

# MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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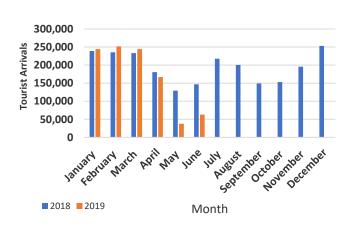
## **SUMMARY**

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during June 2019 was 63,072. In comparison to June last year, there was a drop of 57.0 % when the arrivals were 146,828.

This month, the largest source market for tourists was India, followed by the Australia, United Kingdom and China. Almost 97 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 1,008,449 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a decline of 13.4% over last year when 1,164,647 tourists had visited the country during the same period.

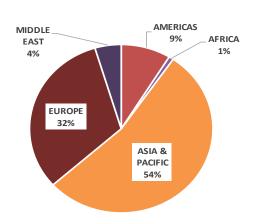
Month	2018	2019	% change 2019/18
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618	252,033	7.0
March	233,382	244,328	4.7
April	180,429	166,975	(7.5)
May	129,466	37,802	(70.8)
June	146,828	63,072	(57.0)
July	217,829		
August	200,359		
September	149,087		
October	153,123		
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
Total	2,333,796		
Up to June	1,164,647	1,008,449	(13.4)



### **TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION**

Asia & Pacific became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 54 % of the total traffic received in June 2019.

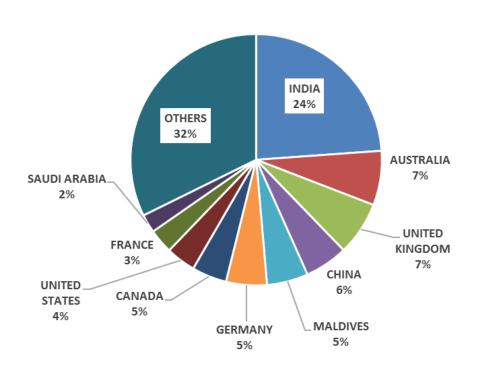
Europe accounted for 32% of the total traffic, America 9%, Middle East 4% and Africa 1%.



# **TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS**

India, Australia, United Kingdom, China and Maldives were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of June this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 24% of the total traffic received in June 2019. Australia and United Kingdom accounted for 7% of the total traffic; while China and Maldives accounted for 6% and 5% respectively.

Rank	Country of Residence	Тс	ourist Arriva June 2019	ls	Tourist Arrivals	% Change June (2019/18)	
		By Air	By Sea	Total	June 2018		
1	INDIA	14,565	483	15,048	32,971	(54.4)	
2	AUSTRALIA	4,391	19	4,410	9,997	(55.9)	
3	UNITED KINGDOM	4,272	93	4,365	12,104	(63.9)	
4	CHINA	3,461	35	3,496	20,424	(82.9)	
5	MALDIVES	3,348	2	3,350	5,362	(37.5)	
6	GERMANY	3,063	249	3,312	5,792	(42.8)	
7	CANADA	2,825	2	2,827	4,676	(39.5)	
8	UNITED STATES	2,407	5	2,412	4,979	(51.6)	
9	FRANCE	1,985	4	1,989	3,688	(46.1)	
10	SAUDI ARABIA	1,500	0	1,500	5,422	(72.3)	



# **INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**

	June 2019									
		Tourist Arrivals		Total Tourist Arrivals June	% Change June	Total Tourist Arrivals up to June	Total Tourist Arrivals up to June	% Change up to June (2019/18)		
		By Air	By Sea	Total	2018	(19/18)	2019	2018	(2013/10)	
AMERICAS		5,514	9	5,523	10,048	(45.0)	70,463	74,569	(5.5)	
North America		5,263	7	5,270	9,715	(41.1)	66,086	69,685	(5.2)	
Canada		2,825	2	2,827	4,676	(39.5)	26,463	27,739	(4.6)	
Mexico		31	0	31	60	(56.9)	933	979	(4.7)	
United States		2,407	5	2,412	4,979	(51.6)	38,690	40,967	(5.6)	
Caribbean										
& Central America		37	0	37	57	(7.5)	461	476	(3.2)	
Costa Rica		1	0	1	3	-	71	62	14.5	
Jamaica		2	0	2	7	(71.4)	37	59	(37.3)	
Others		34	0	34	47	3.0	353	355	(0.6)	
South America		214	2	216	276	(21.7)	3,916	4,408	(11.2)	
Argentina		32	1	33	50	(34.0)	882	1,233	(28.5)	
Brazil		74	0	74	116	(36.2)	1,630	1,765	(7.6)	
Chile		24	0	24	43	(44.2)	578	557	3.8	
Colombia		43	1	44	32	37.5	372	336	10.7	
Others		41	0	41	35	17.1	454	517	(12.2)	
<u>AFRICA</u>		514	10	524	962	(45.5)	6,646	6,934	(4.2)	
North Africa		110	2	112	218	(48.6)	1,310	1,345	(2.6)	
Morocco		44	0	44	60	(26.7)	521	473	10.1	
Sudan		32	2	34	100	(66.0)	246	350	(29.7)	
Others		34	0	34	58	(41.4)	543	522	4.0	
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Sub-Saharan Africa		404	8	412	744	(44.6)	5,336	5,589	(4.5)	
Kenya		24	0	24	44	(45.5)	259	299	(13.4)	
Mauritius		11	0	11	34	(67.6)	314	314	0.0	
Nigeria		5	0	5	22	(77.3)	85	213	(60.1)	
South Africa		284	3	287	520	(44.8)	3,691	3,462	6.6	
Others		80	5	85	124	(31.5)	987	1,301	(24.1)	

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	То	urist Arriv	als	Total Tourist Arrivals June	% Change June	Total Tourist Arrivals up to June	Total Tourist Arrivals up to June	% Change up to June
	By Air	By Sea	Total	2018	(19/18)	2019	2018	(2019/18)
ASIA & PACIFIC	33,069	855	33,924	85,852	(60.5)	412,450	536,884	(23.2)
North East Asia	5,235	47	5,282	24,884	(78.8)	125,227	174,081	(28.1)
China	3,461	35	3,496	20,424	(82.9)	97,560	136,294	(28.4)
Japan	879	1	880	3,074	(71.4)	16,703	25,401	(34.2)
South Korea	616	7	623	963	(35.3)	6,594	7,930	(16.8)
Taiwan	274	4	278	412	(32.5)	4,259	4,364	(2.4)
Others	5	0	5	11	(54.5)	111	92	20.7
South East Asia	3,596	225	3,821	7,651	(50.1)	34,608	41,905	(17.4)
Cambodia	27	0	27	38	(28.9)	2,560	537	376.7
Indonesia	255	23	278	349	(20.3)	2,267	2,645	(14.3)
Malaysia	848	9	857	2,389	(64.1)	8,155	11,293	(27.8)
Myanmar	127	22	149	127	17.3	1,303	1,216	7.2
Philippines	833	165	998	1,673	(40.3)	7,207	10,146	(29.0)
Singapore	900	4	904	1,979	(54.3)	6,846	9,462	(27.6)
Thailand	479	1	480	870	(44.8)	4,709	4,685	0.5
Vietnam	116	1	117	212	(44.8)	1,451	1,770	(18.0)
Others	11	0	11	14	(21.4)	110	151	(27.2)
Oceania	5,013	21	5,034	11,639	(56.7)	53,240	59,525	(10.6)
Australia	4,391	19	4,410	9,997	(55.9)	47,079	52,970	(11.1)
New Zealand	613	2	615	1,613	(61.9)	6,057	6,421	(5.7)
Others	9	0	9	29	(69.0)	104	134	(22.4)
South Asia	19,225	562	19,787	41,678	(52.5)	199,375	261,373	(23.7)
Afghanistan	12	0	12	44	(72.7)	207	537	(61.5)
Bangladesh	489	20	509	1,030	(50.6)	3,813	5,150	(26.0)
Bhutan	12	0	12	41	(70.7)	168	332	(49.4)
India	14,565	483	15,048	32,971	(54.4)	156,872	206,337	(24.0)
Iran	73	0	73	332	(78.0)	1,884	3,501	(46.2)
Maldives	3,348	2	3,350	5,362	(37.5)	28,352	33,490	(15.3)
Nepal	214	48	262	444	(41.0)	2,421	2,616	(7.5)
Pakistan	512	9	521	1,454	(64.2)	5,658	9,410	(39.9)

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	Tourist Arrivals		Arrivals June	% Change June	ange Arrivals up	Total Tourist Arrivals up to June	% Change up to June (2019/18)	
	By Air	By Sea	Total	2018	(19/18)	2019	2018	(2020, 20,
<u>EUROPE</u>	19,270	909	20,179	41,533	(51.4)	498,139	516,243	(3.5)
Northern Eur.	6,937	108	7,045	17,250	(59.2)	160,881	170,758	(5.8)
Denmark	473	8	481	959	(49.8)	11,371	10,826	5.0
Finland	164	3	167	298	(44.0)	4,853	5,288	(8.2)
Norway	1,299	0	1,299	2,272	(42.8)	7,954	8,830	(9.9)
Sweden	464	3	467	889	(47.5)	14,043	15,661	(10.3)
United Kingdom	4,272	93	4,365	12,104	(63.9)	117,504	124,627	(5.7)
Others	265	1	266	728	(63.5)	5,156	5,526	(6.7)
Western Eur.	7,341	297	7,638	14,523	(47.4)	179,200	195,275	(8.2)
Austria	233	18	251	543	(53.8)	8,980	10,845	(17.2)
Belgium	561	0	561	785	(28.5)	6,945	6,880	0.9
France	1,985	4	1,989	3,688	(46.1)	55,401	58,730	(5.7)
Germany	3,063	249	3,312	5,792	(42.8)	71,438	80,288	(11.0)
Netherlands	695	1	696	2,350	(70.4)	19,685	22,722	(13.4)
Switzerland	793	25	818	1,342	(39.0)	16,212	15,335	5.7
Others	11	0	11	23	(52.2)	539	475	13.5
Central / Eastern								
Europe	2,361	296	2,657	4,899	(45.8)	107,380	101,575	5.7
Belarus	24	0	24	122	(80.3)	3,038	2,946	3.1
Czech Republic	378	2	380	571	(33.5)	12,194	10,210	19.4
Estonia	11	0	11	34	(67.6)	1,499	1,590	(5.7)
Hungary	53	0	53	138	(61.6)	2,710	2,753	(1.6)
Kazakhstan	32	0	32	67	(52.2)	1,256	1,749	(28.2)
Lithuania	50	1	51	224	(77.2)	1,660	2,022	(17.9)
Poland	249	35	284	710	(60.0)	11,211	10,659	5.2
Romania	112	17	129	205	(37.1)	3,144	3,263	(3.6)
Russian Federation	670	41	711	1,135	(37.4)	44,422	38,127	16.5
Slovakia	68	1	69	145	(52.4)	3,090	3,268	(5.4)
Ukraine	414	181	595	1,191	(50.0)	18,489	20,331	(9.1)
Others	300	18	318	357	(10.9)	4,667	4,657	0.2

		June 2019							
	To By Air	urist Arriv By Sea	als Total	Total Tourist Arrivals June 2018	% Change June (19/18)	Total Tourist Arrivals up to June 2019	Total Tourist Arrivals up to June 2018	% Change up to June (2019/18)	
Southern / Mediterranean Europe	2,631	208	2,839	4,861	(41.6)	50,678	48,635	4.2	
Greece	240	147	387	489	(20.9)	3,528	3,800	(7.2)	
Italy	670	5	675	1,367	(50.6)	20,535	19,039	7.9	
Portugal	163	1	164	253	(35.2)	2,781	2,572	8.1	
Spain	749	2	751	1,516	(50.5)	9,827	10,110	(2.8)	
Turkey	154	7	161	169	(4.7)	2,303	2,356	(2.2)	
Israel	429	0	429	699	(38.6)	6,511	5,440	19.7	
Others	226	46	272	368	(26.1)	5,193	5,318	(2.4)	
MIDDLE EAST	2,914	8	2,922	8,433	(65.4)	20,751	30,017	(30.9)	
Bahrain	121	0	121	245	(50.6)	985	1,434	(31.3)	
Egypt	163	5	168	278	(39.6)	1,728	1,685	2.6	
Iraq	23	0	23	134	(82.8)	350	491	(28.7)	
Jordan	160	1	161	268	(39.9)	1,431	1,545	(7.4)	
Kuwait	159	0	159	226	(29.6)	1,701	1,806	(5.8)	
Lebanon	184	0	184	365	(49.6)	2,297	2,727	(15.8)	
Oman	324	0	324	539	(39.9)	1,864	2,612	(28.6)	
Qatar	32	0	32	183	(82.5)	558	753	(25.9)	
Saudi Arabia	1,500	0	1,500	5,422	(72.3)	7,105	13,810	(48.6)	
United Arab Emirates	130	0	130	488	(73.4)	1,833	2,012	(8.9)	
Others	118	2	120	285	(57.9)	899	1,142	(21.3)	
TOTAL	61,281	1,791	63,072	146,828	(57.0)	1,008,449	1,164,647	(13.4)	

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