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# **MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT**

**SRI LANKA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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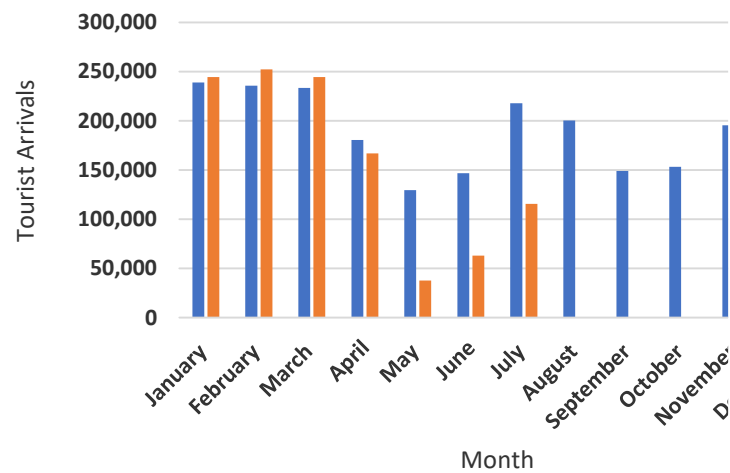


## SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during July 2019 was 115,701. In comparison to July last year, there was a decline of 46.9% when the arrivals were 217,829. This month, the largest source market for tourists was India, followed by the United Kingdom and Germany. Almost 99 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019, 1,124,150 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a decline of 18.7% over last year when 1,382,476 of tourists has visited the country during the same period.

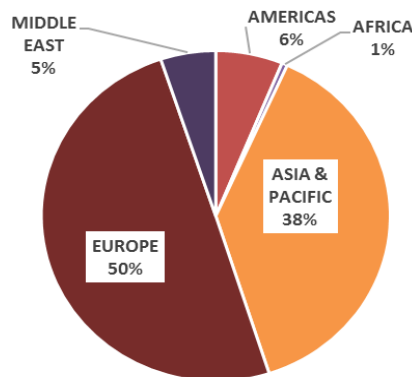
Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618	252,033	7.0
March	233,382	244,328	4.7
April	180,429	166,975	(7.5)
May	129,466	37,802	(70.8)
June	146,828	63,072	(57.0)
July	217,829	115,701	(46.9)
August	200,359		
September	149,087		
October	153,123		
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,333,796</b>		
<b>Up to July</b>	<b>1,382,476</b>	<b>1,124,150</b>	<b>(18.7)</b>



## TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

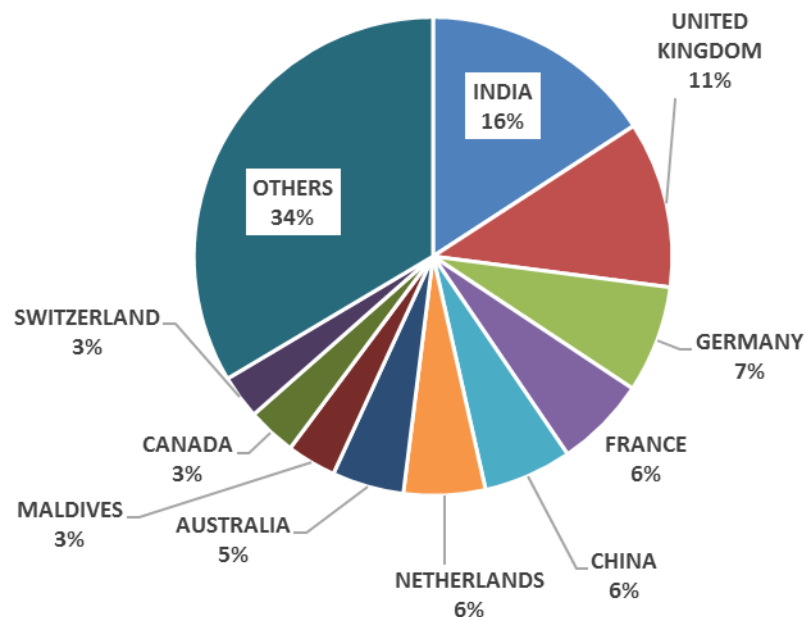
Europe became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 50% of the total traffic received in July 2019.

Asia and Pacific accounted for 38% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 5% and Africa 1%.



## TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, Germany, France and China were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of July this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 16% of the total traffic received in July 2019. United Kingdom accounted for 11% of the total traffic; while Germany, France and China accounted for 7% and 6% (both) respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals July 2019			Tourist Arrivals July 2018	% Change July 2019/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	17,849	460	18,309	31,032	(41.0)
2	UNITED KINGDOM	12,955	55	13,010	25,208	(48.4)
3	GERMANY	8,384	1	8,385	10,825	(22.5)
4	FRANCE	7,139	3	7,142	11,303	(36.8)
5	CHINA	6,859	67	6,926	27,460	(74.8)
6	NETHERLANDS	6,384	1	6,385	13,342	(52.1)
7	AUSTRALIA	5,619	0	5,619	8,801	(36.2)
8	MALDIVES	3,875	0	3,875	6,348	(39.0)
9	CANADA	3,826	0	3,826	6,017	(36.4)
10	SWITZERLAND	3,421	0	3,421	5,460	(37.3)

## INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	July 2019			Total Tourist Arrivals July 2018	% Change July (19/18)	Total Tourist Arrivals up to July 2019	Total Tourist Arrivals up to July 2018	% Change up to July 2019
	Tourist Arrivals							
	By Air	By Sea	Total					
<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>7,155</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>13,668</b>	<b>(47.5)</b>	<b>77,636</b>	<b>88,237</b>	<b>(12.0)</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>6,845</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6,849</b>	<b>13,257</b>	<b>(48.3)</b>	<b>72,935</b>	<b>82,942</b>	<b>(12.1)</b>
Canada	3,826	0	3,826	6,017	(36.4)	30,289	33,756	(10.3)
Mexico	48	1	49	76	(35.5)	982	1,055	(6.9)
United States	2,971	3	2,974	7,164	(58.5)	41,664	48,131	(13.4)
<b>Caribbean &amp; Central America</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>(34.9)</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>(6.9)</b>
Costa Rica	5	0	5	0	-	76	66	15.2
Jamaica	7	0	7	7	0.0	44	62	(29.0)
Others	29	0	29	56	(48.2)	382	411	(7.1)
<b>South America</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>(18.7)</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>4,756</b>	<b>(11.7)</b>
Argentina	47	0	47	71	(33.8)	929	1,304	(28.8)
Brazil	109	13	122	117	4.3	1,752	1,882	(6.9)
Chile	36	0	36	64	(43.8)	614	621	(1.1)
Colombia	34	0	34	53	(35.8)	406	389	4.4
Others	43	1	44	43	2.3	498	560	(11.1)
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>(52.1)</b>	<b>7,253</b>	<b>8,201</b>	<b>(11.6)</b>
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>(45.0)</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>(9.5)</b>
Morocco	48	0	48	72	(33.3)	569	545	4.4
Sudan	56	0	56	115	(51.3)	302	465	(35.1)
Others	39	0	39	73	(46.6)	582	595	(2.2)
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>(53.9)</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>6,596</b>	<b>(12.1)</b>
Kenya	37	0	37	95	(61.1)	296	394	(24.9)
Mauritius	35	0	35	72	(51.4)	349	386	(9.6)
Nigeria	20	0	20	24	(16.7)	105	237	(55.7)
South Africa	233	4	237	598	(60.4)	3,928	4,060	(3.3)
Others	134	1	135	218	(38.1)	1,122	1,519	(26.1)

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	Tourist Arrivals							
	By Air	By Sea	Total					
<b>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</b>	<b>43,398</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>44,341</b>	<b>91,909</b>	<b>(51.8)</b>	<b>456,791</b>	<b>628,793</b>	<b>(27.4)</b>
<b>North East Asia</b>	<b>9,172</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>9,254</b>	<b>33,650</b>	<b>(72.5)</b>	<b>134,481</b>	<b>207,731</b>	<b>(35.3)</b>
China	6,859	67	6,926	27,460	(74.8)	104,486	163,754	(36.2)
Japan	1,311	0	1,311	3,798	(65.5)	18,014	29,199	(38.3)
South Korea	635	12	647	1,444	(55.2)	7,241	9,374	(22.8)
Taiwan	361	3	364	924	(60.6)	4,623	5,288	(12.6)
Others	6	0	6	24	(75.0)	117	116	0.9
<b>South East Asia</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>4,273</b>	<b>6,732</b>	<b>(36.5)</b>	<b>38,881</b>	<b>48,637</b>	<b>(20.1)</b>
Cambodia	41	0	41	51	(19.6)	2,601	588	342.3
Indonesia	299	40	339	468	(27.6)	2,606	3,113	(16.3)
Malaysia	1,018	8	1,026	1,666	(38.4)	9,181	12,959	(29.2)
Myanmar	167	18	185	230	(19.6)	1,488	1446	2.9
Philippines	891	211	1,102	1,681	(34.4)	8,309	11,827	(29.7)
Singapore	804	1	805	1,563	(48.5)	7,651	11,025	(30.6)
Thailand	564	5	569	807	(29.5)	5,278	5,492	(3.9)
Vietnam	192	7	199	241	(17.4)	1,650	2,011	(18.0)
Others	7	0	7	25	(72.0)	117	176	(33.5)
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>6,632</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6,634</b>	<b>10,208</b>	<b>(35.0)</b>	<b>59,874</b>	<b>69,733</b>	<b>(14.1)</b>
Australia	5,619	0	5,619	8,801	(36.2)	52,698	61,771	(14.7)
New Zealand	1,003	0	1,003	1,376	(27.1)	7,060	7797	(9.5)
Others	10	2	12	31	(61.3)	116	165	(29.7)
<b>South Asia</b>	<b>23,611</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>24,180</b>	<b>41,319</b>	<b>(41.5)</b>	<b>223,555</b>	<b>302,692</b>	<b>(26.1)</b>
Afghanistan	47	0	47	47	0.0	254	584	(56.5)
Bangladesh	603	28	631	857	(26.4)	4,444	6007	(26.0)
Bhutan	23	0	23	49	(53.1)	191	381	(49.9)
India	17,849	460	18,309	31,032	(41.0)	175,181	237,369	(26.2)
Iran	104	0	104	710	(85.4)	1,988	4211	(52.8)
Maldives	3,875	0	3,875	6,348	(39.0)	32,227	39,838	(19.1)
Nepal	341	68	409	352	16.2	2,830	2,968	(4.6)
Pakistan	769	13	782	1,924	(59.4)	6,440	11,334	(43.2)

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<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>57,056</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>57,668</b>	<b>96,468</b>	<b>(40.2)</b>	<b>555,807</b>	<b>612,711</b>	<b>(9.3)</b>
<b>Northern Eur.</b>	<b>17,556</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>17,616</b>	<b>33,829</b>	<b>(47.9)</b>	<b>178,497</b>	<b>204,587</b>	<b>(12.8)</b>
Denmark	1,739	2	1,741	2,951	(41.0)	13,112	13,777	(4.8)
Finland	153	0	153	242	(36.8)	5,006	5,530	(9.5)
Norway	1,709	0	1,709	3,067	(44.3)	9,663	11,897	(18.8)
Sweden	574	0	574	1,206	(52.4)	14,617	16,867	(13.3)
United Kingdom	12,955	55	13,010	25,208	(48.4)	130,514	149,835	(12.9)
Others	426	3	429	1,155	(62.9)	5,585	6,681	(16.4)
<b>Western Eur.</b>	<b>28,870</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28,875</b>	<b>46,350</b>	<b>(37.7)</b>	<b>208,075</b>	<b>241,625</b>	<b>(13.9)</b>
Austria	848	0	848	1,642	(48.4)	9,828	12,487	(21.3)
Belgium	2,603	0	2,603	3,681	(29.3)	9,548	10,561	(9.6)
France	7,139	3	7,142	11,303	(36.8)	62,543	70,033	(10.7)
Germany	8,384	1	8,385	10,825	(22.5)	79,823	91,113	(12.4)
Netherlands	6,384	1	6,385	13,342	(52.1)	26,070	36,064	(27.7)
Switzerland	3,421	0	3,421	5,460	(37.3)	19,633	20,795	(5.6)
Others	91	0	91	97	(6.2)	630	572	10.1
<b>Central / Eastern Europe</b>	<b>4,423</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>6,312</b>	<b>(24.9)</b>	<b>112,120</b>	<b>107,887</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Belarus	46	0	46	71	(35.2)	3,084	3,017	2.2
Czech Republic	997	0	997	1,050	(5.0)	13,191	11,260	17.1
Estonia	36	3	39	28	39.3	1,538	1,618	(4.9)
Hungary	100	2	102	163	(37.4)	2,812	2,916	(3.6)
Kazakhstan	41	0	41	112	(63.4)	1,297	1,861	(30.3)
Lithuania	77	2	79	163	(51.5)	1,739	2,185	(20.4)
Poland	728	35	763	1,281	(40.4)	11,974	11,940	0.3
Romania	143	24	167	211	(20.9)	3,311	3,474	(4.7)
Russian Federation	1,234	66	1,300	1,162	11.9	45,722	39,289	16.4
Slovakia	179	0	179	218	(17.9)	3,269	3,486	(6.2)
Ukraine	600	168	768	1,409	(45.5)	19,257	21,740	(11.4)
Others	242	17	259	444	(41.7)	4,926	5,101	(3.4)

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<b>Southern / Mediterranean Europe</b>	<b>6,207</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>9,977</b>	<b>(35.5)</b>	<b>57,115</b>	<b>58,612</b>	<b>(2.6)</b>
Greece	304	171	475	570	(16.7)	4,003	4,370	(8.4)
Italy	1,423	8	1,431	3,247	(55.9)	21,966	22,286	(1.4)
Portugal	243	0	243	337	(27.9)	3,024	2,909	4.0
Spain	2,374	9	2,383	3,357	(29.0)	12,210	13,467	(9.3)
Turkey	170	13	183	249	(26.5)	2,486	2,605	(4.6)
Israel	1,245	0	1,245	1,345	(7.4)	7,756	6,785	14.3
Others	448	29	477	872	(45.3)	5,670	6,190	(8.4)
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>5,893</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>14,517</b>	<b>(59.3)</b>	<b>26,663</b>	<b>44,534</b>	<b>(40.1)</b>
Bahrain	283	0	283	392	(27.8)	1,268	1,826	(30.6)
Egypt	215	6	221	466	(52.6)	1,949	2,151	(9.4)
Iraq	60	4	64	78	(17.9)	414	569	(27.2)
Jordan	182	0	182	230	(20.9)	1,613	1,775	(9.1)
Kuwait	331	0	331	335	(1.2)	2,032	2,141	(5.1)
Lebanon	291	0	291	546	(46.7)	2,588	3,273	(20.9)
Oman	889	1	890	2,171	(59.0)	2,754	4,783	(42.4)
Qatar	115	0	115	267	(56.9)	673	1,020	(34.0)
Saudi Arabia	2,903	0	2,903	8,409	(65.5)	10,008	22,219	(55.0)
United Arab Emirates	423	0	423	1,199	(64.7)	2,256	3,211	(29.7)
Others	201	8	209	424	(50.7)	1,108	1,566	(29.2)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114,104</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>115,701</b>	<b>217,829</b>	<b>(46.9)</b>	<b>1,124,150</b>	<b>1,382,476</b>	<b>(18.7)</b>

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