

OCTOBER 2026

WEEKLY TOURIST ARRIVALS

SUMMARY REPORT

Tourist arrivals from 01st to 31st October 2026

	2018	2025	2026		
Month	Number of tourists	Number of tourists	Number of tourists	Percentage change (26/25)	Percentage change (26/18)
January	238,924	252,761	277,327	9.7	16.0
February	235,618	240,217	279,328	16.2	18.5
March	233,382	229,298	183,979	(19.7)	(21.2)
April	180,429	174,608	135,643	(22.3)	(24.8)
May	129,466	132,919	145,745	9.65	12.6
June	146,828	138,241	124,551	(9.9)	(15.1)
July	217,829	200,244	196,845	(1.7)	(9.6)
August	200,359	198,235	191,704	(3.3)	(4.3)
September	149,087	158,971	158,557	(0.3)	6.4
October	153,123	165,193	168,625	2.1	
November	195,582	212,906			
December	253,169	258,928			
TOTAL	2,333,796	2,362,521	1,862,304		

Sri Lanka recorded a historic 168,625 tourist arrivals in October 2026, the highest ever for the month, marking a 2.1% year-on-year increase and surpassing the previous 2018 & 2025 records.



Tourist arrivals
01st to 31st October 2026
168,625

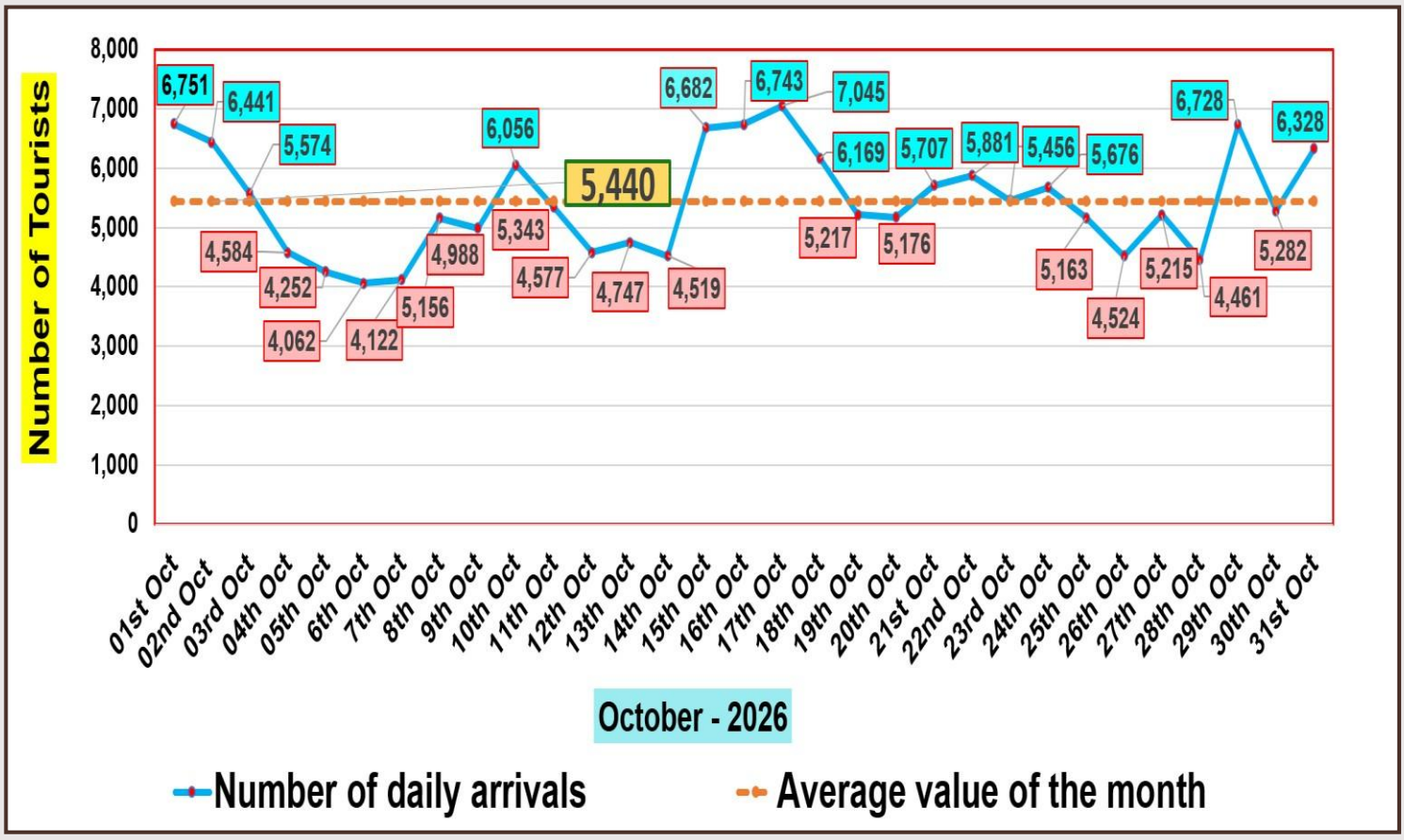
Daily tourist arrivals, 01st to 31st October 2026

October 2026

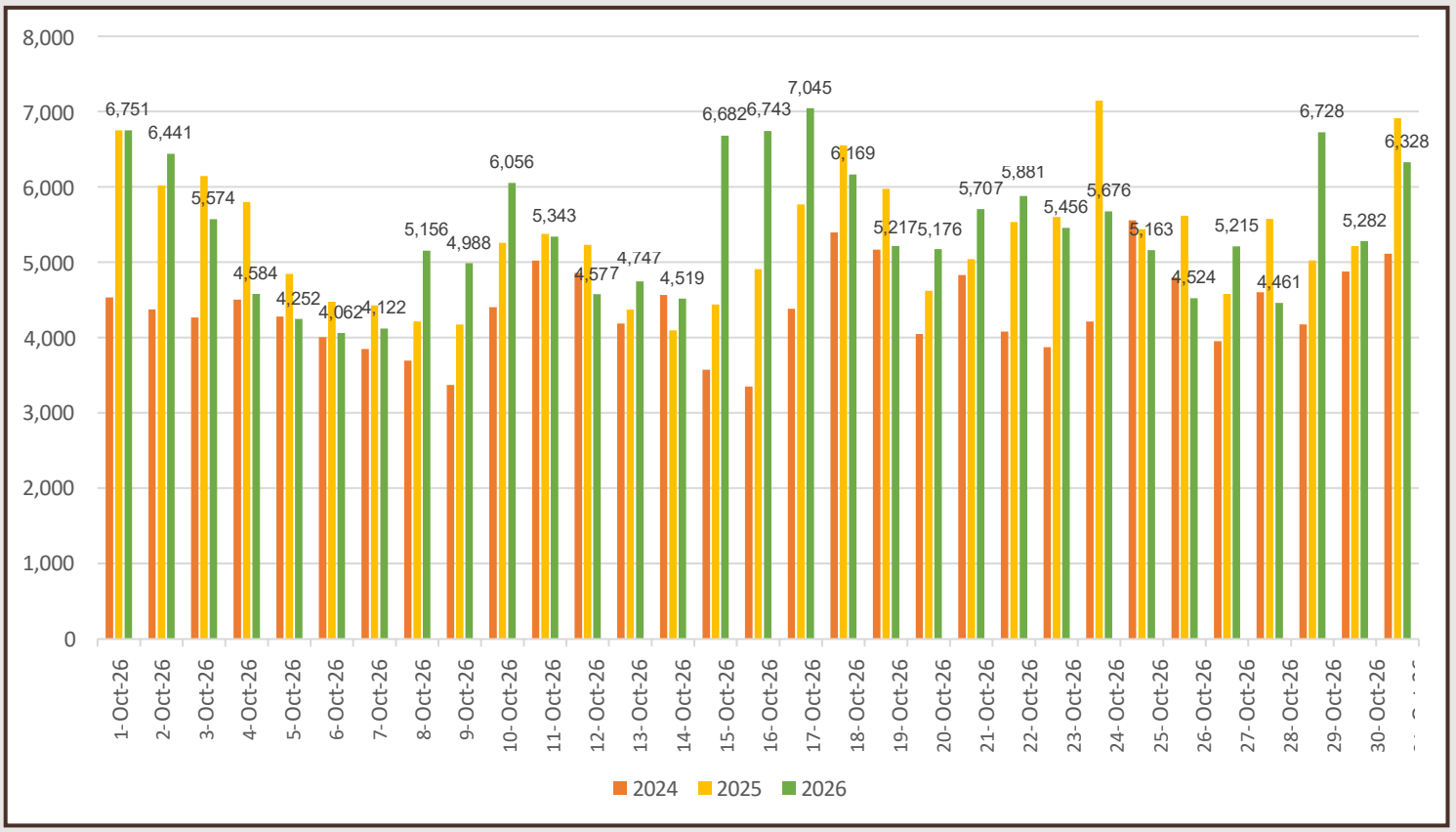
1 6,751	2 6,441	3 5,574	4 4,584	5 4,252	6 4,062	7 4,122	Total 1st to 7th 35,786
8 5,156	9 4,988	10 6,056	11 5,343	12 4,577	13 4,747	14 4,519	Total 8th to 14th 35,386
15 6,682	16 6,743	17 7,045	18 6,169	19 5,217	20 5,176	21 5,707	Total 15th to 21st 42,739
22 5,881	23 5,456	24 5,676	25 5,163	26 4,524	27 5,215	28 4,461	Total 22nd to 28th 36,376
29 6,728	30 5,282	31 6,328					Total 29th to 31st 18,338



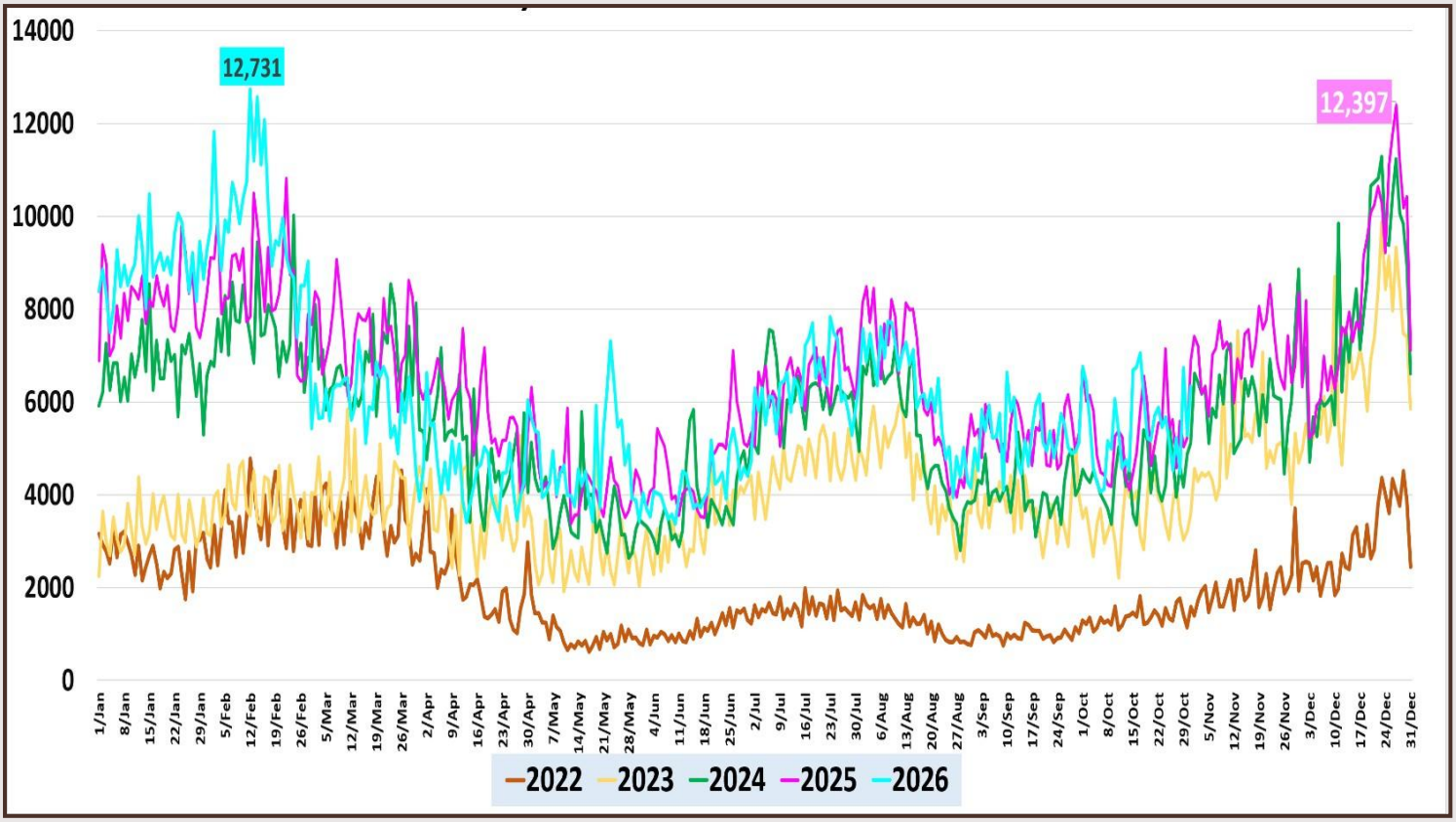
Daily distribution of tourist arrivals, 01st to 31st October 2026



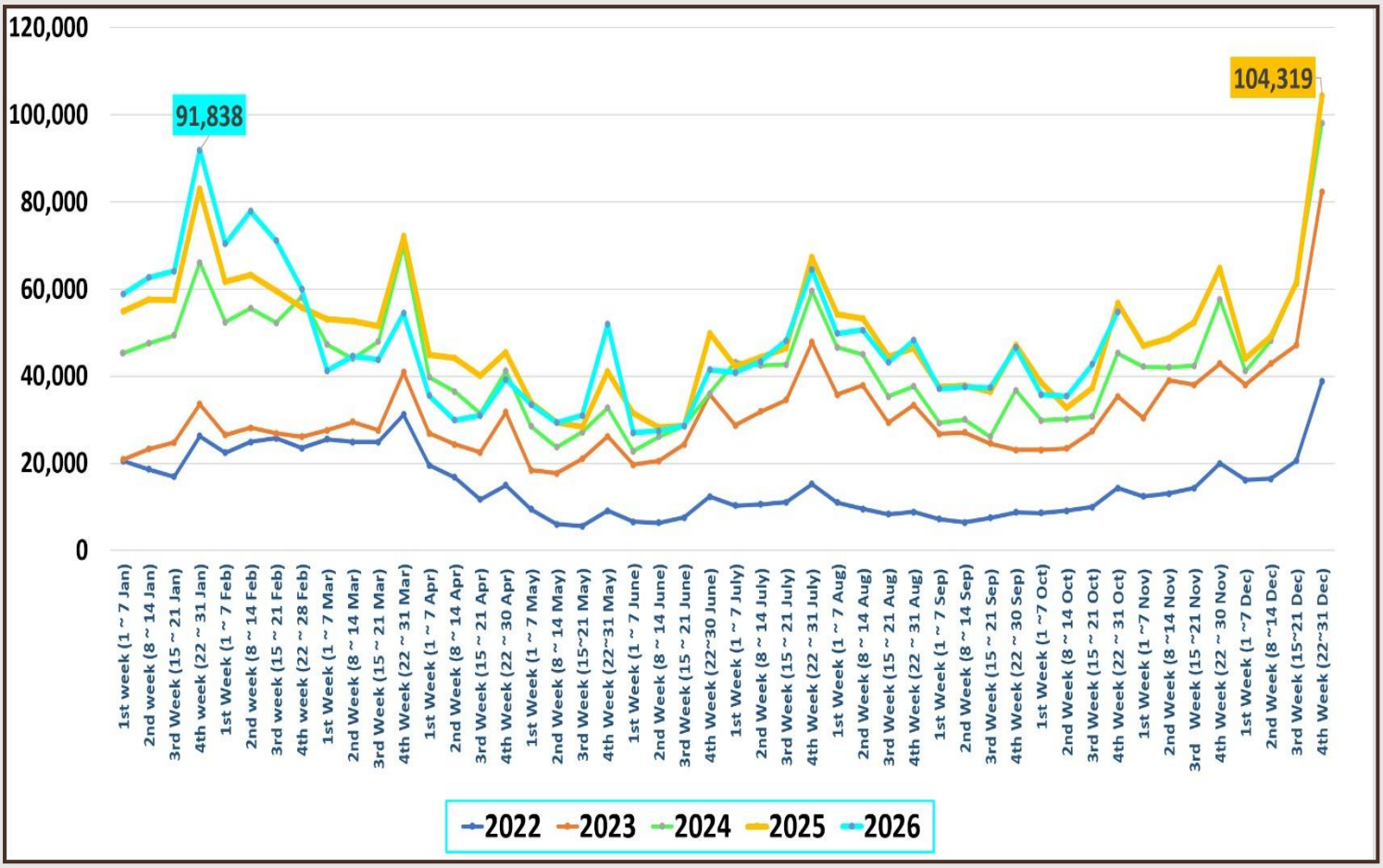
Number of tourist arrivals, 2024, 2025 & 2026 (01st to 31st October)



Daily trend of tourist arrivals, 2022 – 2026



Weekly distribution of tourist arrivals, 2022- 2026



Rank		Country	Number of tourists	Share %
1		India	62,211	37.0%
2		United Kingdom	12,402	7.0%
3		China	11,190	7.0%
4		Australia	8,509	5.0%
5		Germany	8,027	5.0%
6		Russian Federation	6,750	4.0%
7		France	5,042	3.0%
8		Bangladesh	4,528	3.0%
9		United States	3,749	2.0%
10		Maldives	3,492	2.0%
		Other	42,725	25.0%
		Total	**168,625**	

Top ten source markets

01st to 31st October 2026



Rank	Country	Number of tourists
1	India	499,625
2	United Kingdom	173,129
3	China	123,740
4	Germany	105,305
5	Australia	95,498
6	Russian Federation	89,741
7	France	83,902
8	United States	49,435
9	Netherlands	43,400
10	Bangladesh	37,580
11	Canada	36,617
12	Japan	36,266
13	Maldives	34,162
14	Italy	33,212
15	Spain	30,278
16	Poland	28,121
17	Switzerland	25,897
18	Israel	21,741
19	Pakistan	21,565
20	Malaysia	19,882
	Others	273,208
	TOTAL	**1,862,304**



Top twenty source markets

01st January – 31st October 2026



