



Monthly Tourist Arrivals Report:

A Monthly Snapshot of International Arrivals to
Sri Lanka from Immigration Statistics

December 2022

Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority



Introduction

The following document provides a synthesis of the most recent December, 2022 international visitor arrivals data sourced from the Department of Immigration & Emigration. The data is current as of 31st December 2022, and subject to change. The data provides an overview of month-on-month and annual changes in visitor arrivals to Sri Lanka from international source markets. The data is meant to provide an overview of how travel and tourism is performing to Sri Lanka.

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Summary

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during December 2022 was 91,961. This is an increase of 53.8% compared to November 2022. This trend can be attributed to the peak travel season in Sri Lanka, as well as the resumed cruise tourism to the country. As of December 31,

2022, a total of 719,978 international tourists had visited Sri Lanka during the year. The top countries of origin for tourists in December were Russian Federation, India, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Germany.

Table 1. Monthly tourist arrivals, December 2022

| Month | 2018 | 2021 | 2022 | % change 2022/21 | % change 2022/18 |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| January | 238,924 | 1,682 | 82,327 | 4,794.6 | (65.5) |
| February | 235,618 | 3,366 | 96,507 | 2,767.1 | (59.0) |
| March | 233,282 | 4,581 | 106,500 | 2,224.8 | (54.3) |
| April | 180,429 | 4,168 | 62,980 | 1,411.4 | (65.1) |
| May | 129,466 | 1,497 | 30,207 | 1,917.8 | (76.7) |
| June | 146,828 | 1,614 | 32,856 | 1,935.7 | (77.6) |
| July | 217,829 | 2,429 | 47,293 | 1,847.1 | (78.3) |
| August | 200,359 | 5,040 | 37,760 | 649.2 | (81.5) |
| September | 149,087 | 13,547 | 29,802 | 119.9 | (80.1) |
| October | 153,123 | 22,771 | 42,026 | 84.5 | (72.5) |
| November | 195,582 | 44,294 | 59,759 | 34.9 | (69.4) |
| December | 253,169 | 89,506 | 91,961 | 2.7 | (63.6) |
| TOTAL | 2,333,796 | 194,495 | 719,978 | 270.2 | (69.1) |



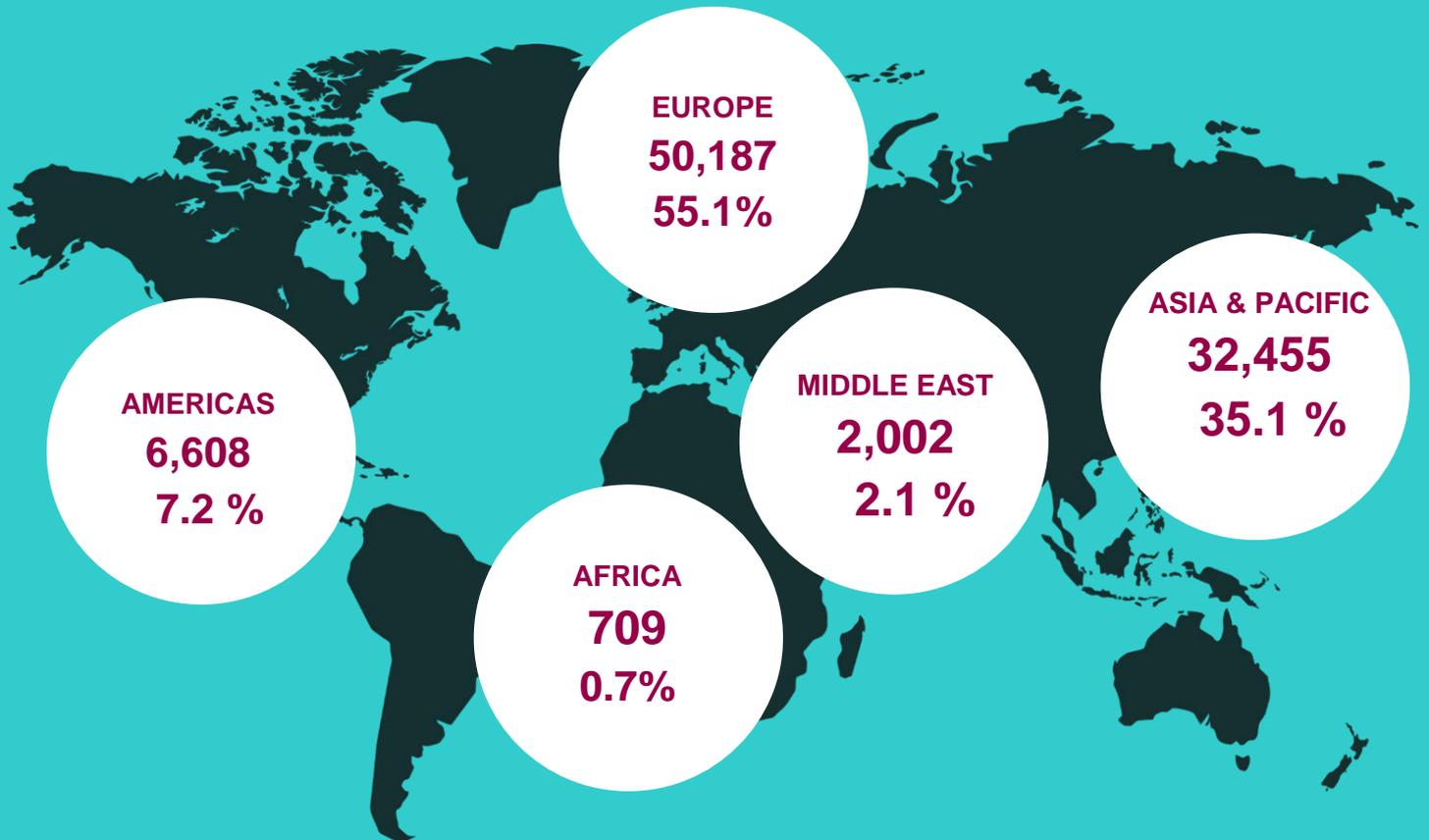
Tourist Arrivals | December 2022

91,961



Tourist arrivals by region and percentage share December 2022

Map 1. Tourist arrivals by region and percentage share



Europe emerged as the primary source of tourists visiting Sri Lanka, accounting for 55.1% of total arrivals. It is believed that pent-up demand from countries such as the Russian Federation, UK, Germany, and France contributed to this increase in tourism.

Meanwhile, 35.1% of tourists came from Asia and the Pacific region, 7.2% from the Americas, and 2.1% from the Middle East.

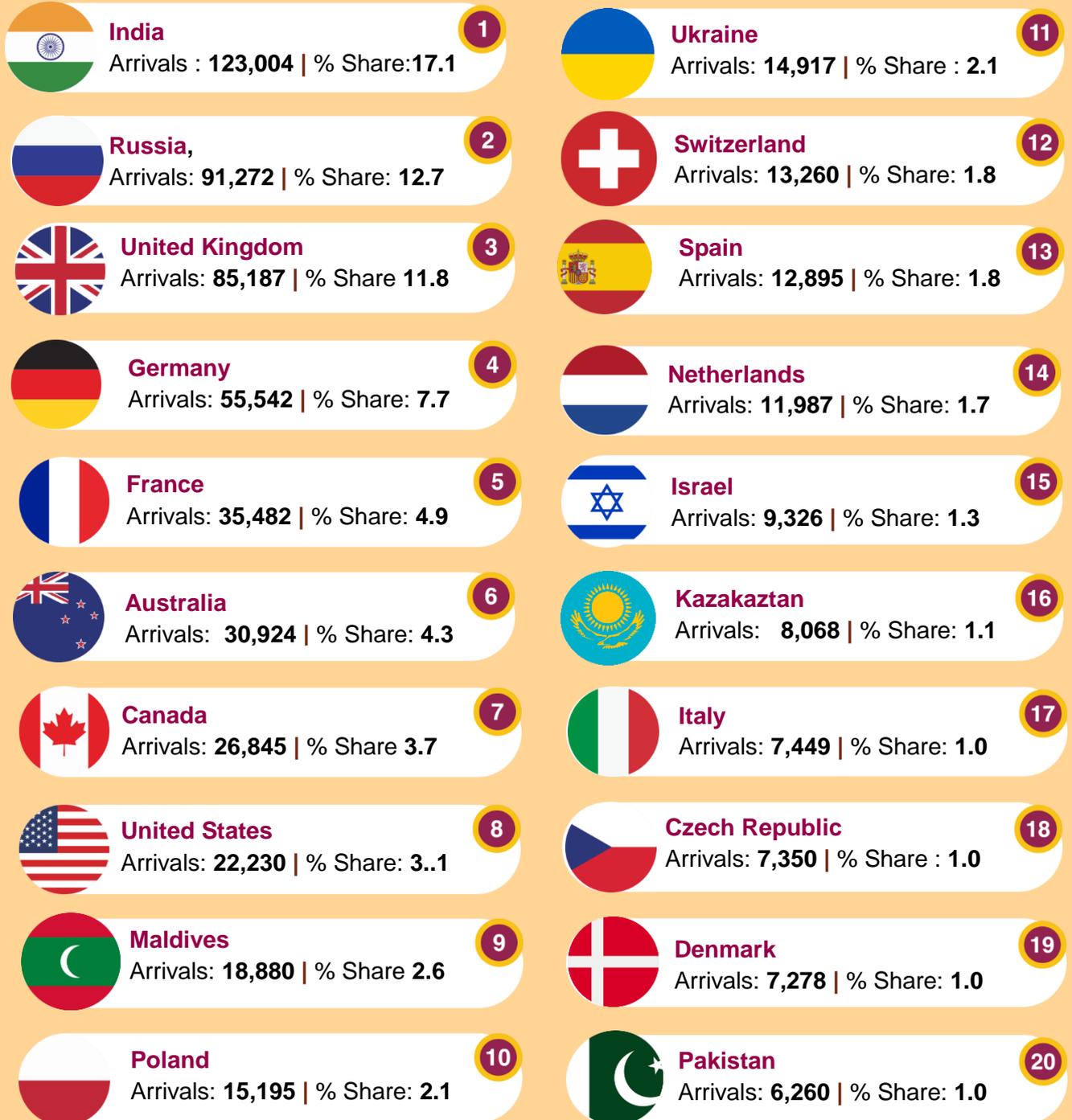
Factors such as the lifting of travel restrictions and improved air accessibility in Sri Lanka could be the factors that contributed to the growth in tourism.

Despite this growth, the economic challenges such as high inflation and rising oil prices resulting from the war in Ukraine may impede the recovery of the tourism industry.



Top primary markets and top potential markets

Top primary markets - January ~ December 2022



Note: The top primary markets for Sri Lanka have been identified using visitor arrivals data during the last six months. The previous methodology used to identify the markets was altered due to the current arrival trends in the source markets and the economic crisis in Sri Lanka. The intention is to track these source markets on a go-forward basis to understand future performance of Sri Lanka's tourism economy, including during the projected international tourism recovery period, 2022-2025.



Top Potential markets - January ~ December 2022



Belgium

Arrivals: **6,164** | % Share: **0.9**

1



China

Arrivals: **4,715** | % Share : **0.7**

6



Norway

Arrivals: **5,983** | % Share: **0.8**

2



Iran

Arrivals: **4,301** | % Share: **0.6**

7



Saudi Arabia

Arrivals: **5,952** | % Share: **0.8**

3



Bangladesh

Arrivals: **3,817** | % Share : **0.5**

8



Austria

Arrivals: **5,541** | % Share : **0.8**

4



Singapore

Arrivals : **3,770** | % Share: **0.5**

9



Sweden

Arrivals: **5,097** | % Share: **0.7**

5



Belarus

Arrivals: **3,621** | % Share: **0.5**

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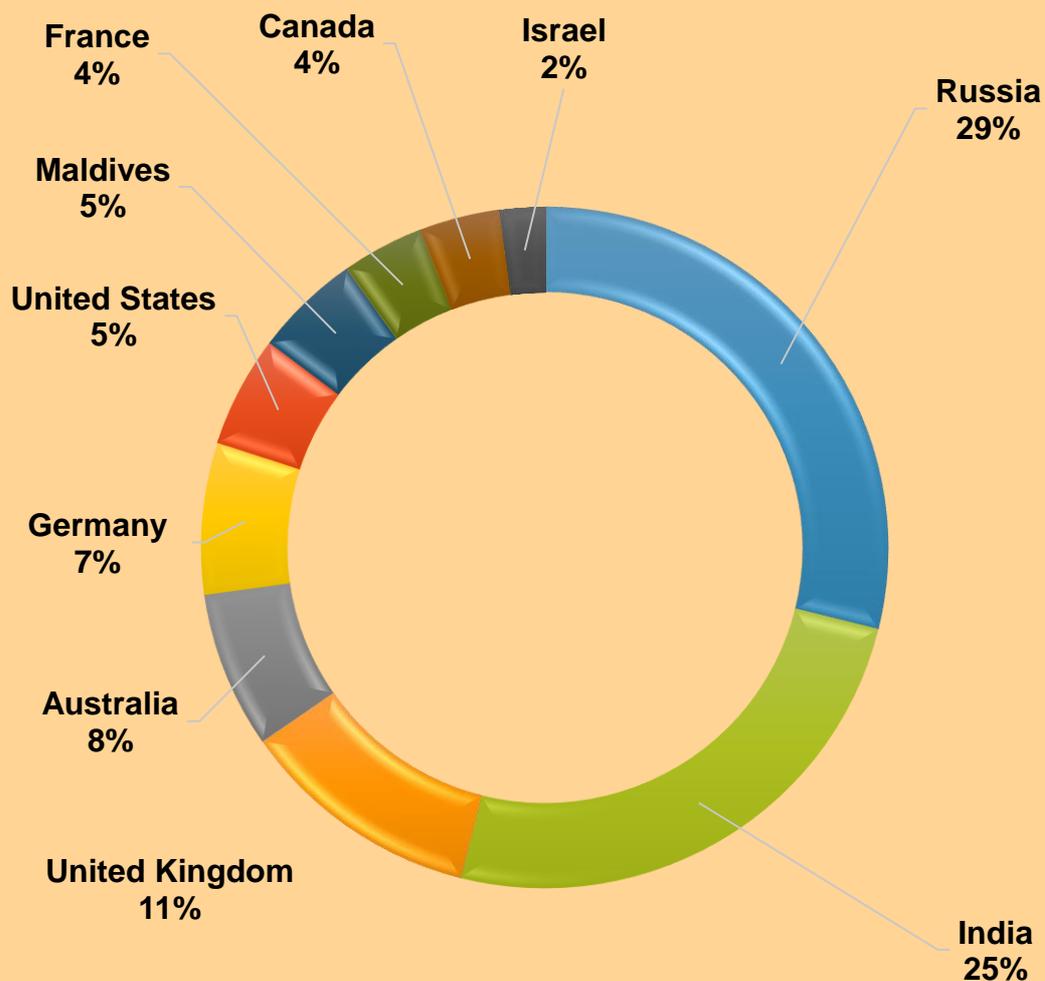
Top ten source markets

December 2022

In December, the top five countries that generated the most international tourism to Sri Lanka were the Russian Federation, India, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Germany. The Russian Federation was the leading source of tourists, accounting for 29% of total arrivals. India accounted for 25%, the United Kingdom for 11%, Australia for 8%, and Germany for 7%. The Russian Federation remained the top source of tourism to Sri Lanka, owing to increased air accessibility via direct and charter flights from Russia and favorable conditions within Sri Lanka.

The influx of 735 tourists from three cruise ships too had a notable impact on the rise in the number of visitors.

Chart 1. Top ten source markets to Sri Lanka, December 2022



**Table 2. Top ten source markets to Sri Lanka, December 2022**

| Rank | Country of Residence | Tourist Arrivals (December 2022) | | | Tourist Arrivals (December 2021) |
|------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|
| | | By Air | By Sea | Total | |
| 1 | Russian Federation | 19,958 | 5 | 19,963 | 10,793 |
| 2 | India | 17,339 | 11 | 17,350 | 23,566 |
| 3 | United Kingdom | 7,568 | 311 | 7,879 | 8,493 |
| 4 | Australia | 5,093 | 65 | 5,158 | 3,129 |
| 5 | Germany | 4,935 | 49 | 4,984 | 5,875 |
| 6 | United States | 3,375 | 263 | 3,638 | 2,884 |
| 7 | Maldives | 3,444 | - | 3,444 | 2,896 |
| 8 | France | 2,660 | 5 | 2,665 | 3,021 |
| 9 | Canada | 2,593 | 25 | 2,618 | 1,705 |
| 10 | Israel | 1,456 | 1 | 1,457 | 684 |

Top ten source markets, January to December 2022

India, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Germany and France were Sri Lanka's top five international tourist-generating markets from January to December this year.

Table 3. Top ten markets to Sri Lanka, January to December 2021 & 2022

| Rank | Country of Residence | Tourist Arrivals (Jan ~ December 2022) | Tourist Arrivals (Jan ~ December 2021) |
|--------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 1 | India | 123,004 | 56,268 |
| 2 | Russian Federation | 91,272 | 16,894 |
| 3 | United Kingdom | 85,187 | 16,646 |
| 4 | Germany | 55,542 | 12,442 |
| 5 | France | 35,482 | 6,549 |
| 6 | Australia | 30,924 | 4,421 |
| 7 | Canada | 26,845 | 5,079 |
| 8 | United States | 22,230 | 6,124 |
| 9 | Maldives | 18,880 | 6,272 |
| 10 | Poland | 18,107 | 15,195 |
| 11 | Others | 212,505 | 48,605 |
| Total | | 719,978 | 194,495 |



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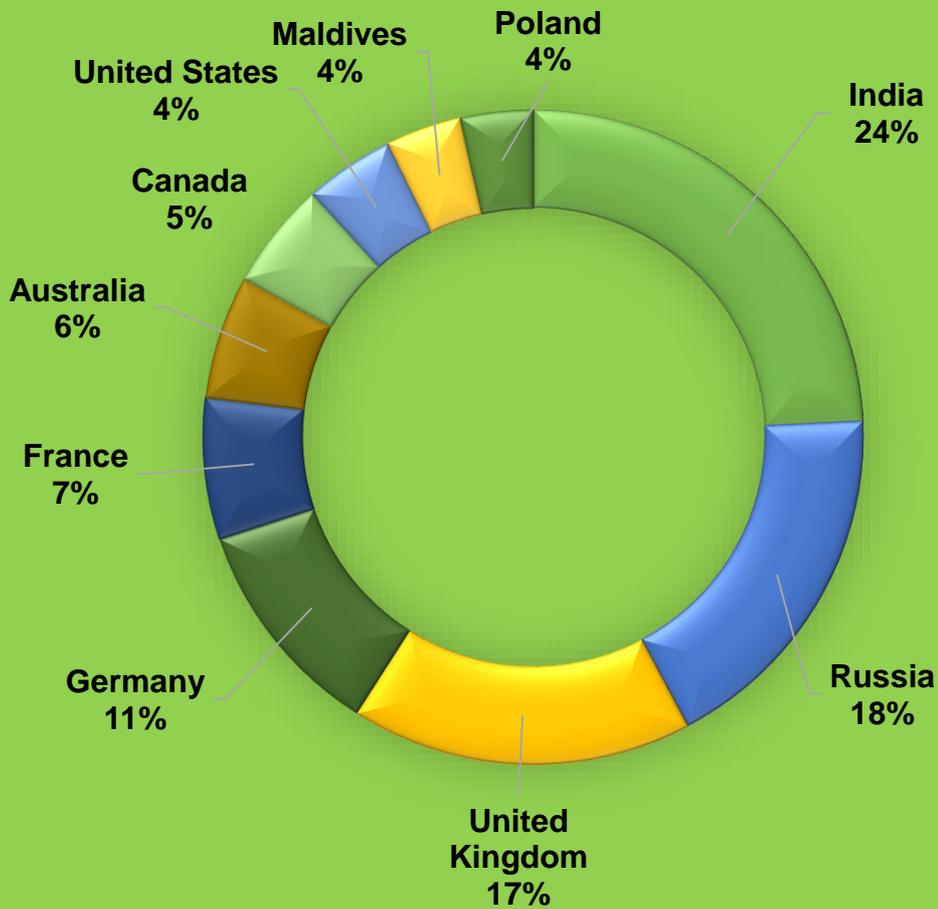
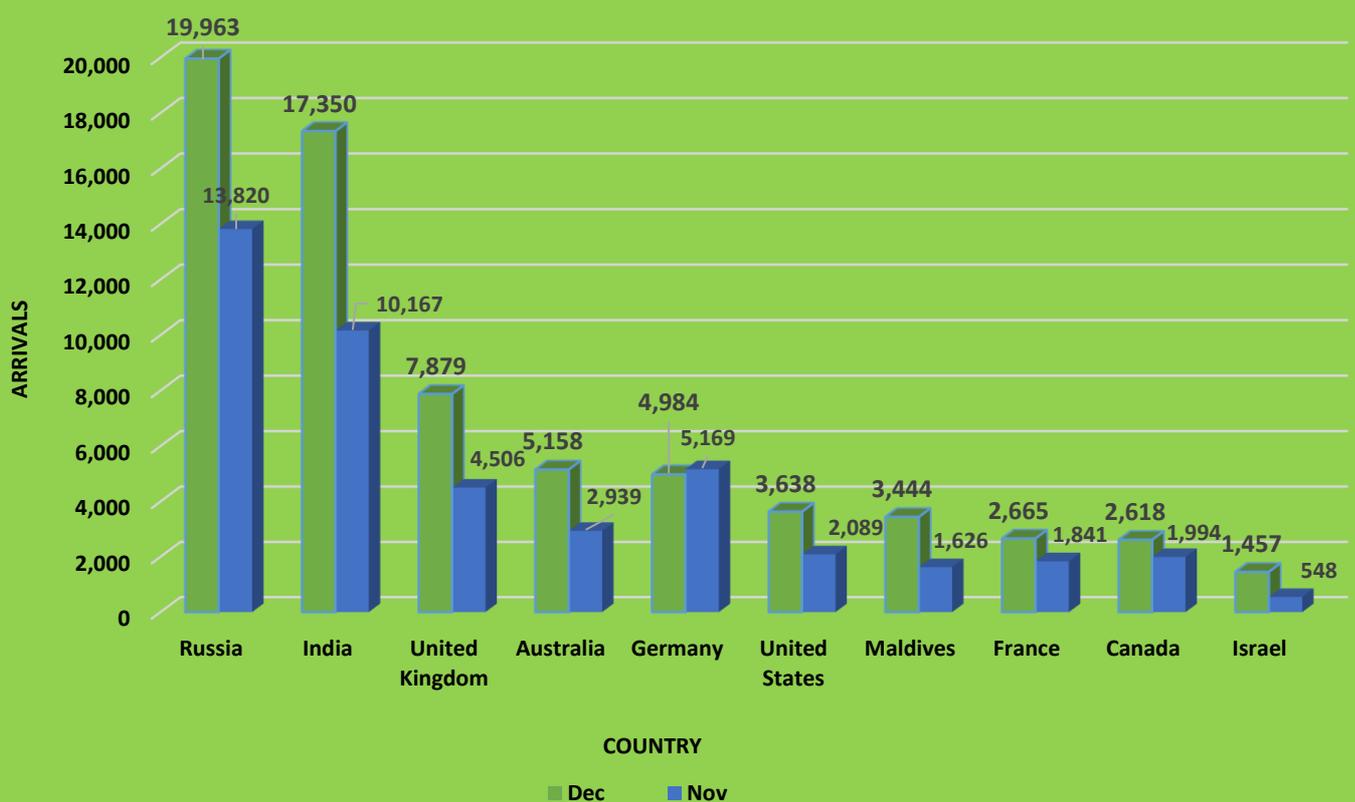


Chart 3. Comparison of arrivals from top ten markets to Sri Lanka, Oct / Dec - 2022

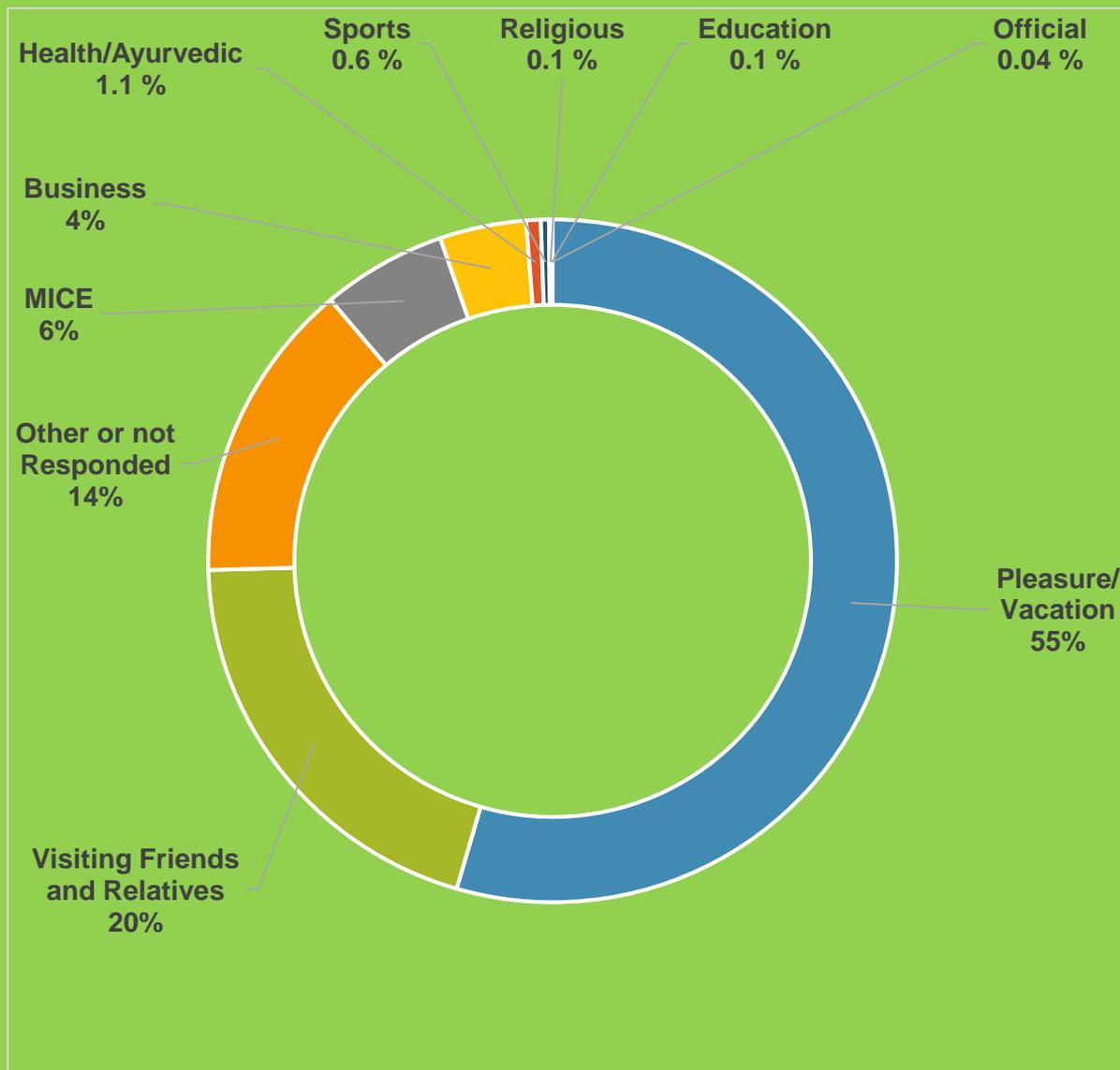




Tourist arrivals by purpose of visit December 2022

An analysis of tourist arrivals by purpose of visit reveals that a majority 55% of tourists had visited Sri Lanka for pleasure/vacation, while for 20% of tourists the main purpose was visiting friends and relatives. Only 4% of tourists had visited for business related purposes. 6% had visited for MICE purposes, while 1.1% and 0.6% had visited for purposes such as health / ayurvedic and sports.

Chart 4. Tourist arrivals by purpose of visit, December 2022





International tourist arrivals by country of residence

| | December 2022 | | | Tourist Arrivals Dec. 2021 | % Change Dec. (22/21) | Total Tourist Arrivals up to Dec. 2022 | Total Tourist Arrivals up to Dec. 2021 | % Change up to Dec. (20/21) |
|---|------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | Tourist Arrivals | | | | | | | |
| | By Air | By Sea | Total | | | | | |
| AMERICAS | 6,288 | 321 | 6,608 | 4,870 | 35.69 | 51,429 | 11,759 | - |
| North America | 6,006 | 315 | 6,320 | 4,630 | 36.50 | 49,409 | 11,281 | - |
| Canada | 2,593 | 25 | 2,618 | 1,705 | 53.55 | 26,845 | 5,079 | - |
| Mexico | 38 | 26 | 64 | 41 | 56.10 | 334 | 78 | - |
| United States | 3,375 | 263 | 3,638 | 2,884 | 26.14 | 22,230 | 6,124 | - |
| Antarctica | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Antarctica | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Carribbean & Central America | 49 | 1 | 50 | 37 | 35.14 | 306 | 104 | - |
| Costa Rica | 6 | - | 6 | 7 | (14.29) | 40 | 8 | - |
| Jamaica | 2 | - | 2 | 5 | (60.00) | 13 | 9 | - |
| Others | 41 | 1 | 42 | 25 | 68.00 | 253 | 87 | - |
| South America | 231 | 6 | 237 | 203 | 16.75 | 1,713 | 374 | - |
| Argentina | 55 | - | 55 | 26 | 111.54 | 268 | 50 | - |
| Brazil | 93 | 4 | 97 | 98 | (1.02) | 669 | 159 | - |
| Chile | 23 | - | 23 | 15 | 53.33 | 182 | 23 | - |
| Colombia | 27 | - | 27 | 37 | (27.03) | 304 | 74 | - |
| Others | 33 | 2 | 35 | 27 | 29.63 | 290 | 68 | - |
| AFRICA | 685 | 24 | 709 | 409 | 73.35 | 4,679 | 862 | - |
| North Africa | 187 | | 187 | 196 | (4.59) | 1,818 | 293 | - |
| Morocco | 56 | - | 56 | 51 | 9.80 | 446 | 85 | - |
| Sudan | 45 | - | 45 | 69 | (34.78) | 819 | 97 | - |
| Others | 86 | - | 86 | 76 | 13.16 | 553 | 111 | - |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 498 | 24 | 522 | 213 | 145.07 | 2,861 | 569 | - |
| Kenya | 42 | - | 42 | 21 | 100.00 | 230 | 39 | - |
| Mauritius | 41 | - | 41 | 13 | 215.38 | 130 | 23 | - |
| Nigeria | 06 | - | 06 | 7 | (14.29) | 27 | 11 | - |
| South Africa | 234 | 24 | 258 | 109 | 136.70 | 1,502 | 272 | - |
| Others | 175 | - | 175 | 63 | 177.78 | 972 | 224 | - |



| | December 2022 | | | Tourist Arrivals Dec. 2021 | % Change Dec. (22/21) | Total Tourist Arrivals up to Dec. 2022 | Total Tourist Arrivals up to Dec. 2021 | % Change up to Dec. (20/21) |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | By Air | By Sea | Total | | | | | |
| ASIA & PACIFIC | 32,367 | 88 | 32,455 | 33,268 | (2.44) | 213,537 | 83,926 | - |
| North East Asia | 1,743 | - | 1,743 | 560 | 211.25 | 10,061 | 3,244 | - |
| China | 635 | - | 635 | 258 | 146.12 | 4,715 | 2,417 | - |
| Japan | 708 | - | 708 | 159 | 345.28 | 3,087 | 392 | - |
| South Korea | 322 | - | 322 | 120 | 168.33 | 1,843 | 389 | - |
| Taiwan | 77 | - | 77 | 19 | 305.26 | 363 | 42 | - |
| Others | 01 | - | 01 | 4 | (75.00) | 53 | 4 | - |
| South East Asia | 2,029 | 5 | 2,034 | 999 | 103.60 | 12,095 | 3,617 | - |
| Cambodia | 20 | - | 20 | 7 | 185.71 | 157 | 14 | - |
| Indonesia | 134 | - | 134 | 188 | (28.72) | 885 | 1,856 | - |
| Malaysia | 519 | - | 519 | 158 | 228.48 | 2,779 | 323 | - |
| Myanmar | 27 | - | 27 | 9 | 200.00 | 252 | 39 | - |
| Philippines | 236 | - | 236 | 178 | 32.58 | 1,961 | 529 | - |
| Singapore | 715 | 5 | 720 | 306 | 135.29 | 3,770 | 557 | - |
| Thailand | 311 | - | 311 | 129 | 141.09 | 1,725 | 247 | - |
| Vietnam | 58 | - | 58 | 24 | 141.67 | 519 | 52 | - |
| Others | 09 | - | 09 | 0 | 100.00 | 47 | 0 | - |
| Oceania | 5,689 | 72 | 5,761 | 3,303 | 74.42 | 33,876 | 4,767 | - |
| Australia | 5,093 | 65 | 5,158 | 3,129 | 64.84 | 30,924 | 4,421 | - |
| New Zealand | 565 | 7 | 572 | 167 | 242.51 | 2,866 | 325 | - |
| Others | 31 | - | 31 | 7 | 342.86 | 86 | 21 | - |
| South Asia | 22,906 | 11 | 22,917 | 28,406 | (19.32) | 157,505 | 72,298 | - |
| Afghanistan | 11 | - | 11 | 5 | 120.00 | 39 | 15 | - |
| Bangladesh | 662 | - | 662 | 544 | 21.69 | 3,817 | 1,496 | - |
| Bhutan | 09 | - | 09 | 1 | 800.00 | 139 | 5 | - |
| India | 17,339 | 11 | 17,350 | 23,566 | (26.38) | 123,004 | 56,268 | - |
| Iran | 362 | - | 362 | 181 | 100.00 | 4,301 | 397 | - |
| Maldives | 3,444 | - | 3,444 | 2,896 | 18.92 | 18,880 | 6,272 | - |
| Nepal | 181 | - | 181 | 209 | (13.40) | 1,065 | 325 | - |
| Pakistan | 898 | - | 898 | 1,004 | (10.56) | 6,260 | 7,520 | - |
| EUROPE | 49,713 | 474 | 50,187 | 48,704 | 3.04 | 432,226 | 93,495 | - |
| Northern Europe | 9,814 | 347 | 10,161 | 11,210 | (9.36) | 108,264 | 21,632 | - |
| Denmark | 544 | 7 | 551 | 656 | (16.01) | 7,278 | 1,302 | - |
| Finland | 157 | 2 | 159 | 195 | (18.46) | 1,500 | 341 | - |
| Norway | 398 | 10 | 408 | 447 | (8.72) | 5,983 | 1,141 | - |
| Sweden | 886 | 6 | 892 | 1,070 | (16.64) | 5,097 | 1,601 | - |
| United Kingdom | 7,568 | 311 | 7,879 | 8,493 | (7.23) | 85,187 | 16,646 | - |
| Others | 261 | 11 | 272 | 349 | (22.06) | 3,219 | 601 | - |



| | December 2022 | | | Tourist Arrivals Dec. 2021 | % Change Dec. (22/21) | Total Tourist Arrivals up to Dec. 2022 | Total Tourist Arrivals up to Dec. 2021 | % Change up to Dec. (20/21) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | By Air | By Sea | Total | | | | | |
| Western Europe | 10,966 | 84 | 11,050 | 12,783 | (13.56) | 128,279 | 27,269 | - |
| Austria | 619 | - | 619 | 827 | (25.15) | 5,541 | 1,502 | - |
| Belgium | 500 | 12 | 512 | 639 | (19.87) | 6,164 | 1,283 | - |
| France | 2,660 | 5 | 2,665 | 3,021 | (11.78) | 35,482 | 6,549 | - |
| Germany | 4,935 | 49 | 4,984 | 5,875 | (15.17) | 55,542 | 12,442 | - |
| Netherlands | 947 | 9 | 956 | 1,144 | (16.43) | 11,987 | 2,422 | - |
| Switzerland | 1,240 | 8 | 1,248 | 1,225 | 1.88 | 13,260 | 2,974 | - |
| Others | 65 | 1 | 66 | 52 | 26.92 | 303 | 97 | - |
| Central/ Eastern Europe | 24,407 | 15 | 24,422 | 21,915 | 11.44 | 159,062 | 38,129 | - |
| Belarus | 582 | - | 582 | 359 | 62.12 | 3,621 | 616 | - |
| Czech Republic | 529 | - | 529 | 1,087 | (51.33) | 7,350 | 1,864 | - |
| Estonia | 111 | - | 111 | 260 | (57.31) | 978 | 376 | - |
| Hungary | 300 | - | 300 | 322 | (6.83) | 2,324 | 445 | - |
| Kazakhstan | 262 | - | 262 | 2,462 | (89.36) | 8,068 | 5,754 | - |
| Lithuania | 158 | - | 158 | 155 | 1.94 | 2,115 | 383 | - |
| Poland | 523 | 1 | 524 | 1,379 | (62.00) | 15,195 | 2,110 | - |
| Romania | 406 | 1 | 407 | 581 | (29.95) | 3,313 | 820 | - |
| Russia | 19,958 | 5 | 19,963 | 10,793 | 84.96 | 91,272 | 16,894 | - |
| Slovakia | 205 | 1 | 206 | 311 | (33.76) | 2,432 | 664 | - |
| Ukraine | 539 | 5 | 544 | 3,562 | (84.73) | 14,917 | 7,037 | - |
| Others | 834 | 2 | 836 | 644 | 29.81 | 7,477 | 1,166 | - |
| Southern/ Mediterranean Europe | 4,526 | 28 | 4,554 | 2,796 | 62.88 | 36,621 | 6,466 | - |
| Greece | 172 | 2 | 174 | 159 | 9.43 | 899 | 249 | - |
| Italy | 1,202 | 4 | 1,206 | 556 | 116.91 | 7,449 | 1,309 | - |
| Portugal | 156 | - | 156 | 134 | 16.42 | 1,906 | 372 | - |
| Spain | 973 | 18 | 991 | 894 | 10.85 | 12,895 | 2,015 | - |
| Turkey | 224 | - | 224 | 141 | 58.87 | 1,514 | 309 | - |
| Israel | 1,456 | 1 | 1,457 | 684 | 113.01 | 9,326 | 1,724 | - |
| Others | 343 | 3 | 346 | 228 | 51.75 | 2,632 | 488 | - |
| MIDDLE EAST | 2,002 | 0 | 2,002 | 2,255 | (11.22) | 18,107 | 4,452 | - |
| Bahrain | 88 | - | 88 | 81 | 8.64 | 510 | 128 | - |
| Egypt | 220 | - | 220 | 268 | (17.91) | 2,340 | 400 | - |
| Iraq | 145 | - | 145 | 115 | 26.09 | 1,113 | 262 | - |
| Jordan | 335 | - | 335 | 323 | 3.72 | 2,472 | 682 | - |
| Kuwait | 96 | - | 96 | 98 | (2.04) | 952 | 166 | - |
| Lebanon | 267 | - | 267 | 252 | 5.95 | 1,606 | 547 | - |
| Oman | 157 | - | 157 | 132 | 18.94 | 876 | 246 | - |
| Qatar | 57 | - | 57 | 12 | 375.00 | 301 | 34 | - |
| Saudi Arabia | 324 | - | 324 | 741 | (56.28) | 5,952 | 1,596 | - |
| United Arab Emirates | 207 | - | 207 | 169 | 22.49 | 1,347 | 254 | - |
| Others | 106 | - | 106 | 64 | 65.63 | 638 | 137 | - |
| TOTAL | 91,055 | 907 | 91,961 | 89,506 | 2.74 | 719,978 | 194,495 | - |



Main last departure airports and airlines to Sri Lanka, December 2022

Air connectivity is critical to the tourism industry in Sri Lanka, as shown by the analysis of departure airports. Chart 5 reveals that 39% of tourists had last departed from airports in Dubai, Chennai and Doha. Sri Lankan Airlines, Emirates and Qatar Airways were the most popular airlines, handling 60% of the tourists to Sri Lanka. Dubai stood out as the main last departure airport (19%), and Emirates as the top main airline (13%), after Sri Lankan Airlines. Azur Air was also a notable airline, being the fourth main airline to Sri Lanka.

Chart 5. Main last departure airports to Sri Lanka, December 2022

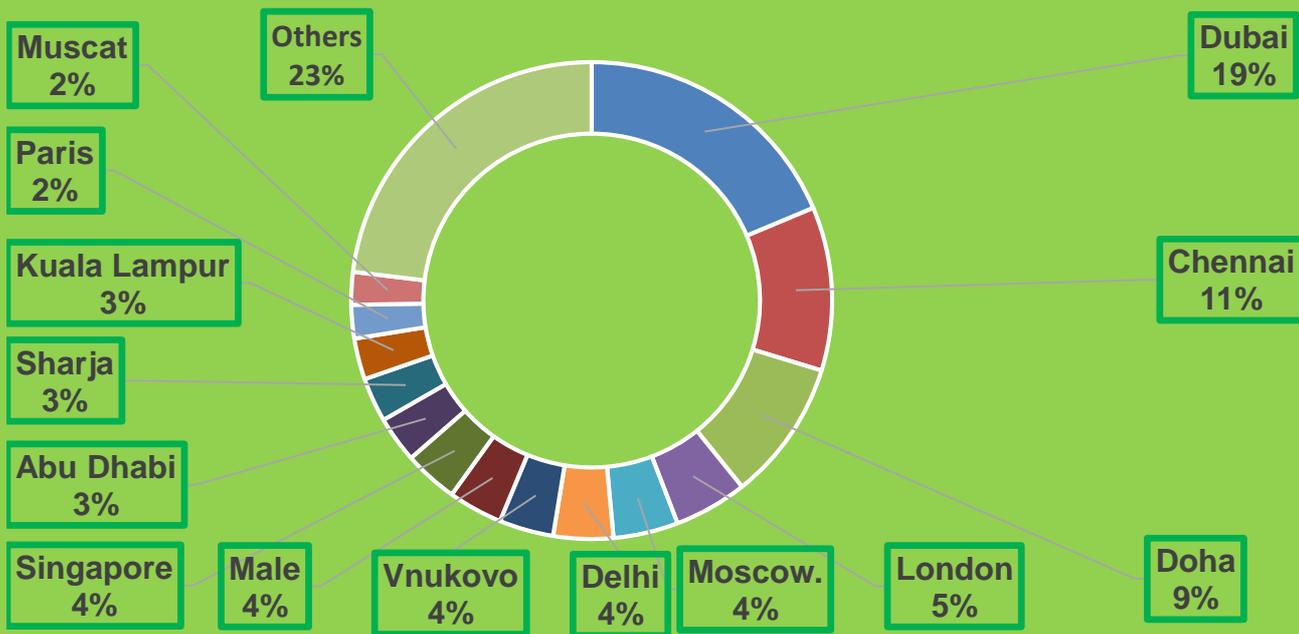
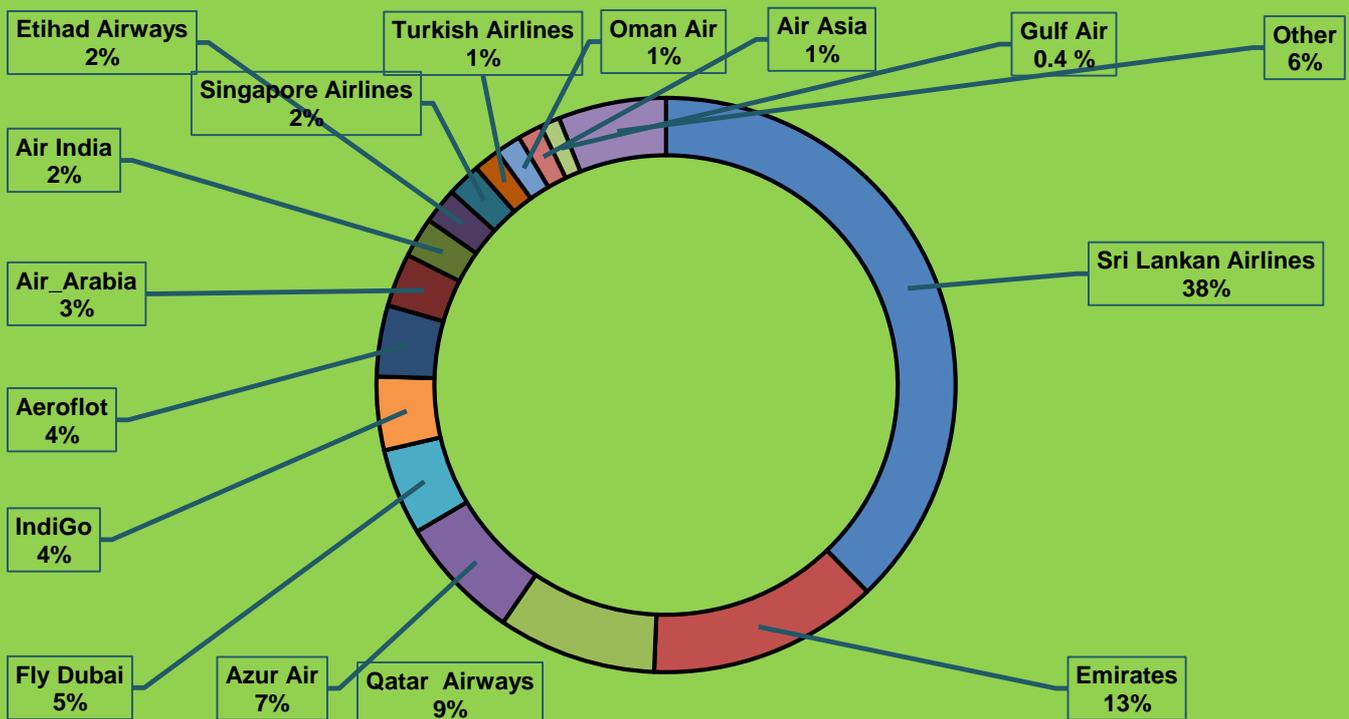


Chart 6. Main airlines to Sri Lanka, December 2022





Top ten markets versus main last departure airports and main airlines to Sri Lanka December 2022

As seen in the below tables, the main last departure airports and airlines for tourists visiting Sri Lanka vary by their top markets. Indian tourists prefer Sri Lankan Airlines and IndiGo, Russian tourists prefer Azur Air and Aeroflot, and Sri Lankan Airlines is the most popular for tourists from the United Kingdom, Australia, United States, Maldives, Germany, and Canada. The data indicates that tourists from Israel prefer Emirates and Dubai is the main last departure airport. This highlights the significance of destination accessibility in driving tourism.

Table 4. Top ten markets vs. main last departure airports to Sri Lanka, December 2022

| Country | Dubai | Chennai | Doha | Moscow | London | Delhi | Vnukovo | Male | Singapore | Abu Dhabi | Sharjah | Bangalore | Paris | Mumbai | Kuala Lumpur | Melbourne | St. Petersburg | Muscat | Hyderabad | Frankfurt | Others | Total |
|----------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|--------|--------------|-----------|----------------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Russia | 3,605 | 206 | 360 | 3,949 | 18 | 389 | 3,174 | 85 | 7 | 1,106 | 1,630 | 31 | 17 | 11 | 144 | 2 | 1,325 | 931 | 0 | 10 | 2,963 | 19,963 |
| India | 563 | 8,436 | 90 | 0 | 16 | 2,327 | 0 | 95 | 111 | 39 | 91 | 1,522 | 9 | 1,468 | 55 | 4 | 0 | 45 | 1,016 | 0 | 1,463 | 17,350 |
| United Kingdom | 1,931 | 206 | 1,256 | 0 | 2,427 | 79 | 0 | 153 | 131 | 415 | 36 | 34 | 93 | 64 | 114 | 13 | 0 | 88 | 31 | 14 | 794 | 7,879 |
| Australia | 170 | 177 | 84 | 0 | 46 | 87 | 0 | 54 | 1,492 | 27 | 11 | 25 | 9 | 22 | 792 | 1,328 | 0 | 26 | 6 | 9 | 793 | 5,158 |
| Germany | 1,127 | 112 | 1,389 | 4 | 105 | 80 | 4 | 117 | 42 | 179 | 21 | 84 | 298 | 59 | 83 | 0 | 2 | 86 | 1 | 773 | 418 | 4,984 |
| United States | 569 | 200 | 690 | 1 | 332 | 129 | 2 | 156 | 253 | 115 | 22 | 69 | 187 | 72 | 85 | 9 | 0 | 39 | 73 | 22 | 613 | 3,638 |
| Maldives | 1,220 | 13 | 8 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1,818 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 319 | 3,444 |
| France | 621 | 99 | 479 | 1 | 64 | 50 | 1 | 39 | 66 | 75 | 10 | 13 | 816 | 5 | 65 | 0 | 1 | 63 | 1 | 7 | 189 | 2,665 |
| Canada | 300 | 163 | 489 | 0 | 773 | 37 | 0 | 79 | 53 | 44 | 25 | 23 | 323 | 26 | 38 | 8 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 43 | 172 | 2,618 |
| Israel | 1,036 | 73 | 61 | 3 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 82 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 118 | 1,457 |

Table 5. Top ten markets vs. main airlines to Sri Lanka, December 2022

| Country | Sri Lankan Airlines | Emirates | Azur Air | Qatar Airways | Aeroflot | IndiGo | Fly Dubai | Air India | Air Arabia | Singapore Airlines | Etihad Airways | Oman Air | Air France | Gulf Air | Malaysia Airlines | Turkish Airlines | Air Asia | Fits Air | Others | Total |
|----------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Russia | 7.5 | 7.0 | 31.0 | 1.8 | 18.1 | 0.6 | 10.4 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 19,963 |
| India | 68.2 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 18.1 | 0.8 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 17,350 |
| United Kingdom | 44.9 | 21.8 | 0.0 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 7,879 |
| Australia | 57.1 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 21.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.2 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 5,158 |
| Germany | 35.8 | 21.2 | 0.1 | 26.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 4,984 |
| United States | 39.9 | 13.5 | 0.1 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 4.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 9.2 | 3,638 |
| France | 32.4 | 20.2 | 0.1 | 17.6 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 12.3 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 3,444 |
| Maldives | 49.2 | 29.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 13.7 | 0.1 | 2,665 |
| Canada | 53.8 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 9.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 2,618 |
| Israel | 15.0 | 58.6 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 11.5 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1,457 |