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# MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

**SRI LANKA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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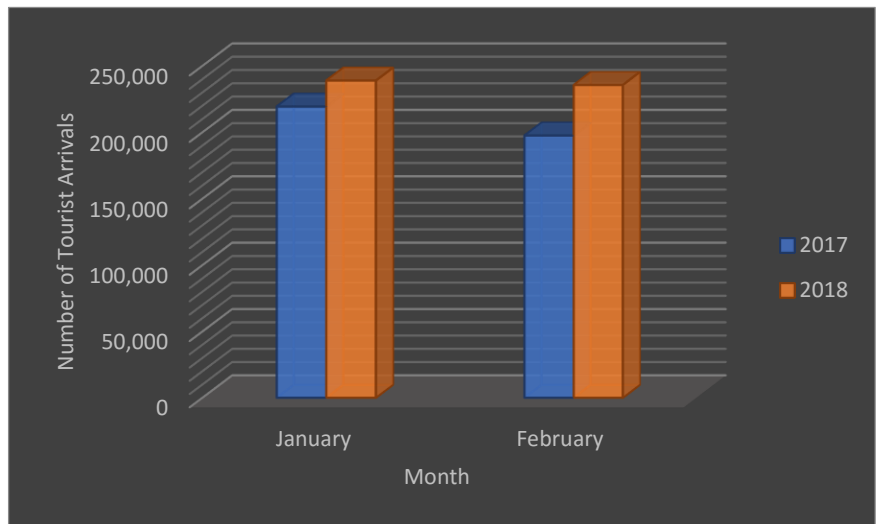
## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during February 2018 was 235,618. In comparison to February last year, there is a growth of 19.3%. This month, the largest source market for tourists is China, followed by India and the United Kingdom. Almost 98% of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka. As at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 474,542 tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year.

## ANALYSIS

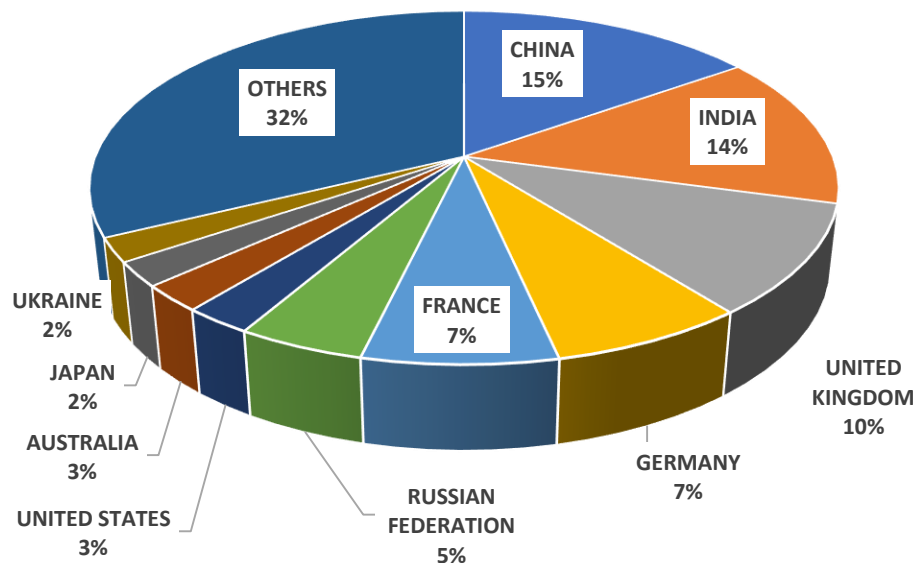
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## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

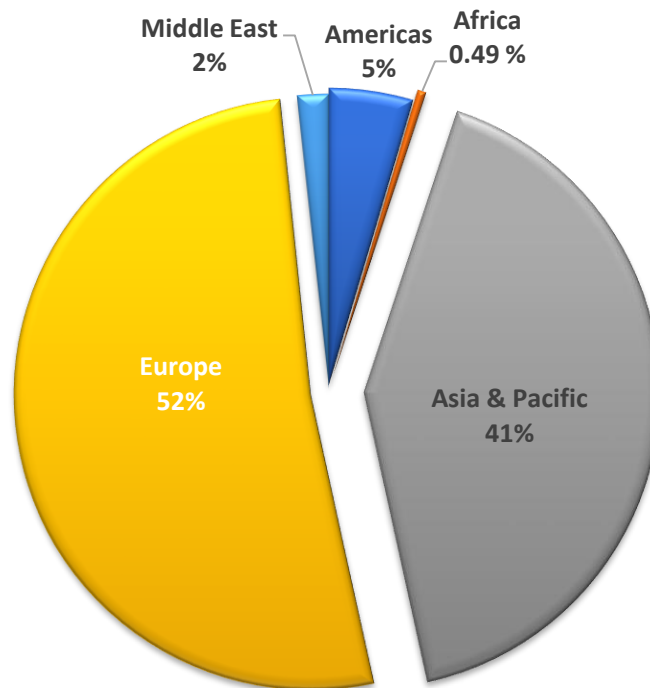
China, India, United Kingdom, Germany and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of February this year. China was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 15% of the total traffic received in February 2018. India accounted for 14% of the total traffic, while UK, Germany and France accounted for 10%, 7% and 7% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals Feb 2018		Total
		By Air	By Sea	
1	CHINA	35,883	46	35,929
2	INDIA	32,383	531	32,914
3	UNITED KINGDOM	23,226	591	23,817
4	GERMANY	16,480	586	17,066
5	FRANCE	16,514	357	16,871
6	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	10,887	156	11,043
7	UNITED STATES	5,875	109	5,984
8	AUSTRALIA	5,626	67	5,693
9	JAPAN	5,110	153	5,263
10	UKRAINE	4,974	164	5,138

## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

Europe continued to be the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 52% of the total traffic received in February 2018. Asia and Pacific accounted for 41% of the total traffic, America 5%, Middle East 2% and Africa 0.49%.



## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	FEBRUARY 2018			% Change - February <sup>1</sup> (2017 / 2018)	Total Annual Tourist Arrivals up to February 2018
	Tourist Arrivals		Total		
	By Air	By Sea			
<b><u>AMERICAS</u></b>			<b>10,823</b>		<b>24,853</b>
<b>North America</b>			<b>10,070</b>		<b>23,337</b>
Canada	3,981	18	3,999	10.7	9,681
Mexico	72	15	87	31.8	171
United States	5,875	109	5,984	22.7	13,485
<b>Caribbean &amp; Central America</b>			<b>84</b>		<b>168</b>
Jamaica	7		7	-22.2	16
Costa Rica	20		20	81.8	29
Others	56	1	57		123
<b>South America</b>			<b>669</b>		<b>1,348</b>
Argentina	201	53	254	59.7	490
Brazil	155	1	156	28.9	382
Chile	98	6	104	33.3	203
Colombia	55	4	59	40.5	111
Others	83	13	96		162
<b><u>AFRICA</u></b>			<b>1,162</b>		<b>2,316</b>
<b>North Africa</b>			<b>248</b>		<b>502</b>
Morocco	93	8	101	87.0	187
Sudan	49		49	-18.3	108
Others	92	6	98		207
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>			<b>914</b>		<b>1,814</b>
Kenya	35		35	-39.7	99
Mauritius	100		100	376.2	156
Nigeria	38		38	-20.8	82
South Africa	521	41	562	76.2	1,150
Others	162	17	179		327
<b><u>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</u></b>			<b>97,726</b>		<b>195,830</b>
<b>North East Asia</b>			<b>43,718</b>		<b>76,131</b>
China	35,883	46	35,929	42.3	60,204
Japan	5,110	153	5,263	10.6	9,957

South Korea	1,342	17	1,359	-13.4	3,852
Taiwan	1,151	1	1,152	46.8	2,080
Others	14	1	15		38
<b>South East Asia</b>			<b>6,474</b>		<b>13,291</b>
Cambodia	85		85		170
Indonesia	319	31	350	-90.5	885
Malaysia	1,740	4	1,744	4.3	3,479
Myanmar	112	11	123	-32.0	495
Philippines	1,455	289	1,744	101.9	3,411
Singapore	1,466	3	1,469	27.0	2,856
Thailand	564	2	566	-50.7	1,351
Vietnam	370	10	380	114.7	617
Others	13	0	13		27
<b>Oceania</b>			<b>6,357</b>		<b>16,824</b>
Australia	5,626	67	5,693	27.0	15,145
New Zealand	653	2	655	38.8	1,644
Others	9		9		35
<b>South Asia</b>			<b>41,177</b>		<b>89,584</b>
Afghanistan	150		150	354.5	233
Bangladesh	734	7	741	-44.3	1,723
Bhutan	72		72	94.6	182
India	32,383	531	32,914	25.1	70,850
Iran	417	22	439	26.9	946
Maldives	4,726		4,726	-7.4	10,850
Nepal	351	50	401	-13.8	967
Pakistan	1,719	15	1,734	-5.0	3,833
<b>EUROPE</b>			<b>122,013</b>		<b>239,169</b>
<b>Northern Europe</b>			<b>35,701</b>		<b>71,971</b>
Denmark	3,196	32	3,228	-5.7	6,241
Finland	1,491	8	1,499	4.1	3,353
Norway	1,693	29	1,722	17.9	3,573
Sweden	4,509	24	4,533	10.5	10,119
United Kingdom	23,226	591	23,817	17.8	46,757
Others	892	10	902		1,928
<b>Western Europe</b>			<b>46,609</b>		<b>86,498</b>
Austria	3,081	75	3,156	6.5	5,989
Belgium	1,431	18	1,449	13.7	2,724
France	16,514	357	16,871	21.3	29,092
Germany	16,480	586	17,066	16.0	32,364

Netherlands	4,710	29	4,739	13.9	9,800
Switzerland	3,184	50	3,234	17.6	6,338
Others	89	5	94		191
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>			<b>28,601</b>		<b>58,405</b>
Belarus	940	2	942	35.2	1,744
Czech Republic	3,080	2	3,082	12.7	5,339
Estonia	582	4	586	39.9	1,021
Hungary	868	2	870	30.6	1,764
Kazakhstan	407		407	-23.8	1,081
Lithuania	564	6	570	42.1	952
Poland	3,081	114	3,195	70.3	6,449
Romania	880	63	943	73.3	1,878
Russian Federation	10,887	156	11,043	22.3	22,612
Slovakia	816	4	820	-0.2	1,580
Ukraine	4,974	164	5,138	20.8	11,774
Others	918	87	1,005		2,211
<b>Southern / Mediterranean Europe</b>			<b>11,102</b>		<b>22,295</b>
Greece	412	161	573	41.8	1,217
Italy	3,928	915	4,843	43.8	10,191
Portugal	577	4	581	66.0	1,067
Spain	1,603	77	1,680	50.0	3,068
Turkey	468	164	632	124.1	1,290
Others	2,694	99	2,793		5,462
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>			<b>3,894</b>		<b>12,374</b>
Bahrain	147		147	-20.5	735
Egypt	277	4	281	56.1	714
Iraq	157		157	153.2	238
Jordan	253	1	254	35.8	620
Kuwait	403		403	18.9	948
Lebanon	539	3	542	55.7	900
Oman	561	12	573	-26.4	1,415
Qatar	75		75	59.6	343
Saudi Arabia	1,065		1,065	-23.3	5,462
United Arab Emirates	247		247	5.6	583
Others	148	2	150		416
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230,204</b>	<b>5,414</b>	<b>235,618</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>474,542</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

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