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MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

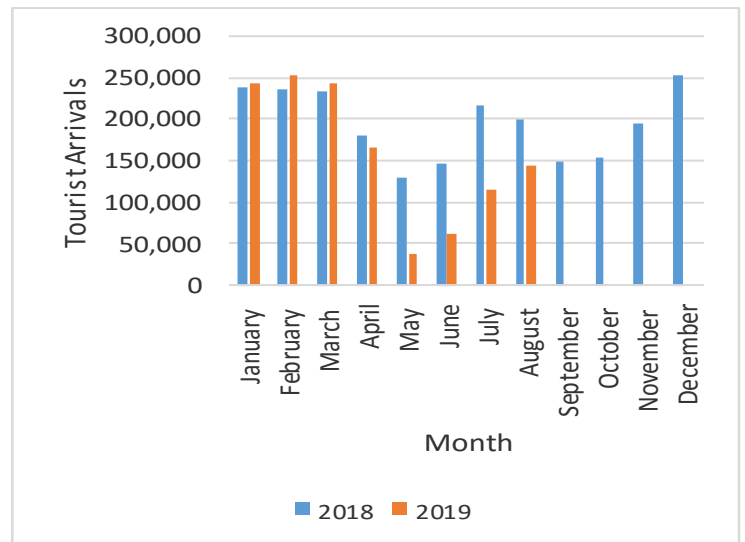
The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during August 2019 was 143,587. In comparison to August last year, there was a decline of 28.3% when the arrivals were 200,359.

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

Almost 99 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31st August 2019, 1,267,737 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a decline of 19.9% over last year when 1,582,835 of tourists has visited the country during the same period.

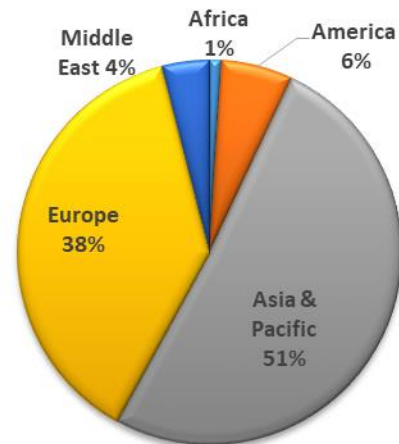
Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618	252,033	7.0
March	233,382	244,328	4.7
April	180,429	166,975	(7.5)
May	129,466	37,802	(70.8)
June	146,828	63,072	(57.0)
July	217,829	115,701	(46.9)
August	200,359	143,587	(28.3)
September	149,087		
October	153,123		
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
Total	2,333,796		
Up to August	1,582,835	1,267,737	(19.9)



TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

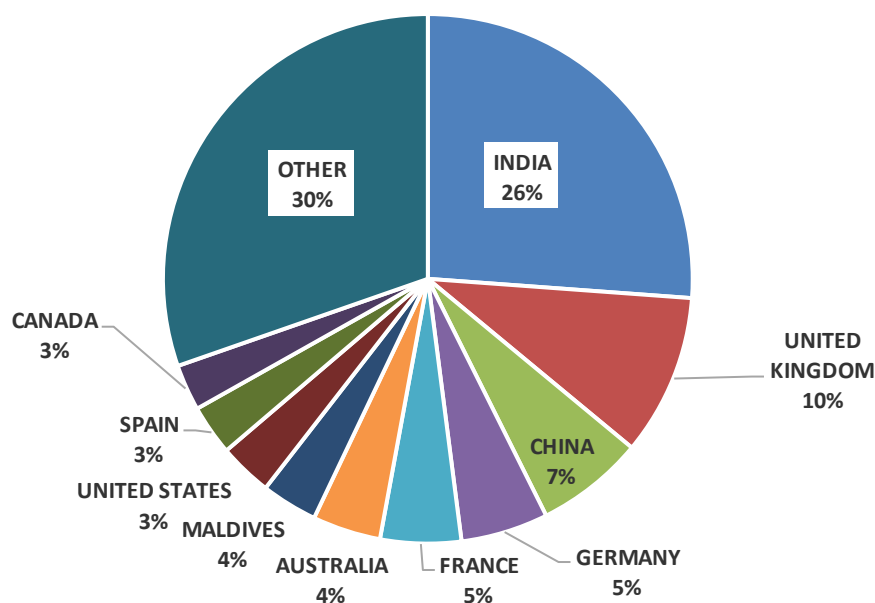
Europe became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 38% of the total traffic received in August 2019.

Asia and Pacific accounted for 51% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 4% and Africa 1%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, United Kingdom, China, Germany and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of August this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 26% of the total traffic received in August 2019. UK accounted for 10% of the total traffic; while China, Germany and France accounted for 7% and 5% (both) respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals August 2019			Tourist Arrivals August 2018	% Change August 2019/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	36,935	633	37,568	32,115	17.0
2	UNITED KINGDOM	14,071	61	14,132	23,643	(40.2)
3	CHINA	9,428	75	9,503	26,558	(64.2)
4	GERMANY	7,665	2	7,667	10,809	(29.1)
5	FRANCE	7,083	4	7,087	11,016	(35.7)
6	AUSTRALIA	5,985	0	5,985	8,239	(27.4)
7	MALDIVES	4,928	2	4,930	6,880	(28.3)
8	UNITED STATES	4,686	0	4,686	4,410	6.3
9	SPAIN	4,419	0	4,419	5,782	(23.6)
10	CANADA	4,052	0	4,052	5,440	(25.5)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	August 2019			Total Tourist Arrivals August 2018	% Change August (19/18)	Total Tourist Arrivals up to August 2019	Total Tourist Arrivals up to August 2018	% Change up to August 2019
	Tourist Arrivals							
	By Air	By Sea	Total					
AMERICAS	9,081	0	9,081	10,340	(12.2)	86,717	98,578	(12.0)
North America	8,791	0	8,791	9,918	(11.4)	81,726	92,860	(12.0)
Canada	4,052	0	4,052	5,440	(25.5)	34,341	39,196	(12.4)
Mexico	53	0	53	68	(22.1)	1035	1,123	(7.8)
United States	4,686	0	4,686	4,410	6.3	46,350	52,541	(11.8)
Caribbean & Central America	56	0	56	72	(22.2)	558	611	(8.7)
Costa Rica	9	0	9	15	(40.0)	85	80	6.3
Jamaica	3	0	3	14	(78.6)	47	77	(39.0)
Others	44	0	44	43	2.3	426	454	(6.2)
South America	234	0	234	350	(33.1)	4,433	5,107	(13.2)
Argentina	43	0	43	54	(20.4)	972	1,358	(28.4)
Brazil	75	0	75	98	(23.5)	1,827	1,980	(7.7)
Chile	29	0	29	59	(50.8)	643	680	(5.4)
Colombia	36	0	36	52	(30.8)	442	441	0.2
Others	51	0	51	87	(41.4)	549	648	(15.3)
AFRICA	1,860	4	1,864	1,073	73.7	7,253	9,274	(21.8)
North Africa	202	0	202	311	(35.0)	1,655	1,916	(13.6)
Morocco	86	0	86	127	(32.3)	655	672	(2.5)
Sudan	54	0	54	67	(19.4)	356	532	(33.1)
Others	62	0	62	117	(47.0)	644	712	(9.6)
Sub-Saharan Africa	1,658	4	1,662	762	118.1	7,462	7,358	1.4
Kenya	615	0	615	61	908.2	911	455	100.2
Mauritius	35	0	35	32	9.4	384	418	(8.1)
Nigeria	8	0	8	28	(71.4)	113	265	(57.4)
South Africa	302	3	305	457	(33.3)	4,233	4,517	(6.3)
Others	698	1	699	184	279.9	1,821	1,703	6.9

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	By Air	By Sea	Total					
ASIA & PACIFIC	71,722	1,115	72,837	94,965	(23.3)	529,628	723,757	(26.8)
North East Asia	13,022	95	13,117	34,571	(62.1)	147,598	242,302	(39.1)
China	9,428	75	9,503	26,558	(64.2)	113,989	190,312	(40.1)
Japan	2,427	1	2,428	5,625	(56.8)	20,442	34,824	(41.3)
South Korea	784	15	799	1,583	(49.5)	8,040	10,957	(26.6)
Taiwan	378	4	382	794	(51.9)	5,005	6,082	(17.7)
Others	5	0	5	11	(54.5)	122	127	(3.9)
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South East Asia	5,699	310	6,009	8,099	(25.8)	44,890	56,736	(20.9)
Cambodia	22	0	22	35	(37.1)	2,623	623	321.0
Indonesia	406	73	479	471	1.7	3,085	3,584	(13.9)
Malaysia	1,528	5	1,533	2,101	(27.0)	10,714	15,060	(28.9)
Myanmar	641	12	653	695	(6.0)	2,141	2,141	0.0
Philippines	916	205	1,121	1,723	(34.9)	9,430	13,550	(30.4)
Singapore	1,197	5	1,202	1,904	(36.9)	8,853	12,929	(31.5)
Thailand	788	3	791	823	(3.9)	6,069	6,315	(3.9)
Vietnam	190	7	197	298	(33.9)	1,847	2,309	(20.0)
Others	11	0	11	49	(77.6)	128	225	(43.1)
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Oceania	6,991	0	6,991	9,381	(25.5)	66,865	79,113	(15.5)
Australia	5,985	0	5,985	8,239	(27.4)	58,683	70,010	(16.2)
New Zealand	993	0	993	1,091	(9.0)	8,053	8,888	(9.4)
Others	13	0	13	51	(74.5)	129	215	(40.0)
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South Asia	46,010	710	46,720	42,914	8.9	270,275	345,606	(21.8)
Afghanistan	54		54	78	(30.8)	308	662	(53.5)
Bangladesh	782	22	804	1,060	(24.2)	5,248	7,067	(25.7)
Bhutan	13		13	48	(72.9)	204	429	(52.4)
India	36,935	633	37,568	32,115	17.0	212,749	269,484	(21.1)
Iran	117		117	580	(79.8)	2,105	4,791	(56.1)
Maldives	4,928	2	4,930	6,880	(28.3)	37,157	46,718	(20.5)
Nepal	352	46	398	444	(10.4)	3,228	3,412	(5.4)
Pakistan	2,829	7	2,836	1,709	65.9	9,276	13,043	(28.9)

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	By Air	By Sea	Total					
EUROPE	53,407	651	54,058	82,167	(34.2)	609,865	694,878	(12.2)
Northern Eur.	16,203	64	16,267	27,250	(40.3)	194,764	231,837	(16.0)
Denmark	497	0	497	925	(46.3)	13,609	14,702	(7.4)
Finland	111	1	112	211	(46.9)	5,118	5,741	(10.9)
Norway	673	2	675	952	(29.1)	10,338	12,849	(19.5)
Sweden	371	0	371	665	(44.2)	14,988	17,532	(14.5)
United Kingdom	14,071	61	14,132	23,643	(40.2)	144,646	173,478	(16.6)
Others	480	0	480	854	(43.8)	6,065	7,535	(19.5)
Western Eur.	21,834	19	21,853	33,152	(34.1)	229,928	274,777	(16.3)
Austria	667	0	667	1,216	(45.1)	10,495	13,703	(23.4)
Belgium	1,508	0	1,508	1,994	(24.4)	11,056	12,555	(11.9)
France	7,083	4	7,087	11,016	(35.7)	69,630	81,049	(14.1)
Germany	7,665	2	7,667	10,809	(29.1)	87,490	101,922	(14.2)
Netherlands	3,507	13	3,520	6,182	(43.1)	29,590	42,246	(30.0)
Switzerland	1,311	0	1,311	1,744	(24.8)	20,944	22,539	(7.1)
Others	93	0	93	191	(51.3)	723	763	(5.2)
Central / Eastern Europe	4,215	341	4,556	5,811	(21.6)	116,676	113,698	2.6
Belarus	87	1	88	96	(8.3)	3,172	3,113	1.9
Czech Republic	585	0	585	637	(8.2)	13,776	11,897	15.8
Estonia	18	1	19	56	(66.1)	1,557	1,674	(7.0)
Hungary	90	0	90	183	(50.8)	2,902	3,099	(6.4)
Kazakhstan	35	0	35	77	(54.5)	1,332	1,938	(31.3)
Lithuania	74	1	75	118	(36.4)	1,814	2,303	(21.2)
Poland	537	21	558	1,021	(45.3)	12,532	12,961	(3.3)
Romania	272	21	293	280	4.6	3,604	3,754	(4.0)
Russian Federation	1,275	57	1,332	1,174	13.5	47,054	40,463	16.3
Slovakia	187	1	188	259	(27.4)	3,457	3,745	(7.7)
Ukraine	776	209	985	1,513	(34.9)	20,242	23,253	(12.9)
Others	279	29	308	397	(22.4)	5,234	5,498	(4.8)

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	11,155	227	11,382	15,954	(28.7)	68,497	74,566	(8.1)
Greece	355	160	515	763	(32.5)	4,518	5,133	(12.0)
Italy	3,333	7	3,340	5,747	(41.9)	25,306	28,033	(9.7)
Portugal	431	0	431	653	(34.0)	3,455	3,562	(3.0)
Spain	4,419	0	4,419	5,782	(23.6)	16,629	19,249	(13.6)
Turkey	323	16	339	375	(9.6)	2,825	2,980	(5.2)
Israel	1,785	0	1,785	1,976	(9.7)	9,541	8,761	8.9
Others	509	44	553	658	(16.0)	6,223	6,848	(9.1)
MIDDLE EAST	5,744	3	5,747	11,814	(51.4)	32,410	56,348	(42.5)
Bahrain	318	0	318	432	(26.4)	1,586	2,258	(29.8)
Egypt	293	3	296	391	(24.3)	2,245	2,542	(11.7)
Iraq	133	0	133	124	7.3	547	693	(21.1)
Jordan	268	0	268	314	(14.6)	1,881	2,089	(10.0)
Kuwait	520	0	520	599	(13.2)	2,552	2,740	(6.9)
Lebanon	410	0	410	630	(34.9)	2,998	3,903	(23.2)
Oman	326	0	326	965	(66.2)	3,080	5,748	(46.4)
Qatar	135	0	135	379	(64.4)	808	1,399	(42.2)
Saudi Arabia	2,357	0	2,357	6,517	(63.8)	12,365	28,736	(57.0)
United Arab Emirates	439	0	439	1,045	(58.0)	2,695	4,256	(36.7)
Others	545	0	545	418	30.4	1,653	1,984	(48.5)
TOTAL	141,814	1,773	143,587	200,359	(28.3)	1,267,737	1,582,835	(19.9)

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