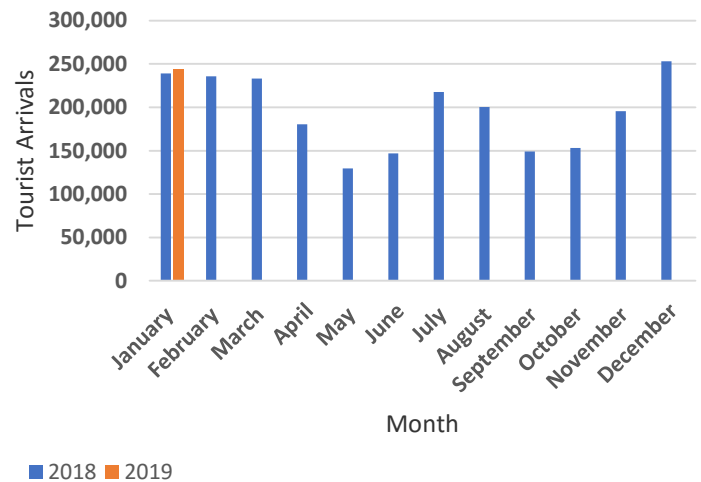**January 2019**

MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during January 2019 was 244,239. In comparison to January last year, there was a growth of 2.2% when the arrivals were 238,924.

This month, the largest source market for tourists was India, followed by China and the United Kingdom.
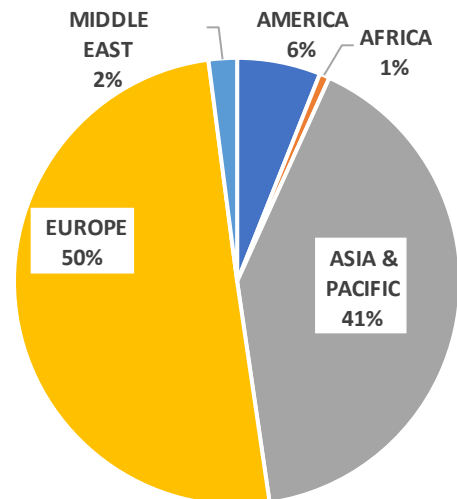
 Almost 96 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

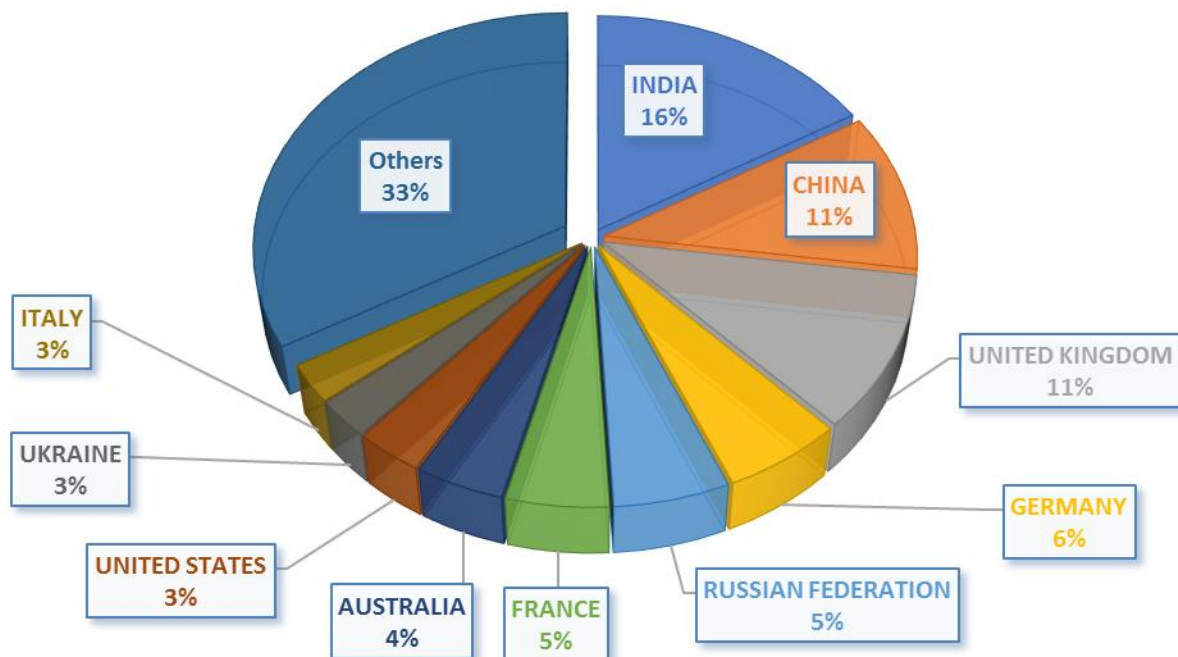| Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	**2.2**
February	235,618		
March	233,382		
April	180,429		
May	129,466		
June	146,828		
July	217,829		
August	200,359		
September	149,087		
October	153,123		
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
Total	**2,333,796**		

TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

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

Asia and Pacific accounted for 41% of the total traffic, America 6%, Middle East 2% and Africa 1%.

TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS

India, China, United Kingdom, Germany and Russia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of January this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 16% of the total traffic received in January 2019. China accounted for 11% of the total traffic; while UK, Germany and Russia accounted for 11%, 6% and 5% respectively.

Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals January 2019			Tourist Arrivals January 2018	% Change January 2019/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	38,977	1,072	40,049	37,936	5.6
2	CHINA	26,299	115	26,414	24,275	8.8
3	UNITED KINGDOM	24,233	1,803	26,036	22,940	13.5
4	GERMANY	13,374	653	14,027	15,298	(8.3)
5	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	13,269	205	13,474	11,569	16.5
6	FRANCE	11,628	264	11,892	12,221	(2.7)
7	AUSTRALIA	10,096	272	10,368	9,452	9.7
8	UNITED STATES	7,123	726	7,849	7,501	4.6
9	UKRAINE	6,256	225	6,481	6,636	(2.3)
10	ITALY	5,050	1,383	6,433	5,348	20.3

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		January 2019 Tourist Arrivals		Total Tourist Arrivals January 2018	% Change January (2019 / 2018)
	By Air	**By Sea**	**Total**		
AMERICAS	**13,500**	**1,271**	**14,771**	**14,030**	**5.3**
North America	**12,685**	**1,148**	**13,833**	**13,267**	**4.3**
Canada	5,432	408	5,840	5,682	2.8
Mexico	130	14	144	84	71.4
United States	7,123	726	7,849	7,501	4.6
Caribbean & Central America	**81**	**11**	**92**	**84**	**9.5**
Costa Rica	21	0	21	9	133.3
Jamaica	1	1	2	9	(77.8)
Others	59	10	69	66	4.5
South America	**734**	**112**	**846**	**679**	**24.6**
Argentina	168	24	192	236	(18.6)
Brazil	286	44	330	226	46.0
Chile	123	9	132	99	0.0
Colombia	79	9	88	52	0.0
Others	78	26	104	66	51.5
AFRICA	**1,415**	**371**	**1,786**	**1,154**	**54.8**
North Africa	**310**	**7**	**317**	**254**	**24.8**
Morocco	128	0	128	86	48.8
Sudan	64	1	65	59	10.2
Others	118	6	124	109	13.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	**1,105**	**364**	**1,469**	**900**	**63.2**
Kenya	66	2	68	64	6.3
Mauritius	100	0	100	56	78.6
Nigeria	42	1	43	44	(2.3)
South Africa	717	153	870	588	48.0
Others	180	208	388	148	162.2

	January 2019			Total Tourist Arrivals January 2018	% Change January (2019 / 2018)
	Tourist Arrivals				
	By Air	By Sea	Total		
ASIA & PACIFIC	**97,860**	**2,019**	**99,879**	**98,104**	**1.8**
North East Asia	**33,064**	**171**	**33,235**	**32,413**	**2.5**
China	26,299	115	26,414	24,275	8.8
Japan	3,520	33	3,553	4,694	(24.3)
South Korea	2,124	16	2,140	2,493	(14.2)
Taiwan	1,090	7	1,097	928	18.2
Others	31	0	31	23	34.8
South East Asia	**5,470**	**385**	**5,855**	**6,817**	**(14.1)**
Cambodia	128	0	128	85	50.6
Indonesia	414	76	490	535	(8.4)
Malaysia	1,474	7	1,481	1,735	(14.6)
Myanmar	229	19	248	372	(33.3)
Philippines	979	265	1,244	1,667	(25.4)
Singapore	1,110	7	1,117	1,387	(19.5)
Thailand	929	9	938	785	19.5
Vietnam	187	2	189	237	(20.3)
Others	20	0	20	14	42.9
Oceania	**11,154**	**308**	**11,462**	**10,467**	**9.5**
Australia	10,096	272	10,368	9,452	9.7
New Zealand	1,031	36	1,067	989	7.9
Others	27	0	27	26	3.8
South Asia	**48,172**	**1,155**	**49,327**	**48,407**	**1.9**
Afghanistan	49	0	49	83	(41.0)
Bangladesh	939	7	946	982	(3.7)
Bhutan	37	0	37	110	(66.4)
India	38,977	1,072	40,049	37,936	5.6
Iran	202	2	204	507	(59.8)
Maldives	6,002	2	6,004	6,124	(2.0)
Nepal	433	62	495	566	(12.5)
Pakistan	1,533	10	1,543	2,099	(26.5)

	January 2019 Tourist Arrivals			Total Tourist Arrivals January 2018	% Change January (2019 / 2018)
	By Air	By Sea	Total		
EUROPE	**116,897**	**5,864**	**122,761**	**117,156**	**4.8**
Northern Europe	**36,344**	**2,070**	**38,414**	**36,270**	**5.9**
Denmark	3,017	42	3,059	3,013	1.5
Finland	1,573	16	1,589	1,854	(14.3)
Norway	1,850	56	1,906	1,851	3.0
Sweden	4,605	87	4,692	5,586	(16.0)
United Kingdom	24,233	1,803	26,036	22,940	13.5
Others	1,066	66	1,132	1,026	10.3
Western Europe	**36,959**	**1,165**	**38,124**	**39,889**	**(4.4)**
Austria	2,223	65	2,288	2,833	(19.2)
Belgium	1,242	36	1,278	1,275	0.2
France	11,628	264	11,892	12,221	(2.7)
Germany	13,374	653	14,027	15,298	(8.3)
Netherlands	5,052	49	5,101	5,061	0.8
Switzerland	3,370	87	3,457	3,104	11.4
Others	70	11	81	97	(16.5)
Central / Eastern Europe	**32,093**	**740**	**32,833**	**29,804**	**10.2**
Belarus	989	8	997	802	24.3
Czech Republic	2,785	2	2,787	2,257	23.5
Estonia	495	6	501	435	15.2
Hungary	829	16	845	894	(5.5)
Kazakhstan	504	5	509	674	(24.5)
Lithuania	447	4	451	382	18.1
Poland	3,709	131	3,840	3,254	18.0
Romania	833	58	891	935	(4.7)
Russian Federation	13,269	205	13,474	11,569	16.5
Slovakia	752	28	780	760	2.6
Ukraine	6,256	225	6,481	6636	(2.3)
Others	1,225	52	1,277	1206	5.9

	January 2019 Tourist Arrivals			Total Tourist Arrivals January 2018	% Change January (2019 / 2018)
	By Air	By Sea	Total		
Southern / Mediterranean Europe	**11,501**	**1,889**	**13,390**	**11,193**	**19.6**
Greece	530	236	766	644	18.9
Italy	5,050	1,383	6,433	5,348	20.3
Portugal	441	11	452	486	(7.0)
Spain	1,703	135	1,838	1,388	32.4
Turkey	584	0	584	658	(11.2)
Israel	1,869	30	1,899	1,321	43.8
Others	1,324	94	1,418	2,669	5.2
MIDDLE EAST	**4,986**	**56**	**5,042**	**8,480**	**(40.5)**
Bahrain	394	0	394	588	(33.0)
Egypt	310	10	320	433	(26.1)
Iraq	93	2	95	81	17.3
Jordan	366	4	370	366	1.1
Kuwait	541	4	545	545	0.0
Lebanon	362	27	389	358	8.7
Oman	561	3	564	842	(33.0)
Qatar	65	0	65	268	(75.7)
Saudi Arabia	1,759	0	1,759	4,397	(60.0)
United Arab Emirates	346	0	346	336	3.0
Others	189	6	195	266	(26.7)
TOTAL	**234,658**	**9,581**	**244,239**	**238,924**	**2.2**

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

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