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MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS REPORT

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SUMMARY

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka from **January to March 2020** was 507,311. No tourist arrivals have been recorded since April due to the termination of all passenger flight & ship arrivals into Sri Lanka from 18th March. Total arrivals recorded from January to October 2019 was 1,495,055. In comparison to January to October last year (2019), a decline of 66.1 % has been recorded for the same period in 2020.

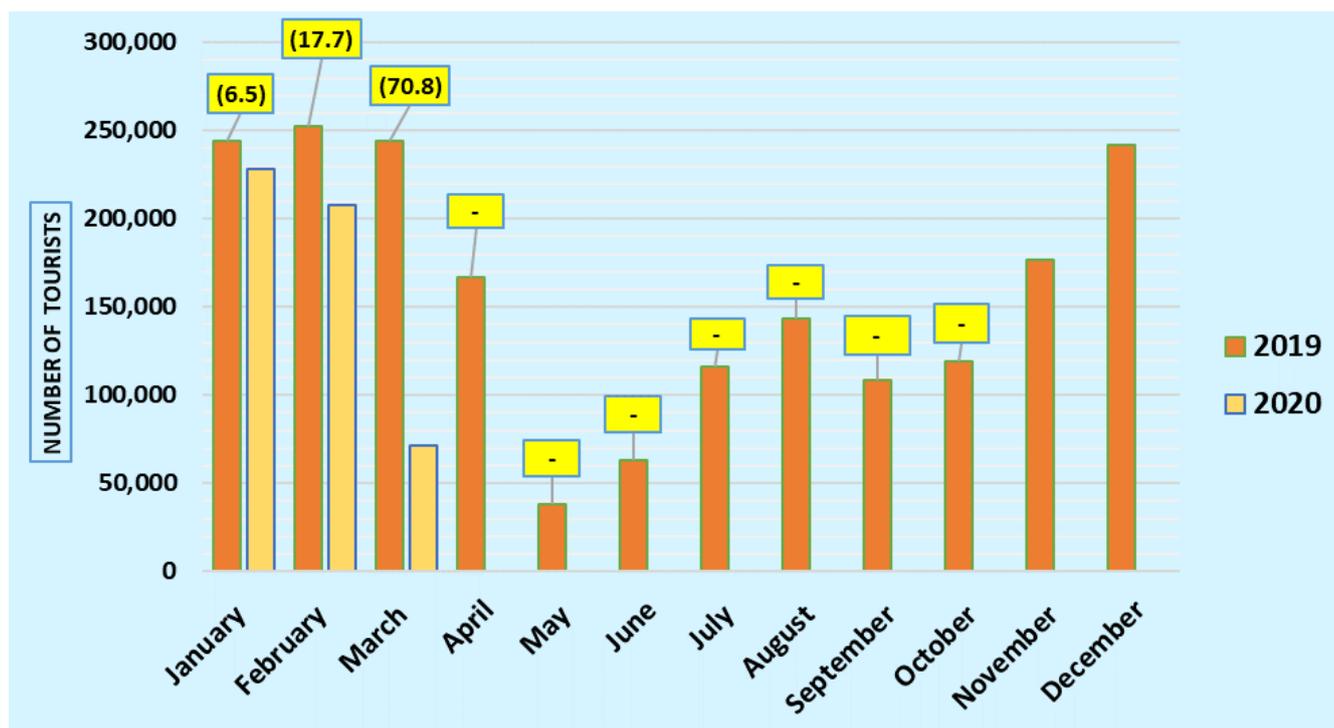
The largest source market recorded from January to October was India, followed by the United Kingdom and Russian Federation.

Almost 95 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka.

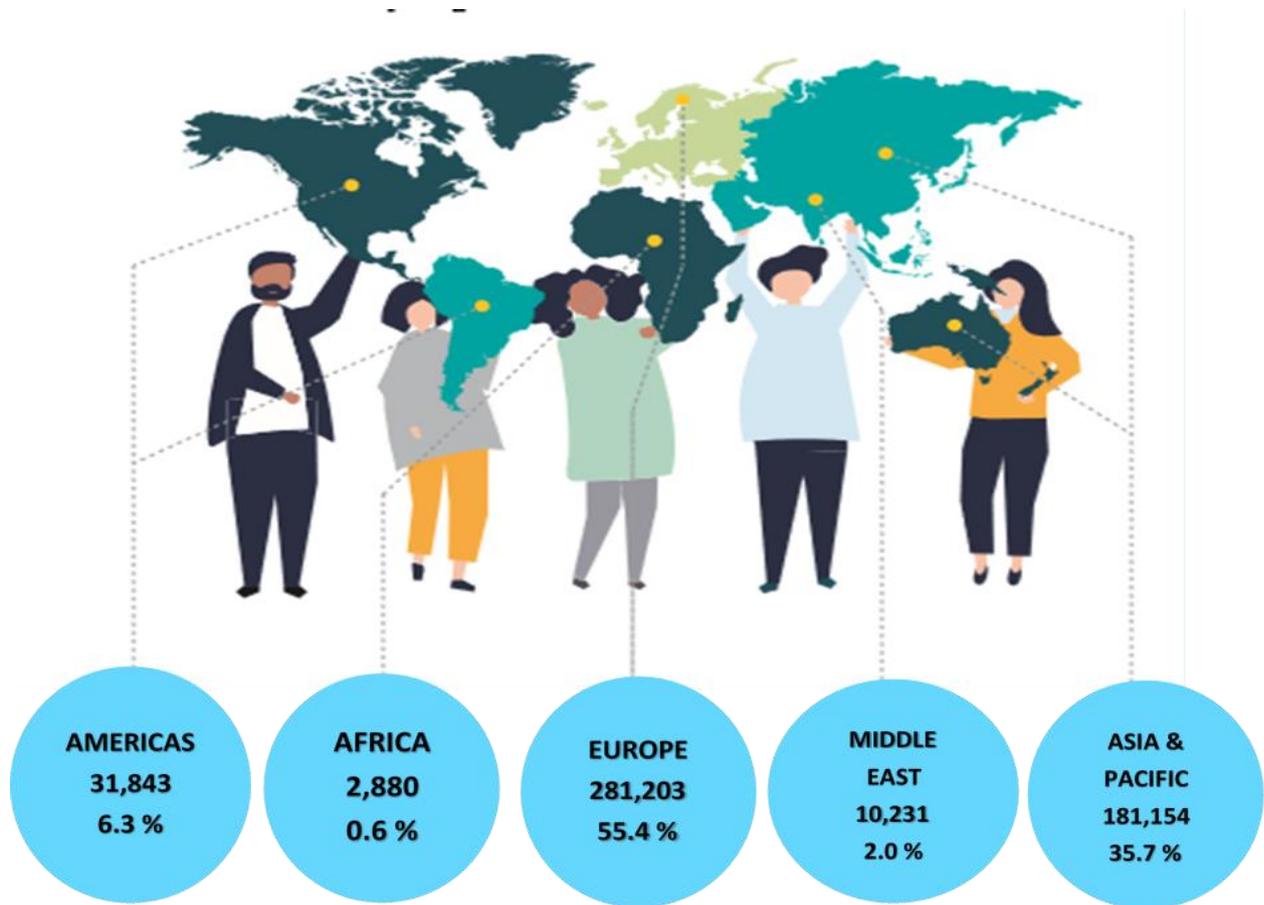
Month	2019	2020	% change 2019/20
January	244,239	228,434	(6.5)
February	252,033	207,507	(17.7)
March	244,328	71,370	(70.8)
April	166,975	0	-
May	37,802	0	-
June	63,072	0	-
July	115,701	0	-
August	143,587	0	-
September	108,575	0	-
October	118,743	0	-
November	176,984		
December	241,663		
Total (Up to Oct)	1,495,055	507,311	(66.1)
Total	1,913,702		



Tourist Arrivals – October
Zero (0)
 (Due to effect of the outbreak of COVID 19)



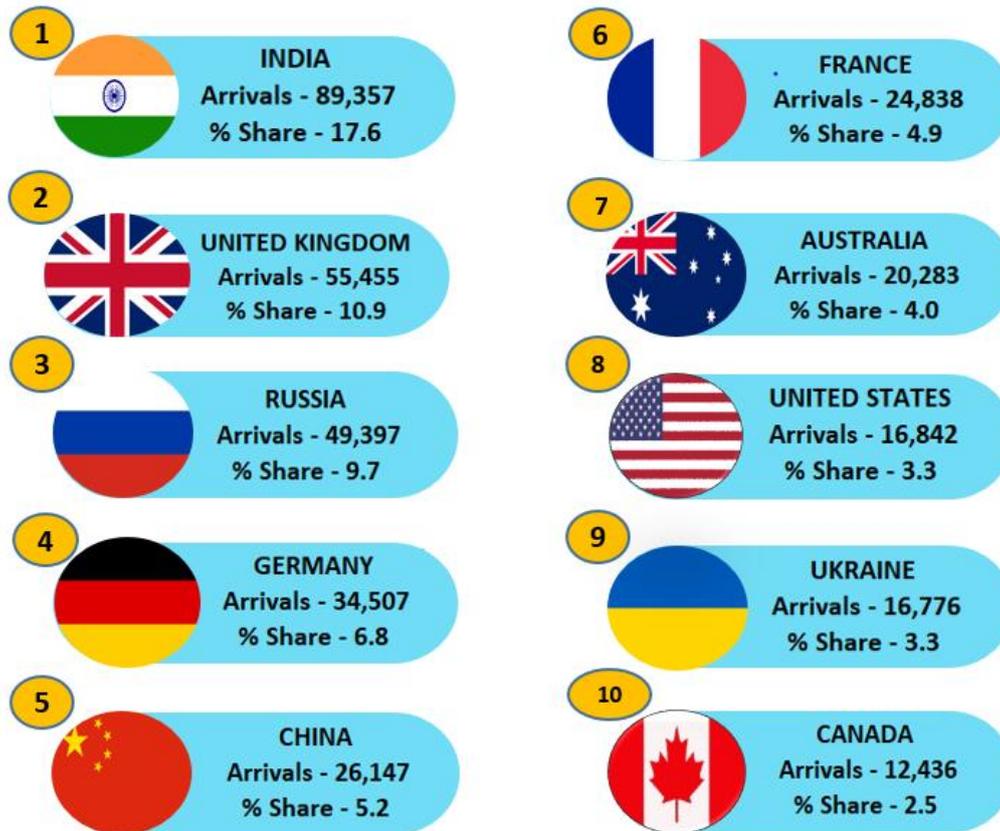
TOURIST ARRIVALS BY REGION AND PERCENTAGE SHARE JANUARY ~ OCTOBER 2020



Europe became the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 55.4 % of the total traffic received from January to October 2020. Asia and Pacific accounted for 35.7% of the total traffic, Americas 6.3 %, Middle East 2.0 % and Africa 0.6%. In comparison to January to October last year the highest decline of 73.7 % was recorded for Africa while Asia & Pacific recorded a decline of 72.5 %. Middle East region recorded a decline of 72.3% whereas Americas recorded a decline of 67.5. A decline of 59.3 % was recorded from Europe. The effect of the outbreak of COVID 19 is clearly evident as all countries have recorded a decline in arrivals from mid of February. However, country wise it is noteworthy that arrivals from Kazakhstan have recorded an increase of 57.5 % while the highest decline in arrivals (98.3 %) has been recorded from United Arab Emirates.

TOP TEN SOURCE MARKETS – JANUARY ~ OCTOBER 2020

India, United Kingdom, Russia, Germany and China were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist generating markets in the period from January to October this year. India was the largest source of tourist traffic to Sri Lanka with 17.6 % of the total traffic received in above period. United Kingdom accounted for 10.9 % of the total traffic; while Russian Federation, Germany and China accounted for 9.7 %, 6.8 % and 5.2 % respectively. Comparing the top ten markets, the effect of the outbreak of COVID 19 is clearly evident as all countries have recorded a decline in arrivals. It is noteworthy that China has recorded the highest at (80.6 %).



Rank	Country of Residence	Tourist Arrivals from January to October 2020			Tourist Arrivals Jan to Oct 2019	% Change Jan to Oct 2020/2019
		By Air	By Sea	Total		
1	India	86,639	2,718	89,357	274,883	(67.5)
2	United Kingdom	49,015	6,440	55,455	161,754	(65.7)
3	Russian Federation	48,457	940	49,397	54,453	(9.3)
4	Germany	32,495	2,012	34,507	101,706	(66.1)
5	China	25,910	237	26,147	134,903	(80.6)
6	France	24,330	508	24,838	75,942	(67.3)
7	Australia	17,896	2,387	20,283	71,140	(71.5)
8	United States	14,349	2,493	16,842	52,016	(67.6)
9	Ukraine	16,043	733	16,776	24,218	(30.7)
10	Canada	11,122	1,314	12,436	39,164	(68.2)

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

	January ~ October 2020			Total Tourist Arrivals Jan to Oct 2019	% Change Jan to Oct (2020/19)
	Tourist Arrivals				
	By Air	By Sea	Total		
<u>AMERICAS</u>	27,585	4,258	31,843	98,060	(67.5)
North America	25,723	3,904	29,627	92,355	(67.9)
Canada	11,122	1,314	12,436	39,164	(68.2)
Mexico	252	97	349	1,175	(70.3)
United States	14,349	2,493	16,842	52,016	(67.6)
Caribbean & Central America	211	15	226	666	(66.1)
Costa Rica	33	0	33	102	(67.6)
Jamaica	23	2	25	50	(50.0)
Others	155	13	168	514	(67.3)
South America	1,651	339	1,990	5,039	(60.5)
Argentina	352	64	416	1,069	(61.1)
Brazil	675	200	875	2,048	(57.3)
Chile	232	39	271	743	(63.5)
Colombia	190	11	201	545	(63.1)
Others	202	25	227	634	(64.2)
<u>AFRICA</u>	2,510	370	2,880	10,952	(73.7)
North Africa	638	51	689	1,997	(65.5)
Morocco	275	36	311	773	(59.8)
Sudan	137	6	143	471	(69.6)
Others	226	9	235	753	(68.8)
Sub-Saharan Africa	1,872	319	2,191	8,955	(75.5)
Kenya	106	4	110	1,368	(92.0)
Mauritius	132	38	170	428	(60.3)
Nigeria	25	0	25	143	(82.5)
South Africa	1,144	220	1,364	4,726	(71.1)
Others	465	57	522	2,290	(77.2)

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ASIA & PACIFIC	173,837	7,317	181,154	658,920	(72.5)
North East Asia	36,944	376	37,320	175,525	(78.7)
China	25,910	237	26,147	134,903	(80.6)
Japan	6,613	31	6,644	24,524	(72.9)
South Korea	2,428	71	2,499	9,747	(74.4)
Taiwan	1,949	36	1,985	6,180	(67.9)
Others	44	1	45	171	(73.7)
South East Asia	13,496	1,431	14,927	55,625	(73.2)
Cambodia	372	0	372	2,681	(86.1)
Indonesia	948	166	1,114	4,058	(72.5)
Malaysia	3,433	61	3,494	13,423	(74.0)
Myanmar	473	59	532	2,605	(79.6)
Philippines	3,176	1,073	4,249	12,087	(64.8)
Singapore	2,506	39	2,545	10,829	(76.5)
Thailand	1,857	23	1,880	7,533	(75.0)
Vietnam	699	10	709	2,250	(68.5)
Others	32	0	32	159	(79.9)
Oceania	20,122	2,584	22,706	80,990	(72.0)
Australia	17,896	2,387	20,283	71,140	(71.5)
New Zealand	2,130	194	2,324	9,670	(76.0)
Others	96	3	99	180	(45.0)
South Asia	103,275	2,926	106,201	346,780	(69.4)
Afghanistan	146	0	146	380	(61.6)
Bangladesh	1,963	23	1,986	6,606	(69.9)
Bhutan	208	0	208	270	(23.0)
India	86,639	2,718	89,357	274,883	(67.5)
Iran	645	3	648	2,752	(76.5)
Maldives	9,404	3	9,407	45,395	(79.3)
Nepal	1,248	136	1,384	4,309	(67.9)
Pakistan	3,022	43	3,065	12,185	(74.8)

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EUROPE	265,099	16,104	281,203	690,126	(59.3)
Northern Eur.	68,008	7,138	75,146	216,359	(65.3)
Denmark	4,769	136	4,905	14,661	(66.5)
Finland	2,216	82	2,298	5,438	(57.7)
Norway	2,954	65	3,019	11,312	(73.3)
Sweden	6,899	162	7,061	16,284	(56.6)
United Kingdom	49,015	6,440	55,455	161,754	(65.7)
Others	2,155	253	2,408	6,910	(65.2)
Western Eur.	79,156	3,073	82,229	260,275	(68.4)
Austria	4,188	112	4,300	11,540	(62.7)
Belgium	3,274	97	3,371	12,699	(73.5)
France	24,330	508	24,838	75,942	(67.3)
Germany	32,495	2,012	34,507	101,706	(66.1)
Netherlands	8,492	164	8,656	33,922	(74.5)
Switzerland	6,217	172	6,389	23,701	(73.0)
Others	160	8	168	765	(78.0)
Central / Eastern Europe	97,718	2,655	100,373	133,733	(24.9)
Belarus	2,606	32	2,638	3,472	(24.0)
Czech Republic	7,580	19	7,599	15,139	(49.8)
Estonia	1,177	8	1,185	1,747	(32.2)
Hungary	1,493	95	1,588	3,170	(49.9)
Kazakhstan	2,267	66	2,333	1,481	57.5
Lithuania	1,037	17	1,054	2,045	(48.5)
Poland	11,481	427	11,908	14,039	(15.2)
Romania	1,574	150	1,724	4,038	(57.3)
Russian Federation	48,457	940	49,397	54,453	(9.3)
Slovakia	1,488	25	1,513	3,843	(60.6)
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Others	2,515	143	2,658	6,088	(56.3)

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<u>Southern / Mediterranean Europe</u>	20,217	3,238	23,455	79,759	(70.6)
Greece	1,092	481	1,573	5,520	(71.5)
Italy	7,135	1,468	8,603	27,269	(68.5)
Portugal	1,377	225	1,602	4,018	(60.1)
Spain	3,255	130	3,385	20,255	(83.3)
Turkey	1,517	604	2,121	3,134	(32.3)
Israel	3,422	134	3,556	12,528	(71.6)
Others	2,419	196	2,615	7,035	(62.8)
<u>MIDDLE EAST</u>	10,139	92	10,231	36,997	(72.3)
Bahrain	543	6	549	1,834	(70.1)
Egypt	922	34	956	2,800	(65.9)
Iraq	137	1	138	672	(79.5)
Jordan	621	6	627	2,220	(71.8)
Kuwait	822	3	825	2,773	(70.2)
Lebanon	480	3	483	3,448	(86.0)
Oman	1,041	4	1,045	3,435	(69.6)
Qatar	128	1	129	880	(85.3)
Saudi Arabia	4,745	10	4,755	14,006	(66.1)
United Arab Emirates	350	2	352	2,972	(88.2)
Others	350	22	372	1,957	(81.0)
TOTAL	479,170	28,141	507,311	1,495,055	(66.1)

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

Sri Lanka suspends tourist arrivals from all countries from 18th March 2020 due to COVID-19