

**November
2018**



MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during November 2018 was 195,582. In comparison to November last year, there is a growth of 16.8% when the arrivals were 167,511.

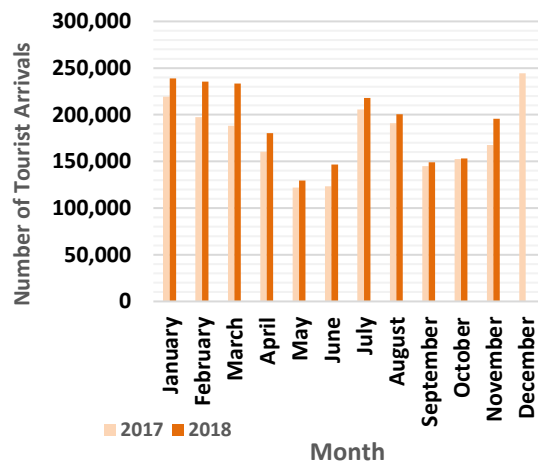
This month, the largest source market for tourists is India, followed by United Kingdom and China.

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

As at 30th November 2018, 2,080,627 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a 11.2% growth over last year when 1,871,871 tourists had visited the country during the same period.

Month	2017	2018*	% Change 2017/2018
January	219,360	238,924	8.9
February	197,517	235,618	19.3
March	188,076	233,382	24.1
April	160,249	180,429	12.6
May	121,891	129,466	6.2
June	123,351	146,828	19.0
July	205,482	217,829	6.0
August	190,928	200,359	4.9
September	145,077	149,087	2.8
October	152,429	153,123	0.5
November	167,511	195,582	16.8
December	244,536		
TOTAL	2,116,407		
Up to November	1,871,871	2,080,627	11.2

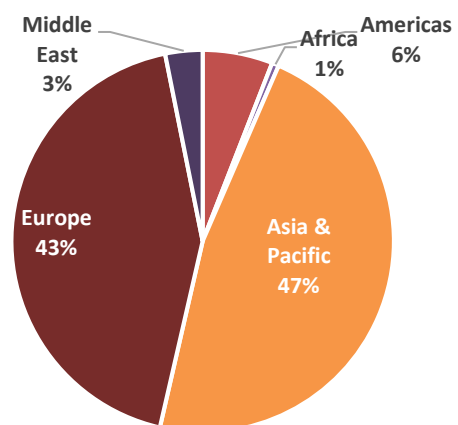
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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

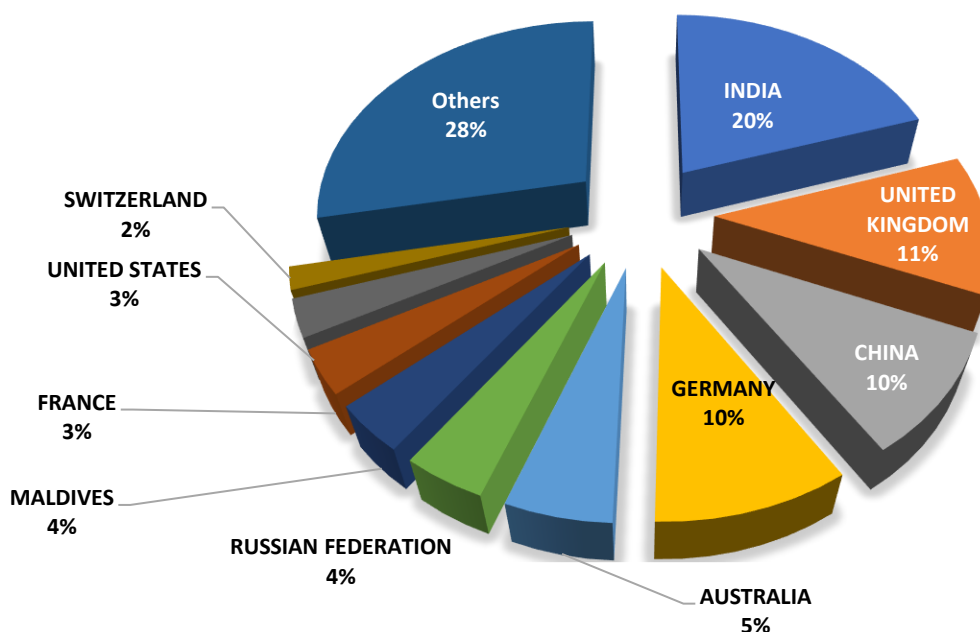
Asia and Pacific continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 47% of the total traffic received in November 2018.

Europe accounted for 43% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 3% and Africa 1%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, China, Germany and Australia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of November this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 20% of the total traffic received in November 2018. United Kingdom accounted for 11% of the total traffic, while China, Germany and Australia accounted for 10%, 10% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals November 2018			Tourist Arrivals November 2017	% Change November 2017/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	38,592	545	39,137	32,243	21.4
2	UNITED KINGDOM	21,286	685	21,971	13,634	61.1
3	CHINA	18,794	94	18,888	19,237	(1.8)
4	GERMANY	15,342	3,412	18,754	9,891	89.6
5	AUSTRALIA	8,718	1,581	10,299	6,779	51.9
6	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	7,934	156	8,090	7,864	2.9
7	MALDIVES	7,418	0	7,418	8,165	(9.1)
8	FRANCE	6,355	472	6,825	5,575	22.4
9	UNITED STATES	5,078	721	5,799	4,643	24.9
10	SWITZERLAND	3,061	470	3,531	1,901	85.7

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	November 2018			Total Tourist Arrivals November 2017	% Change November (2017/2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to November 2018
	Tourist Arrivals ¹					
	By Air	By Sea	Total			
AMERICAS	8,833	1,350	10,183	8,217	23.9	123,217
North America	8,205	1,202	9,407	7,709	22.0	115,848
Canada	3,036	460	3,496	2,992	16.8	48,001
Mexico	91	21	112	74	51.4	1,387
United States	5,078	721	5,799	4,643	24.9	66,460
Caribbean & Central America	67	8	75	73	2.7	817
Jamaica	3	1	4	11	(63.6)	95
Costa Rica	3	0	3	13	(76.9)	112
Others	61	7	68	49	38.8	610
South America	561	140	701	435	61.1	6,552
Argentina	123	46	169	58	191.4	1,706
Brazil	237	61	298	207	44.0	2,505
Chile	92	27	119	41	190.2	913
Colombia	49	4	53	55	(3.6)	589
Others	60	2	62	74	(16.2)	839
AFRICA	1,027	15	1,042	919	13.4	12,220
North Africa	258	4	262	209	25.4	2,618
Morocco	77	4	81	67	20.9	889
Sudan	88	0	88	80	10.0	786
Others	93	0	93	62	50.0	943
Sub-Saharan Africa	769	11	780	710	9.9	9,602
Kenya	58	0	58	38	52.6	679
Mauritius	97	0	97	66	47.0	622
Nigeria	37	0	37	30	23.3	385
South Africa	374	6	380	388	(2.1)	5,664
Others	203	5	208	188	10.6	2,252

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ASIA & PACIFIC	88,451	2,955	91,406	89,248	2.4	979,676
North East Asia	23,415	166	23,581	24,429	(3.5)	314,692
China	18,794	94	18,888	19,237	(1.8)	247,682
Japan	2,613	45	2,658	3,063	(13.2)	44,793
South Korea	1,429	15	1,444	1,757	(17.8)	14,437
Taiwan	557	12	569	350	62.6	7,590
Others	22	0	22	22	0.0	190
South East Asia	6,600	395	6,995	11,666	(40.0)	75,558
Cambodia	64	0	64	100	(36.0)	752
Indonesia	373	41	414	3,795	(89.1)	4,851
Malaysia	2,090	11	2,101	2,686	(21.8)	20,501
Myanmar	350	22	372	355	4.8	2,810
Philippines	1,265	295	1,560	1,624	(3.9)	17,876
Singapore	1,660	9	1,669	1,900	(12.2)	17,337
Thailand	586	7	593	936	(36.6)	8,147
Vietnam	191	9	200	228	(12.3)	3,003
Others	21	1	22	42	(47.6)	281
Oceania	9,719	1,733	11,452	7,608	50.5	108,138
Australia	8,718	1,581	10,299	6,779	51.9	95,967
New Zealand	977	152	1,129	806	40.1	11,887
Others	24	0	24	23	4.3	284
South Asia	48,717	661	49,378	45,545	8.4	481,288
Afghanistan	49	3	52	91	(42.9)	789
Bangladesh	711	25	736	1,112	(33.8)	9,468
Bhutan	47	0	47	68	(30.9)	543
India	38,592	545	39,137	32,243	21.4	379,090
Iran	182	14	196	486	(59.7)	5,472
Maldives	7,418	0	7,418	8,165	(9.1)	64,054
Nepal	332	59	391	542	(27.9)	4,822
Pakistan	1,386	15	1,401	2,838	(50.6)	17,050

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EUROPE	82,843	6,873	89,716	65,446	37.1	899,893
Northern Europe	26,848	789	27,637	18,392	50.3	298,290
Denmark	917	26	943	795	18.6	17,215
Finland	686	2	688	443	55.3	7,028
Norway	1,058	32	1,090	1,097	(0.6)	15,365
Sweden	1,986	30	2,016	1,760	14.5	21,433
United Kingdom	21,286	685	21,971	13,634	61.1	227,348
Others	915	14	929	663	40.1	9,901
Western Europe	30,566	4,681	35,247	22,772	54.8	353,977
Austria	1,533	159	1,692	1,302	30.0	17,306
Belgium	998	47	1,045	804	30.0	15,800
France	6,355	470	6,825	5,575	22.4	96,974
Germany	15,342	3,412	18,754	9,891	89.6	140,264
Netherlands	3,212	108	3,320	3,234	2.7	52,837
Switzerland	3,061	470	3,531	1,901	85.7	29,868
Others	65	15	80	65	23.1	928
Central / Eastern Europe	18,667	613	19,280	18,152	6.2	150,367
Belarus	497	3	500	448	11.6	4,043
Czech Republic	1,888	10	1,898	1,577	20.4	15,372
Estonia	201	4	205	196	4.6	2,110
Hungary	293	8	301	333	(9.6)	3,884
Kazakhstan	134	0	134	190	(29.5)	2,290
Lithuania	284	4	288	278	3.6	2,964
Poland	2,599	59	2,658	2,433	9.2	17,845
Romania	414	69	483	401	20.4	4,889
Russian Federation	7,934	156	8,090	7,864	2.9	53,239
Slovakia	534	9	543	434	25.1	4,760
Ukraine	3,198	251	3,449	3,284	5.0	31,681
Others	691	40	731	714	2.4	7,290

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	6,762	790	7,552	6,130	23.2	97,259
Greece	472	254	726	458	58.5	6,894
Italy	1,759	217	1,976	1,782	10.9	33,203
Portugal	524	50	574	465	23.4	5,071
Spain	2,455	149	2,604	1,848	40.9	26,957
Turkey	224	12	236	393	(39.9)	3,631
Israel	702	1	703	615	14.3	12,708
Others	626	107	733	569	28.8	8,795
MIDDLE EAST	3,214	21	3,235	3,681	(12.1)	65,621
Bahrain	103		103	143	(28.0)	2,550
Egypt	334	5	339	283	19.8	3,336
Iraq	69	1	70	84	(16.7)	927
Jordan	294		294	297	(1.0)	2,764
Kuwait	197	4	201	225	(10.7)	3,252
Lebanon	426	1	427	438	(2.5)	4,876
Oman	307	3	310	353	(12.2)	6,572
Qatar	51	0	51	58	(12.1)	1,565
Saudi Arabia	849	0	849	1,120	(24.2)	32,047
United Arab Emirates	411	1	412	421	(2.1)	5,243
Others	173	6	179	259	(30.9)	2,489
TOTAL	184,368	11,214	195,582	167,511	16.8	2,080,627

¹ Rebased

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