

# Tourist arrivals drop sharply in September

The total number of international tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during September 2019 was 108,575 showing a big drop in arrivals from 149,087 in September 2018.

The arrival figure of 108,575 is also the lowest for 2019 except for months of May and June where the tremors of the Easter Sunday blasts impacted badly. Last month, the largest

source markets for tourists were India, followed by China and the United Kingdom. Almost 98 % of tourists travelled by air to Sri Lanka. As of September 30, 2019, 1,376,312 tourists had visited Sri Lanka and the annual projection for the year 2019 is 2.1 million international tourists arrival to the country according to Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA)

