

# MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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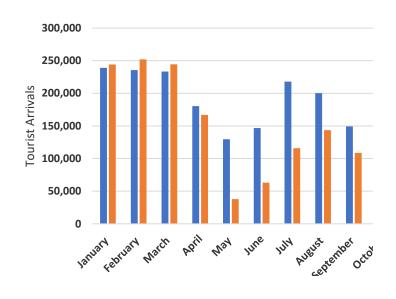
### **SUMMARY**

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during October 2019 was 118,743. In comparison to October last year, there was a decline of 22.5% when the arrivals were 153,123.

This month, the largest source market for tourists was India, followed by the China and United Kingdom. Almost 98 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, 1,495,055 of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for this year. It is a decline of 20.7% over last year when 1,885,045 of tourists has visited the country during the same period.

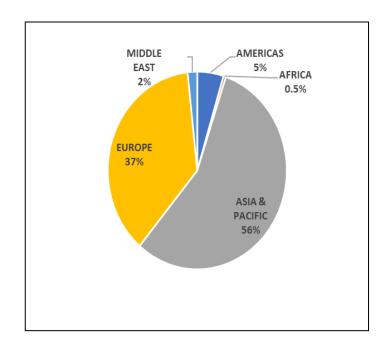
Month	2018	2019	% change 2018/2019
January	238,924	244,239	2.2
February	235,618	252,033	7.0
March	233,382	244,328	4.7
April	180,429	166,975	(7.5)
May	129,466	37,802	(70.8)
June	146,828	63,072	(57.0)
July	217,829	115,701	(46.9)
August	200,359	143,587	(28.3)
September	149,087	108,575	(27.2)
October	153,123	118,743	(22.5)
November	195,582		
December	253,169		
Total	2,333,796		
Up to			
October	1,885,045	1,495,055	(20.7)



### **TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION**

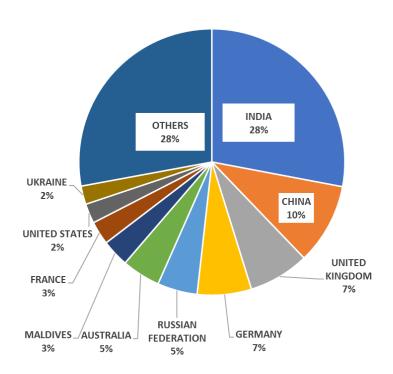
Asia and Pacific became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 56% of the total traffic received in October 2019.

Europe accounted for 37% of the total traffic, America 5%, Middle East 2% and Africa 0.5%.



# **TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS- October 2019**

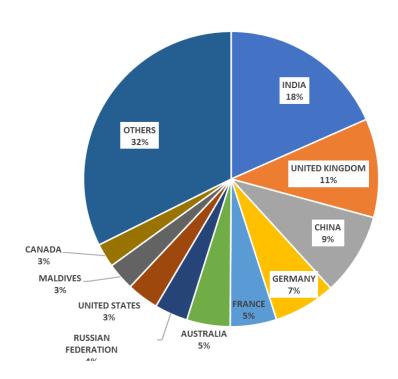
India, China, United Kingdom, , Germany and Russia were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the month of October this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 28% of the total traffic received in October 2019. China accounted for 10% of the total traffic; while United Kingdom, Germany and Russia accounted for 7%, 7% and 5% respectively.



Rank	Country of Residence	Т	ourist Arriva October 2019	ls	Tourist Arrivals	% Change October 2019/2018	
		By Air	By Sea	Total	October 2018		
1	INDIA	32,652	565	33,217	38,169	(13.0)	
2	CHINA	11,643	40	11,683	18,882	(38.1)	
3	UNITED KINGDOM	8,692	71	8,763	17,673	(50.4)	
4	GERMANY	7,816	4	7,820	9,920	(21.2)	
5	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	5,698	63	5,761	3,096	86.1	
6	AUSTRALIA	5,562	0	5,562	6,912	(19.5)	
7	MALDIVES	3,933	1	3,934	5,223	(24.7)	
8	FRANCE	3,368	15	3,383	4,784	(29.3)	
9	UNITED STATES	2,835	1	2,836	3,714	(23.6)	
10	UKRAINE	2,421	234	2,655	2,687	(1.2)	

# **TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS – JANUARY TO OCTOBER - 2019**

India, United Kingdom, China, Germany and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets from January to Ocotber this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 18% of the total traffic received from January to October 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 – Oct) - 2019	Tourist Arrivals (Jan - Oct) - 2018	% Change (Jan - Oct 2019 & Jan - Oct 2018
1	INDIA	274,883	339,953	(19.1)
2	UNITED KINGDOM	161,754	205,377	(21.2)
3	CHINA	134,903	228,794	(40.1)
4	GERMANY	101,706	121,510	(16.3)
5	FRANCE	75,942	90,149	(15.8)
6	AUSTRALIA	71,140	85,668	(17.0)
7	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	54,453	45,149	20.6
8	UNITED STATES	52,016	60,661	(14.3)
9	MALDIVES	45,395	56,636	(19.8)
10	CANADA	39,164	44,505	(12.0)

# INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	October 2019							
	Tourist Arrivals		Total		Total	Total Tourist	0/ Change	
				Tourist Arrivals	% Change	Tourist Arrivals up	Arrivals	% Change up to
	By Air	By Sea	Total	October 2018	October (19/18)	to October 2019	up to October	October 2019
				2010			2018	
<u>AMERICAS</u>	5,626	3	5,629	6,654	(15.4)	98,060	113,034	(13.2)
North America	5,296	1	5,297	6,199	(14.6)	92,355	106,441	(13.2)
Canada	2,385	0	2,385	2,406	(0.9)	39,164	44,505	(12.0)
Mexico	76	0	76	79	(3.8)	1,175	1,275	(7.8)
United States	2,835	1	2,836	3,714	(23.6)	52,016	60,661	(14.3)
Caribbean & Central America	47	1	48	63	(23.8)	666	742	(10.2)
Costa Rica	8	1	9	6	50.0	102	109	(6.4)
Jamaica	2	0	2	4	(50.0)	50	91	(45.1)
Others	37	0	37	53	(30.2)	514	542	(5.2)
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South America	283	1	284	392	(27.6)	5,039	5,851	(13.9)
Argentina	52	1	53	87	(39.1)	1,069	1,537	(30.4)
Brazil	106	0	106	125	(15.2)	2,048	2,207	(7.2)
Calambia	41	0	41	59	(30.5)	743	794	(6.4)
Colombia	46 38	0	46	52 69	(11.5)	545 634	536 777	1.7
Others AFRICA	544	3	38 <b>547</b>	835	(44.9) ( <b>34.5</b> )	9,088	11,178	(18.4) (18.7)
North Africa	130	0	130	146	(11.0)	1,997	2,356	(15.2)
Morocco	49	0	49	73	(32.9)	773	808	(4.3)
Sudan	26	0	26	24	8.3	471	698	(32.5)
Others	55	0	55	49	12.2	753	850	(11.4)
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Sub-Saharan Africa	414	3	417	689	(39.5)	8,955	8,822	1.5
Kenya	30	0	30	111	(73.0)	1,368	621	120.3
Mauritius	19	0	19	28	(32.1)	428	525	(18.5)
Nigeria	13	0	13	36	(63.9)	143	348	(58.9)
South Africa	251	2	253	354	(28.5)	4,726	5,284	(10.6)
Others	101	1	102	160	(36.3)	2,290	2,044	12.0

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	То	urist Arriva	ls	Total Tourist Arrivals	% Change	Total Tourist	Total Tourist Arrivals up to October 2018	% Change up to October 2019
	By Air	By Sea	Total	October 2018	October (19 /18)	Arrivals up to October 2019		
ASIA & PACIFIC	65,442	1,017	66,459	83,399	(20.3)	658,920	888,270	(25.8)
North East Asia	14,950	51	15,001	23,257	(35.5)	175,525	291,111	(39.7)
China	11,643	40	11,683	18,882	(38.1)	134,903	228,794	(41.0)
Japan	1,830	2	1,832	2,831	(35.3)	24,524	42,135	(41.8)
South Korea	957	5	962	1,066	(9.8)	9,747	12,993	(25.0)
Taiwan	516	4	520	465	11.8	6,180	7,021	(12.0)
Others	4	0	4	13	(69.2)	171	168	1.8
South East Asia	4,895	332	5,227	5,627	(7.1)	55,625	68,563	(18.9)
Cambodia	22	0	22	28	(21.4)	2,681	688	289.7
Indonesia	414	40	454	472	(3.8)	4,058	4,437	(8.5)
Malaysia	1,237	11	1,248	1,437	(13.2)	13,423	18,400	(27.0)
Myanmar	194	5	199	138	44.2	2,605	2,438	6.8
Philippines	1,024	261	1,285	1,460	(12.0)	12,087	16,316	(25.9)
Singapore	949	10	959	1,219	(21.3)	10,829	15,668	(30.9)
Thailand	849	4	853	581	46.8	7,533	7,554	(0.3)
Vietnam	191	1	192	272	(29.4)	2,250	2,803	(19.7)
Others	15	0	15	20	(25.0)	154	259	(40.5)
Oceania	6,240	0	6,240	7,881	(20.8)	80,990	96,686	(16.2)
Australia	5,562	0	5,562	6,912	(19.5)	71,140	85,668	(17.0)
New Zealand	663	0	663	947	(30.0)	9,670	10,758	(10.1)
Others	15	0	15	22	(31.8)	180	260	(30.8)
South Asia	39,357	634	39,991	46,634	(14.2)	346,780	431,910	(19.7)
Afghanistan	22	0	22	41	(46.3)	380	737	(48.4)
Bangladesh	663	2	665	894	(25.6)	6,606	8,732	(24.3)
Bhutan	43	0	43	29	48.3	270	496	(45.6)
India	32,652	565	33,217	38,169	(13.0)	274,883	339,953	(19.1)
Iran	394	0	394	255	54.5	2,752	5,276	(47.8)
Maldives	3,933	1	3,934	5,223	(24.7)	45,395	56,636	(19.8)
Nepal	605	51	656	642	2.2	4,309	4,431	(2.8)
Pakistan	1,045	15	1,060	1,381	(23.2)	12,185	15,649	(22.1)

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	By Air	By Sea	Total	Arrivals October 2018	October (19 / 18)	Tourist Arrivals up to October 2019	up to October 2018	up to October 2019
<u>EUROPE</u>	43,333	724	44,057	59,583	(26.1)	690,126	810,177	(14.8)
Northern Eur.	11,373	80	11,453	21,746	(47.3)	216,359	270,653	(20.1)
Denmark	633	3	636	994	(36.0)	14,661	16,272	(9.9)
Finland	215	1	216	368	(41.3)	5,438	6,340	(14.2)
Norway	448	4	452	821	(44.9)	11,312	14,275	(20.8)
Sweden	868	1	869	1,234	(29.6)	16,284	19,417	(16.1)
United				17,673	(50.4)	161,754	205,377	(21.2)
Kingdom	8,692	71	8,763					
Others	517	0	517	656	(21.2)	6,910	8,972	(23.0)
Western Eur.	15,423	19	15,442	21,789	(29.1)	260,275	318,730	(18.3)
Austria	543	0	543	1,036	(47.6)	11,540	15,614	(26.1)
Belgium	561	0	561	816	(31.3)	12,699	14,755	(13.9)
France	3,368	15	3,383	4,784	(29.3)	75,942	90,149	(15.8)
Germany	7,816	4	7,820	9,920	(21.2)	101,706	121,510	(16.3)
Netherlands	1,659	0	1,659	3,222	(48.5)	33,922	49,517	(31.5)
Switzerland	1,453	0	1,453	1,974	(26.4)	23,701	26,337	(10.0)
Others	23	0	23	37	(37.8)	765	848	(9.8)
Central /								
Eastern Europe	11,283	371	11,654	9,795	19.0	133,733	131,087	2.0
Belarus	224	1	225	256	(12.1)	3,472	3,543	(2.0)
Czech Republic	699	1	700	688	1.7	15,139	13,474	12.4
Estonia	165	2	167	197	(15.2)	1,747	1,905	(8.3)
Hungary	168	1	169	337	(49.9)	3,170	3,583	(11.5)
Kazakhstan	91	0	91	86	5.8	1,481	2,156	(31.3)
Lithuania	158	1	159	231	(31.2)	2,045	2,676	(23.6)
Poland	782	23	805	1,109	(27.4)	14,039	15,187	(7.6)
Romania	209	16	225	349	(35.5)	4,038	4,406	(8.4)
Russian	5,698	63	5,761	3,096	86.1	54,453	45,149	20.6
Federation								
Slovakia	215	0	215	267	(19.5)	3,843	4,217	(8.9)
Ukraine	2,421	234	2,655	2,687	(1.2)	24,218	28,232	(14.2)
Others	453	29	482	492	(2.0)	6,088	6,559	(7.2)

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	By Air	By Sea	Total	Tourist Arrivals October 2018	Change October (19 / 18)	Tourist Arrivals up to October 2019	Tourist Arrivals up October 2018	Change up to October 2019
Southern /								
Mediterranean Europe	5,254	254	5,508	6,253	(11.9)	79,759	89,707	(11.1)
Greece	313	194	507	524	(3.2)	5,520	6,168	(10.5)
Italy	933	14	947	1,540	(38.5)	27,269	31,227	(12.7)
Portugal	311	1	312	601	(48.1)	4,018	4,497	(10.7)
Spain	1,696	0	1,696	2,178	(22.1)	20,255	24,353	(16.8)
Turkey	153	4	157	234	(32.9)	3,134	3,395	(7.7)
Israel	1,411	0	1,411	466	202.8	12,528	12,005	4.4
Others	437	41	478	710	(32.7)	7,035	8,062	(12.7)
MIDDLE EAST	2,038	13	2,051	2,652	(22.7)	36,997	62,386	(40.7)
Bahrain	108	0	108	90	20.0	1,834	2,447	(25.1)
Egypt	280	10	290	225	28.9	2,800	2,997	(6.6)
Iraq	76	0	76	38	100.0	672	857	(21.6)
Jordan	192	1	193	181	6.6	2,220	2,470	(10.1)
Kuwait	123	0	123	157	(21.7)	2,773	3,051	(9.1)
Lebanon	163	0	163	179	(8.9)	3,448	4,449	(22.5)
Oman	160	2	162	209	(22.5)	3,435	6,262	(45.1)
Qatar	41	0	41	59	(30.5)	880	1,514	(41.9)
Saudi Arabia	656	0	656	1,030	(36.3)	14,006	31,198	(55.1)
United Arab Emirates	139	0	139	296	(53.0)	2,972	4,831	(38.5)
Others	100	0	100	188	(46.8)	1,957	2,310	(15.3)
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TOTAL	116,983	1,760	118,743	153,123	(22.5)	1,495,055	1,885,045	(20.7)

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