to the last year.

Chart 6: Distribution of Market Shares (percentage) – 2019

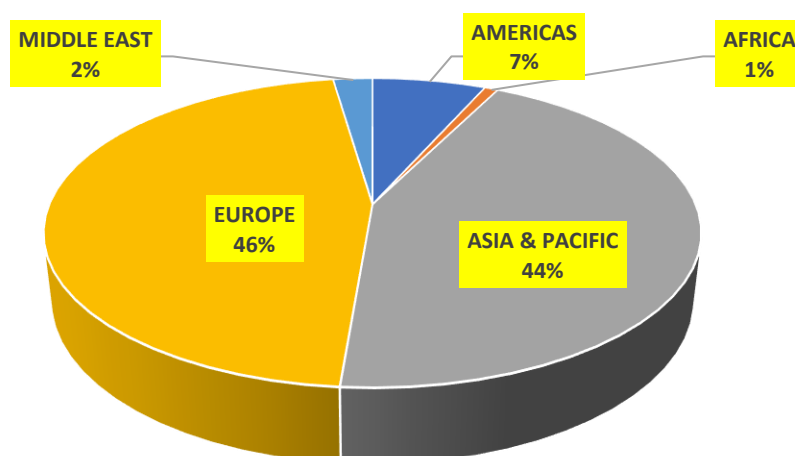


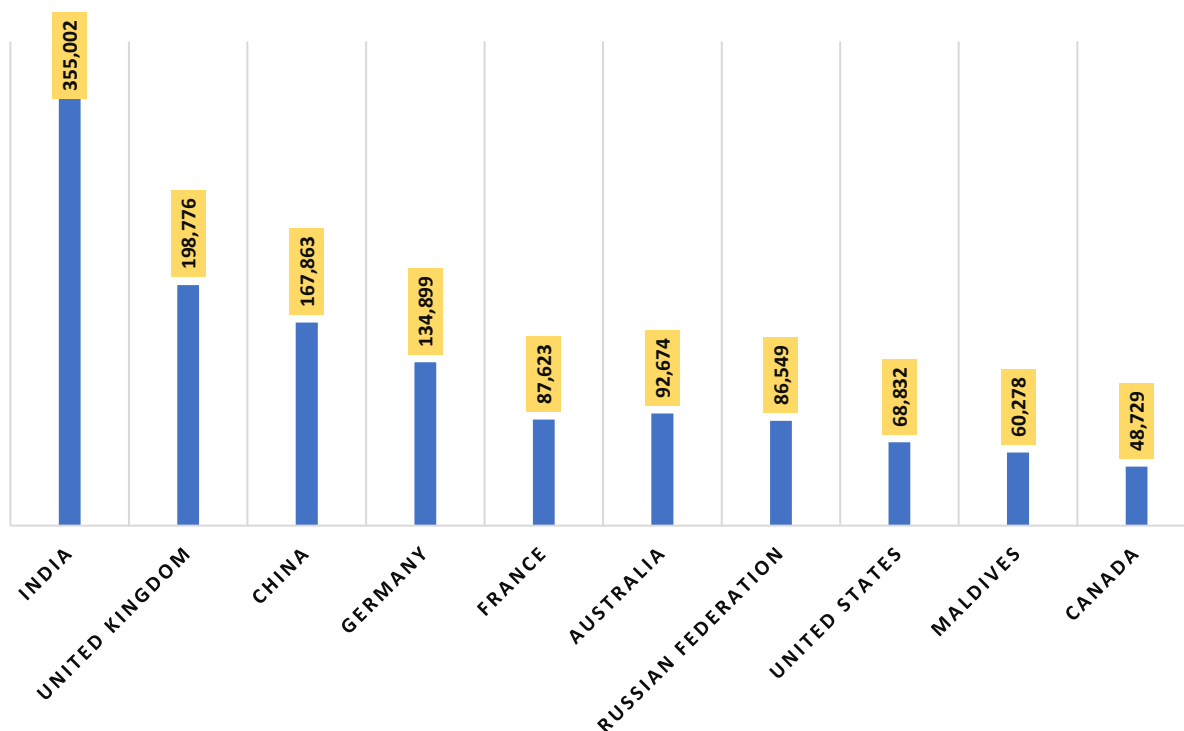
Table IV: Relative Importance of Regional Markets- 2018 & 2019

Region	Market Share	
	2018	2019
AMERICAS	5.9	6.7
AFRICA	0.6	0.8
ASIA & PACIFIC	46.8	43.9
EUROPE	43.6	46.4
MIDDLE EAST	3.1	2.3
	100.0	100.0

Source: Department of Immigration and Emigration, analysis by SLTDA

Even though Europe held the major market share in 2019, there was only a slight increase of 46.4% in 2019 from 43.6% in 2018. It is noteworthy that market shares of Americas and Africa had increased by 13.5 % and 33.3 % respectively. However, the market shares of Asia and Pacific and Middle East had decreased by 6.2% and 25.8% respectively.

Chart 7: Top Ten Source Markets – 2019



An analysis of the ten major source markets revealed that tourists from India represented the largest number of international arrivals. United Kingdom was recorded as the second major country of origin for tourists with a share of 10.4% during 2019. China was the third major source of tourists to the country (8.8%), while Germany (7 %) France (4.6%) become fourth and fifth in the top five markets. The top ten markets accounted for almost 68% of the total tourist traffic to the country in 2019.

Table V: Top Ten Source Markets- 2018 & 2019

Rank	Country of Residence	2018		Rank	Country of Residence	2019	
		Tourist Arrivals	Percentage Share			Tourist Arrivals	Percentage Share
1	INDIA	424,887	18.2	1	INDIA	355,002	18.6
2	CHINA	265,965	11.4	2	UNITED KINGDOM	198,776	10.4
3	UNITED KINGDOM	254,176	10.9	3	CHINA	167,863	8.8
4	GERMANY	156,888	6.7	4	GERMANY	134,899	7.0
5	AUSTRALIA	110,928	4.8	5	FRANCE	87,623	4.6
6	FRANCE	106,449	4.6	6	AUSTRALIA	92,674	4.8
7	MALDIVES	76,108	3.3	7	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	86,549	4.5
8	USA	75,308	3.2	8	UNITED STATES	68,832	3.6
9	RUSSIA	64,497	2.8	9	MALDIVES	60,278	3.1
10	NETHERLANDS	57,160	2.4	10	CANADA	48,729	2.5
TOTAL		1,592,366	68.2	TOTAL		1,301,225	68.0

2.2 Seasonality of Arrivals

Table 3, 4 in the Statistical Appendix shows the monthly variation in tourist arrivals received from various countries.

During the year 2019, the high season was spread over a period of six months. The index of arrivals reached above 100 during the months of February, January, March, December, November and April. In all other months the index was below 100. The highest number of arrivals were recorded in the month of February with a seasonal index of 158. The lowest number of arrivals were recorded in May. It is noteworthy that arrivals have drastically declined after the Easter attack in April.

Chart 8: Seasonality of Traffic – 2019 (Seasonal Indices)

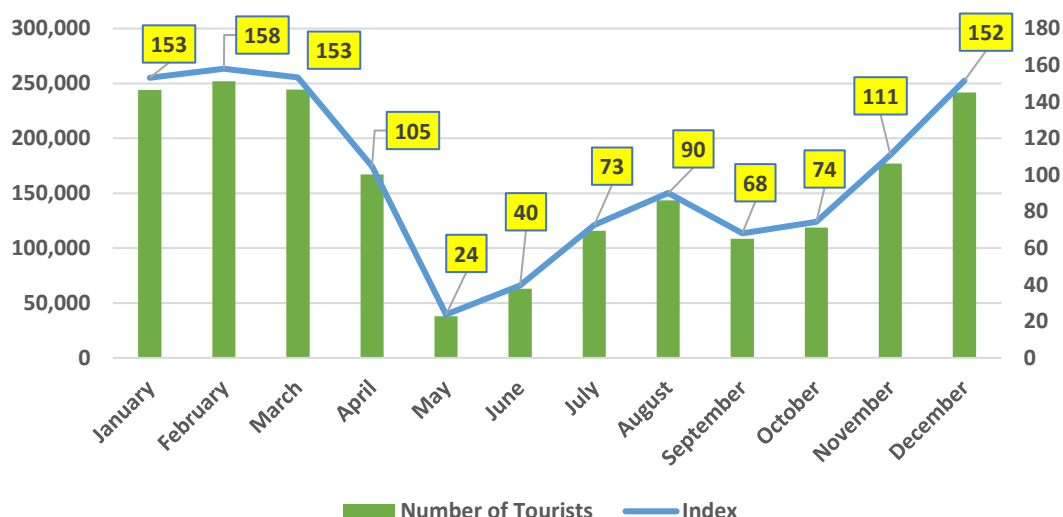
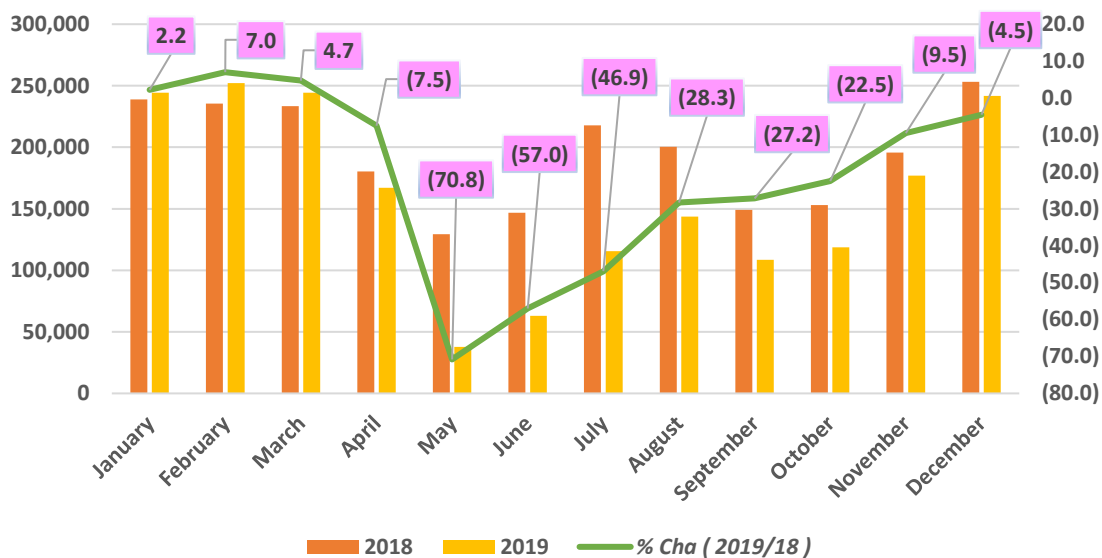


Chart 8 a: Tourist Arrivals & Percentage Change 2019/2018

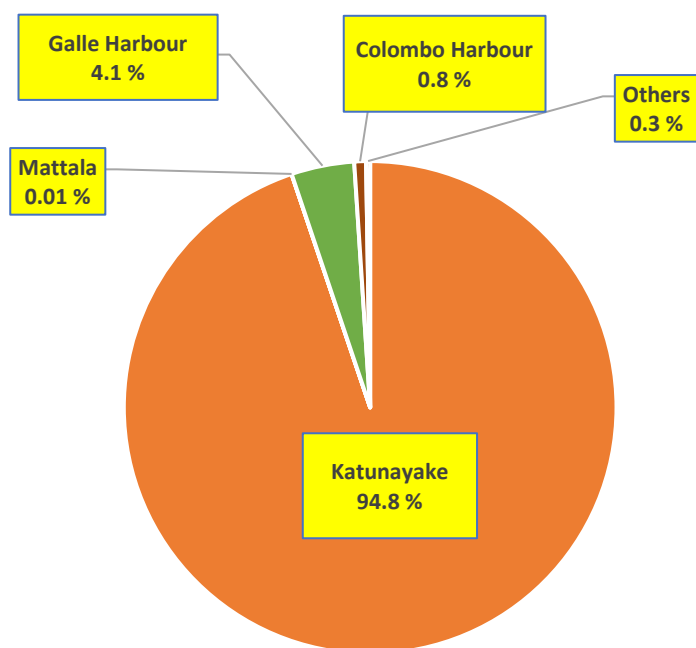


2.3 Mode of Transport and Port of Arrival

Table 5 in the Statistical Appendix shows detailed statistics of passenger movements categorized according to mode of transport and port of arrival. During the year 2019, 94.8% of the tourists came to Sri Lanka by air travel, following a similar distribution rate as in the previous year. The balance 5.2 % arrived in the country by sea, mostly through the Galle harbour (Table 5, Statistical Appendix).

Passenger movements by ports show that the Bandaranaike International Airport in Katunayake continued to handle the majority of tourist traffic with 94.8% of the total arrivals and departures. The balance was reported from Mattala Rajapaksha International Airport (0.01%), Galle Harbour (4.1%), Colombo Harbour (0.8%) and other ports (0.3%).

Chart 9: Distribution by Ports of Arrival (percentage) - 2019



2.4 Purpose of Visit

Tourist arrivals classified by the expressed purpose of visit to Sri Lanka are shown in Table 9 and 10 in the Statistical Appendix. The data for the purpose of visit has been analysed by using Electronic Travel Authorization system for the year 2019 and reported by the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

The table 9 shows that 83.20% of the tourists who visited the island in 2019 had come for pleasure – i.e. for holiday, recreation, touring, etc. 10.48% of tourists had come for visiting friends and relatives followed by business related travels (3.65%) and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, Exhibitions) (0.99%) purposes. The proportion of tourists who came to Sri Lanka for sports and health proposes constituted 0.72 % and 0.59% respectively. 0.32% of tourists reported coming for educational purposes while nearly 0.03% reported visiting for religious purposes. The proportion of tourists who came for official and other purposes constituted 0.01 %(both).

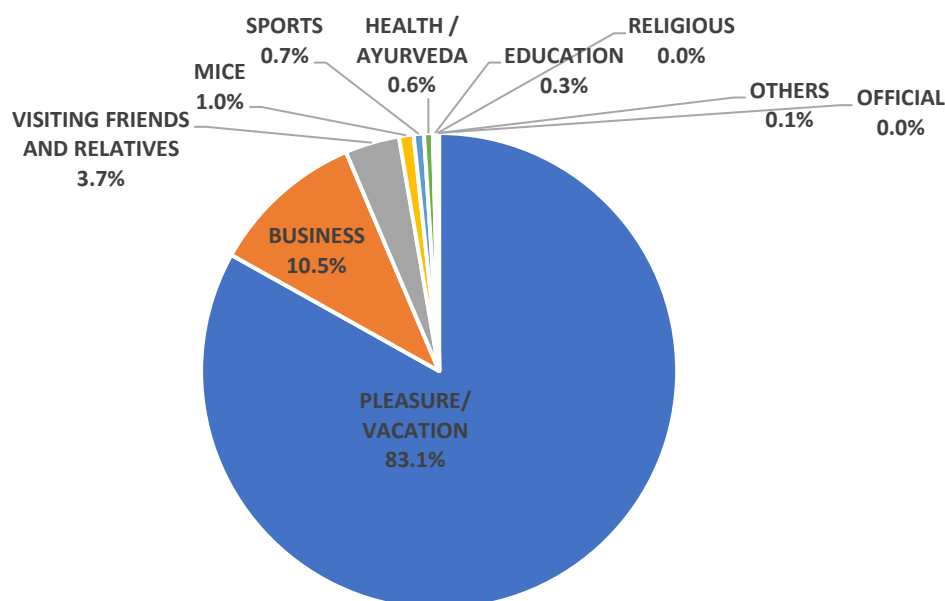
Out of the total pleasure travellers, the highest proportion of tourists came from South Asia at 22.0% followed by Western Europe 17.5% and Northern Europe 13.3%. The largest proportion of business travellers were from Northern Europe (23.9%) followed by North America (18.7%) and South Asia (18.2%). The proportion of tourists who came for visiting friends and relatives are mainly from South Asia, North East Asia and South East Asia and constituted 58.6%, 13.6% and 6.3% respectively.

The highest proportion of MICE tourists came from South Asia (44.1%) while, 74.2% of tourists from Western Europe have visited for health purposes.

The largest proportion of travellers who have come for sports and education purposes are from South Asia at 59.5% & 38.6% respectively.

India as the major tourist source market, produced over 350,000 tourists to Sri Lanka in 2019 which is comparatively different from all the other markets that constituted 17.5% for pleasure, 48.2% for visiting friends and relatives (VFR), and 14.2% for business related travel, 32% for MICE, 44.1% for sports and 29% for education. It is noteworthy that out of the health travellers the highest proportion of tourists (53.1%) came from Germany while the highest proportion of tourists who came for visiting friends and relatives (VFR) (48.2%) was recorded from India.

Chart 10: Distribution by Purpose of Visit (Percentage) - 2019



Source: Department of Immigration and Emigration

2.5 Duration of Stay

Statistics on duration of stay by the country of residence of tourists are shown in table 11 and 12 in the Statistical Appendix.

The table 11 shows that the average duration of stay for tourists in Sri Lanka during the year under review has declined from 10.8 to 10.4 nights in 2019. The highest (33.5%) percentage of tourists had stayed 8 to 14 nights. 31.0% of tourists stayed for 4-7 days while 14.7 percent of tourists stayed for 1-3 days.

An analysis of average duration of stay by region of origin reveals that the highest average duration of stay (15.2 nights) has been recorded from Northern Europe and Western Europe. Tourists from North America and Oceania recorded an average duration of stay of 13.5 and 12.6 nights respectively. The lowest average duration of stay of 7.2 nights has been recorded from tourists from North East Asian region.

In terms of individual countries, the longest average duration of stay has been recorded from Canada (19.4 nights) followed by Denmark (16.8 nights) and Norway, Sweden, Netherlands (16.7 nights).

The total number of nights spent by the 1,913,702 tourists who visited the country in 2019 amounted to 19,902,501 (See Table 12). This was a decrease of 21.0% when compared with 25,204,996 nights recorded for the previous year (See Table 12).

By the end of 2019, foreign tourists spent a total of 9,772,128 nights in Sri Lankan hotels (i.e. Classified Hotels, Unclassified Hotels, Boutique Hotels) This was a decline of 22.5%, when compared with the figure of 12,608,044 nights recorded in 2018. (see Table 21).

Tourist nights recorded in supplementary establishments (i.e. Boutique Villa, Guest Houses, Rest Houses, Home Stay Units, Tourist Bungalows, Rented Tourist Homes, Rented Tourist Apartments and Heritage Bungalows/Homes etc.) in 2019 was 5,364,773 showing a decline of 21.2% when compared with 6,805,139 nights in hotels recorded in year 2018(See Table 21)

It is noteworthy that only 49% of the total nights tourists spent in Sri Lanka they stayed in hotels while 27 percent of nights were spent in supplementary establishments. In the remaining 24% of nights, tourists used accommodation units and private houses (see Table 21).

Chart 11: Distribution of Average Duration of Stay (Nights) - 2019

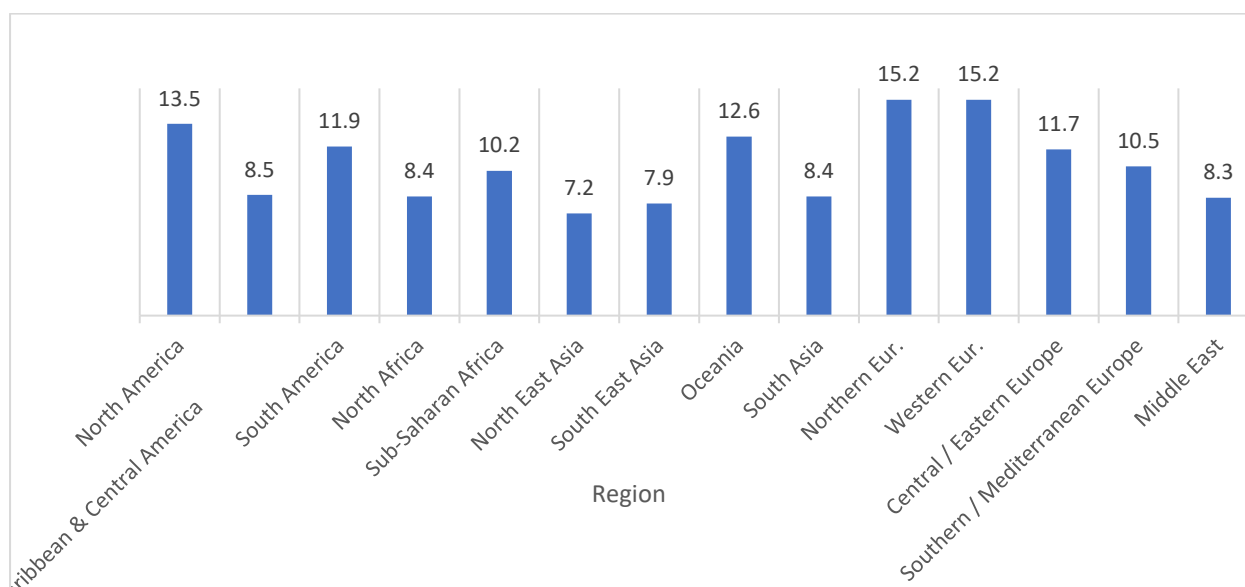
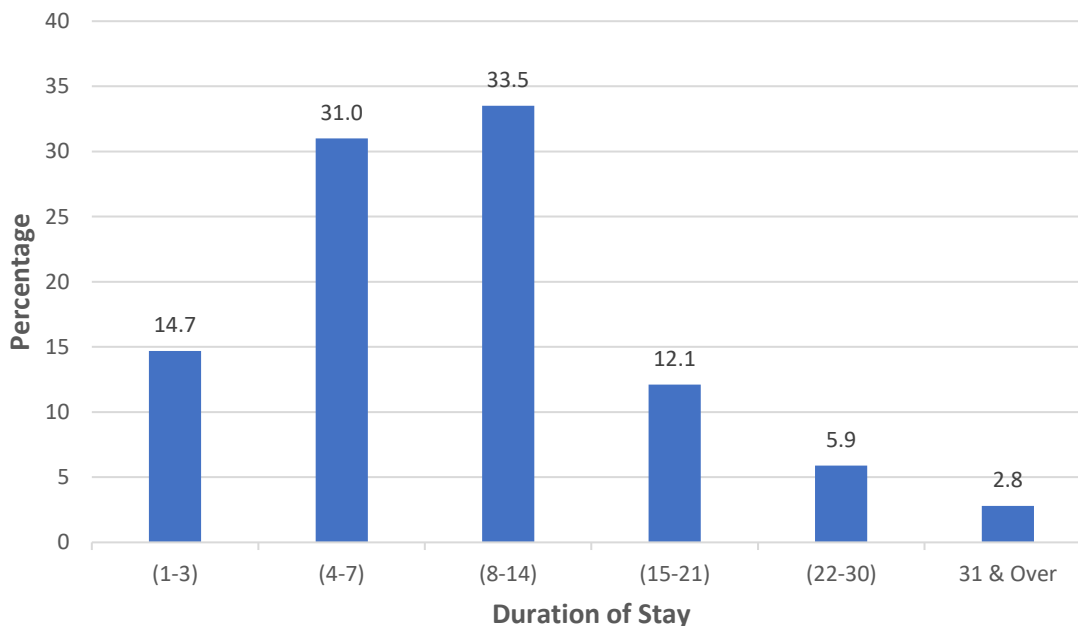


Chart 12: Distribution of Period of Stay (Percentage) - 2019



Source: Department of Immigration and Emigration

2.6 Age and Sex

An analysis of 2019 arrivals by the age and sex composition of the tourists who visited Sri Lanka are shown in Table 13 and 14 in the Statistical Appendix.

The age composition shows the preponderance of incoming visitors are in the age brackets 30-39 and 60 years and above where 40.14 percent of the tourists were in these two age brackets. Of the total tourists, 10.2 percent were below 20 years in age, 17 percent were in the age group 20-29 years, 22.6 percent between 30 -39 years, 16.8 percent between 40 -49 years, 15.8 percent between 50 -59 years and the remaining 17.6 percent were 60 years and above.

Further analysis of arrivals by age reveals that the highest arrivals in the age brackets of 3-19 (21.8 percent), 20-29 (22.7 percent), 30- 39 (27.5 percent), 40 - 49 (29.4 percent) and 50-59 (21.2 percent) have been recorded from South Asian region. Highest arrivals (20.1 percent) in the age category of 60 & above is recorded from Western Europe.

The sex distribution of the tourists who visited Sri Lanka during the year shows that 52.3% of tourists were male while 47.7 were female. The sex ration ratio for 2019 is 109.8.

It can also be seen from the Table 14 in the Statistical Appendix that in 2019 the highest proportions of female tourists were recorded from Western Europe (18.6 percent), South Asia (17.1 percent) and Northern Europe (14.7 percent). On the other hand, the highest proportions of male tourists have been recorded from South Asia (29.1 percent), Western Europe (15.3 percent) and Northern Europe (13.3 percent.)

Chart 13: Distribution of Tourists by Sex and Region (Percentage)-2019

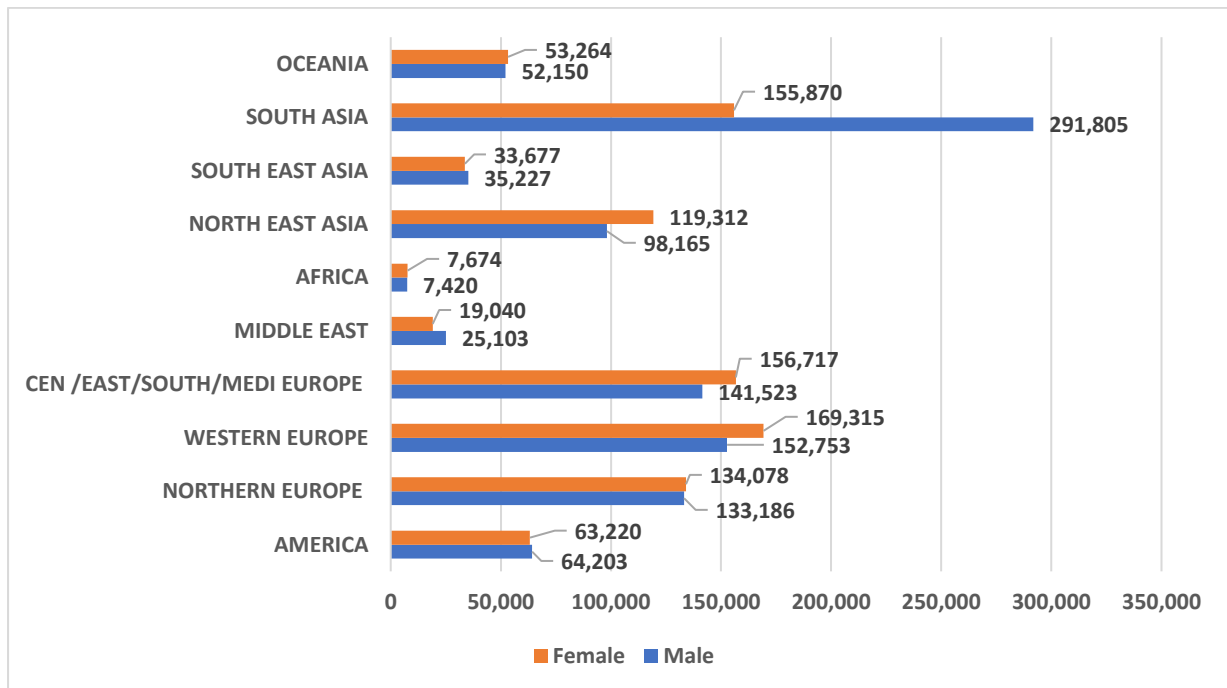
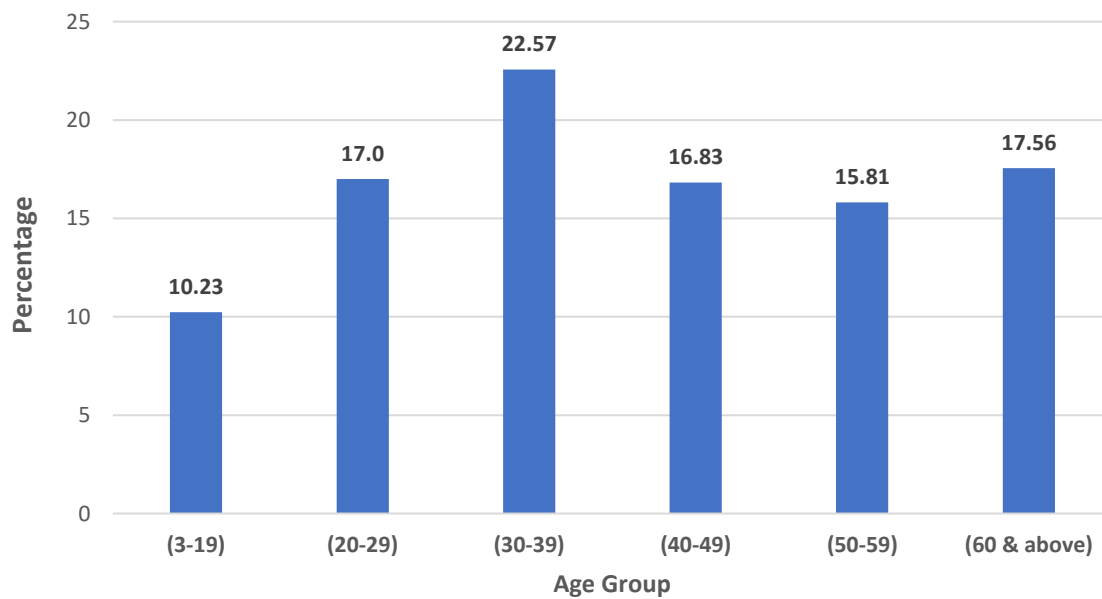


Chart 14: Distribution of Tourists by Age Group (Percentage) - 2019



2.7 Occupation

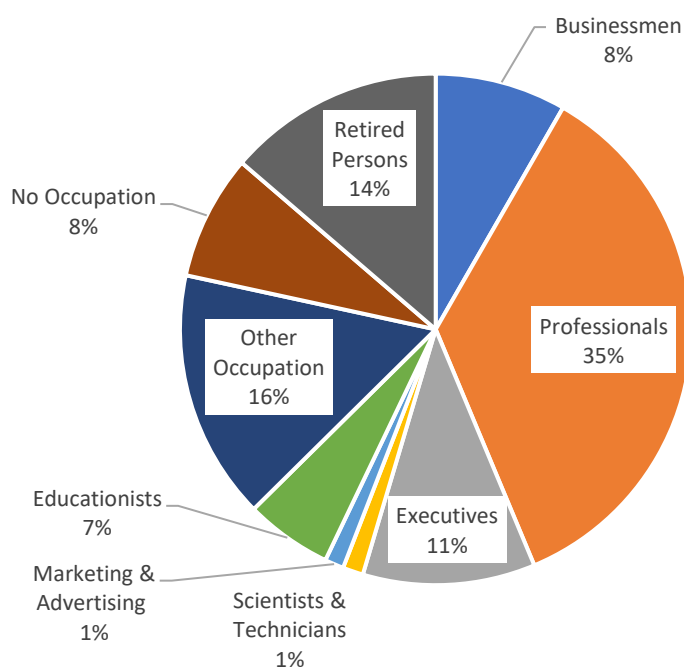
Occupational Classification of tourists who visited Sri Lanka during the year under review are shown in Table 15 and 16 in the statistical Appendix.

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 15 shows that 7.2% of the tourists who visited Sri Lanka in 2019 belonged to the ‘No Occupation’ category. This group together with the retired persons (7.7%) represented the tourists who were “Economically inactive”, at (14.9%). The balance 85.1% 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 34.6% of the total traffic received in 2019. Other professionals came second with 13.4%, Business category third with 12.4%, those in the Educationist fourth with 12.1% and Executives fifth with 8.4%. Scientists & technicians constituted 2.8% of the total traffic.

A fairly high proportion of businessmen (54.95%) from South Asia and 17.93% of tourists belonging to Professionals category from South Asia had visited the country in 2019. In terms of economically inactive group the highest arrivals for retired persons have been recorded from Northern Europe (26.17%) while 39.35% belonging to the ‘No occupation’ category had visited from South Asia.

Chart 15: Distribution of occupational categories (Percentage)- 2019



2.8 Arrivals by Carrier

Statistics showing the capacity operated by all airlines are shown in Tables 8 and 8a in the Statistical Appendix.

During the year 2019, 30 airlines including the national carrier Sri Lankan Airlines operated flights to Sri Lanka (Table 17 and Table 8). The number of flights operated by these carriers amounted to 1,356 per week. The number of seats available in incoming flights per week during winter was 152,099 while 150,711 seats were available during summer. Top three airlines carrying 1.0 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 63.3% of the arrivals while intra - regional flights and charter flights contributed to 26.2% and 5.3% respectively (Table 7). During the year under review there were around 45 charter airlines operating to Sri Lanka.

Chart 16: Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Type of Carrier (percentage)- 2018-2019

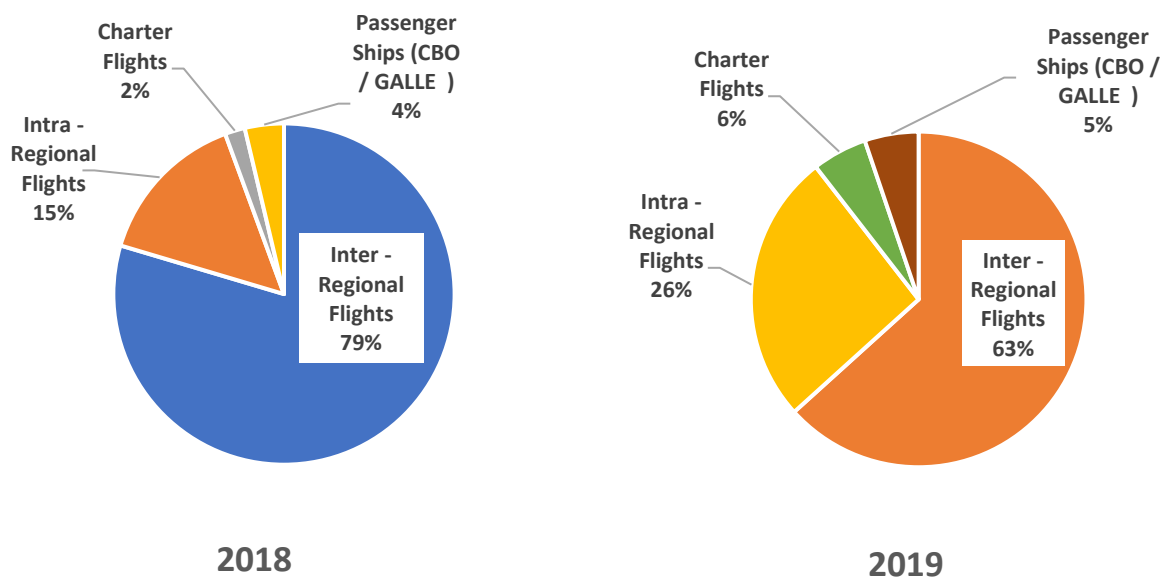
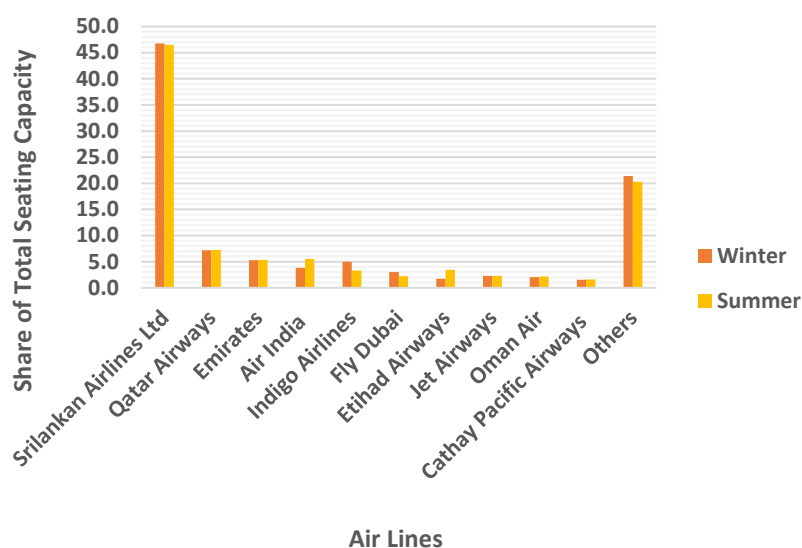


Chart 17:

Distribution of Total Seating Capacity by Carrier (Percentage)- 2019



Air Line	Winter	Summer
Sri Lankan Airlines	46.7	46.5
Qatar Airways	7.2	7.2
Emirates	5.3	5.3
Air India	3.8	5.5
Indigo Airlines	5.0	3.3
Fly Dubai	3.0	2.2
Etihad Airways	1.7	3.5
Jet Airways	2.3	2.3
Oman Air	2.1	2.2
Cathay Pacific Airways	1.6	1.6
Others	21.4	20.3

2.9 passenger Movement

As a Whole, the two-way Passenger traffic into and out of the country amounted to 6,838,540 for the year, through the main access point (BIA-katunayake). This represents a decrease of 8.2% as compared to the two-way Passenger traffic of 7,450,628 recorded for the previous year (Table 31)

The analysis of the passenger traffic composition revealed that almost half of these passengers (58.38%) were tourists. For both arrival and departures, Sri Lankan nationals accounted for 41.62% of the total traffic. (See Table 18)

2.10 Scheduled Airline Operations

During the year 2019, there were 31 scheduled airlines operating flights to Sri Lanka including National Carrier, Sri Lankan Airlines (see Table 8). In terms of popularity the top three airlines used by tourists are Sri Lankan Airlines, Emirates and Qatar Airlines. The tourist arrivals by charter carriers is shown in Table 8a 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 2019, the total number of establishments in the registered list of accommodation at SLTDA amounted to 2,619 with 40,365 rooms. The total capacity consisted of 474 tourist hotels and 2,145 supplementary establishments.

Compared with 2018, the accommodation capacity of tourist hotels increased by 3.72% from 457 to 474 units, while the number of rooms increased by 0.3% from 24,757 to 24,831 rooms in 2019. The capacity offered by the supplementary accommodation category increased by 15.63% from 1,855 to 2,145 units, while the number of rooms increased by 15.43% from 13,457, to 15,534 rooms (Table 21).

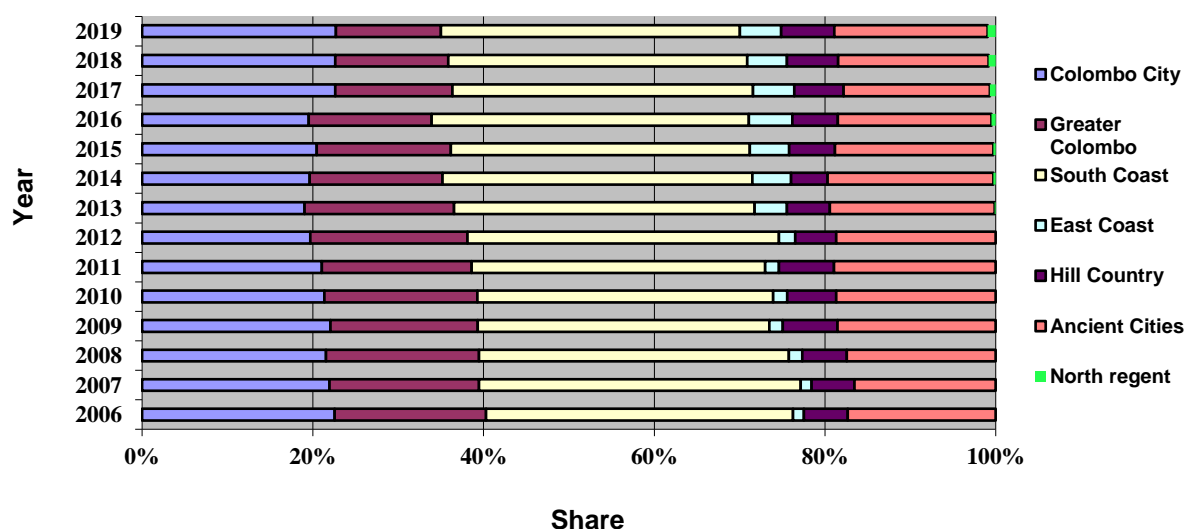
In 2019, the percentage distribution of room capacity of graded accommodation units by star category was 21.56% in the five-star category, 10.32% in four-star category, 10.12% in three-star category, 8.05% in two-star category, 6.69% in one-star category, 39.07% in the unclassified category, and 4.18% in boutique hotels (Table 23(a)).

The distribution of capacity available in 2019 by resort regions² is shown in Chart 18. Colombo City had 22.71% of the capacity on offer, while Greater Colombo (extending from Mt Lavinia to Colombo) had 12.29%, bringing the total capacity in Colombo and surrounding areas to 35.%. The South Coast region had 35.02% of the total capacity, Ancient Cities region 17.97%, Hill Country 6.23%, East Coast 4.84%, and Northern Region 0.95%.

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) – 2019



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 22 & 23 in the Statistical Appendix show monthly and annual occupancy rates by region. The overall annual room occupancy rate recorded for all accommodation in 2019 was 57.1%. The occupancy rate recorded for 2018 was 72.77%.

The highest occupancy rate was recorded in the month of January (78.42%) and the lowest in the month of May (14.93%). Thus, the variation in occupancy rates between the busiest and the least busy months was 63.49 percentage points.

Region wise, South Coast recorded the highest occupancy rate of 59.68%. Colombo City recorded an occupancy rate of 58.74%, followed by Greater Colombo (57.9%) Hill Country (57.45%), East Coast (57.31%) Ancient Cities (56.96%), and Northern Region (48.55%).

Chart 19:

Distribution of Occupancy Rates by Month (Percentage)- 2019

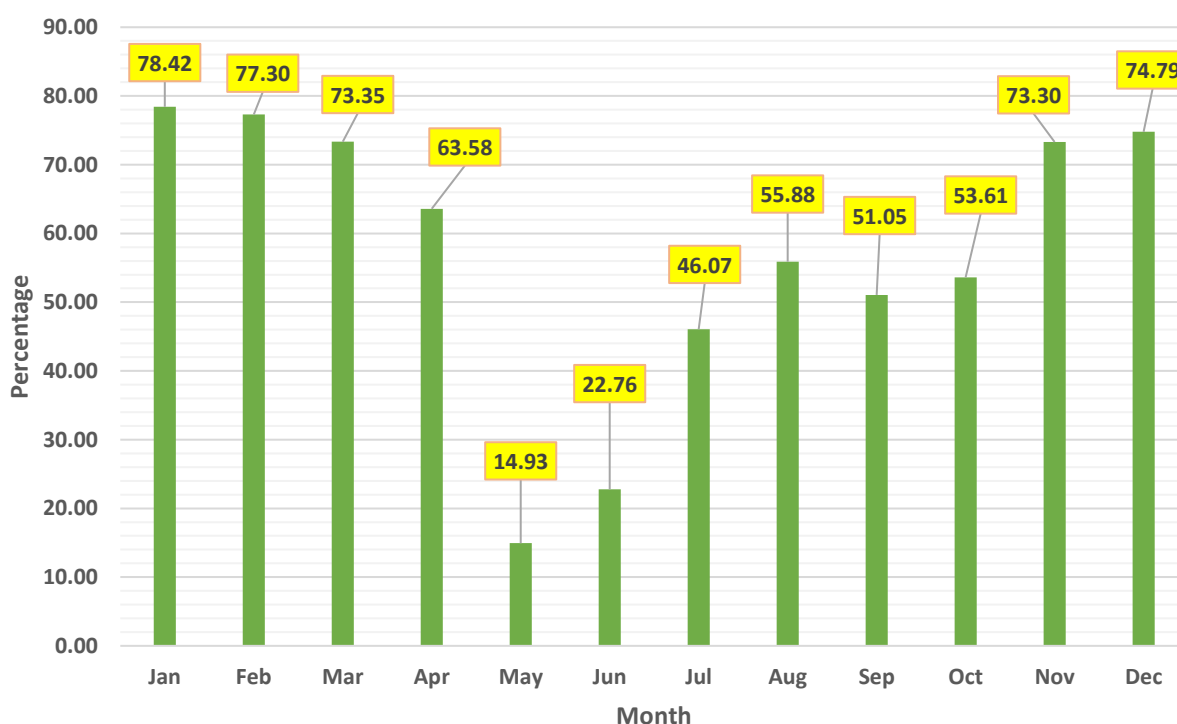


Chart 20:

Distribution of Occupancy Rates by Region (Percentage)- 2019

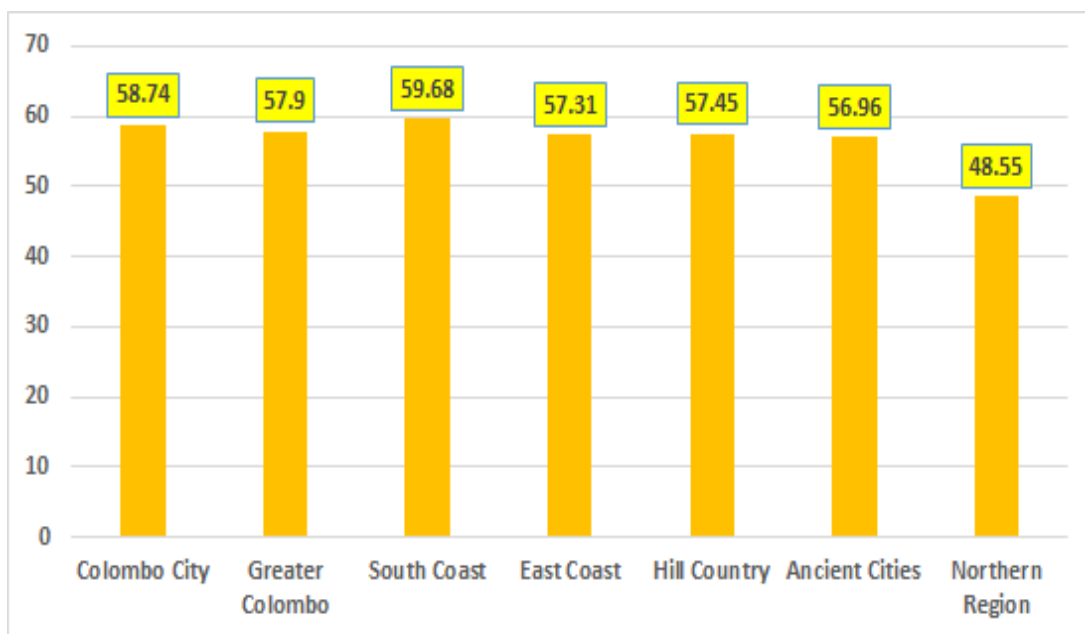
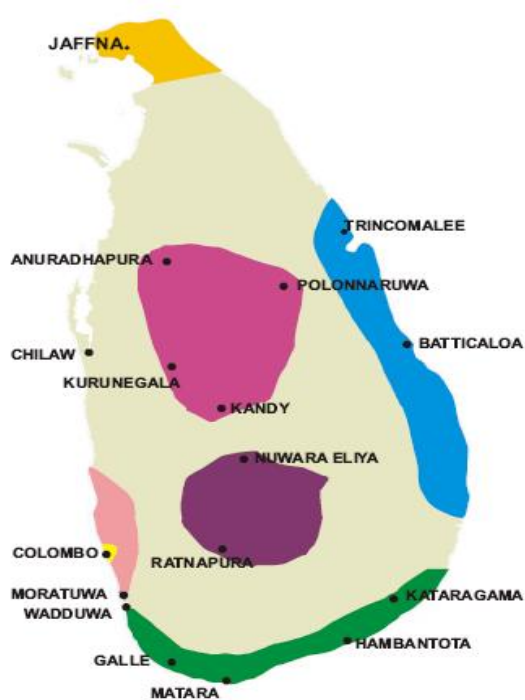


Figure 3: Occupancy Rates by Resort Region- 2018 & 2019

Table VI: Occupancy Rates by Resort Region- 2018 & 2019



Resort Region	Occupancy Rate	
	2018	2019
Colombo City	79.2%	58.7 %
Greater Colombo	75.4%	57.9 %
South Coast	73.1%	59.7%
East Coast	71.4%	57.3 %
Hill Country	71.7%	57.5 %
Ancient Cities	71.4%	57.0 %
Northern Region	68.5%	48.5 %

3.3 Guest Nights

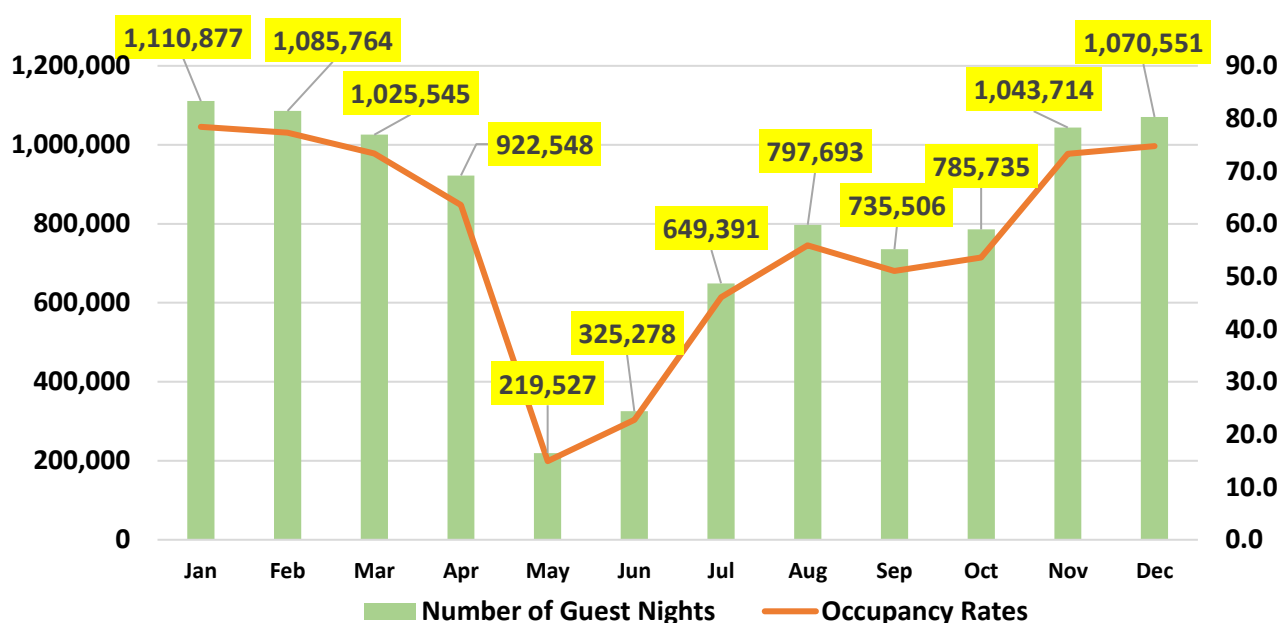
Detailed statistics showing the distribution of nights both foreign and local spent in accommodation establishments classified by month, by accommodation type and by tourist destination are shown in Table 23a, 24, 12 and 25 in the Statistical Appendix.

In 2019, the total number of guest nights recorded in the accommodation facilities included in the analysis amounted to 19,902,501. This was a decrease of 21.04% when compared to 2018 (25,204,996). The number of nights foreign visitors spent in accommodation facilities registered with SLTDA throughout the island decreased by 22.03% from 19,413,183 in 2018 to 15,136,901 in 2019, while the local guest nights recorded an decrease of 22.71% from 2,949,933 in 2018 to 2,279,948 in 2019.

The distribution of guest nights by resort region shows that 37.73% of the foreign guest nights have been spent in the South Coast. The proportion of foreign guest nights spent in the Colombo city and its environs was 33.03% followed by Ancient Cities (18.45%) and Hill Country (5.93%) (Table 24).

The local guest nights figures show a different distribution. The largest proportion of nights local guests spent was reported from the South Coast (37.21%) followed by Colombo City and Greater Colombo (31.29%) and Ancient Cities (18.01%) These three areas accounted for 86.51% of total nights local guests spent while traveling.

Chart 21: Number of Nights spent by Foreign Tourists and Occupancy Rates by Month-2019





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 2017 to 2019.

The total number of establishments covered in the 2019 survey was 4,341. The total number of employees in these establishments amounted to 173,592 as compared to 169,003 in 2018. This was an increase of 4,589 (2.7%). Substantial increases were recorded in all categories of establishments.

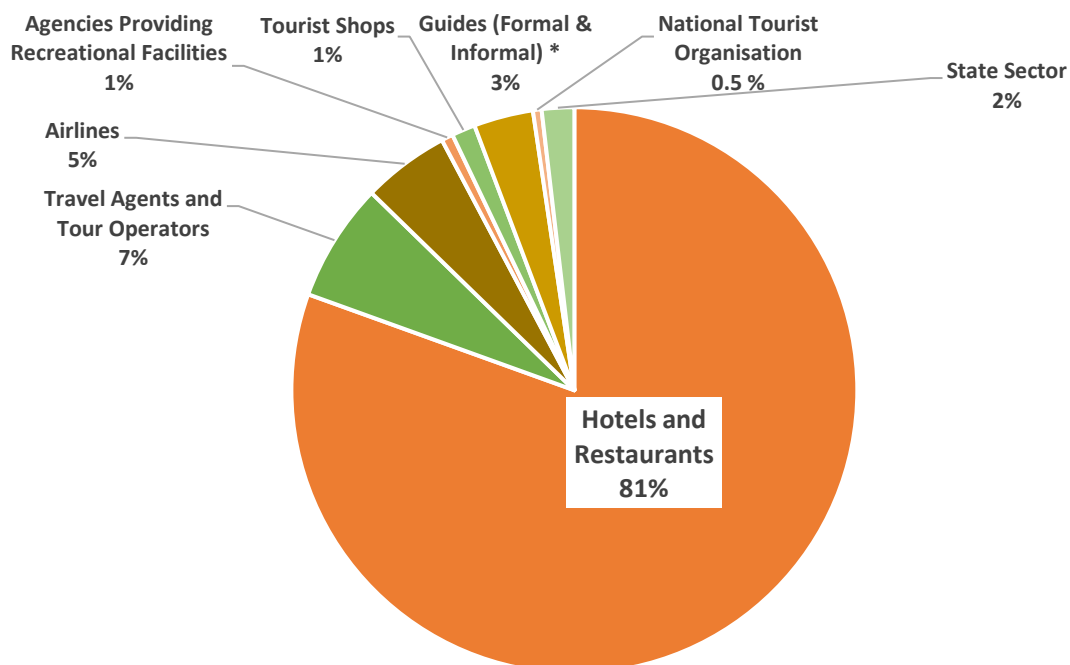
Of the total tourism-based direct employment in 2019, 81% were employed in Hotels and Restaurants. Travel Agents & Tour Operators accounted for 7% of the total, Airlines 5%, Guides 3%, State Sector 2%, Tourist Shops 1%, the Agencies providing Recreational Facilities 1% and the National Tourist Organization 0.5%.

A classification of the total number in employment by broad occupational categories shows that 14.8% belonged to managerial, scientific and professional grades, 51.5% to technical, clerical, allied and supervisory grades and 33.7% 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 2019, the estimated total number for indirect employment was 229,015 (Table 29). Therefore, the total number in employment, both direct and indirect, in the tourism sector in 2018 can be estimated as 402,607.

Chart 22:

Distribution of Employment in the Tourism Industry (Percentage) -2019



05

**PUBLIC SECTOR
REVENUE**

5.1 Public Sector Revenue

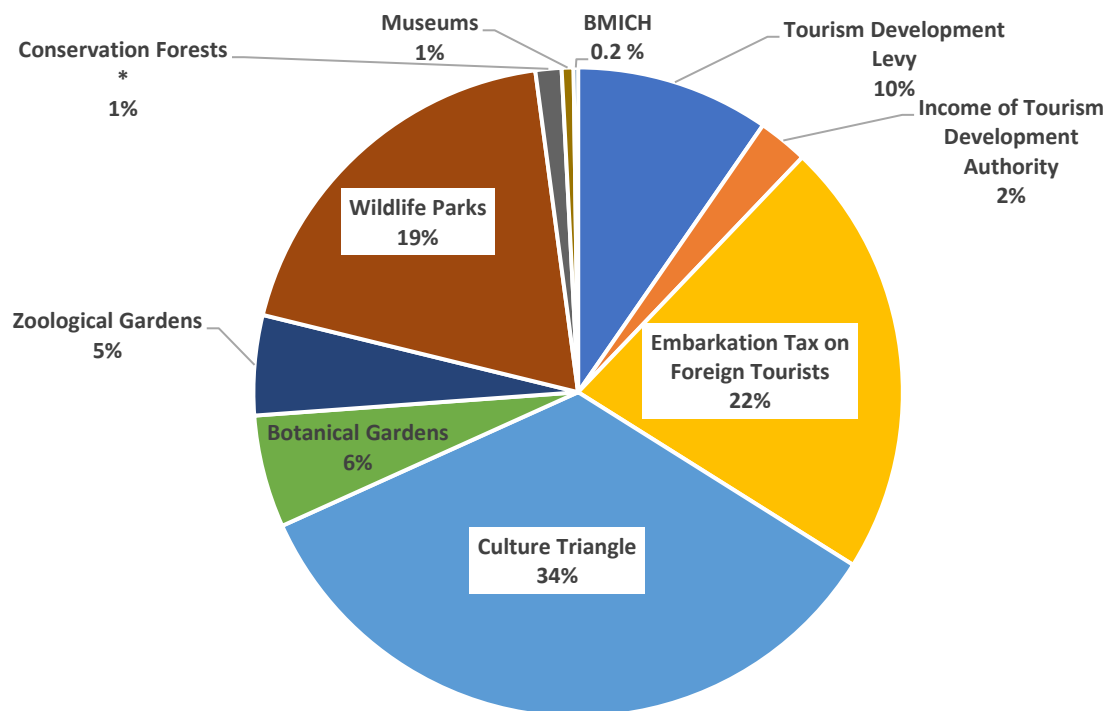
Public sector institutions derive revenue from tourism in variety of ways, namely direct and indirect taxes, fees and levies, profits from business undertakings, etc. However, statistics of revenue collections are readily available only from few sources, such as the Tourism Development Levy, Embarkation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

In 2019, the revenue collected from the listed sources amounted to Rs. **9,586.80** million, compared to Rs. **12,872.6** million collected in the previous year.

Out of the total revenue collected in 2019, the top three contributors were; Cultural Triangle Entrance Fees – Rs. 3,290.70 million, Embarkation Taxes – Rs. 2,089.20 million and the Wildlife Parks – Rs. 1,827.70 million. The revenue earned from Tourism Development Levy was 924.2 million while the Zoological Gardens, Botanical Gardens and BMICH also contributed considerable amounts, recording Rs. 476.9 million, Rs. 537.1 millions & Rs. 21.4 million, respectively.

The government earns substantial amount of income in addition to the above revenue as indirect taxes such as taxes from electricity, water, mail services and telecommunication, lease rentals etc. The figures presented below are only partial indicators of the total revenue from tourism.

Chart 23: Distribution of Public Sector Revenue from Tourism (Percentage) – 2019



Source: SLTDA and relevant line agencies

06

**FOREIGN TRAVEL BY
SRI LANKANS**

6.1 Foreign Travel by Sri Lankans

1,441,462 Sri Lankans travelled overseas during the year 2019. This was a decline of 2.33% compared to the previous year when the total departures were 1,475, 929(Table 18).

Departures of Sri Lankan nationals analyzed by the mode of travel and port of departure are Shown in Table 18 and 28. In 2019, the mode of overseas travel of 99.7% of Sri Lankans was by air, out of which 99.9% of Sri Lankans used BIA, Katunayake as the port of departure. 0.08% of departing Sri Lankans used Colombo Harbour when it comes to the mode of sea.

An analysis of Sri Lankan Departures by gender reveals that 62% are male while 38% of departing Sri Lankans are female. Further the distribution of departures by first port reveals that the top five first ports of departing Sri Lankans are Dubai, Doha Quarter, Chennai, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur (Table 19)

Chart 24: Sri Lankan Departures - 2004 to 2019

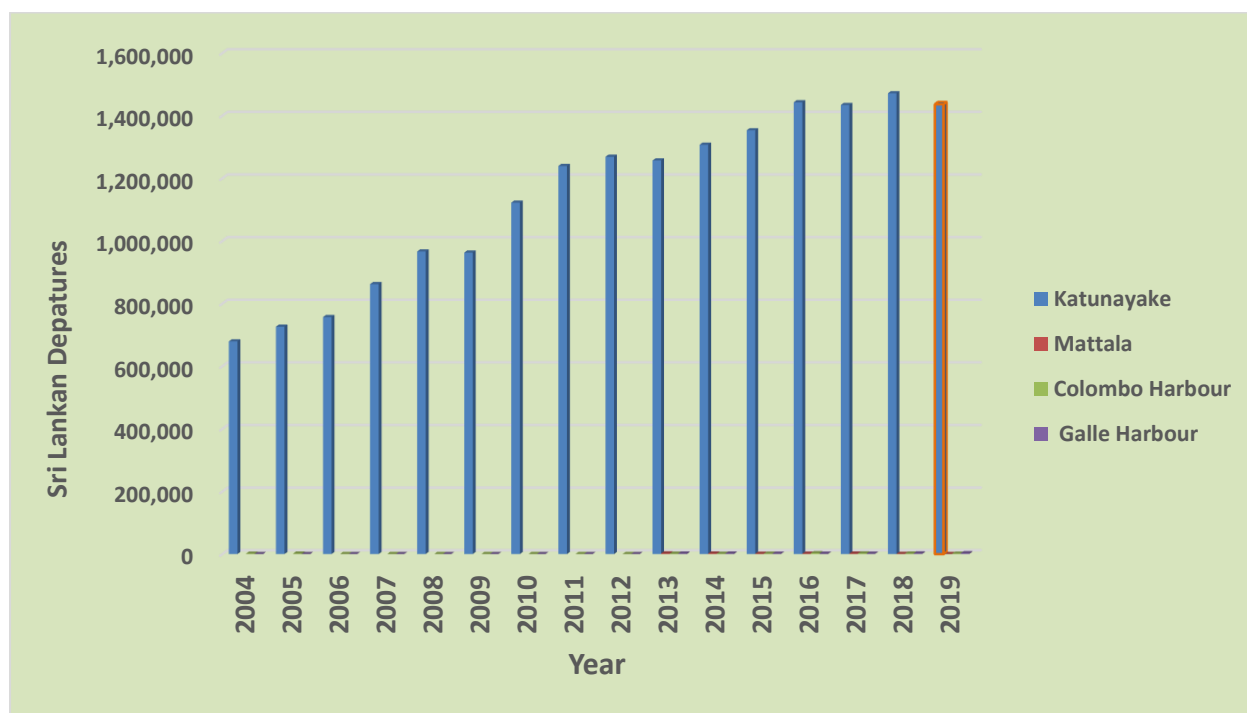


Chart 25: Distribution of Sri Lankan Departures by Gender- 2019

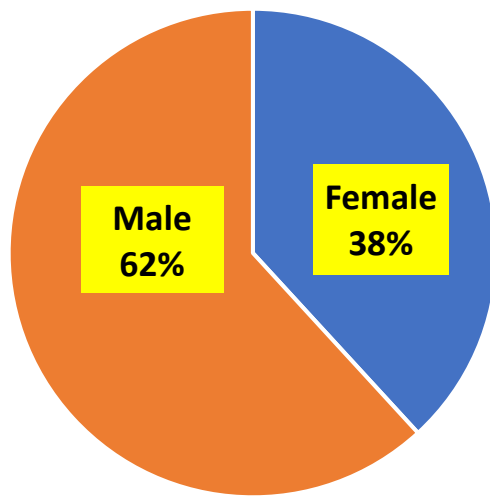
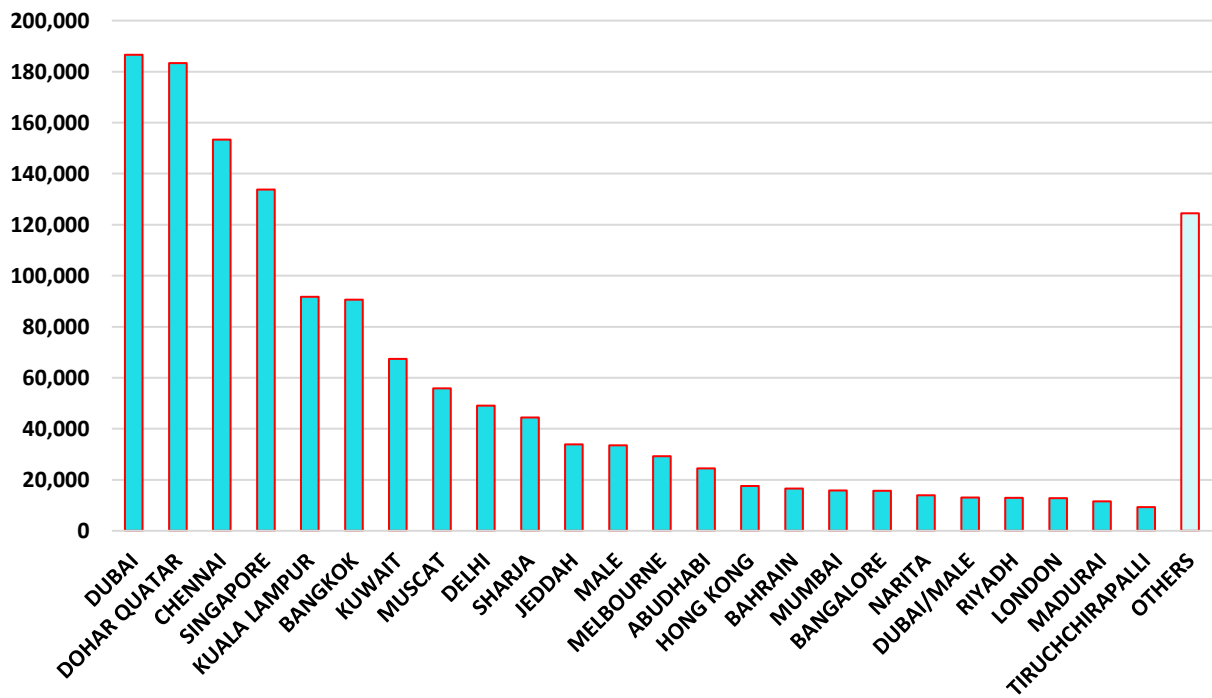


Chart 26: Distribution of Sri Lankan Departures by First Port- 2019



07

STATISTICAL APPENDIX

Table 1:

Tourist Arrivals by Nationality -2019

Nationality	2019	Percentage Share (%)
AMERICANS		
NORTH AMERICANS	110,773	5.79
American	62,416	3.26
Canadian	46,790	2.44
Mexican	1,567	0.08
CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICAN	6,833	0.36
Argentinian	1,194	0.06
Brazilian	2,441	0.13
Others	3,198	0.17
EUROPEANS		
WESTERN EUROPEANS	318,095	16.62
Austrian	14,524	0.76
Belgian	15,303	0.80
Deutsch	129,345	6.76
Dutch	40,091	2.09
French	88,602	4.63
Swiss	29,366	1.53
Others	864	0.05
NORTHERN EUROPEAN	261,229	13.65
British	191,241	9.99
Danish	17,114	0.89
Finnish	7,302	0.38
Irish	8,254	0.43
Norwegian	13,780	0.72
Swedish	23,129	1.21
Others	409	0.02
CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE	199,599	10.43
Czech	20,153	1.05
Polish	20,985	1.10
Russian	89,069	4.65
Ukrainian	34,075	1.78
Others	35,317	1.85

Nationality	2019	Percentage Share (%)
SOUTHERN EUROPE	94,107	4.92
Spanish	24,585	1.28
Italian	31,446	1.64
Israeli	15,292	0.80
Others	22,784	1.19
MIDDLE EAST	46,235	2.42
Saudi Arabian	16,533	0.86
Omani	4,327	0.23
Others	25,375	1.33
AFRICA	16,940	0.89
South Africans	6,514	0.34
Seychellois	2,592	0.14
Others	7,834	0.41
ASIANS		
NORTH EAST ASIANS	226,546	11.84
Chinese	174,975	9.14
Japanese	31,441	1.64
Others	20,130	1.05
SOUTH ASIANS	461,472	24.11
Indians	364,989	19.07
Maldivians	63,443	3.32
Pakistani	15,252	0.80
Others	17,788	0.93
SOUTH EAST ASIANS	68,202	3.56
Indonesians	4,598	0.24
Malaysians	17,555	0.92
Singaporeans	14,414	0.75
Others	31,635	1.65
OCEANIANS	103,671	5.42
Australian	91,258	4.77
New Zealand	12,131	0.63
Others	282	0.01
Total	1,913,702	100.00

Table 2:
Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence- 2018 & 2019

Country of Residence	2019	2018	% Change 2019/2018
AMERICAS	127,423	137,626	(7.4)
North America	119,681	129,492	(7.6)
Canada	48,729	52,681	(7.5)
Mexico	2,120	1,503	41.1
United States	68,832	75,308	(8.6)
Caribbean & Central America	938	911	3.0
Costa Rica	143	132	8.3
Jamaica	58	102	(43.1)
Others	737	677	8.9
South America	6,804	7,223	(5.8)
Argentina	1,403	1,809	(22.4)
Brazil	2,964	2,774	6.8
Chile	938	1,002	(6.4)
Colombia	713	702	1.6
Others	786	936	(16.0)
AFRICA	15,094	14,873	1.5
North Africa	2,780	2,991	(7.1)
Morocco	1031	1,036	(0.5)
Sudan	584	858	(31.9)
Others	1165	1,097	6.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	12,314	11,882	3.6
Kenya	1,559	874	78.4
Mauritius	739	720	2.6
Nigeria	172	412	(58.3)
South Africa	7,132	7,416	(3.8)
Others	2,712	2,460	10.2
ASIA & PACIFIC	839,470	1,091,800	(23.1)
North East Asia	217,477	339,558	(36.0)
China	167,863	265,965	(36.9)
Japan	30,079	49,450	(39.2)
South Korea	12,195	15,748	(22.6)
Taiwan	7,127	8,187	(12.9)
Others	213	208	2.4
South East Asia	68,904	84,013	(18.0)
Cambodia	2,841	771	268.5
Singapore	13,871	19,861	(30.2)
Thailand	9,861	9,178	7.4

Country of Residence	2019	2018	% Change 2019/2018
Vietnam	2,643	3,189	(17.1)
Others	194	297	(34.7)
Oceania	105,414	125,069	(15.7)
Australia	92,674	110,928	(16.5)
New Zealand	12,463	13,825	(9.9)
Others	277	316	(12.3)
South Asia	447,675	543,160	(17.6)
Afghanistan	473	861	(45.1)
Bangladesh	8,261	10,487	(21.2)
Bhutan	343	679	(49.5)
India	355,002	424,887	(16.4)
Iran	3,249	5,720	(43.2)
Maldives	60,278	76,108	(20.8)
Nepal	5,414	5,302	2.1
Pakistan	14,655	19,116	(23.3)
EUROPE	887,572	1,017,861	(12.8)
Northern Eur.	267,264	339,047	(21.2)
Denmark	16,869	19,223	(12.2)
Finland	7,028	8,888	(20.9)
Norway	13,446	17,217	(21.9)
Sweden	22,464	28,267	(20.5)
United Kingdom	198,776	254,176	(21.8)
Others	8,681	11,276	(23.0)
Western Eur.	322,068	392,356	(17.9)
Austria	14,713	19,320	(23.8)
Belgium	14,948	17,519	(14.7)
France	87,623	106,449	(17.7)
Germany	134,899	156,888	(14.0)
Netherlands	38,993	57,160	(31.8)
Switzerland	29,981	33,965	(11.7)
Others	911	1,055	(13.6)
Central / Eastern Europe	196,856	176,905	11.3
Belarus	4,796	4,621	3.8
Czech Republic	19,204	17,600	9.1
Estonia	2,516	2,744	(8.3)
Hungary	4,091	4,514	(9.4)
Kazakhstan	2,399	2,721	(11.8)

Table 2(Contd.)

Country of Residence	2019	2018	% Change 2019/2018
Lithuania	2,793	3,386	(17.5)
Indonesia	4,919	5,365	(8.3)
Malaysia	16,861	22,808	(26.1)
Myanmar	3,124	3,241	(3.6)
Philippines	14,590	19,303	(24.4)
Poland	20,896	20,378	2.5
Romania	5,463	5,931	(7.9)
Russian Federation	86,549	64,497	34.2
Slovakia	4,944	5,289	(6.5)
Ukraine	35,051	36,515	(4.0)
Others	8,154	8,709	(6.4)
Southern / Mediterranean Europe	101,384	109,553	(7.5)
Greece	6,980	7,778	(10.3)
Italy	36,147	38,379	(5.8)
Portugal	5,193	5,933	(12.5)
Spain	24,489	29,208	(16.2)
Turkey	4,972	4,262	16.7
Israel	14,770	13,833	6.8
Others	8,833	10,160	(13.1)
MIDDLE EAST	44,143	71,636	(38.4)
Bahrain	2,285	2,858	(20.0)
Egypt	3,708	3,854	(3.8)
Iraq	852	1,021	(16.6)
Jordan	3,085	3,156	(2.2)
Kuwait	3,239	3,465	(6.5)
Lebanon	4,304	5,521	(22.0)
Oman	4,117	6,846	(39.9)
Qatar	1063	1,676	(36.6)
Saudi Arabia	15,707	34,703	(54.7)
United Arab Emirates	3,528	5,785	(39.0)
Others	2,255	2,751	(18.0)
TOTAL	1,913,702	2,333,796	(18.0)

Table 3:

Seasonal Variation in Tourist Traffic- 1971 to 2019(Seasonal Indices) (1)

Table (c)

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
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

Table 3(Contd.)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Seasonality ratio (2)	Coefficient of Seasonal Variation(3)
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
2018	123	121	120	93	67	75	112	103	77	79	101	130	1.3	22
2019	153	158	153	105	24	40	73	90	68	74	111	152	1.6	47

- (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 indices

Table 4

Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence and Month (All Countries) -2019

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
1	AFGHANISTAN	49	47	59	38	2	12	47	54	50	22	55	38	473
2	ALBANIA	48	33	54	43	40	31	17	15	11	23	27	27	369
3	ALGERIA	34	32	36	32	3	8	3	17	29	16	13	49	272
4	ANDORRA	2	3	5	9	4	0	7	7	2	7	2	5	53
5	ANGOLA	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	2	1	17
6	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	1	2	7	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	19
7	ARGENTINA	192	158	190	267	42	33	47	43	44	53	142	192	1,403
8	ARMENIA	156	92	85	65	12	16	41	81	109	91	78	157	983
9	AUSTRALIA	10,368	8,810	11,441	9,565	2,485	4,410	5,619	5,985	6,895	5,562	7,067	14,467	92,674
10	AUSTRIA	2,288	2,709	1,932	1,656	144	251	848	667	502	543	1,349	1,824	14,713
11	AZERBAIJAN	53	64	151	17	15	9	32	24	20	15	35	81	516
12	BAHAMAS	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	14
13	BAHRAIN	394	162	150	141	17	121	283	318	140	108	194	257	2,285
14	BANGLADESH	946	731	848	593	186	509	631	804	693	665	626	1,029	8,261
15	BARBADOS	4	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	2	1	17
16	BELARUS	997	930	914	142	31	24	46	88	75	225	662	662	4,796
17	BELGIUM	1,278	1,681	1,646	1,626	153	561	2,603	1,508	1,082	561	933	1,316	14,948
18	BELIZE	4	2	3	2	0	0	2	3	1	1	5	2	25
19	BENIN	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	7
20	BHUTAN	37	74	25	9	11	12	23	13	23	43	38	35	343
21	BOLIVIA	4	2	4	3	0	0	2	2	3	2	1	7	30
22	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	32	33	29	14	8	9	5	15	14	10	13	34	216
23	BOTSWANA	7	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	3	9	37
24	BRAZIL	330	233	310	637	46	74	122	75	115	106	318	598	2,964
25	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	4	11	6	2	0	5	0	2	5	2	2	1	40

Table 4 (Contd.)

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
26	BULGARIA	341	478	375	246	49	196	67	75	67	121	268	391	2,674
27	BURKINA FASO	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	12
28	BURUNDI	1	1		0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	3
29	CAMBODIA	128	745	1,592	20	48	27	41	22	36	22	94	66	2,841
30	CAMEROON	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	12
31	CANADA	5,840	6,469	6,011	3,741	1,575	2,827	3,826	4,052	2,438	2,385	3,053	6,512	48,729
32	CAPE VERDE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	6
33	CHAD	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0		0	0	0	6
34	CHILE	132	204	85	100	33	24	36	29	59	41	65	130	938
35	CHINA	26,414	28,039	23,759	14,263	1,589	3,496	6,926	9,503	9,231	11,683	16,312	16,648	167,863
36	COLOMBIA	88	68	67	72	33	44	34	36	57	46	58	110	713
37	COMOROS	20	5	22	11	0	7	22	13	10	5	7	6	128
38	CONGO THE DEM REPOF THE	6	7	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	6	3	33
39	CONGO, REPUBLIC OF.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	1	3
40	COSTA RICA	21	21	13	13	2	1	5	9	8	9	6	35	143
41	COTE DIVOIRE	0	3	1	7	2	1	3	2	4	0	3	8	34
42	CROATIA	452	289	218	186	30	38	64	94	66	73	147	265	1,922
43	CUBA	2	2	7	1	0	2	5	1	2	4	3	12	41
44	CYPRUS	68	66	73	68	17	26	56	114	32	27	44	118	709
45	CZECH REPUBLIC	2,787	4,449	3,041	1,370	167	380	997	585	663	700	1,631	2,434	19,204
46	DENMARK	3,059	3,980	1,845	1,887	119	481	1,741	497	416	636	763	1,445	16,869
47	DIJIBOUTI	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	1	9

Table 4 (Contd.)

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
48	DOMINICA	6	5	7	6	0	7	3	5	4	5	5	9	62
49	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	5	3	9	3	0	2	3	7	7	4	44	24	111
50	ECUADOR	14	11	12	10	2	3	3	11	8	3	10	31	118
51	EGYPT	320	304	364	487	85	168	221	296	265	290	423	485	3,708
52	EL SALVADOR	1	5	5	4	1	3	4	3	5	6	6	3	46
53	ERITREA	3	3	6	3	1	4	4	1	2	8	5	2	42
54	ESTONIA	501	559	268	143	17	11	39	19	23	167	156	613	2,516
55	ETHIOPIA	9	11	19	16	3	11	9	15	9	7	16	14	139
56	FIJI	23	17	17	13	5	7	10	5	10	10	14	13	144
57	FINLAND	1,589	1,668	1,007	364	58	167	153	112	104	216	446	1,144	7,028
58	FRANCE	11,892	17,295	13,957	9,148	1,120	1,989	7,142	7,087	2,929	3,383	4,857	6,824	87,623
59	GABON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	5
60	GAMBIA, THE	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	7
61	GEORGIA	102	64	53	26	18	23	39	34	26	58	66	56	565
62	GERMANY	14,027	17,268	18,134	16,930	1,767	3,312	8,385	7,667	6,396	7,820	20,844	12,349	134,899
63	GHANA	8	6	13	29	4	1	3	8	11	4	13	8	108
64	GREECE	766	694	643	619	419	387	475	515	495	507	539	921	6,980
65	GRENADA	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6
66	GUATEMALA	7	8	9	6	0	4	2	5	3	4	15	6	69
67	GUINEA	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	0	12
68	GUINEA-BISSAU	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
69	GUYANA	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	12

Table 4 (Contd.)

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
70	HAITI	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	9
71	HONDURAS	16	8	4	4	9	4	2	5	2	1	11	10	76
72	HONG KONG	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	11
73	HUNGARY	845	856	623	267	66	53	102	90	99	169	322	599	4,091
74	ICELAND	65	112	57	29	10	10	12	8	13	33	47	31	427
75	INDIA	40,049	32,286	34,812	23,431	11,246	15,048	18,309	37,568	28,917	33,217	31,677	48,442	355,002
76	INDONESIA	490	484	532	256	227	278	339	479	519	454	318	543	4,919
77	IRAN	204	326	1,025	205	51	73	104	117	253	394	220	277	3,249
78	IRAQ	95	54	113	58	7	23	64	133	49	76	92	88	852
79	IRELAND	1,067	1,110	1,224	1,105	111	256	417	472	315	484	627	1,066	8,254
80	ISRAEL	1,899	1,532	1,077	1,266	308	429	1,245	1,785	1,576	1,411	760	1,482	14,770
81	ITALY	6,433	5,363	4,309	3,303	452	675	1,431	3,340	1,016	947	3,917	4,961	36,147
82	JAMAICA	2	7	14	12	0	2	7	3	1	2	0	8	58
83	JAPAN	3,553	4,878	4,611	2,203	578	880	1,311	2,428	2,250	1,832	1,825	3,730	30,079
84	JORDAN	370	240	295	342	23	161	182	268	146	193	348	517	3,085
85	KAZAKHSTAN	509	327	266	109	13	32	41	35	58	91	220	698	2,399
86	KENYA	68	58	41	52	16	24	37	615	427	30	59	132	1,559
87	KIRIBATI	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	5
88	KOSOVAR	1	9	0	1	0	0	1	3	5	3	4	4	31
89	KUWAIT	545	467	246	247	37	159	331	520	98	123	135	331	3,239
90	KYRGYZSTAN	91	43	54	36	8	7	11	17	21	13	12	84	397
91	LAO PEOPLES DEM. REP.	7	13	22	18	2	6	5	8	11	8	25	4	129
92	LATVIA	373	282	274	97	30	25	26	32	51	125	227	314	1,856
93	LEBANON	389	410	576	661	77	184	291	410	287	163	377	479	4,304

Table 4 (Contd.)

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
94	LESOTHO	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1		1	3	2	13
95	LIBERIA	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	7
96	LIBYA	11	8	12	21	8	10	2	3	9	8	11	15	118
97	LIECHTENSTEIN	6	9	13	11	6	1	19	4	4	3	15	17	108
98	LITHUANIA	451	574	399	140	45	51	79	75	72	159	363	385	2,793
99	LUXEMBOURG	69	75	85	220	7	10	70	82	14	20	51	58	761
100	MACEDONIA	28	18	26	19	2	8	7	10	4	7	23	14	166
101	MADAGASCAR	11	7	3	5	2	6	3	113	42	5	5	5	207
102	MALAWI	6	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	3	4	10	11	40
103	MALAYSIA	1,481	2,070	1,998	995	754	857	1,026	1,533	1,461	1,248	1,461	1,977	16,861
104	MALDIVES	6,004	4,931	7,802	4,655	1,610	3,350	3,875	4,930	4,304	3,934	5,850	9,033	60,278
105	MALI	6	0	5	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	0	19
106	MALTA	105	120	84	53	5	1	39	66	33	24	42	141	713
107	MARSHALL ISLANDS	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	2
108	MAURITANIA	18	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	29
109	MAURITIUS	100	50	97	52	4	11	35	35	25	19	25	286	739
110	MEXICO	144	133	243	349	33	31	49	53	64	76	96	849	2,120
111	MICRONESIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
112	MOLDOVA	87	83	82	16	3	15	7	14	20	19	29	74	449
113	MONACO	6	2	2	17	0	0	2	7	1	0	0	5	42
114	MONGOLIA	31	20	37	3	6	4	6	4	11	4	4	37	167
115	MONTENEGRO	27	9	29	14	5	52	2	23	4	11	14	20	210
116	MOROCCO	128	96	147	100	6	44	48	86	69	49	93	165	1,031
117	MOZAMBIQUE	4	4	3	1	0	0	1	5	6	0	3	15	42

Table 4 (Contd.)

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
118	MYANMAR	248	274	310	159	163	149	185	653	265	199	234	285	3,124
119	NAMIBIA	2	5	0	5	0	0	2	1	1	1	6	4	27
120	NAURU	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	1
121	NEPAL	495	467	417	449	331	262	409	398	425	656	509	596	5,414
122	NETHERLANDS	5,101	5,126	4,864	3,523	375	696	6,385	3,520	2,673	1,659	2,213	2,858	38,993
123	NEW ZEALAND	1,067	1,070	1,437	1,483	385	615	1,003	993	954	663	930	1,863	12,463
124	NICARAGUA	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	11
125	NIGER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	6
126	NIGERIA	43	13	16	4	4	5	20	8	17	13	13	16	172
127	NORTH KOREA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	35
128	NORWAY	1,906	2,053	1,278	1,246	172	1,299	1,709	675	522	452	747	1,387	13,446
129	OMAN	564	355	324	282	15	324	890	326	193	162	364	318	4,117
130	PAKISTAN	1,543	1,496	1,081	848	169	521	782	2,836	1,849	1,060	1,039	1,431	14,655
131	PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES	77	58	74	111	13	55	65	142	67	42	68	99	871
132	PANAMA	8	15	0	2	0	1	2	0	4	0	12	1	45
133	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	6	12	3	33	35	98
134	PARAGUAY	1	3	2	2	1	0	2	4	2	0	3	2	22
135	PERU	33	33	44	39	9	16	17	15	22	18	14	40	300
136	PHILIPPINES	1,244	1,485	1,413	1,308	759	998	1,102	1,121	1,372	1,285	1,329	1,174	14,590
137	POLAND	3,840	3,302	2,653	914	218	284	763	558	702	805	3,496	3,361	20,896
138	PORTUGAL	452	592	806	673	94	164	243	431	251	312	520	655	5,193
139	QATAR	65	119	115	220	7	32	115	135	31	41	40	143	1,063
140	ROMANIA	891	913	679	444	88	129	167	293	209	225	488	937	5,463
141	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	13,474	13,008	12,705	3,680	844	711	1,300	1,332	1,638	5,761	14,537	17,559	86,549

Table 4 (Contd.)

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
142	RWANDA	4	1	3	0	0	4	1	6	0	2	1	3	25
143	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	1	5	5	5	1	6	3	5	3	2	4	4	44
144	SAINT LUCIA	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	9
145	SAINT VINCENT THE GRENADI	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	7
146	SAMOA	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	7
147	SAN MARINO	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	19
148	SAUDI ARABIA	1,759	1,157	1,402	1,212	75	1,500	2,903	2,357	985	656	805	896	15,707
149	SENEGAL	3	1	6	8	0	1	1	1	2	1	5	5	34
150	SERBIA.	274	241	186	140	32	48	60	86	56	47	97	231	1,498
151	SEYCHELLES	219	184	145	168	74	123	175	105	155	135	169	212	1864
152	SIERRA LEONE	1	4	2	0	0	1	8	0	1	0	4		21
153	SINGAPORE	1,117	1,500	1,824	1,037	464	904	805	1,202	1,017	959	1,161	1,881	13,871
154	SLOVAKIA(SLOVAK REPUBLIC)	780	913	763	497	68	69	179	188	171	215	524	577	4,944
155	SLOVENIA	377	717	297	250	15	59	219	120	106	245	134	387	2,926
156	SOLOMON ISLANDS	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	5
157	SOMALIA	15	10	11	11	1	8	6	8	0	1	1	10	82
158	SOUTH AFRICA-ZUID AFRIKA	870	747	1,007	628	152	287	237	305	240	253	440	1,966	7,132
159	SOUTH KOREA	2,140	1,606	1,214	677	334	623	647	799	745	962	971	1477	12,195
160	SOUTH SUDAN	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	4	15
161	SPAIN	1,838	1,771	2,380	2,760	327	751	2,383	4,419	1,930	1,696	2,212	2,022	24,489
162	SUDAN	65	25	44	59	19	34	56	54	89	26	56	57	584
163	SURINAME	1	1	2	6	1	0	0	2		6	0	1	20
164	SWAZILAND	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
165	SWEDEN	4,692	4,739	2,660	1,288	197	467	574	371	427	869	1,274	4,906	22,464
166	SWITZERLAND	3,457	3,796	3,179	4,531	431	818	3,421	1,311	1,304	1,453	3,559	2,721	29,981

Table 4 (Contd.)

No	Country	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total (Jan - Dec)
167	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	16	32	19	15	5	13	17	0	24	2	6	3	152
168	TAIWAN PROVINCE OF CHINA	1,097	1,284	889	600	111	278	364	382	655	520	399	548	7,127
169	TAJKISTAN	7	13	8	4	4	2	1	0	4	5	11	20	79
170	TANZANIA	23	19	18	17	10	19	13	481	193	10	26	36	865
171	THAILAND	938	999	983	762	547	480	569	791	611	853	1,120	1,208	9,861
172	TIMOR-LESTE	9	2	3	0	0	0	2	1		5	2	1	25
173	TOGO	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	35	0	0	0	39
174	TONGA	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	7
175	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	7	5	45	10	1	4	1	3	7	6	9	14	112
176	TUNISIA	90	77	119	75	8	26	36	43	19	39	68	278	878
177	TURKEY	584	692	444	335	87	161	183	339	152	157	800	1,038	4,972
178	TURKMENISTAN	1	21	17	6	0	3	1	1	35	1	3	7	96
179	TUVALU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
180	UGANDA	197	5	10	5	13	8	23	14	16	6	25	36	358
181	UKRAINE	6,481	5,353	4,239	1,224	597	595	768	985	1,321	2,655	4,770	6,063	35,051
182	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	346	271	590	479	17	130	423	439	138	139	187	369	3,528
183	UNITED KINGDOM	26,036	29,750	29,682	24,718	2,953	4,365	13,010	14,132	8,345	8,763	16,038	20,984	198,776
184	UNITED STATES	7,849	9,678	12,543	4,810	1,398	2,412	2,974	4,686	2,830	2,836	4,514	12,302	68,832
185	URUGUAY	12	13	6	25	5	15	4	8	6	5	8	15	122
186	UZBEKISTAN	66	51	77	37	16	22	34	30	19	34	35	118	539
187	VANUATU	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	6
188	VENEZUELA	33	27	19	22	2	7	16	13	8	4	8	17	176
189	VIET NAM	189	388	499	151	107	117	199	197	211	192	206	187	2,643
190	YEMEN (YEMEN ARAB REP.)	91	54	59	87	8	42	125	400	104	48	49	47	1,114
191	ZAMBIA(NORTHERN RHODESIA)	11	2	9	2	0	1	5	4	3	4	15	14	70
192	ZIMBABWE	21	13	25	29	9	4	12	13	7	19	11	37	200
Total		244,239	252,033	244,328	166,975	37,802	63,072	115,701	143,587	108,575	118,743	176,984	241,663	1,913,702

Table 5

Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Port- 2009-2019

Percentage Distribution of tourist arrivals by ports - 2009 to 2019

Port	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Katunayake - (BIA)	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	98.8	98.1	98.6	98.7	98.30	96.28	94.83
Mattala - (MRIA)	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.65	0.04	0.01
TOTAL AIR	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	98.9	98.2	98.6	98.8	98.95	96.32	94.84
Galle Harbour	-	-	-	-	0.8	1.4	1.1	0.4	0.53	2.94	4.13
Colombo Harbour	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.48	0.62	0.77
Other Ports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.04	0.12	0.26
TOTAL SEA	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.05	3.68	5.16
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 6:

Tourists Arrivals by Country of Residence and Mode of Transport – 2019

Country	By Air	By Sea	Total
AMERICAS	111,671	15,752	127,423
North America	105,187	14,494	119,681
Canada	44,431	4,298	48,729
Mexico	1,488	632	2,120
United States	59,268	9,564	68,832
Caribbean & Central America	825	113	938
Costa Rica	130	13	143
Jamaica	51	07	58
Others	644	93	737
South America	5,659	1,145	6,804
Argentina	1,134	269	1,403
Brazil	2,316	648	2,964
Chile	816	122	938
Colombia	678	35	713
Others	715	71	786
AFRICA	13,622	1,472	15,094
North Africa	2,645	135	2,780
Morocco	1,002	29	1,031
Sudan	578	06	584
Others	1,065	100	1,165
Sub-Saharan Africa	10,977	1,337	12,314
Kenya	1,548	11	1,559
Mauritius	633	106	739
Nigeria	168	04	172
South Africa	6,186	946	7,132
Others	2,442	270	2,712
ASIA & PACIFIC	816,551	22,919	839,470
North East Asia	215,111	2,366	217,477
China	166,136	1,727	167,863
Japan	29,857	222	30,079
South Korea	11,978	217	12,195
Taiwan	6,931	196	7,127
Others	209	04	213

Table 6(Contd.)

Country	By Air	By Sea	Total
South East Asia	64,779	4,125	68,904
Cambodia	2,837	04	2,841
Indonesia	4,367	552	4,919
Malaysia	16,667	194	16,861
Myanmar	2,908	216	3,124
Philippines	11,743	2,847	14,590
Singapore	13,699	172	13,871
Thailand	9,753	108	9,861
Vietnam	2,611	32	2,643
Others	194	0	194
Oceania	98,390	7,024	105,414
Australia	86,610	6,064	92,674
New Zealand	11,510	953	12,463
Others	270	07	277
South Asia	438,271	9,404	447,675
Afghanistan	473	0	473
Bangladesh	8,111	150	8,261
Bhutan	343	0	343
India	346,633	8,369	355,002
Iran	3,234	15	3,249
Maldives	60,261	17	60,278
Nepal	4,732	682	5,414
Pakistan	14,484	171	14,655
EUROPE	829,128	58,444	887,572
Northern Eur.	248,063	19,201	267,264
Denmark	16,253	616	16,869
Finland	6,912	116	7,028
Norway	13,086	360	13,446
Sweden	21,966	498	22,464
United Kingdom	181,619	17,157	198,776
Others	8,227	454	8,681
Western Eur.	302,123	19,945	322,068
Austria	13,794	919	14,713
Belgium	14,533	415	14,948
France	84,168	3,455	87,623
Germany	122,843	12,056	134,899
Netherlands	38,075	918	38,993
Switzerland	27,889	2,092	29,981
Others	821	90	911

Table 6(Contd.)

Country	By Air	By Sea	Total
Central / Eastern Europe	189,568	7,288	196,856
Belarus	4,750	46	4,796
Czech Republic	19,140	64	19,204
Estonia	2,473	43	2,516
Hungary	3,924	167	4,091
Kazakhstan	2,341	58	2,399
Lithuania	2,714	79	2,793
Poland	19,930	966	20,896
Romania	4,964	499	5,463
Russian Federation	84,594	1,955	86,549
Slovakia	4,861	83	4,944
Ukraine	32,361	2,690	35,051
Others	7,516	638	8,154
Southern / Mediterranean Europe	89,374	12,010	101,384
Greece	4,686	2,294	6,980
Italy	29,866	6,281	36,147
Portugal	4,875	318	5,193
Spain	23,352	1,137	24,489
Turkey	4,044	928	4,972
Israel	14,522	248	14,770
Others	8,029	804	8,833
MIDDLE EAST	43,896	247	44,143
Bahrain	2,269	16	2,285
Egypt	3,634	74	3,708
Iraq	844	08	852
Jordan	3,075	10	3,085
Kuwait	3,208	31	3,239
Lebanon	4,269	35	4,304
Oman	4,109	08	4,117
Qatar	1,063	0	1,063
Saudi Arabia	15,702	05	15,707
United Arab Emirates	3,511	17	3,528
Others	2,212	43	2,255
TOTAL	1,814,868	98,834	1,913,702

Table 07:

Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Different Carriers – 2007 to 2019

Carrier	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Inter - Regional Flights	77.6	78.1	82.5	81.5	86.2	87.8	86.9	92.3	96	84.7	78.3	79.6	63.3
Intra - Regional Flights	20.6	18.8	16.2	17.4	11.8	11.3	9.7	5.6	2.4	13.5	18.1	14.8	26.2
Charter Flights	1.7	3.0	1.2	1.0	1.8	0.6	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	2.4	1.9	5.3
Total Air	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	98.0	98.3	98.6	98.8	98.8	96.3	94.8
Passenger Ships (CBO / GALLE)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.2	3.7	5.2
TOTAL SEA	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.2	3.7	5.2
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	100.0

Table 08

Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence and Carrier -2019

Country	AIR ASIA	AIR CHINA	AIR INDIA	AIR_ARABIA	CATHEY PACIFIC	CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES	CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES	CHONGQING	EDELWISS	EMIRARES	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	FLY DUBAI	GULF AIR	INDIGO	JET AIRWAYS	KOREAN AIRLINES	KUWAIT AIRWAYS	LOT POLISH	MALAYSIAN AL	MALINDO AIR	OMAN AIR	QATAR AIRLINES	SAUDIA	SILK AIR	SINGAPORE AIR LINE	SPICEJET	SRI LANKAN AIRLINES	THAI AIR ASIA	THAI AIRWAYS	TURKISH AIRLINE	UKRAINE INT. AIRLINES	Charter Flight	By Sea
AMERICAS	2,089	107	3,285	489	4,811	1,688	359	20	216	16,007	2,760	1,864	1,012	3,768	2,073	1,375	959	290	606	1,233	4,566	13,110	613	940	2,475	1,133	38,165	987	907	543	58	3,163	15,752
North America	1,784	94	2,998	431	4,742	1,588	338	20	196	14,689	2,576	1,660	984	3,471	2,018	1,320	923	284	555	1,077	4,483	12,288	582	901	2,421	998	36,576	826	873	448	55	2,988	14,494
CANADA	579	19	1,357	183	2,414	721	104	11	121	4,961	1,263	443	863	918	1,204	619	269	232	169	471	4,040	4,008	460	114	369	347	16,264	290	333	109	14	1,162	4,298
MEXICO	51	2	87	10	14	23	10	0	3	186	47	33	7	87	10	5	2	0	7	23	12	157	5	19	24	51	572	10	3	10	5	13	632
UNITED STATES	1,154	73	1,554	238	2,314	844	224	9	72	9,542	1,266	1,184	114	2,466	804	696	652	52	379	583	431	8,123	117	768	2,028	600	19,740	526	537	329	36	1,813	9,564
Caribbean & Central America	14	3	16	10	7	3	3	0	5	211	42	20	5	37	2	4	12	0	3	10	13	126	1	9	9	5	203	7	12	10	2	21	113
COSTA RICA	8	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	16	3	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	3	2	23	0	2	3	0	48	0	0	2	0	6	13
JAMAICA	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6	2	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	1	6	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	1	7
Others	5	2	14	10	7	0	3	0	5	186	33	15	5	33	2	2	7	0	1	5	10	97	1	6	6	5	141	7	12	8	2	14	93
South America	291	10	271	48	62	97	18	0	15	1,107	142	184	23	260	53	51	24	6	48	146	70	696	30	30	45	130	1,386	154	22	85	1	154	1,145
ARGENTINA	69	3	59	1	5	35	8	0	4	215	17	28	1	68	15	3	0	4	3	33	9	138	8	1	3	45	250	56	4	31	0	18	269
BRAZIL	101	6	81	18	26	30	9	0	9	551	45	86	10	89	31	31	7	1	27	38	26	310	1	17	27	37	551	60	6	23	0	62	648
CHILE	76	1	64	10	9	14	0	0	0	117	9	10	5	66	0	6	4	0	10	39	14	58	2	7	6	21	196	28	7	2	1	34	122
COLOMBIA	22	0	36	16	10	8	0	0	1	110	37	17	7	22	4	3	10	1	1	12	13	78	16	3	8	19	188	2	0	13	0	21	35
Others	23	0	31	3	12	10	1	0	1	114	34	43	0	15	3	8	3	0	7	24	8	112	3	2	1	8	201	8	5	16	0	19	71
AFRICA	182	4	174	784	78	61	13	0	5	4,578	429	605	59	317	117	41	78	6	48	112	456	2,200	208	63	76	89	2,514	44	28	85	3	165	1,472
North Africa	45	1	24	102	2	31	5	0	2	681	84	118	43	10	5	11	43	2	6	23	132	613	170	0	3	12	400	14	0	23	3	37	135
MOROCCO	31	1	17	23	1	16	2	0	1	260	32	38	20	7	3	7	10	1	3	13	69	213	42	0	3	6	148	7	0	11	3	8	29
SUDAN	4	0	0	45	0	4	0	0	0	150	18	29	6	2	0	0	2	0	2	4	22	81	91	0	0	0	103	1	0	0	0	14	6
Others	10	0	7	28	1	11	3	0	1	271	34	51	17	1	2	4	31	1	1	6	41	319	37	0	0	6	149	6	0	12	0	15	100
Sub-Saharan Afr	137	3	150	682	76	30	8	0	3	3,897	345	487	16	307	112	30	35	4	42	89	324	1,587	38	63	73	77	2,114	30	28	62	0	128	1,337
KENYA	10	0	13	487	2	6	0	0	0	157	28	41	2	18	26	6	1	0	2	7	132	290	7	0	0	11	284	0	2	11	0	5	11
MAURITIUS	5	0	28	0	1	2	3	0	0	180	4	2	2	84	21	2	2	0	9	3	7	7	0	4	2	1	259	0	0	1	0	4	106
NIGERIA	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	5	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	38	0	0	1	0	20	0	0	9	0	1	4
SOUTH AFRICA	107	2	58	68	61	13	3	0	3	2,689	247	153	6	145	46	17	12	1	14	52	50	902	8	58	50	23	1,262	28	19	7	0	82	946
Others	14	1	49	126	12	9	2	0	0	790	61	289	6	59	17	5	20	3	17	25	133	350	23	1	20	42	289	2	7	34	0	36	270
ASIA & PACIFIC	15,887	24,889	37,728	3,829	26,074	22,238	6,277	6,423	49	35,380	2,010	3,206	706	9,712	13,837	1,087	24	16,049	13,866	3,309	7,359	710	9,906	33,471	30,662	376,962	3,177	10,234	374	27	14,359	22,919	
North East Asia	5,719	24,838	1,415	721	22,462	20,361	5,399	6,407	7	1,696	168	254	161	1,151	517	6,430	50	1	3,675	2,932	164	528	43	1,538	4,881	353	90,426	2,012	4,394	79	10	6,319	2,366
CHINA	4,117	24,662	820	688	18,682	17,785	5,227	6,406	2	1,217	93	196	72	539	412	712	29	0	2,398	2,171	130	299	35	890	1,995	145	68,495	1,392	1,574	39	6	4,908	1,727
JAPAN	796	154	312	13	1,719	1,632	70	0	5	290	36	25	72	267	58	375	13	0	518	196	13	129	1	547	1,503	88	18,295	428	1,290	29	3	980	222
SOUTH KOREA	503	7	248	18	348	851	80	0	0	136	38	31	15	309	27	5,271	2	0	195	125	16	82	5	87	285	110	2,339	158	536	3	0	153	217
TAIWAN	297	13	35	2	1,709	91	22	1	0	53	1	2	2	36	20	18	6	1	563	433	5	16	2	13	1,098	10	1,178	30	991	7	0	276	196
OTHERS	6	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	1	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	19	4	3	1	1	2	4

Table 8(Contd.)

Country	AIR ASIA	AIR CHINA	AIR INDIA	AIR_ARABIA	CATHEY PACIFIC	CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES	CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES	CHONGQING	EDELWISS	EMIRARES	ETIHAD AIRWAY'S	FLY DUBAI	GULF AIR	INDIGO	JET AIRWAY'S	KOREAN AIRLINES	KUWAIT AIRWAY'S	LOT POLISH	MALAY SIAN AL	MALINDO AIR	OMAN AIR	QATAR AIRLINES	SAUDIA	SILK AIR	SINGAPORE AIR LINE	SPICEJET	SRLANKAN AIRLINES	THAI AIR ASIA	THAI AIRWAY'S	TURKISH AIRLINE	UKRAINE INT. AIRLINES	Charter Flight	By Sea
South East Asia	4,760	7	170	214	639	147	44	4	4	1,738	295	417	68	348	66	93	95	2	4,277	7,097	263	2,078	58	2,827	5,662	100	26,688	747	3,335	15	4	2,517	4,125
CAMBODIA	123	0	4	0	34	0	0	1	0	6	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	41	1,198	2	2	0	3	362	2	237	68	707	0	0	42	4
INDONESIA	274	0	28	7	16	17	4	0	1	90	9	8	11	21	6	11	5	0	243	766	10	65	11	58	336	4	2,223	24	92	0	0	27	552
MALAYSIA	2,941	1	26	6	58	21	17	1	0	100	18	28	5	107	6	11	8	0	2,774	3,852	21	79	10	229	392	28	5,840	12	39	3	0	34	194
MYANMAR	20	0	1	1	6	1	0	0	0	21	6	2	0	19	0	1	0	0	121	167	1	11	0	11	39	1	1,770	65	352	2	0	290	216
PHILIPPINES	691	1	25	190	438	62	13	1	1	1,270	231	360	48	39	23	36	76	1	697	187	214	1,783	30	118	698	24	3,848	27	516	2	2	91	2,847
SINGAPORE	181	4	50	1	73	25	2	0	2	157	21	10	0	104	18	17	4	0	110	177	4	78	7	2,382	3,553	33	6,559	8	46	5	1	67	172
THAILAND	143	1	14	4	9	5	7	0	0	71	6	5	3	38	11	7	1	1	27	21	6	42	0	13	25	2	5,658	415	1,348	2	0	1,868	108
VIETNAM	378	0	21	5	5	15	1	1	0	22	4	2	1	17	2	9	1	0	257	721	5	15	0	11	238	6	497	113	192	1	1	70	32
OTHERS	9	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	8	0	3	0	2	19	0	56	15	43	0	0	28	0
Oceania	4,775	21	1,348	87	2,703	193	87	7	28	2,686	485	287	49	873	204	169	139	12	7,692	2,601	255	972	35	5,226	22,080	245	42,362	288	1,897	91	9	484	7,024
AUSTRALIA	4,457	16	1,169	66	2,202	149	49	7	24	2,120	398	237	38	670	177	144	88	8	7,284	2,412	201	780	30	4,392	18,474	198	38,480	235	1,626	68	9	402	6,064
NEW ZEALAND	307	5	177	21	480	44	38	0	4	551	87	50	11	201	27	23	19	4	405	185	54	191	5	830	3,567	44	3,757	53	265	23	0	82	953
OTHERS	11	0	2	0	21	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	2	0	2	32	0	3	4	0	1	0	4	39	3	125	0	6	0	0	0	7
South Asia	633	23	34,795	2,807	270	1,537	747	5	10	29,260	1,062	2,248	428	84,358	8,925	7,145	803	9	405	1,236	2,627	3,781	574	315	848	29,964	217,486	130	608	189	4	5,039	9,404
AFGHANISTAN	2	0	62	18	1	1	0	0	0	174	2	116	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	6	4	9	0	0	3	68	0	0	2	0	2	0
BANGLADESH	16	0	94	39	2	43	20	0	0	134	15	15	3	93	53	9	51	1	19	206	62	183	7	23	40	50	5,897	3	122	3	0	908	150
BHUTAN	0	0	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	58	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	38	177	0	10	0	0	1	0
INDIA	359	7	33,558	1,638	213	225	27	3	9	6,765	756	1,458	372	83,874	8,756	156	661	7	245	385	1,270	1,543	94	270	659	29,769	169,587	85	180	118	2	3,582	8,369
IRAN	28	0	41	723	0	30	0	0	1	672	12	108	6	51	20	7	9	0	15	24	371	852	2	0	1	11	196	2	1	10	1	40	15
MALDIVES	164	11	27	28	16	1,180	691	0	0	19,121	22	19	16	83	7	6,936	2	0	43	64	47	192	17	12	115	25	31,230	25	77	20	1	70	17
NEPAL	21	4	957	28	16	20	6	0	0	187	6	82	10	196	86	9	3	0	40	412	71	144	5	4	12	68	1,798	1	178	5	0	363	682
PAKISTAN	43	1	11	332	22	38	3	2	0	2,206	249	449	21	3	0	26	74	1	43	144	800	861	440	6	18	0	8,533	14	40	31	0	73	171
EUROPE	7,072	183	16,134	17,539	2,559	2,547	616	82	9,730	171,447	38,749	27,667	9,685	8,256	6,668	2,196	9,397	5,753	1,676	4,183	31,406	179,977	4,022	1,463	3,606	2,758	145,355	3,820	2,034	20,129	9,007	83,412	58,444
Northern Europe	2,729	67	4,224	601	1,388	443	121	7	844	51,571	6,646	2,599	3,842	2,792	2,151	365	3,754	480	789	1,510	6,401	51,328	826	757	1,659	843	82,625	1,078	637	2,749	529	11,708	19,201
DENMARK	141	7	1,645	34	36	67	7	0	78	3,378	132	88	77	91	125	81	20	88	44	146	86	5,755	23	30	45	31	1,984	59	49	793	37	1,076	616
FINLAND	122	0	43	6	20	19	3	0	12	417	20	214	2	57	11	31	6	3	7	31	30	4,281	8	8	23	23	937	66	16	101	30	365	116
NORWAY	213	3	509	7	12	22	10	3	10	2,477	77	80	55	145	43	23	25	48	14	134	66	5,872	11	23	59	70	2,092	72	58	253	6	594	360
SWEDEN	295	11	1,732	36	40	62	20	4	84	3,341	142	91	33	188	41	61	29	245	53	135	159	7,692	21	39	71	59	2,821	183	112	653	262	3,251	498
UNITED KINGDOM	1,706	44	204	396	1,231	255	80	0	645	39,976	5,910	1,887	3,622	2,177	1,906	155	3,636	92	647	936	5,918	26,737	748	618	1,368	618	71,813	645	385	883	192	6,189	17,157
OTHERS	252	2	91	122	49	18	1	0	15	1,982	365	239	53	134	25	14	38	4	24	128	142	991	15	39	93	42	2,978	53	17	66	2	233	454

Table 08 (a):

Tourist Arrivals by Charter Carriers- 2010 – 2019

Charter Carrier	Year									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Aerosvit Airline	-	-	-	-	101			10	-	-
Indian Airforce	-	-	-	-	49			24	2	128
Orient Flights	-	-	-	-	86		48		87	91
Qantas AL	-	-	-	-	244				-	-
Spirit of Africa AL	-	-	-	-	353				4	-
Mahan Air	-	-	-	-			648	2,625	136	-
Lot Polish Airlines	-	-	-	5,873	2,513	2,144	24		-	-
Enter Air	-	-	-	2,927	-				-	-
Fin Air	3,423	-	-	-	-		2	1	5	-
Transaero Russia						800			-	-
Azur Air						281	1,919	5,555	6,746	19,778
Wind Rose Airlines	-	-	-	4,494	-				-	-
Special Aircrafts							877	9,928	1,950	1,541
Orenburg Airlines	-	-	-	1,581	-				-	-
Hong Kong Air Lines								90	-	-
TNT	-	-	1,183	-	-				-	-
Condor	-	-	3,827	-	6				231	-
Transaero Airlines	-	-	-	636	-				-	-
PB Air	-	2,645	-	-	-				-	-
Meridiana	-	337	2,770	-	2			2,494	-	-
Travel Service	-	-	-	517	-		507	1,943	-	-
Travels Service Poloska	-	-	-	733	-	-		1,889	2,254	-
Private Aircraft	-	-	-	-	-	-	808	221	349	941

Table 8(a)(Contd.)

Charter Carrier	Year									
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Smart Wings (QS)	-	1,076	-	-	-				-	-
Scotia Prince								4,459	-	-
Edelweiss Air	2,908	371	612	-	-			378	4276	-
British Airways							104		-	-
Ukraine Airline						5	4,152		-	-
TOM 938	-	-	976	-	-				-	-
EL AL Israel Airlines							32		-	-
First Choice	5,713	727	-	-	-				-	-
Arkeyfly	-	-	2,140	-	-				9	
VIM Airlines	-	-	-	626	-				-	-
Island Aviaition						502			38	11
Aeroflot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,529
Albanian Airlines							40		1	-
Thomson Airways							1,931	10,532	8244	7,161
Royal Flight Airline							806		2510	2,177
NVR	1,952	8,757	3,918	-	-				-	-
Sriwijay Airlines							395		30	3
Neo Spa							671		-	-
Ethiuepan Airline							62		-	-
Rossia Airline	-	798	-	-	-				-	-
Swiss Airline										
Cross Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,837
Star Legend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,611
Others	679	411	3,255	-	2,611	336	118	11,230	17,074	15,621
Total	14,675	15,122	18,681	17,387	5,965	4,068	13,144	51,379	43,946	101,429

Table 9

Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit -2006 - 2019

Purpose	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pleasure/Holiday	67.4	67.1	73.2	80.0	78.9	80.4	74.4	72.7	67.95	66.6	83.4	82.4	81.7	83.20
Business	17.8	10.5	8.5	8.6	12.7	8.0	9.0	5.2	1.33	1.3	1.8	3.3	4.0	3.65
Visiting Friends & Relations	7.6	8.3	8.3	5.2	5.4	8.2	11.7	12.4	27.45	25.5	11.5	11.3	10.8	10.48
Convention & meeting	3.0	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.7	2.2	2.0	0.29	0.3	0.8	1.3	1.7	0.99
Religious & Cultural	1.7	2.8	2.6	2.0	0.8	0.3	2.2	4.8	0.01	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.03
Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.53	3.2	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.59
Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.53	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.72
Official	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.01
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.11	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.32
Others	2.5	9.8	6.1	2.8	1.2	1.4	0.5	2.9	1.49	1.7	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.01
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	100.0	100.00

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 10
Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence & Purpose of Visit- 2019

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Pleasure/ Vacation	Visiting Friends & Relatives	Business	MICE	Sports	Health / Ayurveda	Education	Religious	Official	Others
AMERICAS	127,423	84,331	37,766	2,768	1,014	948	206	345	24	15	6
North America	119,681	77,315	37,432	2,563	927	904	183	312	24	15	6
Canada	48,729	22,280	25,581	410	156	151	49	84	12	6	0
Mexico	2,120	1,939	54	61	33	9	3	19	0	0	2
United States	68,832	53,096	11,797	2,092	738	744	131	209	12	9	4
Caribbean & Central America	938	776	82	42	25	8	1	4	0	0	0
Costa Rica	143	125	8	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jamaica	58	45	6	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	737	606	68	33	19	7	1	3	0	0	0
South America	6,804	6,240	252	163	62	36	22	29	0	0	0
Argentina	1,403	1,324	41	9	12	7	4	6	0	0	0
Brazil	2,964	2,698	98	107	21	16	14	10	0	0	0
Chile	938	880	33	10	4	6	1	4	0	0	0
Colombia	713	635	38	19	16	0	1	4	0	0	0
Others	786	703	42	18	9	7	2	5	0	0	0

Table 10(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Pleasure/ Vacation	Visiting Friends & Relatives	Business	MICE	Sports	Health / Ayurveda	Education	Religious	Official	Others
AFRICA	15,094	12,972	878	470	323	337	30	66	3	13	2
North Africa	2,780	2,501	149	44	38	29	10	8	0	1	0
Morocco	1,031	920	61	18	11	8	7	6	0	0	0
Sudan	584	508	37	16	11	7	3	2	0	0	0
Others	1,165	1,073	51	10	16	14	0	0	0	1	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	12,314	10,471	729	426	285	308	20	58	3	12	2
Kenya	1,559	1,135	145	50	42	175	1	7	0	3	1
Mauritius	739	593	85	34	23	0	4	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	172	44	54	29	32	1	1	9	0	2	0
South Africa	7,132	6,419	296	240	96	43	11	24	2	1	0
Others	2,712	2,280	149	73	92	89	3	18	1	6	1
ASIA & PACIFIC	839,470	679,325	74,065	56,565	13,718	9,877	946	4,464	279	151	80
North East Asia	217,477	196,827	5,864	9,563	2,895	445	562	1,244	52	6	19
China	167,863	156,169	3,408	5,101	1,940	191	25	990	34	1	4
Japan	30,079	24,140	1,469	3,102	555	100	524	173	11	0	5
South Korea	12,195	9,971	734	1,047	287	74	12	51	7	3	9
Taiwan	7,127	6,412	242	303	88	51	1	27	0	2	1
Others	213	135	11	10	25	29	0	3	0	0	0

Table 10(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Pleasure/ Vacation	Visiting Friends & Relatives	Business	MICE	Sports	Health / Ayurveda	Education	Religious	Official	Others
South East Asia	68,904	55,557	5,665	4,394	1,791	737	50	611	36	52	11
Cambodia	2,841	2,691	32	7	28	74	0	5	4	0	0
Indonesia	4,919	3,757	374	374	160	102	8	132	7	2	3
Malaysia	16,861	12,469	1,907	1,692	474	151	19	139	5	2	3
Myanmar	3,124	2,745	138	128	52	30	1	27	0	3	0
Philippines	14,590	12,348	1,241	572	301	44	4	72	4	2	2
Singapore	13,871	11,164	1,141	898	363	152	10	123	7	11	2
Thailand	9,861	8,301	581	485	261	97	6	90	8	31	1
Vietnam	2,643	1,948	231	230	126	85	2	19	1	1	0
Others	194	134	20	8	26	2	0	4	0	0	0
Oceania	105,414	76,150	26,138	1,517	704	516	123	228	28	7	3
Australia	92,674	66,507	23,500	1,347	586	408	103	186	28	6	3
New Zealand	12,463	9,462	2,606	164	89	98	18	25	0	1	0
Others	277	181	32	6	29	10	2	17	0	0	0
South Asia	447,675	350,791	36,398	41,091	8,328	8,179	211	2,381	163	86	47
Afghanistan	473	224	9	13	154	40	1	32	0	0	0
Bangladesh	8,261	6,740	515	476	254	196	7	51	11	9	2
Bhutan	343	237	36	12	26	3	0	29	0	0	0
India	355,002	278,562	28,404	33,803	6,035	6,053	140	1,790	121	64	30
Iran	3,249	2,940	184	86	21	6	0	8	4	0	0
Maldives	60,278	47,233	4,901	5,533	1,121	1,101	28	321	22	12	6

Table 10(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Pleasure/ Vacation	Visiting Friends & Relatives	Business	MICE	Sports	Health / Ayurveda	Education	Religious	Official	Others
Nepal	5,414	3,848	871	157	296	167	5	62	5	0	3
Pakistan	14,655	11,007	1,478	1,011	421	613	30	88	0	1	6
EUROPE	887,572	774,532	85,725	9,959	3,686	2,122	10,067	1,243	161	22	55
Northern Eur.	267,264	211,278	47,884	4,156	1,822	951	521	596	36	11	9
Denmark	16,869	14,292	2,098	224	54	12	140	44	2	3	0
Finland	7,028	6,565	322	87	31	5	15	3	0	0	0
Norway	13,446	8,919	4,104	181	172	16	31	20	0	2	1
Sweden	22,464	19,966	1,802	359	175	12	83	65	2	0	0
United Kingdom	198,776	153,567	39,111	3,189	1,322	873	219	453	30	6	6
Others	8,681	7,969	447	116	68	33	33	11	2	0	2
Western Eur.	322,068	279,345	29,582	2,992	925	389	8,397	373	52	8	5
Austria	14,713	13,075	540	132	40	15	886	22	3	0	0
Belgium	14,948	14,153	533	156	47	9	40	8	2	0	0
France	87,623	76,877	9,219	730	256	232	221	75	10	2	1
Germany	134,899	116,220	10,896	1,132	383	82	6,009	142	30	5	0
Netherlands	38,993	35,309	2,718	594	104	18	138	103	4	1	4
Switzerland	29,981	22,882	5,644	243	94	32	1,060	23	3	0	0
Others	911	829	32	5	1	1	43	0	0	0	0
Central / Eastern Europe	196,856	188,834	5,081	907	393	561	884	94	63	0	39
Belarus	4,796	4,447	145	83	80	16	18	7	0	0	0

Table 10(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Pleasure/ Vacation	Visiting Friends & Relatives	Business	MICE	sports	Health / Ayurveda	Education	Religious	Official	Others
Czech Republic	19,204	18,738	294	60	28	12	63	6	3	0	0
Estonia	2,516	2,442	29	11	16	9	5	4	0	0	0
Hungary	4,091	3,939	88	24	15	6	16	3	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	2,399	2,271	81	9	15	15	7	1	0	0	0
Lithuania	2,793	2,644	84	32	8	1	20	2	0	0	2
Poland	20,896	20,069	410	229	47	81	42	13	5	0	0
Romania	5,463	5,083	143	143	35	21	16	21	1	0	0
Russian Federation	86,549	83,318	2,474	156	36	316	179	23	47	0	0
Slovakia	4,944	4,420	62	13	5	7	437	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	35,051	33,895	955	70	28	49	42	5	7	0	0
Others	8,154	7,568	316	77	80	28	39	9	0	0	37
Southern / Mediterranean Europe	101,384	95,075	3,178	1,904	546	221	265	180	10	3	2
Greece	6,980	6,364	63	363	123	6	16	45	0	0	0
Italy	36,147	34,070	1,362	418	93	108	48	43	5	0	0
Portugal	5,193	4,663	324	135	28	10	20	11	2	0	0
Spain	24,489	23,490	490	321	81	26	55	24	1	1	0
Turkey	4,972	4,192	145	430	137	8	34	24	0	2	0
Israel	14,770	13,921	557	171	38	44	20	17	2	0	0
Others	8,833	8,375	237	66	46	19	72	16	0	0	2

Table 10(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Pleasure/ Vacation	Visiting Friends & Relatives	Business	MICE	Sports	Health / Ayurveda	Education	Religious	Official	Others
MIDDLE EAST	44,143	41,052	2,062	306	124	451	69	55	17	0	7
Bahrain	2,285	2,150	84	15	4	29	2	0	1	0	0
Egypt	3,708	3,373	128	74	33	81	7	11	1	0	0
Iraq	852	784	34	12	0	7	2	12	1	0	0
Jordan	3,085	2,860	111	41	21	39	6	7	0	0	0
Kuwait	3,239	2,946	252	13	2	18	5	0	3	0	0
Lebanon	4,304	4,088	81	41	15	66	6	7	0	0	0
Oman	4,117	3,799	240	35	16	18	3	3	3	0	0
Qatar	1,063	1,014	32	5	1	8	2	1	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	15,707	14,759	780	15	8	101	27	3	7	0	7
United Arab Emirates	3,528	3,317	173	8	13	8	1	7	1	0	0
Others	2,255	1,962	147	47	11	76	8	4	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,913,702	1,592,212	200,496	70,068	18,865	13,735	11,318	6,173	484	201	150

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

Table 11:

Percentage Distribution of Duration of Stay – 1985 to 2019

Year	Nights						Total	Average Duration of Stay
	1 - 3	4 - 7	8 - 14	15 – 21	22 - 30	31 & Over		
1985	4.7	23.2	30.7	21.1	12.5	7.8	100.0	9.2
1986	4.2	14.0	28.4	23.0	13.5	16.9	100.0	10.9
1987	3.1	9.6	24.5	22.6	15.4	24.8	100.0	13.2
1988	3.3	10.0	24.9	23.1	15.9	22.8	100.0	12.6
1989	5.0	13.9	26.2	22.1	16.4	16.4	100.0	10.7
1990	5.0	12.8	29.5	26.3	13.3	13.1	100.0	10.8
1991	4.5	12.2	26.9	23.8	15.2	17.4	100.0	11.4
1992	25.2	26.2	27.5	14.1	4.9	2.1	100.0	10.3
1993	19.6	30.0	30.6	12.2	4.1	3.5	100.0	10.6
1994	18.1	34.5	30.9	11.6	3.4	1.5	100.0	10.4
1995	20.4	38.5	27.5	8.2	3.4	2.0	100.0	10.0
1996	29.6	24.7	27.7	11.5	4.6	1.9	100.0	9.8
1997	26.1	24.4	30.8	13.0	4.5	1.2	100.0	10.1
1998	23.7	25.1	33.7	12.6	3.8	1.1	100.0	10.4
1999	20.4	27.1	37.8	11.1	2.7	0.9	100.0	10.3
2000	21.9	26.4	35.9	12.2	2.6	1.0	100.0	10.1
2001	23.3	26.8	34.5	12.0	2.5	0.9	100.0	9.9
2002	22.6	27.0	34.7	12.1	2.6	1.0	100.0	10.1
2003	23.1	27.3	34.8	11.5	2.3	1.0	100.0	10.2
2004	23.8	27.6	34.1	11.8	1.9	0.8	100.0	10.1
2005	38.5	24.3	25.3	8.1	2.6	1.2	100.0	8.7
2006	28.3	26.4	32.2	10.2	1.8	1.1	100.0	10.4
2007	24.2	29.3	33.9	8.8	2.0	1.8	100.0	10.0
2008	26.4	28.7	33.2	8.7	1.8	1.2	100.0	9.5
2009	25.7	29.2	34.1	8.1	1.5	1.4	100.0	9.1
2010	24.5	30.4	33.6	8.3	1.8	1.4	100.0	10.0
2011	26.1	32.1	31.1	7.9	1.2	1.6	100.0	10.0
2012	25.9	33.4	30.8	7.5	1.0	1.4	100.0	10.0
2013	9.8	30.3	38.9	12.2	3.7	5.1	100.0	8.6
2014	12.4	27.8	33.3	12.1	6.9	7.5	100.0	9.9
2015	11.36	31.91	27.08	14.31	11.56	3.8	100.0	10.1
2016	10.4	29.6	40.7	11.7	3.8	3.8	100.0	10.2
2017	11.5	37.1	30.1	12.3	5.6	3.4	100.0	10.9
2018	15.8	34.3	31.4	10.8	5.2	2.5	100.0	10.8
2019	14.7	31	33.5	12.1	5.9	2.8	100.0	10.4

Table 12

Average Duration of Stay and Guest Nights by Country of Residence- 2019

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Average Duration of stay	Guest Nights
AMERICAS	127,423	10.0	1,274,230
North America	119,681	13.5	1,615,694
Canada	48,729	19.4	946,235
Mexico	2,120	9.7	20,475
United States	68,832	11.5	790,195
Caribbean & Central America	938	8.5	7,973
Costa Rica	143	8.6	1,230
Jamaica	058	8.4	487
Others	737	8.5	6,265
South America	6,804	11.9	80,968
Argentina	1,403	13.7	19,221
Brazil	2,964	9.5	28,158
Chile	938	12.7	11,913
Colombia	713	13.4	9,554
Others	786	11.6	9,118
AFRICA	15,094	10.0	150,940
North Africa	2,780	8.4	23,352
Morocco	1,031	9.9	10,207
Sudan	584	10.8	6,307
Others	1,165	7.0	8,155
Sub-Saharan Africa	12,314	10.2	125,603
Kenya	1,559	9.9	15,434
Mauritius	739	10.2	7,538
Nigeria	172	15.5	2,666
South Africa	7,132	10.3	73,460
Others	2,712	10.1	27,391
ASIA & PACIFIC	839,470	9.4	7,891,018
North East Asia	217,477	7.2	1,565,834
China	167,862	8.3	1,393,255
Japan	30,079	6.8	204,537
South Korea	12,195	8.1	98,780
Taiwan	7,127	8.5	60,580
Others	213	6.3	1,342

Table 12(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Average Duration of stay	Guest Nights
South East Asia	101,291	7.9	800,199
Cambodia	2,841	9.1	25,853
Indonesia	4,919	8.3	40,828
Malaysia	16,861	6.9	116,341
Myanmar	3,124	6.7	20,931
Philippines	14,590	9.2	134,228
Singapore	13,901	6.8	94,527
Thailand	9,841	7.1	69,871
Vietnam	2,643	9.5	25,109
Others	194	7.9	1,533
Oceania	105,414	12.6	1,328,216
Australia	92,674	13.8	1,278,901
New Zealand	12,463	14.1	175,728
Others	277	12.1	3,352
South Asia	447,675	8.4	3,760,470
Afghanistan	473	10.2	4,802
Bangladesh	8,261	8.4	69,708
Bhutan	343	6.4	2,186
India	355,002	7.3	2,575,458
Iran	3,249	9.8	31,865
Maldives	60,278	9.3	561,918
Nepal	5,414	7.4	40,216
Pakistan	14,655	8.7	127,247
			0
EUROPE	887,572	12.3	10,917,136
Northern Europe	267,264	15.2	4,062,413
Denmark	16,869	16.8	282,789
Finland	7,028	15.1	106,294
Norway	13,446	16.7	224,798
Sweden	22,464	16.7	374,780
United Kingdom	198,776	14.4	2,862,374
Others	8,681	13.4	116,325

Table 12(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Average Duration of stay	Guest Nights
Western Europe	322,068	15.2	4,895,434
Austria	14,713	15.5	227,605
Belgium	14,948	14.5	217,079
France	87,623	14.9	1,306,413
Germany	134,899	16.3	2,195,109
Netherlands	38,993	16.7	649,563
Switzerland	29,981	15.9	477,400
Others	911	14.2	12,936
Central / Eastern Europe	196,856	11.7	2,303,215
Belarus	4,796	12.7	60,909
Czech Republic	19,204	13.9	266,936
Estonia	2,516	13.1	32,960
Hungary	4,091	11.1	45,410
Kazakhstan	2,399	12.4	29,748
Lithuania	2,793	11.7	32,678
Poland	20,896	11.4	238,214
Romania	5,463	9.5	51,899
Russian Federation	86,549	13.0	1,125,137
Slovakia	4,944	12.3	60,811
Ukraine	35,051	10.5	368,036
Others	8,154	11.8	96,217
Southern / Mediterranean Europe	101,384	10.5	1,064,532
Greece	6,980	6.8	47,464
Italy	36,147	13.0	469,911
Portugal	5,193	10.9	56,604
Spain	24,489	11.7	286,521
Turkey	4,972	8.8	43,754
Israel	14,770	15.7	231,889
Others	8,833	10.2	90,097

Table 12(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Arrivals	Average Duration of stay	Guest Nights
MIDDLE EAST	44,143	8.3	366,387
Bahrain	2,068	8.5	17,578
Egypt	3,708	8.2	30,406
Iraq	852	8.0	6,816
Jordan	3,085	7.2	22,212
Kuwait	3,239	7.6	24,616
Lebanon	4,304	7.3	31,419
Oman	4,117	7.5	30,878
Qatar	1,063	6.2	6,591
Saudi Arabia	15,707	8.7	136,651
United Arab Emirates	3,528	6.1	21,521
Others	2,249	10.1	22,715
TOTAL	1,913,702	10.4	19,902,501

Table 13:

Percentage Distribution of Tourists by Sex and Age- 2007- 2019

		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Sex	Male	60.2	60.4	59.7	54.1	59.2	55.4	62.1	55.3	53.6	45.3	54.9	51.9	52.3
	Female	39.8	39.6	40.3	45.9	40.8	44.6	37.9	44.7	46.4	54.7	45.1	48.1	47.7
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	11.5	10.2
	20-29	17.1	14.8	15.3	15	16.9	19.2	20.6	17.6	17.8	14.8	17.9	18.3	17
	30-39	27.6	28.7	28.4	28.1	22.6	25.9	30.3	23.7	22.6	22.5	24.6	22.3	22.6
	40-49	30.3	27.4	28.6	28.9	26.6	25.1	21.7	20.6	18.9	21.1	17.5	17.4	16.8
	50-59	8.3	11.7	11.5	12.9	11.7	10.2	13.9	16.2	17	16.6	15.3	15.6	15.8
	60 & Over	6.9	7.3	6.6	4.8	10.6	9	11.1	12.4	13.9	17.1	13.5	14.9	17.6

Table 14:

Tourist Arrivals by Sex and Age- 2019

	Total	GENDER		AGE					
		Male	Female	(3-19)	(20-29)	(30-39)	(40-49)	(50-59)	(60 & above)
AMERICA	127,423	64,203	63,220	15,543	13,911	21,628	18,637	20,249	37,455
NORTH AMERICA	119,681	60,537	59,144	15,156	12,410	19,051	17,563	19,401	36,100
Canada	48,729	24,573	24,156	7,192	4,667	6,677	7,015	8,959	14,219
Mexico	2,120	1038	1082	155	369	538	344	312	402
United States	68,832	34,924	33,908	7,809	7,374	11,836	10,204	10,130	21,479
CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA	938	541	397	51	183	267	176	132	129
Costa Rica	143	78	65	8	26	41	24	22	22
Jamaica	58	27	31	3	13	18	14	7	3
Others	737	436	301	40	144	208	138	103	104
SOUTH AMERICA	6,804	3,125	3,679	336	1,318	2,310	898	716	1,226
Argentina	1,403	679	724	47	229	442	162	173	350
Brazil	2,964	1,382	1,582	173	458	942	423	344	624
Chile	938	460	478	45	223	388	97	63	122
Colombia	713	263	450	33	235	257	86	48	54
Others	786	353	433	38	173	281	130	88	76
EUROPE	887,572	427,462	460,110	93,701	164,990	190,351	131,592	145,029	161,909
NORTHERN EUROPE	267,264	133,186	134,078	33,824	41,116	44,926	37,484	44,964	64,950
Denmark	16,869	7,823	9,046	2,664	3,565	2,058	2,167	2,817	3,598
Finland	7,028	3,061	3,967	621	1,910	1,809	997	853	838
Norway	13,446	6,418	7,028	1,921	2,985	2,011	1,786	2,590	2,153
Sweden	22,464	10,756	11,708	3,145	4,329	3,949	2,876	3,759	4,406
United Kingdom	198,776	101,153	97,623	24,855	26,144	32,648	28,625	33,869	52,635
Others	8,681	3,975	4,706	618	2,183	2,451	1,033	1,076	1,320
WESTERN EUROPE	322,068	152,753	169,315	32,286	63,263	57,906	40,097	61,095	67,421
Austria	14,713	6,664	8,049	747	3,179	2,581	1,751	3,010	3,445
Belgium	14,948	7,226	7,722	2,119	3,604	2,427	2,140	2,370	2,288
France	87,623	42,619	45,004	11,705	15,007	16,096	12,552	14,119	18,144
Germany	134,899	63,015	71,884	9,833	26,095	25,081	15,208	29,170	29,512
Netherlands	38,993	18,659	20,334	4,288	9,804	6,740	4,337	6,313	7,511
Switzerland	29,981	14,168	15,813	3,494	5,397	4,817	3,997	5,932	6,344
Others	911	402	509	100	177	164	112	181	177
CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE	196,856	88,771	108,085	20,668	38,502	61,717	37,154	24,927	13,888
Belarus	4,796	2,113	2,683	689	1,223	1,610	717	426	131
Czech Republic	19,204	8,665	10,539	1,985	3,949	3,867	4,101	3,157	2,145
Estonia	2,516	1,166	1,350	399	302	618	515	461	221
Hungary	4,091	1,879	2,212	287	548	1,089	1,034	572	561
Kazakhstan	2,399	955	1,444	552	387	703	330	260	167
Lithuania	2,793	1,164	1,629	216	503	803	539	453	279

Table 14(Contd.)

	Total	GENDER		AGE					
		Male	Female	(3-19)	(20-29)	(30-39)	(40-49)	(50-59)	(60 & above)
Poland	20,896	9,828	11,068	2,129	3,192	5,848	4,574	2,869	2,284
Romania	5,463	2,644	2,819	423	857	2,049	1,215	588	331
Russian Federation	86,549	37,742	48,807	9,360	16,874	30,005	14,668	10,529	5,113
Slovakia	4,944	2,128	2,816	299	945	1,461	1,022	740	477
Ukraine	35,051	16,897	18,154	3,429	8,196	11,335	6,846	3,792	1,453
Others	8,154	3,590	4,564	900	1,526	2,329	1,593	1,080	726
SOUTHERN /MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE	101,384	52,752	48,632	6,923	22,109	25,802	16,857	14,043	15,650
Greece	6,980	5,684	1,296	158	1,116	1,940	1,861	1,460	445
Italy	36,147	20,123	16,024	2,329	5,572	8,081	5,840	5,862	8,463
Portugal	5,193	2,671	2,522	290	1,082	1,741	864	577	639
Spain	24,489	11,963	12,526	1366	5,403	7,961	3,912	3028	2819
Turkey	4,972	2,322	2,650	293	630	1,529	924	745	851
Israel	14,770	7,791	6,979	1668	6699	2,010	1734	1176	1483
Others	8,833	4,347	4,486	819	1,607	2,540	1,722	1,195	950
MIDDLE EAST	44,143	25,103	19,040	10,383	10,887	11,859	5,417	3,546	2,051
Bahrain	2,285	1,144	1,141	570	485	487	253	263	227
Egypt	3,708	2,318	1,390	486	975	1,440	523	222	62
Iraq	852	595	257	66	221	234	133	121	77
Jordan	3,085	1,736	1,349	445	847	1034	373	227	159
Kuwait	3,239	1,816	1,423	694	629	678	445	433	360
Lebanon	4,304	2,182	2,122	414	1,367	1,522	540	309	152
Oman	4,117	2,377	1,740	1,311	992	922	508	261	123
Qatar	1,063	658	405	293	175	230	181	127	57
Saudi Arabia	15,707	8,878	6,829	4,780	3,951	3,709	1,612	1,104	551
United Arab Emirates	3,528	2,027	1,501	971	618	837	521	372	209
Others	2,255	1,384	871	353	627	766	328	107	74
AFRICA	15,094	7,420	7,674	1,668	2,898	3,949	2,338	2,028	2,213
NORTH AFRICA	2,780	1,328	1,452	321	784	981	348	197	149
Morocco	1,031	450	581	73	400	351	103	44	60
Sudan	584	343	241	99	97	209	110	49	20
Others	1,165	532	633	149	287	421	135	104	69
SUB - SAHARAN AFRICA	12,314	6,092	6,222	1,347	2,114	2,968	1,990	1,831	2,064
Kenya	1559	778	781	313	257	351	237	187	214
Mauritius	739	347	392	58	102	156	114	98	211
Nigeria	172	131	41	5	23	61	43	25	15
South Africa	7,132	3,365	3,767	662	1,225	1,543	1,129	1,192	1381
Others	2,712	1,404	1,308	309	507	857	467	329	243

Table 14(Contd.)

	Total	GENDER		AGE					
		Male	Female	(3-19)	(20-29)	(30-39)	(40-49)	(50-59)	(60 & above)
ASIA & PACIFIC	839,470	477,347	362,123	74,543	132,520	204,168	164,099	131,640	132,500
NORTH EAST ASIA	217,477	98,165	119,312	14,928	34,095	51,148	39,594	38,233	39,479
China	167,863	72,336	95,527	12,475	27,945	41,496	28,988	28,664	28,295
Japan	30,079	15,722	14,357	1,455	3,940	6,303	6,783	4,955	6,643
South Korea	12,195	6,852	5,343	612	1,273	2,045	2,433	3,019	2,813
Taiwan	7,127	3,152	3,975	353	890	1,252	1,357	1,563	1,712
Others	213	103	110	33	47	52	33	32	16
SOUTH EAST ASIA	68,904	35,227	33,677	3,344	10,692	17,427	14,828	11,764	10,849
Cambodia	2841	1039	1802	48	218	461	321	455	1338
Indonesia	4,919	2,918	2,001	206	1,326	1,494	1,098	556	239
Malaysia	16,861	9,112	7,749	1,114	2,165	3,557	3,516	3,288	3,221
Myanmar	3,124	1,389	1,735	39	372	614	673	769	657
Philippines	14,590	8,160	6,430	427	3,269	5,393	3,592	1,500	409
Singapore	13,871	7,969	5,902	1,131	1,465	2,633	2,908	3,139	2,595
Thailand	9,861	3,792	6,069	247	1,287	2,387	2,172	1,708	2,060
Vietnam	2,643	1,060	1,583	132	557	831	503	308	312
Others	194	85	109	0	33	57	45	41	18
SOUTH ASIA	447,675	291,805	155,870	42,674	73,803	118,761	94,633	64,135	53,669
Afghanistan	473	347	126	41	162	178	63	18	11
Bangladesh	8,261	5,937	2,324	824	1,701	2,464	1,749	964	559
Bhutan	343	203	140	14	84	76	82	57	30
India	355,002	234,664	120,338	30,754	57,566	93,061	74,955	52,220	46,446
Iran	3,249	1,669	1,580	487	452	1,259	509	323	219
Maldives	60,278	35,909	24,369	8,766	9,799	15,410	13,129	8,247	4,927
Nepal	5,414	2,993	2,421	176	1109	1,979	1,329	526	295
Pakistan	14,655	10,074	4,581	1,612	2,930	4,334	2,817	1,780	1,182
OCEANIA	105,414	52,150	53,264	13,597	13,930	16,832	15,044	17,508	28,503
Australia	92,674	45,826	46,848	12,100	12,048	14,736	13,277	15,218	25,295
New Zealand	12,463	6,194	6,269	1,482	1,850	2,029	1,712	2,230	3,160
Others	277	130	147	15	32	67	55	60	48
Total	1,913,702	1,001,535	912,167	195,838	325,206	431,955	322,083	302,492	336,128

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 15

Percentage Distribution of Tourist Arrivals by Occupational Categories- 2008- 2019

Occupation	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Businessmen	15.3	12.4	13.5	18.3	14.8	29.5	17.7	15.1	16.2	12.4	8.3	12.4
Professionals	8.0	10.3	13.7	7.6	11.4	17.5	20.7	21.3	23.4	23.9	35.4	34.6
Executives	13.3	13.9	15.5	16.7	16.8	7.4	7.0	10.7	8.8	9.7	10.9	8.4
Scientists & Technicians	7.7	7.7	8.3	8.0	9.9	6.7	8.8	6.4	10.0	9.2	1.3	2.8
Marketing & Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	1.3
Educationists	5.9	8	10.0	4.8	6.8	9.2	10.0	7.8	8.1	26.3	5.5	12.1
Other Occupation	26.1	26.1	18.9	25.2	19.2	10.2	14.9	18.6	12.4	10.2	15.8	13.4
No Occupation	18.2	17.2	15.1	14.1	13.0	10.1	13.0	14.7	16.5	4.8	7.9	7.2
Retired Persons	5.5	4.4	5.0	5.3	8.1	9.4	7.9	5.4	4.6	3.5	13.7	7.7

Source: Airport Survey of Departing Foreign Tourists from Sri Lanka 2019

Table 16

Tourists Arrivals by Country of Residence and Occupation- 2019

Country of Residence	Total	Professionals	Other Occupation	Businessmen	Educationists	Executives	Retired Persons	No Occupation	Scientists & Technicians	Marketing & Advertising
AMERICA	127,423	47,304	10,048	10,510	16,034	8,357	22,503	7,420	3,276	1,971
NORTH AMERICA	119,681	43,994	9,259	9,905	15,599	7,704	21,423	6,907	3,187	1,703
Canada	48,729	15,738	3,976	4,805	6,422	3,225	10,254	2,465	1,139	705
Mexico	2,120	932	268	278	107	214	118	171	11	21
United States	68,832	27,324	5,015	4,822	9,070	4,265	11,051	4,271	2,037	977
CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA	938	378	61	78	57	119	86	80	18	61
Costa Rica	143	52	15	4	11	12	8	26	2	13
Jamaica	58	8	2	2	2	6	6	4	8	20
Others	737	318	44	72	44	101	72	50	8	28
SOUTH AMERICA	6,804	2,932	728	527	378	534	994	433	71	207
Argentina	1,403	702	234	57	109	125	88	31	5	52
Brazil	2,964	1,079	217	292	93	210	825	186	25	37
Chile	938	460	95	109	64	83	32	25	19	51
Colombia	713	270	74	21	58	63	43	137	10	37
Others	786	421	108	48	54	53	6	54	12	30

Table 16(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Total	Professionals	Other Occupation	Businessmen	Educationists	Executives	Retired Persons	No Occupation	Scientists & Technicians	Marketing & Advertising
EUROPE	887,572	353,435	106,268	50,466	117,894	97,919	77,874	42,303	27,096	14,317
NORTHERN EUROPE	267,264	104,627	29,068	12,775	38,354	22,142	38,630	12,156	6,007	3,505
Denmark	16,869	6,027	2,177	1,356	2,993	1,678	1,103	753	607	175
Finland	7,028	3,032	828	143	610	965	678	572	100	100
Norway	13,446	4,652	1,799	569	2,106	1,673	982	943	547	175
Sweden	22,464	9,751	3,321	554	3,456	1,919	1,318	1,195	585	365
United Kingdom	198,776	76,881	20,196	9,540	28,302	15,272	33,934	8,240	3,856	2,555
Others	8,681	4,284	747	613	887	635	615	453	312	135
WESTERN EUROPE	322,068	117,496	41,154	20,068	56,006	25,201	28,048	16,164	13,235	4,696
Austria	14,713	5,355	1,995	364	3,018	789	1,799	594	591	208
Belgium	14,948	5,334	2,513	996	1,844	995	1,095	1,036	936	199
France	87,623	32,296	10,648	5,503	11,453	7,632	11,287	4,225	3,712	867
Germany	134,899	49,215	16,172	8,205	29,259	10,115	8,362	6,003	5,485	2,083
Netherlands	38,993	14,739	5,138	2,688	5,485	3,471	3,258	2,517	937	760
Switzerland	29,981	10,252	4,542	2,290	4,891	2,120	2,090	1,710	1,552	534
Others	911	305	146	22	56	79	157	79	22	45

Table 16(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Total	Professionals	Other Occupation	Businessmen	Educationists	Executives	Retired Persons	No Occupation	Scientists & Technicians	Marketing & Advertising
CENTRAL / EASTERN EUROPE	196,856	88,218	21,244	10,734	12,901	42,237	4,456	7,663	4,888	4,515
Belarus	4,796	2,284	547	148	125	1,417	50	75	50	100
Czech Republic	19,204	8,458	2,471	1,165	2,671	2,311	543	630	615	340
Estonia	2,516	923	356	48	138	797	61	108	24	61
Hungary	4,091	1,846	582	150	232	707	233	241	50	50
Kazakhstan	2,399	949	94	350	330	176	188	153	98	61
Lithuania	2,793	1,255	258	258	125	652	49	111	12	73
Poland	20,896	11,224	1,868	1,623	1,681	1,590	426	1,069	910	505
Romania	5,463	3,244	438	108	199	783	123	230	223	115
Russian Federation	86,549	35,849	8,716	3,076	3,399	26,527	1,880	3,513	1,728	1,861
Slovakia	4,944	2,163	620	191	380	1,208	159	111	48	64
Ukraine	35,051	16,061	4,384	3,314	3,115	4,240	606	1,183	1,038	1,110
Others	8,154	3,962	910	303	506	1,829	138	239	92	175
SOUTHERN /MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE	101,384	43,094	14,802	6,889	10,633	8,339	6,740	6,320	2,966	1,601
Greece	6,980	2,891	1,198	330	619	992	330	248	83	289
Israel	14,770	5,074	2,330	933	2,875	1,480	1,079	575	202	222
Italy	36,147	12,181	6,625	3,264	3,824	2,483	2,720	3,501	1,265	284
Portugal	5,193	2,486	504	177	194	549	911	203	45	124

Table 16(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Total	Professionals	Other Occupation	Businessmen	Educationists	Executives	Retired Persons	No Occupation	Scientists & Technicians	Marketing & Advertising
Spain	24,489	13,696	2,504	1,491	2,362	1,021	730	1,085	1,062	538
Turkey	4,972	2,326	451	386	253	559	679	212	93	13
Others	8,833	4,440	1,190	308	506	1,255	291	496	216	131
MIDDLE EAST	44,143	16,126	6,017	4,143	5,925	3,863	1,735	4,132	1,269	933
Bahrain	2,285	685	229	228	457	127	50	381	102	26
Egypt	3,708	1,961	293	39	484	611	25	207	56	32
Iraq	852	298	213	127	64	74	11	43	11	11
Jordan	3,085	1,231	270	270	396	505	26	286	42	59
Kuwait	3,239	784	386	684	213	159	306	413	206	88
Lebanon	4,304	1,544	536	212	559	827	168	324	11	123
Oman	4,117	894	1,016	560	461	296	99	460	163	168
Qatar	1,063	192	566	14	28	124	14	83	28	14
Saudi Arabia	15,707	6,510	1,780	1,458	2,528	843	801	1,298	410	79
United Arab Emirates	3,528	1,310	493	238	453	149	95	345	178	267
Others	2,255	717	235	313	282	148	140	292	62	66
AFRICA	15,094	5,622	1,522	1,376	1,036	2,266	1,308	1,353	211	400
NORTH AFRICA	2,780	1,391	246	108	159	461	70	181	55	109
Morocco	1,031	462	91	41	64	231	33	75	17	17
Sudan	584	280	64	47	23	47	29	35	18	41
Others	1,165	649	91	20	72	183	8	71	20	51

Table 16(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Total	Professionals	Other Occupation	Businessmen	Educationists	Executives	Retired Persons	No Occupation	Scientists & Technicians	Marketing & Advertising
SUB - SAHARAN AFRICA	12,314	4,231	1,276	1,268	877	1,805	1,238	1,172	156	291
Kenya	1,559	606	152	303	11	205	12	227	11	32
Mauritius	739	233	74	39	65	112	43	74	13	86
Nigeria	172	36	7	83	1	10	3	3	1	28
South Africa	7,132	2,427	841	346	588	1,217	996	540	97	80
Others	2,712	929	202	497	212	261	184	328	34	65
ASIA & PACIFIC	839,470	238,875	133,139	170,316	90,633	49,287	44,178	83,432	22,108	7,502
NORTH EAST ASIA	217,477	55,121	60,088	26,878	37,343	10,843	8,332	14,795	2,684	1,393
China	167,863	37,433	53,878	17,193	29,974	8,440	6,512	11,598	1,804	1,031
Japan	30,079	11,326	3,960	5,638	4,421	1,472	871	1,841	383	167
South Korea	12,195	3,587	1,371	3,252	1,858	458	181	1,026	375	87
Taiwan	7,127	2,685	871	786	1,057	457	743	314	114	100
Others	213	90	8	9	33	16	25	16	8	8
SOUTH EAST ASIA	68,904	24,064	7,923	8,515	6,678	7,735	4,247	7,400	1,491	851
Cambodia	2,841	405	822	115	99	217	29	1,124	15	15
Indonesia	4,919	1,434	793	858	356	359	296	605	166	52
Malaysia	16,861	6,467	988	1,600	2,003	2,664	1,008	1,537	429	165
Myanmar	3,124	1,090	605	407	332	274	25	370	8	13
Philippines	14,590	4,656	1,828	2,248	698	1,421	1,026	1,924	453	336

Table 16(Contd.)

Country of Residence	Total	Professionals	Other Occupation	Businessmen	Educationists	Executives	Retired Persons	No Occupation	Scientists & Technicians	Marketing & Advertising
Singapore	13,871	5,549	931	876	2,153	2,104	889	1,083	150	136
Thailand	9,861	3,131	1,635	2,068	916	371	871	596	214	59
Vietnam	2,643	1,266	296	333	103	311	89	156	44	45
Others	194	66	25	10	18	14	14	5	12	30
SOUTH ASIA	447,675	118,593	53,396	130,130	29,522	23,049	19,871	54,555	14,618	3,941
Afghanistan	473	109	13	83	31	90	32	38	26	51
Bangladesh	8,261	1,399	1,457	2,255	659	358	644	1,216	259	14
Bhutan	343	91	117	23	18	9	3	48	14	20
India	355,002	93,211	41,701	111,124	18,642	16,580	16,810	43,586	11,056	2,292
Iran	3,249	1,408	397	181	434	433	36	181	35	144
Maldives	60,278	16,797	7,392	10,968	8,364	3,775	1,717	7,413	2,670	1,182
Nepal	5,414	1,971	1,130	762	343	394	157	394	158	105
Pakistan	14,655	3,607	1,189	4,734	1,031	1,410	472	1,679	400	133
OCEANIA	105,414	41,097	11,732	4,793	17,090	7,660	11,728	6,682	3,315	1,317
Australia	92,674	35,990	10,276	4,200	15,017	6,599	10,703	5,864	2,917	1,108
New Zealand	12,463	5,019	1,419	570	2,032	1,022	1,013	806	385	197
Others	277	88	37	23	41	39	12	12	13	12
Total	1,913,702	661,362	256,994	236,811	231,522	161,692	147,598	138,640	53,960	25,123

Table 17

Schedule Airline Operations & Seating Capacity - 2019

No	Air Lines	Type of Aircraft	Seating Capacity (AVG)	No of Incoming Flights per Week		No 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	14	11	2,352	1,848	1.5	1.2
2	Air Asia Berhad	A320	186	7	7	1,302	1,302	0.9	0.9
3	Air China Airlines	A330/A300/A321	277	7	4	1,939	1,108	1.3	0.7
4	Air India	A320/A321	277	21	30	5,817	8,310	3.8	5.5
5	Alliance Air	ATR 72	170	3	3	510	510	0.3	0.3
6	Cathay Pacific Airways	A330/ B777	343	7	7	2,401	2,401	1.6	1.6
7	China Eastern Airlines	74K/77H/77G/B777	196	8	8	1,568	1,568	1.0	1.0
8	China Southern Airlines	A330/A300/B737	263	3	3	789	789	0.5	0.5
9	Chongqing Airlines	A320	166	3	3	498	498	0.3	0.3
10	Edelweiss Air	A340	166	3	2	498	332	0.3	0.2
11	Emirates	B77WR/WP/WN	287	28	28	8,036	8,036	5.3	5.3
12	Etihad Airways	A320/B777/B787	372	7	14	2,604	5,208	1.7	3.5
13	Fly Dubai	73H	240	19	14	4,560	3,360	3.0	2.2

Table 17(Contd.)

No	Air Lines	Type of Aircraft	Seating Capacity (AVG)	No of Incoming Flights per Week		No of Seats Available in Incoming Flights per Week		Percentage of Total Seating Capacity by Carrier	
				Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer
14	Gulf Air	A320 N	159	3	5	477	795	0.3	0.5
15	Indigo Airlines	A320	180	42	28	7,560	5,040	5.0	3.3
16	Jet Airways	B737/ 800	247	14	14	3458	3,458	2.3	2.3
17	Korean Air	A332/A333	168	3	3	504	504	0.3	0.3
18	Kuwait Airways	A332	212	7	7	1,484	1,484	1.0	1.0
19	Lot Polish Airlines	B787/900	294	3	3	882	882	0.6	0.6
20	Malaysia Airlines	B738	212	7	7	1,484	1,484	1.0	1.0
21	Malindo Air	B737	172	7	7	1,204	1,204	0.8	0.8
22	Oman Air	B737	156	20	21	3,120	3,276	2.1	2.2
23	Qatar Airways	A380/A330/A319	312	35	35	10,920	10,920	7.2	7.2
24	Rossiya Airlines	B777-300	373	5	5	1,865	1,865	1.2	1.2
25	Salam Air	A320-251N	180	4	4	720	720	0.5	0.5
26	Saudi Arabian Airlines	77W/77H	343	7	4	2,401	1,372	1.6	0.9
27	Silk Air	B738	162	4	4	648	648	0.4	0.4
28	Singapore Airlines	A359	303	7	7	2,121	2,121	1.4	1.4

Table 17(Contd.)

No	Air Lines	Type of Aircraft	Seating Capacity (AVG)	No of Incoming Flights per Week		No of Seats Available in Incoming Flights per Week		Percentage of Total Seating Capacity by Carrier	
				Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer
29	SpiceJet	Q400	78	14	19	1,092	1,482	0.7	1.0
30	Srilankan Airlines	A320	162	71	69	11,421	11,143	7.5	7.4
		A321	169	33	32	5,535	5,471	3.6	3.6
		A332	269	54	61	14,509	16,300	9.5	10.8
		A333	297	69	60	20,493	17,746	13.5	11.8
		32A	150	31	32	4,613	4,744	3.0	3.1
		32B	188	58	60	10,951	11,198	7.2	7.4
		M320	162	22	22	3,564	3,549	2.3	2.4
31	Thai Air Asia	A320	186	4	4	744	744	0.5	0.5
32	Thai Airways	A330/A333/B777	298	5	5	1,490	1,490	1.0	1.0
33	Thai Lion Air	A330/A333/B777	290	7	7	2,030	2,030	1.3	1.3
34	Turkish Airlines	A330	289	7	7	2,023	2,023	1.3	1.3
35	Ukraine Airlines	B767	255	3	3	765	765	0.5	0.5
36	Vistara Airlines	A320	164	7	6	1,148	984	0.8	0.7
	Total			682	674	152,099	150,711	100.0	100.0

Source: Civil Aviation Authority

Table 18

Passenger Arrivals and Departures by Port and by Category of Travelers - 2019

Port	Total		Sri Lankan Residents		Foreign Tourists	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
Katunayake	3,233,241	3,446,467	1,418,522	1,436,675	1,814,719	2,009,792
Mattala	149	237		2	149	235
TOTAL AIR	3,233,390	3,446,704	1,418,522	1,436,677	1,814,868	2,010,027
Colombo Harbour	80,570	81,587	1,552	1,148	79,018	80,439
Galle Harbour	17,731	14,131	3,001	2,470	14,730	11,661
Other ports	6,106	4,897	1,020	1,167	5,086	3,730
TOTAL SEA	104,407	100,615	5,573	4,785	98,834	95,830
Grand Total	3,337,797	3,547,319	1,424,095	1,441,462	1,913,702	2,105,857

* Hambantota/Norochcholai/Trincomalee

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 19**Sri Lanka Departures by First Port**

No	First Port	No of Departures
1	DUBAI	186,656
2	DOHAR QUATAR	183,298
3	CHENNAI	153,340
4	SINGAPORE	133,823
5	KUALA LAMPUR	91,802
6	BANGKOK	90,590
7	KUWAIT	67,395
8	MUSCAT	55,814
9	DELHI	49,136
10	SHARJA	44,394
11	JEDDAH	33,868
12	MALE	33,572
13	MELBOURNE	29,300
14	ABUDHABI	24,523
15	HONG KONG	17,562
16	BAHRAIN	16,634
17	MUMBAI	15,876
18	BANGALORE	15,743
19	NARITA	13,977
20	DUBAI/MALE	13,090
21	RIYADH	12,969
22	LONDON	12,795
23	MADURAI	11,522
24	TIRUCHCHIRAPALLI	9,311
25	SHANGHAI	8,721
26	ISTANBUL/MALE	8,597
27	DHAKA	8,349
28	ABU DHABI	7,061
29	VARANASI	6,770
30	RIYADH/MLE	6,557
31	JAKARTHA	6,422
32	GUANGZHOU	6,402
33	INCHEON	6,248
34	DAMMAM	5,916
35	BEIJING	3,742
36	LONDON HEATHROW	3,095
37	TRICHY	3,077
38	GUANGZHOU/BANGKOK	2,889
39	SEYCHELLES	2,660
40	OTHERS	37,966
Total		1,441,462

Table 20 -

Accommodation Capacity (Rooms) in Tourist Hotels and its Regional Distribution 2006 to 2019

Resort Region	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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	5,607	5,638
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	3,269	3,052
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	8,676	8,695
East Coast	184	184	230	230	238	238	296	628	842	895	1,121	1,129	1,149	1,201
High Country	726	734	772	928	847	940	743	838	789	1,035	1,178	1,356	1,489	1,548
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	4,360	4,462
North regent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	51	51	107	163	207	235
All Region	14,218	14,604	14,793	14,461	14,714	14,653	15,510	16,655	18,510	19,376	22,126	23,477	24,757	24,831

* - Revised

Table 21 –

Accommodation Capacity & Guest Nights in Graded & Supplementary Establishments 2012 to 2019

Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018*	2019*
A. Accommodation Capacity - (Tourist Hotels)								
(a). No. of Units	269	304	334	354	382	401	457	474
(b). No. of Rooms	15,510	16,655	18,078	19,376	22,136	23,477	24,757	24,831
(c). No. of Beds	30,399	34,840	36,883	38,370	45,509	47,259	50,108	50,296
B. Accommodation Capacity - Supplementary Establishments								
(a). No. of Units	930	1,021	1,265	1,409	1,558	1,693	1,855	2,145
(b). No. of Rooms	8,207	8,513	9,916	10,702	11,535	12,509	13,457	15,534
(c). No. of Beds	13,347	16,105	18,340	20,211	21,570	23,392	25,973	29,144
C. Guest Nights - Tourist Hotels								
(a). Foreign	5,038,066	6,969,239	7,982,110	8,945,380	10,595,118	11,609,886	12,608,044	9,772,128
(b). Local	1,457,063	1,439,483	2,072,886	1,588,223	1,727,292	1,805,141	1,984,891	1,487,402
D. Guest Nights - Supplementary Establishments								
(a). Foreign	2,372,266	2,728,603	3,596,548	4,349,313	5,404,602	6,204,126	6,805,139	5,364,773
(b). Local	682,374	639,275	512,017	636,644	816,297	920,196	965,042	792,456
E. Tourist Nights (Total)	10,056,050	10,909,050	15,118,815	18,163,638	20,918,486	23,068,836	25,204,996	19,902,501
(a). Tourist Hotels	5,038,066	6,969,239	7,982,110	8,945,380	10,595,118	11,609,886	12,608,044	9,772,128
(b). Supplementary Establishments	2,372,266	2,728,607	3,596,548	4,349,313	5,404,602	6,204,126	6,805,139	5,364,773
(c). Others	2,645,718	1,211,204	3,540,157	4,868,945	4,918,766	5,254,824	5,791,813	4,765,600

* Tourist Hotels - Classified /Unclassified /Boutique Hotels

* Supplementary Establishments - Boutique Villas /Guest Houses /Home Stays /Bungalows / Heritage Homes & Bungalows / Rented Apartments & Rented Homes

* Estimated

Table 22

Occupancy Rates by Region – 2005 to 2019

Region	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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	79.19	58.7
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	75.41	57.9
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	73.10	59.7
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	71.35	57.3
High 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	71.67	57.4
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	71.37	56.9
Northern Region	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.9	72.4	72.0	69.58	70.98	68.48	48.6
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	72.77	57.1

Table 23

Monthly Occupancy Rates in Tourist Hotels by Region – 2019

REGION	No. of Units **	Rooms **	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual O/R
Colombo City	44	5,638	84.34	83.11	76.91	74.73	14.32	21.92	46.05	55.31	48.77	53.45	72.71	73.21	58.74
Greater Colombo	60	3,052	80.83	78.76	76.15	69.49	14.97	22.84	43.37	55.66	50.47	54.32	73.48	74.49	57.90
1. North of Colombo	51	2,562	82.12	79.07	77.82	67.78	15.50	23.60	46.92	57.29	52.82	57.76	75.12	77.10	59.41
11. South of Colombo	9	490	79.54	78.44	74.48	71.20	14.43	22.08	39.82	54.02	48.11	50.87	71.84	71.88	56.39
South Coast	182	8,695	80.06	77.10	71.57	65.58	17.26	24.68	46.72	59.46	55.22	59.55	78.11	80.88	59.68
1. Up to Galle	105	5,697	80.31	78.84	74.23	67.20	18.77	25.42	48.12	60.61	58.84	60.44	79.98	83.37	61.34
11. Beyond Galle	77	2,998	79.81	75.36	68.91	63.95	15.74	23.94	45.31	58.31	51.59	58.65	76.23	78.39	58.02
East Coast	31	1,201	78.91	76.24	73.89	64.23	13.40	22.03	49.39	59.64	48.91	55.73	73.66	71.68	57.31
High Country	48	1,548	78.40	76.77	72.84	65.68	14.69	22.44	46.85	57.86	52.35	54.79	71.39	75.31	57.45
Ancient Cities	101	4,462	76.73	76.86	74.05	59.75	14.94	23.09	47.87	55.67	52.90	52.19	74.07	75.41	56.96
1. Kandy Area	40	1,818	79.32	78.11	77.49	66.81	16.23	24.64	50.32	57.37	55.17	60.44	78.11	80.69	60.39
11. Anuradhapura Area	16	471	72.69	74.98	76.09	56.78	13.17	21.69	45.31	54.64	47.69	44.87	70.97	70.82	54.14
111. Polonnaruwa / Giritale	10	424	75.92	76.16	69.82	60.14	14.22	21.47	46.72	49.99	49.82	42.89	69.26	69.76	53.85
1V. Habarana/Sig./Damb.	35	1,749	78.99	78.21	72.81	55.27	16.16	24.55	49.11	60.69	58.92	60.54	77.92	80.37	59.46
Northern Region	8	235	70.71	72.29	64.86	49.23	12.52	19.35	38.91	44.88	39.63	42.92	62.44	64.86	48.55
All Regions	474	24,831	78.42	77.30	73.35	63.58	14.93	22.76	46.07	55.88	51.05	53.61	73.30	74.79	57.09

Table 23(a)

Capacity and Nights in all Accommodation Establishments by Category- 2018 & 2019

Class of Accommodation	No of Establishments		No of Rooms		Occupancy Rate *		No of Beds*		Total Guest Nights*		Foreign Guest Nights*		Local Guest Nights*	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
(A) Hotel	457	474	24,757	24,831	72.77	57.09	50,897	51,049	14,592,935	11,259,530	12,608,044	9,772,128	1,984,891	1,487,402
5 Star	23	25	5,150	5,354	73.13	54.37	9,141	9,503	2,935,665	2,249,792	2,684,928	2,034,813	250,737	214,979
4 Star	21	24	2,302	2,564	72.31	59.53	4,535	5,051	1,341,756	1,117,682	1,163,791	983,067	177,965	134,615
3 Star	24	26	2,416	2,513	72.95	59.02	6,411	5,353	1,720,580	1,160,457	1,592,690	1,051,766	127,890	108,691
2 Star	38	41	1,788	2,000	72.39	58.79	3,725	4,167	1,043,308	908,423	945,988	808,612	97,320	99,811
1 Star	39	38	1,752	1,662	73.58	57.73	3,831	3,634	1,039,070	759,479	833,143	583,287	205,927	176,192
Small luxury Hotel(Boutique Hotel / Villa)	71	81	893	1,037	71.51	52.10	1,102	1,280	340,718	283,169	312,078	268,345	28,640	14,824
Unclassified	241	239	10,456	9,701	73.54	58.12	22,152	20,552	6,171,838	4,780,528	5,075,426	4,042,238	1,096,412	738,290
(B) Supplementary Establishments	1,855	2,145	13,457	15,534	69.31	49.38	25,973	29,982	7,770,181	6,157,319	6,805,139	5,364,773	965,042	792,546

Table 24

Foreign Guest Nights in Graded Accommodation Establishments by Region & Month – 2019* (Classified / Unclassified / Boutique)

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Colombo City	246,098	242,510	224,418	218,057	41,784	63,956	134,371	161,391	142,308	155,958	212,163	213,622	2,056,636
Greater Colombo	135,270	130,740	127,949	113,126	25,374	38,665	75,790	93,978	86,195	93,795	123,490	126,248	1,170,620
1. North of Colombo	114,092	109,855	108,118	94,169	21,531	32,785	65,188	79,595	73,385	80,251	104,362	107,111	990,442
11. South of Colombo	21,178	20,885	19,831	18,957	3,843	5,880	10,602	14,383	12,810	13,544	19,128	19,137	180,178
South Coast	408,855	396,210	369,515	337,223	90,528	127,133	240,642	305,243	287,666	305,260	401,562	416,717	3,686,554
1. Upto Galle	271,048	266,087	250,528	226,801	63,349	85,789	162,406	204,560	198,586	203,986	269,934	281,362	2,484,436
11. Beyond Galle	137,807	130,123	118,987	110,422	27,179	41,344	78,236	100,683	89,080	101,274	131,628	135,355	1,202,118
East Coast	49,961	48,271	46,782	40,667	8,484	13,946	31,271	37,761	30,967	35,285	46,637	45,386	435,418
High Country	65,860	64,491	61,190	55,174	12,336	18,850	39,356	48,605	43,977	46,024	59,971	63,264	579,098
Ancient Cities	199,864	198,462	191,134	154,843	40,141	61,368	125,227	147,561	141,608	146,397	195,504	200,757	1,802,865
1. Kandy Area	82,811	81,547	80,900	69,750	16,943	25,725	52,534	59,895	57,598	63,100	81,547	84,237	756,587
11. Anuradhapura Area	19,005	19,604	19,895	14,846	3,442	5,671	11,847	14,286	12,469	11,732	18,556	18,517	169,871
111. Polonnaruwa / Giritale	17,771	17,827	16,343	14,077	3,329	5,025	10,936	11,702	11,662	10,040	16,212	16,329	151,254
1V. Habarana/Sig./Damb.	80,276	79,483	73,995	56,170	16,427	24,947	49,910	61,678	59,879	61,526	79,189	81,674	725,153
Northern Region	4,969	5,080	4,557	3,458	880	1,360	2,734	3,154	2,785	3,016	4,387	4,557	40,937
All Regions	1,110,877	1,085,764	1,025,545	922,548	219,527	325,278	649,391	797,693	735,506	785,735	1,043,714	1,070,551	9,772,128

*Estimated

Table 25

Local Guest Nights in Graded Accommodation Establishments by Region & Month – 2019* (Classified / Unclassified / Boutique)

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Colombo City	28,790	28,351	28,126	24,250	5,891	8,944	18,264	20,823	20,025	21,938	28,351	29,286	263,039
Greater Colombo	23,572	23,149	21,895	20,782	4,420	6,672	12,147	16,275	14,612	15,511	21,593	21,746	202,374
1. North of Colombo	19,388	19,120	18,155	17,355	3,518	5,383	9,706	13,167	11,727	12,400	17,511	17,520	164,950
11. South of Colombo	4,184	4,029	3,740	3,427	902	1,290	2,441	3,107	2,885	3,112	4,082	4,226	37,424
South Coast	61,512	59,514	55,439	50,645	13,527	19,085	36,125	45,862	43,060	45,881	60,311	62,553	553,515
1. Upto Galle	38,244	37,544	35,348	32,001	8,938	12,104	22,915	28,862	28,020	28,781	38,086	39,699	350,542
11. Beyond Galle	23,268	21,971	20,090	18,644	4,589	6,981	13,210	17,000	15,041	17,100	22,225	22,854	202,973
East Coast	11,708	11,312	10,963	9,530	1,988	3,268	7,328	8,849	7,257	8,269	10,929	10,636	102,037
High Country	10,025	9,816	9,314	8,398	1,878	2,869	5,991	7,398	6,694	7,005	9,128	9,630	88,146
Ancient Cities	29,843	29,542	28,178	22,985	5,978	9,097	18,435	21,927	20,909	22,175	28,906	29,913	267,887
1. Kandy Area	11,974	11,791	11,698	10,085	2,450	3,720	7,596	8,660	8,328	9,124	11,791	12,180	109,398
11. Anuradhapura Area	2,940	2,879	2,732	2,463	551	842	1,757	2,170	1,963	2,055	2,677	2,824	25,854
111. Polonnaruwa / Giritale	2,794	2,857	2,563	1,945	495	765	1,538	1,773	1,566	1,696	2,467	2,563	23,022
1V. Habarana/Sig./Damb.	12,134	12,015	11,185	8,491	2,483	3,771	7,544	9,323	9,051	9,300	11,970	12,346	109,613
Northern Region	1,263	1,291	1,158	879	224	346	695	801	708	766	1,115	1,158	10,404
All Regions	166,712	162,975	155,072	137,468	33,906	50,281	98,985	121,936	113,265	121,546	160,333	164,922	1,487,402

Source: SLTDA

Table 26

Volume & Value of Tourism - 2010 to 2019

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Tourist Arrivals	654,476	855,975	1,005,605	1,274,593	1,527,153	1,798,380	2,050,832	2,116,407	2,333,796	1,913,702
Excursionist Arrivals	112,497	119,875	126,523	140,009	138,097	195,143	116,544	131,409	186,862	113,449
Official Receipts *										
Rs. mn.	65,018.0	91,926.0	132,427.0	221,147.1	317,502.2	405,492.0	512,593.6	598,356.0	712,027.0	644,846.9
US\$ mn.	575.9	838.9	1,038.3*	1,715.50	2,431.1	2,980.6	3,518.5	3,924.9	4,380.6	3,606.9
SDR Units (mn.)	376.9	530.2	677.7	1,128.8	1,600.3	2,129.7*	2,531.3*	2,829.2	3,097.1	2,611.0
Receipt per Tourist per day * (USD)	88.0	98.0	103.0	156.5	160.8	164.1	168.2	170.1	173.8	181.2

* Estimated

able 27

Direct Employment in the Tourist Industry - 2017 to 2019*

Direct Employment in the Tourist Industry - 2017 to 2019*

Category of Establishments	No of Establishments			Managerial, Scientific & Professional			Technical Clerical Allied and Supervisory			Manual & Operative			Total		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018*	2019*	2017	2018*	2019*	2017	2018*	2019*	2017	2018*	2019*
Hotels and Restaurants	2,567	2,810	3,158	16,917	18,866	19,382	58,861	65,333	66,855	51,697	52,583	53,517	127,475	136,782	139,754
Travel Agents and Tour Operators	864	904	994	2,850	3,178	3,265	6,168	7,051	7,449	931	1,027	1,045	9,949	11,256	11,759
Airlines	28	32	37	1,108	1,236	1,269	4,808	5,248	5,544	1,605	1,784	1,816	7,521	8,267	8,629
Agencies Providing Recreational Facilities	80**	80	80	213	238	244	438	480	507	345	386	393	996	1,104	1,144
Tourist Shops	73	78	87	251	280	288	1,535	1,675	1,769	254	276	281	2,040	2,231	2,338
Guides (Formal & Informal) *	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,978	5,424	5,898	-	-	-	4,978	5,424	5,898
National Tourist Organisation	4	4	4	233	260	267	272	297	314	230	269	274	735	827	855
State Sector	18	18	18	843	940	966	972	980	1,035	860	1,193	1,214	2,675	3,112	3,215
Total	3,634	3,926	4,378	22,415	24,998	25,681	78,032	86,488	89,371	55,922	57,518	58,540	156,369	169,003	173,592

* Estimate

** Revised

Table 28

Sri Lankan Departures - Growth Trends - 1980 to 2019

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
2018	1,475,929	1,471,481	358	1,381	1,950	-	759
2019	1,441,462	1,436,675	2	1,148	2,470	-	1,167

Source: Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 29

Tourism Growth Trends 1971 to 2019

YEAR	Tourist Arrivals	Excursionist Arrivals	Tourist Nights '000	Rs. Mn	US\$ Mn	Euro Mn	SDR Mn	Receipt per Tourist per day	Average Duration (Nights)	Accommodation Capacity (Graded)			Sri Lankan Nationals		Employment	
										Rooms	Beds	Annual Room Occupancy Rate (Graded)	Arrivals	Departures	Direct	Indirect (Estd)
1971	39,654	58,292	395	20.3	3.4		3.4	8.6	10.5	1,767	3,534	31.1	-	-	6,397	8,640
1972	56,047	48,310	614	43.8	7.3		6.5	11.9	10.9	1,891	3,646	38.8	26,624	32,971	7,040	9,500
1973	77,888	27,920	804	79.5	12.8		10.4	15.9	10.3	2,468	4,801	42.4	35,188	42,305	7,134	10,780
1974	85,011	23,434	874	107.1	16.4		13.3	18.7	10.3	2,905	5,699	39.7	37,868	44,825	8,551	11,550
1975	103,204	25,490	1,015	157.1	22.4		18.6	22	9.8	3,632	7,142	36.8	46,999	53,848	10,148	13,700
1976	118,971	14,499	1,194	237.8	28.2		24.5	23.8	10	4,581	8,913	37.7	46,425	53,305	11,752	15,900
1977	153,665	7,672	1,645	363.1	40		34.8	24.3	10.7	4,851	9,447	42	58,992	66,900	13,716	18,520
1978	192,592	8,494	2,061	870	55.8		44.4	27.1	10.8	5,347	10,431	47.7	102,142	117,075	15,404	20,795
1979	250,164	5,565	2,777	1,209.40	77.7		60.1	28	11.1	5,599	11,212	52.8	100,603	122,197	18,472	24,937
1980	321,780	8,636	3,548	1,830.30	110.7		85.1	31.2	11	6,042	11,790	57.8	105,484	137,797	19,878	28,022
1981	370,742	7,737	3,907	2,546.50	132.4		112.3	33.9	10.5	6,891	13,773	54.5	142,426	185,035	23,023	32,232
1982	407,230	6,632	4,048	3,050.40	146.6		129.8	36.2	10	7,539	15,001	47.8	162,034	216,466	26,776	37,486
1983	337,530	7,208	3,179	2,896.10	125.8		115.1	39.6	9.6	8,852	17,605	35.9	180,729	244,955	22,374	31,234
1984	317,734	8,638	2,818	2,669.50	104.9		102.4	37.2	8.9	9,627	18,970	35.6	212,365	274,418	24,541	34,357
1985	257,456	9,882	2,365	2,233.30	82.2		80.8	34.8	9.2	9,826	19,352	32.7	220,094	239,272	22,723	31,810
1986	230,106	6,266	2,513	2,300.10	82.1		69.9	32.7	10.9	9,794	19,301	32.9	220,614	229,386	22,285	31,199
1987	182,620	2,417	2,414	2,415.20	82		63.4	34	13.2	9,921	19,322	31.5	217,127	257,760	20,338	28,473
1988	182,662	6,108	2,305	2,438.30	76.6		57	33.3	12.6	9,977	19,432	32.1	245,065	298,583	19,960	27,944
1989	184,732	4,064	1,970	2,739.70	76		59.3	38.6	10.7	9,459	18,464	31	258,950	285,510	21,958	30,741
1990	297,888	3,954	3,225	5,303.30	132		97.5	41.1	10.8	9,556	18,669	47.2	306,367	296,884	24,964	34,950
1991	317,703	2,665	3,633	6,485.80	156.8		114.6	42.8	11.4	9,679	18,947	48.4	237,424	310,373	26,878	37,629
1992	393,669	5,651	4,055	8,825.60	201.4		142.9	49.7	10.3	10,214	19,907	55.3	339,109	420,749	28,790	40,306
1993	392,250	6,093	4,148	10,036.80	208		149	50.1	10.6	10,365	20,242	57	375,740	416,246	30,710	42,994
1994	407,511	8,413	4,251	11,401.60	230.7		161.1	54.2	10.4	10,742	20,929	56.6	422,367	448,437	33,956	47,538

Table 29(Contd.)

YEAR	Tourist Arrivals	Excursionist Arrivals	Tourist Nights '000	Rs. Mn	US\$ Mn	Euro Mn	SDR Mn	Receipt per Tourist per day (US \$)	Average Duration (Nights)	Accommodation Capacity (Graded)		Annual Room Occupancy Rate (Graded)	Sri Lankan Nationals		Employment	
										Rooms	Beds		Arrivals	Departures	Direct	Indirect (Estd)
1995	403,101	10,556	4,024	11,551.60	225.4		148.6	56.1	10	11,255	21,680	52.6	459,441	504,420	35,068	49,095
1996	302,265	12,863	2,947	9,559.10	173		119.1	57.9	9.8	11,600	22,040	40.3	488,055	494,258	31,963	44,748
1997	366,165	18,265	3,680	12,980.30	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	14,868.00	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	19,297.30	274.9		201	61.4	10.3	12,918	24,216	57.6	521,073	496,963	36,560	51,184
2000	400,414	44,518	4,056	19,162.20	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	18,863.30	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	24,202.00	253	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	32,810.00	340	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	42,666.30	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	42,585.50	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	42,519.30	384.4	280.5	250.9	79.1	10	14,604	27,500	46.2	817,524	862,011	60,516	84,722
2008	438,475	87,695	4,166	37,094.00	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	40,133.00	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	65,018.00	575.9	433.2	376.9	88	10	14,714	28,978	70.1	1,081,417	1,122,212	55,023	77,032

Table 29(Contd.)

YEAR	Tourist Arrivals	Excursionist Arrivals	Tourist Nights '000	Rs. Mn	US\$ Mn	Euro Mn	SDR Mn	Receipt per Tourist per day (US \$)	Average Duration (Nights)	Accommodation Capacity (Graded)		Annual Room Occupancy Rate (Graded)	Sri Lankan Nationals		Employment	
										Rooms	Beds		Arrivals	Departures	Direct	Indirect (Estd)
2011	855,975	119,875	8,560	91,926.00	838.9	603.4	530.2	98	10	14,653	28,844	77.1	1,210,951	1,239,290	57,786	80,899
2012	1,005,605	126,523	10,056	132,427.00	1038.3	807.5	677.7	103	10	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	1,715.50	1,291.40	1,128.80	157	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*	317,501.70	2,431.10	1,830.00	1,600.30	161	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*	405,492.00	2,980.60	2,686.10	2,129.70	164	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*	512,593.60	3,518.50	3,178.90	2,531.30	168	10.2	21,888	45,965	74.76	1,485,004	1,447,786	146,115	189,544
2017	2,116,407	131,409*	23,068*	598,356.00	3,924.90	3,484.30	2,829.20	170	10.9	23,477	48,550	73.27*	1,481,239	1,439,429	156,369*	202,846*
2018	2,333,796	186,862*	25,205*	712,027.30	4,380.6*	3,714.3*	3,097.1*	174	10.8	24,757	52,237	72.77*	1,484,891	1,471,481	169,003*	219,484*
2019	1,913,702	113,449	19,902*	646.362.3*	3,606.9*	3,221.9*	2,611.1*	181	10.4	24,831	52,393	57.09*	1,424,095	1,441,462	173,592*	229,015*

*Provisional

Graded - Boutique / Classified & Tourist Hotels

Room count can be changed When establishments are Upgraded, downgraded and when they are not in operation

Source - Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 30

Tourist Arrivals by Month -1971 to 2019

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	16,238	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	27,495	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.)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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
2018	238,924	235,618	233,382	180,429	129,466	146,828	217,829	200,359	149,087	153,123	195,582	253,169	2,333,796
2019	244,239	252,033	244,328	166,975	37,802	63,072	115,701	143,587	108,575	118,743	176,984	241,663	1,913,702

Table 31

Passenger Arrivals and Departures-1981 to 2019

Year	Katunayake		Mattala		Port-Colombo		Port of Galle		Talaimannar		Other Ports		Total	
	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep
1981	493,619	562,421	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,003	72,800	2,599	2,456	578,221	637,677
1982	584,326	546,490	-	-	-	-	-	-	95,108	106,876	2,226	2,175	681,660	655,541
1983	559,276	534,217	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,402	93,168	1,862	2,277	631,540	629,662
1984	593,883	650,812	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,568	99,796	1,738	1,760	657,189	752,368
1985	543,397	585,213	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,927	1,735	545,324	586,948
1986	570,304	591,448	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,875	1,561	572,179	593,009
1987	512,289	548,408	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,797	1,533	514,086	549,941
1988	516,400	544,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,100	2,200	518,500	546,960
1989	552,189	563,027	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,493	1,286	553,682	564,313
1990	603,595	581,698	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,493	1,756	607,088	583,454
1991	646,869	712,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,706	2,366	649,575	714,439
1992	764,453	836,310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,794	2,919	767,247	839,229
1993	813,535	823,841	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,551	3,134	817,086	826,975
1994	893,387	892,778	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,120	4,392	897,507	897,170
1995	912,877	946,109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,897	8,105	918,774	954,214
1996	857,727	851,272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,628	3,668	861,355	854,940
1997	904,712	916,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,793	3,578	908,505	919,975
1998	921,343	938,656	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,793	3,619	925,136	942,275
1999	970,311	977,066	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,595	3,114	973,906	980,180
2000	999,418	970,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2933	2827	1,002,351	973,210
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	1,486,940
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

Table 31(Contd.)

Year	Katunayake		Mattala		Port-Colombo		Port of Galle		Talaimannar		Other Ports		Total	
	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep
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
2018	3,731,847	3,718,781	1,237	1,678	70,751	69,230	16,753	14,647	-	-	2,907	3,754	3,823,495	3,808,090
2019	3,392,073	3,446,467	149	237	80,570	81,587	17,731	14,131	-	-	6,106	4,897	3,496,629	3,547,319

Source - Department of Immigration & Emigration

Table 32

Conferences Held & Revenue Earned at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH)- 1990 to 2019

Year	Conference Status		Number of Delegates		Revenue'000
	National	International	Local	Foreign	
1990	31	7	12,145	2,011	1,201.30
1991	40	6	12,000	2,500	1,700.00
1992	127	33	69,601	5,248	13,939.30
1993	141	11	20,080	5,540	7,798.20
1994	105	9	35,080	1,730	4,906.70
1995	120	10	40,000	1,900	5,933.20
1996	152	16	58,000	1,300	5,411.20
1997	98	10	48,415	3,150	4,157.50
1998	101	5	49,475	1,550	6,039.40
1999	125	1	55,855	350	4,759.00
2000	134	4	54,110	600	6,685.50
2001	83	13	35,001	400	3,574.50
2002	577	6	285,545	1,005	46,244.70
2003	594	4	324,565	650	61,762.10
2004	642	4	432,510	1,550	70,700.50
2005	660	12	502,335	2,120	101,381.00
2006	804	17	916,845	2,560	120,490.40
2007	844	3	310,100	625	142,919.10
2008	758	3	294,870	475	137,504.40
2009	751	3	289,080	725	146,730.50
2010	442	1	175,980	200	133,426.70
2011	441	3	163,275	625	178,289.50
2012	496	10	223,650	4,500	239,228.60
2013	595	4	349,850	250	233,781.40
2014	768	7	591,200	1,200	400,210.00
2015	866	4	645,000	750	389,760.10
2016	994	6	965,000	1,350	551,405.00
2017	1,068	6	750,000	850	648,841.60
2018	1,385	5	100,000	1,000	464,083.80
2019	10	2	4,600	700	21,464.00

Source: BMICH

Table 33

Foreign Visitors to Museums & Revenue from Sale of Tickets - 1988 - 2019

Year	Total Number of Foreign Visitors	Collection in Rs.' 000
1988	12,315	254
1989	20,354	479.3
1990	38,248	902.1
1991	22,159	821.4
1992	26,920	1,005.80
1993	31,373	1,108.80
1994	31,229	1,154.10
1995	24,997	1,171.00
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
2003	19,213	1,181.10
2004	23,833	1,463.20
2005	15,281	3,937.60
2006	13,771	6,522.50
2007	9,040	4,190.90
2008	7,353	3,340.60
2009	10,244	4,636.40
2010	22,061	9,868.60
2011	31,096	14,200.00
2012	37,305	16,843.00
2013	44,751	14,981.00
2014	57,604	15,812.80
2015	56,387	27,568.70
2016	59,982	33,636.00
2017	68,107	50,210.40
2018	85,551	76,034.50
2019	64,877	56,472.20

Table 33(a)

Details of Museums – 2019

Museums	Foreign Tickets		Local Tickets	
	Number of Foreign Tourists	Revenue (in Rs.)	Number of Local Tourists	Revenue (in Rs.)
Colombo National Museum	49,736	49,800,000.00	169,792	7,945,190.00
Natural History Museum	2,509	2,144,050.00	44,804	1,152,880.00
Dutch Museum *	0	0.00	0	0.00
Independence Memorial Museum	1,298	369,900.00	21,801	165,950.00
Hambantota National Museum	58	28,800.00	1,433	19,300.00
Rathnapura National Museum *	0	0.00	0	0.00
Galle National Museum	5,038	1,429,350.00	25,927	293,805.00
Galle Maritime Museum	3,247	926,400.00	26,833	335,200.00
Anuradapura Folk Museum	126	37,500.00	4,484	60,585.00
Kandy National Museum	2,747	1,624,200.00	15,979	345,410.00
Polonnaruwa Museum	118	112,000.00	72,198	3,316,050.00
Total	64,877	56,472,200.00	383,251	13,634,370.00

* Closed due to Renovations

Source: Department of National Museums

Table 34**Foreign Visitors to Cultural Triangle and Revenue from Sale of Tickets- 1988 to 2019**

Year	No. of Tourists	Revenue (in Rs. Mn)
1988	74,062	14.1
1989	79,683	19.2
1990	124,382	44.7
1991	132,641	69.6
1992	153,817	102.3
1993	148,913	149.6
1994	168,402	176.1
1995	166,661	168.7
1996	102,788	121.2
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

Year	No. of Tourists	Revenue (in Rs .Mn)
2004	246,380	543.1
2005	110,443	284.7
2006	138,232	400.9
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
2018	979,171	4,199.5
2019	730,854	3,288.1

Table 34 (a)**Foreign and Domestic Visitors to Cultural Triangle & Revenue from Sale of Tickets – 2019**

Foreign		Domestic	
Number of Visitors	Revenue (In Rs.)	Number of Visitors	Revenue (In Rs.)
730,854	3,288,153,475.22	1,021,881	40,561,880.00

Table 34(b)**Details of Foreign Visitors by Location – 2019**

Location	Number of Foreign Visitors	Revenue (In Rs.)
Abhayagiriya	1,352	5,810,773.50
Jethawanaya	70,397	305,492,981.98
Sigiriya	414,575	2,138,587,022.76
Polonnaruwa	181,778	807,397,086.47
Kandy	176	41,687.13
Galle	12,661	10,217,489.46
Ramba	31	11,204.00
Apegama	1,356	855,476.05
Katharagama	68	61,725.00
Yapahuwa	4,660	3,325,575.56
Buduruwagala	31,263	11,046,752.87
Dambulla	321	111,986.00
Ritigala	9,207	3,239,342.00
Ibbankatuwa	1,002	338,153.99
Namal Uyana	1,753	1,529,350.45
Lahugala	254	86,868.00
Total	730,854	3,288,153,475.22

Table 34(c)**Details of Domestic Visitors by Location – 2019**

Location	Number of Domestic Visitors	Revenue (In Rs.)
Abhayagiriya	32,348	580,902.00
Jethawanaya	7,910	144,850.00
Sigiriya	611,310	27,130,650.00
Polonnaruwa	65,880	2,600,225.00
Kandy	5,818	95,418.00
Galle	51,286	1,505,295.00
Ramba	-	-
Apegama	84,123	5,513,260.00
Katharagama	9,266	164,000.00
Yapahuwa	-	-
Buduruwagala	-	-
Dambulla	560	8,100.00
Ritigala	52,788	845,500.00
Ibbankatuwa	30,442	580,580.00
Namal Uyana	70,150	1,393,100.00
Lahugala	-	-
Total	1,021,881	40,561,880.00

Source: Central Cultural Fund

Table 35

Foreign Visitors to Zoological Gardens & Revenue from Gate fees - 1988 to 2019

Year	Total Number of Foreign Visitors	Collection in Rs.'000
1988	20,648	0,806
1989	23,898	0,941
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

Year	Total Number of Foreign Visitors	Collection in Rs.'000
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
2018	373,106	698,841
2019	226,365	476,944

Table 35 (a)

Revenue by Location - 2018 & 2019

Location	Year	Domestic Tourists		Foreign Tourists		Total	
		Number	Revenue	Number	Revenue	Number	Revenue
Dehiwala	2018	1,537,694	123,979,270	30,902	45,423,350	1,568,596	169,402,620
	2019	1,123,227	97,826,210	23,667	35,609,400	1,146,894	133,435,610
Pinnawala	2018	588,266	43,471,530	337,662	649,507,550	925,928	692,979,080
	2019	484,268	39,307,460	198,399	436,803,000	682,667	476,110,460
Pinnawala Zoo	2018	301,699	22,829,620	3,788	2,369,250	305,487	25,198,870
	2019	293,658	24,462,010	3,345	2,188,250	297,003	26,650,260
Ridiyagama Safari Park	2018	296,576	68,367,370	754	1,541,250	297,330	69,908,620
	2019	315,224	80,833,540	954	2,343,700	316,178	83,177,240
Total	2018	2,724,235	258,647,790	373,106	698,841,400	3,097,341	957,489,190
	2019	2,216,377	242,429,220	226,365	476,944,350	2,442,742	719,373,570

Table 35 (b)

Ticket Rates – 2019

Category	Dehiwala Zoo / Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage	/Pinnawala Zoo	Ridiyagama Safari Park
Local			
Adult	110.00	110.00	350.00
Foreign			
Adult	3,000.00	1,200.00	3,000.00
Child	1,500.00	600.00	1,500.00
Foreigners from SAARC Region			
Adult	800.00	600.00	800.00
Child	400.00	300.00	400.00

Source: Department of National Zoological Gardens

Table 36

Revenue from foreign Visitors to Botanical Gardens - 1988 to 2019 (45'000)

Year	Peradeniya	Hakgala	Gampaha	Mirijjawila*	Avissawella**	Ganewattha	Total Revenue In Rs.'000
1988	1,019.10	58	1.2	–	–	–	1,078.30
1989	1,873.10	77.5	4.9	–	–	–	1,955.50
1990	4,068.30	209	5.7	–	–	–	4,283.00
1991	5,799.20	372.8	12.7	–	–	–	6,184.70
1992	8,981.20	584	19.3	–	–	–	9,584.50
1993	9,608.80	634	23.4	–	–	–	10,267.10
1994	18,477.50	1,037.40	36	–	–	–	19,550.90
1995	23,992.20	1,227.90	49.1	–	–	–	25,199.20
1996	16,082.60	689.1	28.1	–	–	–	16,799.80
1997	20,931.50	866.5	36.3	–	–	–	21,834.30
1998	25,481.60	1,211.10	5.3	–	–	–	26,698.00
1999	31,160.30	1,428.70	45.9	–	–	–	32,634.90
2000	28,066.60	1,357.00	37.2	–	–	–	29,460.80
2001	20,250.00	940	36.4	–	–	–	21,226.40
2002	25,348.20	962.9	34.4	–	–	–	26,345.50
2003	55,711.30	2,154.20	53.9	–	–	–	57,919.40
2004	68,010.30	2,613.30	80.4	–	–	–	70,704.00
2005	104,272.00	6,136.00	23.1	–	–	–	32,605.20
2006	42,500.70	1,642.70	66.8	–	–	–	44,210.00
2007	64,257.00	2,202.30	100.2	–	–	–	66,599.50
2008	66,515.70	2,513.40	90.3	–	–	–	69,119.40
2009	68,838.30	3,353.40	75	–	–	–	72,266.70
2010	117,223.80	5,825.40	112.8	–	–	–	123,162.00
2011	243,093.30	10,271.80	226.9	–	–	–	253,592.00
2012	265,585.10	13,194.20	265.6	–	–	–	279,044.90
2013	299,086.90	15,527.00	250.8	6.6	–	–	314,871.40
2014	350,386.50	18,975.50	312.9	163.3	–	–	369,838.40
2015	409,288.00	25,402.80	366.8	50	43.7	–	435,151.30
2016	556,506.40	36,971.90	463.8	173.3	182.4	–	594,297.80
2017	600,741.00	38,300.00	488	219.7	293.7	–	640,042.50
2018	627,060.50	45,115.70	554.5	392	305.5	–	673,428.20
2019	501,765.15	34,096.15	481.15	411.55	333.25	5.00	537,092.25

* Opened in 2013

** Opened in 2014

Table 36 (a)

Details by Location 2019

Location	Foreign Tickets		Local Tickets		Total
	Number of Foreign Tourists	Revenue Rs. '(000)	Number of Domestic Tourists	Revenue Rs. '(000)	Revenue Rs. '(000)
Peradeniya	309,909	501,765.15	928,069	57,233.54	558,998.69
Hakgala	21,207	34,096.15	680,744	42,624.54	76720.69
Gampaha	305	481.15	149,324	10,161.66	10,642.81
Mirijjawila	261	411.55	89,653	4,750.30	5,161.85
Avissawella	203	333.25	249,861	16,135.51	16,468.76
Ganewattha	3	5.00	551	31.67	36.67
Total	331,888	537,092.25	2,098,202	130,937.22	668,029.47

Source: Department of National Botanical Gardens

Table 37

Revenue from Foreign Visitors to Wildlife Parks (in Rs. '000) - 1989 to 2019

Year	Yala National Park	Wilpattu National Park	Kumana Bird Sanctuary	Udawalawa National Park	Others	Total Revenue in Rs.'000
1989	365.4	–	–	2.7	65	433.1
1990	1,151.60	–	–	3.6	–	1,155.20
1991	1,511.60	–	–	9.5	214.7	1,735.80
1992	2,700.90	–	–	207.3	456.2	3,364.40
1993	10,803.80	–	–	829.2	1,824.90	13,457.90
1994	21,613.40	–	–	5,529.10	2,224.00	29,366.50
1995	21,595.80	–	–	3,905.10	13,037.80	38,538.70
1996	15,196.90	–	–	2,928.70	9,776.10	27,901.70
1997	12,138.80	–	–	10,642.10	11,708.50	34,489.40
1998	8,918.70	–	–	13,626.40	18,681.00	41,226.10
1999	20,420.10	–	–	18,098.60	17,454.10	55,972.80
2000	25,417.80	–	–	15,876.90	18,857.80	60,152.50
2001	25,183.40	–	–	10,940.60	18,266.00	54,390.00
2002	25,802.40	–	–	14,813.70	17,920.40	58,536.50
2003	46,480.00	230	–	22,780.00	32,744.00	102,234.00
2004	48,413.90	522.3	274.6	29,647.20	34,944.00	113,802.00
2005	23,945.80	734.9	75.9	16,205.30	21,729.90	62,691.80
2006	45,411.80	366.4	82.1	23,514.40	30,176.20	99,550.90
2007	30,247.00	–	–	20,316.50	35,168.90	85,733.30
2008	27,707.40	–	–	18,223.50	38,488.70	84,419.60
2009	50,221.20	–	–	9,864.30	43,907.50	103,993.00
2010	123,850.10	1,503.60	445.8	22,718.50	78,731.30	227,249.20
2011	154,310.80	3,881.30	906.7	33,531.20	108,378.70	301,008.70
2012	222,269.90	10,032.30	2,499.90	43,252.70	146,790.10	424,844.90
2013	272,581.00	91,358.90	79,078.10	1,166.40	132,274.40	578,458.80
2014	360,952.20	26,182.50	4,607.90	110,828.80	325,015.90	831,587.90
2015	419,311.80	37,275.20	6,307.90	172,954.70	375,735.70	1,011,585.30
2016	570,466.30	33,670.90	8,763.10	259,298.30	573,767.90	1,445,966.50
2017	623,836.90	47,975.30	10,720.40	310,071.90	738,133.80	1,730,718.30
2018	684,661.60	76,883.10	15,043.40	496,658.90	865,203.30	2,138,450.40
2019	524,809.68	63,543.89	11,471.89	458,567.68	769,357.98	1,827,751.12

Table 37 (a)

Details by Location -2019

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	227,494	13,396,990.00	206,843	524,809,679.31	2,320,584,225.00	-	434,337	2,858,790,894.31
Horton Plains	248,864	13,990,150.00	80,928	214,817,851.00	10,616,775.00	-	329,792	239,424,776.00
Udawalawa	174,623	10,206,890.00	175,251	458,567,675.61	18,466,750.00	-	349,874	487,241,315.61
Wasgomuwa	26,578	995,610.00	2,008	3,561,750.71	1,026,150.00	-	28,586	5,583,510.71
Minneriya	66,329	8,829,786.30	62,961	146,515,202.60	6,122,250.00	-	129,290	161,467,238.90
Bundala	10,074	393,240.00	8,555	15,311,036.55	1,036,050.00	-	18,629	16,740,326.55
Horagolla	5,843	212,750.00	11	19,810.00	-	-	5,854	232,560.00
Kaudulla	84,566	3,303,260.00	76,805	134,949,213.55	7,848,375.00	-	161,371	146,100,848.55
Lunugamwehera	2,204	96,444.00	660	1,147,405.00	194,275.00	-	2,864	1,438,124.00
Galoya	8,828	233,080.00	3,088	1,685,290.00	278,500.00	3,941,700.00	11,916	6,138,570.00
Kumana	27,292	1,177,610.00	6,567	11,471,885.00	1,424,125.00	-	33,859	14,073,620.00
Angmedilla	1,572	68,146.00	5	8,650.00	44,675.00	-	1,577	121,471.00
Galways Land	5,024	144,750.00	112	196,200.00	-	-	5,136	340,950.00
Wilpattu	48,019	2,824,600.00	24,194	63,543,891.80	3,698,175.00	-	72,213	70,066,666.80
Maduruoya	2,806	96,660.00	558	983,817.17	150,300.00	-	3,364	1,230,777.17
Lahugala	473	17,620.00	27	48,650.00	49,250.00	-	500	115,520.00
Pigeon Island	69,265	2,565,760.00	13,297	22,885,795.00	-	1,840,625.00	82,562	27,292,180.00
Hikkadauwa	14,865	68,385.00	2,645	74,970.00	-	-	17,510	143,355.00
Eth Athurusevena	171,879	2,929,810.00	86,835	42,500,750.00	-	-	258,714	45,430,560.00
Kalawewa	1,165	45,920.00	58	97,591.90	59,750.00	-	1,223	203,261.90
Bar Reef - Kalpitiya	10,886	215,240.00	4,068	5,728,612.00	-	-	14,954	5,943,852.00
Mirissa	9,228	908,425.00	101,328	178,825,388.10	9,834,577.00	55,401,726.55	110,556	244,970,116.65
Total	1,217,877	62,721,126.30	856,804	1,827,751,115.30	2,381,434,202.00	61,184,051.55	2,074,681	4,333,090,495.15

Source: Department of Wildlife Conservation

Table 38

Revenue from Visitors to Conservation Forests (in Rs.' 000) -2019

Name of the Forest	Number of Visitors		Total	Income Without VAT		Total
	Domestic Tourists	Foreign Tourists		Domestic Tourists	Foreign Tourists	
Makandawa Conservation Forest	1,837	814	2,651	51,075.50	495,695.20	546,770.70
Kottawa Conservation Forest	1,903	168	2,071	46,882.50	95,410.00	142,292.50
Kanneliya Conservation Forest	49,502	1,985	51,487	1,033,489.00	1,153,225.00	2,186,714.00
Hurulu Eco Park	35,402	82,724	118,126	1,777,539.12	107,535,870.58	109,313,409.70
Sinharaja Conservation Forest	42,867	13,877	56,744	802,562.50	7,580,938.00	8,383,500.50
Udawattakele Conservation Forest /kandy	22,000	12,969	34,969	617,687.95	6,578,314.00	7,196,001.95
Knuckles Conservation Forest	78,263	1,964	80,227	1,625,896.46	1,039,342.25	2,665,238.71
Kandeela Forest /Nuwaraeliya	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kuruluकेle	2,608	0	2,608	71,310.70	0.00	71,310.70
Total	234,382	114,501	348,883	6,026,444	124,478,795	130,505,238.76

Source: Department for Forests Conservation

Table 39

Revenue from Embarkation Tax (in Rs ,'000) - 1988 to 2019

Year	Total Amount in Rs.'000	Year	Total Amount in Rs.'000
1988	37,201.20	2004	566,202.00
1989	53,861.00	2005	823,962.00
1990	99,020.30	2006	839,404.50
1991	130,943.10	2007	741,012.00
1992	177,151.10	2008	738,812.90
1993	196,125.00	2009	766,266.70
1994	203,755.50	2010	1,000,080.00
1995	201,505.50	2011	1,041,700.00
1996	151,132.50	2012	1,161,686.00
1997	183,082.50	2013	1,604,887.10
1998	190,531.50	2014	1,779,766.10
1999	218,220.00	2015	1,968,541.10
2000	200,207.00	2016	2,335,444.20
2001	269,268.00	2017	2,378,828.21
2002	393,171.00	2018	2,824,969.83
2003	500,646.00	2019	2,089,294.25

Source: SLTDA

Table 40

Public Sector Revenue from Tourism (Rs Mn.)- 2013 to 2019

Source of Revenue	2013 (Rs Mn.)	2014 (Rs Mn.)	2015 (Rs Mn.)	2016 (Rs Mn.)	2017 (Rs Mn.)	2018 (Rs Mn.)	2019 (Rs Mn.)
Tourism Development Levy	1,014.2	1,005.6	1,014.8	1,276.8	1,541.5	1,482.1	924.2
Income of Tourism Development Authority	136.4	149.3	126.1	168.7	248.9	250.8	238.8
Embarkation Tax on Foreign Tourists	1,604.8	1,779.8	1,968.5	2,355.4	2,378.8	2,824.9	2,089.2
Culture Triangle	1,727.1	2,178.5	2,495.5	3,363.3	3,774.4	4,199.5	3,290.7
Botanical Gardens	314.9	369.8	435.1	594.3	640	673.4	537.1
Zoological Gardens	550.9	745.8	813.9	841.1	728.9	698.8	476.9
Wildlife Parks	578.4	831.6	1,011.6	1,445.9	1,730.7	2,138.4	1,827.7
Conservation Forests *	–	–	–	–	25.4	66.1	124.4
Museums	14.9	15.8	27.5	33.6	50.2	76	56.4
BMICH	233.7	400.2	389.7	551.4	648.8	464.8	21.4
Total	6,175.3	7,476.4	8,282.7	10,630.5	11,767.6	12,872.6	9,586.8

* Information gathered from 2019

Source: SLTDA and relevant line agencies

Research & International Relations Division
Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority
No.80, Galle Road
Colombo 03
Sri Lanka

Tel: +94112426800
Email: research@srilanka.travel
Web: WWW.sltta.gov.lk

