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2019**

MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

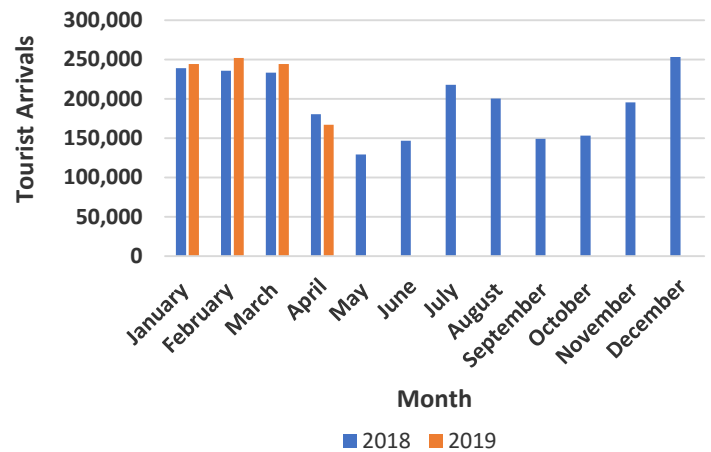
The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during April 2019 was 166,975. In comparison to April last year, there was a decline of 7.5% when the arrivals were 180,429.

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

Almost 90 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 30th April 2019, 907,575 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 2.2% growth over last year when 888,353 tourists had visited the country during the same period.

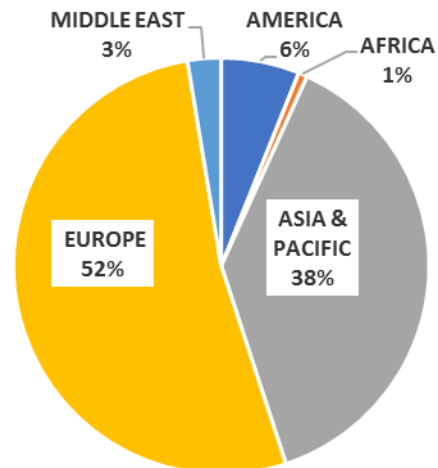
Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618	252,033	7.0
March	233,382	244,328	4.7
April	180,429	166,975	(7.5)
May	129,466		
June	146,828		
July	217,829		
August	200,359		
September	149,087		
October	153,123		
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
Total	2,333,796		
Up to April	888,353	907,575	2.2



TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

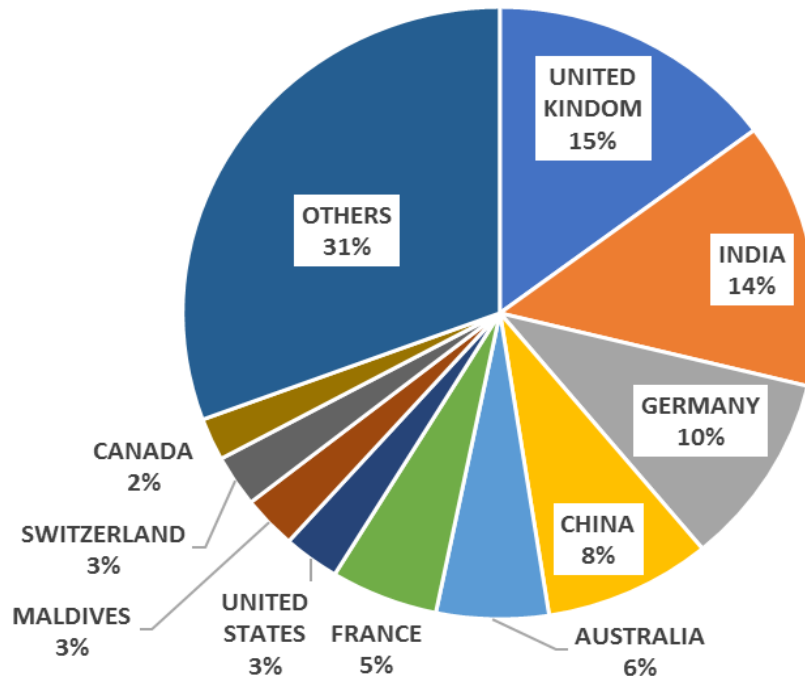
Europe became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 52% of the total traffic received in April 2019.

Asia and Pacific accounted for 38% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 3% and Africa 1%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

United Kingdom, India, Germany, China and Australia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of April this year. United Kingdom was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 15% of the total traffic received in April 2019. India accounted for 14% of the total traffic while Germany, China and Australia accounted for 10%, 8% and 6% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals April 2019			Tourist Arrivals April 2018	% Change April 2019/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	UNITED KINDOM	21,879	2,839	24,718	26,063	(5.2)
2	INDIA	22,857	574	23,431	29,860	(21.5)
3	GERMANY	13,140	3,790	16,930	10,803	56.7
4	CHINA	13,589	674	14,263	17,462	(18.3)
5	AUSTRALIA	9,056	509	9,565	14,023	(31.8)
6	FRANCE	7,987	1,161	9,148	7,411	23.4
7	UNITED STATES	4,273	537	4,810	8,679	(44.6)
8	MALDIVES	4,655	0	4,655	5,696	(18.3)
9	SWITZERLAND	3,730	801	4,531	2,845	59.3
10	CANADA	3,327	414	3,741	4,972	(24.8)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	April 2019			Total Tourist Arrivals April 2018	% Change April (19/18)	Total Tourist Arrivals up to April 2019	Total Tourist Arrivals up to April 2018	% Change up to April 2019
	Tourist Arrivals							
	By Air	By Sea	Total					
AMERICAS	8,710	1,454	10,164	15,737	(35.4)	61,745	56,597	9.1
North America	7,823	1,077	8,900	14,147	(37.1)	57,810	52,478	10.2
Canada	3,327	414	3,741	4,972	(24.8)	22,061	19,766	11.6
Mexico	223	126	349	496	(29.6)	869	847	2.6
United States	4,273	537	4,810	8,679	(44.6)	34,880	31,865	9.5
Caribbean & Central America	65	15	80	105	(23.8)	409	368	11.1
Costa Rica	11	2	13	13	0.0	68	56	21.4
Jamaica	8	4	12	8	50.0	35	46	(23.9)
Others	46	9	55	84	(34.5)	306	266	15.0
South America	822	362	1,184	1,485	(20.3)	3,526	3,751	(6.0)
Argentina	185	82	267	300	(11.0)	807	1,061	(23.9)
Brazil	401	236	637	786	(19.0)	1,510	1,525	(1.0)
Chile	75	25	100	147	(32.0)	521	459	13.5
Colombia	68	4	72	88	(18.2)	295	271	8.9
Others	93	15	108	164	(34.1)	393	435	(9.7)
AFRICA	1,106	57	1,163	1,614	(27.9)	5,859	5,339	9.7
North Africa	262	4	266	217	22.6	1,162	1,002	16.0
Morocco	96	4	100	98	2.0	471	382	23.3
Sudan	59	0	59	37	59.5	193	198	(2.5)
Others	107	0	107	82	30.5	498	422	18.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	844	53	897	1,397	(35.8)	4,697	4,337	8.3
Kenya	52	0	52	49	6.1	219	196	11.7
Mauritius	49	3	52	40	30.0	299	256	16.8
Nigeria	4	0	4	28	(85.7)	76	152	(50.0)
South Africa	596	32	628	742	(15.4)	3,252	2,683	21.2
Others	143	18	161	538	(70.1)	851	1,050	(19.0)

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ASIA & PACIFIC	61,251	2,502	63,753	82,976	(23.2)	356,354	367,108	(2.9)
North East Asia	16,905	847	17,752	22,417	(20.8)	117,327	126,402	(7.2)
China	13,589	674	14,263	17,462	(18.3)	92,475	98,767	(6.4)
Japan	2,175	28	2,203	3,512	(37.3)	15,245	18,098	(15.8)
South Korea	625	52	677	825	(17.9)	5,637	6,075	(7.2)
Taiwan	510	90	600	607	(1.2)	3,870	3,387	14.3
Others	6	3	9	11	(18.2)	100	75	33.3
South East Asia	4,368	340	4,708	6,675	(29.5)	27,716	27,806	(0.3)
Cambodia	20	0	20	142	(85.9)	2,485	415	498.8
Indonesia	229	27	256	352	(27.3)	1,762	1,826	(3.5)
Malaysia	983	12	995	1,827	(45.5)	6,544	7,300	(10.4)
Myanmar	143	16	159	309	(48.5)	991	976	1.5
Philippines	1,045	263	1,308	1,631	(19.8)	5,450	6,817	(20.1)
Singapore	1,025	12	1,037	1,357	(23.6)	5,478	6,022	(9.0)
Thailand	753	9	762	691	10.3	3,682	3,070	19.9
Vietnam	150	1	151	342	(55.8)	1,227	1,289	(4.8)
Others	20	0	20	24	(16.7)	97	91	6.6
Oceania	10,390	675	11,065	15,585	(29.0)	45,329	42,378	7.0
Australia	9,056	509	9,565	14,023	(31.8)	40,184	38,100	5.5
New Zealand	1,317	166	1,483	1,540	(3.7)	5,057	4,188	20.7
Others	17	0	17	22	(22.7)	88	90	(2.2)
South Asia	29,588	640	30,228	38,299	(21.1)	165,982	170,522	(2.7)
Afghanistan	38	0	38	40	(5.0)	193	385	(49.9)
Bangladesh	592	1	593	672	(11.8)	3,118	3,391	(8.1)
Bhutan	9	0	9	42	(78.6)	145	261	(44.4)
India	22,857	574	23,431	29,860	(21.5)	130,578	131,293	(0.5)
Iran	201	4	205	239	(14.2)	1,760	2,901	(39.3)
Maldives	4,655		4,655	5,696	(18.3)	23,392	23,785	(1.7)
Nepal	397	52	449	366	22.7	1,828	1,700	7.5
Pakistan	839	9	848	1,384	(38.7)	4,968	6,806	(27.0)

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EUROPE	75,796	11,736	87,532	76,366	14.6	466,182	439,679	6.0
Northern Eur.	27,272	3,365	30,637	30,101	1.8	150,216	142,108	5.7
Denmark	1,654	233	1,887	943	100.1	10,771	9,411	14.5
Finland	353	11	364	371	(1.9)	4,628	4,760	(2.8)
Norway	1,138	108	1,246	690	80.6	6,483	6,047	7.2
Sweden	1,154	134	1,288	1,073	20.0	13,379	14,301	(6.4)
United Kingdom	21,879	2,839	24,718	26,063	(5.2)	110,186	103,186	6.8
Others	1,094	40	1,134	961	18.0	4,769	4,403	8.3
Western Eur.	31,218	6,444	37,662	27,451	37.2	167,559	165,788	1.1
Austria	1,275	381	1,656	1,103	50.1	8,585	9,665	(11.2)
Belgium	1,499	127	1,626	1,211	34.3	6,231	5,601	11.2
France	7,987	1,161	9,148	7,411	23.4	52,292	51,321	1.9
Germany	13,140	3,790	16,930	10,803	56.7	66,359	67,590	(1.8)
Netherlands	3,391	132	3,523	3,989	(11.7)	18,614	18,321	1.6
Switzerland	3,730	801	4,531	2,845	59.3	14,963	12,865	16.3
Others	196	52	248	89	178.7	515	425	21.2
Central / Eastern Europe	8,932	548	9,480	11,597	(18.3)	102,414	91,863	11.5
Belarus	137	5	142	286	(50.3)	2,983	2,696	10.6
Czech Republic	1,350	20	1,370	1,304	5.1	11,647	9,317	25.0
Estonia	138	5	143	144	(0.7)	1,471	1,524	(3.5)
Hungary	239	28	267	231	15.6	2,591	2,512	3.1
Kazakhstan	109	0	109	158	(31.0)	1,211	1,609	(24.7)
Lithuania	124	16	140	241	(41.9)	1,564	1,595	(1.9)
Poland	867	47	914	1,163	(21.4)	10,709	9,288	15.3
Romania	395	49	444	469	(5.3)	2,927	2,908	0.7
Russian Federation	3,560	120	3,680	4,027	(8.6)	42,867	35,728	20.0
Slovakia	493	4	497	494	0.6	2,953	2,970	(0.6)
Ukraine	1,006	218	1,224	2,448	(50.0)	17,297	17,754	(2.6)
Others	514	36	550	632	(13.0)	4,178	3,962	5.5

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	8,374	1,379	9,753	7,217	35.1	45,993	39,920	15.2
Greece	428	191	619	704	(12.1)	2,722	2,691	1.2
Italy	2,666	637	3,303	2,266	45.8	19,408	16,614	16.8
Portugal	610	63	673	524	28.4	2,523	2,128	18.6
Spain	2,420	340	2,760	2,072	33.2	8,749	7,592	15.2
Turkey	310	25	335	244	37.3	2,055	1,899	8.2
Israel	1,264	2	1,266	513	146.8	5,774	4,342	33.0
Others	676	121	797	894	(10.9)	4,762	4,654	2.3
MIDDLE EAST	4,334	29	4,363	3,736	16.8	17,435	19,630	(11.2)
Bahrain	141	0	141	151	(6.6)	847	1,081	(21.6)
Egypt	476	11	487	254	91.7	1,475	1,246	18.4
Iraq	57	1	58	40	45.0	320	319	0.3
Jordan	342	0	342	241	41.9	1,247	1,160	7.5
Kuwait	247	0	247	249	(0.8)	1,505	1,437	4.7
Lebanon	658	3	661	676	(2.2)	2,036	2,137	(4.7)
Oman	282	0	282	306	(7.8)	1,525	1,989	(23.3)
Qatar	220	0	220	111	98.2	519	517	0.4
Saudi Arabia	1,210	2	1,212	1,263	(4.0)	5,530	7,722	(28.4)
United Arab Emirates	468	11	479	291	64.6	1,686	1,294	30.3
Others	233	1	234	154	51.9	745	728	2.3
TOTAL	151,197	15,778	166,975	180,429	(7.5)	907,575	888,353	2.2

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