

**MAY
2019**

MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

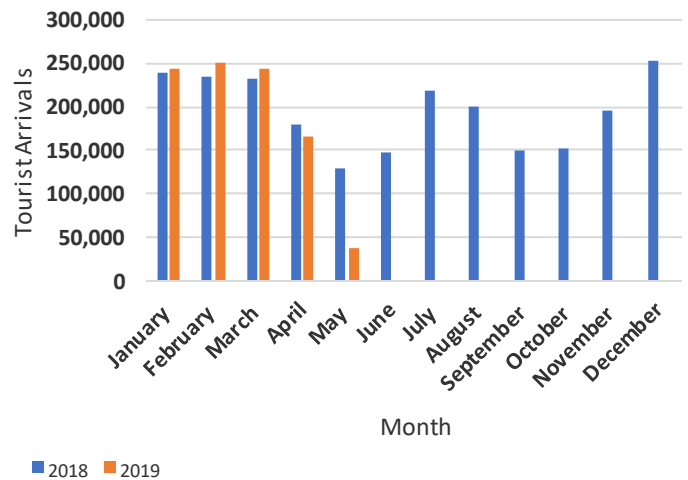
The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during May 2019 was 37,802. In comparison to May last year, there was a decline of 70.8% when the arrivals were 129,466.

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

Almost 96 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31st May 2019, 945,377 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a decline of 7.1% over last year when 1,017,819 tourists had visited the country during the same period.

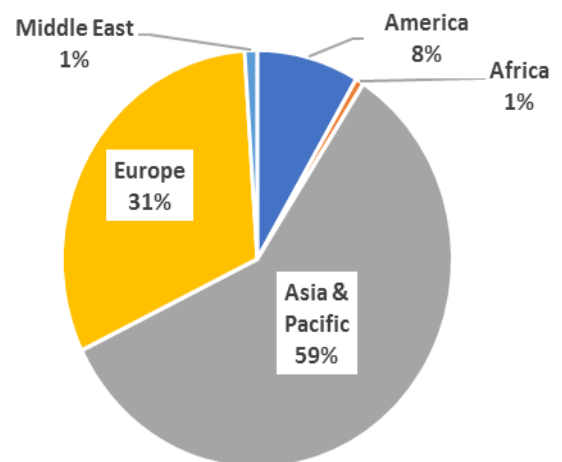
Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618	252,033	7.0
March	233,382	244,328	4.7
April	180,429	166,975	(7.5)
May	129,466	37,802	(70.8)
June	146,828		
July	217,829		
August	200,359		
September	149,087		
October	153,123		
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
Total	2,333,796		
Up to May	1,017,819	945,377	(7.1)



TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

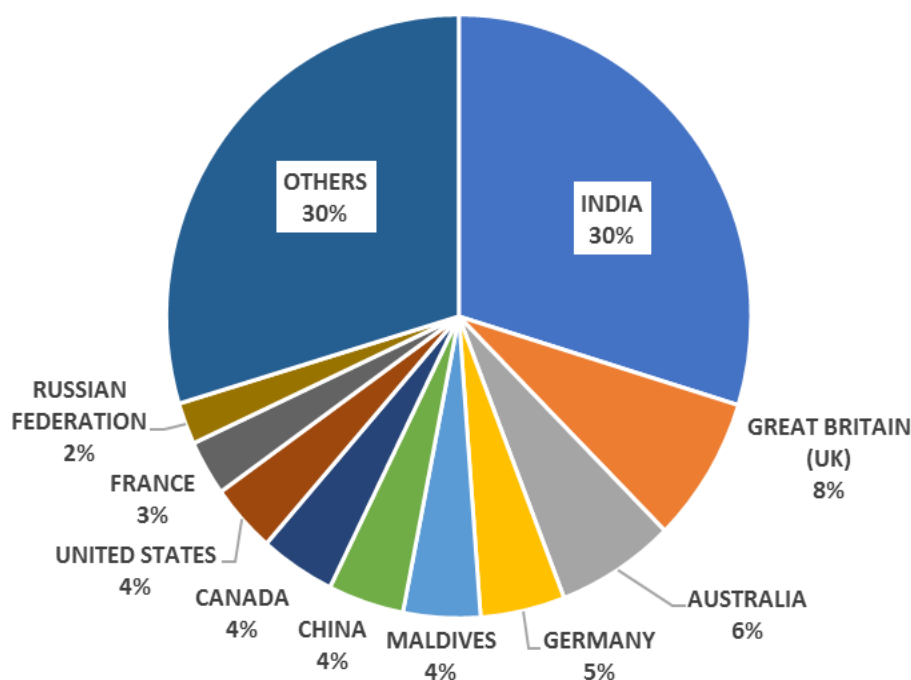
Asia and Pacific became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 59% of the total traffic received in May 2019.

Europe accounted for 31% of the total traffic, America 8%, Middle East and Africa (both) 1%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, Australia, Germany and Maldives were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of May this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 30% of the total traffic received in May 2019. UK accounted for 8% of the total traffic; while Australia, Germany and Maldives accounted for 6%, 5% and 4% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals May 2019			Tourist Arrivals May 2018	% Change May 2019/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	10,786	460	11,246	42,073	(73.3)
2	GREAT BRITAIN (UK)	2,884	69	2,953	9,337	(68.4)
3	AUSTRALIA	2,485	0	2,485	4,873	(49.0)
4	GERMANY	1,764	3	1,767	6,906	(74.4)
5	MALDIVES	1,609	1	1,610	4,343	(62.9)
6	CHINA	1,555	34	1,589	17,103	(90.7)
7	CANADA	1,575	0	1,575	3,297	(52.2)
8	UNITED STATES	1,397	1	1,398	4,123	(66.1)
9	FRANCE	1,115	5	1,120	3,721	(69.9)
10	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	818	26	844	1,264	(33.2)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	May 2019			Total Tourist Arrivals May 2018	% Change May (19/18)	Total Tourist Arrivals up to May 2019	Total Tourist Arrivals up to May 2018	% Change up to May 2019
	Tourist Arrivals							
	By Air	By Sea	Total					
AMERICAS	3,190	5	3,195	7,924	(59.7)	64,940	64,521	0.6
North America	3,005	1	3,006	7,492	(59.9)	60,816	59,970	1.4
Canada	1,575	0	1,575	3,297	(52.2)	23,636	23,063	2.5
Mexico	33	0	33	72	(54.2)	902	919	(1.8)
United States	1,397	1	1,398	4,123	(66.1)	36,278	35,988	0.8
Caribbean & Central America	12	3	15	51	(70.6)	424	419	1.2
Costa Rica	2	0	2	3	(33.3)	70	59	18.6
Jamaica	0	0	0	6	-	35	52	(32.7)
Others	10	3	13	42	(69.0)	319	308	3.6
South America	173	1	174	381	(54.3)	3,700	4,132	(10.5)
Argentina	42	0	42	122	(65.6)	849	1,183	(28.2)
Brazil	46	0	46	124	(62.9)	1,556	1,649	(5.6)
Chile	33	0	33	55	(40.0)	554	514	7.8
Colombia	33	0	33	33	0.0	328	304	7.9
Others	19	1	20	47	(57.4)	413	482	(14.3)
AFRICA	261	2	263	633	(58.5)	6,122	5,972	2.5
North Africa	36	0	36	125	(71.2)	1,198	1,127	6.3
Morocco	6	0	6	31	(80.6)	477	413	15.5
Sudan	19	0	19	52	(63.5)	212	250	(15.2)
Others	11	0	11	42	(73.8)	509	464	9.7
Sub-Saharan Africa	225	2	227	508	(55.3)	4,924	4,845	1.6
Kenya	16	0	16	59	(72.9)	235	255	(7.8)
Mauritius	4	0	4	24	(83.3)	303	280	8.2
Nigeria	3	1	4	39	(89.7)	80	191	(58.1)
South Africa	152	0	152	259	(41.3)	3,404	2,942	15.7
Others	50	1	51	127	(59.8)	902	1,177	(23.4)

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ASIA & PACIFIC	21,337	835	22,172	83,924	(73.6)	378,526	451,032	(16.1)
North East Asia	2,573	45	2,618	22,795	(88.5)	119,945	149,197	(19.6)
China	1,555	34	1,589	17,103	(90.7)	94,064	115,870	(18.8)
Japan	578	0	578	4,229	(86.3)	15,823	22,327	(29.1)
South Korea	323	11	334	892	(62.6)	5,971	6,967	(14.3)
Taiwan	111	0	111	565	(80.4)	3,981	3,952	0.7
Others	6	0	6	6	0.0	106	81	30.9
South East Asia	2,821	250	3,071	6,448	(52.4)	30,787	34,254	(10.1)
Cambodia	48	0	48	84	(42.9)	2,533	499	407.6
Indonesia	192	35	227	470	(51.7)	1,989	2,296	(13.4)
Malaysia	745	9	754	1,604	(53.0)	7,298	8,904	(18.0)
Myanmar	132	31	163	113	44.2	1,154	1,089	6.0
Philippines	606	153	759	1,656	(54.2)	6,209	8,473	(26.7)
Singapore	449	15	464	1,461	(68.2)	5,942	7,483	(20.6)
Thailand	541	6	547	745	(26.6)	4,229	3,815	10.9
Vietnam	106	1	107	269	(60.2)	1,334	1,558	(14.4)
Others	2	0	2	46	(95.7)	99	137	(27.7)
Oceania	2,876	1	2,877	5,508	(47.8)	48,206	47,886	0.7
Australia	2,485	0	2,485	4,873	(49.0)	42,669	42,973	(0.7)
New Zealand	385	0	385	620	(37.9)	5,442	4,808	13.2
Others	6	1	7	15	(53.3)	95	105	(9.5)
South Asia	13,067	539	13,606	49,173	(72.3)	179,588	219,695	(18.3)
Afghanistan	2	0	2	108	(98.1)	195	493	(60.4)
Bangladesh	179	7	186	729	(74.5)	3,304	4,120	(19.8)
Bhutan	11	0	11	30	(63.3)	156	291	(46.4)
India	10,786	460	11,246	42,073	(73.3)	141,824	173,366	(18.2)
Iran	50	1	51	268	(81.0)	1,811	3,169	(42.9)
Maldives	1,609	1	1,610	4,343	(62.9)	25,002	28,128	(11.1)
Nepal	274	57	331	472	(29.9)	2,159	2,172	(0.6)
Pakistan	156	13	169	1,150	(85.3)	5,137	7,956	(35.4)

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EUROPE	11,205	573	11,778	35,031	(66.4)	477,960	474,710	0.7
Northern Eur.	3,551	69	3,620	11,400	(68.2)	153,836	153,508	0.2
Denmark	119	0	119	456	(73.9)	10,890	9,867	10.4
Finland	58	0	58	230	(74.8)	4,686	4,990	(6.1)
Norway	172	0	172	511	(66.3)	6,655	6,558	1.5
Sweden	197	0	197	471	(58.2)	13,576	14,772	(8.1)
United Kingdom	2,884	69	2,953	9,337	(68.4)	113,139	112,523	0.5
Others	121	0	121	395	(69.4)	4,890	4,798	1.9
Western Eur.	3,995	8	4,003	14,964	(73.2)	171,562	180,752	(5.1)
Austria	144	0	144	637	(77.4)	8,729	10,302	(15.3)
Belgium	153	0	153	494	(69.0)	6,384	6,095	4.7
France	1,115	5	1,120	3,721	(69.9)	53,412	55,042	(3.0)
Germany	1,764	3	1,767	6,906	(74.4)	68,126	74,496	(8.6)
Netherlands	375	0	375	2,051	(81.7)	18,989	20,372	(6.8)
Switzerland	431	0	431	1,128	(61.8)	15,394	13,993	10.0
Others	13	0	13	27	(51.9)	528	452	16.8
Central / Eastern Europe	2,021	288	2,309	4,813	(52.0)	104,723	96,676	8.3
Belarus	30	1	31	128	(75.8)	3,014	2,824	6.7
Czech Republic	167	0	167	322	(48.1)	11,814	9,639	22.6
Estonia	15	2	17	32	(46.9)	1,488	1,556	(4.4)
Hungary	66	0	66	103	(35.9)	2,657	2,615	1.6
Kazakhstan	13	0	13	73	(82.2)	1,224	1,682	(27.5)
Lithuania	43	2	45	203	(77.8)	1,609	1,798	(10.5)
Poland	188	30	218	661	(67.0)	10,927	9,949	9.8
Romania	75	13	88	150	(41.3)	3,015	3,058	(1.4)
Russian Federation	818	26	844	1,264	(33.2)	43,711	36,992	18.2
Slovakia	67	1	68	153	(55.6)	3,021	3,123	(3.3)
Ukraine	404	193	597	1,386	(56.9)	17,894	19,140	(6.5)
Others	135	20	155	338	(54.1)	4,349	4,300	0.9

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	1,638	208	1,846	3,854	(52.1)	47,839	43,774	9.3
Greece	256	163	419	620	(32.4)	3141	3,311	(5.1)
Italy	450	2	452	1,058	(57.3)	19,860	17,672	12.4
Portugal	94	0	94	191	(50.8)	2,617	2,319	12.9
Spain	325	2	327	1,002	(67.4)	9,076	8,594	5.6
Turkey	87	0	87	288	(69.8)	2,142	2,187	(2.1)
Israel	308	0	308	399	(22.8)	6,082	4,741	28.3
Others	118	41	159	296	(46.3)	4,921	4,950	(0.6)
MIDDLE EAST	382	12	394	1,954	(79.8)	17,829	21,584	(17.4)
Bahrain	17	0	17	108	(84.3)	864	1,189	(27.3)
Egypt	79	6	85	161	(47.2)	1,560	1,407	10.9
Iraq	7	0	7	38	(81.6)	327	357	(8.4)
Jordan	23	0	23	117	(80.3)	1,270	1,277	(0.5)
Kuwait	37	0	37	143	(74.1)	1,542	1,580	(2.4)
Lebanon	77	0	77	225	(65.8)	2,113	2,362	(10.5)
Oman	15	0	15	84	(82.1)	1,540	2,073	(25.7)
Qatar	7	0	7	53	(86.8)	526	570	(7.7)
Saudi Arabia	75	0	75	666	(88.7)	5,605	8,388	(33.2)
United Arab Emirates	17	0	17	230	(92.6)	1,703	1,524	11.7
Others	28	6	34	129	(73.6)	779	857	(9.1)
TOTAL	36,375	1,427	37,802	129,466	(70.8)	945,377	1,017,819	(7.1)

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