

**November
2019**



MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

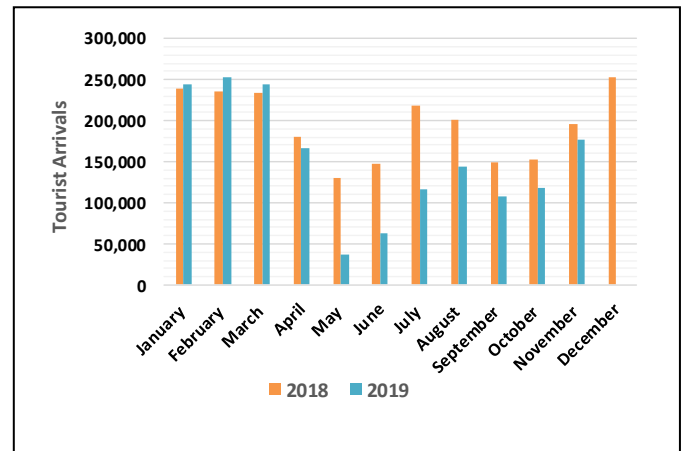
The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during November 2019 was 176,984. In comparison to November last year, there was a decline of 9.5% when the arrivals were 195,582.

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

Almost 90 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 30th November 2019, 1,672,039 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a decline of 19.6% over last year when 2,08,0,627 of tourists has visited the country during the same period.

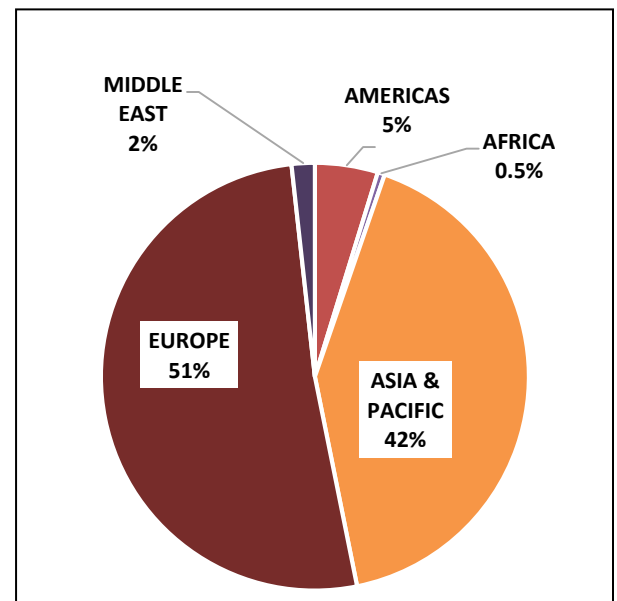
Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618	252,033	7.0
March	233,382	244,328	4.7
April	180,429	166,975	(7.5)
May	129,466	37,802	(70.8)
June	146,828	63,072	(57.0)
July	217,829	115,701	(46.9)
August	200,359	143,587	(28.3)
September	149,087	108,575	(27.2)
October	153,123	118,743	(22.5)
November	195,582	176,984	(9.5)
December	253,169		
Total	2,333,796		
Up to November	2,08,0,627	1,672,039	(19.6)



TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION

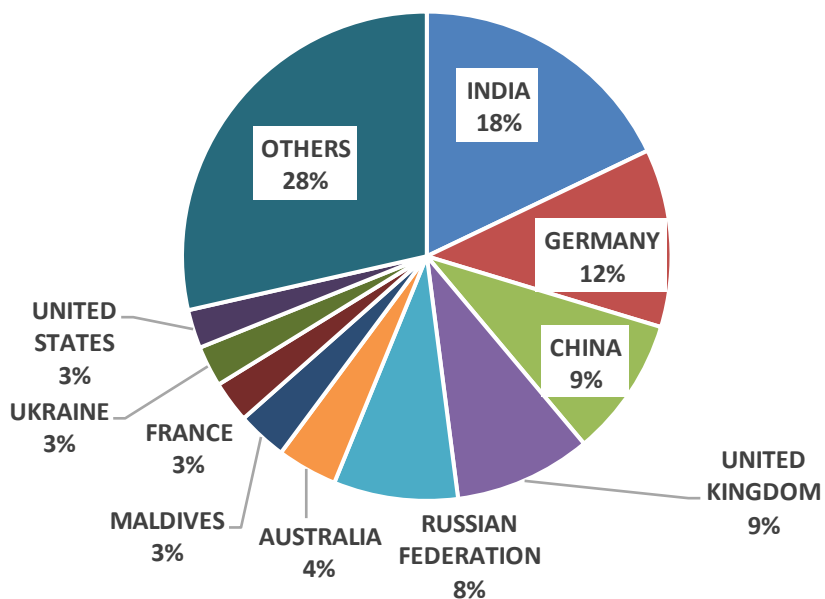
Europe became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 51% of the total traffic received in November 2019.

Asia and Pacific accounted for 42% of the total traffic, America 5%, Middle East 2% and Africa 0.5%.



TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS- NOVEMBER 2019

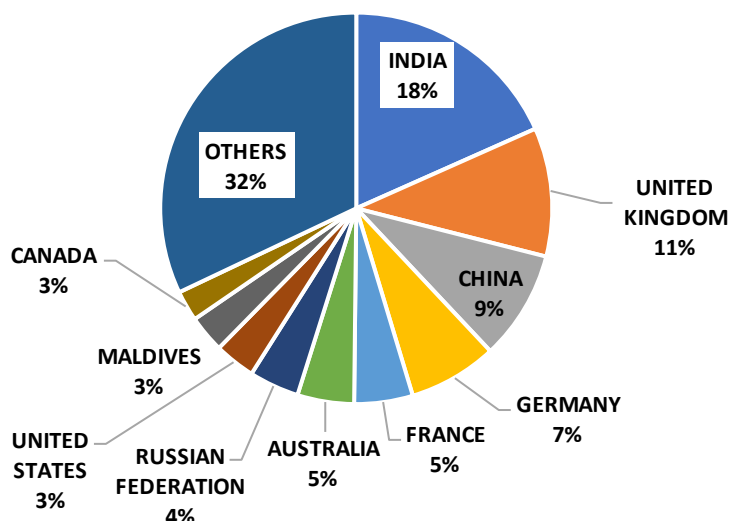
India, Germany, China, United Kingdom and Russian Federation were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of November this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 18% of the total traffic received in November 2019. Germany accounted for 12% of the total traffic; while China, United Kingdom and Russian Federation accounted for 9%, 9% and 8% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals November 2019			Tourist Arrivals November 2018	% Change November 2019/2018
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	INDIA	30,896	781	31,677	39,137	(19.1)
2	GERMANY	15,222	5,622	20,844	18,754	11.1
3	CHINA	16,128	184	16,312	18,888	(13.6)
4	UNITED KINGDOM	13,199	2,839	16,038	21,971	(27.0)
5	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	14,124	413	14,537	8,090	79.7
6	AUSTRALIA	6,247	820	7,067	10,299	(31.4)
7	MALDIVES	5,848	2	5,850	7,418	(21.1)
8	FRANCE	4,220	637	4,857	6,825	(28.8)
9	UKRAINE	4,431	339	4,770	3,449	38.3
10	UNITED STATES	3,912	602	4,514	5,799	(22.2)

TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS – JANUARY TO NOVEMBER - 2019

India, United Kingdom, China, Germany and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets from January to November this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 18% of the total traffic received from January to November 2019. UK accounted for 11% of the total traffic; while China, Germany and France accounted for 9%, 7% and 5%.



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals (Jan – Nov) -2019	Tourist Arrivals (Jan - Nov) - 2018	% Change (Jan – Nov 2019 & Jan - Nov 2018)
1	INDIA	306,560	379,090	(19.1)
2	UNITED KINGDOM	177,792	227,348	(21.8)
3	CHINA	151,215	247,682	(38.9)
4	GERMANY	122,550	140,264	(12.6)
5	FRANCE	80,799	96,974	(16.7)
6	AUSTRALIA	78,207	95,967	(18.5)
7	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	68,990	53,239	29.6
8	UNITED STATES	56,530	66,460	(14.9)
9	MALDIVES	51,245	64,054	(20.0)
10	CANADA	42,217	48,001	(12.0)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	November 2019			Total Tourist Arrivals November 2018	% Change November (19/18)	Total Tourist Arrivals up to November 2019	Total Tourist Arrivals up to November 2018	% Change up to November 2019
	Tourist Arrivals							
	By Air	By Sea	Total					
AMERICAS	7,274	1,146	8,420	10,183	(17.3)	106,480	123,217	(13.6)
North America	6,697	966	7,663	9,407	(18.5)	100,018	115,848	(13.7)
Canada	2,708	345	3,053	3,496	(12.7)	42,217	48,001	(12.0)
Mexico	77	19	96	112	(14.3)	1,271	1,387	(8.4)
United States	3,912	602	4,514	5,799	(22.2)	56,530	66,460	(14.9)
Caribbean & Central America	99	34	133	75	77.3	799	817	(2.2)
Costa Rica	6	0	6	3	-	108	112	(3.6)
Jamaica	0	0	0	4	-	50	95	(47.4)
Others	93	34	127	68	86.8	641	610	5.1
South America	478	146	624	701	(11.0)	5,663	6,552	(13.6)
Argentina	100	42	142	169	(16.0)	1,211	1,706	(29.0)
Brazil	232	86	318	298	6.7	2,366	2,505	(5.5)
Chile	52	13	65	119	(45.4)	808	913	(11.5)
Colombia	56	2	58	53	9.4	603	589	2.4
Others	38	3	41	62	(33.9)	675	839	(19.5)
AFRICA	890	61	951	1,042	(8.7)	11,903	12,220	(2.6)
North Africa	222	8	230	262	(12.2)	2,227	2,618	(14.9)
Morocco	90	3	93	81	14.8	866	889	(2.6)
Sudan	54	2	56	88	(36.4)	527	786	(33.0)
Others	78	3	81	93	(12.9)	834	943	(11.6)
Sub-Saharan Africa	668	53	721	780	(7.6)	9,676	9,602	0.8
Kenya	58	1	59	58	1.7	1,427	679	110.2
Mauritius	24	1	25	97	(74.2)	453	622	(27.2)
Nigeria	13	0	13	37	(64.9)	156	385	(59.5)
South Africa	398	42	440	380	15.8	5,166	5,664	(8.8)
Others	175	9	184	208	(11.5)	2,474	2,252	9.9

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ASIA & PACIFIC	71,121	2,402	73,523	91,406	(19.6)	732,443	979,676	(25.2)
North East Asia	19,281	230	19,511	23,581	(17.3)	195,036	314,692	(38.0)
China	16,128	184	16,312	18,888	(13.6)	151,215	247,682	(38.9)
Japan	1,802	23	1,825	2,658	(31.3)	26,349	44,793	(41.2)
South Korea	950	21	971	1,444	(32.8)	10,718	14,437	(25.8)
Taiwan	397	2	399	569	(29.9)	6,579	7,590	(13.3)
Others	4	0	4	22	(81.8)	175	190	(7.9)
South East Asia	5,578	374	5,952	6,995	(14.9)	61,577	75,558	(18.5)
Cambodia	92	2	94	64	46.9	2,775	752	269.0
Indonesia	288	30	318	414	(23.2)	4,376	4,851	(9.8)
Malaysia	1,450	11	1,461	2,101	(30.5)	14,884	20,501	(27.4)
Myanmar	218	16	234	372	(37.1)	2,839	2,810	1.0
Philippines	1,029	300	1,329	1,560	(14.8)	13,416	17,876	(24.9)
Singapore	1,156	5	1,161	1,669	(30.4)	11,990	17,337	(30.8)
Thailand	1,110	10	1,120	593	88.9	8,653	8,147	6.2
Vietnam	206	0	206	200	3.0	2,456	3,003	(18.2)
Others	29	0	29	22	31.8	188	281	(33.1)
Oceania	7,105	941	8,046	11,452	(29.7)	89,036	108,138	(17.7)
Australia	6,247	820	7,067	10,299	(31.4)	78,207	95,967	(18.5)
New Zealand	811	119	930	1,129	(17.6)	10,600	11,887	(10.8)
Others	47	2	49	24	104.2	229	284	(19.4)
South Asia	39,157	857	40,014	49,378	(19.0)	386,794	481,288	(19.6)
Afghanistan	55	0	55	52	5.8	435	789	(44.9)
Bangladesh	620	6	626	736	(14.9)	7,232	9,468	(23.6)
Bhutan	38	0	38	47	(19.1)	308	543	(43.3)
India	30,896	781	31,677	39,137	(19.1)	306,560	379,090	(19.1)
Iran	220	0	220	196	12.2	2,972	5,472	(45.7)
Maldives	5,848	2	5,850	7418	(21.1)	51,245	64,054	(20.0)
Nepal	458	51	509	391	30.2	4,818	4,822	(0.1)
Pakistan	1,022	17	1,039	1401	(25.8)	13,224	17,050	(22.4)

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EUROPE	77,000	13,991	90,991	89,716	1.4	781,117	899,893	(13.2)
Northern Eur.	16,857	3,085	19,942	27,637	(27.8)	236,301	298,290	(20.8)
Denmark	687	76	763	943	(19.1)	15,424	17,215	(10.4)
Finland	425	21	446	688	(35.2)	5,884	7,028	(16.3)
Norway	705	42	747	1090	(31.5)	12,059	15,365	(21.5)
Sweden	1,207	67	1,274	2016	(36.8)	17,558	21,433	(18.1)
United Kingdom	13,199	2,839	16,038	21,971	(27.0)	177,792	227,348	(21.8)
Others	634	40	674	929	(27.4)	7,584	9,901	(23.4)
Western Eur.	26,414	7,407	33,821	35,247	(4.0)	294,096	353,977	(16.9)
Austria	1,166	183	1,349	1,692	(20.3)	12,889	17,306	(25.5)
Belgium	881	52	933	1,045	(10.7)	13,632	15,800	(13.7)
France	4,220	637	4,857	6,825	(28.8)	80,799	96,974	(16.7)
Germany	15,222	5,622	20,844	18,754	11.1	122,550	140,264	(12.6)
Netherlands	2,083	130	2,213	3,320	(33.3)	36,135	52,837	(31.6)
Switzerland	2,790	769	3,559	3,531	0.8	27,260	29,868	(8.7)
Others	52	14	66	80	(17.5)	831	928	(10.5)
Central / Eastern Europe	26,699	1,234	27,933	19,280	44.9	161,666	150,367	7.5
Belarus	657	5	662	500	32.4	4,134	4,043	2.3
Czech Republic	1,617	14	1,631	1,898	(14.1)	16,770	15,372	9.1
Estonia	151	5	156	205	(23.9)	1,903	2,110	(9.8)
Hungary	286	36	322	301	7.0	3,492	3,884	(10.1)
Kazakhstan	214	6	220	134	64.2	1,701	2,290	(25.7)
Lithuania	343	20	363	288	26.0	2,408	2,964	(18.8)
Poland	3,279	217	3,496	2,658	31.5	17,535	17,845	(1.7)
Romania	418	70	488	483	1.0	4,526	4,889	(7.4)
Russian Federation	14,124	413	14,537	8,090	79.7	68,990	53,239	29.6
Slovakia	519	5	524	543	(3.5)	4,367	4,760	(8.3)
Ukraine	4,431	339	4,770	3,449	38.3	28,988	31,681	(8.5)
Others	660	104	764	731	4.5	6,852	7,290	(6.0)

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Southern / Mediterranean Europe	7,030	2,265	9,295	7,552	23.1	89,054	97,259	(8.4)
Greece	359	180	539	726	(25.8)	6,059	6,894	(12.1)
Italy	2,542	1,375	3,917	1,976	98.2	31,186	33,203	(6.1)
Portugal	435	85	520	574	(9.4)	4,538	5,071	(10.5)
Spain	1,987	225	2,212	2,604	(15.1)	22,467	26,957	(16.7)
Turkey	514	286	800	236	239.0	3,934	3,631	8.3
Israel	706	54	760	703	8.1	13,288	12,708	4.6
Others	487	60	547	733	(25.4)	7,582	8,795	(13.8)
MIDDLE EAST	3,088	11	3,099	3,235	(4.2)	40,096	65,621	(38.9)
Bahrain	194	0	194	103	88.3	2,028	2,550	(20.5)
Egypt	417	6	423	339	24.8	3,223	3,336	(3.4)
Iraq	91	1	92	70	31.4	764	927	(17.6)
Jordan	347	1	348	294	18.4	2,568	2,764	(7.1)
Kuwait	135	0	135	201	(32.8)	2,908	3,252	(10.6)
Lebanon	376	1	377	427	(11.7)	3,825	4,876	(21.6)
Oman	363	1	364	310	17.4	3,799	6,572	(42.2)
Qatar	40	0	40	51	(21.6)	920	1,565	(41.2)
Saudi Arabia	805	0	805	849	(5.2)	14,811	32,047	(53.8)
United Arab Emirates	187	0	187	412	(54.6)	3,159	5,243	(39.7)
Others	133	1	134	179	(25.1)	2,091	2,489	(16.0)
TOTAL	159,373	17,611	176,984	195,582	(9.5)	1,672,039	2,080,627	(19.6)

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