

Tourist Inflows to India during March, 2017

Ministry of Tourism compiles monthly estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e-Tourist Visa on the basis of Nationality-wise, Port-wise data received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI).

The following are the important highlights regarding FTAs & FTAs on e-Tourist Visa from tourism during the month of March, 2017.

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs):

- The number of FTAs in March, 2017 were 9.05 lakh as compared to FTAs of 8.17 lakh in March, 2016 and 7.29 lakh in March, 2015.
- The growth rate in FTAs in March, 2017 over March, 2016 is 10.7% compared to 12.1% in March, 2016 over March, 2015.
- FTAs during the period January- March 2017 were 28.45 lakh with a growth of 13.4%, as compared to the FTAs of 25.08 lakh with a growth of 10.0% in January-March 2015 over January- March 2014.
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during March 2017 among the top 15 source countries was highest from Bangladesh (21.31%) followed by USA (10.39%), UK (10.30%), Russian Fed. (4.26%), Malaysia (3.41%), Canada (3.28%), Germany (3.03%), Sri Lanka (2.91%), China (2.83%), France (2.79%), Australia (2.54%), Japan(2.34%), Afghanistan (1.82%), Singapore (1.66%) and Iran (1.54%).
- The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during March 2017 among the top 15 ports was highest at Delhi Airport (31.25%) followed by Mumbai Airport (13.73%), Haridaspur Land checkpoint (12.23%), Chennai Airport (6.60%), Goa Airport (5.25%), Bengaluru Airport (4.85%), Kolkata Airport (4.42%), Cochin Airport (2.42%), Gede Rail Land checkpoint (2.33%), Hyderabad Airport (2.24%), Ghojadanga land checkpoint (1.68%), Amritsar Airport (1.56%), Tiruchirapalli Airport (1.33%), Ahmedabad Airport (1.32%) and Trivandrum (1.28%).

FTAs on e-Tourist Visa

- During the month of March, 2017 total of 1.46 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 1.16 lakh during the month of March 2016 registering a growth of 25.8%.
- During January- March 2017, a total of 4.67 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 3.21 lakh during January-March 2016, registering a growth of 45.6%.
- The percentage shares of top 15 source countries availing e-Tourist Visa facilities during March, 2017 were as follows:
UK (21.5%), USA (11.8%), Russian Fed (10.3%), France (6.4%), China (6.2%), Germany (4.8%), Canada (3.7%), Australia (3.7%), Korea (Rep.of) (2.2%), South Africa (1.9%), Malaysia (1.7%), Singapore (1.7%), Spain (1.6%), Netherlands (1.5%) and Japan (1.3%).
- The percentage shares of top 15 ports in tourist arrivals on e-Tourist Visa during March, 2017 were as follows:
New Delhi Airport (46.5%), Mumbai Airport (17.1%), Dabolim (Goa) Airport (13.8%), Chennai Airport (5.5%), Bengaluru Airport (4.8%), Kochi Airport (2.9%), Kolkata Airport (2.3%), Amritsar Airport (1.8%), Hyderabad Airport (1.7%), Trivandrum Airport (1.2%), Ahmedabad Airport (1.0%), Tiruchy Airport (0.6%), Jaipur Airport (0.6%), Gaya Airport (0.1%) and Lucknow Airport (0.1%) .
