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Message

In today's fast-changing world, having access to clear, reliable, and timely data is more important than ever. For a dynamic and people-centric sector like tourism, quality data enables us to understand how the industry is evolving, identify emerging opportunities, and take informed steps to make travel more sustainable, inclusive, and enriching for both visitors and local communities.

I am pleased to share the India Tourism Data Compendium 2025, an annual publication that brings together a wide range of important tourism statistics. It presents a holistic view of the tourism sector's performance, covering key trends in domestic and international travel, visitor profiles, and other critical indicators that support effective planning and policy making.

I would like to thank the team at the Ministry, especially the Research and Analytics Division, for their hard work in compiling this data from multiple trusted sources. Their commitment and attention to detail ensure that this report remains a dependable and useful reference for all stakeholders.

I hope this edition will not only inform policy and operational decisions but also spark new ideas and partnerships as we work towards a stronger, more resilient, and future-ready tourism sector for India.

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Message

It gives me great pleasure to share the India Tourism Data Compendium 2025, a key initiative that underscores the Ministry of Tourism's continued commitment to strengthening data driven governance in the tourism sector. As tourism continues to evolve in response to changing global and domestic dynamics, access to accurate and timely data is critical for effective planning, informed policy-making, and sustainable growth.

This publication brings together a comprehensive array of data reflecting the performance, trends, and patterns of India's tourism landscape. It serves as a valuable resource for decision-makers, entrepreneurs, researchers, and all stakeholders working to harness the full potential of tourism as a catalyst for economic development, employment, and cultural exchange.

I take this opportunity to commend the officers and staff of the Ministry, especially of the Research & Analytics Division, for their professionalism and meticulous efforts in compiling this edition. I would also acknowledge with gratitude the valuable support extended by agencies such as the Bureau of Immigration, Archaeological Survey of India, and other data partners, whose contributions have enhanced both the depth and reliability of this compendium.

I am confident that this publication will continue to serve as a trusted reference for all those committed to a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive tourism ecosystem in India.



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Recognizing tourism as a growth engine in the Nation's progress towards a Viksit Bharat, the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision is for tourism to contribute to 10% of national GDP.

Accurate and timely data play a crucial role in guiding informed decision-making. Intelligence helps us assess trends, course-correct activities and undertake necessary initiatives, enabling us to achieve this sectoral goal in a time-bound manner.

In this regard, it gives me great pleasure to release the 66th edition of the India Tourism Data Compendium, compiled by the Ministry of Tourism – a valuable resource that would enable all stakeholders to play their part in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

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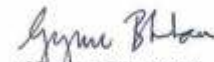
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The Travel and Tourism sector is fundamentally shaped by consumer preferences, and the latest trends increasingly reflect a landscape driven by personalization, sustainability, authentic experiences, and technological innovation. Accordingly, data—the cornerstone of evidence-based and intelligent decision-making—is essential for designing effective policy interventions in the sector. To serve this purpose, data must not only capture how choices are made, but also offer insights into the broader dynamics of the tourism services sector—including its contributions to employment generation, economic growth, and a deeper understanding of global and regional trends.

The Research & Analytics Division of the Ministry of Tourism has compiled India Tourism Data Compendium 2025 with these objectives in mind. It showcases India's strong post-pandemic recovery, reflected in significant rises in both Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) and Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's). This trend signals a positive and upward trajectory for the tourism sector in the years ahead.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to the team at the Research & Analytics Division, led by Shri. Venkatramana R. Hegde, Additional Director General, for their dedicated and collaborative effort. Their work has made this edition a truly engaging, informative, and valuable resource for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders across the tourism ecosystem.

I am confident that this publication will be perceived as a meaningful contribution to our shared commitment to democratizing data—through its accessible and insightful presentation—for the benefit of stakeholders, scholars, and students alike. I request all readers to explore the India Tourism Data Compendium 2025 and share their valuable feedback.


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Executive Summary

- 1. The India Tourism Data Compendium 2025 is the 66th annual edition published by the Ministry of Tourism.
- 2. It has been compiled using data sourced from a diverse group of stakeholders, such as the Bureau of Immigration, UN Tourism, Archaeological Survey of India, State and Union Territory Administrations, and the Reserve Bank of India.
- 3. The publication provides an overview of India's tourism statistics with detailed insights into the following key indicators:
 - a. World Tourism Scenario and Global Indices on Tourism
 - b. Inbound Tourism
 - c. Outbound Tourism
 - d. Domestic Tourism
 - e. Human Resource Development-Travel and Tourism Institutions
 - f. Additional Indicators
- 4. It includes detailed statistics on tourist volumes, gender and age distribution, nationality profiles, travel trends, visa categories, average duration of stay (where exit data is available), modes of entry (air, land, and water), major entry ports, air traffic data, regional distribution of tourist arrivals, tourism's regional contributions, year-on-year growth, and recovery patterns—providing valuable insights into the evolving dynamics of India's tourism landscape.
- 5. The salient features of the report are as summarized below:

World Tourism Scenario and Global Indices on Tourism

- According to UN Tourism, International tourist arrivals worldwide reached 1,465 million in 2024, reflecting a 12.17% increase over the previous year. This figure is nearly on par with the pre-pandemic level of

1,466 million recorded in 2019. The recovery reflects a strong global rebound in tourism, contributing to economic growth, job creation, and cultural exchange. The global outlook highlights tourism's critical role in economic diversification, especially in emerging economies. In line with this global trend, India's tourism sector has also witnessed significant growth, becoming a major driver of the national economy.

- India has positioned itself prominently within the global tourism landscape, accounting for 1.40% of total international arrivals and contributing 2.02% to worldwide tourism receipts.
- The top 10 ITA source countries worldwide are France, Spain, United States, Turkey, Italy, Mexico, China United Kingdom, Germany, and Japan.
- In 2024, India's Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from tourism amounted to US\$ 35.016 billion, registering a growth of 8.78% over US\$ 32.189 billion in 2023. This accounted for approximately 2.02% of global tourism receipts, reaffirming the sector's significant contribution to the national economy and India's growing presence in the international tourism market.
- Global Tourism rankings published by the World Economic Forum in their biennial Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024, India has been placed at the 39th rank, reflecting the sector's post-pandemic recovery and performance. Notably, India is one of only three countries to score in the top 10 across all resource pillars—6th in Natural Resources, 9th in Cultural Resources, and 9th in Non-Leisure Resources. The country also excels in price competitiveness (18th) and infrastructure, with strong rankings in Air Transport (26th) and Ground and Port Infrastructure (25th), bolstered by significant government investments, including 517 new air routes, 157 airports, and a road network expansion of approximately 145,000 kilometres.



Inbound Tourism

- International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) in India reached 20.57 million, reflecting an increase of 8.89% over the previous year and 14.82% compared to 2019.
- Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) have shown a consistent upward trajectory from 1.28 million in 1981 to 10.93 million in 2019, with key milestones being crossed in 2011 (6.31 million) and 2017 (10.04 million). The year 2020 marked a significant downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with FTAs declining by 74.93% to 2.74 million. A gradual recovery was observed in subsequent years, with FTAs rebounding sharply to 6.44 million in 2022 (a 323.68% increase) and reaching 9.95 million in 2024, reflecting a 4.52% rise from 2023.
- Arrivals of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in India reached 10.62 million in 2024, reflecting a 13.22% increase over 2023 and a substantial 52.15% rise compared to the pre-pandemic level of 2019. This strong rebound highlights the growing confidence of the Indian diaspora in travelling to India post-pandemic.
- The region-wise analysis for 2023 shows that the majority of foreign travelers to India came from South Asia, making up 29.02% of total FTAs, followed by visitors from North America (21.82%) and Western Europe (20.40%). Significant numbers also arrived from Southeast Asia (8.03%), Australasia (5.62%), Eastern Europe (3.70%), Middle East (3.69%), Africa (3.47%), East Asia (3.28%), and Central & South America (0.86%), showcasing India's popularity among tourists from diverse regions worldwide.
- The region-wise analysis for 2024 shows that the majority of foreign travelers to India came from Asia and the Pacific, accounting for 43.00% of total FTAs, followed by Europe (26.70%) and North America (23.10%). Notable shares were also recorded from Southeast Asia (8.71%), Oceania (6.10%), Sub-Saharan Africa (3.11%), Central/Eastern Europe (3.86%), the Middle East (2.97%), and North-East Asia (3.98%). This diverse distribution highlights India's continued appeal among international tourists across regions.
- In 2024, the top 10 source markets for FTAs in India were the United States, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Germany, France and Singapore. In 2024, the top 10 nations accounted for 68.64 % of total FTAs in India.
- Season-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in 2024 showed a clear peak during December, recording 1.06 million arrivals, the highest for the year, with an 10.66% share of total FTAs. This indicates strong winter holiday travel demand, aligning with India's popular travel season due to favorable weather and year-end festivities. Other high-traffic months included February (10,32,301 arrivals, 10.37% share), January (9,81,609 arrivals, 9.86% share) and November (9,73,941 arrivals, 9.79% share), reflecting sustained inbound tourism activity during India's peak travel season from late autumn to early spring.
- Age-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in 2024 indicate broad appeal across age groups, with the highest shares from the 35-44 (20.67%) and 45-54 (20.24%) segments. Significant contributions from the 55-64 and 65+ age groups suggest a growing interest among senior travelers, likely drawn by India's wellness, heritage, and spiritual tourism offerings. While the 0-14 age group saw a slight decline compared to 2022 and 2023, but remains significant, highlighting strong family tourism.
- The gender-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in 2024 shows that 57.7% males and 42.3% females, reflecting a balanced gender distribution among foreign visitors.
- In 2024, of the total Foreign Tourist Arrivals to India, 43.14% were female and 56.85% were male. The continued rise in the proportion of female travelers reflects increasing gender diversity in inbound tourism and growing appeal of India as a safe and inclusive destination for women.



- The purpose-wise analysis of foreign arrivals in 2024 shows that Leisure, Holiday & Recreation remained the dominant category, accounting for 45.00% of visits, reaffirming India's position as a preferred global travel destination. Visits by the Indian Diaspora (OCI) formed the second-largest segment at 28.49%, reflecting enduring personal and familial ties. Business and Professional travel comprised 10.52%, indicating India's rising profile as a hub for international business and professional engagement.
- Medical tourism accounted for 6.48% of total foreign arrivals in 2024, with significant contributions from South Asia (20.27%), Africa (18.93%), and the Middle East (17.88%), reinforcing India's position as a destination for affordable, high-quality healthcare. Education-related travel remained modest at 0.59%. North-East Asia recorded the highest share of business-related travel at 50.45%, while Central/Eastern Europe had the largest proportion of leisure travelers at 66.33%. These patterns highlight India's diverse offerings, attracting visitors for a wide range of purposes.
- Mode-wise data for 2024 shows that air travel remained the dominant means of entry, accounting for 83.41% of foreign arrivals, followed by land routes (16.05%) and waterways (0.55%). Notably, Delhi and Mumbai airports alone handled 57.2% of all air arrivals, reaffirming their status as key international gateways to India.
- In 2024, the average duration of stay for foreign tourists in India was 18.12 days, indicating a positive trend with scope for further growth. India's rich cultural heritage, diverse cuisine, and wide range of travel experiences continue to offer strong potential to encourage longer visitor stays.
- Among major source countries, the longest average stays in 2024 were observed among visitors from Canada (30.99 days), Australia (23.99 days), and the United States (23.80 days), likely reflecting strong personal ties and extended family

visits. In contrast, shorter stays were noted from Egypt (7.79 days), Turkey (7.96 days), the United Arab Emirates (8.87 days), Malaysia (9.71 days), and Saudi Arabia (10.16 days), indicating brief leisure or business trips.

Outbound Tourism

- India's outbound travel sector has shown consistent long-term growth, rising steadily from 1.94 million departures in 1991 to 26.92 million in 2019, driven by economic development, higher disposable incomes, and improved international connectivity. However, the sector experienced an unprecedented decline in 2020, with departures dropping by 72.9% due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A strong recovery began as restrictions eased, with departures rising sharply by 152.62% in 2022 and surpassing pre-pandemic levels in 2023, reaching 27.88 million—a 29.05% year-on-year increase.
- In 2024, outbound travel from India continued its upward trajectory, recording 30.89 million departures, a growth of 10.79% over the previous year. This sustained recovery underscores the resilience of India's outbound travel market, supported by rising consumer confidence, expanding aviation networks, and growing demand for international leisure and business travel.
- In 2024, the United Arab Emirates remained the leading destination for Indian nationals, followed by Saudi Arabia, the United States, Thailand, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Qatar, Canada, Kuwait, and Oman. Together, these top 10 countries accounted for approximately 71.16% of all Indian Nationals' Departures during the year.
- Air travel continues to be the predominant mode of international travel for Indian residents, with 98.00% of Indian nationals departing by air in 2024. In comparison, 1.46% traveled via land routes, and 0.54% used waterways.



- In 2024, the outbound travel of Indian nationals was primarily driven by leisure and recreational purposes (42.52%), followed closely by visits related to the Indian diaspora (34.69%). Business and professional travel accounted for 14.92% of total departures, while pilgrimage (3.99%), education (2.45%), and other purposes (1.43%) comprised the remaining share.
- In 2024, Indian nationals traveling abroad were predominantly from the working-age population, with the 25–34 age group accounting for the highest share (27.46%), followed closely by the 35–44 age group (24.57%). The younger cohort (15–24 years) made up 15.91% of travellers, while children (0–14 years) and senior citizens (65+) represented smaller shares at 8.31% and 5.17%, respectively.

Domestic Tourism

- India received 2948.19 million domestic tourist visits in 2024, marking a 17.51% increase over 2508.82 million visits in 2023. Foreign tourist visits (FTVs) stood at 20.94 million in 2024, showing a 8.84% growth over 19.24 million in 2023.
- Uttar Pradesh (646.81 million) and Tamil Nadu (306.84 million) were the top two States in terms of domestic tourist visits. Maharashtra (3.71 million) and West

Bengal (3.12 million) recorded the highest number of foreign tourist visits among all States/UTs.

- Among the Centrally Protected Ticketed Monuments, Taj Mahal leads in visitor numbers for both domestic (6.26 million) and foreign (0.645 million) tourists in FY 2024–25.
- Other popular sites for domestic visitors include the Sun Temple, Konark (3.57 million) and Qutub Minar (3.20 million).
- Foreign visitors favoured Agra Fort (0.22 million) and Qutub Minar (0.22 million) following the Taj Mahal.

Additional Indicators

- The Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), a United Nations-recommended framework for measuring the economic contribution of tourism-related goods and services, is outlined in this publication. In 2023–24, the travel and tourism sector in India generated approximately 84.63 million jobs (including both direct and indirect employment). During the same period, the sector's total contribution to India's GDP stood at 5.22%, reflecting its significant role in the national economy.

Chapter

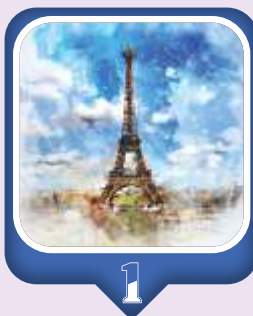
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World Tourism Scenario and India's Position in the World



International Tourist Arrivals
1465 Million

Most Visited Countries



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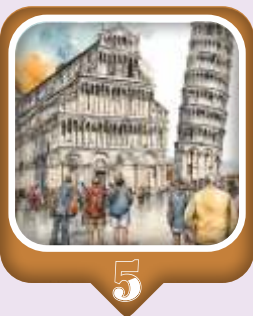
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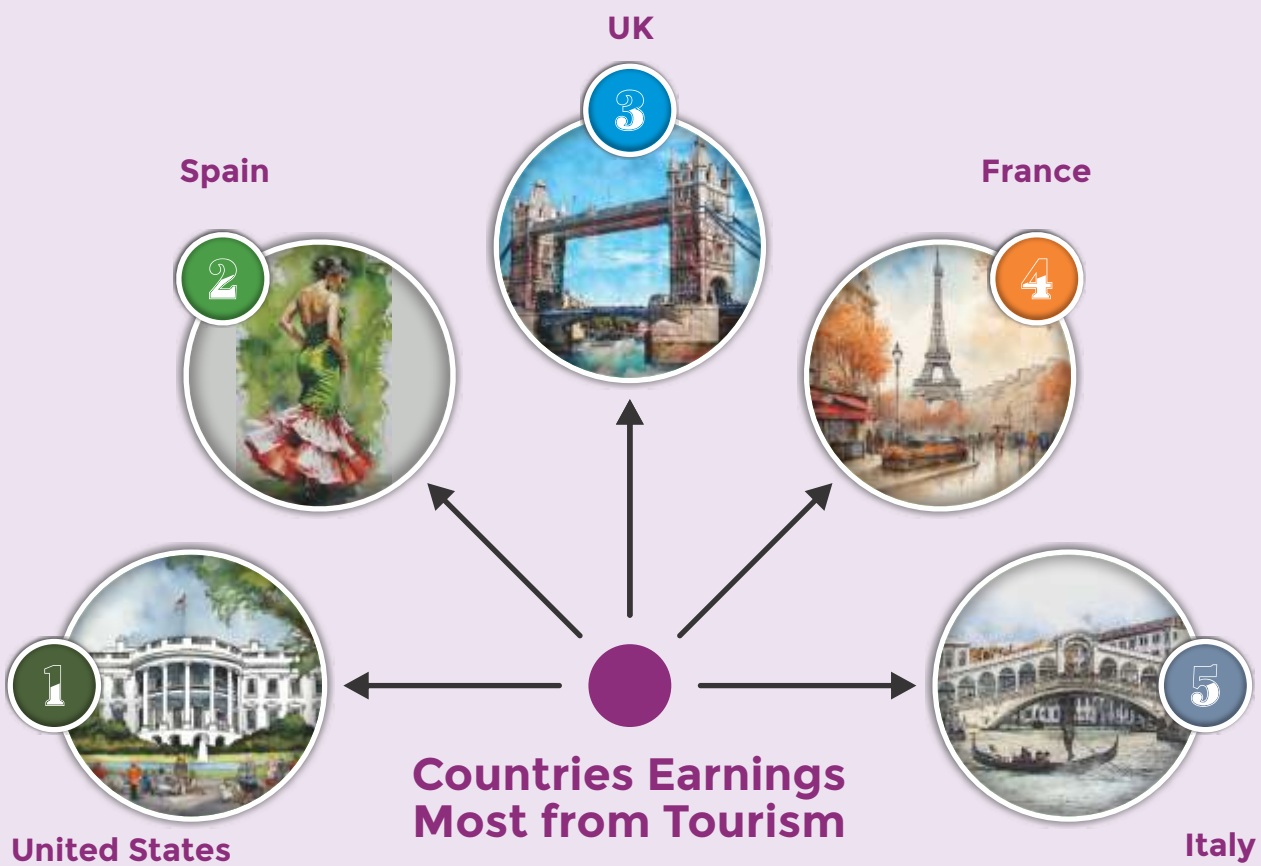
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International Tourism Receipts
1731 USD Billion





1.1 World Tourism Traffic

Table 1.1.1 presents the regional and sub-regional distribution of International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) across the world for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, along with each region's share in total global arrivals in 2024, and the percentage changes over 2023 and 2019.

In 2024, International tourist arrivals across the world stood at 1,465 million, nearly matching the 2019 level of 1,466 million, reflecting a marginal decline of 0.07% over the five-year period. Africa recorded 73.9 million arrivals in 2024, registering a strong annual growth of 13.52% and 7.4% increase compared to 2019. The continent's share in global tourist arrivals rose slightly from 4.69% in 2019 to 5.04% in 2024.

The Americas received 216.6 million tourists in 2024, growing by 8.19% over the previous year but showing a slight dip of 1.23% compared to 2019. Its share in global arrivals decreased marginally from 14.95% in 2019 to 14.78% in 2024.

Asia and the Pacific saw 317.5 million arrivals in 2024, registering a high annual growth rate of 33.74%. However, arrivals remained 12.32% lower than 2019 levels. The region's share in global arrivals improved from 18.17% in 2023 to 21.67% in 2024, although it remained below the 2019 share of 24.69%.

Europe continued to lead, with 755.7 million tourist arrivals in 2024, marking a 6.41% growth over the previous year and a 1.59% increase over 2019. Its share in global tourism stood at 51.58%, slightly higher than 2019's 50.74%.

The Middle East recorded 101.2 million arrivals in 2024, reflecting an annual growth of 8.35% and a substantial 41.34% increase compared to 2019. The region's share in global arrivals rose from 4.88% in 2019 to 6.91% in 2024.

India recorded 20.6 million international arrivals in 2024, registering an annual increase of 8.89% and a growth of 14.85% over 2019. India's share in global tourist arrivals rose modestly from 1.22% in 2019 to 1.41% in 2024.



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India's **1.40% share** of **global arrivals** brings in **2.02%** of **global earnings**—showing its **strong impact** in world tourism.



Table 1.1.1: International Tourist Arrivals by (sub)Region

(Arrivals in million)

Region/Sub region	2019	2023	2024*	Share (%) 2024*	Change (%) 24/23	Change (%) 24/19
World	1466	1306	1465	100.00	12.17	-0.07
Europe	743.90	710.20	755.70	51.58	6.41	1.59
Northern Europe	82.10	79.00	85.20	5.82	7.85	3.78
Western Europe	202.10	200.30	211.00	14.40	5.34	4.40
Central/Eastern Europe	152.80	118.40	134.80	9.20	13.85	-11.78
Southern/ Meditt. Europe	306.90	312.50	324.70	22.16	3.90	5.80
Asia and the Pacific	362.10	237.40	317.50	21.67	33.74	-12.32
North-East Asia	146.00	87.90	122.00	8.33	38.79	-16.44
South-East Asia	139.40	90.60	118.40	8.08	30.68	-15.06
Oceania	17.50	13.90	17.50	1.19	25.90	0.00
South Asia	59.20	45.00	59.60	4.07	32.44	0.68
Americas	219.30	200.20	216.60	14.78	8.19	-1.23
North America	151.30	134.30	144.60	9.87	7.67	-4.43
Caribbean	26.10	24.60	27.30	1.86	10.98	4.60
Central America	12.90	13.00	14.20	0.97	9.23	10.08
South America	29.00	28.20	30.40	2.08	7.80	4.83
Africa	68.80	65.10	73.90	5.04	13.52	7.41
North Africa	26.80	25.20	28.10	1.92	11.51	4.85
Sub-Saharan Africa	42.00	39.90	45.80	3.13	14.79	9.05
Middle East	71.60	93.40	101.20	6.91	8.35	41.34
India	17.91	18.89	20.57	1.40	8.89	14.85

*: Provisional

Source: UN Tourism, World Tourism Barometer May 2025

Table 1.1.2 presents a comparative time series of International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) globally and in India from 2001 to 2024, including percentage changes, India's share in global arrivals, and its global rank. Between 2001 and 2024, International tourist arrivals globally grew from 683.4 million to 1,465 million. India's share in global arrivals grew from 0.37% in 2001 to 1.40% in 2024, with its global rank improving from 51st in 2001 to 20th in 2024. Despite the sharp decline in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, India showed a strong recovery and continued to strengthen its presence in the global tourism landscape.



Table 1.1.2: International Tourist Arrivals in World and India

Year	World		India		Percentage Share of India	Rank of India
	Arrivals (in million)	% Change	Arrivals (in million)	% Change		
2001	683.40	0.15	2.54	-4.20	0.37	51st
2002	703.20	2.90	2.38	-4.00	0.34	54th
2003	691.00	-1.73	2.73	12.50	0.39	51st
2004	762.00	10.27	3.45	29.63	0.46	44th
2005	803.40	5.43	3.92	11.43	0.49	43rd
2006	846.00	5.30	4.45	15.38	0.53	44th
2007	894.00	5.67	5.08	13.33	0.57	41st
2008	917.00	2.57	5.28	3.92	0.58	41st
2009	883.00	-3.71	5.17	-1.89	0.59	41st
2010	948.00	7.36	5.78	11.54	0.61	42nd
2011	994.00	4.85	6.31	8.62	0.63	38th
2012	1039.00	4.53	6.58	4.76	0.64	41st
2013	1087.00	4.62	6.96	6.06	0.64	41st
2014	1137.00	4.60	13.11	*	1.15	24th
2015	1195.00	5.10	13.76	4.96	1.15	24th
2016	1241.00	3.85	15.03	9.23	1.21	26th
2017	1332.00	7.33	16.81	11.84	1.26	26th
2018	1413.00	6.08	17.42	3.63	1.23	23rd
2019	1466.00	3.75	17.91	2.81	1.22	24th
2020	408.00	-72.17	6.33	-64.66	1.55	19th
2021	461.00	12.99	7.00	10.58	1.52	18th
2022	976.00	111.71	14.33	104.71	1.47	17th
2023	1306.00	33.81	18.89	31.82	1.45	20th
2024 (P)	1465.00	12.17	20.57	8.89	1.40	20th

(P): Provisional

*: Since 2014, adhering to the definition of International Tourist Arrivals, India has started the inclusion of figures of arrivals of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in its figure.

In 2024, France retained its position as the world’s top tourist destination, receiving 102 million international tourists, followed by Spain (89 million) and the United States (66.5 million). Among the top five, Türkiye and Italy ranked 4th and 5th.

India ranked 20th globally, attracting 20.57 million international tourists, marking a 14.85% increase over 2019 and an 8.89% rise from 2023. This sustained growth reflects India’s continued recovery and rising appeal in the post-pandemic global tourism landscape.



Table 1.1.3: International Tourist Arrivals by Country of Destination

(Arrivals in million)

Rank	Country	International Tourist Arrivals			Share (%)			Change (%)	
		2019	2023	2024*	2019	2023	2024*	2024/23*	2024/19*
	World	1466	1306	1465	100	100	100	12.17	-0.07
1	France	90.90	100.00	102.00	6.20	7.66	6.96	2.00	12.21
2	Spain	83.50	85.10	89.00	5.70	6.52	6.08	4.58	6.59
3	United States	79.40	66.50	66.50	5.42	5.09	4.54	0.00	-16.25
4	Turkey	51.20	56.70	59.90	3.49	4.34	4.09	5.64	16.99
5	Italy	64.50	57.20	57.00	4.40	4.38	3.89	-0.35	-11.63
6	Mexico	45.00	42.20	44.90	3.07	3.23	3.06	6.40	-0.22
7	China	65.70	-	-	4.48	-	-	-	-
8	United Kingdom	39.40	37.60	38.00	2.69	2.88	2.59	1.06	-3.55
9	Germany	39.60	34.80	36.00	2.70	2.66	2.46	3.45	-9.09
10	Japan	31.90	25.10	34.30	2.18	1.92	2.34	36.65	7.52
11	Greece	34.00	32.70	33.80	2.32	2.50	2.31	3.36	-0.59
12	Thailand	39.90	28.10	32.60	2.72	2.15	2.23	16.01	-18.30
13	Austria	31.90	29.80	30.90	2.18	2.28	2.11	3.69	-3.13
14	UAE	21.60	27.90	29.40	1.47	2.14	2.01	5.38	36.11
15	Saudi Arabia	17.50	27.40	28.60	1.19	2.10	1.95	4.38	63.43
16	Portugal	27.10	28.20	28.20	1.85	2.16	1.92	0.00	4.06
17	Malaysia	26.10	20.10	27.60	1.78	1.54	1.88	37.31	5.75
18	Hong Kong (China)	23.80	34.00	26.70	1.62	2.60	1.82	-21.47	12.18
19	Netherlands	20.10	22.30	23.40	1.37	1.71	1.60	4.93	16.42
20	India	17.91	18.89	20.57	1.22	1.45	1.40	8.89	14.85

*: Provisional

1.2 International Tourism Receipts

Table 1.2.1 represents the international tourism receipts (in USD billion) across various global regions for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, along with their respective percentage shares in 2024 and the growth rates over 2023 and 2019

In 2024, international tourism receipts reached **USD 1,731 billion**, reflecting a **12.7% increase over 2023** and a **16.4% rise compared to 2019**, indicating a strong recovery in the global tourism economy.

Europe remained the top-earning region, generating **USD 725.30 billion** or **41.90%** of global receipts.



Asia and the Pacific recorded receipts of **USD 422.90 billion**, contributing **24.43** to the global share. While this marked a robust **23.91% increase over 2023**, the region’s receipts remained **4.15% below 2019 levels**, indicating a lag in full recovery. Within the region **South Asia**, including India, posted the highest growth over 2019 at **7.88%**.

The **Americas** generated **USD 392.90 billion (22.70% share)**, with consistent year-on-year growth across all sub regions.

Africa reported tourism receipts of **USD 42.60 billion**, with **North Africa** growing faster than **Sub-Saharan Africa**.

In the case of **India**, international tourism receipts rose from **USD 32.19 billion in 2023** to **USD 35.02 billion in 2024**, registering an **8.79% annual growth** and a **14.00% increase over 2019 levels**. India’s share in global tourism receipts stood at **2.02%** in 2024, reflecting its steady progress in the global tourism economy.

Table 1.2.1: International Tourism Receipts by (sub)Region

(Receipts in USD billion)

Region/Sub region	2019	2023	2024*	Share in 2024* (%)	% Change 24/23	% Change 24/19
World	1487.00	1536.00	1731.00	100.00	12.70	16.41
Europe	585.40	666.30	725.30	41.90	8.85	23.90
Northern Europe	96.30	114.50	128.70	7.44	12.40	33.64
Western Europe	180.20	190.40	203.40	11.75	6.83	12.87
Central/Eastern Europe	69.00	69.30	74.50	4.30	7.50	7.97
Southern/ Mediterranean Europe	240.00	292.10	318.70	18.41	9.11	32.79
Asia and the Pacific	441.20	341.30	422.90	24.43	23.91	-4.15
North-East Asia	187.20	136.20	176.40	10.19	29.52	-5.77
South-East Asia	147.00	102.60	131.70	7.61	28.36	-10.41
Oceania	61.40	57.90	65.50	3.78	13.13	6.68
South Asia	45.70	44.60	49.30	2.85	10.54	7.88
Americas	331.00	353.50	392.90	22.70	11.15	18.70
North America	253.40	265.30	297.40	17.18	12.10	17.36
Caribbean	35.50	40.30	42.50	2.46	5.46	19.72
Central America	12.60	16.50	18.60	1.07	12.73	47.62
South America	29.50	31.50	34.40	1.99	9.21	16.61
Africa	39.50	38.10	42.60	2.46	11.81	7.85
North Africa	11.60	14.00	15.20	0.88	8.57	31.03
Sub-Saharan Africa	27.90	24.00	27.40	1.58	14.17	-1.79
Middle East	90.30	136.80	147.60	8.53	7.89	63.46
India	30.72	32.19	35.02	2.02	8.79	14.00

*: Provisional

Source: UN Tourism, World Tourism Barometer May 2025



Table 1.2.2 presents the trends in international tourism receipts globally and for India from 2001 to 2024, highlighting the absolute figures, annual growth rates, India's share in global receipts, and its rank among global destinations.

Globally, international tourism receipts increased from USD 463.80 billion in 2001 to USD 1,731 billion in 2024, reflecting a compound growth trajectory despite setbacks during global economic crises and the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic-led dip in 2020 saw receipts fall by over 62%, but a robust recovery followed, with receipts rebounding to pre-pandemic levels by 2023 and further growing by 12.70% in 2024.

India's Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEE) from tourism also followed a significant upward path, growing from USD 3.20 billion in 2001 to USD 35.02 billion in 2024, despite a temporary decline during the pandemic years. India's global rank improved notably over time—from 36th in 2001 to a peak of 13th in 2016–2018, before stabilizing at 15th in 2024.

**Table 1.2.2: International Tourism Receipts –
World and India (2001–2024)**

(Receipts in USD billion)

Year	World Receipts	Growth Rate (%)	India's FEE	Growth Rate (%)	India's Share (%)	India's Rank
2001	463.8	-2.77	3.20	0.95	0.69	36th
2002	481.9	3.90	3.10	-2.97	0.67	37th
2003	529.3	9.84	4.46	43.83	0.87	37th
2004	633.2	19.63	6.17	38.25	0.97	26th
2005	679.6	7.33	7.49	21.44	1.10	22nd
2006	744.0	9.48	8.63	15.23	1.16	22nd
2007	857.0	15.19	10.73	24.26	1.25	22nd
2008	939.0	9.57	11.83	10.28	1.26	22nd
2009	853.0	-9.16	11.14	-5.88	1.31	20th
2010	931.0	9.14	14.49	30.12	1.56	17th
2011	1,042.0	11.92	17.71	22.20	1.70	18th
2012	1,117.0	7.20	17.97	1.50	1.61	16th
2013	1,198.0	7.25	18.40	2.36	1.54	16th
2014	1,252.0	4.51	19.70	7.08	1.57	15th
2015	1,217.0	-2.80	21.01	6.67	1.73	14th
2016	1,247.0	2.47	22.43	6.74	1.80	13th
2017	1,349.0	8.18	27.37	22.01	2.03	13th
2018	1,439.0	6.67	28.57	4.40	1.99	13th
2019	1,487.0	3.34	30.72	7.54	2.07	14th
2020	558.0	-62.47	13.04	-57.57	2.34	13th
2021	655.0	17.38	8.65	-33.64	1.32	23rd
2022	1,142.0	74.35	21.36	146.91	1.87	16th
2023	1,536.0	34.50	32.19	50.70	2.10	14th
2024 (P)	1,731.0	12.70	35.02	8.78	2.02	15th

(P): Provisional Estimates



Table 1.2.3 presents the international tourism receipts for the top 15 countries in 2024, along with their corresponding figures for 2019 and 2023, percentage share in global receipts, and the growth rates over both 2023 and 2019.

The United States continued to lead globally, earning USD 215 billion, which accounted for 12.42% of the world’s total tourism receipts in 2024, reflecting an increase of 13.70% over 2023 and 8.04% over 2019. Spain ranked second with USD 106.5 billion, posting a strong growth of 33.63% over 2019. The United Kingdom secured the third position, followed by France and Italy, all registering steady gains over the previous years.

Among the fastest-growing destinations in 2024, Saudi Arabia recorded a remarkable 150% increase in tourism receipts compared to 2019. Similarly, UAE, Turkey, and Canada posted high growth of 85.67%, 64.14%, and 65.77%, respectively, compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Table 1.2.3: Top 15 Countries by International Tourism Receipts in 2024 (USD Billion)

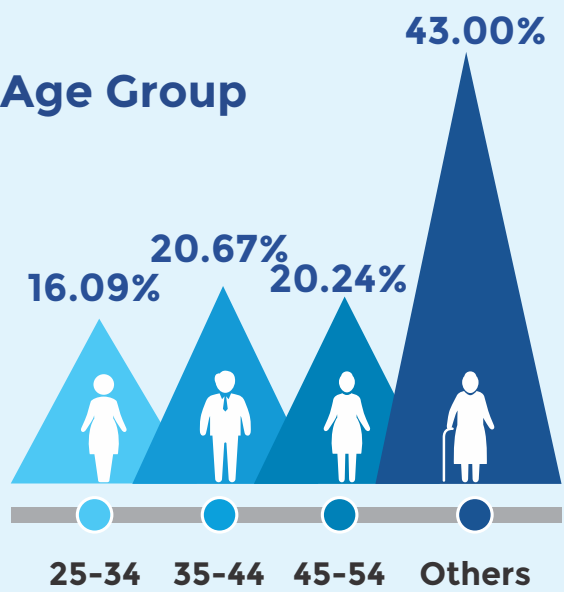
Rank	Country	International Tourism Receipts (in USD billion)			Share (%)			Change (%)	
		2019	2023	2024*	2019	2023	2024*	2024/23*	2024/19*
	World	1487	1536	1731	100.00	100.00	100.00	12.70	16.41
1	United States	199.0	189.1	215.0	13.38	12.31	12.42	13.70	8.04
2	Spain	79.7	92.0	106.5	5.36	5.99	6.15	15.76	33.63
3	United Kingdom	58.4	73.4	84.5	3.93	4.78	4.88	15.12	44.69
4	France	63.5	71.2	77.1	4.27	4.64	4.45	8.29	21.42
5	Italy	49.5	55.9	58.7	3.33	3.64	3.39	5.01	18.59
6	UAE	30.7	51.9	57.0	2.06	3.38	3.29	9.83	85.67
7	Turkey	34.3	50.1	56.3	2.31	3.26	3.25	12.38	64.14
8	Japan	46.1	38.6	54.7	3.10	2.51	3.16	41.71	18.66
9	Australia	45.5	46.1	51.8	3.06	3.00	2.99	12.36	13.85
10	Canada	29.8	45.4	49.4	2.00	2.96	2.85	8.81	65.77
11	Thailand	59.8	29.7	42.7	4.02	1.93	2.47	43.77	-28.60
12	Saudi Arabia	16.4	36.0	41.0	1.10	2.34	2.37	13.89	150.00
13	Germany	41.8	37.8	40.1	2.81	2.46	2.32	6.08	-4.07
14	China	35.8	25.0	39.7	2.41	1.63	2.29	58.80	10.89
15	India	30.72	32.19	35.02	2.07	2.10	2.02	8.79	14.00

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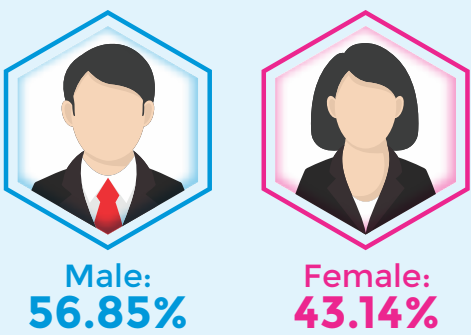
Source: UN Tourism Barometer, May 2025

**Foreign Tourist Arrivals 9.95 Million****Arrival of Non-Resident Indians 10.62 Million****International Tourist Arrivals 20.57 Million****USA
18.13%****Bangladesh
17.59%****UK
10.28%****Australia
5.21%****Canada
4.79%****Top 5 Markets****Average Duration
of Stay****18.12
(in days)****\$ 35.016 Billion****₹ 2,93,033 Crore**

Age Group



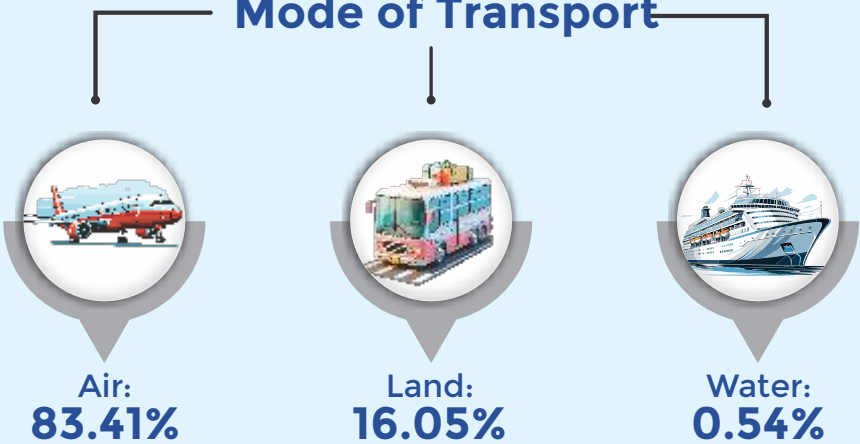
Gender-wise Distribution



Purpose of Visits



Mode of Transport





2.1 Inbound Tourism in India

Table 2.1.1 presents the year-wise data on Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs), arrivals of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), and total International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) in India from 1981 to 2024.

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) have shown a consistent upward trajectory from 1.28 million in 1981 to 10.93 million in 2019, with key milestones being crossed in 2011 (6.31 million) and 2017 (10.04 million). The year 2020 marked a significant downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with FTAs declining by 74.93% to 2.74 million. A gradual recovery was observed in subsequent years, with FTAs rebounding sharply to 6.44 million in 2022 (a 323.68% increase) and reaching 9.95 million in 2024.

Although the total Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in 2024 stood at 99,51,722, which is lower than the pre-pandemic level of 1,09,30,355 in 2019—reflecting a decline of 9,78,633—this does not indicate a uniform reduction across all source countries. In fact, FTAs from several major source markets such as the United States, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Nepal and Italy have shown an upward trend. The overall decline is primarily attributable to a significant reduction in arrivals from Bangladesh and China. Bangladesh, which emerged as India's leading source market post-2014 and peaked at 25.8 lakh arrivals in 2019, witnessed a sharp decline to 17.5 lakh in 2024—a drop of 8,27,562. Similarly, FTAs from China decreased from 3,39,442 in 2019 to 38,960 in 2024, a decline of 3,00,482. These declines are likely influenced by factors such as policy shifts, geopolitical tensions, travel restrictions, and a shift in outbound tourism preferences.

Arrivals of NRIs were separately reported starting from 2014. Since then, NRI arrivals increased from 5.43 million in 2014 to 10.62 million in 2024, registering steady growth except during 2020 when pandemic-related disruptions led to a 48.57% decline. The category saw a strong recovery in 2021, reaching pre-pandemic levels by 2022.

The combined measure—International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs), which includes both FTAs and NRI arrivals—has emerged as a comprehensive indicator of inbound tourism. ITAs increased from 13.11 million in 2014 to 20.57 million in 2024. A sharp contraction in 2020 (-64.66%) was followed by a two-year recovery period, with ITAs reaching 14.33 million in 2022 and further increasing to 20.57 million in 2024, this reflects a growth of 14.82% compared to 2019.

Table 2.1.1 : Inbound Tourism – ITAs, FTAs and NRIs

Year	FTAs in India (in Million)	Percentage (%) Change over Previous year	NRIs arrivals in India (in Million)	Percentage (%) Change over Previous year	ITAs in India (in Million)	Percentage (%) Change over Previous year
1981	1.28	2.00	-	-	-	-
1991	1.68	-1.70	-	-	-	-
2001	2.54	-4.20	-	-	-	-
2011	6.31	9.20	-	-	-	-
2012	6.58	4.28	-	-	-	-
2013	6.97	5.93	-	-	-	-
2014	7.68	10.19	5.43	-	13.11	-
2015	8.03	4.56	5.74	5.71	13.76	4.96
2016	8.80	9.59	6.22	8.36	15.03	9.23
2017	10.04	14.09	6.77	8.84	16.81	11.84
2018	10.56	5.18	6.87	1.48	17.42	3.63



Table 2.1.1 continued...

Year	FTAs in India (in Million)	Percentage (%) Change over Previous year	NRIs arrivals in India (in Million)	Percentage (%) Change over Previous year	ITAs in India (in Million)	Percentage (%) Change over Previous year
2019	10.93	3.50	6.98	1.60	17.91	2.81
2020	2.74	-74.93	3.59	-48.57	6.33	-64.66
2021	1.52	-44.53	5.48	52.65	7.00	10.58
2022	6.44	323.68	7.89	43.98	14.33	104.71
2023	9.51	47.67	9.38	18.88	18.89	31.82
2024	9.95	4.52	10.62	13.22	20.57	8.89

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



Did You Know?

With **9.95 million foreign tourist arrivals** in 2024, India saw an average of more than **27,000 foreigners arriving** each day.

Table 2.1.2 provides a detailed regional analysis of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, including absolute numbers, percentage shares, and year-on-year as well as pre-pandemic comparisons.

In 2024, FTAs to India stood at 9.95 million, showing a recovery of 4.52% over 2023 and a shortfall of 8.95% compared to 2019, the last pre-pandemic benchmark year. The data reflects varied regional dynamics, with some regions exceeding pre-COVID levels while others continue to lag.

Asia and the Pacific remained the largest source region, accounting for 43.00% of total FTAs in 2024 (4.28 million arrivals). However, this represents a 22.58% decline from 2019, mainly due to continued decline from South Asia (-28.62%) and North-East Asia (-49.38%). Notably, Oceania surpassed its 2019 level by 38.22%, reflecting strong recovery led by countries like Australia and New Zealand.

Europe, contributing 26.70% of FTAs in 2024 (2.66 million), has almost returned to pre-pandemic levels with just a 3.20% decline from 2019. Southern/ Mediterranean Europe and Northern Europe witnessed modest growth over 2019, while Central/Eastern and Western Europe registered marginal shortfalls.

The Americas showed impressive recovery and growth. With 2.37 million arrivals in 2024, the region recorded a 20.85% growth over 2019 and constituted 23.84% of total FTAs. Within this, North America—primarily the United States and Canada—showed the strongest resurgence at 22.00% growth over 2019.

Africa accounted for 3.40% of FTAs in 2024, with near-complete recovery to 2019 levels (-0.31%). Growth was primarily driven by Sub-Saharan Africa, which recorded a 7.51% increase over 2019 and an 8.71% increase over 2023, whereas North Africa continued to decline

The Middle East, contributing 2.97% to India’s FTAs in 2024, witnessed a decline of 14.15% compared to 2019, though a slight recovery of 2.62% over 2023 was observed.

The Caribbean, Central America, and South-East Asia also showed positive trends over 2023, indicating renewed travel from these regions.



Table 2.1.2: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Regions

Region/ Sub-Region	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs)			Percentage Share			Percentage Change	
	2019	2023	2024	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23
Africa	3,39,662	3,13,826	3,38,605	3.11	3.30	3.40	-0.31	7.90
North Africa	51,524	28,867	28,826	0.47	0.30	0.29	-44.05	-0.14
Sub-Saharan Africa	2,88,138	2,84,959	3,09,779	2.64	2.99	3.11	7.51	8.71
Americas	19,62,822	21,60,766	23,72,058	17.96	22.69	23.84	20.85	9.78
Caribbean	6,701	7,977	8,925	0.06	0.08	0.09	33.19	11.88
Central America	5,957	5,154	5,905	0.05	0.05	0.06	-0.87	14.57
North America	18,84,658	20,93,531	22,99,267	17.24	21.99	23.10	22.00	9.83
South America	65,506	54,104	57,961	0.60	0.57	0.58	-11.52	7.13
Asia and the Pacific	55,27,521	43,73,856	42,79,663	50.57	45.94	43.00	-22.58	-2.15
North-East Asia	7,82,225	3,11,923	3,95,930	7.16	3.28	3.98	-49.38	26.93
Oceania	4,38,937	5,34,940	6,06,711	4.02	5.62	6.10	38.22	13.42
South Asia	33,75,819	27,62,763	24,09,812	30.88	29.02	24.22	-28.62	-12.78
South-East Asia	9,30,540	7,64,230	8,67,210	8.51	8.03	8.71	-6.81	13.48
Europe	27,45,199	23,74,919	26,57,441	25.12	24.94	26.70	-3.20	11.90
Central/ Eastern Europe	4,55,302	3,47,580	3,84,553	4.17	3.65	3.86	-15.54	10.64
Northern Europe	11,52,468	10,49,325	11,68,217	10.54	11.02	11.74	1.37	11.33
Southern/ Medit. Europe	4,24,952	3,76,939	4,31,219	3.89	3.96	4.33	1.47	14.40
Western Europe	7,12,477	6,01,075	6,73,452	6.52	6.31	6.77	-5.48	12.04
Middle East	3,44,235	2,87,972	2,95,511	3.15	3.02	2.97	-14.15	2.62
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	10,916	9,589	8,444	0.10	0.10	0.08	-22.65	-11.90
Grand Total	1,09,30,355	95,20,928	99,51,722	100.00	100.00	100.00	-8.95	4.52

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Note: Please note that region-wise classifications have been revised this year in accordance with the latest UN Tourism standards. As a result, some region wise figures may not directly align with those published in earlier reports.



Figure 2.1.1 : Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Regions

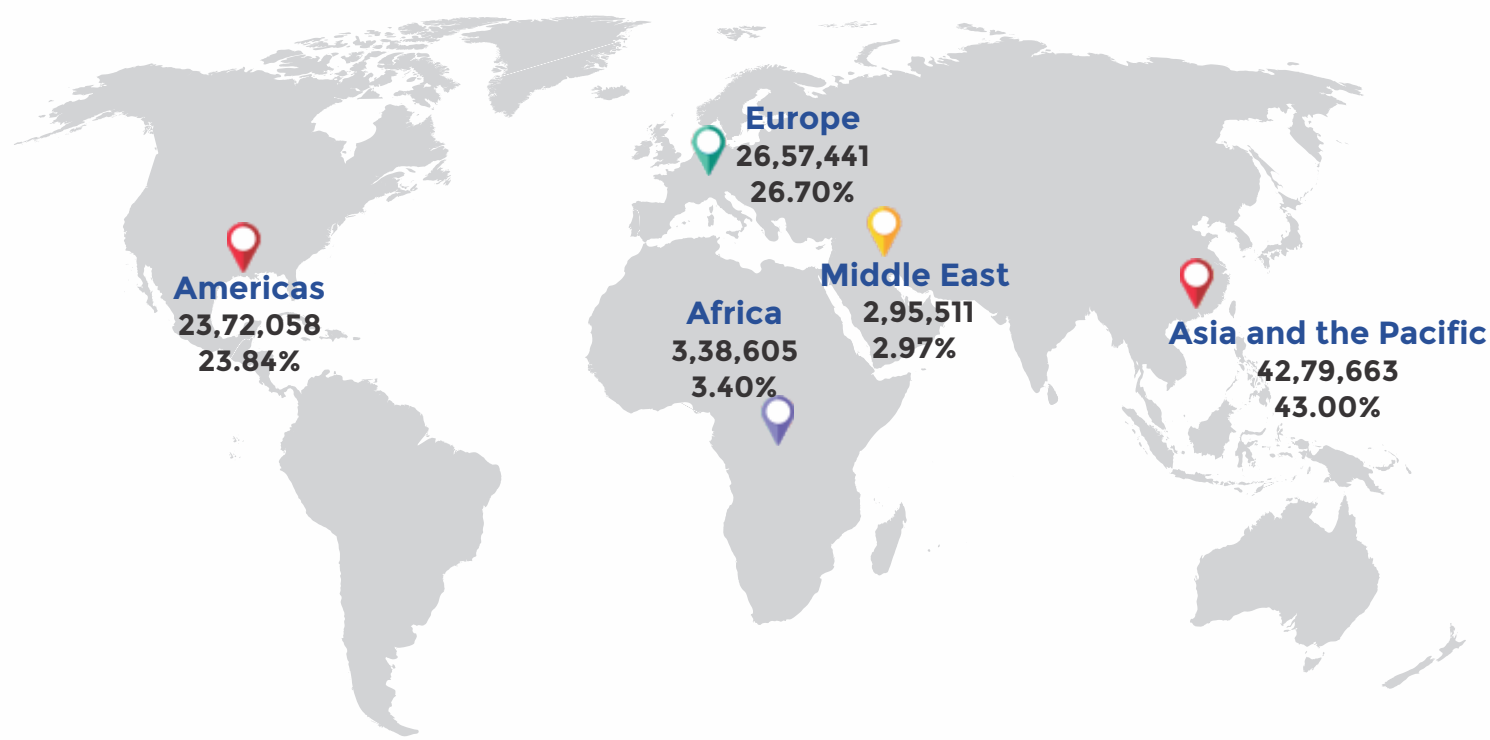


Table 2.1.3 outlines the top 15 source countries contributing to Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024. This data offers insights into market composition, shifting trends, and the pace of recovery from the pandemic across key tourism-generating countries.

In 2024, the United States emerged as the top source market for India with 1.80 million arrivals, accounting for 18.13% of total FTAs. Bangladesh, which held the top rank in 2019 and 2023, moved to the second position with 1.75 million arrivals and 17.59% share. The United Kingdom remained the third-largest source country throughout the period, registering 1.02 million arrivals in 2024 (10.28%).

Australia and Canada strengthened their positions, ranking fourth and fifth respectively in 2024, with both countries showing consistent growth over pre-pandemic levels. Australia's arrivals increased from 3.67 lakh in 2019 to over 5.18 lakh in 2024, while Canada rose from 3.52 lakh to 4.76 lakh during the same period.

Shifts were notable in the mid-tier rankings. Malaysia advanced to the sixth position in 2024, followed by Sri Lanka and Germany, both maintaining steady presence among top source markets. France and Singapore climbed the rankings as well, with each contributing over 2 lakh tourists in 2024.

Nepal, Japan, and the Russian Federation continued to feature in the top 15, though fluctuations in ranking occurred due to regional dynamics and post-pandemic travel trends.

The top 15 countries collectively contributed 77.07% of total FTAs in 2024, slightly lower than their combined share in 2023 (78.30%) but higher than in 2019 (76.31%), suggesting a continued concentration of inbound traffic from a few key markets. The remaining 22.93% of FTAs in 2024 came from other countries.



Table 2.1.3 : Top 15 Source Countries for Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India – 2019, 2023 and 2024

Rank	Country	FTAs in India in 2024	% share in 2024	Country	FTAs in India in 2023	% share in 2023	Country	FTAs in India in 2019	% share in 2019
1	United States	18,04,586	18.13	Bangladesh	21,19,826	22.26	Bangladesh	25,77,727	23.58
2	Bangladesh	17,50,165	17.59	United States	16,91,498	17.77	United States	15,12,032	13.83
3	United Kingdom	10,22,587	10.28	United Kingdom	9,20,591	9.67	United Kingdom	10,00,292	9.15
4	Australia	5,18,205	5.21	Australia	4,56,167	4.79	Australia	3,67,241	3.36
5	Canada	4,76,273	4.79	Canada	3,85,938	4.05	Canada	3,51,859	3.22
6	Malaysia	3,07,526	3.09	Sri Lanka	2,80,327	2.94	China	3,39,442	3.11
7	Sri Lanka	2,81,827	2.83	Malaysia	2,62,458	2.76	Malaysia	3,34,579	3.06
8	Germany	2,56,348	2.58	Germany	2,23,575	2.35	Sri Lanka	3,30,861	3.03
9	France	2,06,855	2.08	Nepal	1,95,445	2.05	Germany	2,64,973	2.42
10	Singapore	2,05,383	2.06	France	1,88,981	1.98	Russian Federation	2,51,319	2.30
11	Nepal	2,02,501	2.03	Singapore	1,83,772	1.93	France	2,47,238	2.26
12	Japan	1,94,875	1.96	Russian Federation	1,64,125	1.72	Japan	2,38,903	2.19
13	Russian Federation	1,60,188	1.61	Japan	1,50,521	1.58	Singapore	1,90,089	1.74
14	Italy	1,42,239	1.43	Thailand	1,16,060	1.22	Thailand	1,69,956	1.55
15	Thailand	1,40,489	1.41	Italy	1,16,031	1.22	Nepal	1,64,040	1.50
Top 15 countries		76,70,047	77.07	Top 15 Countries	74,55,315	78.30	Top 15 Countries	83,40,551	76.31
Other Countries		22,81,675	22.93	Other Countries	20,65,613	21.70	Other Countries	25,89,804	23.69
Grand Total		99,51,722	100.00	Grand Total	95,20,928	100.00	Grand Total	1,09,30,355	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.1.4 presents the top 15 countries that recorded the highest growth in Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India in 2024 compared to the pre-pandemic base year of 2019. This analysis is restricted to countries with over 10,000 FTAs in 2024 and highlights the evolving dynamics of India's inbound tourism market.

Somalia witnessed the highest growth among all countries, with FTAs increasing by 144.25% in 2024 over 2019, despite a contraction of 25.81% over the previous year. Similarly, Cambodia and Kazakhstan posted significant increases of 80.61% and 71.91% respectively over 2019, indicating strengthening bilateral ties and growing awareness of India as a travel destination in these markets.



Vietnam, Bhutan, and Uganda also showed robust growth, with increases ranging from 45% to 61% over 2019 levels. These countries reflect strong regional momentum, particularly from Southeast Asia and South Asia, supported by enhanced connectivity, cultural linkages, and regional cooperation.

Among traditional long-haul markets, Australia and Canada stood out with increases of 41.11% and 35.36% respectively over 2019, reflecting resilient travel demand and a sustained upward trajectory in outbound travel from these countries to India. Both countries now represent significant shares of the Indian inbound market—5.21% and 4.79% respectively in 2024.

Other emerging markets with notable increases include Uzbekistan, Tanzania, and Poland, all recording growth above 28% over the five-year period. Likewise, Portugal, New Zealand, Ethiopia, and Nepal registered healthy increases ranging between 23% and 24% over 2019 levels, signaling India's growing appeal across diverse geographies, from Central Asia to Africa and Oceania.

Table 2.1.4 : Top 15 Countries with Highest Growth in FTAs to India (2024 over 2019)

Rank	Country	2019	2023	2024*	% Change 2024/19	% Change 2024/23	% Share 2024
1	Somalia	5,044	16,607	12,320	144.25	-25.81	0.12
2	Cambodia	6,271	8,167	11,326	80.61	38.68	0.11
3	Kazakhstan	15,709	22,342	27,006	71.91	20.88	0.27
4	Vietnam	33,636	57,284	54,091	60.81	-5.57	0.54
5	Bhutan	28,178	35,123	41,265	46.44	17.49	0.41
6	Uganda	8,063	8,741	11,711	45.24	33.98	0.12
7	Australia	3,67,241	4,56,167	5,18,205	41.11	13.60	5.21
8	Canada	3,51,859	3,85,938	4,76,273	35.36	23.41	4.79
9	Uzbekistan	25,339	27,912	34,247	35.16	22.70	0.34
10	Tanzania	23,774	26,790	30,730	29.26	14.71	0.31
11	Poland	33,687	35,457	43,316	28.58	22.16	0.44
12	Ethiopia	26,129	28,756	32,391	23.97	12.64	0.33
13	Portugal	74,743	81,916	92,582	23.87	13.02	0.93
14	New Zealand	65,551	72,458	81,115	23.74	11.95	0.82
15	Nepal	1,64,040	1,95,445	2,02,501	23.45	3.61	2.03

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

*Includes only countries with Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) exceeding 10,000 in 2024.

Table 2.1.5 provides a detailed breakdown of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by selected countries and territories, highlighting year-wise arrivals for 2019 (pre-pandemic), 2023, and 2024, along with the percentage changes and share in 2024.



Table 2.1.5: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India
by Selected Countries and Territories

	2019	2023	2024	% Change		% Share 2024
				2024/19	2024/23	
Africa	3,39,662	3,13,826	3,38,605	-0.31	7.90	3.40
North Africa	51,524	28,867	28,826	-44.05	-0.14	0.29
Algeria	2,738	2,105	2,522	-7.89	19.81	0.03
Morocco	8,294	6,837	9,831	18.53	43.79	0.10
Sudan	34,003	14,791	10,887	-67.98	-26.39	0.11
Tunisia	6,489	5,134	5,586	-13.92	8.80	0.06
Sub-Saharan Africa	2,88,138	2,84,959	3,09,779	7.51	8.71	3.11
Angola	1,232	1,205	1,202	-2.44	-0.25	0.01
Benin	485	512	436	-10.10	-14.84	0.00
Botswana	1,400	1,179	1,275	-8.93	8.14	0.01
Burkina Faso	374	475	659	76.20	38.74	0.01
Burundi	419	465	341	-18.62	-26.67	0.00
Cameroon	3,080	3,996	4,322	40.32	8.16	0.04
Cabo Verde	63	40	39	-38.10	-2.50	0.00
Centr. African Rep.	57	28	24	-57.89	-14.29	0.00
Chad	256	695	1,438	461.72	106.91	0.01
Congo	575	401	431	-25.04	7.48	0.00
Comoros	1,481	1,280	1,517	2.43	18.52	0.02
Cote d'Ivoire	2,360	1,573	1,660	-29.66	5.53	0.02
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,261	3,070	3,952	21.19	28.73	0.04
Djibouti	1,059	922	1,008	-4.82	9.33	0.01
Equatorial Guinea	39	115	92	135.90	-20.00	0.00
Eritrea	470	355	407	-13.40	14.65	0.00
Ethiopia	26,129	28,756	32,391	23.97	12.64	0.33
Eswatini	440	622	740	68.18	18.97	0.01
Gabon	208	267	158	-24.04	-40.82	0.00
Gambia	585	636	700	19.66	10.06	0.01
Ghana	4,637	5,781	6,049	30.45	4.64	0.06
Guinea	925	923	1,256	35.78	36.08	0.01
Guinea-Bissau	103	45	24	-76.70	-46.67	0.00
Kenya	48,639	49,574	52,294	7.51	5.49	0.53



Table 2.1.5 continued...

	2019	2023	2024	% Change		% Share 2024
				2024/19	2024/23	
Lesotho	668	782	750	12.28	-4.09	0.01
Liberia	745	1,489	1,699	128.05	14.10	0.02
Madagascar	2,817	3,038	3,578	27.01	17.77	0.04
Malawi	2,526	2,429	2,441	-3.37	0.49	0.02
Mali	857	749	869	1.40	16.02	0.01
Mauritania	228	135	182	-20.18	34.81	0.00
Mauritius	46,814	40,442	48,683	3.99	20.38	0.49
Mozambique	4,398	4,772	5,741	30.54	20.31	0.06
Namibia	739	760	737	-0.27	-3.03	0.01
Niger	850	687	709	-16.59	3.20	0.01
Nigeria	14,033	11,466	10,059	-28.32	-12.27	0.10
Reunion	1	4	8	700.00	100.00	0.00
Rwanda	4,165	2,584	1,890	-54.62	-26.86	0.02
Sao Tome & Principe	21	10	38	80.95	280.00	0.00
Senegal	1,471	1,613	2,008	36.51	24.49	0.02
Seychelles	4,233	3,681	3,733	-11.81	1.41	0.04
Sierra Leone	784	751	731	-6.76	-2.66	0.01
Somalia	5,044	16,607	12,320	144.25	-25.81	0.12
South Africa	57,274	41,969	44,168	-22.88	5.24	0.44
South Sudan	1,257	2,102	2,466	96.18	17.32	0.02
Tanzania	23,774	26,790	30,730	29.26	14.71	0.31
Togo	358	389	503	40.50	29.31	0.01
Uganda	8,063	8,741	11,711	45.24	33.98	0.12
Zambia	4,864	4,492	4,762	-2.10	6.01	0.05
Zimbabwe	3,877	5,562	6,848	76.63	23.12	0.07
Americas	19,62,804	21,60,766	23,72,058	20.85	9.78	23.84
Caribbean	6,701	7,977	8,925	33.19	11.88	0.09
Anguilla	0	5	4	-	-20.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	277	403	427	54.15	5.96	0.00
Aruba	0	3	4	-	33.33	0.00
Bahamas	169	172	195	15.38	13.37	0.00
Barbados	489	667	730	49.28	9.45	0.01
Bermuda	1	0	0	-100.00	-	0.00
Brit. Virgin Islands	0	0	4	-	-	0.00



Table 2.1.5 continued...

	2019	2023	2024	% Change		% Share 2024
				2024/19	2024/23	
Cayman Islands	3	28	20	566.67	-28.57	0.00
Cuba	560	434	382	-31.79	-11.98	0.00
Dominica	615	856	843	37.07	-1.52	0.01
Dominican Rep.	514	502	501	-2.53	-0.20	0.01
Grenada	252	792	972	285.71	22.73	0.01
Guadeloupe	1	1	0	-100.00	-100.00	0.00
Haiti	146	67	63	-56.85	-5.97	0.00
Jamaica	1,046	984	1,021	-2.39	3.76	0.01
Martinique	1	0	0	-100.00	-	0.00
Neth. Antilles	7	5	6	-14.29	20.00	0.00
Puerto Rico	1	1	0	-100.00	-100.00	0.00
Saint Lucia	111	240	264	137.84	10.00	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis	400	969	1,188	197.00	22.60	0.01
St. Vincent & Gren.	49	54	59	20.41	9.26	0.00
Trinidad & Tobago	2,059	1,790	2,238	8.69	25.03	0.02
Turks & Caicos	0	4	4	-	0.00	0.00
Central America	5,957	5,154	5,905	-0.87	14.57	0.06
Belize	436	442	515	18.12	16.52	0.01
Costa Rica	2,004	1,565	1,784	-10.98	13.99	0.02
El Salvador	637	486	455	-28.57	-6.38	0.00
Guatemala	853	750	823	-3.52	9.73	0.01
Honduras	681	390	568	-16.59	45.64	0.01
Nicaragua	204	159	174	-14.71	9.43	0.00
Panama	1,142	1,362	1,586	38.88	16.45	0.02
North America	18,84,657	20,93,531	22,99,267	22.00	9.83	23.10
Canada	3,51,859	3,85,938	4,76,273	35.36	23.41	4.79
Mexico	20,766	16,095	18,408	-11.36	14.37	0.18
United States	15,12,032	16,91,498	18,04,586	19.35	6.69	18.13
South America	65,489	54,104	57,961	-11.50	7.13	0.58
Argentina	12,844	9,985	9,638	-24.96	-3.48	0.10
Bolivia	793	678	684	-13.75	0.88	0.01
Brazil	25,422	21,977	24,782	-2.52	12.76	0.25
Chile	6,446	4,742	5,442	-15.58	14.76	0.05
Colombia	8,396	6,813	7,639	-9.02	12.12	0.08
Ecuador	2,086	1,494	1,484	-28.86	-0.67	0.01



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	2019	2023	2024	% Change		% Share 2024
				2024/19	2024/23	
French Guiana	4	0	0	-100.00	-	0.00
Guyana	586	591	790	34.81	33.67	0.01
Paraguay	393	328	322	-18.07	-1.83	0.00
Peru	3,792	3,356	3,685	-2.82	9.80	0.04
Suriname	667	495	568	-14.84	14.75	0.01
Uruguay	2,477	2,434	1,524	-38.47	-37.39	0.02
Venezuela	1,583	1,211	1,403	-11.37	15.85	0.01
Asia and the Pacific	55,27,521	43,73,856	42,79,663	-22.58	-2.15	43.00
North-East Asia	7,82,225	3,11,923	3,95,930	-49.38	26.93	3.98
China	3,39,442	30,585	38,960	-88.52	27.38	0.39
Hong Kong (China)	796	602	719	-9.67	19.44	0.01
Japan	2,38,903	1,50,521	1,94,875	-18.43	29.47	1.96
Korea (DPRK)	158	63	125	-20.89	98.41	0.00
Korea (ROK)	1,49,445	97,726	1,12,924	-24.44	15.55	1.13
Macao (China)	34	16	6	-82.35	-62.50	0.00
Mongolia	2,943	3,950	3,911	32.89	-0.99	0.04
Taiwan (PR. of China)	48,195	27,229	42,598	-11.61	56.44	0.43
Tibet	2,309	1,231	1,812	-21.52	47.20	0.02
Oceania	4,38,937	5,34,940	6,06,711	38.22	13.42	6.10
American Samoa	11	4	7	-36.36	75.00	0.00
Australia	3,67,241	4,56,167	5,18,205	41.11	13.60	5.21
Cook Islands	0	0	2	-	-	0.00
Fiji	4,978	4,826	5,229	5.04	8.35	0.05
French Polynesia	0	3	4	-	33.33	0.00
Kiribati	142	175	162	14.08	-7.43	0.00
Marshall Islands	8	8	13	62.50	62.50	0.00
Micronesia FSM	11	15	47	327.27	213.33	0.00
Nauru	70	88	144	105.71	63.64	0.00
New Caledonia	3	0	3	0.00	-	0.00
New Zealand	65,551	72,458	81,115	23.74	11.95	0.82
N. Mariana Islands	1	2	0	-100.00	-100.00	0.00
Palau	11	12	8	-27.27	-33.33	0.00
Papua New Guinea	326	403	685	110.12	69.98	0.01
Samoa	145	50	149	2.76	198.00	0.00



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	2019	2023	2024	% Change		% Share 2024
				2024/19	2024/23	
Solomon Islands	14	47	50	257.14	6.38	0.00
Tonga	139	101	134	-3.60	32.67	0.00
Tuvalu	223	88	159	-28.70	80.68	0.00
Vanuatu	63	493	595	844.44	20.69	0.01
South Asia	33,75,819	27,62,763	24,09,812	-28.62	-12.78	24.22
Afghanistan	1,24,120	1,204	1,253	-98.99	4.07	0.01
Bangladesh	25,77,727	21,19,826	17,50,165	-32.10	-17.44	17.59
Bhutan	28,178	35,123	41,265	46.44	17.49	0.41
Iran	33,288	18,733	21,406	-35.69	14.27	0.22
Maldives	78,587	83,776	84,770	7.87	1.19	0.85
Nepal	1,64,040	1,95,445	2,02,501	23.45	3.61	2.03
Pakistan	39,018	28,329	26,625	-31.76	-6.02	0.27
Sri Lanka	3,30,861	2,80,327	2,81,827	-14.82	0.54	2.83
South-East Asia	9,30,540	7,64,230	8,67,210	-6.81	13.48	8.71
Brunei	578	443	863	49.31	94.81	0.01
Cambodia	6,271	8,167	11,326	80.61	38.68	0.11
Indonesia	50,177	32,677	39,227	-21.82	20.04	0.39
Laos	1,818	1,860	2,997	64.85	61.13	0.03
Malaysia	3,34,579	2,62,458	3,07,526	-8.09	17.17	3.09
Myanmar	86,842	51,235	47,588	-45.20	-7.12	0.48
Philippines	56,393	50,064	57,542	2.04	14.94	0.58
Singapore	1,90,089	1,83,772	2,05,383	8.05	11.76	2.06
Thailand	1,69,956	1,16,060	1,40,489	-17.34	21.05	1.41
Timor-Leste	201	210	178	-11.44	-15.24	0.00
Vietnam	33,636	57,284	54,091	60.81	-5.57	0.54
Europe	27,45,198	23,74,919	26,57,441	-3.20	11.90	26.70
Central/Eastern Europe	4,55,302	3,47,580	3,84,553	-15.54	10.64	3.86
Armenia	1,307	1,808	2,003	53.25	10.79	0.02
Azerbaijan	1,754	2,769	4,809	174.17	73.67	0.05
Belarus	6,978	7,366	9,126	30.78	23.89	0.09
Bulgaria	5,735	4,936	5,938	3.54	20.30	0.06
Czech Republic	13,290	11,656	13,890	4.51	19.17	0.14
Estonia	3,181	2,789	2,965	-6.79	6.31	0.03
Georgia	1,312	2,085	2,757	110.14	32.23	0.03



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	2019	2023	2024	% Change		% Share 2024
				2024/19	2024/23	
Hungary	9,788	8,156	9,040	-7.64	10.84	0.09
Kazakhstan	15,709	22,342	27,006	71.91	20.88	0.27
Kyrgyzstan	4,247	5,099	5,751	35.41	12.79	0.06
Latvia	3,552	3,164	3,649	2.73	15.33	0.04
Lithuania	5,411	5,611	6,305	16.52	12.37	0.06
Poland	33,687	35,457	43,316	28.58	22.16	0.44
Rep. Moldova	963	729	905	-6.02	24.14	0.01
Romania	14,064	13,003	15,087	7.27	16.03	0.15
Russian Federation	2,51,319	1,64,125	1,60,188	-36.26	-2.40	1.61
Slovakia	6,216	5,596	6,644	6.89	18.73	0.07
Tajikistan	4,123	5,594	6,413	55.54	14.64	0.06
Turkmenistan	17,859	5,881	9,639	-46.03	63.90	0.10
Ukraine	29,468	11,502	14,875	-49.52	29.33	0.15
Uzbekistan	25,339	27,912	34,247	35.16	22.70	0.34
Northern Europe	11,52,468	10,49,325	11,68,217	1.37	11.33	11.74
Denmark	26,492	20,200	22,456	-15.23	11.17	0.23
Finland	18,945	12,241	12,764	-32.63	4.27	0.13
Iceland	1,340	1,063	988	-26.27	-7.06	0.01
Ireland	41,183	39,166	46,494	12.90	18.71	0.47
Norway	21,898	20,057	21,682	-0.99	8.10	0.22
Sweden	42,318	36,007	41,246	-2.53	14.55	0.41
United Kingdom	10,00,292	9,20,591	10,22,587	2.23	11.08	10.28
Southern/Medit. Europe	4,24,951	3,76,939	4,31,219	1.47	14.40	4.33
Albania	624	659	729	16.83	10.62	0.01
Andorra	189	169	168	-11.11	-0.59	0.00
Bosnia & Herzg.	1,179	815	943	-20.02	15.71	0.01
Croatia	3,889	3,670	4,132	6.25	12.59	0.04
Cyprus	2,093	1,816	2,274	8.65	25.22	0.02
Greece	10,317	9,206	10,596	2.70	15.10	0.11
Israel	73,137	44,996	47,465	-35.10	5.49	0.48
Italy	1,28,572	1,16,031	1,42,239	10.63	22.59	1.43
Malta	1,774	1,874	2,134	20.29	13.87	0.02
Montenegro	421	394	524	24.47	32.99	0.01
North Macedonia	915	676	662	-27.65	-2.07	0.01



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	2019	2023	2024	% Change		% Share 2024
				2024/19	2024/23	
Portugal	74,743	81,916	92,582	23.87	13.02	0.93
San Marino	36	37	57	58.33	54.05	0.00
Serbia	4,885	4,072	4,820	-1.33	18.37	0.05
Slovenia	3,710	3,559	4,056	9.33	13.96	0.04
Spain	83,322	73,412	81,959	-1.64	11.64	0.82
Turkiye	35,113	33,590	35,829	2.04	6.67	0.36
Vatican City	32	47	50	56.25	6.38	0.00
Western Europe	7,12,477	6,01,075	6,73,452	-5.48	12.04	6.77
Austria	32,332	27,420	30,393	-6.00	10.84	0.31
Belgium	39,263	36,158	39,813	1.40	10.11	0.40
France	2,47,238	1,88,981	2,06,855	-16.33	9.46	2.08
Germany	2,64,973	2,23,575	2,56,348	-3.26	14.66	2.58
Liechtenstein	125	128	132	5.60	3.13	0.00
Luxembourg	1,336	1,699	2,167	62.20	27.55	0.02
Monaco	71	63	43	-39.44	-31.75	0.00
Netherlands	80,313	82,047	93,579	16.52	14.06	0.94
Switzerland	46,826	41,004	44,122	-5.77	7.60	0.44
Middle East	3,44,235	2,87,972	2,95,511	-14.15	2.62	2.97
Bahrain	15,128	13,932	14,041	-7.19	0.78	0.14
Egypt	21,538	15,909	17,825	-17.24	12.04	0.18
Iraq	61,907	36,012	40,247	-34.99	11.76	0.40
Jordan	7,014	6,354	5,878	-16.20	-7.49	0.06
Kuwait	12,607	10,245	10,921	-13.37	6.60	0.11
Lebanon	6,358	4,183	4,405	-30.72	5.31	0.04
Libya	1,097	767	766	-30.17	-0.13	0.01
Oman	74,564	71,980	66,703	-10.54	-7.33	0.67
Palestine	1,526	899	870	-42.99	-3.23	0.01
Qatar	6,863	3,711	3,673	-46.48	-1.02	0.04
Saudi Arabia	48,526	39,127	46,167	-4.86	17.99	0.46
Syria	5,627	3,973	4,231	-24.81	6.49	0.04
Utd Arab Emirates	55,415	59,480	66,699	20.36	12.14	0.67
Yemen	26,065	21,400	13,085	-49.80	-38.86	0.13
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	10,935	9,589	8,444	-22.78	-11.90	0.08
Grand Total	1,09,30,355	95,20,924	99,51,722	-8.95	4.52	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



Table 2.1.6 provides a comprehensive time-series view of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India from the top source markets in 2024, covering the period from 2001 to 2024. The data showcases long-term trends, the impact of global events like the COVID-19 pandemic, and the post-pandemic recovery trajectory of inbound tourism.

The 2024 data suggest a strong rebound, with several markets not only recovering but exceeding their 2019 levels.

Table 2.1.6 : Year-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India from Top Source Countries in 2024 (2001-2024)

Year	United States	Bangladesh	United Kingdom	Australia	Canada	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2001	3,29,147	4,31,312	4,05,472	52,691	88,600	57,869	1,12,813
2002	3,48,182	4,35,867	3,87,846	50,743	93,598	63,748	1,08,008
2003	4,10,803	4,54,611	4,30,917	58,730	1,07,671	70,750	1,09,098
2004	5,26,120	4,77,446	5,55,907	81,608	1,35,884	84,390	1,28,711
2005	6,11,165	4,56,371	6,51,803	96,258	1,57,643	96,276	1,36,400
2006	6,96,739	4,84,401	7,34,240	1,09,867	1,76,567	1,07,286	1,54,813
2007	7,99,062	4,80,240	7,96,191	1,35,925	2,08,214	1,12,741	2,04,084
2008	8,04,933	5,41,884	7,76,530	1,46,209	2,22,364	1,15,794	2,18,805
2009	8,27,140	4,68,899	7,69,251	1,49,074	2,24,069	1,35,343	2,39,995
2010	9,31,292	4,31,962	7,59,494	1,69,647	2,42,372	1,79,077	2,66,515
2011	9,80,688	4,63,543	7,98,249	1,92,592	2,59,017	2,08,196	3,05,853
2012	10,39,947	4,87,397	7,88,170	2,02,105	2,56,021	1,95,853	2,96,983
2013	10,85,309	5,24,923	8,09,444	2,18,967	2,55,222	2,42,649	2,62,345
2014	11,18,983	9,42,562	8,38,860	2,39,762	2,68,485	2,62,026	3,01,601
2015	12,13,624	11,33,879	8,67,601	2,63,101	2,81,306	2,72,941	2,99,513
2016	12,96,939	13,80,409	9,41,883	2,93,625	3,17,239	3,01,961	2,97,418
2017	13,76,919	21,56,557	9,86,296	3,24,243	3,35,439	3,22,126	3,03,590
2018	14,56,678	22,56,675	10,29,757	3,46,486	3,51,040	3,19,172	3,53,684
2019	15,12,032	25,77,727	10,00,292	3,67,241	3,51,859	3,34,579	3,30,861
2020	3,94,092	5,49,273	2,91,874	86,758	1,22,868	69,897	68,646
2021	4,29,860	2,40,554	1,64,143	33,864	80,437	6,628	25,989
2022	14,03,399	12,77,557	6,41,051	3,76,898	2,89,259	1,26,192	1,83,459
2023	16,91,498	21,19,826	9,20,591	4,56,167	3,85,938	2,62,458	2,80,327
2024	18,04,586	17,50,165	10,22,587	5,18,205	4,76,273	3,07,526	2,81,827



Table 2.1.6 continued...

Year	Germany	France	Singapore	Nepal	Japan	Russian Fed	Italy	Thailand
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2001	80,011	1,02,434	42,824	41,135	80,634	15,154	41,351	18,686
2002	64,891	78,194	44,306	37,136	59,709	18,643	37,136	19,789
2003	76,868	97,654	48,368	42,771	77,996	26,948	46,908	26,273
2004	1,16,679	1,31,824	60,710	51,534	96,851	47,077	65,561	33,442
2005	1,20,243	1,52,258	68,666	77,024	1,03,082	56,446	67,642	42,245
2006	1,56,808	1,75,345	82,574	91,552	1,19,292	62,203	79,978	46,623
2007	1,84,195	2,04,827	92,908	83,037	1,45,538	75,543	93,540	57,049
2008	2,04,344	2,07,802	97,851	78,133	1,45,352	91,095	85,766	58,065
2009	1,91,616	1,96,462	95,238	88,785	1,24,756	94,945	77,873	67,309
2010	2,27,720	2,25,232	1,07,487	1,04,374	1,68,019	1,22,048	94,100	76,617
2011	2,40,235	2,31,423	1,19,022	1,19,131	1,93,525	1,44,312	1,00,889	92,404
2012	2,54,783	2,40,674	1,31,452	1,25,375	2,20,015	1,77,526	98,743	1,05,141
2013	2,52,003	2,48,379	1,43,025	1,13,790	2,20,283	2,59,120	93,951	1,17,136
2014	2,39,106	2,46,101	1,50,731	1,26,416	2,19,516	2,69,832	91,589	1,21,362
2015	2,48,314	2,30,854	1,52,238	1,54,720	2,07,415	1,72,419	88,091	1,15,860
2016	2,65,928	2,38,707	1,63,688	1,61,097	2,08,847	2,27,749	95,417	1,19,663
2017	2,69,380	2,49,620	1,75,852	1,64,018	2,22,527	2,78,904	1,11,915	1,40,087
2018	2,74,087	2,61,653	1,83,581	1,74,096	2,36,236	2,62,309	1,26,931	1,66,293
2019	2,64,973	2,47,238	1,90,089	1,64,040	2,38,903	2,51,319	1,28,572	1,69,956
2020	72,558	74,243	33,747	40,822	48,191	1,02,166	31,186	52,626
2021	33,772	30,374	13,407	52,544	15,358	17,567	13,659	4,668
2022	1,41,425	1,20,282	1,32,668	1,38,203	64,196	97,911	62,226	54,367
2023	2,23,575	1,88,981	1,83,772	1,95,445	1,50,521	1,64,125	1,16,031	1,16,060
2024	2,56,348	2,06,855	2,05,383	2,02,501	1,94,875	1,60,188	1,42,239	1,40,489

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

2.2 Seasonal Trends in Inbound Tourism to India

Table 2.2.1 presents a comparative monthly analysis of FTAs to India for the years 2019 (pre-COVID baseline), 2023 (post-pandemic recovery phase), and 2024 (current performance), along with corresponding growth rates and share of arrivals by month.

December (10.66%), February (10.37%), January (9.86%), and November (9.79%) remained the peak inbound months, collectively accounting for 40.68% of total annual arrivals, underscoring the strength of India's winter tourism season.



Table 2.2.1 : Month-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India

Month	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India			Growth Rate (%)		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
January	11,11,040	8,91,084	9,81,609	-11.65	10.16	9.86
February	10,90,516	8,93,352	10,32,301	-5.34	15.55	10.37
March	9,78,236	8,24,549	8,93,021	-8.71	8.30	8.97
April	7,74,651	6,25,772	6,72,684	-13.16	7.50	6.76
May	6,15,136	6,18,086	6,22,189	1.15	0.66	6.25
June	7,26,446	6,67,720	7,22,615	-0.53	8.22	7.26
July	8,18,125	7,86,486	7,99,842	-2.23	1.70	8.04
August	8,00,837	6,64,155	6,61,322	-17.42	-0.43	6.65
September	7,51,513	6,66,946	6,91,247	-8.02	3.64	6.95
October	9,45,017	8,32,233	8,40,330	-11.08	0.97	8.44
November	10,92,440	9,48,631	9,73,941	-10.85	2.67	9.79
December	12,26,398	11,01,914	10,60,621	-13.52	-3.75	10.66
Total	1,09,30,355	95,20,928	99,51,722	-8.95	4.52	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Figure 2.2.1 : Month-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India

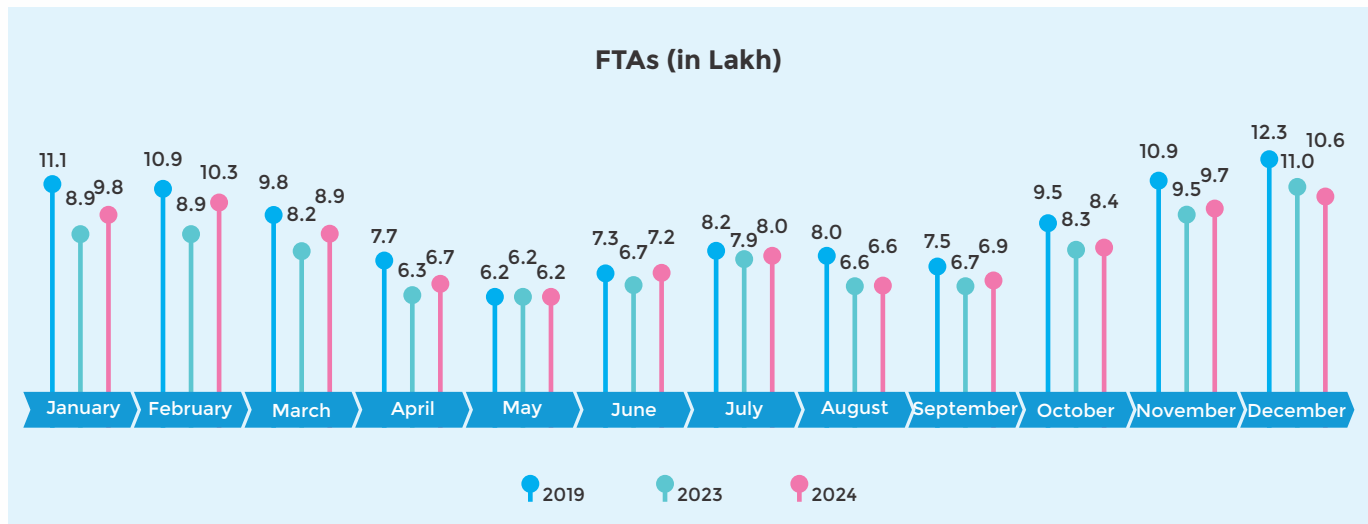


Table 2.2.2 illustrates month-wise variability in tourist arrivals from India’s top source markets during 2024, indicating distinct seasonal preferences for each country.

December was the peak month for 6 of the top 15 countries, including United States, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Russian Federation and Italy. This aligns with the winter holiday season in the source countries and India’s favorable weather conditions during this time.

Tourists from South Asian countries (notably Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka) display a distinct trend, with peak arrivals concentrated between June and October.



European markets (including the UK, Germany, France, Russia, and Italy) show seasonality with peaks during the winter months, particularly in December and February. These trends are influenced by year-end holidays and winter vacations.

Southeast and East Asian countries (Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Japan) typically see peak inflows in February and December, coinciding with the Lunar New Year and year-end breaks, which are popular outbound travel periods.

Australia and Canada, reflect a high concentration of travel during December, with relatively lower shares in the middle months of the year.

Table 2.2.2 : Peak and Lean Months of Foreign Tourist Arrivals from Top Source Countries in 2024

S. No.	Country	Lean Month (% Share)	Peak Month (% Share)
1	United States	April (5.14%)	December (14.25%)
2	Bangladesh	December (3.60%)	June (11.68%)
3	United Kingdom	May (4.20%)	December (11.89%)
4	Australia	May (4.22%)	December (21.11%)
5	Canada	May (4.35%)	December (12.80%)
6	Malaysia	May (6.26%)	February (13.47%)
7	Sri Lanka	June (5.82%)	August (10.76%)
8	Germany	June (4.66%)	November (11.51%)
9	France	May (4.46%)	February (12.54%)
10	Singapore	April (6.54%)	December (12.47%)
11	Nepal	May (5.87%)	October (12.04%)
12	Japan	May (5.94%)	November (10.91%)
13	Russian Federation	June (2.91%)	December (14.33%)
14	Italy	May (4.09%)	December (12.95%)
15	Thailand	June (3.77%)	December (13.43%)

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.2.3 presents a comparative analysis of Non-Resident Indian (NRI) arrivals over the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, highlighting monthly distribution, growth trends, and share in total NRI arrivals.

In 2024, the peak months for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) arrivals were December (11.04 lakh; 10.39%), July (10.92 lakh; 10.28%), and June (10.67 lakh; 10.05%), collectively accounting for over 30% of the total NRI footfall.

The December peak aligns with winter holidays, while the surge in June–July corresponds to summer vacations, particularly among NRIs from the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada. In contrast, the leanest months in terms of NRI arrivals were February (6.64%), September (6.57%), and January (7.45%).

These patterns reaffirm that winter (December–January) and summer (June–July) remain the dominant travel seasons for NRIs.



Table 2.2.3 : Month-wise Arrivals of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to India

Month	Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in India			Growth Rate (%)		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
January	4,40,907	7,06,928	7,90,718	79.34	11.85	7.45
February	4,02,203	5,98,739	7,04,683	75.21	17.69	6.64
March	4,84,602	6,81,104	8,18,820	68.97	20.22	7.71
April	5,07,704	7,59,736	8,64,188	70.21	13.75	8.14
May	6,18,600	7,63,870	8,54,480	38.13	11.86	8.05
June	6,68,724	10,14,676	10,66,778	59.52	5.13	10.05
July	7,75,580	9,20,054	10,91,616	40.75	18.65	10.28
August	6,73,569	7,08,022	8,04,090	19.38	13.57	7.57
September	4,89,514	5,88,741	6,97,347	42.46	18.45	6.57
October	6,24,463	7,14,295	9,20,326	47.38	28.84	8.67
November	6,06,876	8,93,825	9,00,256	48.34	0.72	8.48
December	6,90,417	10,28,292	11,03,598	59.85	7.32	10.39
Total	69,83,159	93,78,282	1,06,16,900	52.04	13.21	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Figure 2.2.2 : Month-wise Arrivals of Non-Resident Indians to India

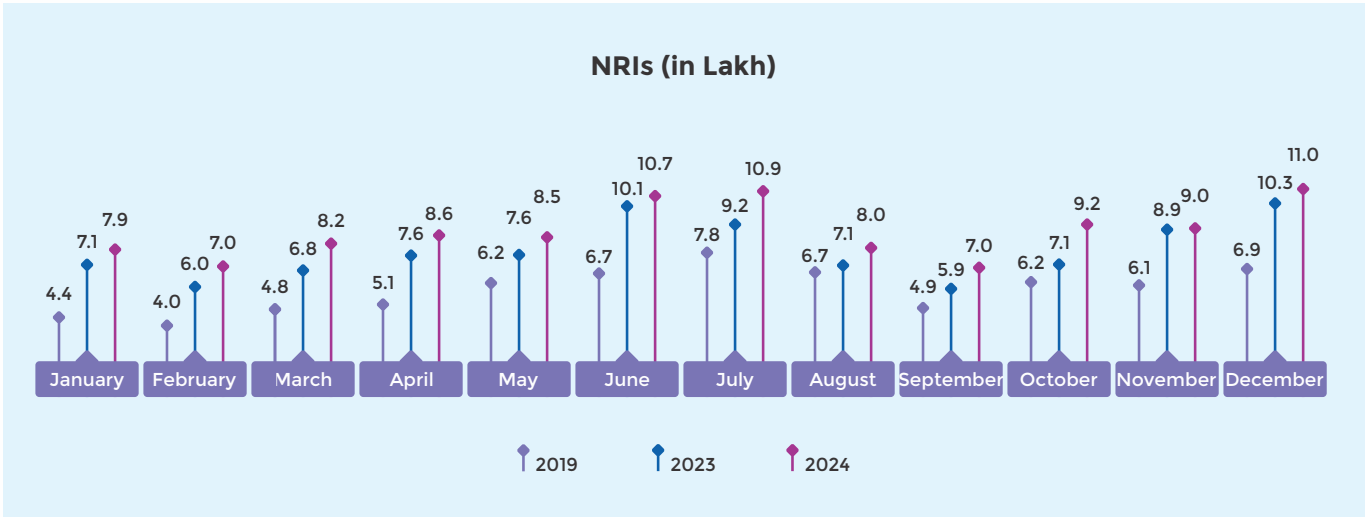




Table 2.2.4 presents the month-wise International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) to India, highlighting a strong resurgence in inbound travel. In 2024, total ITAs reached 2.06 crore, reflecting a 14.82% increase over 2019 (pre-COVID levels) and 8.83% growth over 2023, indicating not only a full recovery but also expansion in India's tourism appeal.

The peak arrival months were December (21.64 lakh; 10.52%), July (18.91 lakh; 9.20%), and November (18.74 lakh; 9.11%), together accounting for nearly 30% of total international arrivals. December continues to attract the highest share, on the other hand, September (6.75%), May (7.18%), and August (7.12%) recorded the lowest shares, possibly influenced by weather-related seasonality.

Table 2.2.4 : Month-wise International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) to India

Month	International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs)			Growth Rate (%)		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
January	15,51,947	15,98,012	17,72,327	14.20	10.91	8.62
February	14,92,719	14,92,091	17,36,984	16.36	16.41	8.44
March	14,62,838	15,05,653	17,11,841	17.02	13.69	8.32
April	12,82,355	13,85,508	15,36,872	19.85	10.92	7.47
May	12,33,736	13,81,956	14,76,669	19.69	6.85	7.18
June	13,95,170	16,82,396	17,89,393	28.26	6.36	8.70
July	15,93,705	17,06,540	18,91,458	18.68	10.84	9.20
August	14,74,406	13,72,177	14,65,412	-0.61	6.79	7.12
September	12,41,027	12,55,687	13,88,594	11.89	10.58	6.75
October	15,69,480	15,46,528	17,60,656	12.18	13.85	8.56
November	16,99,316	18,42,456	18,74,197	10.29	1.72	9.11
December	19,16,815	21,30,206	21,64,219	12.91	1.60	10.52
Total	1,79,13,514	1,88,99,210	2,05,68,622	14.82	8.83	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Figure 2.2.3 : Month-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) to India

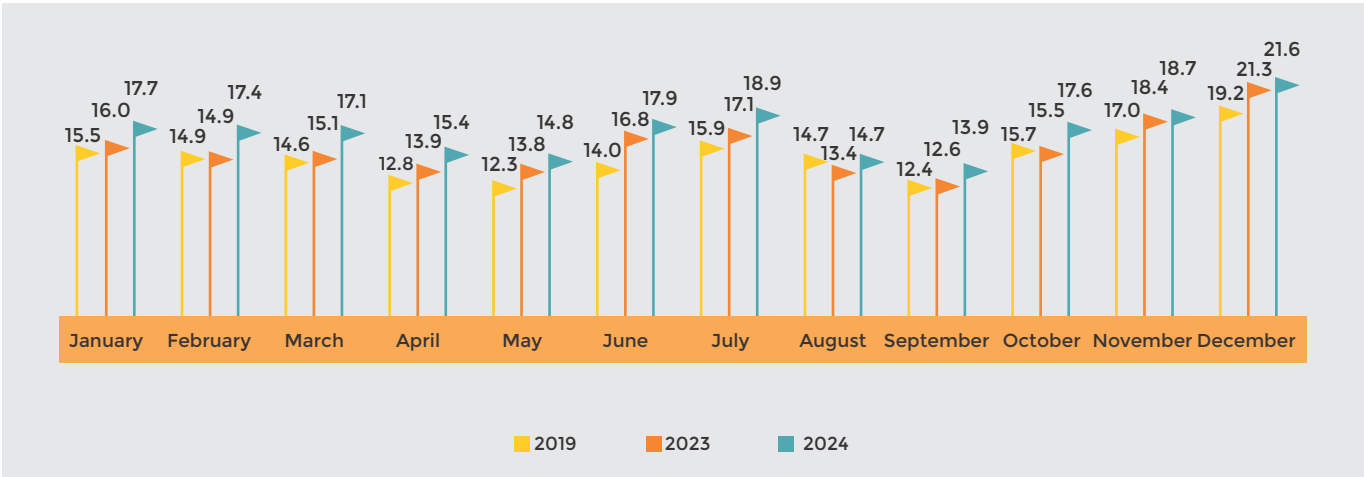




Table 2.2.5 presents the distribution (%) of FTAs across four quarters of each year from 2001 to 2024, highlighting changes in seasonal preferences and external disruptions (e.g., COVID-19 impact).

From 2001 to 2019, India's inbound tourism exhibited a stable seasonal pattern. The first quarter (Q1: January–March) consistently accounted for around 28–31% of annual Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs), followed by a lean second quarter (Q2: April–June) with 19–20%, a moderately strong third quarter (Q3: July–September) at 21–22%, and a dominant fourth quarter (Q4: October–December) contributing nearly 30%. This trend underscores India’s continued appeal during the winter season, particularly among long-haul international travellers.

The COVID-19 pandemic severely disrupted these long-standing seasonal trends. In 2020, Q1 alone contributed 91.00% of total FTAs due to the abrupt halt in global travel post-March. The year 2021 saw a resurgence in Q4, which made up over 50.60% of the year’s arrivals, coinciding with partial reopening of borders and resumption of flights. By 2022, the recovery began stabilizing, with Q3 and Q4 together contributing over 65.30% of the FTAs, reflecting restored traveller confidence and increased international mobility.

In the most recent years, the quarterly distribution of FTAs is realigning with pre-COVID patterns. In 2023, Q1 and Q4 contributed 27.40% and 30.30% respectively to the total FTAs, while in 2024 these figures stood at 29.21% and 28.90% respectively, reaffirming the strength of these traditional high seasons.

The 2024 performance reaffirms that Q1 and Q4 remain the strongest periods for international tourist arrivals, contributing more than 58.11% collectively. While Q2 shows gradual recovery, there remains untapped potential to promote tourism during the shoulder season.

Table 2.2.5 : Quarter-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India
(in percentage)

Year	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-Mar)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
2001	25,37,282	31.30	20.20	23.00	25.50
2011	63,09,222	28.30	19.60	20.90	31.20
2012	65,77,745	29.80	19.10	20.50	30.60
2013	69,67,601	29.40	18.90	20.80	30.90
2014	76,79,099	28.70	19.60	21.50	30.20
2015	80,27,133	28.40	19.50	22.10	30.00
2016	88,04,411	28.40	18.90	22.60	30.00
2017	1,00,35,803	27.70	20.00	22.10	30.20
2018	1,05,57,976	29.50	19.20	21.90	29.30
2019	1,09,30,355	29.10	19.40	21.70	29.90
2020	27,44,766	91.00	1.00	2.00	6.00
2021	15,27,114	22.20	8.80	18.40	50.60
2022	64,37,467	12.90	21.80	27.10	38.20
2023	95,20,928	27.40	20.10	22.20	30.30
2024	99,51,722	29.21	20.30	21.60	28.90

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.2.6 presents the quarter-wise distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India from Selected countries and territories in 2024, reflecting seasonal and regional travel trends.



Table 2.2.6 : Quarter-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from Selected Countries and Territories in 2024

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-March)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Africa	3,38,605	25.30	19.54	25.08	30.07
North Africa	28,826	22.66	21.03	28.30	28.01
Algeria	2,522	26.25	19.51	27.00	27.24
Morocco	9,831	23.80	22.70	25.33	28.17
Sudan	10,887	18.20	18.84	33.39	29.58
Tunisia	5,586	27.71	23.06	24.20	25.03
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	25.55	19.41	24.78	30.26
Angola	1,202	23.88	21.80	29.53	24.79
Benin	436	27.75	22.71	24.31	25.23
Botswana	1,275	30.12	15.61	25.65	28.63
Burkina Faso	659	20.03	18.21	39.61	22.15
Burundi	341	23.75	17.30	32.26	26.69
Cameroon	4,322	24.73	21.40	27.88	25.98
Cabo Verde	39	48.72	17.95	12.82	20.51
Centr. African Rep.	24	29.17	12.50	29.17	29.17
Chad	1,438	10.71	5.42	37.55	46.31
Congo	431	20.19	23.20	28.54	28.07
Comoros	1,517	19.25	19.64	36.19	24.92
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	21.20	20.78	30.48	27.53
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	22.98	22.37	27.99	26.67
Djibouti	1,008	24.90	22.42	31.65	21.03
Equatorial Guinea	92	26.09	10.87	30.43	32.61
Eritrea	407	27.27	19.90	31.20	21.62
Ethiopia	32,391	24.37	24.22	26.57	24.85
Eswatini	740	20.81	8.24	45.14	25.81
Gabon	158	26.58	20.89	29.75	22.78
Gambia	700	26.86	24.43	27.00	21.71
Ghana	6,049	27.46	21.29	25.66	25.59
Guinea	1,256	23.17	16.56	28.03	32.25
Guinea-Bissau	24	20.83	4.17	41.67	33.33
Kenya	52,294	26.76	18.28	22.08	32.88
Lesotho	750	16.00	12.67	44.93	26.40



Table 2.2.6 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-March)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Liberia	1,699	15.77	18.36	39.67	26.19
Madagascar	3,578	28.93	18.31	24.82	27.95
Malawi	2,441	22.74	18.68	31.67	26.92
Mali	869	25.89	20.02	29.46	24.63
Mauritania	182	28.57	18.13	25.27	28.02
Mauritius	48,683	25.55	20.61	20.74	33.10
Mozambique	5,741	27.35	18.66	24.91	29.09
Namibia	737	22.66	17.50	32.02	27.82
Niger	709	26.94	15.23	26.94	30.89
Nigeria	10,059	25.27	19.29	28.74	26.70
Reunion	8	12.50	37.50	25.00	25.00
Rwanda	1,890	35.66	17.62	23.86	22.86
Sao Tome & Principe	38	44.74	5.26	28.95	21.05
Senegal	2,008	23.80	23.51	25.00	27.69
Seychelles	3,733	25.85	24.40	26.60	23.14
Sierra Leone	731	20.79	14.91	30.92	33.38
Somalia	12,320	24.17	13.31	37.32	25.19
South Africa	44,168	28.02	17.81	17.21	36.96
South Sudan	2,466	23.32	18.41	34.31	23.97
Tanzania	30,730	25.14	19.62	26.20	29.05
Togo	503	35.98	18.49	25.25	20.28
Uganda	11,711	24.81	21.11	26.34	27.74
Zambia	4,762	25.70	17.79	21.04	35.47
Zimbabwe	6,848	18.05	14.85	45.72	21.38
Americas	23,72,058	28.14	19.69	18.83	33.34
Caribbean	8,925	28.16	19.82	24.25	27.78
Anguilla	4	25.00	0.00	25.00	50.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	25.06	21.08	24.82	29.04
Aruba	4	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Bahamas	195	27.18	13.33	32.82	26.67
Barbados	730	30.00	13.70	27.81	28.49
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	25.00	0.00	75.00	0.00
Cayman Islands	20	40.00	15.00	30.00	15.00
Cuba	382	30.89	15.97	25.92	27.23
Dominica	843	24.79	21.00	24.56	29.66



Table 2.2.6 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-March)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Dominican Rep.	501	25.95	24.35	19.36	30.34
Grenada	972	24.38	24.07	25.41	26.13
Haiti	63	22.22	28.57	14.29	34.92
Jamaica	1,021	24.88	21.55	29.19	24.39
Neth. Antilles	6	0.00	16.67	0.00	83.33
Saint Lucia	264	21.97	18.18	23.11	36.74
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	26.68	20.03	24.33	28.96
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	37.29	28.81	18.64	15.25
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	34.09	18.41	20.69	26.81
Turks & Caicos	4	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Central America	5,905	31.45	20.36	19.22	28.98
Belize	515	27.38	30.10	22.52	20.00
Costa Rica	1,784	31.56	19.17	20.40	28.87
El Salvador	455	29.67	18.68	23.30	28.35
Guatemala	823	30.13	18.96	21.75	29.16
Honduras	568	26.06	27.99	17.08	28.87
Nicaragua	174	25.29	24.14	17.24	33.33
Panama	1,586	36.44	16.58	15.32	31.65
North America	22,99,267	28.00	19.71	18.79	33.49
Canada	4,76,273	32.60	13.96	17.42	36.03
Mexico	18,408	28.21	20.28	20.88	30.63
United States	18,04,586	26.79	21.23	19.13	32.85
South America	57,961	33.29	18.57	19.30	28.84
Argentina	9,638	37.39	17.20	16.19	29.22
Bolivia	684	28.07	23.10	23.25	25.58
Brazil	24,782	34.06	18.26	19.31	28.37
Chile	5,442	37.67	17.02	17.97	27.34
Colombia	7,639	27.37	18.25	22.10	32.28
Ecuador	1,484	29.31	18.87	21.02	30.80
Guyana	790	31.90	17.34	24.30	26.46
Paraguay	322	34.16	17.70	18.63	29.50
Peru	3,685	28.47	19.10	22.80	29.63
Suriname	568	26.06	19.37	29.40	25.18
Uruguay	1,524	35.63	37.47	10.04	16.86
Venezuela	1,403	27.30	17.18	20.60	34.93



Table 2.2.6 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-March)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	28.77	23.49	22.70	25.05
North-East Asia	3,95,930	27.59	19.38	24.80	28.23
China	38,960	26.82	20.55	25.55	27.08
Hong Kong (China)	719	48.68	15.86	15.99	19.47
Japan	1,94,875	27.32	19.42	25.34	27.93
Korea (DPRK)	125	1.60	6.40	80.80	11.20
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	28.53	19.52	22.88	29.06
Macao (China)	6	66.67	0.00	16.67	16.67
Mongolia	3,911	22.99	21.73	21.32	33.96
Taiwan (PR. of China)	42,598	27.24	17.60	26.77	28.39
Tibet	1,812	26.21	21.25	30.96	21.58
Oceania	6,06,711	26.28	15.26	17.24	41.22
American Samoa	7	0.00	14.29	0.00	85.71
Australia	5,18,205	26.04	15.26	17.16	41.53
Cook Islands	2	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	29.68	17.69	19.74	32.89
French Polynesia	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Kiribati	162	27.16	26.54	20.37	25.93
Marshall Islands	13	15.38	53.85	30.77	0.00
Micronesia FSM	47	4.26	8.51	59.57	27.66
Nauru	144	34.03	32.64	13.89	19.44
New Caledonia	3	33.33	0.00	33.33	33.33
New Zealand	81,115	27.75	14.95	17.32	39.98
Palau	8	25.00	12.50	62.50	0.00
Papua New Guinea	685	11.24	17.52	31.53	39.71
Samoa	149	5.37	12.08	32.89	49.66
Solomon Islands	50	18.00	12.00	32.00	38.00
Tonga	134	18.66	28.36	25.37	27.61
Tuvalu	159	22.64	21.38	30.19	25.79
Vanuatu	595	25.55	21.68	23.87	28.91
South Asia	24,09,812	29.35	27.72	23.80	19.13
Afghanistan	1,253	32.88	15.48	24.82	26.82
Bangladesh	17,50,165	30.03	30.43	22.92	16.62



Table 2.2.6 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-March)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Bhutan	41,265	32.94	19.87	19.52	27.67
Iran	21,406	34.33	16.58	21.02	28.06
Maldives	84,770	20.89	31.08	23.63	24.40
Nepal	2,02,501	28.06	18.81	27.66	25.47
Pakistan	26,625	17.58	16.65	25.71	40.06
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	28.83	19.40	27.17	24.60
South-East Asia	8,67,210	29.41	19.35	22.51	28.72
Brunei	863	20.51	13.21	19.93	46.35
Cambodia	11,326	18.36	12.49	19.21	49.93
Indonesia	39,227	25.56	21.92	21.66	30.86
Laos	2,997	41.41	6.77	11.48	40.34
Malaysia	3,07,526	29.20	20.13	26.87	23.80
Myanmar	47,588	43.82	15.34	11.52	29.32
Philippines	57,542	25.95	24.04	23.35	26.67
Singapore	2,05,383	24.36	22.08	23.11	30.46
Thailand	1,40,489	35.87	14.27	15.49	34.37
Timor-Leste	178	19.10	29.21	22.47	29.21
Vietnam	54,091	28.71	16.69	24.46	30.13
Europe	26,57,441	32.13	15.73	20.57	31.57
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	35.31	16.20	15.05	33.44
Armenia	2,003	29.51	19.92	19.97	30.60
Azerbaijan	4,809	28.11	21.19	24.14	26.55
Belarus	9,126	42.25	14.07	12.78	30.90
Bulgaria	5,938	32.79	16.44	17.26	33.51
Czech Republic	13,890	35.71	14.07	18.70	31.52
Estonia	2,965	43.07	12.04	10.62	34.27
Georgia	2,757	39.28	15.20	19.04	26.48
Hungary	9,040	36.90	14.35	16.58	32.17
Kazakhstan	27,006	47.56	10.41	11.24	30.79
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	35.42	14.94	17.65	31.99
Latvia	3,649	37.49	14.52	13.40	34.58
Lithuania	6,305	36.61	13.23	15.67	34.50
Poland	43,316	33.97	16.40	16.45	33.18
Rep. Moldova	905	32.04	18.23	20.66	29.06
Romania	15,087	32.11	18.81	17.29	31.79



Table 2.2.6 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-March)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Russian Federation	1,60,188	36.21	15.11	11.10	37.57
Slovakia	6,644	34.57	16.57	18.50	30.36
Tajikistan	6,413	27.35	19.34	24.76	28.55
Turkmenistan	9,639	22.63	24.98	27.53	24.86
Ukraine	14,875	31.22	19.83	20.42	28.53
Uzbekistan	34,247	29.44	22.02	21.77	26.77
Northern Europe	11,68,217	32.86	14.75	20.70	31.69
Denmark	22,456	36.25	15.82	16.67	31.27
Finland	12,764	31.81	19.95	16.52	31.73
Iceland	988	31.28	18.42	18.62	31.68
Ireland	46,494	27.54	21.32	20.91	30.22
Norway	21,682	32.79	17.36	19.41	30.43
Sweden	41,246	28.86	18.13	15.89	37.12
United Kingdom	10,22,587	33.20	14.17	21.06	31.57
Southern/Medit. Europe	4,31,219	28.24	17.15	23.21	31.40
Albania	729	31.28	17.83	20.71	30.18
Andorra	168	30.95	13.10	23.81	32.14
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	25.34	23.12	21.21	30.33
Croatia	4,132	36.30	17.13	15.85	30.71
Cyprus	2,274	25.81	19.04	27.18	27.97
Greece	10,596	33.17	16.61	18.44	31.78
Israel	47,465	19.68	20.43	30.48	29.41
Italy	1,42,239	30.32	14.92	22.21	32.54
Malta	2,134	27.65	18.93	21.84	31.58
Montenegro	524	26.34	21.37	19.08	33.21
North Macedonia	662	28.85	19.03	16.31	35.80
Portugal	92,582	26.45	18.53	20.27	34.75
San Marino	57	40.35	10.53	1.75	47.37
Serbia	4,820	32.74	19.54	17.66	30.06
Slovenia	4,056	41.42	12.08	15.41	31.09
Spain	81,959	27.97	14.67	27.41	29.95
Turkiye	35,829	32.28	23.70	19.60	24.42
Vatican City	50	16.00	24.00	20.00	40.00



Table 2.2.6 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	1st Quarter (Jan-March)	2nd Quarter (Apr-June)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Western Europe	6,73,452	31.55	16.26	21.79	30.39
Austria	30,393	34.82	15.10	20.46	29.62
Belgium	39,813	30.42	15.60	22.30	31.68
France	2,06,855	32.96	16.69	22.11	28.23
Germany	2,56,348	31.56	16.01	20.64	31.80
Liechtenstein	132	31.82	10.61	21.97	35.61
Luxembourg	2,167	26.03	13.15	28.20	32.63
Monaco	43	51.16	9.30	13.95	25.58
Netherlands	93,579	28.24	16.92	24.74	30.10
Switzerland	44,122	30.95	15.87	20.91	32.27
Middle East	2,95,511	22.26	20.12	34.10	23.51
Bahrain	14,041	23.38	24.59	27.79	24.24
Egypt	17,825	26.58	22.04	24.70	26.68
Iraq	40,247	23.65	22.88	30.45	23.02
Jordan	5,878	27.22	20.82	24.70	27.25
Kuwait	10,921	27.95	21.89	26.38	23.78
Lebanon	4,405	30.31	22.61	22.70	24.38
Libya	766	23.37	21.54	27.55	27.55
Oman	66,703	22.72	17.13	39.37	20.78
Palestine	870	23.79	24.02	25.98	26.21
Qatar	3,673	17.51	22.76	30.63	29.10
Saudi Arabia	46,167	21.79	21.53	30.44	26.23
Syria	4,231	25.76	19.07	26.07	29.09
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	16.78	18.53	42.53	22.16
Yemen	13,085	28.60	19.22	26.98	25.20
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	35.13	18.92	23.74	22.22
Grand Total	99,51,722	29.21	20.27	21.63	28.89

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



2.3 Mode of Transport of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India 2024

Table 2.3.1 provides a year-wise distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India by mode of transport—Air, Land, and Water—from 2001 to 2024, illustrating the evolution of travel preferences and access modes used by international visitors.

In 2024, 83.41% of foreign tourists arrived in India by air, 16.05% by land, and only 0.54% via water. Air transport continues to dominate as the preferred mode of entry for foreign tourists. Land border travel remains significant—particularly for visitors from neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka—and had shown steady growth until 2019, when it peaked at 21.7%. In contrast, water transport remains largely untapped, with its share never exceeding 1.50%, despite India’s extensive coastline and considerable maritime potential.

Table 2.3.1 : Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Mode of Transport

Year	FTAs in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
2001	25,37,282	87.10	12.00	0.90
2011	63,09,222	92.00	7.20	0.80
2012	65,77,745	91.70	7.60	0.70
2013	69,67,601	91.00	8.50	0.50
2014	76,79,099	86.10	13.50	0.40
2015	80,27,133	84.50	14.80	0.70
2016	88,04,411	84.10	15.00	0.90
2017	1,00,35,803	79.60	19.70	0.70
2018	1,05,57,976	79.60	19.60	0.80
2019	1,09,30,355	77.40	21.70	0.90
2020	27,44,766	79.20	19.30	1.50
2021	15,27,114	87.49	11.80	0.70
2022	64,37,467	83.50	16.20	0.30
2023	95,20,928	79.40	20.10	0.50
2024	99,51,722	83.41	16.05	0.54

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.3.2 presents the distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by mode of transport—air, land, and water—for selected countries and territories in 2024, expressed in percentage terms.

Across all regions, air remains the overwhelmingly dominant mode of entry for foreign tourists—over 99% in regions like Europe, North America, Oceania, East and Southeast Asia, and Africa.

Bangladesh (82.34%), Pakistan (94.33%), Bhutan (28.96%), and Sri Lanka (9.39%) show significant land-based arrivals, making South Asia the only region where land routes play a dominant role, reflecting strong cross-border connectivity, proximity, and cultural ties.



However, South-East Asia also displays moderate land-based arrivals in countries such as Laos (28.6%), Myanmar (24.17%), Cambodia (16.2%), Thailand (15.26%), and Vietnam (14.65%), indicating the emerging importance of overland mobility via India's Northeast.

Water-based arrivals remain minimal (<1.0%) across all countries, indicating underutilized potential in cruise and coastal tourism despite India's long coastline.

USA, UK, Australia, Japan, Canada, China, Malaysia, Germany: Over 98.0% arrivals by air—consistent with long-haul, flight-dependent markets.

Table 2.3.2: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Mode of Transport from Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

	FTS in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Africa	3,38,605	99.60	0.09	0.31
North Africa	28,826	99.46	0.03	0.51
Algeria	2,522	99.01	0.12	0.87
Morocco	9,831	99.08	0.03	0.88
Sudan	10,887	99.95	0.01	0.04
Tunisia	5,586	99.37	0.04	0.59
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	99.61	0.10	0.29
Angola	1,202	99.08	0.00	0.92
Benin	436	98.39	0.00	1.61
Botswana	1,275	99.76	0.24	0.00
Burkina Faso	659	99.85	0.00	0.15
Burundi	341	99.41	0.59	0.00
Cameroon	4,322	99.88	0.02	0.09
Cabo Verde	39	94.87	0.00	5.13
Centr. African Rep.	24	100.00	0.00	0.00
Chad	1,438	100.00	0.00	0.00
Congo	431	100.00	0.00	0.00
Comoros	1,517	99.87	0.13	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	99.40	0.18	0.42
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	99.97	0.00	0.03
Djibouti	1,008	100.00	0.00	0.00
Equatorial Guinea	92	98.91	0.00	1.09
Eritrea	407	100.00	0.00	0.00
Ethiopia	32,391	99.88	0.01	0.11
Eswatini	740	99.86	0.00	0.14
Gabon	158	100.00	0.00	0.00
Gambia	700	98.86	0.00	1.14



Table 2.3.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Ghana	6,049	99.44	0.02	0.55
Guinea	1,256	99.92	0.08	0.00
Guinea-Bissau	24	100.00	0.00	0.00
Kenya	52,294	99.82	0.06	0.11
Lesotho	750	99.87	0.13	0.00
Liberia	1,699	99.71	0.00	0.29
Madagascar	3,578	99.33	0.03	0.64
Malawi	2,441	99.92	0.00	0.08
Mali	869	100.00	0.00	0.00
Mauritania	182	100.00	0.00	0.00
Mauritius	48,683	99.38	0.34	0.28
Mozambique	5,741	99.91	0.00	0.09
Namibia	737	99.05	0.00	0.95
Niger	709	100.00	0.00	0.00
Nigeria	10,059	99.45	0.02	0.53
Reunion	8	100.00	0.00	0.00
Rwanda	1,890	100.00	0.00	0.00
Sao Tome & Principe	38	100.00	0.00	0.00
Senegal	2,008	99.95	0.05	0.00
Seychelles	3,733	99.38	0.05	0.56
Sierra Leone	731	100.00	0.00	0.00
Somalia	12,320	100.00	0.00	0.00
South Africa	44,168	99.10	0.12	0.77
South Sudan	2,466	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	30,730	99.85	0.07	0.08
Togo	503	98.21	0.00	1.79
Uganda	11,711	99.78	0.07	0.15
Zambia	4,762	99.98	0.02	0.00
Zimbabwe	6,848	98.85	0.01	1.14
Americas	23,72,058	99.03	0.45	0.52
Caribbean	8,925	97.62	0.24	2.14
Anguilla	4	100.00	0.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	99.77	0.00	0.23
Aruba	4	50.00	0.00	50.00
Bahamas	195	97.95	1.03	1.03
Barbados	730	97.67	0.41	1.92



Table 2.3.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	100.00	0.00	0.00
Cayman Islands	20	100.00	0.00	0.00
Cuba	382	93.72	1.57	4.71
Dominica	843	99.64	0.12	0.24
Dominican Rep.	501	93.81	0.00	6.19
Grenada	972	99.90	0.10	0.00
Haiti	63	98.41	0.00	1.59
Jamaica	1,021	94.61	0.10	5.29
Neth. Antilles	6	66.67	16.67	16.67
Saint Lucia	264	96.97	0.00	3.03
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	99.66	0.34	0.00
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	72.88	0.00	27.12
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	98.08	0.09	1.83
Turks & Caicos	4	100.00	0.00	0.00
Central America	5,905	96.93	0.37	2.69
Belize	515	99.22	0.58	0.19
Costa Rica	1,784	98.15	0.90	0.95
El Salvador	455	98.24	0.00	1.76
Guatemala	823	99.03	0.12	0.85
Honduras	568	84.86	0.00	15.14
Nicaragua	174	94.83	1.15	4.02
Panama	1,586	97.92	0.00	2.08
North America	22,99,267	99.07	0.45	0.48
Canada	4,76,273	98.89	0.79	0.32
Mexico	18,408	97.40	0.30	2.30
United States	18,04,586	99.14	0.36	0.50
South America	57,961	97.90	0.58	1.52
Argentina	9,638	98.46	0.94	0.59
Bolivia	684	98.68	0.88	0.44
Brazil	24,782	97.90	0.38	1.72
Chile	5,442	97.68	0.94	1.38
Colombia	7,639	97.50	0.60	1.90
Ecuador	1,484	97.71	0.40	1.89
Guyana	790	97.85	0.63	1.52
Paraguay	322	99.07	0.62	0.31
Peru	3,685	96.55	0.73	2.71



Table 2.3.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Suriname	568	100.00	0.00	0.00
Uruguay	1,524	99.28	0.46	0.26
Venezuela	1,403	97.65	0.14	2.21
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	62.67	36.79	0.53
North-East Asia	3,95,930	97.71	1.94	0.35
China	38,960	98.68	0.06	1.26
Hong Kong (China)	719	98.33	1.67	0.00
Japan	1,94,875	99.24	0.54	0.22
Korea (DPRK)	125	96.80	3.20	0.00
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	95.54	4.13	0.33
Macao (China)	6	83.33	16.67	0.00
Mongolia	3,911	97.67	2.20	0.13
Taiwan (PR. of China)	42,598	95.52	4.23	0.25
Tibet	1,812	98.23	1.77	0.00
Oceania	6,06,711	99.19	0.50	0.31
American Samoa	7	57.14	0.00	42.86
Australia	5,18,205	99.20	0.48	0.31
Cook Islands	2	100.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	99.67	0.29	0.04
French Polynesia	4	0.00	100.00	0.00
Kiribati	162	100.00	0.00	0.00
Marshall Islands	13	100.00	0.00	0.00
Micronesia FSM	47	100.00	0.00	0.00
Nauru	144	100.00	0.00	0.00
New Caledonia	3	100.00	0.00	0.00
New Zealand	81,115	99.06	0.61	0.33
Palau	8	100.00	0.00	0.00
Papua New Guinea	685	100.00	0.00	0.00
Samoa	149	98.66	0.00	1.34
Solomon Islands	50	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tonga	134	98.51	0.00	1.49
Tuvalu	159	99.37	0.00	0.63
Vanuatu	595	100.00	0.00	0.00
South Asia	24,09,812	36.96	62.92	0.12
Afghanistan	1,253	99.92	0.08	0.00
Bangladesh	17,50,165	17.62	82.34	0.04



Table 2.3.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Bhutan	41,265	70.96	28.96	0.08
Iran	21,406	99.38	0.21	0.41
Maldives	84,770	99.93	0.01	0.07
Nepal	2,02,501	94.22	5.67	0.11
Pakistan	26,625	5.67	94.33	0.00
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	89.94	9.39	0.66
South-East Asia	8,67,210	92.57	5.52	1.91
Brunei	863	100.00	0.00	0.00
Cambodia	11,326	83.68	16.20	0.11
Indonesia	39,227	89.43	3.37	7.20
Laos	2,997	71.40	28.60	0.00
Malaysia	3,07,526	99.01	0.69	0.30
Myanmar	47,588	73.99	24.17	1.83
Philippines	57,542	82.48	0.09	17.42
Singapore	2,05,383	99.39	0.39	0.23
Thailand	1,40,489	84.38	15.26	0.36
Timor-Leste	178	100.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	54,091	83.66	14.65	1.69
Europe	26,57,441	98.95	0.41	0.64
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	98.01	0.48	1.51
Armenia	2,003	99.70	0.15	0.15
Azerbaijan	4,809	98.44	0.02	1.54
Belarus	9,126	98.32	0.56	1.12
Bulgaria	5,938	96.68	0.20	3.12
Czech Republic	13,890	98.88	0.99	0.13
Estonia	2,965	98.18	1.15	0.67
Georgia	2,757	91.29	0.44	8.27
Hungary	9,040	99.18	0.45	0.37
Kazakhstan	27,006	99.76	0.14	0.10
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	99.69	0.02	0.30
Latvia	3,649	97.89	0.60	1.51
Lithuania	6,305	98.43	0.44	1.13
Poland	43,316	98.61	0.47	0.93
Rep. Moldova	905	98.56	0.77	0.66
Romania	15,087	96.65	0.85	2.51
Russian Federation	1,60,188	98.02	0.54	1.44



Table 2.3.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Slovakia	6,644	98.56	0.77	0.66
Tajikistan	6,413	99.95	0.03	0.02
Turkmenistan	9,639	99.98	0.00	0.02
Ukraine	14,875	87.22	0.39	12.39
Uzbekistan	34,247	99.59	0.38	0.04
Northern Europe	11,68,217	99.22	0.32	0.46
Denmark	22,456	98.95	0.33	0.72
Finland	12,764	99.22	0.34	0.44
Iceland	988	97.57	0.20	2.23
Ireland	46,494	99.31	0.18	0.51
Norway	21,682	98.77	0.61	0.62
Sweden	41,246	99.46	0.30	0.24
United Kingdom	10,22,587	99.23	0.32	0.45
Southern/Medit. Europe	4,31,219	98.86	0.51	0.63
Albania	729	98.22	0.00	1.78
Andorra	168	96.43	1.79	1.79
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	97.77	0.21	2.01
Croatia	4,132	93.30	0.63	6.07
Cyprus	2,274	99.34	0.04	0.62
Greece	10,596	94.65	0.31	5.04
Israel	47,465	98.64	1.19	0.17
Italy	1,42,239	99.15	0.51	0.34
Malta	2,134	97.70	0.23	2.06
Montenegro	524	81.11	0.00	18.89
North Macedonia	662	98.94	0.15	0.91
Portugal	92,582	99.60	0.19	0.22
San Marino	57	100.00	0.00	0.00
Serbia	4,820	98.53	0.12	1.35
Slovenia	4,056	98.74	1.01	0.25
Spain	81,959	99.03	0.64	0.33
Turkiye	35,829	97.98	0.22	1.79
Vatican City	50	98.00	2.00	0.00
Western Europe	6,73,452	99.07	0.48	0.45
Austria	30,393	98.97	0.71	0.32
Belgium	39,813	98.93	0.55	0.52
France	2,06,855	99.35	0.43	0.22



Table 2.3.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Germany	2,56,348	98.92	0.51	0.58
Liechtenstein	132	99.24	0.00	0.76
Luxembourg	2,167	99.26	0.51	0.23
Monaco	43	93.02	0.00	6.98
Netherlands	93,579	98.94	0.42	0.64
Switzerland	44,122	99.09	0.55	0.36
Middle East	2,95,511	99.53	0.01	0.45
Bahrain	14,041	99.91	0.03	0.06
Egypt	17,825	98.20	0.00	1.80
Iraq	40,247	99.91	0.00	0.08
Jordan	5,878	99.17	0.00	0.83
Kuwait	10,921	99.85	0.00	0.15
Lebanon	4,405	99.64	0.09	0.27
Libya	766	99.35	0.13	0.52
Oman	66,703	99.95	0.00	0.05
Palestine	870	99.89	0.00	0.11
Qatar	3,673	99.95	0.00	0.05
Saudi Arabia	46,167	99.92	0.03	0.06
Syria	4,231	81.09	0.00	18.91
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	99.96	0.00	0.03
Yemen	13,085	99.83	0.15	0.02
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	98.85	0.73	0.41
Grand Total	99,51,722	83.41	16.05	0.54

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

2.4 Port of Entry for Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India

Table 2.4.1 provides a mode-wise and port-wise distribution (in percentage) of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India from 2001 to 2024, highlighting the share of major airports and land ports in handling foreign tourist arrivals.

Delhi has consistently handled the largest share of FTAs, with its contribution ranging from 28% to nearly 40%, peaking in 2021 (39.70%). Mumbai has seen a steady decline, from 26.70% (2001) to 15.65% (2024). Other emerging entry points like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, and Kolkata have maintained modest but stable shares, indicating diversification in international entry channels.

There has been a gradual decline in the concentration of arrivals at traditional ports (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai), with regional airports and land ports gaining significance.

Haridaspur, a major land port in eastern India, emerged in the data from 2016 onward, reaching a peak of 11.7% (2017) and then declining to 7.92% in 2024.

The “Others” category consistently captures around 15–30% of arrivals, indicating an increasing share of non-traditional or smaller ports of entry.



Table 2.4.1: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) Through Major Ports of India, 2001-2024

(in percentage)

Year	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
2001	25,37,282	33.70	26.70	12.00	#	#	#	#	4.40	23.20
2011	63,09,222	35.80	19.70	10.80	#	6.30	#	#	3.70	23.70
2012	65,77,745	35.70	19.20	10.80	#	6.30	#	#	3.40	24.60
2013	69,67,601	33.00	19.80	9.80	#	6.50	3.90	#	3.60	23.70
2014	76,79,099	30.20	19.00	8.80	#	6.30	3.10	#	3.00	29.60
2015	80,27,133	29.60	18.20	8.40	#	6.40	3.40	#	3.80	30.20
2016	88,04,411	29.70	17.20	8.10	8.60	6.20	3.40	3.60	4.00	19.20
2017	1,00,35,803	28.40	15.70	7.20	11.70	5.70	3.10	3.40	4.60	20.20
2018	1,05,57,976	28.80	15.70	7.50	9.80	5.80	3.10	3.20	5.10	21.00
2019	1,09,30,355	28.10	13.60	7.30	10.10	6.00	3.10	3.10	5.00	23.50
2020	27,44,766	29.60	14.60	6.60	8.70	5.60	2.70	3.10	4.50	24.50
2021	15,27,114	39.70	13.90	7.90	8.73	6.70	5.60	4.00	2.80	10.60
2022	64,37,467	31.40	15.00	9.20	9.30	6.40	4.60	4.40	3.80	15.90
2023	95,20,928	30.30	15.10	8.30	10.10	6.00	3.70	3.70	3.30	19.50
2024	99,51,722	32.40	15.65	8.19	7.92	7.00	3.97	3.74	2.78	18.36

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India
#: The arrival percentage of these ports are included in Others figure.

Figure 2.4.1 : Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Major Ports, 2024

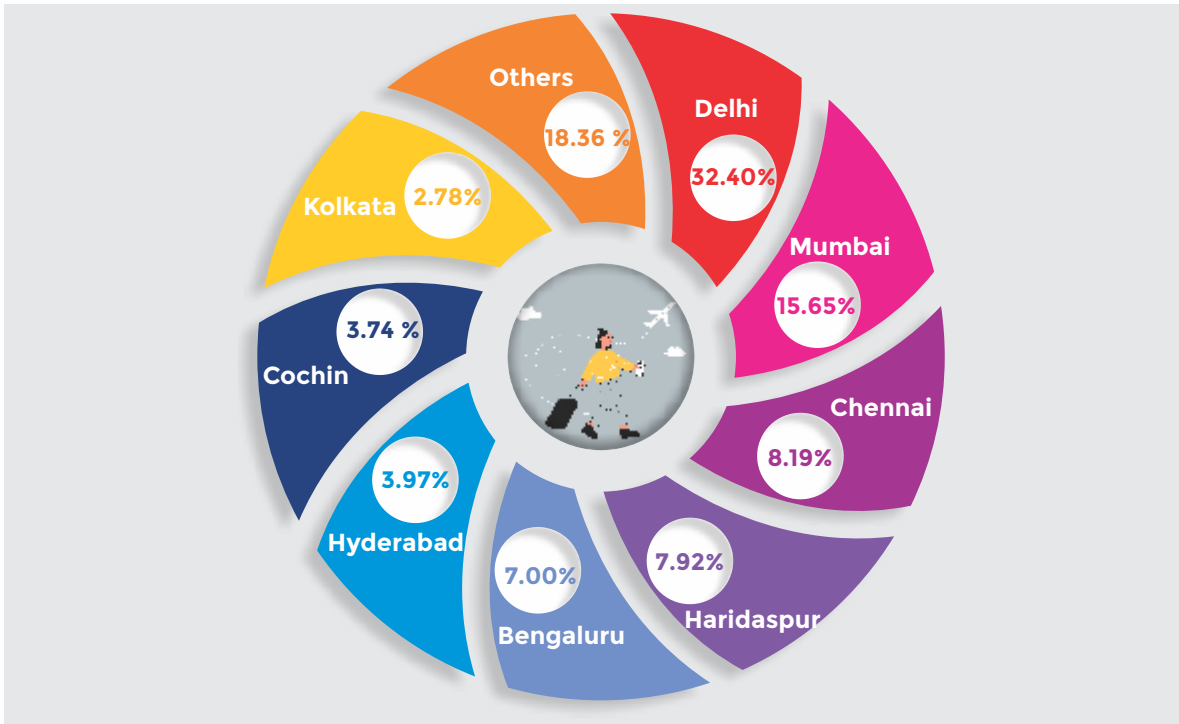




Table 2.4.2 provides a detailed distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India through international airports for the year 2024, presenting absolute numbers and percentage shares of each airport out of the total FTAs by air mode.

Delhi Airport accounted for the largest share of FTAs by air at 38.85%, receiving over 32.24 lakh foreign tourists. Mumbai Airport was second, with 15.57 lakh arrivals (18.76%), followed by Chennai (9.81%) and Bengaluru (8.40%).

Emerging international airports like Hyderabad (4.76%), Cochin (4.48%), and Kolkata (3.33%) have a significant share, showing decentralization. Newer or regional airports such as Mopa, Goa (1.05%), Tiruchirappalli (1.40%), and Amritsar (1.79%) are also making a noticeable contribution.

Concentration remains high in the top five airports (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad), which together account for ~80.6% of air FTAs.

Goa’s two airports (Mopa and Dabolim) together accounted for 1.95%, underlining Goa’s continued popularity as a beach destination.

The presence of three Kerala airports (Cochin, Calicut, Thiruvananthapuram) among the top 15 signals Kerala’s strong inbound foreign tourism. Gaya (Bihar), despite limited air traffic, contributes 0.57%, showing the pull of Buddhist pilgrimage tourism.

Table 2.4.2: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) through International Airports of India, 2024

S. No.	Airport	FTAs in India	% Share
1	Delhi	32,24,675	38.85
2	Mumbai	15,57,196	18.76
3	Chennai	8,14,594	9.81
4	Bengaluru	6,96,924	8.40
5	Hyderabad	3,94,824	4.76
6	Cochin	3,72,217	4.48
7	Kolkata	2,76,667	3.33
8	Ahmedabad	2,19,993	2.65
9	Amritsar	1,48,237	1.79
10	Tiruchirappalli	1,16,499	1.40
11	Thiruvananthapuram	1,10,980	1.34
12	Mopa (Goa)	87,369	1.05
13	Dabolim (Goa)	74,749	0.90
14	Gaya	47,500	0.57
15	Calicut	35,982	0.43
16	Coimbatore	17,886	0.22
17	Jaipur	16,069	0.19
18	Lucknow	15,506	0.19
19	Pune	10,663	0.13
20	Madurai	10,570	0.13
	Others	51,440	0.62
	Total FTAs from Air Mode	83,00,540	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



Table 2.4.3 provides a detailed distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India from selected countries and territories for the year 2024, showing the percentage share of arrivals through major ports of entry, including airports, land ports, and seaports. The table presents absolute arrival numbers by region and selected countries and indicates the proportion of tourists entering through each major port, offering insights into regional entry preferences and the relative importance of various gateways.

Tourist arrivals from Africa are predominantly concentrated through the major metro ports of India, particularly Mumbai (45.92%) and Delhi (32.60%). Sub-Saharan African visitors show a strong preference for Mumbai (48.14%), followed by Delhi (33.06%), with minimal usage of other ports. North African arrivals are slightly more distributed, with Hyderabad (10.40%), Cochin (9.10%), and “Others” (9.65%) contributing notably.

Tourists from the Americas, particularly North America, enter India largely through Delhi (40.38%) and Mumbai (19.68%). North Americans also use Bengaluru (10.26%) and Hyderabad (8.70%) in significant numbers, indicating growing regional connectivity. South American and Central American arrivals are highly centralized through Delhi, capturing over 47–57% of traffic, while the Caribbean also leans heavily on Delhi and Mumbai. Overall, tourists from the Americas favor northern and metro cities for entry, reflecting flight routes and available consular services.

Asia and the pacific region show the most diverse port distribution. North-East Asian tourists primarily enter through Delhi (56.64%), but Chennai (10.57%) and Bengaluru (10.99%) also play vital roles. Oceania's visitors use Delhi (38.43%) the most, with considerable shares at Bengaluru, Cochin, and “Others” (15.44%). South Asia is an exception, where land port Haridaspur (32.66%) and “Others” (32.25%) dominate due to high overland movement from neighboring countries like Bangladesh and Nepal. South-East Asia shows significant use of Delhi, Chennai, and “Others” (33.58%), reflecting strong cultural and economic ties and growing aviation routes to southern and eastern cities.

European arrivals heavily rely on Delhi (42.50%) and Mumbai (21.07%), but there is a notable presence at Chennai, Bengaluru, and “Others” (13.97%). Central/Eastern Europe is the most Delhi-centric (55.30%) among the European subregions, while Northern and Southern European travelers show a wider spread, with consistent use of Mumbai and other secondary ports. Western European tourists, although Delhi-preferred (45.69%), also exhibit meaningful entries via Chennai and Bengaluru. This distribution underscores the importance of diversified regional air connectivity attracting different European subregions.

Tourists from the Middle East show a unique pattern: less centralized and more widely spread across ports. Only 23.04% arrive through Delhi, while a substantial 30.80% enter through Mumbai. Cochin (13.70%), Hyderabad (10.14%) and Bengaluru (6.79%) are notable entry points. This diverse port usage suggests the Middle East has a broad base of interactions with India beyond conventional tourist flows.

Table 2.4.3: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Major Ports of Arrival from Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Africa	3,38,605	32.60	45.92	5.75	0.01	4.45	3.95	2.01	0.88	4.45
North Africa	28,826	27.63	22.08	9.62	0.00	7.60	10.40	9.10	3.92	9.65
Algeria	2,522	40.21	19.51	8.25	0.00	6.11	2.93	7.61	6.74	8.64
Morocco	9,831	28.97	15.67	9.64	0.00	8.26	5.85	13.07	5.22	13.32
Sudan	10,887	26.66	33.41	8.80	0.00	7.02	18.75	1.58	0.22	3.56
Tunisia	5,586	21.46	12.42	11.80	0.00	8.25	5.51	17.42	7.59	15.54



Table 2.4.3 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	33.06	48.14	5.39	0.01	4.15	3.34	1.35	0.59	3.96
Angola	1,202	35.77	38.69	17.39	0.00	2.41	1.50	1.33	0.58	2.33
Benin	436	51.38	38.07	1.15	0.00	5.05	0.23	0.23	0.46	3.44
Botswana	1,275	40.39	39.37	4.94	0.00	4.78	2.27	3.53	1.02	3.69
Burkina Faso	659	57.81	33.38	1.82	0.00	3.49	0.30	0.15	0.30	2.73
Burundi	341	32.55	50.73	5.87	0.00	5.57	0.88	2.64	0.00	1.76
Cameroon	4,322	52.71	35.22	3.98	0.00	6.15	0.53	0.44	0.23	0.74
Cabo Verde	39	64.10	10.26	7.69	0.00	7.69	0.00	2.56	0.00	7.69
Centr. African Rep.	24	58.33	33.33	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.17
Chad	1,438	59.81	22.81	1.11	0.00	14.26	1.53	0.07	0.07	0.35
Congo	431	59.40	30.63	6.26	0.00	2.78	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.70
Comoros	1,517	12.13	64.14	1.85	0.00	2.44	5.80	7.65	0.07	5.93
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	39.94	43.80	3.86	0.00	6.81	2.41	0.24	1.08	1.87
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	60.86	29.91	1.52	0.00	6.60	0.28	0.10	0.20	0.53
Djibouti	1,008	40.38	27.28	2.18	0.00	2.48	24.50	1.49	0.10	1.59
Equatorial Guinea	92	59.78	21.74	6.52	0.00	8.70	0.00	1.09	1.09	1.09
Eritrea	407	56.27	16.71	4.18	0.00	3.19	11.30	2.21	0.00	6.14
Ethiopia	32,391	45.69	37.86	6.86	0.00	6.18	2.23	0.18	0.10	0.90
Eswatini	740	27.97	57.16	8.78	0.00	0.68	0.27	0.54	0.27	4.32
Gabon	158	48.10	31.65	1.90	0.00	13.29	0.63	0.00	0.00	4.43
Gambia	700	60.43	31.71	1.00	0.00	3.29	0.43	0.71	0.29	2.14
Ghana	6,049	48.90	31.81	3.67	0.00	3.82	3.09	2.48	2.23	4.00
Guinea	1,256	49.68	40.45	2.71	0.00	4.06	0.72	0.32	0.24	1.83
Guinea-Bissau	24	50.00	29.17	8.33	0.00	8.33	4.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kenya	52,294	27.31	57.50	1.52	0.00	1.29	2.86	0.85	0.44	8.22
Lesotho	750	36.67	51.07	2.13	0.00	2.80	0.67	3.33	0.27	3.07
Liberia	1,699	44.38	51.03	0.88	0.00	1.59	0.47	0.12	0.06	1.47
Madagascar	3,578	12.49	81.30	1.09	0.00	1.70	0.31	0.17	0.22	2.71
Malawi	2,441	39.74	49.86	1.52	0.00	4.88	0.90	0.61	0.04	2.46
Mali	869	42.00	45.68	2.53	0.00	6.10	0.69	0.58	0.92	1.50
Mauritania	182	29.67	40.11	1.65	0.00	2.20	3.30	1.10	0.55	21.43



Table 2.4.3 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Mauritius	48,683	30.23	54.00	9.25	0.00	4.07	0.32	0.56	0.35	1.21
Mozambique	5,741	30.45	52.26	3.71	0.00	2.13	3.57	0.33	0.10	7.46
Namibia	737	45.86	33.92	2.44	0.00	6.92	4.34	2.58	1.22	2.71
Niger	709	47.11	47.25	0.85	0.00	2.54	0.14	0.99	0.14	0.99
Nigeria	10,059	53.18	31.46	5.08	0.00	6.08	1.63	0.53	0.22	1.82
Reunion	8	0.00	50.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	25.00
Rwanda	1,890	46.93	37.20	2.06	0.00	9.74	1.06	1.16	0.63	1.22
Sao Tome & Principe	38	84.21	13.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.63	0.00	0.00
Senegal	2,008	33.76	48.46	11.60	0.00	2.09	1.15	0.90	0.80	1.25
Seychelles	3,733	6.40	22.02	61.05	0.00	1.37	0.72	3.59	0.29	4.55
Sierra Leone	731	38.85	48.43	3.83	0.00	4.51	1.37	0.41	0.41	2.19
Somalia	12,320	50.09	17.64	0.30	0.00	0.45	31.23	0.06	0.00	0.23
South Africa	44,168	26.75	44.49	6.60	0.03	7.44	2.32	4.78	2.21	5.36
South Sudan	2,466	60.42	22.79	11.03	0.00	3.00	2.55	0.04	0.00	0.16
Tanzania	30,730	18.46	66.99	3.05	0.00	3.69	2.25	0.34	0.18	5.03
Togo	503	60.24	25.05	8.95	0.00	3.38	0.20	0.40	0.00	1.79
Uganda	11,711	20.62	57.89	1.67	0.00	3.63	5.29	2.97	0.16	7.77
Zambia	4,762	29.15	54.22	1.34	0.02	2.62	7.83	0.80	0.21	3.80
Zimbabwe	6,848	47.88	39.35	2.57	0.00	3.84	1.36	0.82	0.44	3.74
Americas	23,72,058	40.38	19.68	6.33	0.01	10.19	8.52	3.93	1.67	9.30
Caribbean	8,925	43.70	29.37	4.34	0.01	6.43	2.90	2.02	2.30	8.94
Anguilla	4	75.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	42.86	28.10	6.32	0.00	8.43	4.22	0.70	3.98	5.39
Aruba	4	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Bahamas	195	55.90	15.90	5.13	0.00	7.69	7.69	0.51	2.05	5.13
Barbados	730	13.70	72.74	3.15	0.14	1.92	1.92	0.41	0.27	5.75
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cayman Islands	20	55.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cuba	382	60.73	13.09	5.50	0.00	4.45	1.05	2.36	4.19	8.64
Dominica	843	48.64	22.30	4.27	0.00	4.39	1.78	3.20	3.08	12.34
Dominican Rep.	501	61.88	20.56	1.00	0.00	2.79	1.40	0.20	1.20	10.98
Grenada	972	30.86	42.39	2.16	0.00	7.51	1.23	1.65	2.98	11.21



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(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Haiti	63	52.38	31.75	6.35	0.00	4.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.76
Jamaica	1,021	33.20	27.42	6.86	0.00	8.42	7.15	3.62	3.23	10.09
Neth. Antilles	6	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.67	33.33
Saint Lucia	264	19.70	44.70	4.55	0.00	15.53	0.76	2.65	1.52	10.61
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	38.89	26.68	6.31	0.00	8.33	2.02	2.78	1.94	13.05
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	44.07	16.95	1.69	0.00	5.08	3.39	0.00	0.00	28.81
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	58.94	19.26	3.66	0.00	6.03	3.26	1.92	1.97	4.96
Turks & Caicos	4	50.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Central America	5,905	47.20	28.99	3.66	0.00	6.52	3.29	1.86	1.57	6.91
Belize	515	41.75	39.03	3.50	0.00	5.44	2.52	0.00	1.36	6.41
Costa Rica	1,784	57.85	9.25	4.65	0.00	11.66	6.56	1.96	2.19	5.89
El Salvador	455	49.67	13.41	6.15	0.00	6.15	2.86	9.23	3.08	9.45
Guatemala	823	67.68	15.31	2.79	0.00	5.71	1.94	1.46	1.09	4.01
Honduras	568	41.02	25.53	4.05	0.00	4.58	3.17	1.41	1.76	18.49
Nicaragua	174	55.75	22.41	4.60	0.00	8.05	0.57	0.00	2.30	6.32
Panama	1,586	26.92	61.48	2.08	0.00	2.14	1.01	0.82	0.63	4.92
North America	22,99,267	39.92	19.69	6.39	0.01	10.26	8.70	3.98	1.65	9.39
Canada	4,76,273	55.64	15.36	4.65	0.00	5.44	3.79	3.51	1.48	10.13
Mexico	18,408	65.81	12.50	3.77	0.00	7.63	1.94	1.53	1.34	5.47
United States	18,04,586	35.51	20.91	6.88	0.01	11.56	10.07	4.13	1.70	9.24
South America	57,961	57.47	16.79	4.30	0.02	8.35	2.52	2.39	2.10	6.05
Argentina	9,638	66.20	13.10	3.17	0.03	8.22	1.30	2.23	1.77	3.97
Bolivia	684	53.80	14.77	6.73	0.00	7.75	2.92	2.92	3.22	7.89
Brazil	24,782	51.16	18.08	5.46	0.02	10.35	3.35	2.61	2.33	6.63
Chile	5,442	62.61	16.89	3.49	0.00	5.51	1.98	1.64	1.87	6.01
Colombia	7,639	55.14	18.97	4.10	0.00	7.24	2.20	2.95	2.32	7.10
Ecuador	1,484	66.71	12.47	2.43	0.07	5.66	1.89	2.49	1.08	7.21
Guyana	790	59.24	25.95	1.77	0.25	5.70	1.14	0.13	1.14	4.68
Paraguay	322	50.31	16.77	4.97	0.00	4.97	3.11	5.28	9.63	4.97



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(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Peru	3,685	64.07	14.08	3.45	0.08	4.99	2.90	1.79	1.74	6.89
Suriname	568	69.89	21.48	0.88	0.00	5.28	0.35	0.70	0.35	1.06
Uruguay	1,524	74.41	10.89	2.49	0.00	4.79	1.44	2.10	1.25	2.62
Venezuela	1,403	53.81	19.10	3.56	0.00	10.05	2.28	2.21	2.07	6.91
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	22.29	6.61	11.13	18.40	4.84	1.71	2.90	4.46	27.66
North-East Asia	3,95,930	56.64	12.11	10.57	0.02	10.99	1.63	0.77	1.76	5.50
China	38,960	43.86	22.70	11.37	0.00	13.02	1.91	0.62	1.72	4.80
Hong Kong (China)	719	83.31	3.20	1.95	0.00	5.29	0.00	1.25	0.83	4.17
Japan	1,94,875	61.30	12.55	7.32	0.04	11.29	1.28	0.80	1.77	3.65
Korea (DPRK)	125	25.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.60	0.80	0.00	0.80	3.20
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	56.82	8.14	15.12	0.00	8.79	1.95	0.84	1.54	6.81
Macao (China)	6	66.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.33
Mongolia	3,911	74.53	4.27	1.38	0.13	9.59	0.79	0.26	1.53	7.52
Taiwan (Pr. of China)	42,598	43.72	12.38	14.11	0.00	13.24	2.30	0.67	2.44	11.15
Tibet	1,812	76.27	0.22	0.06	0.00	21.63	0.00	0.00	0.06	1.77
Oceania	6,06,711	38.43	13.58	6.53	0.01	10.75	6.15	7.10	2.02	15.44
American Samoa	7	28.57	14.29	0.00	0.00	14.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.86
Australia	5,18,205	37.88	12.68	6.68	0.01	11.34	6.32	7.14	2.09	15.87
Cook Islands	2	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	56.44	18.80	11.61	0.00	3.08	2.43	1.26	1.22	5.16
French Polynesia	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Kiribati	162	91.98	3.09	4.32	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marshall Islands	13	69.23	30.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Micronesia FSM	47	95.74	2.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.13	0.00
Nauru	144	98.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Caledonia	3	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Zealand	81,115	40.27	19.02	5.17	0.00	7.65	5.19	7.40	1.66	13.65



Table 2.4.3 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Palau	8	87.50	12.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Papua New Guinea	685	42.19	14.31	19.56	0.00	9.78	2.77	0.29	2.19	8.91
Samoa	149	16.78	2.68	1.34	0.00	2.01	75.17	0.00	0.00	2.01
Solomon Islands	50	80.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	2.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tonga	134	39.55	3.73	5.22	0.00	2.24	44.78	2.24	0.00	2.24
Tuvalu	159	91.82	1.26	2.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.26	0.00	3.14
Vanuatu	595	56.64	25.21	5.88	0.00	2.18	0.84	1.01	1.68	6.55
South Asia	24,09,812	12.71	2.46	10.51	32.66	2.05	0.32	1.76	5.28	32.25
Afghanistan	1,253	85.87	7.50	0.24	0.00	2.00	0.96	0.32	0.32	2.79
Bangladesh	17,50,165	4.94	0.64	5.18	44.94	0.04	0.02	0.02	6.44	37.78
Bhutan	41,265	45.92	0.69	0.65	0.01	0.26	0.28	0.06	15.62	36.52
Iran	21,406	59.84	23.34	1.57	0.00	4.43	2.69	1.68	0.48	5.97
Maldives	84,770	2.37	4.32	2.19	0.00	23.62	0.37	44.81	0.03	22.30
Nepal	2,02,501	71.34	10.83	0.47	0.26	4.32	0.49	0.23	3.73	8.33
Pakistan	26,625	2.38	2.89	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.36
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	14.13	5.82	56.44	0.00	6.66	1.87	1.20	0.12	13.76
South-East Asia	8,67,210	21.95	10.73	16.34	0.00	5.68	2.51	4.11	5.11	33.58
Brunei	863	26.19	11.01	39.17	0.00	10.08	1.16	3.94	0.58	7.88
Cambodia	11,326	55.07	2.60	0.83	0.00	1.41	0.86	0.28	4.65	34.30
Indonesia	39,227	31.39	21.05	7.05	0.01	8.68	3.90	2.64	2.89	22.39
Laos	2,997	18.28	3.77	1.87	0.00	3.47	1.97	0.87	17.45	52.32
Malaysia	3,07,526	16.06	6.83	25.50	0.00	4.44	2.09	7.70	1.69	35.69
Myanmar	47,588	19.97	2.42	7.75	0.01	0.97	1.15	0.39	12.98	54.36
Philippines	57,542	24.68	17.44	6.85	0.00	7.76	5.51	5.72	3.10	28.96
Singapore	2,05,383	18.63	16.13	22.62	0.00	9.48	2.75	2.52	2.91	24.96
Thailand	1,40,489	28.74	10.61	3.15	0.00	4.45	1.84	1.02	7.09	43.10
Timor-Leste	178	57.30	4.49	13.48	0.00	5.62	2.25	5.62	0.56	10.67
Vietnam	54,091	35.41	7.54	2.80	0.00	2.16	3.05	1.39	24.00	23.64
Europe	26,57,441	42.50	21.07	6.00	0.01	7.98	2.87	4.04	1.56	13.97
Central/ Eastern Europe	3,84,553	55.30	10.58	2.47	0.03	3.55	1.26	1.81	1.31	23.68
Armenia	2,003	38.09	22.92	2.30	0.00	8.09	4.74	2.45	6.74	14.68
Azerbaijan	4,809	52.15	35.97	2.22	0.00	1.81	0.75	1.00	0.67	5.43



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Belarus	9,126	68.80	6.28	2.11	0.10	2.17	1.55	1.98	1.14	15.87
Bulgaria	5,938	52.76	16.69	4.65	0.05	6.87	2.26	4.68	2.00	10.04
Czech Republic	13,890	51.38	21.25	5.26	0.02	6.68	1.99	2.66	2.46	8.29
Estonia	2,965	49.17	25.94	4.92	0.00	7.52	1.75	2.06	1.01	7.62
Georgia	2,757	62.24	9.47	4.28	0.00	2.14	1.27	1.74	2.25	16.61
Hungary	9,040	48.97	19.10	6.11	0.07	9.28	3.20	4.48	2.59	6.21
Kazakhstan	27,006	58.39	4.97	0.77	0.01	0.81	0.36	0.74	0.39	33.57
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	70.18	4.31	1.55	0.00	1.56	0.47	1.32	2.16	18.45
Latvia	3,649	52.64	16.96	2.93	0.00	7.76	2.08	2.58	1.48	13.57
Lithuania	6,305	56.67	19.81	2.85	0.03	7.18	1.44	3.43	1.67	6.92
Poland	43,316	53.61	20.20	3.57	0.01	7.06	1.79	2.55	1.66	9.55
Rep. Moldova	905	46.19	20.33	5.30	0.11	5.19	1.88	5.64	4.31	11.05
Romania	15,087	41.76	18.31	6.11	0.02	9.30	2.97	4.89	2.97	13.67
Russian Federation	1,60,188	46.13	6.94	1.85	0.04	2.28	1.03	1.29	1.00	39.45
Slovakia	6,644	49.53	15.71	5.19	0.00	7.62	2.48	4.30	2.60	12.55
Tajikistan	6,413	95.79	1.45	0.48	0.02	0.39	0.56	0.20	0.20	0.90
Turkmenistan	9,639	97.12	0.55	0.24	0.00	0.25	0.32	0.11	0.51	0.90
Ukraine	14,875	36.89	17.02	5.33	0.08	5.66	2.18	4.20	3.29	25.35
Uzbekistan	34,247	92.90	3.63	0.26	0.00	0.40	0.20	0.18	0.19	2.25
Northern Europe	11,68,217	33.89	25.28	5.91	0.00	7.96	4.04	5.76	1.68	15.47
Denmark	22,456	51.50	14.25	9.63	0.00	10.05	2.34	1.87	1.64	8.71
Finland	12,764	70.09	11.24	3.93	0.01	5.70	1.96	2.51	1.08	3.48
Iceland	988	43.32	16.50	2.63	0.00	7.49	2.02	4.35	1.42	22.27
Ireland	46,494	29.59	15.41	6.26	0.01	11.94	6.23	19.17	2.95	8.43
Norway	21,682	50.04	16.64	7.13	0.01	6.87	3.49	3.12	2.31	10.41
Sweden	41,246	43.17	18.39	6.35	0.01	13.63	5.02	2.95	2.75	7.72
United Kingdom	10,22,587	32.52	26.62	5.80	0.00	7.55	3.98	5.45	1.58	16.50
Southern/ Medit. Europe	4,31,219	49.43	20.63	3.84	0.01	5.65	1.72	2.38	1.65	14.70
Albania	729	45.54	12.07	7.00	0.00	7.82	3.16	8.78	2.88	12.76
Andorra	168	35.71	41.67	1.19	0.00	3.57	0.60	0.00	1.19	16.07



Table 2.4.3 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	39.13	10.82	7.74	0.11	6.57	4.77	14.10	4.77	11.98
Croatia	4,132	43.39	16.60	5.57	0.00	11.52	2.47	3.78	3.22	13.46
Cyprus	2,274	45.25	18.51	4.53	0.00	8.18	2.77	3.52	2.42	14.82
Greece	10,596	47.10	18.13	4.45	0.00	7.61	2.46	3.22	2.31	14.71
Israel	47,465	58.04	15.53	3.06	0.00	8.51	3.24	2.30	1.15	8.16
Italy	1,42,239	61.75	11.04	5.14	0.01	5.20	1.36	2.86	1.78	10.86
Malta	2,134	39.41	28.82	3.51	0.00	10.87	3.37	2.95	2.25	8.81
Montenegro	524	25.95	22.90	4.96	0.00	4.58	1.72	9.92	3.05	26.91
North Macedonia	662	45.47	15.71	5.89	0.00	8.76	4.08	7.40	3.47	9.21
Portugal	92,582	21.60	36.35	1.31	0.02	3.83	0.76	0.99	0.65	34.48
San Marino	57	64.91	3.51	8.77	0.00	10.53	0.00	1.75	3.51	7.02
Serbia	4,820	45.75	14.69	7.20	0.00	8.76	2.86	6.85	4.23	9.67
Slovenia	4,056	51.50	16.54	5.72	0.00	9.76	3.67	3.75	2.71	6.34
Spain	81,959	57.37	17.23	4.76	0.02	6.80	1.91	2.39	2.52	7.01
Turkiye	35,829	46.19	35.11	2.89	0.01	2.99	2.13	2.21	1.27	7.19
Vatican City	50	46.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	28.00	0.00	16.00
Western Europe	6,73,452	45.69	20.01	9.55	0.01	12.05	2.49	3.40	1.43	5.37
Austria	30,393	53.35	14.03	4.03	0.01	8.21	2.09	9.54	1.55	7.19
Belgium	39,813	45.30	27.68	6.19	0.00	7.81	2.57	2.48	1.82	6.16
France	2,06,855	45.51	17.83	16.83	0.01	10.82	1.41	2.60	1.04	3.94
Germany	2,56,348	44.09	20.15	6.94	0.01	14.36	3.37	3.17	1.60	6.31
Liechtenstein	132	56.06	20.45	3.79	0.00	8.33	0.00	3.79	0.00	7.58
Luxembourg	2,167	47.35	20.63	8.40	0.05	10.66	2.22	3.60	1.80	5.31
Monaco	43	65.12	13.95	6.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.33	0.00	11.63
Netherlands	93,579	49.12	22.55	4.70	0.01	13.80	2.64	1.80	1.46	3.94
Switzerland	44,122	43.49	21.27	7.72	0.01	7.25	2.29	8.49	1.82	7.65
Middle East	2,95,511	23.04	30.80	2.97	0.00	6.79	10.14	13.70	0.62	11.93
Bahrain	14,041	13.97	19.27	9.36	0.02	8.65	16.69	11.97	0.40	19.68
Egypt	17,825	30.63	32.99	7.15	0.00	6.22	4.02	6.36	3.06	9.58
Iraq	40,247	86.10	6.58	0.84	0.00	2.15	1.62	0.40	0.22	2.10
Jordan	5,878	31.03	21.57	6.67	0.00	10.79	4.92	8.66	3.27	13.10
Kuwait	10,921	20.27	22.35	6.79	0.00	12.71	7.22	18.19	0.51	11.96
Lebanon	4,405	24.25	21.79	10.65	0.00	8.47	2.57	12.19	5.20	14.89



Table 2.4.3 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Haridaspur	Bengaluru	Hyderabad	Cochin	Kolkata	Others
Libya	766	37.47	34.60	1.31	0.00	3.00	2.87	8.49	1.31	10.97
Oman	66,703	5.24	31.16	3.99	0.00	4.13	8.87	31.20	0.05	15.35
Palestine	870	43.45	17.70	7.36	0.00	7.59	3.79	5.40	1.72	12.99
Qatar	3,673	14.89	28.45	1.88	0.00	17.67	16.83	8.22	0.90	11.16
Saudi Arabia	46,167	22.63	20.17	0.77	0.00	8.64	9.21	17.86	0.45	20.27
Syria	4,231	24.23	20.21	5.11	0.00	5.46	6.19	4.70	2.43	31.67
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	3.55	54.99	1.05	0.00	7.06	18.60	6.81	0.34	7.59
Yemen	13,085	18.02	46.11	1.43	0.00	15.65	12.00	2.06	0.27	4.46
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	59.05	16.25	6.03	0.04	8.82	1.67	0.84	0.90	6.41
Grand Total	99,51,722	32.40	15.65	8.19	7.92	7.00	3.97	3.74	2.78	18.36

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.4.4 presents the region-wise and state-zone-wise distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2024. The data highlights the relative preferences of international tourists across the five zones—North, South, West & Central, East, and North-East India—based on their region of origin.

In 2024, India received 9.95 million foreign tourist arrivals, with travel distributed across all five zones—North, South, West & Central, East, and North-East India. The North Zone accounted for the largest share (35.62%), followed by South (26.27%), West & Central (19.94%), East (16.60%), and a minimal share in North-East India (1.58%). This pattern reflects the dominance of gateway cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata, as well as proximity-based flows from neighboring regions.

Tourist arrivals from Africa (3.39 lakh) predominantly entered through West & Central India (48.74%), followed by North India (33.08%), reflecting the influence of diaspora, trade ties, and healthcare-driven travel. Within North Africa, countries like Morocco and Tunisia had a notable presence through southern and western ports. Meanwhile, Sub-Saharan African countries such as Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and South Africa displayed a strong leaning toward West India.

The Americas contributed significantly, with 23.7 lakh arrivals, led by North America, particularly the United States (18.0 lakh) and Canada (4.7 lakh). A large majority of these travelers entered via North India (42.36%), followed by South India (30.92%) and West & Central India (24.92%), indicating balanced distribution due to long-haul connectivity to Delhi, Mumbai, and southern hubs like Bengaluru and Hyderabad. The Caribbean and Central America showed higher relative shares through West India, while countries in South America such as Brazil, Argentina, and Peru favored South India as the primary entry route.

The Asia and the Pacific region dominated with 42.8 lakh arrivals, marking it as the largest contributor. The entry distribution here was led by East India (36.44%), driven largely by tourists from Bangladesh, Bhutan, and other South-East Asian countries. Notably, South Asia, which accounted for over 2.4 million arrivals, showed a heavy tilt toward East (60%) and North-East (6.4%) zones—especially from neighboring countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal. Oceania, including Australia and New Zealand, had more balanced distribution with 43.71% entering via North, 35.34% through South, and a smaller proportion via West & Central India.



European arrivals totaled 26.6 lakh, with the North India corridor (45.73%) being the preferred route, followed by West & Central (29.34%). Travelers from Northern and Western Europe, including the UK, Germany, and France, entered largely through Delhi and Mumbai.

Middle East tourists numbered around 2.96 lakh, entering predominantly through South (42.00%) and West & Central India (32.59%). Countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Oman drove this trend.

Table 2.4.4 : Region-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) and their Percentage Distribution across Indian Regions, 2024

	FTAs in India	North (%)	South (%)	West and Central (%)	East (%)	North East (%)
Africa	3,38,605	33.08	17.24	48.74	0.94	0.01
North Africa	28,826	29.87	42.23	23.91	3.95	0.05
Algeria	2,522	41.24	29.38	22.60	6.78	0.00
Morocco	9,831	31.92	44.65	18.02	5.27	0.13
Sudan	10,887	27.60	37.70	34.47	0.23	0.00
Tunisia	5,586	25.53	52.58	14.29	7.61	0.00
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	33.37	14.92	51.05	0.66	0.00
Angola	1,202	35.94	23.21	40.27	0.58	0.00
Benin	436	51.38	8.03	40.14	0.46	0.00
Botswana	1,275	41.02	16.63	41.33	1.02	0.00
Burkina Faso	659	57.81	7.44	34.45	0.30	0.00
Burundi	341	32.84	15.25	51.32	0.59	0.00
Cameroon	4,322	52.85	11.36	35.56	0.23	0.00
Cabo Verde	39	66.67	17.95	15.38	0.00	0.00
Centr. African Rep.	24	58.33	8.33	33.33	0.00	0.00
Chad	1,438	59.81	17.32	22.81	0.07	0.00
Congo	431	59.40	9.74	30.63	0.23	0.00
Comoros	1,517	12.85	21.89	65.13	0.13	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	40.12	14.40	44.28	1.20	0.00
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	60.96	8.65	30.19	0.20	0.00
Djibouti	1,008	40.38	31.45	28.08	0.10	0.00
Equatorial Guinea	92	59.78	16.30	21.74	2.17	0.00
Eritrea	407	57.00	21.87	21.13	0.00	0.00
Ethiopia	32,391	45.72	15.68	38.50	0.10	0.00
Eswatini	740	27.97	10.81	60.95	0.27	0.00
Gabon	158	50.63	15.82	33.54	0.00	0.00
Gambia	700	60.57	6.43	32.71	0.29	0.00
Ghana	6,049	49.07	14.56	34.02	2.35	0.00



Table 2.4.4 continued...

	FTAs in India	North (%)	South (%)	West and Central (%)	East (%)	North East (%)
Guinea	1,256	49.76	8.28	41.64	0.32	0.00
Guinea-Bissau	24	50.00	20.83	29.17	0.00	0.00
Kenya	52,294	27.68	7.08	64.79	0.45	0.00
Lesotho	750	36.80	10.00	52.80	0.40	0.00
Liberia	1,699	44.44	3.65	51.85	0.06	0.00
Madagascar	3,578	12.74	3.75	83.29	0.22	0.00
Malawi	2,441	39.98	8.28	51.70	0.04	0.00
Mali	869	42.35	10.24	46.49	0.92	0.00
Mauritania	182	30.77	25.27	43.41	0.55	0.00
Mauritius	48,683	30.56	14.54	54.36	0.55	0.00
Mozambique	5,741	30.62	9.98	59.29	0.10	0.00
Namibia	737	46.13	17.50	35.14	1.22	0.00
Niger	709	47.53	4.65	47.67	0.14	0.00
Nigeria	10,059	53.37	13.68	32.72	0.24	0.00
Reunion	8	0.00	25.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Rwanda	1,890	47.04	14.55	37.78	0.63	0.00
Sao Tome & Principe	38	84.21	2.63	13.16	0.00	0.00
Senegal	2,008	33.96	15.94	49.30	0.80	0.00
Seychelles	3,733	6.70	69.25	23.23	0.83	0.00
Sierra Leone	731	39.53	10.26	49.79	0.41	0.00
Somalia	12,320	50.15	32.13	17.72	0.00	0.00
South Africa	44,168	27.38	22.79	47.47	2.35	0.01
South Sudan	2,466	60.46	16.67	22.87	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	30,730	18.83	9.66	71.32	0.19	0.00
Togo	503	60.24	13.72	26.04	0.00	0.00
Uganda	11,711	21.06	14.70	64.08	0.17	0.00
Zambia	4,762	29.23	12.83	57.71	0.23	0.00
Zimbabwe	6,848	48.07	9.86	41.56	0.51	0.00
Americas	23,72,058	42.36	30.92	24.92	1.78	0.02
Caribbean	8,925	45.88	17.73	33.93	2.44	0.02
Anguilla	4	75.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	44.50	20.61	30.91	3.98	0.00
Aruba	4	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bahamas	195	56.92	21.54	18.46	2.56	0.51
Barbados	730	14.52	8.49	76.03	0.82	0.14



Table 2.4.4 continued...

	FTAs in India	North (%)	South (%)	West and Central (%)	East (%)	North East (%)
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cayman Islands	20	55.00	5.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cuba	382	62.30	14.92	18.32	4.45	0.00
Dominica	843	52.55	14.59	29.77	3.08	0.00
Dominican Rep.	501	62.67	8.78	27.15	1.40	0.00
Grenada	972	35.08	12.65	49.18	3.09	0.00
Haiti	63	52.38	14.29	33.33	0.00	0.00
Jamaica	1,021	34.28	31.15	31.24	3.33	0.00
Neth. Antilles	6	50.00	16.67	0.00	33.33	0.00
Saint Lucia	264	22.35	28.03	48.11	1.52	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	44.53	20.79	32.58	2.10	0.00
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	44.07	30.51	25.42	0.00	0.00
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	59.43	16.67	21.89	2.01	0.00
Turks & Caicos	4	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Central America	5,905	48.35	18.36	31.69	1.61	0.00
Belize	515	43.88	11.65	43.11	1.36	0.00
Costa Rica	1,784	59.42	26.91	11.43	2.24	0.00
El Salvador	455	51.43	30.99	14.51	3.08	0.00
Guatemala	823	68.29	12.52	18.10	1.09	0.00
Honduras	568	41.90	24.65	31.69	1.76	0.00
Nicaragua	174	56.90	16.09	24.71	2.30	0.00
Panama	1,586	27.49	8.32	63.49	0.69	0.00
North America	22,99,267	41.92	31.28	25.02	1.77	0.02
Canada	4,76,273	59.61	19.01	19.83	1.54	0.01
Mexico	18,408	66.97	16.89	14.61	1.47	0.05
United States	18,04,586	36.99	34.67	26.49	1.83	0.02
South America	57,961	59.03	19.74	18.91	2.29	0.02
Argentina	9,638	68.12	15.99	13.93	1.96	0.00
Bolivia	684	56.43	24.27	16.08	3.22	0.00
Brazil	24,782	52.60	24.24	20.60	2.53	0.03
Chile	5,442	64.41	14.22	19.22	2.09	0.06
Colombia	7,639	56.88	19.30	21.43	2.40	0.00
Ecuador	1,484	68.19	15.63	14.69	1.48	0.00
Guyana	790	59.87	10.51	27.97	1.65	0.00
Paraguay	322	50.62	20.19	18.94	10.25	0.00



Table 2.4.4 continued...

	FTAs in India	North (%)	South (%)	West and Central (%)	East (%)	North East (%)
Peru	3,685	65.37	16.20	16.31	2.06	0.05
Suriname	568	69.89	7.57	22.18	0.35	0.00
Uruguay	1,524	75.26	11.81	11.68	1.25	0.00
Venezuela	1,403	55.24	20.03	22.52	2.21	0.00
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	26.50	25.24	8.18	36.44	3.64
North-East Asia	3,95,930	58.85	25.06	13.79	2.23	0.07
China	38,960	44.58	28.66	24.57	2.17	0.02
Hong Kong (China)	719	86.37	9.32	3.20	1.11	0.00
Japan	1,94,875	62.02	21.61	14.23	2.04	0.10
Korea (DPRK)	125	28.80	70.40	0.00	0.80	0.00
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	61.11	27.68	9.41	1.74	0.07
Macao (China)	6	83.33	16.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mongolia	3,911	79.11	13.81	4.47	2.61	0.00
Taiwan (PR. of China)	42,598	48.30	31.94	15.16	4.55	0.04
Tibet	1,812	78.04	21.69	0.22	0.06	0.00
Oceania	6,06,711	43.71	35.34	18.69	2.23	0.02
American Samoa	7	28.57	57.14	14.29	0.00	0.00
Australia	5,18,205	43.10	36.55	18.00	2.32	0.03
Cook Islands	2	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	57.01	19.70	21.90	1.40	0.00
French Polynesia	4	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kiribati	162	91.98	4.94	3.09	0.00	0.00
Marshall Islands	13	69.23	0.00	30.77	0.00	0.00
Micronesia FSM	47	95.74	0.00	2.13	2.13	0.00
Nauru	144	98.61	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Caledonia	3	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Zealand	81,115	46.37	28.90	22.95	1.77	0.01
Palau	8	87.50	0.00	12.50	0.00	0.00
Papua New Guinea	685	42.19	35.18	20.44	2.19	0.00
Samoa	149	17.45	79.87	2.68	0.00	0.00
Solomon Islands	50	80.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tonga	134	39.55	54.48	5.97	0.00	0.00
Tuvalu	159	91.82	6.29	1.89	0.00	0.00
Vanuatu	595	58.99	10.59	28.74	1.68	0.00



Table 2.4.4 continued...

	FTAs in India	North (%)	South (%)	West and Central (%)	East (%)	North East (%)
South Asia	24,09,812	15.09	15.94	2.57	59.99	6.42
Afghanistan	1,253	87.15	3.83	8.54	0.40	0.08
Bangladesh	17,50,165	4.95	5.28	0.66	80.37	8.74
Bhutan	41,265	46.92	1.29	0.90	49.85	1.04
Iran	21,406	61.26	11.39	26.83	0.52	0.00
Maldives	84,770	2.38	93.23	4.36	0.03	0.00
Nepal	2,02,501	73.69	5.74	11.25	8.70	0.61
Pakistan	26,625	96.72	0.37	2.90	0.00	0.00
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	23.56	70.24	5.98	0.21	0.00
South-East Asia	8,67,210	31.41	44.10	13.86	10.53	0.10
Brunei	863	26.77	59.33	12.28	1.51	0.12
Cambodia	11,326	71.77	3.73	10.11	14.29	0.09
Indonesia	39,227	39.02	29.59	27.34	3.95	0.11
Laos	2,997	50.02	8.48	4.10	36.97	0.43
Malaysia	3,07,526	22.24	66.54	8.85	2.29	0.08
Myanmar	47,588	44.27	11.61	3.95	40.04	0.13
Philippines	57,542	28.22	39.74	27.67	4.34	0.05
Singapore	2,05,383	21.58	55.75	19.19	3.41	0.07
Thailand	1,40,489	49.53	11.44	12.43	26.38	0.22
Timor-Leste	178	57.87	27.53	14.04	0.56	0.00
Vietnam	54,091	50.84	11.10	11.46	26.58	0.02
Europe	26,57,441	45.73	23.20	29.34	1.69	0.03
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	56.24	12.49	29.68	1.54	0.02
Armenia	2,003	42.19	20.77	30.25	6.79	0.00
Azerbaijan	4,809	52.80	8.26	38.24	0.71	0.00
Belarus	9,126	69.41	10.06	19.19	1.35	0.00
Bulgaria	5,938	54.45	22.13	21.17	2.26	0.00
Czech Republic	13,890	52.89	19.11	25.15	2.82	0.01
Estonia	2,965	50.29	19.83	28.33	1.48	0.07
Georgia	2,757	63.55	16.14	17.92	2.39	0.00
Hungary	9,040	50.13	25.59	21.45	2.83	0.00
Kazakhstan	27,006	58.80	4.44	36.33	0.42	0.00
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	70.44	7.18	20.22	2.16	0.00
Latvia	3,649	54.23	22.50	21.43	1.81	0.03



Table 2.4.4 continued...

	FTAs in India	North (%)	South (%)	West and Central (%)	East (%)	North East (%)
Lithuania	6,305	57.80	17.65	22.43	2.06	0.06
Poland	43,316	54.60	17.35	26.14	1.88	0.03
Rep. Moldova	905	47.62	21.66	25.97	4.64	0.11
Romania	15,087	44.12	29.32	22.37	3.96	0.23
Russian Federation	1,60,188	46.85	10.38	41.54	1.21	0.01
Slovakia	6,644	51.99	26.72	18.50	2.78	0.02
Tajikistan	6,413	95.84	1.92	2.01	0.23	0.00
Turkmenistan	9,639	97.83	1.04	0.61	0.51	0.01
Ukraine	14,875	38.15	28.79	28.50	4.13	0.02
Uzbekistan	34,247	93.87	1.19	4.75	0.19	0.01
Northern Europe	11,68,217	38.84	26.01	33.36	1.76	0.02
Denmark	22,456	52.47	26.82	18.90	1.77	0.04
Finland	12,764	70.71	15.01	12.95	1.29	0.03
Iceland	988	58.40	19.13	20.85	1.62	0.00
Ireland	46,494	30.77	47.32	18.84	3.05	0.02
Norway	21,682	54.52	22.63	20.33	2.50	0.02
Sweden	41,246	44.41	30.63	22.10	2.85	0.01
United Kingdom	10,22,587	37.93	25.06	35.34	1.65	0.02
Southern/ Medit. Europe	4,31,219	53.22	15.27	29.68	1.80	0.04
Albania	729	48.97	30.59	17.56	2.88	0.00
Andorra	168	41.07	8.93	48.81	1.19	0.00
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	44.64	37.12	13.26	4.88	0.11
Croatia	4,132	44.85	29.70	22.02	3.44	0.00
Cyprus	2,274	51.06	23.09	23.31	2.55	0.00
Greece	10,596	50.60	22.23	24.07	2.94	0.17
Israel	47,465	60.29	18.00	20.32	1.34	0.05
Italy	1,42,239	68.64	16.52	12.92	1.89	0.03
Malta	2,134	40.53	24.93	31.87	2.58	0.09
Montenegro	524	29.58	28.82	38.17	3.44	0.00
North Macedonia	662	47.28	30.82	18.43	3.47	0.00
Portugal	92,582	23.32	7.41	68.55	0.71	0.01
San Marino	57	66.67	24.56	3.51	5.26	0.00
Serbia	4,820	47.59	29.65	18.46	4.27	0.02
Slovenia	4,056	53.13	25.22	18.81	2.81	0.02



Table 2.4.4 continued...

	FTAs in India	North (%)	South (%)	West and Central (%)	East (%)	North East (%)
Spain	81,959	60.00	17.59	19.62	2.71	0.07
Turkiye	35,829	48.59	12.37	37.54	1.50	0.00
Vatican City	50	46.00	46.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
Western Europe	6,73,452	46.90	29.50	21.95	1.59	0.05
Austria	30,393	55.28	26.42	16.45	1.81	0.03
Belgium	39,813	47.05	20.71	30.26	1.94	0.03
France	2,06,855	46.31	33.27	19.17	1.17	0.07
Germany	2,56,348	45.56	30.26	22.41	1.76	0.02
Liechtenstein	132	60.61	17.42	21.97	0.00	0.00
Luxembourg	2,167	47.85	28.06	21.92	2.17	0.00
Monaco	43	65.12	11.63	23.26	0.00	0.00
Netherlands	93,579	50.12	24.05	24.19	1.61	0.03
Switzerland	44,122	44.66	29.21	23.92	2.08	0.13
Middle East	2,95,511	24.74	42.00	32.59	0.64	0.00
Bahrain	14,041	14.44	63.72	21.40	0.43	0.01
Egypt	17,825	32.57	27.12	37.18	3.13	0.00
Iraq	40,247	86.23	5.30	8.24	0.22	0.00
Jordan	5,878	33.72	35.11	27.88	3.28	0.00
Kuwait	10,921	20.56	54.83	24.10	0.51	0.00
Lebanon	4,405	27.99	40.20	26.56	5.24	0.00
Libya	766	38.25	20.10	40.08	1.57	0.00
Oman	66,703	5.86	62.26	31.81	0.07	0.00
Palestine	870	45.40	29.77	23.10	1.72	0.00
Qatar	3,673	15.25	51.76	32.10	0.90	0.00
Saudi Arabia	46,167	29.11	48.98	21.37	0.46	0.00
Syria	4,231	26.90	32.90	37.30	2.91	0.00
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	4.38	39.19	56.00	0.35	0.00
Yemen	13,085	18.67	33.55	47.50	0.27	0.01
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	60.46	18.45	19.80	1.22	0.07
Grand Total	99,51,722	35.62	26.27	19.94	16.60	1.60

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



2.5 Gender-wise Distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India

Table 2.5.1 provides a gender-wise distribution (in percentage) of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India from 2001 to 2024, presenting trends in the share of female, male, and other gender categories among foreign tourists visiting India.

The share of female tourists has steadily increased from 40.60% in 2011 to 43.14% in 2024, indicating a significant positive shift over two decades. The proportion of male tourists has correspondingly decreased from 59.40% in 2011 to 56.85% in 2024, showing more balanced gender representation.

Despite fluctuations, male tourists still constitute the majority, but the gender gap has narrowed significantly, from nearly 18.8 percentage points in 2011 to just 13.71 points in 2024.

Table 2.5.1 : Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India by Gender

Year	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
2001	25,37,282	24.50	41.10	34.40
2011	63,09,222	40.60	59.40	0.00
2012	65,77,745	41.30	58.70	0.00
2013	69,67,901	41.20	58.80	0.00
2014	76,79,099	41.00	59.00	0.00
2015	80,27,133	40.70	59.30	0.00
2016	88,04,411	40.60	59.40	0.00
2017	1,00,35,803	40.50	59.40	0.01
2018	1,05,57,976	41.40	58.60	0.01
2019	1,09,30,355	41.10	58.90	0.00
2020	27,44,766	42.20	57.00	0.00
2021	15,27,114	40.30	9.70	0.00
2022	64,37,467	42.00	57.99	0.01
2023	95,20,928	42.30	57.70	0.01
2024	99,51,722	43.14	56.85	0.01

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.5.2 represents the gender-wise distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by region and subregion for the year 2024.

In 2024, India received approximately 9.95 million foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs), with a gender distribution of 43.14% female, 56.85% male, and 0.01% others. Male dominance in arrivals is evident across most regions, particularly from Asia and the Pacific (60.32% male) and the Middle East (63.46% male), likely reflecting labor, business, and cultural travel patterns. South Asia showed the highest gender disparity, with only 34.76% female tourists.



In contrast, North Africa (52.52%), South-East Asia (51.29%), and Central/Eastern Europe (53.83%) recorded female-majority arrivals, indicating stronger female participation in tourism from these regions. The Americas had a moderate gender skew with 46.77% female travelers, while Europe saw a relatively balanced distribution (45.57% female). North-East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa also exhibited male-dominant trends. The minimal share of tourists identifying as “others” (0.01%) reflects low gender diversity disclosure or recording in travel data.

Table 2.5.2: Gender-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Africa	3,38,605	48.45	51.55	0.00
North Africa	28,826	52.52	47.48	0.00
Algeria	2,522	36.08	63.92	0.00
Morocco	9,831	69.48	30.52	0.00
Sudan	10,887	31.98	68.02	0.00
Tunisia	5,586	70.09	29.91	0.00
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	48.07	51.93	0.00
Angola	1,202	57.24	42.76	0.00
Benin	436	27.75	72.25	0.00
Botswana	1,275	48.63	51.37	0.00
Burkina Faso	659	23.67	76.33	0.00
Burundi	341	34.02	65.98	0.00
Cameroon	4,322	42.04	57.96	0.00
Cabo Verde	39	25.64	74.36	0.00
Centr. African Rep.	24	33.33	66.67	0.00
Chad	1,438	38.46	61.54	0.00
Congo	431	47.10	52.90	0.00
Comoros	1,517	50.96	49.04	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	42.47	57.53	0.00
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	46.38	53.62	0.00
Djibouti	1,008	40.38	59.62	0.00
Equatorial Guinea	92	36.96	63.04	0.00
Eritrea	407	36.12	63.88	0.00
Ethiopia	32,391	56.61	43.39	0.00
Eswatini	740	50.68	49.32	0.00
Gabon	158	44.30	55.70	0.00
Gambia	700	35.86	64.14	0.00
Ghana	6,049	35.49	64.51	0.00



Table 2.5.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Guinea	1,256	43.55	56.45	0.00
Guinea-Bissau	24	12.50	87.50	0.00
Kenya	52,294	47.75	52.25	0.00
Lesotho	750	47.87	52.13	0.00
Liberia	1,699	40.79	59.21	0.00
Madagascar	3,578	52.04	47.96	0.00
Malawi	2,441	43.71	56.29	0.00
Mali	869	27.96	72.04	0.00
Mauritania	182	9.89	90.11	0.00
Mauritius	48,683	53.96	46.04	0.00
Mozambique	5,741	52.33	47.67	0.00
Namibia	737	44.37	55.63	0.00
Niger	709	23.13	76.87	0.00
Nigeria	10,059	31.30	68.70	0.00
Reunion	8	37.50	62.50	0.00
Rwanda	1,890	42.49	57.51	0.00
Sao Tome & Principe	38	36.84	63.16	0.00
Senegal	2,008	51.15	48.85	0.00
Seychelles	3,733	50.82	49.18	0.00
Sierra Leone	731	39.40	60.60	0.00
Somalia	12,320	48.04	51.96	0.00
South Africa	44,168	46.82	53.18	0.00
South Sudan	2,466	38.04	61.96	0.00
Tanzania	30,730	47.83	52.17	0.00
Togo	503	24.25	75.75	0.00
Uganda	11,711	45.15	54.85	0.00
Zambia	4,762	44.54	55.46	0.00
Zimbabwe	6,848	44.92	55.08	0.00
Americas	23,72,058	46.77	53.23	0.01
Caribbean	8,925	40.49	59.51	0.00
Anguilla	4	25.00	75.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	25.06	74.94	0.00
Aruba	4	75.00	25.00	0.00
Bahamas	195	51.28	48.72	0.00
Barbados	730	46.03	53.97	0.00



Table 2.5.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	25.00	75.00	0.00
Cayman Islands	20	45.00	55.00	0.00
Cuba	382	52.88	47.12	0.00
Dominica	843	23.49	76.51	0.00
Dominican Rep.	501	51.10	48.90	0.00
Grenada	972	38.27	61.73	0.00
Haiti	63	34.92	65.08	0.00
Jamaica	1,021	41.53	58.47	0.00
Neth. Antilles	6	33.33	66.67	0.00
Saint Lucia	264	37.88	62.12	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	30.22	69.78	0.00
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	40.68	59.32	0.00
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	49.02	50.98	0.00
Turks & Caicos	4	25.00	75.00	0.00
Central America	5,905	43.15	56.85	0.00
Belize	515	42.91	57.09	0.00
Costa Rica	1,784	45.18	54.82	0.00
El Salvador	455	40.44	59.56	0.00
Guatemala	823	41.80	58.20	0.00
Honduras	568	38.73	61.27	0.00
Nicaragua	174	46.55	53.45	0.00
Panama	1,586	43.63	56.37	0.00
North America	22,99,267	46.72	53.28	0.01
Canada	4,76,273	46.82	53.18	0.00
Mexico	18,408	53.37	46.63	0.00
United States	18,04,586	46.62	53.37	0.01
South America	57,961	50.05	49.95	0.00
Argentina	9,638	57.30	42.70	0.00
Bolivia	684	42.25	57.75	0.00
Brazil	24,782	46.24	53.75	0.00
Chile	5,442	51.38	48.62	0.00
Colombia	7,639	52.87	47.13	0.00
Ecuador	1,484	52.02	47.98	0.00
Guyana	790	46.58	53.42	0.00
Paraguay	322	52.17	47.83	0.00
Peru	3,685	50.99	49.01	0.00



Table 2.5.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Suriname	568	54.93	45.07	0.00
Uruguay	1,524	55.45	44.55	0.00
Venezuela	1,403	39.91	60.09	0.00
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	39.66	60.32	0.01
North-East Asia	3,95,930	35.44	64.56	0.00
China	38,960	43.14	56.86	0.00
Hong Kong (China)	719	42.98	57.02	0.00
Japan	1,94,875	30.60	69.40	0.00
Korea (DPRK)	125	31.20	68.80	0.00
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	36.84	63.16	0.00
Macao (China)	6	16.67	83.33	0.00
Mongolia	3,911	54.82	45.18	0.00
Taiwan (PR. of China)	42,598	44.62	55.38	0.00
Tibet	1,812	42.94	57.06	0.00
Oceania	6,06,711	45.28	54.72	0.00
American Samoa	7	42.86	57.14	0.00
Australia	5,18,205	45.19	54.81	0.00
Cook Islands	2	0.00	100.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	50.32	49.68	0.00
French Polynesia	4	0.00	100.00	0.00
Kiribati	162	62.35	37.65	0.00
Marshall Islands	13	38.46	61.54	0.00
Micronesia FSM	47	46.81	53.19	0.00
Nauru	144	54.86	45.14	0.00
New Caledonia	3	33.33	66.67	0.00
New Zealand	81,115	45.61	54.38	0.00
Palau	8	75.00	25.00	0.00
Papua New Guinea	685	37.37	62.63	0.00
Samoa	149	59.73	40.27	0.00
Solomon Islands	50	38.00	62.00	0.00
Tonga	134	53.73	46.27	0.00
Tuvalu	159	52.20	47.80	0.00
Vanuatu	595	32.44	67.56	0.00
South Asia	24,09,812	34.76	65.22	0.03
Afghanistan	1,253	35.43	64.57	0.00
Bangladesh	17,50,165	31.86	68.10	0.03



Table 2.5.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Bhutan	41,265	49.00	51.00	0.00
Iran	21,406	50.37	49.63	0.00
Maldives	84,770	49.45	50.55	0.00
Nepal	2,02,501	36.63	63.37	0.00
Pakistan	26,625	35.06	64.92	0.02
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	43.66	56.34	0.00
South-East Asia	8,67,210	51.29	48.71	0.00
Brunei	863	42.53	57.47	0.00
Cambodia	11,326	52.98	47.02	0.00
Indonesia	39,227	47.85	52.14	0.01
Laos	2,997	49.65	50.35	0.00
Malaysia	3,07,526	49.60	50.40	0.00
Myanmar	47,588	56.31	43.69	0.00
Philippines	57,542	52.46	47.54	0.00
Singapore	2,05,383	44.66	55.34	0.00
Thailand	1,40,489	61.55	38.45	0.00
Timor-Leste	178	42.70	57.30	0.00
Vietnam	54,091	56.17	43.83	0.00
Europe	26,57,441	45.57	54.43	0.00
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	53.83	46.17	0.00
Armenia	2,003	44.03	55.97	0.00
Azerbaijan	4,809	44.89	55.11	0.00
Belarus	9,126	56.11	43.89	0.00
Bulgaria	5,938	52.48	47.52	0.00
Czech Republic	13,890	42.94	57.06	0.00
Estonia	2,965	55.48	44.52	0.00
Georgia	2,757	50.34	49.66	0.00
Hungary	9,040	48.37	51.63	0.00
Kazakhstan	27,006	61.18	38.82	0.00
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	55.73	44.27	0.00
Latvia	3,649	56.51	43.49	0.00
Lithuania	6,305	56.91	43.09	0.00
Poland	43,316	51.51	48.49	0.00
Rep. Moldova	905	56.35	43.65	0.00
Romania	15,087	57.59	42.41	0.00
Russian Federation	1,60,188	53.88	46.12	0.00



Table 2.5.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Slovakia	6,644	48.75	51.25	0.00
Tajikistan	6,413	43.79	56.21	0.00
Turkmenistan	9,639	57.83	42.17	0.00
Ukraine	14,875	56.07	43.93	0.00
Uzbekistan	34,247	56.07	43.93	0.00
Northern Europe	11,68,217	45.46	54.54	0.00
Denmark	22,456	41.74	58.26	0.00
Finland	12,764	39.77	60.23	0.00
Iceland	988	45.45	54.55	0.00
Ireland	46,494	44.73	55.27	0.00
Norway	21,682	46.06	53.94	0.00
Sweden	41,246	41.57	58.43	0.00
United Kingdom	10,22,587	45.79	54.21	0.00
Southern/Medit. Europe	4,31,219	41.18	58.81	0.00
Albania	729	59.67	40.33	0.00
Andorra	168	50.00	50.00	0.00
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	68.61	31.39	0.00
Croatia	4,132	41.26	58.74	0.00
Cyprus	2,274	35.97	64.03	0.00
Greece	10,596	40.91	59.09	0.00
Israel	47,465	41.29	58.71	0.00
Italy	1,42,239	41.30	58.70	0.00
Malta	2,134	40.91	59.09	0.00
Montenegro	524	46.37	53.63	0.00
North Macedonia	662	57.40	42.60	0.00
Portugal	92,582	36.87	63.13	0.00
San Marino	57	52.63	47.37	0.00
Serbia	4,820	51.08	48.92	0.00
Slovenia	4,056	47.51	52.49	0.00
Spain	81,959	46.76	53.24	0.00
Turkiye	35,829	35.86	64.14	0.00
Vatican City	50	6.00	94.00	0.00
Western Europe	6,73,452	43.86	56.14	0.00
Austria	30,393	43.35	56.65	0.00
Belgium	39,813	41.23	58.77	0.00
France	2,06,855	46.41	53.59	0.00



Table 2.5.2 continued...

	FTAs in India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Germany	2,56,348	42.12	57.88	0.00
Liechtenstein	132	37.88	62.12	0.00
Luxembourg	2,167	46.33	53.67	0.00
Monaco	43	62.79	37.21	0.00
Netherlands	93,579	42.69	57.31	0.00
Switzerland	44,122	47.07	52.93	0.00
Middle East	2,95,511	36.54	63.46	0.00
Bahrain	14,041	26.36	73.64	0.00
Egypt	17,825	32.57	67.43	0.00
Iraq	40,247	29.81	70.19	0.00
Jordan	5,878	22.90	77.10	0.00
Kuwait	10,921	30.93	69.07	0.00
Lebanon	4,405	36.75	63.25	0.00
Libya	766	13.19	86.81	0.00
Oman	66,703	39.62	60.38	0.00
Palestine	870	20.57	79.43	0.00
Qatar	3,673	49.88	50.12	0.00
Saudi Arabia	46,167	19.31	80.69	0.00
Syria	4,231	23.23	76.77	0.00
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	56.50	43.50	0.00
Yemen	13,085	30.54	69.46	0.00
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	44.16	55.84	0.00
Grand Total	99,51,722	43.14	56.85	0.01

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

2.6 Age Group-wise Distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India

Table 2.6.1 provides a distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by age group from 2001 to 2024, expressed in percentage terms for each year, covering eight age brackets.

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India show a consistent dominance of the 35–44 age group, accounting for around 21% annually, followed by steady or rising shares in the 45–64 age range.

A notable decline in the 25–34 segment—from 20.10% in 2001 to 16.09% in 2024—suggests waning interest among younger tourists. Meanwhile, the increasing shares of the 0–14 and 65+ age groups reflect growing trends in family travel and senior tourism, respectively. Together, the 35–54 age range remains the core demographic, contributing over 40% of FTAs.



Table 2.6.1: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Age Group
(in percentage)

Year	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and above	Not Reported
2001	25,37,282	7.00	10.80	20.10	21.10	19.40	11.90	6.70	3.00
2011	63,09,222	10.50	7.90	16.60	21.20	19.70	13.70	10.50	0.00
2012	65,77,745	11.00	8.00	16.50	21.00	19.80	13.90	9.90	0.00
2013	69,67,601	9.50	8.70	19.10	21.00	20.00	14.00	7.70	0.00
2014	76,79,099	9.20	8.50	18.90	21.00	20.10	14.00	8.30	0.00
2015	80,27,133	9.40	8.50	19.20	21.20	20.00	13.80	7.90	0.00
2016	88,04,411	9.50	8.50	19.20	21.10	19.90	13.80	8.10	0.00
2017	1,00,35,803	9.40	8.50	19.10	21.10	19.90	13.80	8.20	0.00
2018	1,05,57,976	9.30	8.40	18.60	21.00	19.80	14.20	8.70	0.00
2019	1,09,30,355	9.20	8.30	18.60	21.30	19.80	14.10	8.80	0.00
2020	27,44,766	7.70	7.70	18.40	20.20	19.70	15.60	10.70	0.00
2021	15,27,114	13.60	8.40	15.80	21.00	21.80	13.00	6.40	0.00
2022	64,37,467	13.60	8.30	15.70	21.30	20.40	12.90	7.80	0.00
2023	95,20,928	11.00	8.10	16.60	21.20	20.10	14.00	9.00	0.00
2024	99,51,722	10.84	8.03	16.09	20.67	20.24	14.51	9.62	0.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.6.2 provides the age-wise distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India in 2024 from selected countries and regions. It lists the total number of arrivals from each region and shows the percentage share of each age group—ranging 0-14 years to 65 and above.

Regionally, North America and Oceania had the highest shares of age group 0-14 and 65 & above travelers, while Africa and South Asia were dominated by younger and working-age tourists. Europe exhibited a well-distributed demographic with notable senior participation, especially from Northern and Western Europe.

Table 2.6.2: Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Age Group from Selected Countries and Territories, 2024
(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Africa	3,38,605	5.00	10.55	24.35	22.03	17.44	12.65	7.97
North Africa	28,826	2.74	13.71	35.96	24.27	12.69	6.77	3.86
Algeria	2,522	1.63	10.63	34.66	24.23	16.26	9.32	3.29
Morocco	9,831	1.59	12.31	42.74	25.66	9.46	5.12	3.12
Sudan	10,887	5.13	16.96	21.32	23.55	17.70	9.19	6.16
Tunisia	5,586	0.63	11.24	53.13	23.25	7.00	3.83	0.91
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	5.21	10.25	23.27	21.82	17.89	13.20	8.36



Table 2.6.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Angola	1,202	2.83	9.74	15.57	35.05	27.14	7.74	1.92
Benin	436	2.06	5.50	26.15	30.28	23.85	8.94	3.21
Botswana	1,275	4.86	11.14	18.98	26.04	16.31	13.10	9.57
Burkina Faso	659	2.43	8.35	21.85	33.38	22.00	9.10	2.88
Burundi	341	1.47	11.73	26.39	31.67	16.72	8.50	3.52
Cameroon	4,322	2.36	9.56	27.21	26.58	18.72	9.93	5.65
Cabo Verde	39	5.13	5.13	43.59	7.69	20.51	12.82	5.13
Centr. African Rep.	24	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	29.17	20.83	0.00
Chad	1,438	7.23	14.39	25.03	20.38	16.97	10.36	5.63
Congo	431	1.62	7.89	18.10	29.70	23.90	11.60	7.19
Comoros	1,517	3.23	10.09	20.44	31.44	18.85	11.21	4.75
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	2.59	14.76	21.75	25.84	22.23	10.54	2.29
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	4.93	7.54	19.43	22.75	21.00	16.45	7.89
Djibouti	1,008	6.05	8.93	19.25	22.42	18.45	13.79	11.11
Equatorial Guinea	92	5.43	11.96	30.43	36.96	3.26	10.87	1.09
Eritrea	407	3.19	3.93	22.85	26.04	17.94	12.29	13.76
Ethiopia	32,391	1.38	10.63	50.16	23.33	8.77	4.07	1.65
Eswatini	740	6.35	42.03	11.89	19.19	11.89	6.76	1.89
Gabon	158	5.06	4.43	18.35	30.38	19.62	17.09	5.06
Gambia	700	3.14	12.00	28.43	25.86	18.29	8.29	4.00
Ghana	6,049	3.06	6.94	32.83	31.63	15.08	7.85	2.61
Guinea	1,256	3.18	6.93	20.14	31.69	18.39	14.81	4.86
Guinea-Bissau	24	4.17	8.33	25.00	33.33	25.00	4.17	0.00
Kenya	52,294	5.63	7.21	22.02	22.39	18.95	14.30	9.49
Lesotho	750	6.67	33.33	14.67	17.73	13.33	9.33	4.93
Liberia	1,699	1.88	30.49	27.31	20.54	10.83	6.36	2.59
Madagascar	3,578	8.11	12.19	18.75	20.32	16.32	14.31	10.01
Malawi	2,441	6.76	16.43	15.98	23.68	21.26	10.57	5.33
Mali	869	3.80	13.81	22.09	28.65	20.37	9.21	2.07
Mauritania	182	0.00	4.95	21.43	15.93	41.21	12.64	3.85
Mauritius	48,683	5.99	7.46	15.17	18.31	21.19	18.70	13.18
Mozambique	5,741	15.55	12.54	14.77	20.05	17.54	12.19	7.35
Namibia	737	4.61	15.06	24.83	27.95	16.96	7.73	2.85
Niger	709	2.40	4.51	25.11	31.17	22.00	11.28	3.53
Nigeria	10,059	3.02	13.92	24.91	26.92	16.90	10.69	3.64



Table 2.6.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Reunion	8	12.50	12.50	12.50	0.00	37.50	0.00	25.00
Rwanda	1,890	3.54	10.69	27.25	30.90	15.03	8.89	3.70
Sao Tome & Principe	38	2.63	5.26	26.32	28.95	18.42	15.79	2.63
Senegal	2,008	1.49	4.58	22.51	35.26	22.51	9.76	3.88
Seychelles	3,733	10.58	7.63	13.61	16.07	20.98	19.34	11.79
Sierra Leone	731	2.19	14.77	25.44	24.90	16.01	12.59	4.10
Somalia	12,320	5.80	12.82	27.68	19.35	12.69	12.00	9.67
South Africa	44,168	6.96	8.07	14.75	18.36	21.62	18.05	12.19
South Sudan	2,466	3.33	25.22	25.87	20.56	9.69	9.57	5.76
Tanzania	30,730	5.12	10.81	22.79	21.46	18.56	12.96	8.29
Togo	503	1.59	12.92	23.66	33.80	16.50	9.54	1.99
Uganda	11,711	3.30	8.11	31.66	27.76	18.26	7.54	3.36
Zambia	4,762	9.66	11.09	14.28	21.34	19.68	13.92	10.04
Zimbabwe	6,848	2.73	41.53	12.88	19.04	10.27	8.09	5.46
Americas	23,72,058	18.56	7.42	10.32	14.42	21.55	15.31	12.42
Caribbean	8,925	7.83	6.89	15.36	23.39	20.34	16.81	9.38
Anguilla	4	0.00	0.00	25.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	5.62	4.22	9.60	16.86	30.44	26.23	7.03
Aruba	4	0.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Bahamas	195	1.54	3.59	15.90	10.77	24.62	20.00	23.59
Barbados	730	14.52	10.14	15.62	20.41	15.89	15.21	8.22
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Cayman Islands	20	15.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	0.00
Cuba	382	4.71	14.92	26.18	22.25	15.45	13.09	3.40
Dominica	843	6.64	6.64	16.73	22.78	24.08	16.25	6.88
Dominican Rep.	501	1.00	5.59	22.36	33.33	18.36	13.97	5.39
Grenada	972	14.20	7.92	11.52	34.16	15.33	12.14	4.73
Haiti	63	0.00	3.17	26.98	33.33	17.46	7.94	11.11
Jamaica	1,021	8.13	8.81	23.11	14.69	24.88	14.40	5.97
Neth. Antilles	6	0.00	0.00	16.67	33.33	16.67	0.00	33.33
Saint Lucia	264	4.17	7.95	9.85	30.68	27.65	10.23	9.47
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	7.83	7.24	14.14	25.76	24.33	13.64	7.07
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	5.08	3.39	22.03	22.03	28.81	15.25	3.39
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	6.93	4.07	11.30	21.81	16.31	22.83	16.76
Turks & Caicos	4	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00



Table 2.6.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Central America	5,905	8.86	6.96	24.42	24.76	16.29	12.75	5.96
Belize	515	14.17	8.54	11.07	21.94	25.24	13.79	5.24
Costa Rica	1,784	4.09	4.99	26.96	28.76	17.32	11.72	6.17
El Salvador	455	2.42	4.40	31.87	26.59	12.53	16.26	5.93
Guatemala	823	2.19	4.37	26.85	31.11	15.07	14.09	6.32
Honduras	568	3.70	5.81	28.52	26.94	16.37	12.50	6.16
Nicaragua	174	1.72	10.34	30.46	32.18	14.37	6.32	4.60
Panama	1,586	20.43	10.78	20.37	15.76	14.12	12.67	5.86
North America	22,99,267	19.03	7.48	9.91	14.04	21.64	15.35	12.55
Canada	4,76,273	20.21	5.09	13.72	19.44	16.34	12.45	12.75
Mexico	18,408	3.36	4.87	24.68	25.63	18.89	14.14	8.44
United States	18,04,586	18.88	8.13	8.76	12.50	23.06	16.13	12.53
South America	57,961	2.68	5.12	24.18	26.91	18.82	13.63	8.66
Argentina	9,638	2.37	4.60	20.81	22.31	19.56	17.53	12.84
Bolivia	684	4.09	5.70	19.59	25.00	22.51	14.04	9.06
Brazil	24,782	2.56	5.08	21.72	29.91	20.30	13.05	7.37
Chile	5,442	4.04	3.93	23.84	26.69	17.44	14.28	9.76
Colombia	7,639	2.49	5.76	31.82	28.17	15.25	10.29	6.22
Ecuador	1,484	1.89	4.65	31.54	21.02	14.42	13.34	13.14
Guyana	790	3.29	6.58	26.46	23.54	16.84	13.80	9.49
Paraguay	322	1.24	8.70	35.40	23.91	15.53	12.42	2.80
Peru	3,685	3.28	4.56	25.02	25.54	19.40	13.30	8.90
Suriname	568	4.75	3.17	19.37	15.85	20.25	22.54	14.08
Uruguay	1,524	1.51	9.84	38.45	16.21	12.60	12.60	8.79
Venezuela	1,403	1.57	6.13	25.37	28.94	21.67	11.48	4.85
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	8.60	8.69	18.73	24.25	19.39	13.15	7.19
North-East Asia	3,95,930	4.29	5.06	18.74	23.11	24.75	16.69	7.37
China	38,960	3.97	5.22	28.18	33.42	20.13	7.67	1.42
Hong Kong (China)	719	9.87	9.87	13.35	15.86	31.85	14.19	5.01
Japan	1,94,875	4.12	5.58	18.63	21.41	25.79	17.40	7.07
Korea (DPRK)	125	0.80	36.80	7.20	16.80	20.00	16.80	1.60
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	5.72	4.47	15.27	22.76	24.62	18.24	8.92
Macao (China)	6	0.00	0.00	33.33	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67
Mongolia	3,911	7.88	9.74	16.90	25.62	20.92	12.99	5.96
Taiwan (PR. of China)	42,598	1.08	3.43	19.90	22.16	25.10	18.30	10.03



Table 2.6.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Tibet	1,812	5.02	6.35	23.57	26.27	17.94	8.50	12.36
Oceania	6,06,711	22.25	6.60	9.88	27.02	17.51	9.95	6.79
American Samoa	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.86	28.57	28.57	0.00
Australia	5,18,205	22.58	6.59	9.25	28.09	17.67	9.40	6.43
Cook Islands	2	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	4.72	6.81	16.06	21.27	20.62	18.28	12.24
French Polynesia	4	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	0.00
Kiribati	162	7.41	7.41	27.16	21.60	20.37	12.96	3.09
Marshall Islands	13	0.00	0.00	53.85	15.38	0.00	15.38	15.38
Micronesia FSM	47	4.26	0.00	8.51	17.02	25.53	21.28	23.40
Nauru	144	6.94	4.86	20.14	28.47	23.61	9.72	6.25
New Caledonia	3	33.33	33.33	0.00	33.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Zealand	81,115	21.78	6.36	13.15	20.74	16.23	12.92	8.82
Palau	8	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	12.50	12.50	0.00
Papua New Guinea	685	2.04	40.00	25.40	14.01	11.82	5.84	0.88
Samoa	149	4.70	10.07	23.49	16.11	23.49	17.45	4.70
Solomon Islands	50	6.00	6.00	20.00	32.00	18.00	16.00	2.00
Tonga	134	1.49	6.72	31.34	13.43	19.40	22.39	5.22
Tuvalu	159	6.29	10.69	14.47	25.16	17.61	15.72	10.06
Vanuatu	595	5.71	8.74	21.51	22.35	26.55	12.61	2.52
South Asia	24,09,812	7.13	10.53	20.48	24.94	18.48	11.96	6.49
Afghanistan	1,253	11.41	13.89	24.82	17.80	10.69	12.37	9.02
Bangladesh	17,50,165	7.49	10.29	19.92	26.25	19.14	11.26	5.66
Bhutan	41,265	3.77	14.64	27.11	21.11	15.52	11.00	6.86
Iran	21,406	4.98	5.29	19.88	33.63	17.61	12.10	6.52
Maldives	84,770	13.36	8.18	20.04	22.72	16.47	11.85	7.38
Nepal	2,02,501	3.44	17.32	30.20	22.62	13.98	7.97	4.47
Pakistan	26,625	19.02	11.91	17.94	22.18	13.74	8.94	6.27
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	5.19	7.55	16.44	19.31	19.20	19.60	12.71
South-East Asia	8,67,210	5.13	6.70	20.02	20.94	20.78	17.09	9.34
Brunei	863	6.49	3.71	24.91	23.99	19.93	11.82	9.15
Cambodia	11,326	1.25	7.64	35.03	21.51	11.82	11.36	11.39
Indonesia	39,227	3.07	6.56	27.57	25.75	21.03	11.03	4.99
Laos	2,997	1.77	10.81	25.89	22.36	15.78	15.15	8.24
Malaysia	3,07,526	7.24	7.71	19.18	20.28	19.00	17.20	9.39



Table 2.6.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Myanmar	47,588	2.36	6.59	16.78	18.13	19.78	22.40	13.97
Philippines	57,542	3.33	3.26	34.00	33.23	18.06	6.49	1.64
Singapore	2,05,383	6.45	7.98	14.42	16.16	25.97	20.23	8.79
Thailand	1,40,489	2.52	4.41	19.27	21.51	20.27	18.72	13.30
Timor-Leste	178	2.25	5.62	22.47	41.01	19.10	8.99	0.56
Vietnam	54,091	1.68	5.56	27.00	26.97	18.34	12.70	7.75
Europe	26,57,441	8.73	7.20	15.22	19.92	21.07	16.44	11.41
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	5.44	6.30	22.25	30.06	20.17	11.33	4.45
Armenia	2,003	3.64	5.94	28.46	33.35	17.52	7.79	3.30
Azerbaijan	4,809	2.89	6.63	38.41	29.40	12.95	7.65	2.06
Belarus	9,126	4.89	5.97	28.69	32.12	16.70	8.79	2.85
Bulgaria	5,938	3.32	4.92	19.59	25.93	25.08	14.63	6.53
Czech Republic	13,890	3.75	7.07	19.73	23.38	26.05	13.35	6.67
Estonia	2,965	5.80	4.96	18.58	25.80	24.76	14.57	5.53
Georgia	2,757	4.39	8.09	36.85	25.24	13.64	8.49	3.30
Hungary	9,040	3.31	5.61	20.80	22.72	24.90	14.38	8.29
Kazakhstan	27,006	9.38	9.17	21.63	27.30	17.01	10.53	4.99
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	6.24	10.03	25.80	25.37	16.88	11.88	3.79
Latvia	3,649	5.02	5.10	19.02	30.50	20.86	13.95	5.56
Lithuania	6,305	4.51	4.76	25.10	29.38	20.10	12.06	4.11
Poland	43,316	3.80	7.44	22.14	26.01	22.46	12.01	6.13
Rep. Moldova	905	4.31	5.86	34.25	31.49	14.14	8.18	1.77
Romania	15,087	3.12	6.16	30.37	31.44	16.31	8.48	4.11
Russian Federation	1,60,188	6.07	4.92	19.41	32.86	21.39	11.58	3.77
Slovakia	6,644	2.90	5.96	24.40	27.42	21.21	11.79	6.32
Tajikistan	6,413	9.84	11.26	24.14	23.95	15.61	10.51	4.69
Turkmenistan	9,639	8.65	7.10	21.88	30.20	16.14	11.45	4.58
Ukraine	14,875	3.58	7.52	29.96	30.05	17.04	9.06	2.79
Uzbekistan	34,247	4.46	7.40	24.13	31.58	17.32	10.95	4.15
Northern Europe	11,68,217	11.99	7.24	10.34	17.42	21.45	16.82	14.74
Denmark	22,456	6.38	9.04	13.85	14.34	22.90	20.85	12.64
Finland	12,764	7.54	4.44	13.84	24.14	26.72	16.60	6.73
Iceland	988	5.97	5.67	15.38	15.28	25.91	20.95	10.83
Ireland	46,494	17.39	8.48	13.18	20.73	21.77	12.27	6.17



Table 2.6.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Norway	21,682	11.82	8.80	13.38	18.64	19.90	16.56	10.91
Sweden	41,246	12.50	5.79	12.88	24.67	20.66	14.57	8.93
United Kingdom	10,22,587	11.91	7.20	9.92	16.94	21.40	17.03	15.59
Southern/Medit. Europe	4,31,219	5.93	8.80	20.84	19.81	20.82	15.08	8.73
Albania	729	3.02	5.90	53.09	21.26	11.11	3.70	1.92
Andorra	168	8.93	5.95	24.40	16.67	12.50	14.29	17.26
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	1.70	9.86	47.51	22.38	10.50	6.04	2.01
Croatia	4,132	2.64	3.44	23.64	26.40	23.74	13.87	6.27
Cyprus	2,274	4.27	6.55	18.91	20.67	23.31	18.43	7.87
Greece	10,596	2.71	5.45	23.26	22.91	20.05	17.61	8.00
Israel	47,465	5.53	21.83	18.74	13.37	17.67	12.77	10.08
Italy	1,42,239	6.54	6.97	18.02	17.60	22.39	18.31	10.18
Malta	2,134	5.53	7.36	15.09	21.79	25.73	18.56	5.95
Montenegro	524	1.91	8.59	41.41	27.10	11.64	8.59	0.76
North Macedonia	662	2.42	4.38	41.69	24.47	13.29	9.82	3.93
Portugal	92,582	8.08	8.91	20.09	20.85	21.34	13.11	7.63
San Marino	57	0.00	1.75	17.54	19.30	19.30	17.54	24.56
Serbia	4,820	1.33	4.67	34.09	26.31	16.45	11.27	5.89
Slovenia	4,056	4.12	5.87	16.27	19.18	25.47	18.44	10.65
Spain	81,959	5.75	7.84	20.87	18.33	21.00	16.18	10.03
Turkiye	35,829	1.42	3.61	32.85	34.92	17.23	7.63	2.36
Vatican City	50	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.00	22.00	24.00	40.00
Western Europe	6,73,452	6.76	6.63	16.06	18.55	21.08	19.57	11.35
Austria	30,393	5.59	6.96	16.97	16.37	19.83	21.75	12.54
Belgium	39,813	9.59	7.63	15.15	18.12	22.08	17.70	9.73
France	2,06,855	5.89	7.15	15.52	16.13	21.98	18.79	14.53
Germany	2,56,348	6.86	6.11	16.83	20.51	20.02	20.13	9.54
Liechtenstein	132	1.52	8.33	24.24	18.18	24.24	18.18	5.30
Luxembourg	2,167	16.11	6.09	15.00	28.80	14.81	10.66	8.54
Monaco	43	0.00	2.33	9.30	9.30	18.60	32.56	27.91
Netherlands	93,579	7.91	5.91	15.85	21.16	22.29	18.63	8.26
Switzerland	44,122	5.70	7.57	14.82	14.32	20.77	22.60	14.22
Middle East	2,95,511	7.09	8.03	22.70	23.93	17.68	12.55	8.03
Bahrain	14,041	5.14	8.17	28.29	20.92	13.98	15.41	8.09



Table 2.6.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and Above
Egypt	17,825	1.56	3.81	27.05	38.41	19.73	8.04	1.40
Iraq	40,247	5.23	7.08	21.53	21.81	19.82	15.80	8.73
Jordan	5,878	2.40	5.05	27.57	32.57	19.08	10.02	3.30
Kuwait	10,921	3.05	9.16	21.39	24.81	17.57	14.94	9.07
Lebanon	4,405	1.20	8.01	31.42	31.44	17.07	7.63	3.22
Libya	766	5.87	4.44	21.67	34.07	21.41	10.31	2.22
Oman	66,703	10.57	7.93	18.07	24.33	18.18	12.02	8.92
Palestine	870	4.60	6.21	30.80	28.74	18.62	7.82	3.22
Qatar	3,673	5.80	7.49	16.45	18.74	17.16	19.80	14.57
Saudi Arabia	46,167	4.71	7.22	35.78	21.88	15.09	10.22	5.09
Syria	4,231	2.65	16.05	25.27	28.17	19.10	6.62	2.15
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	9.98	9.05	16.56	21.18	17.87	13.93	11.42
Yemen	13,085	7.95	12.98	19.56	25.15	16.88	10.53	6.94
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	6.92	4.69	18.98	23.62	19.38	14.80	11.62
Grand Total	99,51,722	10.84	8.03	16.09	20.67	20.24	14.51	9.62

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

2.7 Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India by Purpose

Table 2.7.1 represents the purpose-wise distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India in 2024, categorized by major world regions and individual countries within those regions. It provides a comprehensive breakdown of the share of tourists arriving for specific purposes such as leisure (holiday), business, medical, education, and others, expressed as percentages of total arrivals from each country.

In the Americas, visitors largely arrive to connect with the Indian diaspora, especially from North America (57.15%) and the Caribbean (34.10%). Leisure travel also features prominently, with high shares from South America (61.59%) and Central America (47.01%). Business and medical travel from the Americas remain low.

The Asia and the Pacific region presents a mix of motivations. South Asia and South-East Asia are dominated by leisure tourism (55.20% and 54.85% respectively). South Asia also shows a strong share of medical travel (20.27%), while North-East Asia stands out for its high proportion of business and professional visits (50.45%), reflecting robust economic ties. Oceania shows a pattern similar to Western nations, with high diaspora travel (58.19%) and leisure (35.07%).

The Middle East, treated as a separate region, is characterized by a combination of medical (17.88%), leisure (55.21%), and a relatively high share of "Unknown" (16.11%) purposes. This reflects the region's proximity to India and increasing health-related travel.

In Africa, particularly Sub-Saharan Africa, there is a significant share of leisure (31.46%) and medical tourism (19.01%), while North Africa shows a high "Unknown" category (36.71%), suggesting potential data limitations. Business travel also play a role.

In Europe, Central/Eastern Europe has a dominant share of leisure travel (66.33%), while Northern Europe reflects strong diaspora connections (49.82%). Business travel is more pronounced in Western and Southern Europe.



Table 2.7.1: Purpose-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Business and Professional	Indian Diaspora	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Medical	Education	Unknown	Others
Africa	3,38,605	13.20	15.91	30.11	18.93	6.25	15.07	0.54
North Africa	28,826	18.34	4.10	15.70	18.02	6.53	36.71	0.59
Algeria	2,522	38.54	4.24	20.90	2.78	1.67	30.10	1.78
Morocco	9,831	12.74	2.91	26.71	0.32	1.15	55.57	0.61
Sudan	10,887	22.53	6.14	7.15	46.64	14.85	2.28	0.41
Tunisia	5,586	10.92	2.15	10.67	0.29	1.97	73.63	0.38
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	12.72	17.01	31.46	19.01	6.22	13.05	0.54
Angola	1,202	24.13	2.41	46.67	8.15	9.07	6.41	3.16
Benin	436	38.30	1.38	30.73	7.34	11.01	10.55	0.69
Botswana	1,275	13.02	31.61	11.37	14.20	22.43	4.24	3.14
Burkina Faso	659	60.09	0.30	17.00	8.35	8.04	2.73	3.49
Burundi	341	27.57	2.64	20.23	23.46	19.65	3.23	3.23
Cameroon	4,322	24.57	5.25	18.95	40.61	6.36	3.40	0.86
Cabo Verde	39	25.64	35.90	25.64	0.00	0.00	10.26	2.56
Centr. African Rep.	24	41.67	4.17	33.33	12.50	0.00	4.17	4.17
Chad	1,438	15.72	2.02	4.73	68.22	7.93	0.21	1.18
Congo	431	23.43	1.62	27.84	32.71	6.26	2.09	6.03
Comoros	1,517	7.05	0.86	77.98	8.57	3.56	1.91	0.07
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	32.41	1.39	37.59	8.37	15.00	3.55	1.69
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	16.35	1.82	20.85	53.87	5.06	0.68	1.37
Djibouti	1,008	9.13	2.68	30.36	49.70	4.86	0.99	2.28
Equatorial Guinea	92	8.70	20.65	17.39	7.61	13.04	25.00	7.61
Eritrea	407	6.88	3.44	20.64	45.45	17.94	2.95	2.70
Ethiopia	32,391	5.89	2.40	8.57	20.72	2.44	59.74	0.24
Eswatini	740	6.62	25.41	7.97	0.27	44.86	13.65	1.22
Gabon	158	32.28	2.53	29.75	23.42	2.53	6.96	2.53
Gambia	700	10.43	3.57	15.57	21.29	26.14	20.14	2.86
Ghana	6,049	32.96	6.20	35.72	11.41	7.17	5.46	1.07
Guinea	1,256	32.56	3.03	25.24	29.22	6.05	1.11	2.79
Guinea-Bissau	24	45.83	12.50	29.17	4.17	4.17	0.00	4.17
Kenya	52,294	10.78	38.60	21.85	15.96	1.17	11.34	0.30



Table 2.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Business and Professional	Indian Diaspora	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Medical	Education	Unknown	Others
Lesotho	750	4.40	27.47	13.60	1.33	46.13	6.00	1.07
Liberia	1,699	11.95	1.77	13.66	25.13	46.44	0.88	0.18
Madagascar	3,578	4.44	18.00	54.81	10.29	6.82	3.77	1.87
Malawi	2,441	8.97	26.87	10.82	26.67	18.27	6.72	1.68
Mali	869	45.68	7.36	22.55	4.14	16.11	0.92	3.22
Mauritania	182	70.88	4.40	7.69	3.30	2.75	9.89	1.10
Mauritius	48,683	1.88	15.08	65.24	8.27	1.08	8.26	0.19
Mozambique	5,741	7.49	27.90	29.61	22.99	7.32	4.16	0.52
Namibia	737	21.57	14.38	19.95	0.68	27.82	12.48	3.12
Niger	709	46.40	2.96	14.25	19.75	12.98	1.97	1.69
Nigeria	10,059	19.35	11.88	6.77	28.50	28.73	3.52	1.25
Reunion	8	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Rwanda	1,890	13.54	5.34	7.78	41.90	10.42	20.37	0.63
Sao Tome & Principe	38	18.42	63.16	13.16	0.00	0.00	2.63	2.63
Senegal	2,008	63.10	2.44	22.56	2.39	1.15	6.27	2.09
Seychelles	3,733	3.19	42.38	17.36	31.10	2.44	3.40	0.13
Sierra Leone	731	17.10	6.70	16.01	40.63	18.47	0.82	0.27
Somalia	12,320	0.17	0.37	1.86	95.11	1.91	0.31	0.28
South Africa	44,168	18.30	13.56	60.26	0.33	0.43	6.71	0.43
South Sudan	2,466	1.54	6.81	1.95	57.06	31.79	0.49	0.36
Tanzania	30,730	15.15	19.30	22.04	22.09	10.97	10.26	0.18
Togo	503	45.13	1.59	17.50	6.56	19.09	5.17	4.97
Uganda	11,711	35.60	16.33	12.75	16.16	4.67	13.91	0.58
Zambia	4,762	10.84	34.73	17.32	27.87	6.57	2.02	0.65
Zimbabwe	6,848	13.43	11.86	12.56	10.28	45.66	5.15	1.05
Americas	23,72,058	6.60	55.66	35.54	0.15	0.10	1.67	0.26
Caribbean	8,925	12.67	34.10	43.53	1.34	0.99	6.52	0.85
Anguilla	4	0.00	50.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	10.54	45.90	34.19	0.00	1.64	7.49	0.23
Aruba	4	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Bahamas	195	5.64	29.23	58.46	1.54	0.00	4.62	0.51
Barbados	730	5.48	50.82	37.81	0.55	0.55	4.66	0.14
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	0.00	75.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



Table 2.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Business and Professional	Indian Diaspora	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Medical	Education	Unknown	Others
Cayman Islands	20	10.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cuba	382	46.60	2.62	33.51	0.26	0.00	16.49	0.52
Dominica	843	15.30	32.98	45.20	0.47	0.12	5.81	0.12
Dominican Rep.	501	26.95	3.19	55.69	0.20	4.39	7.78	1.80
Grenada	972	4.94	62.55	29.63	0.21	0.21	2.37	0.10
Haiti	63	25.40	11.11	58.73	1.59	1.59	1.59	0.00
Jamaica	1,021	14.01	39.96	24.98	1.47	2.25	15.18	2.15
Neth. Antilles	6	0.00	33.33	16.67	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Saint Lucia	264	8.71	48.48	33.71	0.00	0.00	8.71	0.38
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	10.44	46.72	40.49	0.42	0.25	1.68	0.00
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	10.17	13.56	32.20	3.39	3.39	32.20	5.08
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	10.19	17.61	61.17	3.62	1.03	4.87	1.52
Turks & Caicos	4	75.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Central America	5,905	17.97	21.05	47.01	0.14	1.83	10.97	1.03
Belize	515	2.33	71.07	22.33	0.78	2.52	0.58	0.39
Costa Rica	1,784	30.66	3.48	55.61	0.00	1.01	8.80	0.45
El Salvador	455	14.07	1.54	44.62	0.00	2.20	34.73	2.86
Guatemala	823	26.00	1.58	64.64	0.12	0.97	4.86	1.82
Honduras	568	15.14	2.29	54.40	0.18	1.23	25.18	1.58
Nicaragua	174	15.52	6.32	58.62	0.57	13.22	5.17	0.57
Panama	1,586	7.00	48.61	32.98	0.06	1.83	8.70	0.82
North America	22,99,267	6.13	57.15	34.82	0.14	0.07	1.44	0.25
Canada	4,76,273	2.46	58.44	36.31	0.16	0.04	2.53	0.07
Mexico	18,408	17.84	2.80	72.69	0.02	0.87	5.30	0.48
United States	18,04,586	6.98	57.36	34.05	0.14	0.07	1.11	0.29
South America	57,961	23.24	3.76	61.59	0.19	1.28	9.27	0.67
Argentina	9,638	16.85	2.27	74.14	0.33	0.77	4.91	0.73
Bolivia	684	10.09	4.24	58.48	0.00	1.02	25.58	0.58
Brazil	24,782	31.93	2.70	53.83	0.11	0.68	10.27	0.48
Chile	5,442	12.53	8.64	71.63	0.09	0.74	5.49	0.88
Colombia	7,639	20.24	2.89	63.62	0.12	0.94	11.51	0.68
Ecuador	1,484	10.65	3.10	73.32	0.13	1.42	10.92	0.47
Guyana	790	10.38	18.48	36.84	3.42	24.56	4.43	1.90
Paraguay	322	15.53	6.83	48.14	0.00	7.76	18.94	2.80



Table 2.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Business and Professional	Indian Diaspora	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Medical	Education	Unknown	Others
Peru	3,685	18.51	3.66	63.64	0.08	2.42	10.88	0.81
Suriname	568	3.35	25.35	59.86	0.00	5.46	3.87	2.11
Uruguay	1,524	11.42	1.64	81.76	0.07	0.07	4.66	0.39
Venezuela	1,403	33.50	3.99	42.27	0.14	1.21	17.75	1.14
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	10.35	14.48	50.37	11.61	0.59	11.68	0.92
North-East Asia	3,95,930	50.45	4.04	34.60	0.10	0.50	9.78	0.53
China	38,960	41.39	26.21	1.19	0.05	0.21	29.62	1.33
Hong Kong (China)	719	14.05	83.59	0.14	0.00	0.00	1.67	0.56
Japan	1,94,875	56.31	1.47	33.38	0.01	0.22	8.05	0.56
Korea (DPRK)	125	76.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.60	13.60
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	49.87	0.76	41.13	0.00	0.80	7.15	0.30
Macao (China)	6	16.67	66.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.67	0.00
Mongolia	3,911	7.88	4.81	58.89	8.59	12.02	6.85	0.97
Taiwan (PR. of China)	42,598	40.03	1.44	52.11	0.00	0.22	6.14	0.07
Tibet	1,812	0.11	36.04	30.91	0.00	0.00	29.69	3.26
Oceania	6,06,711	4.45	58.19	35.07	0.46	0.23	1.42	0.18
American Samoa	7	14.29	28.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.14	0.00
Australia	5,18,205	4.48	59.45	34.48	0.10	0.15	1.16	0.18
Cook Islands	2	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	3.21	15.45	49.44	26.35	2.51	2.91	0.13
French Polynesia	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Kiribati	162	6.79	0.00	6.17	77.78	7.41	1.23	0.62
Marshall Islands	13	7.69	23.08	46.15	0.00	7.69	7.69	7.69
Micronesia FSM	47	0.00	0.00	12.77	80.85	0.00	6.38	0.00
Nauru	144	3.47	0.00	10.42	77.08	1.39	2.78	4.86
New Caledonia	3	0.00	66.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.33	0.00
New Zealand	81,115	4.23	54.00	38.44	0.19	0.05	2.93	0.15
Palau	8	25.00	0.00	12.50	0.00	0.00	50.00	12.50
Papua New Guinea	685	17.23	6.28	11.97	6.57	55.91	0.88	1.17
Samoa	149	8.72	1.34	10.74	74.50	1.34	2.01	1.34
Solomon Islands	50	12.00	0.00	24.00	44.00	0.00	18.00	2.00
Tonga	134	18.66	6.72	11.94	46.27	2.24	14.18	0.00
Tuvalu	159	5.66	5.03	4.40	81.76	1.26	1.26	0.63



Table 2.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Business and Professional	Indian Diaspora	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Medical	Education	Unknown	Others
Vanuatu	595	4.20	52.44	22.69	19.66	0.00	0.34	0.67
South Asia	24,09,812	5.15	3.14	55.20	20.27	0.70	14.34	1.20
Afghanistan	1,253	1.52	6.62	51.48	0.72	1.52	5.99	32.16
Bangladesh	17,50,165	3.12	2.33	64.89	27.56	0.71	0.62	0.77
Bhutan	41,265	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	99.92	0.03
Iran	21,406	11.54	8.33	73.76	0.29	3.02	2.15	0.91
Maldives	84,770	0.51	1.75	0.13	3.06	0.75	93.73	0.07
Nepal	2,02,501	0.01	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.00	99.68	0.17
Pakistan	26,625	2.35	0.49	16.16	0.69	0.00	29.22	51.09
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	23.43	11.09	61.60	1.14	1.08	1.37	0.30
South-East Asia	8,67,210	10.60	20.18	54.85	0.61	0.60	12.33	0.84
Brunei	863	21.90	4.17	43.68	0.35	0.35	26.42	3.13
Cambodia	11,326	10.07	1.16	55.09	10.17	2.43	20.86	0.23
Indonesia	39,227	23.19	11.30	44.97	0.58	0.83	18.22	0.92
Laos	2,997	4.40	5.47	79.78	0.00	2.64	7.27	0.43
Malaysia	3,07,526	5.81	18.15	62.99	0.07	0.39	12.55	0.05
Myanmar	47,588	7.09	5.07	73.01	6.78	2.75	4.01	1.29
Philippines	57,542	17.06	5.37	36.46	0.63	0.15	31.41	8.92
Singapore	2,05,383	10.65	47.96	29.85	0.01	0.03	11.42	0.07
Thailand	1,40,489	14.04	7.02	68.86	0.02	0.67	9.20	0.18
Timor-Leste	178	61.80	1.12	19.10	2.25	3.93	4.49	7.30
Vietnam	54,091	15.81	1.09	76.64	0.05	1.65	3.78	0.98
Europe	26,57,441	14.48	31.21	45.52	1.01	0.24	7.15	0.39
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	16.07	2.63	66.33	6.12	0.48	7.84	0.53
Armenia	2,003	18.97	13.08	58.11	0.15	3.34	5.19	1.15
Azerbaijan	4,809	8.05	1.64	38.82	0.35	0.17	50.45	0.52
Belarus	9,126	11.79	2.39	70.76	0.07	0.62	14.17	0.20
Bulgaria	5,938	21.72	3.37	63.02	0.86	0.64	9.25	1.15
Czech Republic	13,890	27.15	2.20	64.68	0.12	0.30	4.84	0.72
Estonia	2,965	11.37	3.58	80.07	0.24	0.13	3.24	1.38
Georgia	2,757	15.67	2.25	68.70	0.15	0.54	10.70	1.99
Hungary	9,040	22.20	3.60	67.02	0.09	0.18	6.11	0.81
Kazakhstan	27,006	5.52	2.42	77.70	10.85	0.64	2.40	0.47
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	7.56	3.88	56.86	24.67	0.80	5.79	0.43



Table 2.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Business and Professional	Indian Diaspora	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Medical	Education	Unknown	Others
Latvia	3,649	16.28	3.21	74.84	0.14	0.08	3.89	1.56
Lithuania	6,305	14.12	2.92	78.11	0.08	0.43	3.73	0.62
Poland	43,316	19.76	2.90	66.46	0.05	0.17	10.17	0.48
Rep. Moldova	905	22.76	5.08	53.81	0.00	0.33	17.24	0.77
Romania	15,087	27.31	2.69	51.62	0.17	0.25	16.93	1.03
Russian Federation	1,60,188	12.15	2.49	77.48	0.13	0.28	7.14	0.33
Slovakia	6,644	23.06	2.74	65.55	0.09	0.23	7.39	0.95
Tajikistan	6,413	7.64	2.04	54.30	29.35	4.35	2.04	0.28
Turkmenistan	9,639	5.65	2.07	6.12	82.74	1.54	1.28	0.60
Ukraine	14,875	21.10	5.38	49.40	0.21	0.28	21.55	2.08
Uzbekistan	34,247	31.04	1.12	39.91	26.05	0.84	0.90	0.15
Northern Europe	11,68,217	9.07	49.82	36.67	0.13	0.07	3.97	0.27
Denmark	22,456	32.65	12.56	51.18	0.19	0.39	2.28	0.75
Finland	12,764	32.20	17.35	37.98	0.24	0.31	10.60	1.31
Iceland	988	32.79	11.34	46.36	0.00	0.10	6.17	3.24
Ireland	46,494	14.02	47.11	34.96	0.10	0.05	3.44	0.32
Norway	21,682	14.43	36.64	45.31	0.62	1.12	1.03	0.85
Sweden	41,246	21.97	35.50	39.63	0.55	0.24	1.63	0.48
United Kingdom	10,22,587	7.39	52.06	36.10	0.10	0.03	4.10	0.23
Southern/Medit. Europe	4,31,219	17.78	25.68	47.52	0.12	0.18	8.22	0.49
Albania	729	14.81	1.23	55.01	0.14	0.55	27.30	0.96
Andorra	168	2.98	35.12	55.36	0.00	0.00	6.55	0.00
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	14.74	2.01	26.83	0.00	0.00	53.55	2.86
Croatia	4,132	27.35	2.81	56.32	0.10	0.24	11.06	2.13
Cyprus	2,274	18.82	20.27	47.63	0.26	0.09	11.08	1.85
Greece	10,596	24.92	5.56	52.72	0.02	0.11	14.64	2.04
Israel	47,465	22.91	2.01	73.15	0.23	0.07	1.23	0.40
Italy	1,42,239	19.34	18.69	54.76	0.06	0.16	6.57	0.41
Malta	2,134	13.21	39.36	40.53	0.09	0.28	5.01	1.50
Montenegro	524	11.07	5.15	31.11	0.00	0.19	46.95	5.53
North Macedonia	662	21.60	4.23	47.13	0.30	0.60	25.23	0.91
Portugal	92,582	4.60	75.26	18.02	0.04	0.05	1.90	0.14
San Marino	57	3.51	1.75	92.98	0.00	0.00	1.75	0.00
Serbia	4,820	22.45	1.78	49.11	0.48	0.44	25.15	0.60



Table 2.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	Business and Professional	Indian Diaspora	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Medical	Education	Unknown	Others
Slovenia	4,056	19.82	2.29	73.94	0.17	0.20	3.03	0.54
Spain	81,959	18.72	12.82	64.26	0.02	0.33	3.50	0.36
Turkiye	35,829	33.20	1.91	18.00	0.61	0.43	44.77	1.08
Vatican City	50	0.00	28.00	4.00	2.00	0.00	12.00	54.00
Western Europe	6,73,452	20.83	18.78	47.71	0.21	0.44	11.60	0.43
Austria	30,393	21.83	27.59	43.94	0.10	0.21	5.82	0.51
Belgium	39,813	18.75	30.81	46.51	0.15	0.23	3.02	0.52
France	2,06,855	19.95	14.31	55.86	0.17	0.75	8.47	0.50
Germany	2,56,348	23.92	16.90	43.25	0.12	0.38	15.09	0.34
Liechtenstein	132	21.21	9.09	59.85	0.00	0.00	7.58	2.27
Luxembourg	2,167	8.40	33.32	54.59	0.00	0.05	2.12	1.52
Monaco	43	2.33	0.00	86.05	4.65	0.00	4.65	2.33
Netherlands	93,579	18.04	25.84	40.44	0.18	0.15	14.97	0.39
Switzerland	44,122	14.76	18.02	54.16	1.08	0.31	11.11	0.58
Middle East	2,95,511	5.84	3.38	55.21	17.88	1.01	16.11	0.57
Bahrain	14,041	2.10	20.03	22.24	3.12	0.41	51.73	0.36
Egypt	17,825	32.94	3.50	16.90	0.52	1.57	43.61	0.96
Iraq	40,247	1.57	1.22	7.06	79.53	1.57	8.75	0.31
Jordan	5,878	24.00	2.91	54.64	0.73	2.40	14.38	0.94
Kuwait	10,921	3.84	2.02	55.23	1.50	0.00	36.92	0.49
Lebanon	4,405	30.40	3.22	33.28	0.73	0.54	31.15	0.68
Libya	766	0.73	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.20	0.09
Oman	66,703	1.04	2.33	79.47	15.64	0.26	1.11	0.15
Palestine	870	18.62	2.41	59.31	2.87	11.72	3.79	1.26
Qatar	3,673	6.04	2.59	78.14	1.09	0.00	10.45	1.69
Saudi Arabia	46,167	6.56	1.80	47.68	3.92	0.16	38.84	1.05
Syria	4,231	19.81	1.75	23.94	3.47	8.65	34.32	8.06
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	1.17	2.20	93.28	0.27	0.07	2.86	0.15
Yemen	13,085	8.20	11.22	13.86	56.68	8.02	1.67	0.34
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	5.22	17.69	60.45	1.16	0.08	5.85	9.55
Grand Total	99,51,722	10.52	28.49	45.00	6.48	0.59	8.33	0.60

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Note: Pursuant to the discontinuation of disembarkation card by Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Tourism publishes purpose-wise data by clubbing various visa type categories in which foreign tourists travel to India. During 2024 visa type data has been received only for 91,22,877 arrivals out of 99,51,722 arrivals. Foreign tourist for which visa type was not available, unknown Purpose category has been given to them.



2.8 Average Duration of Stay of Foreign Tourists in India

Table 2.8.1 presents the average duration of stay of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India in 2024, categorized by country and region. It includes the total number of arrivals and the corresponding average number of days tourists from each country stayed in India.

In 2024, the global average duration of stay for foreign tourists in India stood at 18.12 days. Visitors from North America and Oceania recorded longer stays, averaging 25.15 and 24.56 days respectively—led by countries like Canada (30.99 days) and New Zealand (27.88 days). African countries such as Somalia (74.44) and Chad (55.74) displayed exceptionally long stays.

By contrast, tourists from South Asia (13.26 days) and South-East Asia (11.29 days) had shorter durations, indicating brief leisure, pilgrimage, or business trips.

Table 2.8.1 : Average Duration of Stay of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

	FTAs in India	Average Duration of Stay (in days)
Africa	3,38,605	20.32
North Africa	28,826	17.78
Algeria	2,522	10.83
Morocco	9,831	9.03
Sudan	10,887	39.41
Tunisia	5,586	4.90
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	20.55
Angola	1,202	17.27
Benin	436	19.68
Botswana	1,275	24.57
Burkina Faso	659	12.97
Burundi	341	27.87
Cameroon	4,322	28.23
Cabo Verde	39	24.32
Centr. African Rep.	24	14.00
Chad	1,438	55.74
Congo	431	26.40
Comoros	1,517	15.58
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	23.80
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	32.53
Djibouti	1,008	43.81
Equatorial Guinea	92	41.91
Eritrea	407	33.32
Ethiopia	32,391	11.81



Table 2.8.1 continued...

	FTAs In India	Average Duration of Stay (in days)
Eswatini	740	26.34
Gabon	158	16.08
Gambia	700	36.09
Ghana	6,049	17.70
Guinea	1,256	26.13
Guinea-Bissau	24	19.20
Kenya	52,294	19.78
Lesotho	750	36.60
Liberia	1,699	48.81
Madagascar	3,578	20.75
Malawi	2,441	26.71
Mali	869	23.35
Mauritania	182	13.46
Mauritius	48,683	14.54
Mozambique	5,741	27.90
Namibia	737	27.85
Niger	709	26.79
Nigeria	10,059	27.89
Reunion	8	32.50
Rwanda	1,890	24.17
Sao Tome & Principe	38	16.92
Senegal	2,008	14.19
Seychelles	3,733	23.72
Sierra Leone	731	31.14
Somalia	12,320	74.44
South Africa	44,168	16.16
South Sudan	2,466	34.93
Tanzania	30,730	19.28
Togo	503	20.32
Uganda	11,711	16.70
Zambia	4,762	29.27
Zimbabwe	6,848	28.27
Americas	23,72,058	24.91
Caribbean	8,925	20.31
Anguilla	4	12.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	16.21



Table 2.8.1 continued...

	FTAs In India	Average Duration of Stay (in days)
Aruba	4	24.00
Bahamas	195	12.87
Barbados	730	27.42
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	39.67
Cayman Islands	20	22.16
Cuba	382	31.65
Dominica	843	14.04
Dominican Rep.	501	16.08
Grenada	972	20.83
Haiti	63	18.52
Jamaica	1,021	25.49
Neth. Antilles	6	18.00
Saint Lucia	264	18.71
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	18.29
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	11.05
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	20.12
Turks & Caicos	4	6.33
Central America	5,905	19.48
Belize	515	33.22
Costa Rica	1,784	12.88
El Salvador	455	13.86
Guatemala	823	13.00
Honduras	568	13.60
Nicaragua	174	21.19
Panama	1,586	30.82
North America	22,99,267	25.15
Canada	4,76,273	30.99
Mexico	18,408	13.50
United States	18,04,586	23.80
South America	57,961	17.19
Argentina	9,638	18.55
Bolivia	684	13.37
Brazil	24,782	16.89
Chile	5,442	16.95
Colombia	7,639	16.76
Ecuador	1,484	15.64



Table 2.8.1 continued...

	FTAs In India	Average Duration of Stay (in days)
Guyana	790	23.11
Paraguay	322	13.17
Peru	3,685	17.22
Suriname	568	19.52
Uruguay	1,524	13.65
Venezuela	1,403	20.49
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	14.94
North-East Asia	3,95,930	18.92
China	38,960	27.22
Hong Kong (China)	719	29.45
Japan	1,94,875	16.35
Korea (DPRK)	125	17.24
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	21.82
Macao (China)	6	11.25
Mongolia	3,911	17.65
Taiwan (pr. Of China)	42,598	15.36
Tibet	1,812	49.03
Oceania	6,06,711	24.56
American Samoa	7	4.00
Australia	5,18,205	23.99
Cook Islands	2	15.00
Fiji	5,229	27.19
French Polynesia	4	0.00
Kiribati	162	65.87
Marshall Islands	13	18.31
Micronesia FSM	47	30.96
Nauru	144	50.28
New Caledonia	3	26.00
New Zealand	81,115	27.88
Palau	8	9.86
Papua New Guinea	685	25.68
Samoa	149	32.02
Solomon Islands	50	24.68
Tonga	134	32.61
Tuvalu	159	87.01
Vanuatu	595	25.42



Table 2.8.1 continued...

	FTAs In India	Average Duration of Stay (in days)
South Asia	24,09,812	13.26
Afghanistan	1,253	27.43
Bangladesh	17,50,165	13.18
Bhutan	41,265	8.18
Iran	21,406	15.68
Maldives	84,770	14.80
Nepal	2,02,501	16.74
Pakistan	26,625	40.44
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	10.88
South-East Asia	8,67,210	11.29
Brunei	863	12.31
Cambodia	11,326	12.23
Indonesia	39,227	11.98
Laos	2,997	14.90
Malaysia	3,07,526	9.71
Myanmar	47,588	13.63
Philippines	57,542	10.76
Singapore	2,05,383	10.65
Thailand	1,40,489	14.07
Timor-Leste	178	12.63
Vietnam	54,091	13.22
Europe	26,57,441	17.72
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	15.44
Armenia	2,003	15.74
Azerbaijan	4,809	6.79
Belarus	9,126	17.68
Bulgaria	5,938	12.43
Czech Republic	13,890	13.80
Estonia	2,965	14.64
Georgia	2,757	11.18
Hungary	9,040	13.51
Kazakhstan	27,006	12.84
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	19.35
Latvia	3,649	16.37
Lithuania	6,305	16.16
Poland	43,316	11.42



Table 2.8.1 continued...

	FTAs In India	Average Duration of Stay (in days)
Rep. Moldova	905	18.38
Romania	15,087	10.79
Russian Federation	1,60,188	17.69
Slovakia	6,644	12.79
Tajikistan	6,413	17.65
Turkmenistan	9,639	15.17
Ukraine	14,875	17.90
Uzbekistan	34,247	15.45
Northern Europe	11,68,217	19.16
Denmark	22,456	14.17
Finland	12,764	14.87
Iceland	988	15.34
Ireland	46,494	20.37
Norway	21,682	19.82
Sweden	41,246	20.76
United Kingdom	10,22,587	19.19
Southern/Medit. Europe	4,31,219	18.42
Albania	729	9.60
Andorra	168	19.39
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	8.36
Croatia	4,132	14.13
Cyprus	2,274	12.18
Greece	10,596	11.56
Israel	47,465	24.28
Italy	1,42,239	17.15
Malta	2,134	15.88
Montenegro	524	7.95
North Macedonia	662	12.49
Portugal	92,582	26.46
San Marino	57	14.35
Serbia	4,820	11.29
Slovenia	4,056	14.50
Spain	81,959	15.61
Turkiye	35,829	7.96
Vatican City	50	28.02
Western Europe	6,73,452	16.09



Table 2.8.1 continued...

	FTAs In India	Average Duration of Stay (in days)
Austria	30,393	17.16
Belgium	39,813	18.29
France	2,06,855	17.56
Germany	2,56,348	14.73
Liechtenstein	132	11.84
Luxembourg	2,167	19.45
Monaco	43	12.70
Netherlands	93,579	15.50
Switzerland	44,122	15.49
Middle East	2,95,511	12.48
Bahrain	14,041	11.87
Egypt	17,825	7.79
Iraq	40,247	17.83
Jordan	5,878	8.74
Kuwait	10,921	8.28
Lebanon	4,405	9.44
Libya	766	19.06
Oman	66,703	10.68
Palestine	870	14.25
Qatar	3,673	12.44
Saudi Arabia	46,167	10.16
Syria	4,231	14.74
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	8.87
Yemen	13,085	50.30
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	26.83
Grand Total	99,51,722	18.12

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Note: The duration of stay in India has been calculated based on 94,83,125 records for which both arrival and departure dates are available.

Table 2.8.2 presents a comprehensive region-wise and country-wise distribution of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India in 2024, along with the percentage share of tourists falling within different categories of duration of stay. The stay durations are classified into seven brackets: 0-1 day, 2-3 days, 4-7 days, 1-2 weeks, 2-4 weeks and >1 month.



Short-duration visits (0-3 days) are prominently observed among tourists from certain Middle Eastern countries such as Bahrain (55.66%), the United Arab Emirates (26.54%), and Turkey (56.51%), as well as from countries like Bosnia & Herzegovina and Ukraine.

In contrast, tourists from Western and Southern European countries such as Spain, Italy, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom predominantly fall into the medium-duration categories of 4-14 days. In Spain, for instance, over 50% of tourists stay between 4 and 14 days, indicating well-structured leisure or cultural tourism. Similarly, more than 40% of visitors from France and the UK fall into this range, reflecting the impact of long-haul holiday planning, awareness of India's cultural offerings, and possibly post-pandemic pent-up travel demand.

Long-stay tourism (15 days or more), including visits extending beyond a month, is largely concentrated among tourists from countries with traditional, religious, medical, or educational ties to India.

Table 2.8.2 : Category-wise Average Duration of Stay of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Africa	3,38,605	12.61	10.52	15.83	18.33	18.56	15.23	8.93
North Africa	28,826	32.27	10.75	12.58	9.59	9.08	14.09	11.65
Algeria	2,522	28.39	10.55	28.19	17.37	8.13	5.31	2.06
Morocco	9,831	47.41	13.07	13.25	9.36	6.13	7.68	3.09
Sudan	10,887	4.08	7.04	10.13	9.39	14.60	27.72	27.05
Tunisia	5,586	62.30	13.98	9.09	6.86	3.96	2.77	1.04
Sub-Saharan Africa	3,09,779	10.78	10.50	16.13	19.14	19.44	15.34	8.67
Angola	1,202	2.50	5.49	19.80	37.02	16.56	8.99	9.65
Benin	436	6.65	5.05	30.50	22.25	12.61	11.24	11.70
Botswana	1,275	3.84	2.51	19.76	19.45	27.14	17.25	10.04
Burkina Faso	659	2.88	4.86	41.58	24.58	10.77	6.98	8.35
Burundi	341	1.17	2.64	28.45	21.11	15.54	16.13	14.96
Cameroon	4,322	7.01	4.88	15.46	18.81	16.89	21.24	15.71
Cabo Verde	39	7.69	5.13	15.38	7.69	35.90	25.64	2.56
Centr. African Rep.	24	4.17	4.17	25.00	50.00	4.17	8.33	4.17
Chad	1,438	2.71	2.57	5.15	6.54	8.76	40.47	33.80
Congo	431	0.46	3.94	15.55	23.43	24.13	17.40	15.08
Comoros	1,517	2.04	13.51	35.33	22.61	10.42	9.56	6.53
Cote d'Ivoire	1,660	2.29	5.84	27.89	19.10	13.25	12.29	19.34
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,952	1.42	2.71	12.60	19.81	25.71	26.72	11.03



Table 2.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Djibouti	1,008	0.89	1.39	7.04	11.21	25.89	37.50	16.07
Equatorial Guinea	92	11.96	2.17	9.78	17.39	18.48	21.74	18.48
Eritrea	407	1.72	2.95	13.27	17.69	27.76	25.80	10.81
Ethiopia	32,391	55.49	9.18	7.11	6.18	8.11	10.44	3.47
Eswatini	740	2.03	2.97	10.00	12.03	15.68	14.86	42.43
Gabon	158	6.33	7.59	25.95	22.15	19.62	8.23	10.13
Gambia	700	2.29	3.86	12.71	21.29	13.43	26.57	19.86
Ghana	6,049	8.40	12.75	28.24	15.41	13.44	11.87	9.90
Guinea	1,256	0.56	4.78	22.45	23.96	16.08	19.98	12.18
Guinea-Bissau	24	0.00	4.17	29.17	16.67	20.83	12.50	16.67
Kenya	52,294	4.54	19.51	14.32	17.36	21.82	17.00	5.46
Lesotho	750	3.20	2.80	9.47	10.67	12.13	19.60	42.13
Liberia	1,699	0.12	1.06	4.12	8.59	12.65	21.78	51.68
Madagascar	3,578	7.74	8.19	14.25	22.95	27.11	14.31	5.45
Malawi	2,441	1.31	2.74	14.22	19.58	24.87	20.93	16.35
Mali	869	1.61	8.06	26.70	21.29	14.84	12.54	14.96
Mauritania	182	12.64	5.49	27.47	34.62	12.64	6.59	0.55
Mauritius	48,683	6.38	10.97	20.76	28.21	25.13	7.05	1.51
Mozambique	5,741	1.90	2.60	11.43	19.63	28.10	21.93	14.42
Namibia	737	6.38	5.97	24.42	13.70	12.75	17.37	19.40
Niger	709	4.65	5.36	16.08	21.72	25.25	18.76	8.18
Nigeria	10,059	2.16	8.29	19.35	16.00	16.30	17.94	19.96
Reunion	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	75.00
Rwanda	1,890	13.65	4.97	14.76	19.05	19.89	17.09	10.58
Sao Tome & Principe	38	0.00	0.00	42.11	10.53	36.84	5.26	5.26
Senegal	2,008	4.38	10.96	41.04	19.22	6.62	7.22	10.56
Seychelles	3,733	4.23	4.80	18.19	22.90	23.12	21.03	5.73
Sierra Leone	731	0.41	3.69	9.85	16.83	24.35	23.53	21.34
Somalia	12,320	0.10	0.24	0.60	2.78	10.89	57.59	27.80
South Africa	44,168	7.43	7.41	21.08	28.31	22.17	10.72	2.88
South Sudan	2,466	0.12	0.28	5.84	12.98	32.16	23.44	25.18
Tanzania	30,730	8.02	12.20	16.24	20.59	21.02	13.43	8.49
Togo	503	4.17	3.38	30.62	18.69	16.10	12.13	14.91
Uganda	11,711	11.71	22.82	16.84	12.79	13.55	12.16	10.14



Table 2.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Zambia	4,762	1.28	3.59	14.26	16.93	25.30	27.17	11.47
Zimbabwe	6,848	3.72	3.77	15.20	12.95	12.28	12.15	39.92
Americas	23,72,058	2.84	3.84	11.71	21.56	31.40	21.79	6.87
Caribbean	8,925	7.44	10.96	18.36	20.95	20.93	16.72	4.64
Anguilla	4	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Antigua & Barbuda	427	10.30	15.69	23.19	18.03	14.99	14.75	3.04
Aruba	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Bahamas	195	7.69	6.67	32.31	27.18	15.38	8.21	2.56
Barbados	730	4.66	6.30	9.32	18.63	27.26	27.67	6.16
Brit. Virgin Islands	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	50.00	25.00
Cayman Islands	20	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	40.00	5.00
Cuba	382	7.33	10.99	15.71	18.59	7.85	25.92	13.61
Dominica	843	11.27	17.44	23.72	17.67	16.96	10.79	2.14
Dominican Rep.	501	2.59	13.77	31.94	26.95	11.58	10.38	2.79
Grenada	972	5.35	12.35	16.67	21.09	21.50	19.86	3.19
Haiti	63	6.35	6.35	31.75	26.98	12.70	11.11	4.76
Jamaica	1,021	10.87	8.13	15.08	18.12	19.00	23.31	5.48
Neth. Antilles	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.67	0.00	83.33
Saint Lucia	264	10.98	9.47	20.45	18.18	20.45	15.91	4.55
St. Kitts & Nevis	1,188	5.56	17.68	23.74	17.93	15.24	15.74	4.12
St. Vincent & Gren.	59	10.17	16.95	25.42	28.81	11.86	5.08	1.69
Trinidad & Tobago	2,238	7.46	6.26	13.23	24.98	30.52	12.91	4.65
Turks & Caicos	4	0.00	50.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Central America	5,905	10.55	7.77	22.71	22.79	14.24	14.89	7.04
Belize	515	2.91	4.66	10.29	17.09	22.33	30.87	11.84
Costa Rica	1,784	14.35	9.30	27.41	27.02	11.04	6.61	4.26
El Salvador	455	27.25	11.65	18.24	18.68	11.43	8.79	3.96
Guatemala	823	8.87	7.65	32.93	31.47	9.23	7.78	2.07
Honduras	568	12.15	11.09	31.34	22.36	11.44	7.22	4.40
Nicaragua	174	3.45	5.17	32.76	16.09	21.84	15.52	5.17
Panama	1,586	5.04	5.11	13.24	17.47	18.79	27.11	13.24
North America	22,99,267	2.57	3.67	11.40	21.49	31.83	22.07	6.97
Canada	4,76,273	3.23	2.98	6.37	14.13	32.91	29.82	10.55
Mexico	18,408	10.78	9.66	28.76	25.49	15.25	8.47	1.58



Table 2.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
United States	18,04,586	2.31	3.79	12.55	23.39	31.71	20.17	6.08
South America	57,961	12.01	9.34	21.84	24.04	17.60	12.04	3.14
Argentina	9,638	11.15	8.33	16.27	24.12	23.35	13.64	3.13
Bolivia	684	23.25	10.67	24.56	15.35	13.30	8.48	4.39
Brazil	24,782	12.18	9.77	23.83	24.43	15.29	11.65	2.84
Chile	5,442	10.93	8.45	19.64	25.54	19.53	12.31	3.58
Colombia	7,639	13.86	9.52	21.69	22.37	17.69	12.44	2.43
Ecuador	1,484	12.87	13.34	21.29	20.42	19.88	9.77	2.43
Guyana	790	0.89	3.29	13.04	21.65	39.75	15.44	5.95
Paraguay	322	18.63	5.28	19.57	23.29	22.67	7.14	3.42
Peru	3,685	11.10	11.29	31.53	18.72	10.91	10.85	5.59
Suriname	568	1.76	2.64	10.92	34.33	39.44	8.27	2.64
Uruguay	1,524	8.99	4.33	21.39	42.91	12.60	8.33	1.44
Venezuela	1,403	16.96	13.68	18.39	18.60	11.26	16.46	4.63
Asia and the Pacific	42,79,663	9.35	15.81	24.99	19.67	14.25	11.68	4.25
North-East Asia	3,95,930	8.40	18.16	29.54	14.80	9.48	16.46	3.17
China	38,960	14.51	20.74	13.30	11.49	12.14	22.27	5.54
Hong Kong (China)	719	2.36	4.73	19.89	15.30	16.27	18.78	22.67
Japan	1,94,875	9.03	21.02	31.94	13.24	8.48	14.64	1.65
Korea (DPRK)	125	0.00	8.80	66.40	4.80	1.60	8.80	9.60
Korea (ROK)	1,12,924	6.15	15.84	30.83	14.41	8.97	19.18	4.62
Macao (China)	6	0.00	16.67	16.67	0.00	33.33	0.00	33.33
Mongolia	3,911	3.78	5.68	34.34	20.84	15.70	12.07	7.59
Taiwan (Pr. Of China)	42,598	6.78	11.06	30.81	25.92	11.85	12.49	1.08
Tibet	1,812	0.17	0.00	0.88	2.87	21.30	19.81	54.97
Oceania	6,06,711	2.02	4.14	10.26	18.42	32.94	25.29	6.93
American Samoa	7	14.29	0.00	0.00	14.29	0.00	0.00	71.43
Australia	5,18,205	2.02	4.05	10.65	18.89	33.20	24.62	6.55
Cook Islands	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	5,229	3.14	1.74	7.15	18.28	39.38	24.00	6.31
French Polynesia	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Kiribati	162	0.00	0.00	4.94	6.79	9.26	52.47	26.54
Marshall Islands	13	0.00	15.38	15.38	46.15	7.69	15.38	0.00
Micronesia FSM	47	0.00	0.00	10.64	19.15	21.28	44.68	4.26



Table 2.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Nauru	144	2.08	0.00	9.03	2.08	13.19	58.33	15.28
New Caledonia	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.33	0.00	66.67
New Zealand	81,115	1.89	4.80	7.83	15.61	31.42	29.60	8.86
Palau	8	0.00	0.00	25.00	62.50	0.00	0.00	12.50
Papua New Guinea	685	1.31	3.94	15.77	11.39	5.26	9.20	53.14
Samoa	149	1.34	2.68	6.04	7.38	31.54	40.27	10.74
Solomon Islands	50	0.00	6.00	18.00	26.00	20.00	24.00	6.00
Tonga	134	4.48	15.67	14.18	8.21	9.70	38.06	9.70
Tuvalu	159	3.14	0.00	6.92	1.89	3.14	55.97	28.93
Vanuatu	595	5.55	11.76	19.33	16.97	19.83	22.18	4.37
South Asia	24,09,812	10.23	18.37	25.10	19.86	12.50	9.38	4.56
Afghanistan	1,253	0.32	1.52	5.99	11.49	58.66	12.85	9.18
Bangladesh	17,50,165	8.46	20.27	25.52	19.92	13.70	10.09	2.04
Bhutan	41,265	52.94	7.42	11.51	8.14	5.01	4.97	10.02
Iran	21,406	2.03	5.63	37.74	30.87	11.10	7.42	5.21
Maldives	84,770	1.29	4.00	21.87	43.39	21.80	6.39	1.26
Nepal	2,02,501	22.45	10.50	18.78	10.23	6.09	10.21	21.73
Pakistan	26,625	0.33	0.65	4.41	7.26	8.27	13.52	65.55
Sri Lanka	2,81,827	10.46	20.88	31.07	21.42	8.20	5.71	2.26
South-East Asia	8,67,210	12.49	15.76	32.91	22.23	8.23	6.37	2.00
Brunei	863	14.37	22.13	33.37	16.34	4.98	6.37	2.43
Cambodia	11,326	18.74	10.31	27.00	25.31	9.31	6.85	2.47
Indonesia	39,227	17.52	15.02	30.37	17.10	9.21	7.85	2.93
Laos	2,997	3.40	15.92	42.58	17.58	5.41	12.18	2.94
Malaysia	3,07,526	9.54	12.64	34.84	30.60	7.31	3.85	1.22
Myanmar	47,588	10.03	14.05	32.16	21.13	9.07	9.55	4.01
Philippines	57,542	33.23	14.46	19.99	12.32	8.66	7.52	3.82
Singapore	2,05,383	13.03	15.62	29.50	22.54	12.26	5.84	1.20
Thailand	1,40,489	8.57	23.07	39.78	11.37	4.56	9.52	3.13
Timor-Leste	178	0.56	37.64	39.33	5.06	8.43	5.06	3.93
Vietnam	54,091	13.13	19.47	34.04	16.56	5.82	8.97	2.03
Europe	26,57,441	8.12	8.43	15.95	25.35	25.78	13.12	3.25
Central/Eastern Europe	3,84,553	12.28	9.58	20.95	27.65	15.65	10.22	3.66
Armenia	2,003	6.39	13.03	31.60	23.12	9.59	10.03	6.24



Table 2.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Azerbaijan	4,809	14.02	51.47	16.72	8.75	4.28	3.72	1.04
Belarus	9,126	18.74	6.80	15.74	25.24	16.92	12.15	4.42
Bulgaria	5,938	10.64	8.18	30.04	28.73	13.62	7.02	1.75
Czech Republic	13,890	14.10	8.76	19.87	25.38	22.62	7.98	1.28
Estonia	2,965	9.38	6.88	18.31	32.61	22.19	8.30	2.33
Georgia	2,757	18.17	10.52	32.46	17.41	11.50	7.18	2.76
Hungary	9,040	9.29	7.92	25.14	30.12	18.74	6.99	1.79
Kazakhstan	27,006	10.38	6.38	32.85	28.00	13.36	6.91	2.13
Kyrgyzstan	5,751	10.29	6.02	30.81	16.33	13.49	17.77	5.29
Latvia	3,649	9.21	6.49	14.80	31.41	25.02	9.87	3.21
Lithuania	6,305	10.59	6.92	15.08	32.47	22.09	10.06	2.79
Poland	43,316	14.61	11.48	22.16	30.77	14.48	5.38	1.12
Rep. Moldova	905	18.67	6.41	16.24	19.67	17.68	13.81	7.51
Romania	15,087	22.08	9.81	25.89	23.36	11.35	5.87	1.64
Russian Federation	1,60,188	10.35	7.07	17.47	31.66	16.21	11.91	5.33
Slovakia	6,644	13.71	8.58	21.75	29.67	18.80	6.52	0.98
Tajikistan	6,413	2.88	6.38	34.35	25.00	15.11	11.98	4.30
Turkmenistan	9,639	4.27	3.88	35.62	29.17	14.61	9.35	3.10
Ukraine	14,875	24.29	9.50	12.80	16.02	17.75	13.45	6.18
Uzbekistan	34,247	13.32	21.13	19.54	16.19	13.29	14.06	2.47
Northern Europe	11,68,217	5.10	5.79	13.87	26.27	31.43	14.10	3.44
Denmark	22,456	6.62	11.35	25.49	26.74	19.25	9.04	1.51
Finland	12,764	13.23	10.37	25.01	19.54	16.99	12.64	2.23
Iceland	988	12.04	16.30	17.31	22.57	13.87	12.25	5.67
Ireland	46,494	4.74	6.56	15.79	20.78	32.31	16.86	2.96
Norway	21,682	3.35	6.29	16.46	26.42	28.63	16.37	2.48
Sweden	41,246	3.39	6.69	18.82	21.64	25.52	20.52	3.42
United Kingdom	10,22,587	5.08	5.52	13.13	26.78	32.15	13.80	3.54
Southern/ Medit. Europe	4,31,219	10.80	7.53	16.11	23.50	22.87	15.42	3.77
Albania	729	23.46	14.27	26.75	16.60	12.07	5.62	1.23
Andorra	168	4.76	5.95	10.12	45.83	19.05	9.52	4.76
Bosnia & Herzg.	943	46.98	12.51	15.38	10.50	7.21	6.15	1.27
Croatia	4,132	13.00	10.00	24.10	24.10	16.67	10.19	1.94
Cyprus	2,274	13.68	10.99	25.73	25.29	14.73	8.66	0.92



Table 2.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Greece	10,596	17.77	11.04	25.60	24.47	12.28	7.17	1.66
Israel	47,465	6.39	9.05	15.89	17.61	21.39	25.38	4.29
Italy	1,42,239	8.61	7.83	16.43	28.80	21.61	13.98	2.75
Malta	2,134	7.22	14.15	23.76	25.02	16.03	12.28	1.55
Montenegro	524	39.31	16.03	16.22	12.02	7.82	6.68	1.91
North Macedonia	662	21.75	9.67	23.11	24.77	10.42	7.25	3.02
Portugal	92,582	2.95	3.45	7.92	16.07	38.82	22.75	8.04
San Marino	57	5.26	12.28	21.05	35.09	15.79	10.53	0.00
Serbia	4,820	25.08	11.49	18.03	25.91	11.12	6.54	1.83
Slovenia	4,056	7.59	7.30	21.67	30.40	21.84	9.12	2.07
Spain	81,959	8.37	7.99	20.39	31.03	19.04	10.88	2.30
Turkiye	35,829	45.54	10.97	20.57	11.03	4.98	5.70	1.21
Vatican City	50	2.00	10.00	22.00	14.00	32.00	18.00	2.00
Western Europe	6,73,452	9.27	12.91	16.60	23.62	23.64	11.59	2.37
Austria	30,393	6.19	11.37	16.13	24.18	27.00	12.65	2.48
Belgium	39,813	6.23	8.06	17.46	23.39	27.41	14.61	2.85
France	2,06,855	6.77	11.89	15.84	27.42	22.82	12.80	2.47
Germany	2,56,348	10.22	15.86	17.46	21.83	22.23	10.10	2.31
Liechtenstein	132	6.82	16.67	18.18	19.70	33.33	3.79	1.52
Luxembourg	2,167	5.68	4.34	13.15	27.73	30.73	15.83	2.54
Monaco	43	9.30	2.33	23.26	32.56	25.58	6.98	0.00
Netherlands	93,579	15.59	9.58	16.16	19.16	25.23	12.12	2.16
Switzerland	44,122	7.16	13.54	15.80	25.27	26.18	9.85	2.20
Middle East	2,95,511	13.33	14.30	28.13	21.58	12.58	8.16	1.91
Bahrain	14,041	44.68	10.98	10.03	11.54	9.63	11.38	1.75
Egypt	17,825	32.79	21.78	24.58	9.99	4.52	4.99	1.36
Iraq	40,247	4.33	6.66	16.09	28.93	30.14	11.85	2.01
Jordan	5,878	14.73	24.62	34.55	13.41	5.99	5.12	1.58
Kuwait	10,921	24.88	19.06	23.32	20.42	7.16	4.71	0.46
Lebanon	4,405	26.86	22.22	25.31	11.21	5.18	6.42	2.79
Libya	766	15.40	8.36	26.89	23.24	8.75	11.36	6.01
Oman	66,703	1.60	9.98	41.06	31.46	10.73	4.72	0.45
Palestine	870	3.33	16.21	30.23	19.08	15.63	9.20	6.32
Qatar	3,673	6.53	16.25	31.26	24.78	11.46	8.77	0.95
Saudi Arabia	46,167	33.45	13.18	15.89	17.96	11.29	7.15	1.08



Table 2.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	FTAs in India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Syria	4,231	28.72	14.39	16.76	9.45	5.41	9.08	16.19
Utd Arab Emirates	66,699	3.75	22.79	40.85	19.19	8.75	4.28	0.38
Yemen	13,085	1.18	2.27	6.64	11.30	18.90	42.74	16.97
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	8,444	2.44	4.30	9.43	13.12	39.57	13.83	17.31
Grand Total	99,51,722	7.70	10.75	19.18	21.64	21.54	14.49	4.71

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 2.8.3 presents the Region-wise Purpose of Visit and Duration Cross Analysis, offering a comparative view of inbound tourist profiles to India based on their top three travel purposes and average length of stay.

Table 2.8.3 : Region-wise Purpose of Visit & Duration Cross Analysis

Region/Sub-region	Top 3 Purposes of Visit (%)			Avg. Duration of Stay (days)
Africa	Leisure (30.11%)	Medical (18.93%)	Diaspora (15.91%)	20.32
North Africa	Unknown (36.71%)	Business (18.34%)	Medical (18.02%)	17.78
Sub-Saharan Africa	Leisure (31.46%)	Medical (19.01%)	Diaspora (17.01%)	20.55
Americas	Diaspora (55.66%)	Leisure (35.54%)	Business (6.60%)	24.91
North America	Diaspora (57.15%)	Leisure (34.82%)	Business (6.13%)	25.15
South America	Leisure (61.59%)	Business (23.24%)	Unknown (9.27%)	17.19
Central America	Leisure (47.01%)	Diaspora (21.05%)	Business (17.97%)	19.48
Caribbean	Leisure (43.53%),	Diaspora (34.10%)	Business (12.57%)	20.31
Asia & Pacific	Leisure (50.37%),	Diaspora (14.48%)	Medical (11.61%)	14.94
North-East Asia	Business (50.45%)	Leisure (34.60%)	Unknown (9.78%)	18.92
Oceania	Diaspora (58.19%),	Leisure (35.07%)	Business (4.45%)	24.56
South Asia	Leisure (55.20%),	Medical (20.27%)	Unknown (14.34%)	13.26
South-East Asia	Leisure (54.85%),	Diaspora (20.18%)	Unknown (12.33%)	11.29
Europe	Leisure (45.52%),	Diaspora (31.21%)	Business (14.48%)	17.72
Central/Eastern Europe	Leisure (66.33%),	Business (16.07%)	Medical (6.12%)	15.44
Northern Europe	Diaspora (49.82%),	Leisure (36.67%)	Business (9.07%)	19.16
Southern/Medit. Europe	Leisure (47.52%),	Diaspora (25.68%)	Business (17.78%)	18.42
Western Europe	Leisure (47.71%),	Business (20.83%)	Diaspora (18.78%)	16.09
Middle East	Leisure (55.21%),	Medical (17.88%)	Unknown (16.11%)	12.48



Table 2.8.3 continued...

Region/Sub-region	Top 3 Purposes of Visit (%)			Avg. Duration of Stay (days)
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	Leisure (60.45%),	Diaspora (17.69%)	Others (9.55%)	26.83
Grand Total	Leisure (45.00%),	Diaspora (28.49%)	Business (10.52%)	18.12

2.9 Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from Tourism in India

Table 2.9.1 provides a year-wise overview of Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from tourism in India from 1991 to 2024, presented in both ₹ crore and USD million terms, along with annual percentage changes.

FEEs in ₹ terms have grown from ₹ 4,318 crore in 1991 to ₹ 2,93,033 crore in 2024, marking a nearly 68-fold increase over three decades.

In USD terms, earnings rose from USD 1.86 billion in 1991 to USD 35.0 billion in 2024, indicating a sustained upward trend despite fluctuations.

Major negative shocks occurred in 2020 and 2021, with FEEs falling by over 55% in ₹ terms and nearly 58% in USD terms in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A strong rebound is observed in 2022, with 165.59% growth in ₹ terms and 146.91% in USD terms. Post-pandemic recovery continues, though the growth rate moderates in 2023 (56.6%) and 2024 (10.1%) in ₹ terms.

Table 2.9.1 : Year-wise Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from Tourism in India during 1991, 2001, 2011-2024

Year	FEEs in ₹ terms		FEEs in USD terms	
	₹ Crore	% Change over previous year	US\$ Million	% Change over previous year
1991	4,318	-	1,861	-
2001	15,083	-3.5	3,198	-7.6
2011	83,037	25.49	17,707	22.20
2012	95,060	15.14	17,972	1.50
2013	1,07,563	12.51	18,396	2.36
2014	1,20,366	11.90	19,699	7.08
2015	1,34,843	12.03	21,012	6.67
2016	1,50,750	11.80	22,428	6.74
2017	1,78,189	18.20	27,365	22.01
2018	1,95,312	9.61	28,568	4.40
2019	2,16,467	10.83	30,721	7.54
2020	95,738	-55.77	13,036	-57.57
2021	63,978	-33.17	86,51	-33.64



Table 2.9.1 continued...

Year	FEEs in ₹ terms		FEEs in US\$ terms	
	₹ Crore	% Change over previous year	US\$ Million	% Change over previous year
2022	1,69,917	165.59	21,360	146.91
2023	2,66,045	56.57	32,189	50.70
2024 ^{#2}	2,93,033	10.14	35,016	8.78

#2: Revised Estimates

Table 2.9.2 presents the monthly Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from tourism in India (in ₹crore) for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, along with the percentage change over 2019 and 2023 levels and the share of each month in total earnings for 2024.

Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from tourism increased from ₹2.66 lakh crore in 2023 to ₹2.93 lakh crore in 2024, marking a 10.14% annual growth. Compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019, this reflects a 35.37% rise.The strongest monthly gain in 2024 was seen in February (+25.4%), followed by March (+20.0%) and April (+18.8%) over the previous year.

January, February, and December were the top three months in terms of earnings, together accounting for over 30% of total annual FEEs. December alone contributed 10.71% of total earnings in 2024, remaining the top-grossing month, followed by February (10.02%) and January (9.53%).

Earnings growth moderated in the second half of 2024, with months like August (+1.3%), September (+4.48%), and December (+0.01%) showing marginal increases over 2023. Despite this, December remained the top-earning month in both 2023 and 2024, with earnings exceeding ₹31,000 crores.

Seasonality patterns remain evident–peak earnings occur in Q1 and Q4, while the leaner months fall between April and June, corresponding to off-peak travel periods.

Table 2.9.2: Month-wise FEEs (₹ Crore) from Tourism in India

Month	FEEs from Tourism (₹ in crore)			Percentage Change		Percentage share
	2019	2023	2024 ^{#2}	2024/19	2024/23	2024
January	18,672	23,729	27,928	49.57	17.65	9.53
February	18,327	23,790	29,370	60.26	25.41	10.02
March	16,440	21,957	25,407	54.54	20.00	8.67
April	17,693	17,252	20,451	15.59	18.77	6.98
May	14,050	17,041	18,915	34.63	10.18	6.45
June	16,592	18,409	21,969	32.41	15.5	7.50
July	18,577	22,970	23,767	27.94	4.11	8.11
August	18,184	19,397	19,651	8.07	1.3	6.71
September	17,064	19,478	20,540	20.37	4.48	7.01
October	17,623	23,679	24,856	41.04	4.36	8.48
November	20,372	26,991	28,808	41.41	5.8	9.83
December	22,873	31,352	31,371	37.15	0.01	10.71
Total	2,16,467	2,66,045	2,93,033	35.37	10.14	100.00

#2: Revised Estimates



Table 2.9.3 presents the monthly Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from tourism in India (in US\$ billion) for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, along with the percentage changes over 2019 and 2023, and the share of each month in total earnings for 2024.

FEEs from tourism rose from USD 30.72 billion in 2019 to USD 32.19 billion in 2023 and further to USD 35.02 billion in 2024, registering a 13.98% increase over 2019 and an 8.78% rise over 2023.

February 2024 recorded the highest year-on-year growth (+22.3%) among all months, reaching USD 3.54 billion, followed closely by March and June.

August 2024 showed a marginal decline of 0.04% over 2023, while December declined slightly by 1.35%, despite remaining the top-grossing month with over USD 3.71 billion, accounting for 10.61% of the annual share.

FEEs remained robust in the winter and early spring months (Jan-Mar), with each contributing over 8%-10% of the annual earnings.

Table 2.9.3: Month-wise FEEs (US\$ Billion) from Tourism in India

Month	FEEs from Tourism (in US\$ billion)			Percentage Change		Percentage share
	2019	2023	2024 ^{#2}	2024/19	2024/23	2024
January	2.65	2.884	3.364	26.94	16.64	9.61
February	2.601	2.892	3.537	35.99	22.30	10.10
March	2.333	2.669	3.06	31.16	14.65	8.74
April	2.544	2.099	2.452	-3.62	16.82	7.00
May	2.02	2.073	2.267	12.23	9.36	6.47
June	2.386	2.24	2.633	10.35	17.54	7.52
July	2.637	2.779	2.837	7.58	2.09	8.10
August	2.582	2.347	2.346	-9.14	-0.04	6.70
September	2.423	2.356	2.452	1.20	4.07	7.00
October	2.474	2.844	2.943	18.96	3.48	8.40
November	2.86	3.241	3.411	19.27	5.25	9.74
December	3.211	3.765	3.714	15.66	-1.35	10.61
Total	30.721	32.189	35.016	13.98	8.78	100.00

#2: Revised Estimates

Chapter

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Indian Nationals' Departures from India



Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs)
30.89 Million

Purpose of Visits



Leisure
Holiday &
Recreation
42.52%



Indian
Diaspora
34.69%

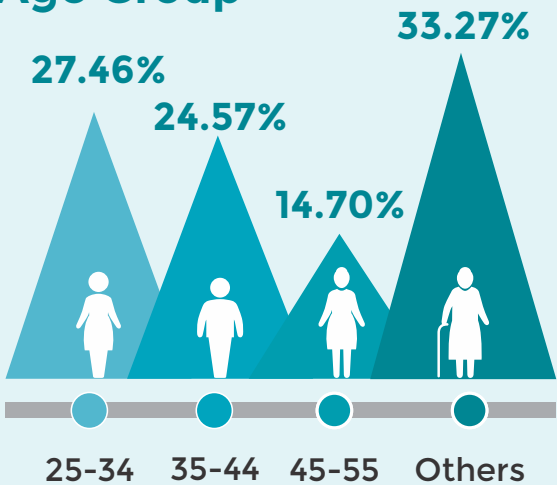


Business &
Professional
14.92%



Others
7.87%

Age Group



Mode of Transport



Air:
98.00%



Land:
1.46%

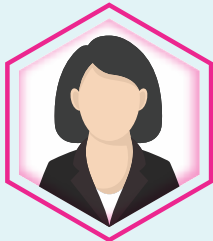


Water:
0.54%

Gender-wise Distribution



Male:
65.85%



Female:
34.15%

Average Duration
of Stay

50.71
(in days)





3.1 Indian Nationals’ Departures from India

Table 3.1.1 provides a year-wise account of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India along with the percentage change over the previous year, covering selected years from 1991 to 2024. The data reflects the long-term trajectory of outbound travel by Indian nationals and highlights significant fluctuations influenced by domestic and global factors.

Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India have shown a strong upward trend over the past three decades, rising from 1.94 million in 1991 to 30.89 million in 2024 reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 8.74%. While the COVID-19 pandemic caused a sharp decline of nearly 73% in 2020, the sector rebounded strongly, with a 152.62% surge in 2022 and continued growth in 2023 and 2024. Departures in 2024 not only recovered but exceeded pre-pandemic levels, indicating the resilience and continued expansion of India’s outbound tourism market.

The overall trend underscores the growing propensity of Indian nationals to travel abroad, supported by factors such as increased disposable income, improved air connectivity, and greater exposure to global destinations. The data also reflects the resilience of outbound travel demand, with a sharp rebound observed within two years of the pandemic-induced contraction.

Table 3.1.1 : Year-wise Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India

Year	INDs from India	Year-on-Year Percentage Change (%)
1991	19,42,707	-14.80
2001	45,64,477	3.40
2011	1,39,94,002	7.70
2012	1,49,24,755	6.65
2013	1,66,26,316	11.40
2014	1,83,32,319	10.26
2015	2,03,76,307	11.15
2016	2,18,71,995	7.34
2017	2,39,42,957	9.47
2018	2,62,96,484	9.83
2019	2,69,15,034	2.35
2020	72,94,566	-72.90
2021	85,51,315	17.23
2022	2,16,02,734	152.62
2023	2,78,77,640	29.05
2024	3,08,85,048	10.79

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



Figure 3.1.1 : Year-wise Indian Nationals’
Departures (INDs) from India and
Year-on-Year Percentage Change (%)

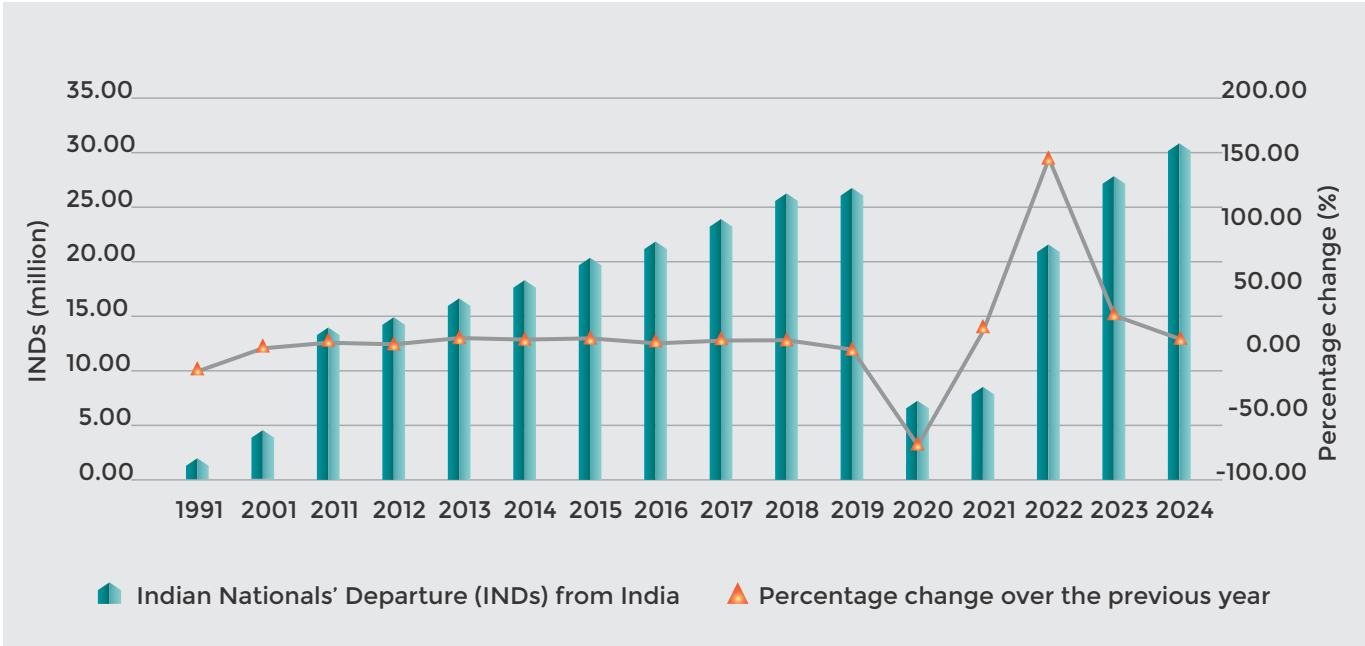


Table 3.1.2 presents the regional analysis of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024. It includes the absolute number of departures, percentage share of each region and the percentage change of 2024 over both 2019 and 2023 levels.

In 2024, the Middle East continued to account for the largest share of Indian departures, with 14.68 million travellers, representing 47.53% of total INDs. This marks a 13.60% increase over 2019 and a 7.62% rise over 2023.

Asia and the Pacific followed, contributing 27.15% of the departures (8.38 million), with notable growth of 18.45% over 2023. Within sub-regions, South-East Asia and North-East Asia showed strong recoveries in 2024. Departures to South-East Asia rose to 5.24 million, up 25.35% over 2023 and 11.05% over 2019. Departures to North-East Asia increased by 45.52% over 2023, though still slightly below 2019 levels.

Europe recorded a significant uptick in Indian departures, growing by 37.89% compared to 2019 and by 16.80% over 2023, reaching nearly 3.88 million travellers in 2024. Europe’s Central/Eastern and Northern sub-regions witnessed remarkable growth over 2019 – 65.33% and 57.55%, respectively – suggesting evolving travel preferences among Indian tourists.

The Americas accounted for 10.29% of Indian departures in 2024, with growth concentrated in South America and the Caribbean, which posted increase of 14.38% and 16.32% over 2023, respectively. North America continued to be the leading destination within the Americas, though its growth was more modest at 1.59% compared to the previous year.

Africa’s share declined slightly to 2.01% in 2024, despite a 3.34% increase over 2023. Departures to Sub-Saharan Africa showed modest growth of 3.27% over 2023, while North Africa grew by 5.19%, though still lower than 2019 levels.



**Table 3.1.2 : Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs)
from India by Region/Sub-Region**

Region/ Sub-Region	INDs from India			Percentage Share			Percentage Change	
	2019	2023	2024	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23
Africa	6,08,624	6,00,695	6,20,740	2.26	2.15	2.01	1.99	3.34
North Africa	26,151	21,961	23,100	0.10	0.08	0.07	-11.67	5.19
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,82,473	5,78,734	5,97,640	2.16	2.08	1.94	2.60	3.27
Americas	26,42,317	31,22,735	31,79,012	9.82	11.20	10.29	20.31	1.80
Caribbean	20,316	26,330	30,628	0.08	0.09	0.10	50.76	16.32
Central America	7,102	11,320	10,247	0.03	0.04	0.03	44.28	-9.48
North America	25,82,245	30,52,817	31,01,229	9.59	10.95	10.04	20.10	1.59
South America	32,654	32,268	36,908	0.12	0.12	0.12	13.03	14.38
Asia and the Pacific	77,37,245	70,78,514	83,84,372	28.75	25.39	27.15	8.36	18.45
North-East Asia	8,25,178	5,25,165	7,64,211	3.07	1.88	2.47	-7.39	45.52
Oceania	7,09,079	7,89,150	8,09,476	2.63	2.83	2.62	14.16	2.58
South Asia	14,88,152	15,87,316	15,75,071	5.53	5.69	5.10	5.84	-0.77
South-East Asia	47,14,836	41,76,883	52,35,614	17.52	14.98	16.95	11.05	25.35
Europe	28,16,275	33,24,886	38,83,311	10.46	11.93	12.57	37.89	16.80
Central/Eastern Europe	3,64,982	3,85,628	6,03,420	1.36	1.38	1.95	65.33	56.48
Northern Europe	10,22,174	15,18,661	16,10,483	3.80	5.45	5.21	57.55	6.05
Southern/Medit. Europe	5,53,877	5,36,019	6,39,703	2.06	1.92	2.07	15.50	19.34
Western Europe	8,75,242	8,84,578	10,29,705	3.25	3.17	3.33	17.65	16.41
Middle East	1,29,23,898	1,36,41,408	1,46,81,057	48.02	48.93	47.53	13.60	7.62
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,86,675	1,09,402	1,36,556	0.69	0.39	0.44	-26.85	24.82
Grand Total	2,69,15,034	2,78,77,640	3,08,85,048	100.00	100.00	100.00	14.75	10.79

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 3.1.3 presents the top 15 destination countries visited by Indian nationals during outbound travel for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, along with their respective percentage shares.

In all three years – 2019, 2023, and 2024 – the United Arab Emirates (UAE) consistently ranked first, receiving the highest number of Indian travellers. In 2024, approximately 7.79 million Indian nationals travelled to the UAE, accounting for 25.21% of total departures, showing a steady increase from 6.39 million in 2019 and 7.22 million in 2023.



Saudi Arabia maintained its second position, attracting 3.42 million Indian travellers in 2024, up from 2.92 million in 2019 and 3.09 million in 2023. Its share remained stable around 11% across the years.

The United States ranked third across all three years, with 2.14 million departures in 2024. However, its percentage share slightly declined from 7.20% in 2019 and 7.37% in 2023 to 6.94% in 2024, despite the growth in absolute numbers.

Thailand witnessed a strong resurgence in Indian outbound travel in 2024, retaining its fourth position with 1.91 million departures. This marks a sharp recovery from 1.48 million in 2023 and a notable rise over its 2019 figure of 1.74 million. Singapore, Qatar, United Kingdom, Kuwait, and Oman also remained among the top destinations, though some fluctuations in ranking and share were observed.

Canada and Australia showed consistent presence in the top 15, while Indonesia saw a significant rise in departures, remaining at 14th place in both 2023 and 2024.

Collectively, the top 15 countries accounted for 24.89 million departures, representing 80.59% of total Indian outbound travel in 2024. This compares with 22.74 million (81.58%) in 2023 and 21.74 million (80.76%) in 2019, indicating a broadly stable preference pattern. Departures to other countries rose to 5.99 million in 2024, reflecting growing diversification in Indian outbound travel choices.

Table 3.1.3 : Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) to Top 15 Destination Countries – 2019, 2023 and 2024

Rank	Country	INDs in 2019	% share in 2019	Country	INDs in 2023	% share in 2023	Country	INDs in 2024	% share in 2024
1	Utd Arab Emirates	63,85,504	23.72	Utd Arab Emirates	72,17,736	25.89	Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	25.21
2	Saudi Arabia	29,16,049	10.83	Saudi Arabia	30,86,039	11.07	Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	11.09
3	United States	19,38,302	7.20	United States	20,54,369	7.37	United States	21,43,909	6.94
4	Thailand	17,43,261	6.48	Thailand	14,80,104	5.31	Thailand	19,08,520	6.18
5	Singapore	15,97,707	5.94	Singapore	13,83,312	4.96	Singapore	15,34,984	4.97
6	Qatar	11,37,339	4.23	United Kingdom	12,73,126	4.57	United Kingdom	13,22,848	4.28
7	Kuwait	9,84,658	3.66	Qatar	11,25,267	4.04	Qatar	11,40,407	3.69
8	Oman	9,40,911	3.50	Canada	9,88,362	3.55	Canada	9,45,652	3.06
9	United Kingdom	8,25,565	3.07	Kuwait	8,36,543	3.00	Kuwait	9,06,965	2.94
10	Malaysia	7,75,286	2.88	Oman	8,12,047	2.91	Oman	8,64,251	2.80
11	Canada	6,34,460	2.36	Australia	6,22,068	2.23	Malaysia	7,65,344	2.48
12	Australia	5,89,539	2.19	Bangladesh	6,17,789	2.22	Australia	6,61,405	2.14
13	Bangladesh	5,00,488	1.86	Malaysia	5,04,993	1.81	Bangladesh	5,55,680	1.80
14	Sri Lanka	4,02,240	1.49	Indonesia	3,78,662	1.36	Indonesia	4,98,675	1.61
15	Bahrain	3,64,801	1.36	Bahrain	3,62,060	1.30	Sri Lanka	4,30,492	1.39
Top 15 countries		2,17,36,110	80.76		2,27,42,477	81.58		2,48,90,339	80.59
Other countries		51,78,924	19.24		51,35,163	18.42		59,94,709	19.41
Grand total		2,69,15,034	100.00		2,78,77,640	100.00		3,08,85,048	100.00



Table 3.1.4 : Top 15 Countries with Highest Growth in INDs from India (2024 over 2019)

S. No.	Country	2019	2023	2024*	% Change 2024/19	% Change 2024/23	% Share 2024
1	Vietnam	93,921	3,11,579	3,98,673	324.48	27.95	1.29
2	Georgia	12,796	26,829	53,774	320.24	100.43	0.17
3	Azerbaijan	40,927	67,281	1,56,882	283.32	133.17	0.51
4	Kazakhstan	29,899	51,516	92,727	210.13	80.00	0.30
5	Ireland	47,260	97,850	1,21,550	157.19	24.22	0.39
6	Uzbekistan	23,212	33,445	53,434	130.20	59.77	0.17
7	Portugal	18,412	31,145	39,431	114.16	26.60	0.13
8	United Kingdom	8,25,565	12,73,126	13,22,848	60.24	3.91	4.28
9	Canada	6,34,460	9,88,362	9,45,652	49.05	-4.32	3.06
10	Indonesia	3,40,915	3,78,662	4,98,675	46.28	31.69	1.61
11	Poland	22,493	32,720	32,731	45.52	0.03	0.11
12	Tanzania	29,010	38,606	42,021	44.85	8.85	0.14
13	Switzerland	1,09,011	1,25,561	1,54,822	42.02	23.30	0.50
14	Turkey	1,07,479	1,19,243	1,43,167	33.20	20.06	0.46
15	Japan	1,36,191	1,31,715	1,81,029	32.92	37.44	0.59

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

*Includes only countries with Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) exceeding 30,000 in 2024.

Table 3.1.5 provides a detailed breakdown of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India to selected countries and territories, highlighting year-wise departures for 2019 (pre-pandemic), 2023, and 2024, along with the percentage changes and share in 2024.

Table 3.1.5 : Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
Africa	6,08,624	6,00,695	6,20,740	1.99	3.34	2.01
North Africa	26,151	21,961	23,100	-11.67	5.19	0.07
Algeria	7,250	4,799	5,079	-29.94	5.83	0.02
Morocco	6,479	8,881	11,214	73.08	26.27	0.04
Sudan	10,134	5,932	4,269	-57.87	-28.03	0.01
Tunisia	2,288	2,349	2,538	10.93	8.05	0.01
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,82,473	5,78,734	5,97,640	2.60	3.27	1.94



Table 3.1.5 continued...

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
Angola	7,353	10,272	12,889	75.29	25.48	0.04
Benin	2,732	4,214	4,019	47.11	-4.63	0.01
Botswana	7,749	6,721	6,400	-17.41	-4.78	0.02
Burkina Faso	1,359	1,635	1,983	45.92	21.28	0.01
Burundi	1,110	1,245	1,209	8.92	-2.89	0.00
Cabo Verde	127	448	346	172.44	-22.77	0.00
Cameroon	3,094	4,327	4,214	36.20	-2.61	0.01
Centr. African Rep.	446	518	574	28.70	10.81	0.00
Chad	935	586	683	-26.95	16.55	0.00
Comoros	565	478	475	-15.93	-0.63	0.00
Congo	20,526	23,427	24,142	17.62	3.05	0.08
Cote d'Ivoire	5,904	8,339	8,616	45.93	3.32	0.03
Dem. Rep. Congo	3,096	5,307	6,025	94.61	13.53	0.02
Djibouti	1,719	1,468	1,626	-5.41	10.76	0.01
Equatorial Guinea	547	478	561	2.56	17.36	0.00
Eritrea	612	405	461	-24.67	13.83	0.00
Eswatini	11900	14,940	819	-93.12	-94.52	0.00
Ethiopia	17,260	12,078	13,157	-23.77	8.93	0.04
Gabon	5,152	5,365	5,694	10.52	6.13	0.02
Gambia	1,435	1,583	1,655	15.33	4.55	0.01
Ghana	15,051	15,352	17,074	13.44	11.22	0.06
Guinea	3,749	4,307	4,989	33.08	15.83	0.02
Guinea-Bissau	351	288	355	1.14	23.26	0.00
Kenya	66,892	74,270	81,976	22.55	10.38	0.27
Lesotho	460	327	283	-38.48	-13.46	0.00
Liberia	2,543	3,740	4,990	96.22	33.42	0.02
Madagascar	4,230	4,474	4,502	6.43	0.63	0.01
Malawi	10,568	10,680	12,377	17.12	15.89	0.04
Mali	2,931	3,397	2,829	-3.48	-16.72	0.01
Mauritania	2,368	1,658	2,046	-13.60	23.40	0.01
Mauritius	78,474	62,009	66,179	-15.67	6.72	0.21
Mozambique	8,354	10,617	10,200	22.10	-3.93	0.03
Namibia	4,877	8,973	8,907	82.63	-0.74	0.03
Niger	2,742	2,072	2,596	-5.32	25.29	0.01



Table 3.1.5 continued...

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
Nigeria	55,754	50,376	49,310	-11.56	-2.12	0.16
Reunion	777	449	467	-39.90	4.01	0.00
Rwanda	5,974	4,997	5,005	-16.22	0.16	0.02
Sao Tome & Principe	269	237	229	-14.87	-3.38	0.00
Senegal	4,274	5,743	6,183	44.67	7.66	0.02
Seychelles	21,875	14,719	15,843	-27.57	7.64	0.05
Sierra Leone	4,293	5,115	5,372	25.13	5.02	0.02
Somalia	1,474	2,248	2,520	70.96	12.10	0.01
South Africa	86,812	74,870	72,053	-17.00	-3.76	0.23
South Sudan	4,857	5,875	5,873	20.92	-0.03	0.02
Tanzania	29,010	38,606	42,021	44.85	8.85	0.14
Togo	2,536	4,146	3,412	34.54	-17.70	0.01
Uganda	42,601	38,245	43,489	2.08	13.71	0.14
Zambia	20,605	22,124	24,920	20.94	12.64	0.08
Zimbabwe	4,151	4,986	6,092	46.76	22.18	0.02
Americas	26,42,317	31,22,735	31,79,012	20.31	1.80	10.29
Caribbean	20,316	26,330	30,628	50.76	16.32	0.10
Anguilla	42	39	35	-16.67	-10.26	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	161	216	230	42.86	6.48	0.00
Aruba	232	297	308	32.76	3.70	0.00
Bahamas	6,089	8,926	10,382	70.50	16.31	0.03
Barbados	1,299	1,905	1,959	50.81	2.83	0.01
Bermuda	1,005	602	725	-27.86	20.43	0.00
Brit. Virgin Islands	94	251	245	160.64	-2.39	0.00
Cayman Islands	1,002	1,011	1,135	13.27	12.27	0.00
Cuba	595	757	664	11.60	-12.29	0.00
Curacao	0	0	498	-	-	0.00
Dominica	272	343	387	42.28	12.83	0.00
Dominican Rep.	379	413	475	25.33	15.01	0.00
Grenada	123	105	121	-1.63	15.24	0.00
Guadeloupe	38	28	32	-15.79	14.29	0.00
Haiti	2,108	3,839	4,414	109.39	14.98	0.01
Jamaica	3,491	4,389	5,221	49.56	18.96	0.02



Table 3.1.5 continued...

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
Martinique	108	127	548	407.41	331.50	0.00
Montserrat	13	13	12	-7.69	-7.69	0.00
Neth. Antilles	709	346	284	-59.94	-17.92	0.00
Puerto Rico	201	229	290	44.28	26.64	0.00
Saint Lucia	338	210	242	-28.40	15.24	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis	447	455	495	10.74	8.79	0.00
St. Vincent & Gren.	72	57	51	-29.17	-10.53	0.00
Trinidad & Tobago	1,338	1,626	1,690	26.31	3.94	0.01
Turks & Caicos	147	125	160	8.84	28.00	0.00
US Virgin Islands	13	21	25	92.31	19.05	0.00
Central America	7,102	11,320	10,247	44.28	-9.48	0.03
Belize	503	249	195	-61.23	-21.69	0.00
Costa Rica	845	804	877	3.79	9.08	0.00
El Salvador	267	960	222	-16.85	-76.88	0.00
Guatemala	306	210	330	7.84	57.14	0.00
Honduras	687	1,159	1,419	106.55	22.43	0.00
Nicaragua	333	525	560	68.17	6.67	0.00
Panama	4,161	7,413	6,644	59.67	-10.37	0.02
North America	25,82,245	30,52,817	31,01,229	20.10	1.59	10.04
Canada	6,34,460	9,88,362	9,45,652	49.05	-4.32	3.06
Mexico	9,483	10,086	11,668	23.04	15.69	0.04
United States	19,38,302	20,54,369	21,43,909	10.61	4.36	6.94
South America	32,654	32,268	36,908	13.03	14.38	0.12
Argentina	2,840	1,877	2,148	-24.37	14.44	0.01
Bolivia	409	274	760	85.82	177.37	0.00
Brazil	14,526	15,765	16,835	15.90	6.79	0.05
Chile	3,945	3,193	3,607	-8.57	12.97	0.01
Colombia	2,231	2,336	2,256	1.12	-3.42	0.01
Ecuador	3,171	899	525	-83.44	-41.60	0.00
French Guiana	124	68	150	20.97	120.59	0.00
Guyana	693	2,163	3,543	411.26	63.80	0.01
Paraguay	548	380	469	-14.42	23.42	0.00
Peru	1,891	1,647	2,107	11.42	27.93	0.01
Suriname	542	891	1,636	201.85	83.61	0.01



Table 3.1.5 continued...

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
Uruguay	1,308	1,752	1,943	48.55	10.90	0.01
Venezuela	426	1,023	929	118.08	-9.19	0.00
Asia and the Pacific	77,37,245	70,78,514	83,84,372	8.36	18.45	27.15
North-East Asia	8,25,178	5,25,165	7,64,211	-7.39	45.52	2.47
China	3,58,685	1,57,090	2,58,082	-28.05	64.29	0.84
Hong Kong (China)	2,28,222	1,44,275	2,21,575	-2.91	53.58	0.72
Japan	1,36,191	1,31,715	1,81,029	32.92	37.44	0.59
Korea (DPRK)	708	1,048	1,363	92.51	30.06	0.00
Korea (ROK)	60,406	61,624	65,007	7.62	5.49	0.21
Macao (China)	11,347	2,951	4,607	-59.40	56.12	0.01
Mongolia	1,638	2,449	3,199	95.30	30.62	0.01
Taiwan (Pr. of China)	27,754	23,674	28,859	3.98	21.90	0.09
Tibet	227	339	490	115.86	44.54	0.00
Oceania	7,09,079	7,89,150	8,09,476	14.16	2.58	2.62
American Samoa	89	70	170	91.01	142.86	0.00
Australia	5,89,539	6,22,068	6,61,405	12.19	6.32	2.14
Cook Islands	29	16	26	-10.34	62.50	0.00
Fiji	3,183	2,847	2,764	-13.16	-2.92	0.01
French Polynesia	23	27	31	34.78	14.81	0.00
Guam	22	19	23	4.55	21.05	0.00
Kiribati	401	233	108	-73.07	-53.65	0.00
Marshall Islands	101	84	94	-6.93	11.90	0.00
Micronesia FSM	98	137	130	32.65	-5.11	0.00
N. Mariana Islands	53	135	216	307.55	60.00	0.00
Nauru	259	661	538	107.72	-18.61	0.00
New Caledonia	856	1,614	1,660	93.93	2.85	0.01
New Zealand	1,10,754	1,56,158	1,36,532	23.28	-12.57	0.44
Niue	89	56	47	-47.19	-16.07	0.00
Palau	56	65	108	92.86	66.15	0.00
Papua New Guinea	2,088	2,177	2,345	12.31	7.72	0.01
Samoa	51	100	139	172.55	39.00	0.00
Solomon Islands	225	250	243	8.00	-2.80	0.00
Tonga	36	71	65	80.56	-8.45	0.00



Table 3.1.5 continued...

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
Tuvalu	20	34	31	55.00	-8.82	0.00
Vanuatu	1,107	2,328	2,801	153.03	20.32	0.01
South Asia	14,88,152	15,87,316	15,75,071	5.84	-0.77	5.10
Afghanistan	14,394	2,925	4,505	-68.70	54.02	0.01
Bangladesh	5,00,488	6,17,789	5,55,680	11.03	-10.05	1.80
Bhutan	69,415	14,835	23,740	-65.80	60.03	0.08
Iran	33,053	23,094	23,331	-29.41	1.03	0.08
Maldives	2,03,469	2,74,691	1,97,496	-2.94	-28.10	0.64
Nepal	2,38,395	3,12,553	3,09,207	29.70	-1.07	1.00
Pakistan	26,698	17,405	30,620	14.69	75.93	0.10
Sri Lanka	4,02,240	3,24,024	4,30,492	7.02	32.86	1.39
South-East Asia	47,14,836	41,76,883	52,35,614	11.05	25.35	16.95
Brunei	19,090	15,103	15,939	-16.51	5.54	0.05
Cambodia	28,220	27,145	28,660	1.56	5.58	0.09
Indonesia	3,40,915	3,78,662	4,98,675	46.28	31.69	1.61
Laos	2,202	2,709	3,371	53.09	24.44	0.01
Malaysia	7,75,286	5,04,993	7,65,344	-1.28	51.56	2.48
Myanmar	31,667	11,209	11,465	-63.80	2.28	0.04
Philippines	81,771	60,818	68,354	-16.41	12.39	0.22
Singapore	15,97,707	13,83,312	15,34,984	-3.93	10.96	4.97
Thailand	17,43,261	14,80,104	19,08,520	9.48	28.94	6.18
Timor-Leste	796	1,249	1,629	104.65	30.42	0.01
Vietnam	93,921	3,11,579	3,98,673	324.48	27.95	1.29
Europe	1,57,40,173	1,69,66,294	1,85,64,368	17.94	9.42	60.11
Central/Eastern Europe	3,64,982	3,85,628	6,03,420	65.33	56.48	1.95
Armenia	13,324	20,187	15,583	16.95	-22.81	0.05
Azerbaijan	40,927	67,281	1,56,882	283.32	133.17	0.51
Belarus	2,691	1,999	2,836	5.39	41.87	0.01
Bulgaria	3,097	2,615	3,086	-0.36	18.01	0.01
Czech Republic	27,684	15,927	21,110	-23.75	32.54	0.07
Estonia	2,668	2,342	2,713	1.69	15.84	0.01
Georgia	12,796	26,829	53,774	320.24	100.43	0.17
Hungary	24,555	21,280	23,777	-3.17	11.73	0.08



Table 3.1.5 continued...

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
Kazakhstan	29,899	51,516	92,727	210.13	80.00	0.30
Kyrgyzstan	17,082	20,277	18,773	9.90	-7.42	0.06
Latvia	3,580	4,193	5,296	47.93	26.31	0.02
Lithuania	1,970	3,730	6,198	214.62	66.17	0.02
Poland	22,493	32,720	32,731	45.52	0.03	0.11
Rep. Moldova	735	1,179	1,258	71.16	6.70	0.00
Romania	5,648	9,679	10,213	80.83	5.52	0.03
Russian Federation	1,00,067	61,478	92,902	-7.16	51.11	0.30
Slovakia	1,502	3,751	4,482	198.40	19.49	0.01
Tajikistan	2,726	3,393	3,746	37.42	10.40	0.01
Turkmenistan	1,091	512	765	-29.88	49.41	0.00
Ukraine	27,235	1,295	1,134	-95.84	-12.43	0.00
Uzbekistan	23,212	33,445	53,434	130.20	59.77	0.17
Northern Europe	10,22,174	15,18,661	16,10,483	57.55	6.05	5.21
Denmark	39,615	34,020	40,839	3.09	20.04	0.13
Finland	23,819	27,494	30,510	28.09	10.97	0.10
Iceland	6,326	7,756	9,262	46.41	19.42	0.03
Ireland	47,260	97,850	1,21,550	157.19	24.22	0.39
Norway	24,249	24,820	29,460	21.49	18.69	0.10
Sweden	55,340	53,595	56,014	1.22	4.51	0.18
United Kingdom	8,25,565	12,73,126	13,22,848	60.24	3.91	4.28
Southern/Medit. Europe	5,53,877	5,36,019	6,39,703	15.50	19.34	2.07
Albania	298	1,116	1,902	538.26	70.43	0.01
Andorra	312	1,940	1,698	444.23	-12.47	0.01
Bosnia & Herzg.	449	736	959	113.59	30.30	0.00
Croatia	18,412	9,745	13,969	-24.13	43.35	0.05
Cyprus	11,398	9,984	12,920	13.35	29.41	0.04
Greece	39,812	29,523	37,150	-6.69	25.83	0.12
Israel	35,901	27,196	32,715	-8.87	20.29	0.11
Italy	2,18,182	1,82,473	2,17,002	-0.54	18.92	0.70
Malta	271	17,379	18,776	6828.41	8.04	0.06
Montenegro	7,504	746	879	-88.29	17.83	0.00
North Macedonia	7,052	232	510	-92.77	119.83	0.00
Portugal	517	31,145	39,431	7526.89	26.60	0.13



Table 3.1.5 continued...

	INDs from India			Percentage Change		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
San Marino	53	81	123	132.08	51.85	0.00
Serbia	5,843	5,299	7,198	23.19	35.84	0.02
Slovenia	1,524	2,479	2,796	83.46	12.79	0.01
Spain	98,695	96,619	1,08,377	9.81	12.17	0.35
Turkiye	1,07,479	1,19,243	1,43,167	33.20	20.06	0.46
Vatican City	175	83	131	-25.14	57.83	0.00
Western Europe	8,75,242	8,84,578	10,29,705	17.65	16.41	3.33
Austria	40,520	41,146	44,780	10.51	8.83	0.14
Belgium	40,813	33,870	35,293	-13.53	4.20	0.11
France	2,20,270	2,03,244	2,26,521	2.84	11.45	0.73
Germany	3,24,678	3,50,598	4,21,457	29.81	20.21	1.36
Liechtenstein	32	41	52	62.50	26.83	0.00
Luxembourg	4,734	7,129	7,572	59.95	6.21	0.02
Monaco	353	275	404	14.45	46.91	0.00
Netherlands	1,34,831	1,22,714	1,38,804	2.95	13.11	0.45
Switzerland	1,09,011	1,25,561	1,54,822	42.02	23.30	0.50
Middle East	1,29,23,898	1,36,41,408	1,46,81,057	13.60	7.62	47.53
Bahrain	3,64,801	3,62,060	3,79,204	3.95	4.74	1.23
Egypt	52,280	59,024	50,166	-4.04	-15.01	0.16
Iraq	80,521	97,746	98,870	22.79	1.15	0.32
Jordan	51,507	35,403	21,480	-58.30	-39.33	0.07
Kuwait	9,84,658	8,36,543	9,06,965	-7.89	8.42	2.94
Lebanon	8,423	5,712	4,131	-50.96	-27.68	0.01
Libya	137	108	418	205.11	287.04	0.00
Oman	9,40,911	8,12,407	8,64,251	-8.15	6.38	2.80
Palestine	51	16	11	-78.43	-31.25	0.00
Qatar	11,37,339	11,25,267	11,40,407	0.27	1.35	3.69
Saudi Arabia	29,16,049	30,86,039	34,23,711	17.41	10.94	11.09
Syria	319	329	296	-7.21	-10.03	0.00
Utd Arab Emirates	63,85,504	72,17,736	77,87,496	21.96	7.89	25.21
Yemen	1,398	3,018	3,651	161.16	20.97	0.01
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,86,675	1,09,402	1,36,556	-26.85	24.82	0.44
Grand Total	2,69,15,034	2,78,77,640	3,08,85,048	14.75	10.79	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



3.2 Seasonal Trends in Outbound Tourism from India

Table 3.2.1 presents the month-wise departures of Indian nationals from India for the years 2019, 2023, and 2024, along with growth rates over previous years and percentage share.

Among all months, May (9.53%) had the highest share of departures, followed by August (8.91%), September (8.79%), December (8.77%) and January (8.37%), indicating strong mid-year and year-end travel patterns.

Growth was prominent across most months compared to both base years. Notably, January, February, April and November registered strong double-digit growth over both 2019 and 2023. The steady month-on-month distribution highlights a consistent and sustained recovery in international travel demand among Indian nationals, with increased outbound movements throughout the calendar year.

Table 3.2.1 : Month-wise Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India

Month	INDs from India			Growth rate (%)		Percentage Share
	2019	2023	2024	2024/19	2024/23	2024
January	23,09,062	21,98,262	25,84,397	11.92	17.57	8.37
February	19,92,487	19,94,374	23,18,145	16.34	16.23	7.51
March	22,03,115	22,29,694	24,57,289	11.54	10.21	7.96
April	22,92,018	22,36,688	25,70,583	12.15	14.93	8.32
May	23,84,815	25,84,231	29,44,771	23.48	13.95	9.53
June	21,98,582	22,69,948	24,71,708	12.42	8.89	8.00
July	21,80,437	22,88,377	23,87,347	9.49	4.32	7.73
August	23,51,701	25,35,298	27,52,216	17.03	8.56	8.91
September	23,54,445	25,21,229	27,14,968	15.31	7.68	8.79
October	21,45,065	22,65,957	24,27,807	13.18	7.14	7.86
November	21,47,330	22,30,311	25,47,229	18.62	14.21	8.25
December	23,55,977	25,23,271	27,08,588	14.97	7.34	8.77
Total	2,69,15,034	2,78,77,640	3,08,85,048	14.75	10.79	100.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



Figure 3.2.1 : Month-wise Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India



Table 3.2.2 highlights the peak and lean months for Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) in 2024 to the top 15 destination countries. The data indicates clear month-wise variations in departure volumes across destinations. For most Gulf countries, such as the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Oman, June appears as the leanest month, while August records the highest share of departures. For countries like the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada, peak travel is observed in May, September, and April respectively, while October emerges as the lean month for these destinations.

In the case of Southeast Asian countries, May and December emerge as the most popular months for travel, whereas February generally sees lower departures. Australia shows February as the peak and October as the lean month. For Sri Lanka, December marks the peak, while April is the lowest month for Indian departures. These monthly patterns provide useful insights into the temporal distribution of outbound travel from India to major international destinations.

Table 3.2.2 : Peak and Lean Months of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India to Top 15 Destination Countries

S.No.	Destination Country	Lean Month (% Share)	Peak Month (% Share)
1	Utd Arab Emirates	June (6.61%)	August (9.30%)
2	Saudi Arabia	June (6.72%)	August (9.67%)
3	United States	October (5.51%)	May (11.00%)
4	Thailand	February (7.12%)	December (10.18%)
5	Singapore	February (6.76%)	May (10.14%)
6	United Kingdom	October (6.58%)	September (12.28%)
7	Qatar	June (6.65%)	August (10.41%)
8	Canada	October (4.60%)	April (11.72%)
9	Kuwait	April (7.24%)	August (11.16%)



Table 3.2.2 continued...

S.No.	Destination Country	Lean Month (% Share)	Peak Month (% Share)
10	Oman	June (7.11%)	July (10.06%)
11	Malaysia	February (5.34%)	May (10.96%)
12	Australia	October (6.28%)	February (11.08%)
13	Bangladesh	June (6.2%)	September (12.9%)
14	Indonesia	January (6.23%)	May (11.90%)
15	Sri Lanka	April (6.67%)	December (12.24%)

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 3.2.3 presents the quarterly distribution (%) of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India for the years 2014 to 2024, capturing outbound travel patterns and their fluctuations over time.

Between 2014 and 2019, a stable seasonal trend was evident. The second quarter (Q2: April–June) consistently saw the highest share of departures (25.5%–26.6%), followed closely by the third quarter (Q3: July–September) at around 25.5%–26.3%. The first and fourth quarters (Q1 and Q4) hovered between 23% and 25%, suggesting a balanced distribution of departures across the year with a slight preference for mid-year travel.

The year 2020 marked a sharp deviation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 71% of the year’s departures occurred in Q1 before international travel restrictions came into force. Subsequent quarters recorded drastically lower shares, with Q2 dipping to 1.4%.

A partial recovery began in 2021, driven by a strong fourth quarter (43.4%). In 2022, travel demand strengthened, with Q3 (28.6%) and Q4 (28.1%) together accounting for more than half of the year’s departures.

The years 2023 and 2024 reflect a return to pre-pandemic seasonal stability. In 2024, Q2 (25.86%) and Q3 (25.43%) remained the most travelled periods, followed by Q4 (24.88%) and Q1 (23.83%). The nearly even quarterly distribution in 2024 highlights a sustained and steady revival in outbound travel from India.

Table 3.2.3 : Quarter-wise Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India

(in percentage)

Year	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan–Mar)	(Apr–Jun)	(July–Sep)	(Oct–Dec)
2014	1,83,32,319	23.50	26.60	25.60	24.20
2015	2,03,76,307	23.60	26.60	25.50	24.30
2016	2,18,71,995	23.80	26.20	25.80	24.20
2017	2,39,42,957	23.10	25.70	26.30	25.00
2018	2,62,96,484	23.50	26.20	26.10	24.20
2019	2,69,15,034	24.20	25.50	25.60	24.70
2020	72,94,566	71.10	1.40	8.90	18.60
2021	85,51,315	24.00	11.00	21.60	43.40
2022	2,16,02,734	18.30	25.00	28.60	28.10
2023	2,78,77,640	23.04	25.44	26.35	25.18
2024	3,08,85,048	23.83	25.86	25.43	24.88

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India



Table 3.2.4 presents the quarter-wise distribution of Indian Nationals' Departures from India to selected countries and territories in 2024, reflecting seasonal and regional travel trends.

Table 3.2.4 : Quarter-wise Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories in 2024

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter (Jan-Mar)	2nd Quarter (Apr-Jun)	3rd Quarter (July-Sep)	4th Quarter (Oct-Dec)
Africa	6,20,740	24.72	27.44	24.84	23.00
North Africa	23,100	22.71	27.48	22.19	27.61
Algeria	5,079	25.08	25.54	22.70	26.68
Morocco	11,214	20.55	29.05	20.32	30.07
Sudan	4,269	26.31	23.64	25.09	24.97
Tunisia	2,538	21.47	30.93	24.51	23.09
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	24.80	27.44	24.94	22.82
Angola	12,889	24.31	26.01	25.29	24.39
Benin	4,019	22.14	26.97	26.97	23.91
Botswana	6,400	43.59	23.83	16.81	15.77
Burkina Faso	1,983	23.85	25.57	24.76	25.82
Burundi	1,209	26.88	21.75	26.39	24.98
Cabo Verde	346	23.70	34.10	26.01	16.18
Cameroon	4,214	26.01	26.48	24.42	23.09
Centr. African Rep.	574	24.74	27.18	23.00	25.09
Chad	683	21.08	27.53	23.57	27.82
Comoros	475	22.11	25.68	27.58	24.63
Congo	24,142	25.75	26.46	25.47	22.31
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	27.09	22.81	25.39	24.71
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	23.24	28.63	23.70	24.43
Djibouti	1,626	25.40	24.23	23.55	26.81
Equatorial Guinea	561	25.31	23.71	25.85	25.13
Eritrea	461	17.57	19.96	42.73	19.74
Eswatini	819	28.57	23.20	26.01	22.22
Ethiopia	13,157	25.55	25.94	26.84	21.68
Gabon	5,694	25.15	27.17	22.43	25.25
Gambia	1,655	24.29	22.96	25.98	26.77
Ghana	17,074	25.95	23.36	28.10	22.59
Guinea	4,989	25.68	23.95	23.45	26.92
Guinea-Bissau	355	21.41	37.46	19.15	21.97



Table 3.2.4 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan-Mar)	(Apr-Jun)	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)
Kenya	81,976	22.46	27.54	28.69	21.30
Lesotho	283	30.04	28.62	20.14	21.20
Liberia	4,990	21.84	24.01	27.03	27.11
Madagascar	4,502	26.19	21.63	26.68	25.50
Malawi	12,377	26.99	25.82	25.77	21.41
Mali	2,829	25.24	24.53	25.38	24.85
Mauritania	2,046	22.68	26.25	21.46	29.62
Mauritius	66,179	20.54	30.75	23.35	25.36
Mozambique	10,200	28.68	26.70	24.25	20.37
Namibia	8,907	27.54	26.71	23.43	22.32
Niger	2,596	23.88	26.23	26.85	23.04
Nigeria	49,310	26.02	25.58	25.26	23.13
Reunion	467	23.34	27.19	29.12	20.34
Rwanda	5,005	24.52	24.80	27.67	23.02
Sao Tome & Principe	229	21.40	22.71	35.37	20.52
Senegal	6,183	24.99	26.15	24.32	24.54
Seychelles	15,843	23.56	25.83	24.19	26.42
Sierra Leone	5,372	24.05	25.71	23.01	27.23
Somalia	2,520	25.16	21.98	29.60	23.25
South Africa	72,053	24.90	32.06	21.37	21.67
South Sudan	5,873	27.52	20.67	39.59	12.23
Tanzania	42,021	22.83	28.21	25.13	23.83
Togo	3,412	30.42	23.71	23.27	22.60
Uganda	43,489	26.61	27.60	23.40	22.39
Zambia	24,920	31.03	25.18	23.40	20.39
Zimbabwe	6,092	23.59	27.54	27.18	21.68
Americas	31,79,012	25.07	30.01	25.44	19.47
Caribbean	30,628	27.05	25.10	22.43	25.42
Anguilla	35	22.86	42.86	8.57	25.71
Antigua & Barbuda	230	30.43	20.43	31.74	17.39
Aruba	308	34.74	24.68	21.75	18.83
Bahamas	10,382	26.77	25.58	23.66	23.99
Barbados	1,959	44.16	14.45	9.14	32.26
Bermuda	725	28.00	23.72	23.31	24.97
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	28.98	20.00	21.22	29.80



Table 3.2.4 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan-Mar)	(Apr-Jun)	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)
Cayman Islands	1,135	18.94	27.31	24.93	28.81
Cuba	664	33.89	36.30	17.47	12.35
Curacao	498	36.35	21.08	24.30	18.27
Dominica	387	29.46	23.77	18.60	28.17
Dominican Rep.	475	35.37	18.74	17.47	28.42
Grenada	121	24.79	20.66	33.88	20.66
Guadeloupe	32	37.50	18.75	12.50	31.25
Haiti	4,414	24.94	24.92	21.86	28.27
Jamaica	5,221	24.55	24.69	24.50	26.26
Martinique	548	34.49	16.24	24.27	25.00
Montserrat	12	33.33	16.67	16.67	33.33
Neth. Antilles	284	27.46	25.35	26.76	20.42
Puerto Rico	290	31.38	26.55	18.97	23.10
Saint Lucia	242	15.70	45.87	17.36	21.07
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	20.81	20.81	25.66	32.73
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	15.69	19.61	45.10	19.61
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	19.05	37.46	23.08	20.41
Turks & Caicos	160	10.63	17.50	34.38	37.50
US Virgin Islands	25	12.00	32.00	20.00	36.00
Central America	10,247	28.45	25.76	22.71	23.08
Belize	195	25.64	21.03	26.67	26.67
Costa Rica	877	28.62	27.48	21.44	22.46
El Salvador	222	24.32	18.47	32.88	24.32
Guatemala	330	45.76	15.45	23.94	14.85
Honduras	1,419	21.07	28.96	23.75	26.22
Nicaragua	560	27.68	20.54	26.25	25.54
Panama	6,644	29.43	26.19	21.84	22.55
North America	31,01,229	25.02	30.13	25.49	19.36
Canada	9,45,652	27.22	32.96	21.78	18.04
Mexico	11,668	26.17	25.24	24.13	24.46
United States	21,43,909	24.04	28.91	27.14	19.91
South America	36,908	26.79	25.25	24.69	23.27
Argentina	2,148	33.05	20.39	14.62	31.94
Bolivia	760	22.89	41.84	22.76	12.50
Brazil	16,835	26.68	24.78	25.17	23.37



Table 3.2.4 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan-Mar)	(Apr-Jun)	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)
Chile	3,607	28.50	24.87	19.57	27.06
Colombia	2,256	26.24	22.65	29.48	21.63
Ecuador	525	34.86	22.48	20.19	22.48
French Guiana	150	13.33	32.00	28.67	26.00
Guyana	3,543	27.04	23.96	28.73	20.27
Paraguay	469	14.29	26.44	35.39	23.88
Peru	2,107	20.93	23.97	32.89	22.21
Suriname	1,636	28.61	38.20	22.25	10.94
Uruguay	1,943	28.31	27.12	20.90	23.67
Venezuela	929	21.85	20.45	23.57	34.12
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	23.64	27.05	23.17	26.14
North-East Asia	7,64,211	21.17	29.62	24.12	25.09
China	2,58,082	18.98	31.14	24.66	25.22
Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	22.35	27.70	24.44	25.50
Japan	1,81,029	22.45	30.59	21.55	25.40
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	24.65	28.17	23.70	23.48
Korea (ROK)	65,007	21.28	28.84	26.77	23.11
Macao (China)	4,607	24.07	30.02	21.53	24.38
Mongolia	3,199	16.79	37.98	33.29	11.94
Taiwan (Pr. of China)	28,859	23.32	25.42	26.22	25.03
Tibet	490	22.24	25.51	25.10	27.14
Oceania	8,09,476	30.13	24.16	20.26	25.44
American Samoa	170	21.76	34.71	22.94	20.59
Australia	6,61,405	29.86	24.02	20.51	25.61
Cook Islands	26	23.08	19.23	34.62	23.08
Fiji	2,764	24.13	25.51	26.95	23.41
French Polynesia	31	29.03	22.58	22.58	25.81
Guam	23	26.09	30.43	34.78	8.70
Kiribati	108	21.30	22.22	33.33	23.15
Marshall Islands	94	24.47	26.60	29.79	19.15
Micronesia FSM	130	24.62	20.77	28.46	26.15
N. Mariana Islands	216	15.28	27.31	25.93	31.48
Nauru	538	24.91	28.81	25.84	20.45
New Caledonia	1,660	31.33	23.67	18.98	26.02
New Zealand	1,36,532	31.84	24.61	18.74	24.82



Table 3.2.4 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan-Mar)	(Apr-Jun)	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)
Niue	47	21.28	34.04	19.15	25.53
Palau	108	25.93	22.22	37.04	14.81
Papua New Guinea	2,345	30.92	23.71	24.09	21.28
Samoa	139	24.46	34.53	25.18	15.83
Solomon Islands	243	27.98	24.28	30.86	16.87
Tonga	65	16.92	27.69	35.38	20.00
Tuvalu	31	22.58	29.03	29.03	19.35
Vanuatu	2,801	20.39	31.92	21.96	25.74
South Asia	15,75,071	26.60	26.12	21.67	25.61
Afghanistan	4,505	21.27	25.48	27.99	25.26
Bangladesh	5,55,680	31.16	26.19	17.50	25.15
Bhutan	23,740	14.16	45.36	17.31	23.17
Iran	23,331	21.97	26.09	27.49	24.46
Maldives	1,97,496	26.90	23.83	21.51	27.76
Nepal	3,09,207	25.62	32.84	22.72	18.82
Pakistan	30,620	8.59	21.81	44.96	24.64
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	23.55	21.50	24.59	30.36
South-East Asia	52,35,614	22.10	27.40	23.93	26.56
Brunei	15,939	25.03	23.04	27.59	24.34
Cambodia	28,660	27.56	21.32	22.55	28.57
Indonesia	4,98,675	19.39	30.93	24.38	25.31
Laos	3,371	21.33	22.40	27.32	28.95
Malaysia	7,65,344	18.91	27.81	26.97	26.31
Myanmar	11,465	26.72	25.37	23.40	24.50
Philippines	68,354	30.07	22.45	26.07	21.41
Singapore	15,34,984	23.52	28.42	23.01	25.05
Thailand	19,08,520	22.65	26.50	23.34	27.51
Timor-Leste	1,629	22.04	24.98	22.22	30.76
Vietnam	3,98,673	21.58	24.17	23.55	30.71
Europe	38,83,311	20.74	28.57	27.87	22.82
Central/Eastern Europe	6,03,420	16.22	24.62	31.36	27.80
Armenia	15,583	27.58	20.68	33.90	17.85
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	14.55	33.93	27.54	23.98
Belarus	2,836	22.14	17.56	40.51	19.78



Table 3.2.4 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan-Mar)	(Apr-Jun)	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)
Bulgaria	3,086	20.22	31.01	25.73	23.04
Czech Republic	21,110	18.07	26.30	30.72	24.91
Estonia	2,713	23.18	26.58	26.80	23.44
Georgia	53,774	11.94	20.27	27.43	40.36
Hungary	23,777	16.14	29.40	26.80	27.66
Kazakhstan	92,727	17.83	24.40	29.85	27.92
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	10.84	10.21	52.69	26.27
Latvia	5,296	27.02	17.98	31.48	23.53
Lithuania	6,198	23.93	23.54	27.09	25.44
Poland	32,731	23.00	27.33	26.06	23.61
Rep. Moldova	1,258	6.44	9.78	65.66	18.12
Romania	10,213	28.06	24.14	23.44	24.36
Russian Federation	92,902	13.18	16.10	38.86	31.86
Slovakia	4,482	19.01	26.22	33.42	21.35
Tajikistan	3,746	15.00	14.98	46.88	23.14
Turkmenistan	765	13.20	22.88	26.01	37.91
Ukraine	1,134	23.28	16.75	39.15	20.81
Uzbekistan	53,434	16.50	20.45	33.34	29.71
Northern Europe	16,10,483	22.92	27.33	28.21	21.54
Denmark	40,839	20.10	28.64	28.61	22.64
Finland	30,510	25.62	22.91	25.10	26.37
Iceland	9,262	20.56	20.74	27.62	31.08
Ireland	1,21,550	24.51	24.31	29.23	21.95
Norway	29,460	19.07	31.14	27.72	22.07
Sweden	56,014	23.17	28.05	30.66	18.12
United Kingdom	13,22,848	22.89	27.60	28.09	21.42
Southern/Medit. Europe	6,39,703	21.18	31.64	24.16	23.02
Albania	1,902	16.56	27.66	24.13	31.65
Andorra	1,698	41.81	30.80	12.07	15.31
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	13.97	15.43	41.71	28.88
Croatia	13,969	19.47	31.71	23.44	25.38
Cyprus	12,920	22.66	22.72	24.41	30.21
Greece	37,150	16.16	34.38	27.98	21.48
Israel	32,715	17.51	39.96	22.91	19.61



Table 3.2.4 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan-Mar)	(Apr-Jun)	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)
Italy	2,17,002	24.46	28.18	24.09	23.28
Malta	18,776	24.45	28.97	21.32	25.26
Montenegro	879	6.71	37.32	41.18	14.79
North Macedonia	510	9.80	14.51	29.61	46.08
Portugal	39,431	31.85	28.01	18.37	21.77
San Marino	123	28.46	21.95	27.64	21.95
Serbia	7,198	23.28	24.37	29.99	22.35
Slovenia	2,796	19.38	29.29	28.97	22.35
Spain	1,08,377	23.59	30.85	24.59	20.97
Turkiye	1,43,167	13.11	37.64	24.77	24.47
Vatican City	131	29.01	29.77	21.37	19.85
Western Europe	10,29,705	19.71	30.93	27.58	21.78
Austria	44,780	16.07	31.71	31.28	20.94
Belgium	35,293	23.39	25.99	30.98	19.65
France	2,26,521	16.33	36.46	26.14	21.06
Germany	4,21,457	23.71	26.15	26.37	23.77
Liechtenstein	52	34.62	7.69	21.15	36.54
Luxembourg	7,572	22.05	23.80	33.23	20.92
Monaco	404	26.49	24.75	24.50	24.26
Netherlands	1,38,804	20.97	28.71	29.48	20.84
Switzerland	1,54,822	12.73	39.10	29.15	19.02
Middle East	1,46,81,057	24.47	23.53	26.13	25.87
Bahrain	3,79,204	24.70	24.34	28.09	22.87
Egypt	50,166	22.26	21.96	20.07	35.71
Iraq	98,870	19.73	21.92	25.92	32.43
Jordan	21,480	21.72	30.24	25.05	22.99
Kuwait	9,06,965	22.98	22.72	30.25	24.05
Lebanon	4,131	24.40	38.47	12.59	24.55
Libya	418	5.26	4.07	19.38	71.29
Oman	8,64,251	24.20	24.17	26.77	24.86
Palestine	11	18.18	9.09	36.36	36.36
Qatar	11,40,407	24.40	23.41	27.72	24.48
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	24.02	23.95	26.73	25.30
Syria	296	24.66	24.32	32.09	18.92
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	24.96	23.35	25.05	26.65



Table 3.2.4 continued... (in percentage)

	INDs from India	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
		(Jan-Mar)	(Apr-Jun)	(July-Sep)	(Oct-Dec)
Yemen	3,651	24.68	21.91	24.62	28.79
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	21.33	22.76	21.88	34.03
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	23.83	25.86	25.43	24.88

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

3.3 Mode of Transport of Indian Nationals’ Departures from India

Table 3.3.1 presents the mode of transport used by Indian nationals for their international departures in 2024, categorized by destination regions and countries. Out of the total 30.89 million Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs), an overwhelming 98% (30.27 million) were by air, reaffirming the dominance of aviation in India’s outbound travel. Land-based travel accounted for 1.46% (approximately 0.45 million), while water transport constituted 0.54% (around 0.17 million).

Air travel was the primary mode for nearly all regions—Europe, Africa, the Americas, North-East Asia, Oceania, and the Middle East—where more than 99% of Indian travellers departed by air. In contrast, land departures were significantly concentrated in South Asia, especially to Bangladesh (75.94%) and Pakistan (86.68%), owing to geographical proximity and cross-border links.

Although water transport remained marginal overall, certain destinations exhibited relatively higher proportions. Myanmar (2.68%), Sri Lanka (1.99%), Malaysia (1.33%), Yemen (0.99%), and Djibouti (5.23%) recorded notable shares of water-based departures.

Table 3.3.1 : Mode of Transport of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories in 2024

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Africa	6,20,740	99.93	0.01	0.06
North Africa	23,100	100.00	0.00	0.00
Algeria	5,079	100.00	0.00	0.00
Morocco	11,214	100.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	4,269	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tunisia	2,538	100.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	99.93	0.01	0.06
Angola	12,889	99.99	0.00	0.01
Benin	4,019	100.00	0.00	0.00
Botswana	6,400	99.97	0.02	0.02
Burkina Faso	1,983	100.00	0.00	0.00
Burundi	1,209	100.00	0.00	0.00



Table 3.3.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Cabo Verde	346	100.00	0.00	0.00
Cameroon	4,214	100.00	0.00	0.00
Centr. African Rep.	574	100.00	0.00	0.00
Chad	683	100.00	0.00	0.00
Comoros	475	100.00	0.00	0.00
Congo	24,142	100.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	100.00	0.00	0.00
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	100.00	0.00	0.00
Djibouti	1,626	94.77	0.00	5.23
Equatorial Guinea	561	100.00	0.00	0.00
Eritrea	461	100.00	0.00	0.00
Eswatini	819	100.00	0.00	0.00
Ethiopia	13,157	99.99	0.00	0.01
Gabon	5,694	99.44	0.39	0.18
Gambia	1,655	100.00	0.00	0.00
Ghana	17,074	100.00	0.00	0.00
Guinea	4,989	100.00	0.00	0.00
Guinea-Bissau	355	100.00	0.00	0.00
Kenya	81,976	99.99	0.00	0.01
Lesotho	283	100.00	0.00	0.00
Liberia	4,990	99.98	0.02	0.00
Madagascar	4,502	99.96	0.00	0.04
Malawi	12,377	99.66	0.04	0.30
Mali	2,829	99.96	0.00	0.04
Mauritania	2,046	100.00	0.00	0.00
Mauritius	66,179	99.98	0.00	0.02
Mozambique	10,200	99.76	0.00	0.24
Namibia	8,907	99.51	0.44	0.06
Niger	2,596	100.00	0.00	0.00
Nigeria	49,310	100.00	0.00	0.00
Reunion	467	100.00	0.00	0.00
Rwanda	5,005	100.00	0.00	0.00
Sao Tome & Principe	229	100.00	0.00	0.00
Senegal	6,183	99.97	0.00	0.03
Seychelles	15,843	99.99	0.00	0.01



Table 3.3.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Sierra Leone	5,372	99.63	0.00	0.37
Somalia	2,520	99.37	0.00	0.63
South Africa	72,053	99.90	0.00	0.10
South Sudan	5,873	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	42,021	99.84	0.00	0.16
Togo	3,412	99.91	0.03	0.06
Uganda	43,489	100.00	0.00	0.00
Zambia	24,920	100.00	0.00	0.00
Zimbabwe	6,092	99.90	0.00	0.10
Americas	31,79,012	99.88	0.04	0.08
Caribbean	30,628	96.10	3.76	0.14
Anguilla	35	100.00	0.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	230	100.00	0.00	0.00
Aruba	308	100.00	0.00	0.00
Bahamas	10,382	91.99	7.99	0.02
Barbados	1,959	83.61	16.28	0.10
Bermuda	725	100.00	0.00	0.00
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	99.18	0.41	0.41
Cayman Islands	1,135	100.00	0.00	0.00
Cuba	664	100.00	0.00	0.00
Curacao	498	100.00	0.00	0.00
Dominica	387	100.00	0.00	0.00
Dominican Rep.	475	100.00	0.00	0.00
Grenada	121	100.00	0.00	0.00
Guadeloupe	32	100.00	0.00	0.00
Haiti	4,414	99.48	0.00	0.52
Jamaica	5,221	99.75	0.02	0.23
Martinique	548	100.00	0.00	0.00
Montserrat	12	100.00	0.00	0.00
Neth. Antilles	284	100.00	0.00	0.00
Puerto Rico	290	100.00	0.00	0.00
Saint Lucia	242	100.00	0.00	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	99.60	0.00	0.40
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	100.00	0.00	0.00
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	99.94	0.00	0.06
Turks & Caicos	160	100.00	0.00	0.00



Table 3.3.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
US Virgin Islands	25	100.00	0.00	0.00
Central America	10,247	99.95	0.05	0.00
Belize	195	97.95	2.05	0.00
Costa Rica	877	100.00	0.00	0.00
El Salvador	222	100.00	0.00	0.00
Guatemala	330	100.00	0.00	0.00
Honduras	1,419	100.00	0.00	0.00
Nicaragua	560	100.00	0.00	0.00
Panama	6,644	99.98	0.02	0.00
North America	31,01,229	99.92	0.00	0.08
Canada	9,45,652	100.00	0.00	0.00
Mexico	11,668	100.00	0.00	0.00
United States	21,43,909	99.89	0.00	0.11
South America	36,908	99.86	0.11	0.03
Argentina	2,148	99.81	0.00	0.19
Bolivia	760	95.66	4.34	0.00
Brazil	16,835	99.96	0.04	0.00
Chile	3,607	100.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	2,256	99.91	0.00	0.09
Ecuador	525	99.43	0.00	0.57
French Guiana	150	100.00	0.00	0.00
Guyana	3,543	100.00	0.00	0.00
Paraguay	469	100.00	0.00	0.00
Peru	2,107	100.00	0.00	0.00
Suriname	1,636	100.00	0.00	0.00
Uruguay	1,943	99.95	0.00	0.05
Venezuela	929	99.78	0.22	0.00
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	93.93	5.36	0.70
North-East Asia	7,64,211	99.85	0.01	0.14
China	2,58,082	99.83	0.00	0.17
Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	99.96	0.00	0.04
Japan	1,81,029	99.88	0.00	0.12
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	99.71	0.15	0.15
Korea (ROK)	65,007	99.84	0.00	0.16
Macao (China)	4,607	99.31	0.02	0.67



Table 3.3.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Mongolia	3,199	100.00	0.00	0.00
Taiwan (PR. of China)	28,859	99.27	0.11	0.62
Tibet	490	99.80	0.00	0.20
Oceania	8,09,476	99.47	0.02	0.51
American Samoa	170	100.00	0.00	0.00
Australia	6,61,405	99.43	0.00	0.57
Cook Islands	26	96.15	0.00	3.85
Fiji	2,764	100.00	0.00	0.00
French Polynesia	31	100.00	0.00	0.00
Guam	23	100.00	0.00	0.00
Kiribati	108	100.00	0.00	0.00
Marshall Islands	94	100.00	0.00	0.00
Micronesia FSM	130	99.23	0.00	0.77
N. Mariana Islands	216	100.00	0.00	0.00
Nauru	538	99.44	0.37	0.19
New Caledonia	1,660	99.64	0.00	0.36
New Zealand	1,36,532	99.74	0.00	0.26
Niue	47	100.00	0.00	0.00
Palau	108	73.15	25.00	1.85
Papua New Guinea	2,345	99.96	0.00	0.04
Samoa	139	100.00	0.00	0.00
Solomon Islands	243	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tonga	65	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tuvalu	31	100.00	0.00	0.00
Vanuatu	2,801	96.04	3.93	0.04
South Asia	15,75,071	70.78	28.54	0.68
Afghanistan	4,505	99.89	0.07	0.04
Bangladesh	5,55,680	24.02	75.94	0.04
Bhutan	23,740	99.21	0.79	0.00
Iran	23,331	99.96	0.00	0.03
Maldives	1,97,496	99.03	0.00	0.97
Nepal	3,09,207	99.74	0.26	0.00
Pakistan	30,620	13.26	86.68	0.07
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	98.01	0.00	1.99
South-East Asia	52,35,614	99.18	0.00	0.82



Table 3.3.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Brunei	15,939	99.10	0.00	0.90
Cambodia	28,660	99.10	0.00	0.90
Indonesia	4,98,675	99.47	0.00	0.53
Laos	3,371	99.47	0.00	0.53
Malaysia	7,65,344	98.67	0.00	1.33
Myanmar	11,465	97.32	0.00	2.68
Philippines	68,354	99.24	0.00	0.76
Singapore	15,34,984	99.08	0.00	0.92
Thailand	19,08,520	99.26	0.00	0.74
Timor-Leste	1,629	99.82	0.06	0.12
Vietnam	3,98,673	99.84	0.01	0.16
Europe	38,83,311	99.98	0.00	0.02
Central/Eastern Europe	6,03,420	99.99	0.01	0.00
Armenia	15,583	100.00	0.00	0.00
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	100.00	0.00	0.00
Belarus	2,836	99.82	0.18	0.00
Bulgaria	3,086	100.00	0.00	0.00
Czech Republic	21,110	100.00	0.00	0.00
Estonia	2,713	100.00	0.00	0.00
Georgia	53,774	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hungary	23,777	100.00	0.00	0.00
Kazakhstan	92,727	100.00	0.00	0.00
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	100.00	0.00	0.00
Latvia	5,296	99.96	0.00	0.04
Lithuania	6,198	100.00	0.00	0.00
Poland	32,731	99.87	0.13	0.01
Rep. Moldova	1,258	100.00	0.00	0.00
Romania	10,213	100.00	0.00	0.00
Russian Federation	92,902	99.98	0.00	0.02
Slovakia	4,482	100.00	0.00	0.00
Tajikistan	3,746	99.92	0.00	0.08
Turkmenistan	765	100.00	0.00	0.00
Ukraine	1,134	99.91	0.00	0.09
Uzbekistan	53,434	100.00	0.00	0.00
Northern Europe	16,10,483	99.98	0.00	0.02



Table 3.3.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Denmark	40,839	100.00	0.00	0.00
Finland	30,510	100.00	0.00	0.00
Iceland	9,262	99.83	0.03	0.14
Ireland	1,21,550	100.00	0.00	0.00
Norway	29,460	99.96	0.00	0.04
Sweden	56,014	99.99	0.00	0.01
United Kingdom	13,22,848	99.98	0.00	0.02
Southern/Medit Europe	6,39,703	99.95	0.01	0.04
Albania	1,902	99.89	0.05	0.05
Andorra	1,698	99.71	0.12	0.18
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	92.81	7.19	0.00
Croatia	13,969	99.97	0.00	0.03
Cyprus	12,920	100.00	0.00	0.00
Greece	37,150	99.46	0.00	0.54
Israel	32,715	99.95	0.00	0.05
Italy	2,17,002	100.00	0.00	0.00
Malta	18,776	99.97	0.00	0.03
Montenegro	879	100.00	0.00	0.00
North Macedonia	510	100.00	0.00	0.00
Portugal	39,431	99.99	0.01	0.00
San Marino	123	100.00	0.00	0.00
Serbia	7,198	99.99	0.01	0.00
Slovenia	2,796	100.00	0.00	0.00
Spain	1,08,377	100.00	0.00	0.00
Turkiye	1,43,167	99.99	0.00	0.01
Vatican City	131	100.00	0.00	0.00
Western Europe	10,29,705	99.98	0.00	0.02
Austria	44,780	99.99	0.00	0.01
Belgium	35,293	99.90	0.10	0.01
France	2,26,521	100.00	0.00	0.00
Germany	4,21,457	100.00	0.00	0.00
Liechtenstein	52	100.00	0.00	0.00
Luxembourg	7,572	100.00	0.00	0.00
Monaco	404	100.00	0.00	0.00
Netherlands	1,38,804	99.90	0.00	0.10



Table 3.3.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Air (%)	Land (%)	Water (%)
Switzerland	1,54,822	100.00	0.00	0.00
Middle East	1,46,81,057	99.98	0.01	0.02
Bahrain	3,79,204	99.79	0.21	0.00
Egypt	50,166	99.15	0.00	0.85
Iraq	98,870	99.86	0.00	0.14
Jordan	21,480	100.00	0.00	0.00
Kuwait	9,06,965	100.00	0.00	0.00
Lebanon	4,131	100.00	0.00	0.00
Libya	418	100.00	0.00	0.00
Oman	8,64,251	99.94	0.01	0.05
Palestine	11	100.00	0.00	0.00
Qatar	11,40,407	100.00	0.00	0.00
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	100.00	0.00	0.00
Syria	296	100.00	0.00	0.00
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	99.99	0.00	0.01
Yemen	3,651	98.99	0.03	0.99
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	26.19	0.01	73.81
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	98.00	1.46	0.54

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

3.4 Port of Exit of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India

Table 3.4.1 presents the port-wise distribution of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India across major airports for the years 2017 to 2024. The data shows that international departures continue to be highly concentrated through a handful of major gateways.

In 2024, Delhi Airport recorded the highest volume of departures at 7.40 million, accounting for 23.97% of total INDs. It was followed by Mumbai Airport with 6.23 million (20.16%) and Cochin Airport with 2.31 million (7.48%). Together, these top three airports facilitated over 15.93 million departures, contributing 51.61% of total outbound departures.

In 2024, the top 10 international airports together accounted for 26.78 million departures, comprising 86.70% of the total. The remaining 13.3%—around 4.11 million departures—were facilitated through other international ports located in cities with expanding air connectivity and emerging travel demand.

Post-pandemic recovery is evident across all major ports, with Delhi and Mumbai surpassing their 2019 volumes. Notably, Bengaluru (2.10 million), Hyderabad (2.16 million), and Chennai (2.15 million) have also shown sustained growth, indicating an increasingly dispersed pattern of international mobility beyond traditional gateways.

Overall, while Delhi and Mumbai remain dominant, the growing shares of southern airports like Cochin, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad reflect expanding regional connectivity and outbound demand.



Table 3.4.1 : Major Port-wise Departures of Indian Nationals from India

S. No.	INDs from India									% share in 2024
	Port Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
1	Delhi Airport	51,19,669	58,01,451	59,64,819	17,89,762	22,78,502	53,83,443	67,18,760	74,03,311	23.97
2	Mumbai Airport	50,97,038	54,57,293	49,90,371	12,66,726	12,46,851	40,51,228	57,18,775	62,26,677	20.16
3	Cochin Airport	22,15,214	21,42,700	20,75,894	5,92,351	9,60,821	12,32,178	21,62,505	23,08,674	7.48
4	Hyderabad Airport	13,95,090	16,01,374	16,63,965	4,47,007	5,51,170	16,27,527	18,69,162	21,55,365	6.98
5	Chennai Airport	20,78,070	23,61,244	23,46,340	5,49,255	5,33,722	18,01,127	20,93,024	21,48,461	6.96
6	Bengaluru Airport	13,53,255	16,58,292	18,76,614	3,99,089	4,26,154	13,47,761	17,31,945	20,96,962	6.79
7	Calicut Airport	13,53,560	14,05,048	14,68,604	4,57,160	6,38,778	12,38,163	13,47,983	15,37,498	4.98
8	Trivandrum Airport	10,95,913	11,74,470	10,37,851	2,92,767	4,09,241	7,67,143	8,92,164	10,59,175	3.43
9	Ahmedabad Airport	5,04,689	6,05,404	5,47,665	1,75,967	2,15,510	5,56,120	7,75,189	9,31,776	3.02
10	Kolkata Airport	8,32,156	8,99,897	10,69,795	2,07,163	2,43,747	4,23,547	8,74,761	9,08,385	2.94
	Others	28,98,303	31,89,311	38,73,116	11,17,319	10,46,819	31,74,497	36,93,372	41,08,764	13.30
	Total	2,39,42,957	2,62,96,484	2,69,15,034	72,94,566	85,51,315	2,16,02,734	2,78,77,640	3,08,85,048	100.0
	% Share of top 3	51.92	51.79	49.42	50.02	52.46	52.01	52.37	51.61	
	% share of top 10	87.89	87.87	85.61	84.68	87.76	85.31	86.75	86.70	

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table : 3.4.2 highlights the departure patterns of Indian nationals to various regions through major Indian airports in 2024.

Departure patterns differed significantly across regions. For travel to Africa, Mumbai was the leading port with 57.29% of departures, followed by Delhi at 23.98%. Other airports like Chennai and Hyderabad had modest shares, indicating limited but region-specific connectivity.

To the Americas, Delhi again led with 42.05% of departures, followed by Mumbai at 21.07%, while Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Cochin each contributed 6–11%, reflecting a relatively balanced distribution among secondary airports.



In the Asia and Pacific region, Delhi accounted for 26.82% of departures, followed by Mumbai (16.72%), Chennai (10.57%), and Bengaluru (9.76%), suggesting a wider dispersion of outbound traffic. A similar pattern was observed for Europe, where Delhi handled 42.55% of departures and Mumbai 24.38%, while Bengaluru served 8.77% of travelers heading to the region. These figures underscore the continuing dominance of Delhi and Mumbai, alongside the growing importance of metro cities in southern India.

The Middle East displayed a more distributed pattern of departures. Mumbai (19.38%) and Delhi (13.60%) were significant contributors, but Cochin (10.99%), Calicut (10.09%), Hyderabad (8.26%), Trivandrum (6.01%) and Chennai (5.85%) also featured prominently. Notably, the category “Others” comprised 16.96% of departures to the Middle East, reflecting a broad network of flights from smaller airports catering to the region's high demand among Indian travelers.

Table 3.4.2 : Major Port of Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories in 2024

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Delhi Airport	Mumbai Airport	Cochin Airport	Hyderabad Airport	Chennai Airport	Bengaluru Airport	Calicut Airport	Trivandrum Airport	Ahmedabad Airport	Kolkata Airport	Others
Africa	6,20,740	23.98	57.29	1.70	2.80	4.86	3.71	0.40	0.91	1.94	1.34	1.10
North Africa	23,100	32.88	38.74	3.26	5.98	4.85	6.01	1.42	1.03	2.13	2.22	1.47
Algeria	5,079	34.32	35.62	3.43	6.50	5.24	5.95	0.59	1.00	3.25	2.80	1.32
Morocco	11,214	27.12	46.16	3.55	4.85	4.83	7.04	1.44	0.58	1.82	2.05	0.55
Sudan	4,269	45.40	23.42	2.48	9.77	4.45	2.93	3.00	2.51	1.45	0.96	3.63
Tunisia	2,538	34.40	37.98	2.99	3.59	4.85	6.78	0.32	0.55	2.40	3.94	2.21
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	23.63	58.00	1.64	2.67	4.86	3.62	0.36	0.90	1.93	1.31	1.08
Angola	12,889	25.20	38.47	6.90	3.34	10.06	3.31	0.36	4.74	6.25	1.02	0.36
Benin	4,019	39.31	48.02	0.10	0.12	7.37	4.83	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.15	0.02
Botswana	6,400	27.00	52.25	5.08	1.38	7.22	5.52	0.02	0.45	0.53	0.30	0.27
Burkina Faso	1,983	48.61	35.35	0.10	0.05	9.88	5.50	0.05	0.20	0.00	0.05	0.20
Burundi	1,209	13.56	73.20	0.08	0.33	4.30	6.78	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.66	0.91
Cabo Verde	346	74.57	12.43	2.89	2.02	1.45	2.02	0.00	0.29	2.31	0.58	1.45
Cameroon	4,214	39.30	48.91	0.57	0.40	4.20	5.93	0.02	0.05	0.33	0.09	0.19
Centr. African Rep.	574	37.46	53.48	1.05	0.70	3.83	1.57	0.17	0.00	0.17	1.57	0.00
Chad	683	40.56	36.90	0.88	2.05	9.52	5.27	0.00	0.59	0.29	3.22	0.73
Comoros	475	20.21	71.58	0.84	1.26	2.11	0.84	0.21	0.42	0.42	0.63	1.47
Congo	24,142	16.29	79.43	0.10	0.09	2.25	1.73	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	23.13	55.25	1.38	1.45	11.99	2.94	0.31	1.29	0.97	1.10	0.19
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	15.49	80.95	0.15	0.15	1.78	1.21	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.17	0.03



Table 3.4.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Delhi Airport	Mumbai Airport	Cochin Airport	Hyderabad Airport	Chennai Airport	Bengaluru Airport	Calicut Airport	Trivandrum Airport	Ahmedabad Airport	Kolkata Airport	Others
Djibouti	1,626	24.35	35.79	8.79	1.48	8.30	4.80	1.29	4.00	2.58	2.52	6.09
Equatorial Guinea	561	32.44	49.73	3.57	0.36	8.02	3.03	0.36	0.00	0.18	0.71	1.60
Eritrea	461	50.54	24.95	4.99	3.47	8.03	5.21	0.22	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65
Eswatini	819	19.66	57.88	1.10	2.20	13.68	1.59	0.24	0.98	1.34	0.24	1.10
Ethiopia	13,157	49.07	37.56	1.12	0.83	5.08	5.34	0.13	0.17	0.14	0.40	0.15
Gabon	5,694	44.47	35.69	0.44	4.04	3.99	4.16	0.04	0.28	0.47	4.14	2.28
Gambia	1,655	37.10	56.92	0.97	0.42	2.11	1.51	0.00	0.06	0.36	0.18	0.36
Ghana	17,074	39.26	43.33	1.65	2.78	5.70	4.04	0.20	0.73	0.64	1.38	0.29
Guinea	4,989	31.69	51.11	0.58	3.03	8.58	2.69	0.08	0.34	1.56	0.30	0.04
Guinea-Bissau	355	25.92	56.90	2.82	0.56	5.35	3.10	0.00	2.54	1.41	0.56	0.85
Kenya	81,976	27.17	62.56	1.09	1.11	1.51	2.07	0.25	0.44	2.38	0.69	0.73
Lesotho	283	23.67	53.71	3.18	2.47	4.24	3.18	0.35	0.00	8.13	0.71	0.35
Liberia	4,990	19.16	73.07	0.56	0.96	3.55	1.16	0.08	0.34	0.10	0.64	0.38
Madagascar	4,502	8.37	79.34	0.56	0.87	5.13	3.64	0.04	0.33	0.31	0.38	1.02
Malawi	12,377	19.20	52.11	3.35	2.71	7.92	4.55	0.34	1.28	0.86	2.43	5.24
Mali	2,829	40.08	36.27	6.57	0.99	7.85	5.62	0.07	1.52	0.11	0.18	0.74
Mauritania	2,046	37.15	46.29	1.03	1.08	4.50	7.87	0.10	0.29	0.64	0.54	0.54
Mauritius	66,179	16.51	73.43	0.24	0.34	4.08	4.86	0.00	0.10	0.11	0.19	0.12
Mozambique	10,200	22.70	62.18	2.38	2.61	3.90	2.35	0.74	1.21	0.57	0.66	0.72
Namibia	8,907	39.19	25.40	3.20	5.30	3.93	4.23	2.80	2.37	1.44	3.01	9.14
Niger	2,596	43.64	28.81	0.89	3.35	11.75	4.39	0.19	1.00	1.54	2.89	1.54
Nigeria	49,310	33.71	40.20	2.61	4.05	8.43	4.53	0.61	1.32	1.27	2.12	1.15
Reunion	467	16.27	65.52	0.86	0.43	15.42	0.21	0.64	0.00	0.21	0.43	0.00
Rwanda	5,005	20.78	70.97	0.76	0.74	3.96	1.94	0.06	0.20	0.22	0.18	0.20
Sao Tome & Principe	229	34.50	43.23	0.87	4.37	5.24	1.31	3.49	1.75	1.31	1.75	2.18
Senegal	6,183	30.92	54.18	1.37	1.73	7.26	1.78	0.32	0.49	1.00	0.61	0.32
Seychelles	15,843	7.28	69.26	2.42	1.26	13.97	1.58	0.08	1.48	0.81	0.47	1.40
Sierra Leone	5,372	20.29	56.89	0.50	3.20	5.81	3.07	0.22	0.45	0.80	3.31	5.45
Somalia	2,520	31.55	42.38	5.52	4.29	6.27	3.53	1.87	0.63	0.71	1.59	1.67
South Africa	72,053	15.93	65.68	2.06	3.38	3.95	4.75	0.17	0.40	1.04	2.05	0.59
South Sudan	5,873	71.91	16.70	1.19	1.67	4.95	1.35	0.09	1.45	0.53	0.00	0.17
Tanzania	42,021	14.83	67.33	1.72	3.98	4.31	3.80	0.42	0.63	1.44	0.55	0.99
Togo	3,412	42.44	48.12	0.23	0.23	5.83	2.70	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.18



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Uganda	43,489	19.53	38.80	2.01	7.99	3.08	3.13	1.45	3.66	11.82	4.97	3.58
Zambia	24,920	13.99	69.20	0.87	4.35	4.65	3.84	0.13	0.53	1.58	0.55	0.30
Zimbabwe	6,092	21.47	63.72	0.38	5.83	2.53	4.33	0.02	0.05	0.67	0.77	0.23
Americas	31,79,012	42.05	21.07	2.44	10.86	6.00	10.05	0.21	0.72	3.12	1.43	2.05
Caribbean	30,628	31.88	28.98	3.56	3.25	3.92	6.34	2.24	2.55	0.99	5.80	10.49
Anguilla	35	28.57	17.14	0.00	5.71	0.00	45.71	0.00	2.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	230	25.65	48.26	2.61	1.74	3.48	16.09	0.00	0.00	0.43	1.30	0.43
Aruba	308	41.23	45.45	0.65	0.65	1.30	9.42	0.32	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.65
Bahamas	10,382	29.69	19.71	4.47	4.68	3.64	3.81	4.81	4.24	0.98	6.62	17.36
Barbados	1,959	31.50	35.17	2.25	0.51	1.12	1.94	0.82	0.77	2.35	3.42	20.16
Bermuda	725	33.79	29.10	2.07	3.03	11.03	7.86	0.69	2.21	0.28	3.86	6.07
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	33.88	35.51	4.90	1.22	2.45	5.31	0.00	0.00	1.22	14.29	1.22
Cayman Islands	1,135	18.15	46.96	3.79	1.06	9.25	12.16	0.26	0.70	0.35	1.50	5.81
Cuba	664	75.15	23.04	0.15	0.15	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.30	0.15
Curacao	498	42.77	46.18	0.40	0.00	0.80	8.84	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.20	0.00
Dominica	387	25.32	57.36	2.07	2.84	2.07	6.46	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.78	2.33
Dominican Rep.	475	32.00	57.26	2.11	1.47	1.05	2.11	0.21	0.21	0.84	1.26	1.47
Grenada	121	30.58	54.55	0.00	1.65	2.48	7.44	0.83	0.00	0.83	1.65	0.00
Guatemala	330	36.06	50.61	0.91	1.82	1.82	5.76	0.00	0.30	2.12	0.30	0.30
Haiti	4,414	39.17	14.50	4.49	3.87	4.17	8.47	1.22	2.36	1.06	11.58	9.11
Jamaica	5,221	30.88	28.83	4.86	3.29	4.98	6.99	1.84	3.31	1.30	5.65	8.06
Martinique	548	17.88	68.98	0.18	1.09	1.09	7.12	0.36	0.55	1.46	0.91	0.36
Montserrat	12	25.00	50.00	0.00	8.33	8.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.33	0.00
Neth. Antilles	284	33.80	30.63	1.41	5.28	5.99	10.21	0.35	1.06	1.76	4.93	4.58
Puerto Rico	290	35.17	42.07	2.07	1.38	3.79	1.03	0.34	1.38	0.34	5.17	7.24
Saint Lucia	242	15.29	63.22	1.24	5.37	0.41	11.16	0.83	2.07	0.00	0.41	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	18.59	52.73	0.40	4.24	9.70	9.90	0.00	0.00	0.81	1.62	2.02
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	19.61	56.86	0.00	5.88	0.00	13.73	1.96	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	28.93	48.93	0.65	1.60	1.60	13.25	0.06	0.24	0.06	3.96	0.71
Turks & Caicos	160	24.38	51.88	3.13	0.00	11.88	5.00	0.00	1.25	0.63	1.25	0.63



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US Virgin Islands	25	44.00	28.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00
Central America	10,247	32.54	57.27	0.65	0.72	1.87	4.65	0.18	0.15	0.38	1.01	0.60
Belize	195	27.69	47.18	1.03	3.59	4.10	8.21	0.00	0.51	2.56	3.08	2.05
Costa Rica	877	42.65	33.98	0.80	1.37	2.51	17.45	0.23	0.23	0.46	0.00	0.34
El Salvador	222	31.53	60.81	0.90	1.35	1.80	2.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.45
Guadeloupe	32	53.13	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.13	0.00
Honduras	1,419	63.50	21.28	0.85	1.34	3.59	5.21	0.00	0.21	0.63	2.47	0.92
Nicaragua	560	44.64	27.86	1.43	4.11	3.75	2.86	2.14	1.25	2.32	4.46	5.18
Panama	6,644	23.57	71.01	0.50	0.06	1.20	2.89	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.53	0.15
North America	31,01,229	42.34	20.58	2.43	11.06	6.04	10.12	0.19	0.70	3.18	1.38	1.97
Canada	9,45,652	68.18	12.07	2.88	2.81	2.54	4.19	0.13	0.56	3.12	0.55	2.98
Mexico	11,668	32.22	48.03	0.77	1.54	4.06	11.17	0.12	0.37	0.21	1.16	0.35
United States	21,43,909	31.00	24.19	2.25	14.75	7.59	12.73	0.22	0.76	3.22	1.75	1.53
South America	36,908	28.44	45.34	2.60	3.08	5.50	8.18	0.29	1.07	1.24	2.35	1.92
Argentina	2,148	32.08	35.10	1.68	4.56	6.56	13.18	0.23	0.51	1.30	2.33	2.47
Bolivia	760	71.84	10.39	3.03	2.63	2.37	2.63	0.79	0.39	0.53	0.66	4.74
Brazil	16,835	26.02	43.06	3.17	3.62	7.48	8.30	0.46	1.44	1.84	2.42	2.19
Chile	3,607	32.41	38.23	2.66	4.44	6.15	6.29	0.25	0.55	1.47	4.55	2.99
Colombia	2,256	28.24	48.98	3.10	1.68	2.97	11.92	0.04	0.66	0.58	0.84	0.98
Ecuador	525	35.62	40.95	2.29	0.95	1.90	15.43	0.00	0.19	0.19	0.95	1.52
French Guiana	150	68.00	23.33	1.33	0.67	1.33	3.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.33	0.67
Guyana	3,543	22.61	63.31	1.44	0.42	3.16	5.59	0.06	2.26	0.11	0.20	0.85
Paraguay	469	44.56	35.61	0.43	2.35	1.92	7.46	0.21	0.00	2.99	1.49	2.99
Peru	2,107	22.97	57.10	2.61	1.47	2.33	11.30	0.09	0.24	0.33	1.14	0.43
Suriname	1,636	22.80	72.74	0.00	0.18	0.31	3.30	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.37	0.18
Uruguay	1,943	29.59	37.16	3.04	6.95	6.54	9.88	0.15	0.72	0.46	3.04	2.47
Venezuela	929	36.81	42.41	2.15	0.86	0.97	2.05	0.00	0.32	1.51	12.27	0.65
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	26.82	16.72	4.12	5.06	10.57	9.76	0.11	1.20	3.03	6.84	15.76
North-East Asia	7,64,211	47.86	23.64	2.40	2.97	6.98	8.75	0.05	0.43	1.93	3.42	1.56
China	2,58,082	37.34	28.52	3.76	4.05	8.15	7.26	0.04	0.36	3.63	5.36	1.53



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Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	62.33	20.60	0.97	0.93	4.84	6.99	0.01	0.16	0.74	1.72	0.72
Japan	1,81,029	45.48	23.06	2.33	3.28	7.50	12.43	0.01	0.65	1.27	2.48	1.50
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	44.68	33.24	2.13	2.20	3.96	5.36	0.15	0.44	0.73	2.42	4.70
Korea (ROK)	65,007	55.08	18.97	2.05	3.59	6.63	8.09	0.15	0.61	0.77	1.93	2.14
Macao (China)	4,607	28.17	11.72	4.73	5.75	8.62	8.03	1.89	2.76	1.56	13.07	13.70
Mongolia	3,199	76.46	13.57	0.22	0.59	2.13	6.19	0.00	0.16	0.03	0.56	0.09
Taiwan (PR. of China)	28,859	30.06	20.19	2.39	5.34	10.96	14.67	0.05	1.05	3.00	6.82	5.48
Tibet	490	31.02	10.00	4.29	6.53	7.35	6.73	0.00	1.02	1.02	26.94	5.10
Oceania	8,09,476	40.65	13.60	6.72	6.79	4.94	8.68	0.05	1.64	5.86	1.52	9.55
American Samoa	170	35.29	10.59	1.76	0.59	22.94	2.35	0.59	2.35	1.76	2.94	18.82
Australia	6,61,405	40.70	13.39	5.45	7.49	4.93	9.21	0.05	1.45	5.94	1.46	9.92
Cook Islands	26	19.23	34.62	19.23	0.00	3.85	7.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.69	7.69
Fiji	2,764	39.87	22.61	1.45	5.43	13.42	7.67	0.00	0.11	4.99	4.41	0.04
French Polynesia	31	32.26	19.35	6.45	0.00	16.13	6.45	6.45	0.00	0.00	3.23	9.68
Guam	23	30.43	34.78	4.35	13.04	8.70	0.00	0.00	4.35	0.00	0.00	4.35
Kiribati	108	17.59	18.52	0.93	12.04	20.37	0.93	2.78	0.00	6.48	3.70	16.67
Marshall Islands	94	14.89	39.36	2.13	6.38	13.83	4.26	0.00	2.13	9.57	4.26	3.19
Micronesia FSM	130	34.62	18.46	3.85	3.08	6.15	6.15	0.00	3.85	4.62	8.46	10.77
N. Mariana Islands	216	57.87	33.33	0.93	0.46	1.39	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.46	0.00
Nauru	538	51.30	20.63	7.25	4.46	2.60	2.60	1.12	0.56	0.74	4.28	4.46
New Caledonia	1,660	50.06	14.04	6.45	5.72	3.86	5.78	0.00	2.11	3.61	2.59	5.78
New Zealand	1,36,532	40.82	14.23	13.01	3.55	4.51	6.18	0.02	2.59	5.72	1.15	8.22
Niue	47	40.43	34.04	0.00	10.64	10.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.13	0.00	2.13
Palau	108	30.56	19.44	3.70	3.70	1.85	8.33	0.93	0.93	0.00	3.70	26.85
Papua New Guinea	2,345	17.36	15.52	9.04	6.52	25.12	15.61	0.00	1.24	2.17	5.25	2.17
Samoa	139	43.88	23.02	10.07	2.88	6.47	5.04	0.00	2.16	2.88	1.44	2.16
Solomon Islands	243	34.57	33.33	3.29	5.35	6.17	4.53	0.00	0.41	2.06	8.23	2.06
Tonga	65	43.08	43.08	0.00	0.00	6.15	6.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.54	0.00



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Tuvalu	31	3.23	45.16	9.68	0.00	9.68	0.00	3.23	0.00	22.58	3.23	3.23
Vanuatu	2,801	36.92	13.50	3.68	3.57	2.14	4.46	1.32	2.14	1.93	23.38	6.96
South Asia	15,75,071	24.97	13.43	2.40	3.41	11.36	7.94	0.01	0.89	0.10	5.05	30.45
Afghanistan	4,505	84.62	6.15	1.04	2.75	1.35	1.07	0.36	0.18	0.44	0.71	1.33
Bangladesh	5,55,680	8.75	3.24	0.00	0.02	2.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.85	75.99
Bhutan	23,740	45.19	5.01	0.04	0.07	0.04	2.26	0.03	0.02	0.09	38.25	9.00
Iran	23,331	48.20	33.23	0.54	4.32	0.96	2.45	0.27	0.42	4.90	0.61	4.09
Maldives	1,97,496	12.53	36.68	14.36	1.74	2.58	24.25	0.00	5.12	0.04	0.02	2.68
Nepal	3,09,207	77.59	14.66	0.03	0.01	0.01	1.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.97	0.79
Pakistan	30,620	1.86	8.88	0.12	0.24	0.62	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.76	0.38	86.93
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	12.47	14.82	2.10	11.36	37.50	16.27	0.00	0.87	0.00	0.00	4.61
South-East Asia	52,35,614	22.17	17.18	4.49	5.60	11.72	10.62	0.15	1.34	3.63	8.71	14.38
Brunei	15,939	8.19	6.34	9.65	2.00	18.29	3.04	0.29	5.01	0.56	7.60	39.03
Cambodia	28,660	27.43	12.69	5.24	5.74	12.04	12.73	0.07	1.08	1.80	11.29	9.88
Indonesia	4,98,675	31.16	19.43	2.89	5.81	6.55	15.53	0.06	0.91	8.03	4.65	4.98
Laos	3,371	32.10	16.05	3.32	4.18	8.25	8.72	0.12	0.50	4.03	15.49	7.24
Malaysia	7,65,344	12.91	8.48	11.34	5.93	18.80	8.97	0.98	3.29	2.15	5.17	21.98
Myanmar	11,465	34.29	7.41	1.47	2.63	14.92	3.27	0.00	0.17	1.56	31.16	3.11
Philippines	68,354	25.37	18.48	2.09	5.58	10.90	9.05	0.01	1.01	1.32	4.09	22.12
Singapore	15,34,984	15.28	16.01	1.53	5.48	18.58	10.43	0.01	2.07	1.25	3.89	25.48
Thailand	19,08,520	27.57	19.90	4.47	6.39	6.48	11.64	0.01	0.28	3.91	12.19	7.17
Timor-Leste	1,629	47.45	20.81	2.27	4.36	6.20	5.28	0.74	0.98	2.64	3.25	6.02
Vietnam	3,98,673	28.50	23.43	5.10	1.60	3.11	4.13	0.01	0.42	9.56	22.42	1.73
Europe	38,83,311	42.55	24.38	6.72	3.96	4.69	8.77	0.97	1.20	1.86	1.74	3.16
Central/ Eastern Europe	6,03,420	65.17	16.95	3.22	2.44	2.93	3.67	0.92	0.80	1.54	0.62	1.73
Armenia	15,583	16.35	10.57	13.39	6.11	10.60	3.60	3.34	3.68	6.17	0.45	25.74
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	53.04	27.45	3.60	3.03	2.91	4.20	0.84	0.39	2.50	0.45	1.59
Belarus	2,836	74.93	13.54	1.02	2.29	1.73	2.40	0.11	0.25	0.42	2.40	0.92
Bulgaria	3,086	50.19	21.61	6.71	4.76	4.54	5.77	1.39	0.97	0.58	1.04	2.43
Czech Republic	21,110	41.60	29.50	3.58	3.65	4.21	10.56	0.65	0.59	1.07	3.18	1.40
Estonia	2,713	55.47	25.40	1.22	1.18	4.31	9.88	0.77	0.48	0.18	0.63	0.48
Georgia	53,774	61.09	13.50	4.68	3.82	3.97	4.99	1.85	2.05	2.09	0.23	1.73



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Hungary	23,777	37.73	35.63	2.53	3.88	5.13	9.48	0.40	0.79	0.77	2.50	1.16
Kazakhstan	92,727	93.79	2.65	0.83	0.52	0.38	0.45	0.39	0.29	0.42	0.03	0.25
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	84.73	3.93	1.05	4.36	2.65	1.04	0.63	0.69	0.34	0.03	0.56
Latvia	5,296	38.78	18.88	17.58	3.49	4.66	8.76	2.81	2.98	0.64	0.49	0.91
Lithuania	6,198	65.44	14.88	5.95	1.19	4.02	4.63	1.50	1.60	0.16	0.47	0.16
Poland	32,731	38.72	26.67	6.01	4.42	6.16	10.10	1.63	1.55	1.29	2.01	1.45
Rep. Moldova	1,258	58.98	30.68	2.23	0.79	0.64	0.48	0.48	5.17	0.08	0.32	0.16
Romania	10,213	59.02	20.49	2.42	1.82	3.43	4.64	0.37	0.72	3.74	1.18	2.15
Russian Federation	92,902	74.08	13.22	1.93	1.69	2.96	1.73	0.55	0.71	1.57	0.50	1.05
Slovakia	4,482	52.99	13.65	12.87	1.56	4.28	8.32	2.45	1.52	0.69	0.96	0.69
Tajikistan	3,746	88.15	5.53	1.17	0.80	1.04	1.07	0.05	0.05	0.16	1.36	0.61
Turkmenistan	765	53.33	28.37	3.01	4.18	6.27	1.70	0.92	0.52	0.26	1.05	0.39
Ukraine	1,134	61.11	22.40	1.50	2.12	1.94	2.38	0.79	1.06	0.62	3.79	2.29
Uzbekistan	53,434	89.24	7.49	1.09	0.17	0.22	0.23	0.87	0.28	0.08	0.01	0.30
Northern Europe	16,10,483	31.62	24.74	10.79	5.20	5.69	9.57	1.46	1.88	2.71	1.98	4.36
Denmark	40,839	60.93	13.61	1.52	2.70	7.20	9.67	0.38	0.40	0.74	1.99	0.85
Finland	30,510	61.37	19.70	2.20	2.05	4.62	6.90	0.27	0.31	0.41	1.41	0.75
Iceland	9,262	29.83	29.57	4.01	6.91	2.92	13.95	2.94	1.05	1.12	2.36	5.34
Ireland	1,21,550	18.67	18.13	29.13	5.62	6.41	12.49	3.02	3.06	0.59	1.61	1.28
Norway	29,460	34.01	35.35	2.91	3.33	5.92	11.41	0.49	0.60	0.75	2.79	2.44
Sweden	56,014	37.91	18.53	3.04	5.60	9.80	19.14	0.75	1.09	0.86	2.39	0.90
United Kingdom	13,22,848	30.91	25.80	10.14	5.32	5.44	8.89	1.42	1.92	3.15	1.99	5.01
Southern/ Medit. Europe	6,39,703	50.51	25.65	4.56	2.54	2.55	5.32	0.46	0.52	1.19	1.72	4.97
Albania	1,902	42.59	33.60	8.31	3.05	1.10	3.00	0.37	0.32	4.00	1.26	2.42
Andorra	1,698	78.45	5.54	0.88	1.35	3.83	2.30	0.00	0.24	0.59	1.30	5.54
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	34.72	27.95	12.30	6.67	3.23	4.69	0.63	1.04	0.31	0.21	8.24
Croatia	13,969	63.53	18.61	4.80	1.81	3.20	3.92	0.23	0.64	0.18	1.71	1.37
Cyprus	12,920	74.49	12.81	1.07	4.18	1.41	1.08	0.24	0.42	0.38	1.01	2.91
Greece	37,150	50.66	26.34	1.28	3.00	2.58	9.54	0.21	0.23	1.46	2.35	2.36
Israel	32,715	56.96	24.39	9.45	1.49	0.77	3.08	1.17	0.95	0.77	0.82	0.15
Italy	2,17,002	58.16	13.70	6.10	1.80	1.97	3.28	0.35	0.55	0.76	1.72	11.60



Table 3.4.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Delhi Airport	Mum-bai Airport	Coch-in Airport	Hyder-abad Airport	Chen-nai Airport	Beng-aluru Airport	Cali-cut Airport	Trivan-drum Airport	Ahmed-abad Airport	Kolk-ata Airport	Others
Malta	18,776	27.09	31.47	25.30	3.96	2.35	3.50	2.66	2.46	0.45	0.43	0.33
Montenegro	879	34.93	53.13	2.39	0.46	1.37	1.25	0.57	0.46	0.46	0.91	4.10
North Macedonia	510	77.84	14.90	1.18	0.98	1.76	1.37	0.59	0.39	0.00	0.78	0.20
Portugal	39,431	67.57	16.07	1.45	1.97	2.40	5.68	0.37	0.30	1.47	1.31	1.41
San Marino	123	60.16	17.89	1.63	4.07	2.44	2.44	1.63	0.81	4.88	2.44	1.63
Serbia	7,198	61.77	22.02	4.72	1.64	5.50	2.08	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.61	0.72
Slovenia	2,796	44.10	22.39	14.06	3.58	4.47	5.97	1.57	0.72	0.64	1.50	1.00
Spain	1,08,377	44.72	28.89	2.17	3.41	4.33	9.87	0.21	0.38	1.52	2.13	2.36
Turkiye	1,43,167	36.16	45.39	1.98	3.04	2.42	5.30	0.47	0.38	1.85	1.90	1.11
Vatican City	131	61.83	19.08	1.53	1.53	1.53	6.87	0.00	1.53	0.00	2.29	3.82
Western Europe	10,29,705	41.45	27.39	3.76	3.81	5.49	12.62	0.54	0.80	1.12	2.02	1.00
Austria	44,780	52.06	20.50	3.80	3.39	3.25	9.90	0.65	0.47	1.49	3.36	1.15
Belgium	35,293	28.70	38.34	3.01	4.65	8.21	10.27	0.50	0.73	1.46	2.82	1.32
France	2,26,521	42.48	27.66	2.52	3.83	6.65	12.04	0.31	0.45	1.13	2.16	0.77
Germany	4,21,457	39.19	26.01	5.76	3.69	5.41	13.95	0.86	1.29	0.92	1.76	1.17
Liechtenstein	52	65.38	23.08	3.85	1.92	3.85	1.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Luxembourg	7,572	38.18	25.79	1.90	5.45	9.31	15.57	0.40	0.66	0.41	1.53	0.79
Monaco	404	35.15	34.90	2.72	6.44	2.48	8.42	0.74	1.24	1.24	2.97	3.71
Netherlands	1,38,804	47.44	22.92	1.55	3.60	5.71	14.42	0.26	0.52	1.00	1.84	0.73
Switzerland	1,54,822	40.76	34.29	2.37	4.16	3.64	9.45	0.24	0.33	1.64	2.14	0.96
Middle East	1,46,81,057	13.60	19.38	10.99	8.26	5.85	4.05	10.09	6.01	3.36	1.45	16.96
Bahrain	3,79,204	13.44	20.51	18.81	5.51	5.58	3.26	13.98	9.94	0.94	0.78	7.24
Egypt	50,166	22.16	44.59	2.88	3.68	6.95	8.22	2.51	0.92	1.77	3.96	2.37
Iraq	98,870	18.52	36.33	1.57	6.42	4.36	3.19	0.90	1.77	20.87	1.11	4.96
Jordan	21,480	25.64	36.70	8.68	5.16	5.34	5.82	1.77	3.26	2.05	1.48	4.09
Kuwait	9,06,965	12.65	16.89	16.04	8.51	15.87	2.89	5.57	4.88	8.63	0.59	7.47
Lebanon	4,131	80.00	9.22	1.33	0.85	2.64	1.40	0.51	0.63	1.07	0.36	1.98
Libya	418	42.34	22.25	4.31	5.26	3.59	3.11	1.44	2.39	1.20	2.63	11.48
Oman	8,64,251	6.92	21.78	16.30	10.32	5.13	2.57	11.52	8.96	0.38	0.28	15.86
Palestine	11	54.55	27.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.09
Qatar	11,40,407	13.69	18.31	19.14	7.90	5.90	4.47	8.97	5.54	0.63	1.82	13.64
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	18.14	22.73	6.21	12.51	3.78	3.76	13.46	3.54	2.78	1.24	11.85
Syria	296	38.85	30.74	1.35	2.70	4.39	4.05	1.35	0.00	12.50	2.36	1.69



Table 3.4.2 continued... (in percentage)

	INDs from India	Delhi Airport	Mum-bai Airport	Coch-in Airport	Hyder-abad Airport	Chen-nai Airport	Beng-aluru Airport	Cali-cut Airport	Trivan-drum Airport	Ahmed-abad Airport	Kolk-ata Airport	Others
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	12.24	17.61	10.52	6.39	5.69	4.44	9.14	6.89	3.65	1.73	21.69
Yemen	3,651	47.08	18.13	3.29	4.82	2.30	3.15	3.53	1.42	1.45	5.78	9.04
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	14.68	5.34	0.66	1.01	0.64	1.12	0.53	0.29	0.25	0.62	74.86
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	23.97	20.16	7.48	6.98	6.96	6.79	4.98	3.43	3.02	2.94	13.30

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

3.5 Gender-wise Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India

Table 3.5.1 presents a gender-wise percentage distribution of Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) to various global destinations in 2024.

In 2024, a total of 30.89 million Indian nationals departed to various countries and territories, with a gender distribution of 34.15% female, 65.85% male, and 0.00% others. A clear male dominance is observed across most regions, notably in the Africa (73.98% male), Middle East (69.69% male) and Asia and the Pacific (65.20% male), likely driven by employment, business, and culturally influenced travel patterns. South Asia reflected a significant gender disparity, with only 32.78% female departures, although lower female shares were observed in regions like South America (14.78%) and North Africa (19.55%).

In contrast, regions such as Oceania (48.22% female) and North America (45.80% female) displayed more balanced gender participation, suggesting stronger involvement of Indian women in leisure, family, and education-related travel to these destinations. Europe overall reported 40.40% female departures, with Northern Europe (46.58%) and Western Europe (40.54%) leading in female shares, while Central/Eastern Europe (30.92%) and Southern/Mediterranean Europe (33.57%) remained more male-skewed.

Table 3.5.1 : Gender-wise Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories in 2024

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Africa	6,20,740	26.02	73.98	0.00
North Africa	23,100	19.55	80.45	0.00
Algeria	5,079	7.30	92.70	0.00
Morocco	11,214	24.12	75.88	0.00
Sudan	4,269	19.07	80.93	0.00
Tunisia	2,538	24.70	75.30	0.00
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	26.27	73.73	0.00
Angola	12,889	8.02	91.98	0.00
Benin	4,019	10.82	89.18	0.00



Table 3.5.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Botswana	6,400	32.20	67.80	0.00
Burkina Faso	1,983	10.39	89.61	0.00
Burundi	1,209	21.09	78.91	0.00
Cabo Verde	346	40.17	59.83	0.00
Cameroon	4,214	20.00	80.00	0.00
Centr. African Rep.	574	10.98	89.02	0.00
Chad	683	10.54	89.46	0.00
Comoros	475	12.63	87.37	0.00
Congo	24,142	14.04	85.96	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	9.40	90.60	0.00
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	14.90	85.10	0.00
Djibouti	1,626	11.44	88.56	0.00
Equatorial Guinea	561	7.66	92.34	0.00
Eritrea	461	27.77	72.23	0.00
Eswatini	819	25.40	74.60	0.00
Ethiopia	13,157	12.69	87.31	0.00
Gabon	5,694	18.53	81.47	0.00
Gambia	1,655	14.80	85.20	0.00
Ghana	17,074	18.01	81.99	0.00
Guinea	4,989	5.99	94.01	0.00
Guinea-Bissau	355	5.92	94.08	0.00
Kenya	81,976	39.49	60.51	0.00
Lesotho	283	23.67	76.33	0.00
Liberia	4,990	10.10	89.90	0.00
Madagascar	4,502	23.63	76.37	0.00
Malawi	12,377	34.14	65.86	0.00
Mali	2,829	14.74	85.26	0.00
Mauritania	2,046	27.57	72.43	0.00
Mauritius	66,179	36.16	63.84	0.00
Mozambique	10,200	18.51	81.49	0.00
Namibia	8,907	30.80	69.20	0.00
Niger	2,596	14.14	85.86	0.00
Nigeria	49,310	16.72	83.28	0.00
Reunion	467	20.99	79.01	0.00
Rwanda	5,005	22.44	77.56	0.00
Sao Tome & Principe	229	23.14	76.86	0.00



Table 3.5.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Senegal	6,183	10.14	89.86	0.00
Seychelles	15,843	23.22	76.78	0.00
Sierra Leone	5,372	19.69	80.31	0.00
Somalia	2,520	4.72	95.28	0.00
South Africa	72,053	31.68	68.32	0.00
South Sudan	5,873	3.81	96.19	0.00
Tanzania	42,021	28.50	71.50	0.00
Togo	3,412	11.72	88.28	0.00
Uganda	43,489	28.95	71.05	0.00
Zambia	24,920	29.88	70.12	0.00
Zimbabwe	6,092	19.93	80.07	0.00
Americas	31,79,012	45.17	54.83	0.00
Caribbean	30,628	26.62	73.38	0.00
Anguilla	35	37.14	62.86	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	230	33.48	66.52	0.00
Aruba	308	23.05	76.95	0.00
Bahamas	10,382	29.11	70.88	0.01
Barbados	1,959	13.48	86.52	0.00
Bermuda	725	18.07	81.93	0.00
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	39.59	60.41	0.00
Cayman Islands	1,135	26.52	73.48	0.00
Cuba	664	7.08	92.92	0.00
Curacao	498	25.30	74.70	0.00
Dominica	387	17.31	82.69	0.00
Dominican Rep.	475	10.74	89.26	0.00
Grenada	121	33.06	66.94	0.00
Guadeloupe	32	6.25	93.75	0.00
Haiti	4,414	32.80	67.20	0.00
Jamaica	5,221	29.34	70.66	0.00
Martinique	548	24.82	75.18	0.00
Montserrat	12	33.33	66.67	0.00
Neth. Antilles	284	42.25	57.75	0.00
Puerto Rico	290	13.10	86.90	0.00
Saint Lucia	242	18.60	81.40	0.00
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	27.47	72.53	0.00
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	19.61	80.39	0.00



Table 3.5.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	19.53	80.47	0.00
Turks & Caicos	160	21.88	78.13	0.00
US Virgin Islands	25	40.00	60.00	0.00
Central America	10,247	19.18	80.82	0.00
Belize	195	21.03	78.97	0.00
Costa Rica	877	23.72	76.28	0.00
El Salvador	222	18.92	81.08	0.00
Guatemala	330	10.61	89.39	0.00
Honduras	1,419	37.00	63.00	0.00
Nicaragua	560	28.57	71.43	0.00
Panama	6,644	14.36	85.64	0.00
North America	31,01,229	45.80	54.20	0.00
Canada	9,45,652	46.65	53.35	0.00
Mexico	11,668	18.79	81.21	0.00
United States	21,43,909	45.58	54.42	0.00
South America	36,908	14.78	85.22	0.00
Argentina	2,148	28.77	71.23	0.00
Bolivia	760	11.84	88.16	0.00
Brazil	16,835	11.84	88.16	0.00
Chile	3,607	13.72	86.28	0.00
Colombia	2,256	21.19	78.81	0.00
Ecuador	525	16.00	84.00	0.00
French Guiana	150	36.00	64.00	0.00
Guyana	3,543	5.05	94.95	0.00
Paraguay	469	30.92	69.08	0.00
Peru	2,107	22.45	77.55	0.00
Suriname	1,636	7.03	92.97	0.00
Uruguay	1,943	25.53	74.47	0.00
Venezuela	929	25.30	74.70	0.00
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	34.79	65.20	0.01
North-East Asia	7,64,211	26.95	73.05	0.00
China	2,58,082	11.11	88.89	0.00
Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	37.30	62.70	0.00
Japan	1,81,029	36.77	63.23	0.00
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	29.20	70.80	0.00
Korea (ROK)	65,007	29.35	70.65	0.00



Table 3.5.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Macao (China)	4,607	29.35	70.65	0.00
Mongolia	3,199	8.22	91.78	0.00
Taiwan (PR. of China)	28,859	23.61	76.39	0.00
Tibet	490	29.80	70.20	0.00
Oceania	8,09,476	48.22	51.78	0.00
American Samoa	170	37.65	62.35	0.00
Australia	6,61,405	48.52	51.48	0.00
Cook Islands	26	19.23	80.77	0.00
Fiji	2,764	24.57	75.43	0.00
French Polynesia	31	19.35	80.65	0.00
Guam	23	21.74	78.26	0.00
Kiribati	108	25.93	74.07	0.00
Marshall Islands	94	21.28	78.72	0.00
Micronesia FSM	130	26.15	73.85	0.00
N. Mariana Islands	216	41.67	58.33	0.00
Nauru	538	42.94	57.06	0.00
New Caledonia	1,660	46.99	53.01	0.00
New Zealand	1,36,532	48.13	51.87	0.00
Niue	47	10.64	89.36	0.00
Palau	108	31.48	68.52	0.00
Papua New Guinea	2,345	19.40	80.60	0.00
Samoa	139	35.97	64.03	0.00
Solomon Islands	243	23.46	76.54	0.00
Tonga	65	20.00	80.00	0.00
Tuvalu	31	38.71	61.29	0.00
Vanuatu	2,801	39.91	60.09	0.00
South Asia	15,75,071	32.78	67.18	0.03
Afghanistan	4,505	18.18	81.82	0.00
Bangladesh	5,55,680	25.49	74.42	0.09
Bhutan	23,740	44.15	55.85	0.00
Iran	23,331	32.03	67.97	0.00
Maldives	1,97,496	37.97	62.03	0.00
Nepal	3,09,207	37.79	62.20	0.00
Pakistan	30,620	45.16	54.84	0.00
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	34.91	65.09	0.00
South-East Asia	52,35,614	34.47	65.53	0.00



Table 3.5.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Brunei	15,939	18.12	81.88	0.00
Cambodia	28,660	26.43	73.57	0.00
Indonesia	4,98,675	43.29	56.71	0.00
Laos	3,371	19.79	80.21	0.00
Malaysia	7,65,344	35.18	64.82	0.00
Myanmar	11,465	21.33	78.67	0.00
Philippines	68,354	31.31	68.69	0.00
Singapore	15,34,984	37.39	62.61	0.00
Thailand	19,08,520	29.35	70.65	0.00
Timor-Leste	1,629	29.04	70.96	0.00
Vietnam	3,98,673	37.58	62.42	0.00
Europe	4,27,403	40.40	59.60	0.00
Central/Eastern Europe	6,03,420	30.92	69.08	0.00
Armenia	15,583	16.65	83.35	0.00
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	37.46	62.54	0.00
Belarus	2,836	31.66	68.34	0.00
Bulgaria	3,086	23.72	76.28	0.00
Czech Republic	21,110	34.66	65.34	0.00
Estonia	2,713	34.24	65.76	0.00
Georgia	53,774	46.20	53.80	0.00
Hungary	23,777	29.60	70.40	0.00
Kazakhstan	92,727	29.94	70.06	0.00
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	30.31	69.69	0.00
Latvia	5,296	23.94	76.06	0.00
Lithuania	6,198	11.05	88.95	0.00
Poland	32,731	28.69	71.31	0.00
Rep. Moldova	1,258	45.95	54.05	0.00
Romania	10,213	10.41	89.59	0.00
Russian Federation	92,902	21.91	78.09	0.00
Slovakia	4,482	13.28	86.72	0.00
Tajikistan	3,746	27.82	72.18	0.00
Turkmenistan	765	9.67	90.33	0.00
Ukraine	1,134	30.86	69.14	0.00
Uzbekistan	53,434	27.39	72.61	0.00
Northern Europe	16,10,483	46.58	53.42	0.00



Table 3.5.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Denmark	40,839	39.55	60.45	0.00
Finland	30,510	42.14	57.86	0.00
Iceland	9,262	40.06	59.94	0.00
Ireland	1,21,550	47.62	52.38	0.00
Norway	29,460	41.03	58.97	0.00
Sweden	56,014	40.97	59.03	0.00
United Kingdom	13,22,848	47.21	52.79	0.00
Southern/Medit. Europe	6,39,703	33.57	66.43	0.00
Albania	1,902	13.35	86.65	0.00
Andorra	1,698	39.93	60.07	0.00
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	31.39	68.61	0.00
Croatia	13,969	11.76	88.24	0.00
Cyprus	12,920	31.90	68.10	0.00
Greece	37,150	36.05	63.95	0.00
Israel	32,715	32.47	67.53	0.00
Italy	2,17,002	34.09	65.91	0.00
Malta	18,776	22.08	77.92	0.00
Montenegro	879	16.15	83.85	0.00
North Macedonia	510	9.02	90.98	0.00
Portugal	39,431	27.35	72.65	0.00
San Marino	123	43.90	56.10	0.00
Serbia	7,198	9.81	90.19	0.00
Slovenia	2,796	20.21	79.79	0.00
Spain	1,08,377	34.88	65.12	0.00
Turkiye	1,43,167	38.76	61.24	0.00
Vatican City	131	29.77	70.23	0.00
Western Europe	10,29,705	40.54	59.46	0.00
Austria	44,780	41.58	58.42	0.00
Belgium	35,293	36.47	63.53	0.00
France	2,26,521	42.49	57.51	0.00
Germany	4,21,457	38.14	61.86	0.00
Liechtenstein	52	25.00	75.00	0.00
Luxembourg	7,572	41.63	58.37	0.00
Monaco	404	24.75	75.25	0.00
Netherlands	1,38,804	40.63	59.37	0.00



Table 3.5.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Female (%)	Male (%)	Others (%)
Switzerland	1,54,822	44.76	55.24	0.00
Middle East	1,46,81,057	30.31	69.69	0.00
Bahrain	3,79,204	30.36	69.64	0.00
Egypt	50,166	30.17	69.83	0.00
Iraq	98,870	33.16	66.83	0.01
Jordan	21,480	17.63	82.37	0.00
Kuwait	9,06,965	23.78	76.22	0.00
Lebanon	4,131	7.84	92.16	0.00
Libya	418	6.46	93.54	0.00
Oman	8,64,251	29.91	70.09	0.00
Palestine	11	36.36	63.64	0.00
Qatar	11,40,407	29.90	70.10	0.00
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	31.01	68.98	0.00
Syria	296	27.36	72.64	0.00
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	30.87	69.13	0.00
Yemen	3,651	31.66	68.34	0.00
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	10.68	89.32	0.00
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	34.15	65.85	0.00

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

3.6 Age Group-wise Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India

The table 3.6.1 provides a comprehensive breakdown of the age group-wise departures of Indian nationals to various countries and territories across different regions in 2024. The data is presented in terms of the percentage distribution of travellers across age brackets for each destination and includes total departure numbers.

In 2024, Indian nationals traveling abroad were predominantly from the working-age population, with the 25–34 age group accounting for the highest share (27.46%), followed closely by the 35–44 age group (24.57%). The younger cohort (15–24 years) made up 10.85% of travellers, while children (0–14 years) and senior citizens (65+) represented smaller shares at 8.31% and 5.17%, respectively.



Table 3.6.1: Age Group-wise Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories in 2024

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Africa	6,20,740	7.39	8.63	25.53	28.10	17.76	8.56	4.03
North Africa	23,100	3.78	6.41	27.25	30.65	18.23	9.28	4.39
Algeria	5,079	3.05	4.67	28.88	38.12	17.78	6.44	1.06
Morocco	11,214	3.25	5.70	26.29	28.64	18.90	10.98	6.24
Sudan	4,269	5.32	7.85	26.38	28.81	18.48	8.88	4.29
Tunisia	2,538	5.00	10.64	29.71	27.70	15.72	8.16	3.07
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	7.53	8.72	25.47	28.00	17.74	8.53	4.01
Angola	12,889	3.80	5.11	24.88	36.69	23.15	5.73	0.64
Benin	4,019	5.23	9.50	32.47	31.33	15.55	5.10	0.82
Botswana	6,400	11.08	6.97	15.17	26.05	23.27	11.61	5.86
Burkina Faso	1,983	4.39	9.48	34.34	31.72	13.72	5.35	1.01
Burundi	1,209	9.35	5.87	25.89	28.78	17.45	8.60	4.05
Cabo Verde	346	4.34	22.54	27.17	15.61	13.58	9.54	7.23
Cameroon	4,214	4.79	9.68	29.97	28.43	16.82	7.07	3.23
Centr. African Rep.	574	1.74	5.05	22.13	31.71	26.83	11.15	1.39
Chad	683	0.88	7.17	25.62	34.41	21.82	8.93	1.17
Comoros	475	2.32	5.89	21.05	30.53	26.32	9.26	4.63
Congo	24,142	6.52	10.79	32.76	31.34	13.85	3.92	0.83
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	4.17	6.28	26.38	35.17	20.01	6.69	1.31
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	6.61	10.71	33.41	30.16	14.29	4.03	0.80
Djibouti	1,626	4.31	6.09	26.01	33.33	21.96	7.07	1.23
Equatorial Guinea	561	3.57	7.66	24.06	28.16	22.28	13.90	0.36
Eritrea	461	8.24	4.99	23.64	30.15	19.52	10.41	3.04
Eswatini	819	9.65	8.79	29.91	28.45	15.38	4.88	2.93
Ethiopia	13,157	2.97	9.71	23.42	29.89	21.29	9.12	3.60
Gabon	5,694	5.39	6.90	31.61	31.45	16.19	6.57	1.88
Gambia	1,655	5.38	13.29	32.02	28.10	14.92	4.41	1.87
Ghana	17,074	7.22	6.96	25.88	31.51	18.71	7.33	2.38
Guinea	4,989	2.24	8.68	31.15	32.87	17.86	5.85	1.34
Guinea-Bissau	355	2.54	10.14	31.83	29.58	20.56	4.79	0.56
Kenya	81,976	8.46	8.56	20.14	24.00	18.89	12.37	7.58
Lesotho	283	8.83	11.31	25.09	25.44	15.90	8.83	4.59



Table 3.6.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Liberia	4,990	4.19	10.14	33.73	31.60	14.35	4.49	1.50
Madagascar	4,502	5.20	6.91	21.01	26.92	21.17	12.46	6.33
Malawi	12,377	13.74	9.44	26.27	24.17	14.85	8.16	3.38
Mali	2,829	4.74	7.71	33.93	29.83	16.30	5.69	1.80
Mauritania	2,046	6.01	9.97	32.99	25.46	14.96	6.65	3.96
Mauritius	66,179	7.01	14.58	31.37	22.29	13.07	7.26	4.43
Mozambique	10,200	6.27	5.93	27.79	31.69	19.14	6.47	2.71
Namibia	8,907	7.87	10.81	29.10	25.73	15.53	7.02	3.94
Niger	2,596	5.97	6.09	27.35	29.85	19.88	8.59	2.27
Nigeria	49,310	7.26	4.38	20.83	32.12	23.63	9.74	2.03
Reunion	467	6.21	11.35	22.48	26.34	19.27	10.06	4.28
Rwanda	5,005	7.49	6.05	23.58	30.57	19.52	9.43	3.36
Sao Tome & Principe	229	9.17	5.24	26.64	26.64	15.28	11.79	5.24
Senegal	6,183	3.44	9.59	30.41	32.69	16.19	5.69	1.99
Seychelles	15,843	4.99	8.06	38.63	30.35	12.66	3.83	1.48
Sierra Leone	5,372	6.18	12.77	29.30	28.57	14.63	6.29	2.25
Somalia	2,520	1.15	6.15	23.93	36.94	22.46	8.69	0.67
South Africa	72,053	8.70	8.94	22.11	28.25	17.08	9.34	5.58
South Sudan	5,873	0.48	5.87	39.38	35.62	14.44	3.95	0.26
Tanzania	42,021	8.02	6.57	22.33	28.32	19.65	10.09	5.03
Togo	3,412	5.48	9.76	31.65	30.83	15.80	5.13	1.35
Uganda	43,489	10.24	8.70	24.51	26.72	17.41	8.50	3.92
Zambia	24,920	11.85	8.15	22.70	25.64	17.79	9.13	4.73
Zimbabwe	6,092	5.76	7.16	25.49	31.04	18.60	8.77	3.18
Americas	31,79,012	4.50	13.04	26.45	19.16	12.33	12.97	11.55
Caribbean	30,628	7.23	10.41	30.95	27.61	14.39	6.50	2.91
Anguilla	35	8.57	2.86	22.86	40.00	22.86	0.00	2.86
Antigua & Barbuda	230	6.96	26.96	22.17	29.57	11.30	2.61	0.43
Aruba	308	5.19	5.84	24.03	38.64	18.18	6.17	1.95
Bahamas	10,382	9.14	11.32	27.64	25.40	15.75	7.46	3.29
Barbados	1,959	2.19	9.75	37.26	29.20	14.09	5.51	1.99
Bermuda	725	4.00	2.48	31.86	36.83	18.34	5.66	0.83
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	6.53	8.57	28.57	24.49	13.47	11.43	6.94
Cayman Islands	1,135	5.99	5.11	43.00	33.39	7.49	4.05	0.97



Table 3.6.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Cuba	664	0.60	4.97	32.98	42.62	14.31	3.61	0.90
Curacao	498	6.22	19.88	33.94	23.90	10.04	3.61	2.41
Dominica	387	1.81	8.53	40.31	27.91	12.40	7.49	1.55
Dominican Rep.	475	2.11	8.00	43.16	28.84	13.26	4.00	0.63
Grenada	121	5.79	18.18	33.06	23.97	13.22	1.65	4.13
Guadeloupe	32	3.13	6.25	40.63	28.13	15.63	6.25	0.00
Haiti	4,414	8.47	9.22	30.43	27.39	14.05	7.14	3.31
Jamaica	5,221	8.75	10.34	30.28	26.39	13.71	6.97	3.54
Martinique	548	7.12	8.03	28.65	26.64	19.34	6.93	3.28
Montserrat	12	0.00	16.67	25.00	25.00	16.67	16.67	0.00
Neth. Antilles	284	5.28	5.28	33.10	26.41	16.90	8.10	4.93
Puerto Rico	290	2.07	8.97	41.72	30.69	10.34	3.10	3.10
Saint Lucia	242	4.96	18.18	32.64	27.27	12.40	3.72	0.83
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	5.25	18.79	32.32	23.23	13.33	3.43	3.64
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	5.88	29.41	19.61	23.53	17.65	1.96	1.96
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	3.91	13.25	33.25	28.58	13.37	5.44	2.19
Turks & Caicos	160	10.00	3.75	25.00	43.13	13.75	2.50	1.88
US Virgin Islands	25	0.00	8.00	16.00	40.00	16.00	8.00	12.00
Central America	10,247	4.16	9.56	33.87	29.84	14.44	5.84	2.28
Belize	195	6.15	13.33	29.23	34.36	8.21	4.62	4.10
Costa Rica	877	3.76	3.65	33.75	39.22	12.43	5.36	1.82
El Salvador	222	10.36	11.26	36.04	27.93	10.36	2.70	1.35
Guatemala	330	2.73	7.88	26.97	34.24	20.00	6.06	2.12
Honduras	1,419	11.35	9.44	24.67	28.19	15.29	7.47	3.59
Nicaragua	560	7.86	11.96	27.68	26.61	13.75	8.39	3.75
Panama	6,644	2.17	10.08	36.79	28.94	14.63	5.46	1.93
North America	31,01,229	4.51	13.10	26.33	18.92	12.25	13.13	11.76
Canada	9,45,652	4.20	20.68	32.41	11.56	10.33	12.04	8.78
Mexico	11,668	4.05	6.65	39.13	31.71	12.79	4.25	1.42
United States	21,43,909	4.65	9.80	23.57	22.10	13.10	13.65	13.14
South America	36,908	1.92	10.83	30.96	29.55	16.41	7.32	3.00
Argentina	2,148	2.33	6.15	24.63	25.98	18.34	13.31	9.26
Bolivia	760	3.16	43.42	30.53	13.95	4.47	3.55	0.92
Brazil	16,835	1.19	6.29	30.90	31.87	18.68	8.05	3.02
Chile	3,607	2.27	6.74	32.19	31.24	18.24	7.29	2.02



Table 3.6.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Colombia	2,256	3.10	5.81	27.79	34.57	17.51	8.02	3.19
Ecuador	525	2.86	9.71	37.14	29.14	13.52	5.14	2.48
French Guiana	150	5.33	10.67	34.67	22.67	12.00	7.33	7.33
Guyana	3,543	0.99	24.41	30.45	28.65	12.45	2.79	0.25
Paraguay	469	3.84	6.61	28.78	30.70	17.70	8.96	3.41
Peru	2,107	1.95	12.62	28.29	27.91	18.56	7.55	3.13
Suriname	1,636	1.47	38.94	32.64	17.79	6.23	2.32	0.61
Uruguay	1,943	5.35	7.82	40.97	26.97	9.26	5.61	4.01
Venezuela	929	4.20	9.15	30.89	24.00	15.72	11.30	4.74
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	7.52	9.76	28.43	24.84	15.03	9.13	5.30
North-East Asia	7,64,211	6.45	8.29	26.48	28.91	17.51	8.41	3.95
China	2,58,082	1.55	7.00	26.47	33.04	21.45	8.37	2.11
Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	11.20	8.89	23.26	28.43	16.09	7.66	4.47
Japan	1,81,029	8.45	8.81	27.10	23.74	15.19	10.18	6.52
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	7.41	10.34	31.33	25.24	12.84	7.92	4.92
Korea (ROK)	65,007	5.16	9.43	32.62	28.51	14.51	6.93	2.85
Macao (China)	4,607	8.44	9.88	29.15	26.85	15.13	7.73	2.82
Mongolia	3,199	0.69	5.31	28.70	44.67	12.79	5.28	2.56
Taiwan (Pr. of China)	28,859	4.29	9.26	32.46	27.89	15.77	7.30	3.04
Tibet	490	7.14	10.20	32.86	24.69	12.45	8.16	4.49
Oceania	8,09,476	7.33	10.72	28.35	15.40	10.74	15.05	12.39
American Samoa	170	3.53	4.12	17.06	22.35	16.47	15.88	20.59
Australia	6,61,405	6.94	11.47	27.49	14.87	10.97	15.14	13.13
Cook Islands	26	11.54	0.00	34.62	34.62	15.38	3.85	0.00
Fiji	2,764	5.64	7.13	28.29	29.99	16.06	9.04	3.84
French Polynesia	31	3.23	0.00	32.26	38.71	22.58	0.00	3.23
Guam	23	8.70	8.70	13.04	43.48	8.70	8.70	8.70
Kiribati	108	6.48	12.04	24.07	28.70	20.37	7.41	0.93
Marshall Islands	94	2.13	11.70	27.66	30.85	17.02	5.32	5.32
Micronesia FSM	130	6.15	4.62	40.00	27.69	13.85	4.62	3.08
N. Mariana Islands	216	9.26	4.63	25.00	31.02	12.50	12.04	5.56
Nauru	538	11.71	12.83	29.37	19.89	11.34	8.92	5.95
New Caledonia	1,660	9.76	6.14	33.43	17.23	10.24	14.28	8.92
New Zealand	1,36,532	9.22	7.35	32.73	17.08	9.14	15.06	9.43



Table 3.6.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Niue	47	4.26	12.77	19.15	23.40	21.28	17.02	2.13
Palau	108	10.19	9.26	25.00	32.41	12.04	7.41	3.70
Papua New Guinea	2,345	7.21	3.41	17.57	34.80	25.84	8.70	2.47
Samoa	139	13.67	4.32	30.22	25.90	12.95	10.07	2.88
Solomon Islands	243	6.58	9.05	24.28	31.69	15.23	8.64	4.53
Tonga	65	9.23	4.62	36.92	30.77	16.92	1.54	0.00
Tuvalu	31	6.45	6.45	22.58	45.16	3.23	9.68	6.45
Vanuatu	2,801	7.50	12.92	26.38	19.85	14.96	11.14	7.25
South Asia	15,75,071	5.44	10.40	25.31	23.68	17.31	11.58	6.27
Afghanistan	4,505	3.62	8.55	21.73	29.86	21.47	10.06	4.73
Bangladesh	5,55,680	3.44	12.84	23.82	25.04	19.02	10.97	4.87
Bhutan	23,740	5.88	5.27	14.22	20.91	20.14	19.83	13.74
Iran	23,331	6.21	23.54	21.83	17.50	14.24	10.14	6.54
Maldives	1,97,496	7.79	11.04	40.37	24.26	10.41	4.24	1.90
Nepal	3,09,207	5.42	8.51	22.28	22.11	18.68	14.71	8.30
Pakistan	30,620	10.58	10.59	13.23	15.57	16.30	18.59	15.14
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	6.56	7.91	24.19	23.79	17.32	12.64	7.59
South-East Asia	52,35,614	8.33	9.63	29.67	26.05	14.64	7.57	4.11
Brunei	15,939	7.80	8.01	21.76	29.93	22.36	7.64	2.50
Cambodia	28,660	2.95	12.27	26.13	21.66	16.09	12.59	8.32
Indonesia	4,98,675	7.47	10.32	38.08	19.92	13.02	7.26	3.94
Laos	3,371	3.53	11.39	29.40	27.20	16.32	7.86	4.30
Malaysia	7,65,344	9.69	10.76	27.09	24.71	14.77	8.62	4.35
Myanmar	11,465	4.76	5.44	20.78	29.04	22.07	12.45	5.46
Philippines	68,354	5.51	19.78	20.01	25.58	18.04	7.62	3.46
Singapore	15,34,984	11.01	9.61	25.16	28.15	14.53	6.89	4.65
Thailand	19,08,520	6.39	8.84	32.75	27.31	14.74	6.95	3.02
Timor-Leste	1,629	5.40	16.64	31.43	25.78	11.11	7.00	2.64
Vietnam	3,98,673	6.74	8.62	29.13	22.38	15.23	11.07	6.84
Europe	38,83,311	7.49	13.52	30.34	22.48	12.17	8.43	5.57
Central/Eastern Europe	6,03,420	4.20	23.02	25.20	22.76	13.67	7.48	3.67
Armenia	15,583	1.36	34.42	30.23	20.95	8.56	3.27	1.21
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	6.54	7.85	23.48	25.30	18.84	11.82	6.16
Belarus	2,836	4.27	30.71	25.99	22.11	8.71	4.97	3.24



Table 3.6.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Bulgaria	3,086	3.40	21.29	32.70	24.14	11.99	4.60	1.88
Czech Republic	21,110	6.13	8.67	34.29	27.54	13.71	6.75	2.91
Estonia	2,713	8.37	5.53	38.08	26.43	9.77	7.70	4.13
Georgia	53,774	4.09	37.76	19.94	15.81	11.12	7.31	3.98
Hungary	23,777	4.17	10.84	30.11	28.59	15.56	7.08	3.65
Kazakhstan	92,727	4.61	19.96	23.12	23.57	16.44	8.51	3.79
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	0.71	65.45	15.84	9.34	5.87	2.12	0.67
Latvia	5,296	2.79	35.71	37.05	14.92	5.87	2.70	0.96
Lithuania	6,198	0.94	16.91	38.92	31.49	9.52	1.77	0.45
Poland	32,731	6.51	7.67	36.76	28.29	11.16	6.36	3.23
Rep. Moldova	1,258	0.87	66.69	15.34	8.43	6.28	1.91	0.48
Romania	10,213	1.47	8.35	38.52	35.50	12.70	2.53	0.93
Russian Federation	92,902	1.35	41.88	23.49	18.99	8.77	4.01	1.51
Slovakia	4,482	2.79	18.03	44.71	23.83	7.76	2.28	0.60
Tajikistan	3,746	3.28	39.08	18.95	20.18	10.81	5.61	2.08
Turkmenistan	765	3.01	2.75	18.04	36.47	24.58	12.29	2.88
Ukraine	1,134	3.79	38.36	25.84	14.46	10.05	5.82	1.68
Uzbekistan	53,434	2.78	28.51	23.78	22.33	12.43	6.47	3.71
Northern Europe	16,10,483	9.03	13.64	31.34	20.06	10.18	8.58	7.17
Denmark	40,839	10.09	5.77	28.96	31.34	11.37	7.31	5.16
Finland	30,510	8.78	5.92	29.33	29.56	12.55	8.48	5.38
Iceland	9,262	7.62	7.50	30.84	22.86	13.65	10.90	6.63
Ireland	1,21,550	11.44	10.33	40.75	20.74	5.73	6.77	4.25
Norway	29,460	9.43	4.54	25.39	27.07	13.32	11.53	8.71
Sweden	56,014	11.36	4.96	32.77	26.62	9.90	8.51	5.89
United Kingdom	13,22,848	8.69	14.97	30.67	18.98	10.42	8.70	7.57
Southern/Medit. Europe	6,39,703	6.14	10.75	30.87	25.97	14.85	7.60	3.82
Albania	1,902	1.89	22.24	36.75	28.18	7.78	2.26	0.89
Andorra	1,698	4.18	21.85	34.57	15.14	11.01	7.89	5.36
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	1.67	44.84	20.02	18.25	8.45	4.38	2.40
Croatia	13,969	1.19	16.62	41.49	28.55	8.25	2.49	1.41
Cyprus	12,920	2.82	36.32	36.04	16.68	5.59	1.56	0.99
Greece	37,150	5.92	9.86	23.89	23.79	19.97	10.80	5.77
Israel	32,715	0.62	5.41	36.85	43.82	10.16	2.29	0.84



Table 3.6.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Italy	2,17,002	7.87	12.08	27.29	24.42	15.55	8.52	4.26
Malta	18,776	3.29	11.76	49.58	26.20	6.97	1.69	0.51
Montenegro	879	1.37	8.30	41.64	29.92	11.15	5.23	2.39
North Macedonia	510	2.16	4.12	31.18	43.53	15.88	2.75	0.39
Portugal	39,431	5.46	7.21	40.01	26.12	11.82	5.94	3.44
San Marino	123	6.50	26.02	31.71	12.20	10.57	8.94	4.07
Serbia	7,198	1.10	18.71	34.20	32.36	10.56	2.03	1.04
Slovenia	2,796	2.79	13.88	38.41	26.65	11.37	5.01	1.90
Spain	1,08,377	6.95	8.33	29.12	26.65	16.84	8.09	4.02
Turkiye	1,43,167	6.05	9.03	31.16	24.56	15.84	8.94	4.42
Vatican City	131	12.98	6.11	25.19	29.01	16.03	6.87	3.82
Western Europe	10,29,705	7.83	9.48	31.47	23.92	12.75	9.29	5.27
Austria	44,780	7.90	7.51	29.14	23.96	15.50	10.25	5.74
Belgium	35,293	9.53	5.92	30.44	28.99	11.84	8.16	5.13
France	2,26,521	7.18	10.05	28.43	23.40	15.04	10.44	5.46
Germany	4,21,457	7.11	11.41	36.10	22.59	10.38	7.94	4.47
Liechtenstein	52	11.54	9.62	36.54	23.08	5.77	13.46	0.00
Luxembourg	7,572	12.15	3.99	34.36	27.98	7.45	8.40	5.67
Monaco	404	5.45	9.90	21.04	30.20	20.54	8.17	4.70
Netherlands	1,38,804	8.26	6.43	32.75	25.80	11.41	9.42	5.92
Switzerland	1,54,822	9.76	7.77	22.93	25.22	16.68	11.18	6.47
Middle East	1,46,81,057	9.90	10.36	26.35	25.99	15.58	8.13	3.69
Bahrain	3,79,204	10.74	10.58	24.19	25.30	17.92	8.37	2.90
Egypt	50,166	6.53	10.97	24.39	24.14	16.29	10.96	6.72
Iraq	98,870	7.59	9.32	19.00	24.90	17.94	12.62	8.63
Jordan	21,480	2.32	12.45	32.40	26.00	12.50	9.22	5.10
Kuwait	9,06,965	7.26	8.93	25.86	30.68	19.45	6.46	1.36
Lebanon	4,131	1.53	8.84	40.01	31.71	12.37	4.43	1.11
Libya	418	2.63	2.87	19.38	35.65	25.60	11.00	2.87
Oman	8,64,251	10.69	9.54	23.59	27.85	17.85	7.64	2.84
Palestine	11	9.09	9.09	27.27	36.36	9.09	9.09	0.00
Qatar	11,40,407	12.03	9.32	27.78	27.99	14.65	6.16	2.06
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	9.09	9.59	23.43	24.99	16.23	11.06	5.61
Syria	296	5.41	8.11	21.96	29.05	18.24	12.16	5.07
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	10.21	11.11	27.97	25.44	14.58	7.29	3.41



Table 3.6.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	> 65
Yemen	3,651	8.05	10.93	25.14	24.76	16.13	9.50	5.48
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	1.92	14.20	37.16	24.46	13.38	6.71	2.16
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	8.31	10.85	27.46	24.57	14.70	8.94	5.17

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

3.7 Purpose-wise Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India

Table 3.7.1 presents the purpose-wise distribution of Indian Nationals' Departures from India to selected countries and territories in 2024, classified by major world regions and sub-regions. It reflects the percentage share of different travel purposes—such as leisure, business, education, pilgrimage, diaspora, and others—highlighting regional trends and country-specific patterns in outbound travel behaviour.

In 2024, the Middle East emerged as the top destination region, accounting for a large share of Indian departures driven primarily by diaspora-related travel (51.76%) and pilgrimage (8.22%). Countries such as Saudi Arabia (36.70% diaspora and 34.73% pilgrimage) and the UAE (52.74% diaspora) dominate this trend, reflecting strong community and religious linkages. Leisure travel (25.43%) and business travel (13.85%) remained secondary in this region.

In the Americas, travel purposes were more evenly distributed, though leisure (42.21%) and diaspora (26.28%) dominated. North America, especially the United States and Canada, reflected a substantial share of Indian diaspora travelers (26.22% and 27.19%, respectively). The region also saw significant education component (10.97%). In South America, business travel (46.04%) took the lead, especially in Brazil (55.72%) and Guyana (56.22%).

The Asia and the Pacific region recorded substantial tourism outflows, particularly for leisure holiday and recreation (70.84%), making it the leading purpose in this region. Within sub-regions, South-East Asia topped the leisure segment (76.12%), especially Thailand (92.93%) and Vietnam (91.60%). South Asia followed with 68.28% leisure travel, with Bhutan (88.72%) and Sri Lanka (84.19%) standing out. However, South Asia also showed modest shares of pilgrimage (1.20%) and diaspora travel (2.32%). North-East Asia reported a notable 57.89% leisure travel and 13.10% diaspora, led by destinations like Hong Kong and Japan. Oceania, while showing 53.86% leisure, stood out for having a significant diaspora share (19.90%) and one of the highest education-related travel proportions (9.34%), especially to Australia and New Zealand.

Europe demonstrated a diverse travel purpose profile with leisure (46.02%), diaspora (32.35%), and business (12.87%) as key motives. The Central and Eastern Europe sub-region showed a strong leaning toward leisure (61.89%) and education (13.80%), with Azerbaijan (94.58% leisure) and Kazakhstan (76.25%) being major contributors. Northern Europe, especially Ireland (60.51%) and the UK (46.04%), had high diaspora shares. Southern/Mediterranean Europe showed balanced shares across leisure (48.83%), diaspora (25.41%), and business (20.99%), with notable business travel to Israel (66.35%) and Montenegro (70.42%). Western Europe featured a similar mix, with Switzerland and France leading in leisure travel, and Germany (39.43%) and Belgium (38.25%) having high diaspora shares.

In Africa, the dominant purpose was leisure travel (51.70%), followed by diaspora (22.50%) and business (21.64%). The Sub-Saharan Africa sub-region largely mirrored these trends, though some countries like Nigeria (49.43%) and Botswana (49.34%) had higher diaspora shares. Mauritius stood out with an exceptional 73.15% leisure travel. North Africa showed more varied patterns: Algeria had a dominant business share (50.03%), whereas Morocco and Tunisia saw over 60% of travelers visiting for leisure.



Table 3.7.1 : Purpose-wise Indian Nationals' Departures from India to Selected Countries and Territories in 2024

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Africa	6,20,740	21.64	51.70	22.50	0.23	0.85	3.08
North Africa	23,100	30.32	47.37	13.88	3.49	0.48	4.46
Algeria	5,079	50.03	28.14	18.31	0.00	0.00	3.52
Morocco	11,214	25.82	61.04	10.19	0.04	0.70	2.21
Sudan	4,269	21.29	26.33	21.27	18.76	0.19	12.16
Tunisia	2,538	25.93	60.84	8.87	0.00	1.02	3.35
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	21.31	51.87	22.83	0.11	0.86	3.03
Angola	12,889	43.44	36.57	17.57	0.00	0.06	2.36
Benin	4,019	24.36	50.01	21.90	0.00	0.10	3.63
Botswana	6,400	19.38	28.69	49.34	0.02	0.19	2.39
Burkina Faso	1,983	39.08	45.54	10.29	0.05	0.00	5.04
Burundi	1,209	27.63	45.91	22.99	0.25	0.08	3.14
Cabo Verde	346	16.76	52.31	20.23	0.00	6.65	4.05
Cameroon	4,214	25.65	44.02	25.63	0.02	1.73	2.94
Centr. African Rep.	574	28.75	48.61	12.89	0.00	0.00	9.76
Chad	683	41.00	42.61	11.42	0.15	0.15	4.69
Comoros	475	38.53	44.00	13.05	0.21	0.00	4.21
Congo	24,142	21.16	51.76	19.56	0.02	0.05	7.45
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	36.87	35.74	24.64	0.00	0.05	2.70
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	21.28	51.67	19.07	0.02	0.05	7.92
Djibouti	1,626	39.54	27.61	29.70	0.49	0.12	2.52
Equatorial Guinea	561	48.13	20.50	30.12	0.00	0.00	1.25
Eritrea	461	19.09	31.67	42.73	0.00	2.39	4.12
Eswatini	819	28.33	31.75	36.87	0.00	0.73	2.32
Ethiopia	13,157	20.95	53.12	20.36	0.05	0.05	5.47
Gabon	5,694	21.51	56.97	17.70	0.05	0.26	3.49
Gambia	1,655	16.19	43.14	37.28	0.00	0.12	3.26
Ghana	17,074	28.33	39.54	28.12	0.00	0.08	3.93
Guinea	4,989	41.65	41.97	12.71	0.00	0.18	3.49
Guinea-Bissau	355	29.30	39.44	29.58	0.28	0.00	1.41



Table 3.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Kenya	81,976	13.46	63.41	20.65	0.02	0.46	2.00
Lesotho	283	26.50	34.28	36.75	0.00	0.35	2.12
Liberia	4,990	25.93	41.82	29.60	0.00	0.06	2.59
Madagascar	4,502	15.26	51.91	30.81	0.11	0.07	1.84
Malawi	12,377	15.46	55.58	26.19	0.02	0.27	2.47
Mali	2,829	39.02	43.66	12.20	0.00	0.11	5.02
Mauritania	2,046	20.82	63.83	9.73	0.24	2.20	3.18
Mauritius	66,179	17.38	73.15	4.14	0.02	3.22	2.09
Mozambique	10,200	31.50	32.81	33.44	0.02	0.13	2.10
Namibia	8,907	19.25	48.50	27.46	0.07	1.57	3.14
Niger	2,596	32.24	28.70	35.79	0.00	0.15	3.12
Nigeria	49,310	29.49	19.00	49.43	0.00	0.05	2.02
Reunion	467	8.35	72.16	13.28	0.00	2.36	3.85
Rwanda	5,005	23.12	55.58	17.96	0.00	0.10	3.24
Sao Tome & Principe	229	21.40	24.45	26.64	22.27	0.00	5.24
Senegal	6,183	33.35	51.38	10.82	0.78	0.16	3.51
Seychelles	15,843	42.30	45.42	10.04	0.01	0.06	2.17
Sierra Leone	5,372	21.97	55.01	21.13	0.17	0.09	1.64
Somalia	2,520	43.81	41.63	8.97	0.20	0.04	5.36
South Africa	72,053	15.38	64.53	16.63	0.06	1.24	2.15
South Sudan	5,873	20.52	35.50	8.12	0.00	0.00	35.86
Tanzania	42,021	16.50	53.59	26.35	0.05	1.14	2.38
Togo	3,412	37.95	31.74	26.88	0.00	0.18	3.25
Uganda	43,489	16.11	52.65	26.65	0.86	1.51	2.23
Zambia	24,920	20.42	36.58	40.98	0.02	0.28	1.73
Zimbabwe	6,092	22.00	61.06	13.31	0.00	0.05	3.58
Americas	31,79,012	18.33	42.21	26.28	0.01	10.72	2.46
Caribbean	30,628	28.85	41.98	25.11	0.36	1.51	2.20
Anguilla	35	34.29	42.86	22.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antigua & Barbuda	230	34.35	25.65	15.22	0.00	22.61	2.17
Aruba	308	47.08	22.08	27.27	0.00	2.27	1.30
Bahamas	10,382	24.41	35.08	37.45	0.03	1.39	1.65
Barbados	1,959	68.45	24.35	3.78	0.00	1.74	1.68



Table 3.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Bermuda	725	52.00	19.45	25.79	0.00	0.41	2.34
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	16.73	72.24	8.57	0.00	0.41	2.04
Cayman Islands	1,135	60.44	15.33	22.64	0.00	0.18	1.41
Cuba	664	40.36	28.61	24.10	0.00	0.30	6.63
Curacao	498	46.79	9.44	32.93	0.00	9.84	1.00
Dominica	387	53.75	36.18	8.01	0.00	0.52	1.55
Dominican Rep.	475	66.53	22.53	7.16	0.00	0.21	3.58
Grenada	121	23.14	42.15	21.49	0.00	9.92	3.31
Guadeloupe	32	37.50	43.75	9.38	0.00	0.00	9.38
Haiti	4,414	7.00	73.27	16.09	1.11	0.41	2.13
Jamaica	5,221	16.53	53.86	24.84	0.92	1.21	2.64
Martinique	548	40.88	19.71	37.04	0.18	0.18	2.01
Montserrat	12	33.33	41.67	16.67	0.00	0.00	8.33
Neth. Antilles	284	15.85	41.20	38.03	0.00	1.41	3.52
Puerto Rico	290	70.69	12.76	13.45	0.00	1.72	1.38
Saint Lucia	242	53.72	22.73	9.92	2.48	8.26	2.89
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	35.56	43.43	14.34	0.20	4.85	1.62
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	19.61	41.18	17.65	1.96	19.61	0.00
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	31.54	53.31	11.01	0.00	0.36	3.79
Turks & Caicos	160	33.13	21.25	41.88	0.00	0.63	3.13
US Virgin Islands	25	16.00	64.00	12.00	0.00	4.00	4.00
Central America	10,247	52.09	25.41	19.92	0.10	0.40	2.08
Belize	195	27.18	33.33	34.36	0.00	4.10	1.03
Costa Rica	877	32.73	40.59	21.89	0.00	0.57	4.22
El Salvador	222	39.19	51.35	6.76	0.00	0.45	2.25
Guatemala	330	34.85	51.52	9.09	0.00	0.30	4.24
Honduras	1,419	12.47	63.50	17.90	0.35	0.14	5.64
Nicaragua	560	15.18	47.86	31.61	0.00	0.71	4.64
Panama	6,644	68.24	10.99	19.66	0.08	0.30	0.74
North America	31,01,229	17.78	42.29	26.51	0.00	10.97	2.45
Canada	9,45,652	12.73	43.09	27.19	0.00	14.47	2.52
Mexico	11,668	43.85	29.91	23.53	0.03	0.43	2.26
United States	21,43,909	19.87	42.00	26.22	0.00	9.48	2.42
South America	36,908	46.04	40.33	9.74	0.02	0.93	2.94



Table 3.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Argentina	2,148	21.65	63.08	10.38	0.00	1.26	3.63
Bolivia	760	7.11	73.55	11.18	0.00	0.39	7.76
Brazil	16,835	55.72	32.14	9.16	0.01	0.45	2.52
Chile	3,607	45.86	34.82	14.92	0.03	1.36	3.02
Colombia	2,256	33.33	51.68	10.90	0.00	0.40	3.68
Ecuador	525	37.14	32.95	25.71	0.00	1.14	3.05
French Guiana	150	16.00	58.67	18.00	0.00	2.67	4.67
Guyana	3,543	56.22	34.60	3.81	0.00	3.16	2.20
Paraguay	469	13.01	66.31	16.42	0.00	0.85	3.41
Peru	2,107	39.58	47.89	7.64	0.00	0.24	4.65
Suriname	1,636	24.69	67.97	4.03	0.18	0.24	2.87
Uruguay	1,943	7.18	4.68	2.54	0.02	0.33	0.33
Venezuela	929	27.02	66.42	3.34	0.00	0.32	2.91
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	14.97	70.84	10.45	0.25	1.74	1.75
North-East Asia	7,64,211	24.29	57.89	13.10	0.03	1.20	3.49
China	2,58,082	40.71	50.43	3.20	0.01	1.92	3.73
Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	13.15	64.01	18.59	0.02	0.27	3.95
Japan	1,81,029	13.19	65.14	18.29	0.01	0.82	2.55
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	21.79	55.39	16.80	1.17	1.54	3.30
Korea (ROK)	65,007	29.67	49.70	15.16	0.04	1.66	3.78
Macao (China)	4,607	12.63	62.27	21.75	0.11	0.85	2.39
Mongolia	3,199	39.14	32.20	23.63	0.00	0.06	4.97
Taiwan (Pr. of China)	28,859	21.28	52.24	19.80	0.41	3.25	3.02
Tibet	490	4.90	90.00	3.67	0.00	0.00	1.43
Oceania	8,09,476	14.25	53.86	19.90	0.12	9.34	2.54
American Samoa	170	15.88	40.00	37.06	0.00	1.76	5.29
Australia	6,61,405	14.65	54.57	17.73	0.14	10.31	2.60
Cook Islands	26	26.92	26.92	46.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fiji	2,764	27.28	56.77	11.00	0.04	0.18	4.74
French Polynesia	31	64.52	19.35	16.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Guam	23	26.09	39.13	8.70	0.00	0.00	26.09
Kiribati	108	30.56	16.67	46.30	0.93	3.70	1.85



Table 3.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Marshall Islands	94	48.94	36.17	10.64	1.06	1.06	2.13
Micronesia FSM	130	26.15	44.62	23.08	0.00	0.00	6.15
N. Mariana Islands	216	6.48	62.04	26.39	0.00	0.00	5.09
Nauru	538	10.04	54.46	27.88	0.37	3.53	3.72
New Caledonia	1,660	11.63	56.87	26.87	0.06	2.53	2.05
New Zealand	1,36,532	11.51	50.61	30.41	0.01	5.30	2.17
Niue	47	23.40	40.43	31.91	0.00	0.00	4.26
Palau	108	24.07	31.48	15.74	23.15	0.00	5.56
Papua New Guinea	2,345	49.25	18.29	30.23	0.04	0.26	1.92
Samoa	139	16.55	55.40	25.18	0.00	0.72	2.16
Solomon Islands	243	23.87	48.97	22.22	0.00	0.41	4.53
Tonga	65	26.15	56.92	10.77	0.00	0.00	6.15
Tuvalu	31	29.03	45.16	16.13	0.00	3.23	6.45
Vanuatu	2,801	8.03	74.37	11.71	0.46	2.71	2.71
South Asia	15,75,071	24.02	68.28	2.32	1.20	2.07	2.12
Afghanistan	4,505	26.35	45.90	9.57	5.15	0.82	12.21
Bangladesh	5,55,680	41.42	51.09	0.93	0.07	5.24	1.26
Bhutan	23,740	5.28	88.72	0.76	0.03	0.05	5.16
Iran	23,331	20.72	40.12	8.21	10.33	8.41	12.21
Maldives	1,97,496	30.28	60.62	8.13	0.01	0.08	0.89
Nepal	3,09,207	9.12	85.21	0.89	0.01	0.20	4.57
Pakistan	30,620	0.72	43.79	0.58	51.32	0.36	3.23
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	12.24	84.19	2.30	0.02	0.12	1.14
South-East Asia	52,35,614	11.00	76.12	11.05	0.01	0.55	1.26
Brunei	15,939	18.51	5.87	13.00	0.00	0.12	0.43
Cambodia	28,660	14.40	76.30	6.06	0.01	0.49	2.73
Indonesia	4,98,675	4.77	91.46	2.27	0.01	0.05	1.45
Laos	3,371	15.54	68.44	10.09	0.77	0.27	4.89
Malaysia	7,65,344	11.20	78.49	8.51	0.00	0.57	1.23
Myanmar	11,465	38.93	47.21	8.48	0.03	0.18	5.17
Philippines	68,354	12.11	44.69	29.23	0.00	11.79	2.17
Singapore	15,34,984	22.22	47.34	28.57	0.00	0.94	0.94
Thailand	19,08,520	4.29	92.93	1.36	0.03	0.04	1.35
Timor-Leste	1,629	21.06	45.37	23.14	0.37	6.14	3.93



Table 3.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Vietnam	3,98,673	4.47	91.60	2.22	0.00	0.20	1.51
Europe	38,83,311	12.87	46.02	32.35	0.03	6.53	2.19
Central/Eastern Europe	6,03,420	11.78	61.89	9.29	0.02	13.80	3.21
Armenia	15,583	5.02	78.73	6.62	0.01	8.41	1.20
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	2.68	94.58	0.68	0.01	0.15	1.90
Belarus	2,836	12.62	35.44	21.76	0.00	24.44	5.75
Bulgaria	3,086	29.03	36.07	25.57	0.03	4.86	4.44
Czech Republic	21,110	10.16	60.49	23.20	0.00	3.21	2.94
Estonia	2,713	10.98	39.00	44.23	0.07	2.06	3.65
Georgia	53,774	3.89	58.72	16.97	0.01	17.99	2.43
Hungary	23,777	14.36	63.86	16.62	0.03	1.95	3.18
Kazakhstan	92,727	5.42	76.25	1.79	0.02	12.48	4.04
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	10.64	21.18	2.06	0.00	63.01	3.12
Latvia	5,296	14.60	20.94	31.04	0.00	31.23	2.19
Lithuania	6,198	11.36	11.26	69.93	0.00	5.29	2.16
Rep. Moldova	1,258	11.21	17.65	37.60	0.16	30.45	2.94
Poland	32,731	14.15	35.75	42.84	0.10	4.24	2.91
Romania	10,213	37.43	22.95	35.46	0.01	0.88	3.26
Russian Federation	92,902	26.09	30.97	4.31	0.02	33.71	4.90
Slovakia	4,482	32.35	23.07	37.80	0.00	3.79	2.99
Tajikistan	3,746	19.86	41.14	2.75	0.05	31.07	5.13
Turkmenistan	765	44.44	44.05	7.58	0.00	0.13	3.79
Ukraine	1,134	11.20	25.57	37.39	0.00	21.96	3.88
Uzbekistan	53,434	24.21	51.27	1.80	0.01	18.47	4.25
Northern Europe	16,10,483	10.29	35.17	46.28	0.05	6.84	1.38
Denmark	40,839	20.44	39.47	35.73	0.00	1.19	3.17
Finland	30,510	15.57	46.70	33.35	0.00	1.72	2.66
Iceland	9,262	9.88	60.69	19.52	7.36	0.46	2.08
Ireland	1,21,550	8.04	21.89	60.51	0.00	8.51	1.05
Norway	29,460	11.28	56.49	29.49	0.00	0.61	2.12
Sweden	56,014	10.16	37.66	49.01	0.01	1.11	2.06
United Kingdom	13,22,848	10.04	35.23	46.04	0.00	7.41	1.27



Table 3.7.1 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Southern/Medit. Europe	6,39,703	20.99	48.83	25.41	0.01	1.97	2.80
Albania	1,902	54.68	27.97	7.10	0.00	5.42	4.84
Andorra	1,698	15.25	43.46	26.44	0.00	9.48	5.36
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	24.40	32.74	11.05	0.00	29.51	2.29
Croatia	13,969	48.31	28.10	19.62	0.01	0.25	3.71
Cyprus	12,920	35.56	14.06	23.04	0.00	24.30	3.03
Greece	37,150	12.87	67.71	16.04	0.00	0.44	2.94
Israel	32,715	66.35	15.92	10.98	0.02	2.60	4.14
Italy	2,17,002	17.88	38.60	38.64	0.00	1.82	3.06
Malta	18,776	28.67	13.20	49.33	0.00	7.52	1.28
Montenegro	879	70.42	23.32	4.55	0.00	0.23	1.48
North Macedonia	510	61.96	23.92	10.78	0.00	0.78	2.55
Portugal	39,431	7.74	31.58	57.31	0.01	0.56	2.81
San Marino	123	20.33	30.89	21.95	13.82	8.94	4.07
Serbia	7,198	55.60	22.63	12.78	0.08	4.24	4.67
Slovenia	2,796	15.99	34.69	40.27	0.00	6.26	2.79
Spain	1,08,377	12.97	59.02	23.87	0.00	1.35	2.79
Turkiye	1,43,167	19.68	76.11	1.98	0.01	0.22	2.00
Vatican City	131	15.27	58.78	22.14	0.76	0.00	3.05
Western Europe	10,29,705	12.52	51.96	28.40	0.02	4.62	2.48
Austria	44,780	10.36	64.26	20.43	0.50	1.59	2.85
Belgium	35,293	17.81	40.30	38.25	0.01	1.65	1.98
France	2,26,521	11.75	67.62	14.14	0.00	3.74	2.74
Germany	4,21,457	14.53	35.59	39.43	0.00	8.19	2.26
Liechtenstein	52	1.92	13.46	69.23	0.00	9.62	5.77
Luxembourg	7,572	10.87	29.56	56.30	0.00	1.32	1.95
Monaco	404	19.80	49.26	25.99	0.00	1.49	3.47
Netherlands	1,38,804	13.15	48.66	34.18	0.00	1.38	2.63
Switzerland	1,54,822	7.10	76.78	12.74	0.00	0.82	2.55
Middle East	1,46,81,057	13.85	25.43	51.76	8.22	0.06	0.67
Bahrain	3,79,204	18.05	19.84	61.41	0.01	0.03	0.65
Egypt	50,166	20.42	66.55	8.08	1.01	1.10	2.84
Iraq	98,870	16.17	42.04	8.31	13.64	0.09	19.74

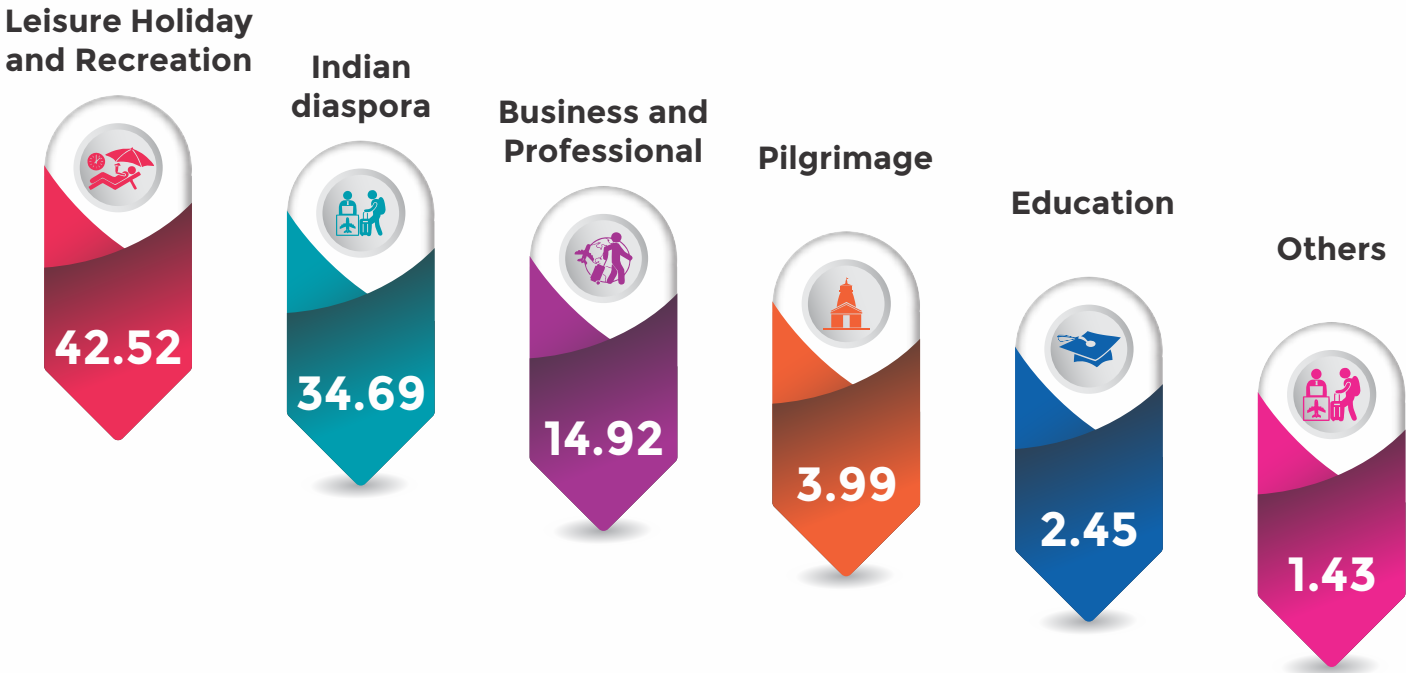


Table 3.7.1 continued... (in percentage)

	INDs from India	Business and Professional	Leisure Holiday and Recreation	Indian diaspora	Pilgrimage	Education	Others
Jordan	21,480	33.08	43.01	20.21	0.28	0.09	3.32
Kuwait	9,06,965	20.63	5.18	73.63	0.01	0.02	0.53
Lebanon	4,131	15.90	32.49	19.58	0.41	0.24	31.37
Libya	418	54.07	19.38	20.33	0.00	0.00	6.22
Oman	8,64,251	14.82	19.77	64.82	0.02	0.02	0.55
Palestine	11	9.09	18.18	54.55	0.00	9.09	9.09
Qatar	11,40,407	18.72	14.29	66.26	0.01	0.02	0.70
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	19.55	8.38	36.70	34.73	0.02	0.60
Syria	296	14.19	47.64	15.88	2.36	1.69	18.24
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	9.41	37.28	52.74	0.04	0.08	0.45
Yemen	3,651	13.78	38.81	26.90	16.49	0.88	3.15
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	75.28	6.87	6.18	0.78	0.82	10.07
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	14.92	42.52	34.69	3.99	2.45	1.43

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Figure 3.7.1 : Purpose wise Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India in 2024





3.8 Average Duration of Stay of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India

Table 3.8.1 presents the average duration of stay of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India to selected countries and territories in 2024, categorized by country and region. It includes the total number of departures and the corresponding average number of days Indian travellers spent in each destination.

In 2024, the Middle East region recorded an average stay duration of 62.48 days, reflecting long-term visits driven by diaspora and work-related purposes. Countries such as Kuwait (96.56 days), Lebanon (143.99 days), and Qatar (75.53 days) had significantly high average stays, suggesting extended familial or professional engagements. The United Arab Emirates (59.26 days) and Saudi Arabia (54.99 days), which accounted for a large number of departures, also showed moderately long durations.

In the Americas, the average stay was relatively long at 93.00 days, reflecting a combination of diaspora, education, and business-related visits. North America posted 93.70 days, with Canada (111.45 days) and the United States (88.51 days) showing extended stays, indicative of study and long-term familial travel. Central America had one of the highest averages at 109.11 days, led by Panama (160.66 days). South America reported 69.99 days, with countries like Uruguay (112.03 days) and Brazil (77.02 days) showing extended durations. The Caribbean posted an average stay of 62.39 days.

The Asia and the Pacific region saw an overall average stay of 25.09 days, with notable variation across sub-regions. Oceania stood out with a high average duration of 89.73 days, led by countries like Australia (89.25 days) and New Zealand (96.02 days), likely linked to diaspora and education-related stays. In contrast, South Asia reported the lowest average stay of 14.36 days, with countries like Bhutan (9.16 days), Nepal (12.01 days), and Sri Lanka (10.56 days) reflecting short-haul leisure or pilgrimage trips. South-East Asia had an average of 21.51 days, driven by tourism, while North-East Asia posted 29.76 days, with longer stays in Japan (34.25 days) and Korea (ROK) (44.35 days).

The Europe region reported an average stay of 53.98 days, varying widely by sub-region. Northern Europe had a longer stay average at 74.84 days, with Ireland (116.14 days) and the United Kingdom (74.90 days) being major contributors, likely due to education and family links. Central/Eastern Europe reported 27.09 days. Southern/Mediterranean Europe stood at 45.87 days and Western Europe had an average of 48.27 days.

In Africa, the average stay was 62.59 days, with a notable distinction between North Africa (52.97 days) and Sub-Saharan Africa (63.01 days).

Table 3.8.1 : Average Duration of Stay of Indian Nationals’ Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
Africa	6,20,740	62.59
North Africa	23,100	52.97
Algeria	5,079	74.38
Morocco	11,214	42.14
Sudan	4,269	74.76
Tunisia	2,538	38.37
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	63.01
Angola	12,889	73.25



Table 3.8.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
Benin	4,019	96.28
Botswana	6,400	127.96
Burkina Faso	1,983	91.44
Burundi	1,209	92.45
Cabo Verde	346	90.70
Cameroon	4,214	85.62
Centr. African Rep.	574	92.55
Chad	683	43.95
Comoros	475	78.60
Congo	24,142	104.92
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	77.55
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	108.43
Djibouti	1,626	98.77
Equatorial Guinea	561	65.54
Eritrea	461	65.94
Eswatini	819	82.13
Ethiopia	13,157	55.33
Gabon	5,694	45.76
Gambia	1,655	96.08
Ghana	17,074	89.10
Guinea	4,989	87.71
Guinea-Bissau	355	95.57
Kenya	81,976	41.89
Lesotho	283	91.56
Liberia	4,990	89.72
Madagascar	4,502	64.00
Malawi	12,377	56.76
Mali	2,829	74.11
Mauritania	2,046	39.61
Mauritius	66,179	30.25
Mozambique	10,200	104.84
Namibia	8,907	54.54
Niger	2,596	97.93
Nigeria	49,310	103.89
Reunion	467	37.28
Rwanda	5,005	64.09



Table 3.8.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
Sao Tome & Principe	229	52.64
Senegal	6,183	74.20
Seychelles	15,843	49.88
Sierra Leone	5,372	66.64
Somalia	2,520	84.91
South Africa	72,053	47.70
South Sudan	5,873	117.60
Tanzania	42,021	65.40
Togo	3,412	109.69
Uganda	43,489	79.46
Zambia	24,920	91.29
Zimbabwe	6,092	61.63
Americas	31,79,012	93.00
Caribbean	30,628	62.39
Anguilla	35	69.50
Antigua & Barbuda	230	100.16
Aruba	308	131.10
Bahamas	10,382	60.02
Barbados	1,959	112.99
Bermuda	725	154.21
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	20.88
Cayman Islands	1,135	133.81
Cuba	664	108.93
Curacao	498	171.78
Dominica	387	97.61
Dominican Rep.	475	123.31
Grenada	121	97.62
Guadeloupe	32	139.11
Haiti	4,414	21.87
Jamaica	5,221	43.34
Martinique	548	144.95
Montserrat	12	11.83
Neth. Antilles	284	84.79
Puerto Rico	290	141.13
Saint Lucia	242	86.13
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	59.74



Table 3.8.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	70.83
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	63.11
Turks & Caicos	160	74.90
US Virgin Islands	25	23.83
Central America	10,247	109.11
Belize	195	81.52
Costa Rica	877	66.48
El Salvador	222	108.81
Guatemala	330	45.96
Honduras	1,419	30.76
Nicaragua	560	53.31
Panama	6,644	160.66
North America	31,01,229	93.70
Canada	9,45,652	111.45
Mexico	11,668	84.08
United States	21,43,909	88.51
South America	36,908	69.99
Argentina	2,148	44.56
Bolivia	760	51.18
Brazil	16,835	77.02
Chile	3,607	74.01
Colombia	2,256	49.87
Ecuador	525	86.80
French Guiana	150	36.21
Guyana	3,543	60.69
Paraguay	469	34.37
Peru	2,107	65.33
Suriname	1,636	60.02
Uruguay	1,943	112.03
Venezuela	929	40.23
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	25.09
North-East Asia	7,64,211	29.76
China	2,58,082	23.80
Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	27.44
Japan	1,81,029	34.25
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	63.90



Table 3.8.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
Korea (ROK)	65,007	44.35
Macao (China)	4,607	32.40
Mongolia	3,199	84.09
Taiwan (PR. of China)	28,859	41.25
Tibet	490	13.70
Oceania	8,09,476	89.73
American Samoa	170	70.29
Australia	6,61,405	89.25
Cook Islands	26	41.00
Fiji	2,764	64.76
French Polynesia	31	89.55
Guam	23	86.18
Kiribati	108	76.76
Marshall Islands	94	89.65
Micronesia FSM	130	61.30
N. Mariana Islands	216	45.07
Nauru	538	50.41
New Caledonia	1,660	85.73
New Zealand	1,36,532	96.02
Niue	47	75.42
Palau	108	49.30
Papua New Guinea	2,345	94.57
Samoa	139	85.11
Solomon Islands	243	59.89
Tonga	65	39.50
Tuvalu	31	44.42
Vanuatu	2,801	34.43
South Asia	15,75,071	14.36
Afghanistan	4,505	45.97
Bangladesh	5,55,680	13.25
Bhutan	23,740	9.16
Iran	23,331	47.95
Maldives	1,97,496	26.96
Nepal	3,09,207	12.01
Pakistan	30,620	20.62
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	10.56



Table 3.8.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
South-East Asia	52,35,614	21.51
Brunei	15,939	102.00
Cambodia	28,660	31.93
Indonesia	4,98,675	11.92
Laos	3,371	34.97
Malaysia	7,65,344	21.71
Myanmar	11,465	35.65
Philippines	68,354	58.11
Singapore	15,34,984	44.42
Thailand	19,08,520	8.95
Timor-Leste	1,629	46.82
Vietnam	3,98,673	12.16
Europe	38,83,311	53.98
Central/Eastern Europe	6,03,420	27.09
Armenia	15,583	66.16
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	7.80
Belarus	2,836	66.63
Bulgaria	3,086	59.78
Czech Republic	21,110	39.92
Estonia	2,713	75.70
Georgia	53,774	26.81
Hungary	23,777	30.97
Kazakhstan	92,727	16.25
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	48.49
Latvia	5,296	102.64
Lithuania	6,198	131.48
Poland	32,731	71.99
Rep. Moldova	1,258	60.54
Romania	10,213	92.60
Russian Federation	92,902	50.09
Slovakia	4,482	89.07
Tajikistan	3,746	35.11
Turkmenistan	765	38.48
Ukraine	1,134	72.90
Uzbekistan	53,434	35.70
Northern Europe	16,10,483	74.84



Table 3.8.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
Denmark	40,839	59.16
Finland	30,510	40.51
Iceland	9,262	32.02
Ireland	1,21,550	116.14
Norway	29,460	51.66
Sweden	56,014	70.36
United Kingdom	13,22,848	74.90
Southern/Medit. Europe	6,39,703	45.87
Albania	1,902	66.37
Andorra	1,698	98.42
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	45.74
Croatia	13,969	85.65
Cyprus	12,920	105.80
Greece	37,150	30.61
Israel	32,715	86.12
Italy	2,17,002	59.31
Malta	18,776	145.95
Montenegro	879	100.74
North Macedonia	510	52.09
Portugal	39,431	93.08
San Marino	123	74.91
Serbia	7,198	80.77
Slovenia	2,796	56.41
Spain	1,08,377	43.31
Turkiye	1,43,167	20.62
Vatican City	131	39.72
Western Europe	10,29,705	48.27
Austria	44,780	32.84
Belgium	35,293	64.41
France	2,26,521	29.10
Germany	4,21,457	70.19
Liechtenstein	52	143.04
Luxembourg	7,572	90.72
Monaco	404	60.70
Netherlands	1,38,804	59.98
Switzerland	1,54,822	25.14



Table 3.8.1 continued...

	INDs from India	Average Duration of Stay (in Days)
Middle East	1,46,81,057	62.48
Bahrain	3,79,204	85.97
Egypt	50,166	35.07
Iraq	98,870	31.48
Jordan	21,480	42.68
Kuwait	9,06,965	96.56
Lebanon	4,131	143.99
Libya	418	65.76
Oman	8,64,251	81.29
Palestine	11	103.40
Qatar	11,40,407	75.53
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	54.99
Syria	296	65.85
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	59.26
Yemen	3,651	40.03
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	45.86
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	50.71

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

Table 3.8.2 presents a comprehensive overview of the duration of stay patterns of Indian nationals departing to various global regions and countries in 2024. The data is categorized by percentage share across different brackets of stay: 0-1 day, 2-3 days, 4-7 days, 1-2 weeks, 2-4 weeks and more than 1 month.

Middle East with the highest volume of departures (14.68 million), saw a dominant share of >1 month stays (30.6%), reflecting a strong Indian workforce presence in countries like UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar. However, short-term categories also have meaningful shares, especially in countries like Oman, Kuwait, and Bahrain, reflecting frequent business or family trips.

Americas with over 3.17 million departures, the >1 month stay category dominates (34.08%), particularly in North America (Canada and USA), where a high proportion (Canada: 29.51%, USA: 36.28%) stayed long-term.

Asia and the Pacific, which accounted for over 8.38 million departures, displayed a clear tilt towards shorter visits. South-East Asia (notably Thailand and Singapore) recorded the highest concentration of 4-7 day stays (Thailand: 59.73%, Singapore: 24.82%), aligning with holiday tourism trends. North-East Asia countries like Japan, China, and Korea (ROK) show more diversified durations, with a significant number of visitors in the 1-2 week and >1 month brackets. In South Asia, Bangladesh stands out for an overwhelming 38.01% share in 0-1 day trips, suggesting frequent cross-border day visits, while Sri Lanka and Bhutan see extended tourist stays.



Europe: Among nearly 3.88 million departures to Europe, duration patterns were more evenly spread. Central/Eastern Europe had the highest share of 4–7 day stays, especially in Azerbaijan (72.63%), indicative of short leisure/business travel. Northern and Western Europe showed a high proportion of >1 month stays—especially the UK (28.75%), Germany (28.13%), and Netherlands (30.78%)—which can be attributed to academic and employment purposes. Southern/Mediterranean Europe recorded more tourist-oriented durations, with countries like Greece and Spain showing high shares in the 1–2 week range.

Table 3.8.2 : Average Duration of Stay of Indian Nationals' Departures (INDs) from India to Selected Countries and Territories, 2024

(Grouped by Duration of Stay in Days – in Percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Africa	6,20,740	0.76	1.92	14.54	14.24	6.72	29.40	32.43
North Africa	23,100	0.37	0.98	12.23	21.96	11.42	30.16	22.89
Algeria	5,079	0.24	0.51	10.16	9.63	6.93	40.11	32.43
Morocco	11,214	0.28	0.82	14.46	31.30	14.20	24.07	14.88
Sudan	4,269	0.84	0.84	1.80	9.98	11.36	39.85	35.32
Tunisia	2,538	0.28	2.84	24.03	25.49	8.20	20.92	18.24
Sub-Saharan Africa	5,97,640	0.77	1.95	14.63	13.94	6.54	29.37	32.80
Angola	12,889	0.09	0.48	3.10	3.74	8.87	48.65	35.08
Benin	4,019	0.02	0.50	4.38	7.39	6.15	36.75	44.81
Botswana	6,400	0.02	2.03	6.38	5.67	4.00	41.17	40.73
Burkina Faso	1,983	0.05	0.35	3.83	7.41	6.40	32.07	49.87
Burundi	1,209	0.00	0.66	4.96	9.26	6.20	30.52	48.39
Cabo Verde	346	0.00	2.02	5.20	4.05	5.78	31.50	51.45
Cameroon	4,214	0.12	0.97	4.86	8.04	7.07	32.44	46.49
Centr. African Rep.	574	0.35	1.22	8.89	7.14	3.31	50.35	28.75
Chad	683	0.59	1.76	18.30	18.16	9.37	28.55	23.28
Comoros	475	0.21	2.32	9.89	8.84	6.53	37.89	34.32
Congo	24,142	0.21	0.58	2.95	3.74	4.52	34.37	53.63
Cote d'Ivoire	8,616	0.07	0.22	3.71	6.86	6.58	48.94	33.61
Dem. Rep. Congo	6,025	0.27	0.75	3.47	3.30	4.40	33.86	53.96
Djibouti	1,626	0.31	1.11	5.23	4.18	4.31	39.67	45.20
Equatorial Guinea	561	0.71	0.00	1.43	1.96	14.62	47.77	33.51
Eritrea	461	0.22	3.69	10.41	6.94	4.56	28.63	45.55
Eswatini	819	0.37	1.71	5.49	8.67	4.03	25.15	54.58
Ethiopia	13,157	0.37	3.29	12.80	12.31	9.99	29.91	31.32
Gabon	5,694	1.40	5.27	24.24	11.75	4.67	25.06	27.61



Table 3.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Gambia	1,655	0.12	0.24	2.96	4.71	5.08	27.13	59.76
Ghana	17,074	0.08	0.44	6.18	8.79	6.35	34.00	44.15
Guinea	4,989	0.06	0.10	3.53	6.07	7.20	34.22	48.83
Guinea-Bissau	355	0.00	0.00	4.23	4.23	7.04	41.97	42.54
Kenya	81,976	2.89	4.02	20.78	23.34	7.50	21.83	19.64
Lesotho	283	0.00	0.71	6.01	1.41	4.24	21.55	66.08
Liberia	4,990	0.08	0.10	2.34	4.55	5.33	25.49	62.10
Madagascar	4,502	0.31	1.64	9.40	14.57	10.17	33.14	30.76
Malawi	12,377	0.50	4.10	19.73	10.33	5.07	21.27	39.00
Mali	2,829	1.63	3.50	9.40	7.42	5.83	31.46	40.76
Mauritania	2,046	0.68	2.35	35.73	11.09	4.20	21.51	24.44
Mauritius	66,179	1.78	4.75	47.03	10.45	3.18	14.73	18.08
Mozambique	10,200	0.09	0.39	3.15	5.01	5.69	46.88	38.79
Namibia	8,907	2.50	3.94	17.12	12.60	6.69	26.52	30.63
Niger	2,596	0.08	0.35	5.12	6.63	5.43	44.99	37.40
Nigeria	49,310	0.05	0.43	3.88	5.35	5.67	45.37	39.26
Reunion	467	0.43	1.93	11.56	38.54	7.92	20.34	19.27
Rwanda	5,005	0.06	1.02	11.43	13.51	10.07	31.87	32.05
Sao Tome & Principe	229	0.87	2.62	4.37	13.97	14.41	24.45	39.30
Senegal	6,183	0.08	0.49	5.30	8.46	9.30	38.74	37.64
Seychelles	15,843	0.17	0.54	24.04	11.10	1.87	15.05	47.23
Sierra Leone	5,372	0.95	2.31	10.03	10.55	5.90	26.99	43.26
Somalia	2,520	0.08	0.95	8.57	6.03	5.16	37.98	41.23
South Africa	72,053	0.11	0.76	11.86	33.96	8.95	22.74	21.62
South Sudan	5,873	0.03	0.14	1.80	1.60	1.50	52.82	42.11
Tanzania	42,021	0.11	1.66	9.95	15.44	7.59	30.90	34.35
Togo	3,412	0.00	0.59	3.87	5.74	4.81	39.07	45.93
Uganda	43,489	0.41	1.50	7.91	9.02	7.43	33.71	40.02
Zambia	24,920	0.05	0.67	5.70	7.97	7.06	33.54	45.01
Zimbabwe	6,092	0.15	1.46	11.00	18.68	12.80	30.71	25.20
Americas	31,79,012	0.12	1.50	2.58	5.54	7.51	34.08	48.67
Caribbean	30,628	3.89	3.99	16.19	9.50	5.26	25.53	35.62
Anguilla	35	0.00	0.00	8.57	14.29	2.86	25.71	48.57
Antigua & Barbuda	230	0.43	0.43	3.04	3.04	4.78	49.57	38.70
Aruba	308	0.00	0.97	4.55	3.57	2.60	44.81	43.51



Table 3.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Bahamas	10,382	7.13	3.92	11.17	7.42	6.28	27.47	36.61
Barbados	1,959	8.93	2.60	4.13	5.05	5.62	42.32	31.34
Bermuda	725	0.28	0.28	1.10	2.07	5.93	37.38	52.97
Brit. Virgin Islands	245	0.82	2.04	29.80	33.47	3.27	8.98	21.63
Cayman Islands	1,135	0.18	0.44	0.53	2.20	1.32	21.15	74.19
Cuba	664	0.15	0.60	2.56	5.57	3.77	17.32	70.03
Curacao	498	0.00	0.40	1.81	1.41	2.61	45.78	47.99
Dominica	387	0.78	1.81	8.79	10.85	9.30	35.14	33.33
Dominican Rep.	475	2.11	0.63	4.21	9.89	4.84	39.79	38.53
Grenada	121	1.65	0.00	2.48	7.44	2.48	31.40	54.55
Guadeloupe	32	0.00	0.00	6.25	6.25	3.13	40.63	43.75
Haiti	4,414	3.31	8.97	41.66	16.92	4.08	12.39	12.66
Jamaica	5,221	1.76	4.85	24.32	14.19	4.96	19.52	30.40
Martinique	548	0.00	0.91	4.93	3.83	3.28	36.86	50.18
Montserrat	12	0.00	0.00	16.67	8.33	25.00	0.00	50.00
Neth. Antilles	284	0.00	0.70	7.04	13.03	10.21	35.21	33.80
Puerto Rico	290	0.00	0.34	2.76	4.48	4.83	53.45	34.14
Saint Lucia	242	0.00	0.41	0.83	2.89	2.89	23.97	69.01
St. Kitts & Nevis	495	0.20	4.04	14.34	4.24	3.43	16.36	57.37
St. Vincent & Gren.	51	0.00	0.00	1.96	15.69	21.57	29.41	31.37
Trinidad & Tobago	1,690	0.83	3.08	16.04	8.70	7.10	24.79	39.47
Turks & Caicos	160	0.00	1.25	2.50	4.38	2.50	15.63	73.75
US Virgin Islands	25	4.00	4.00	32.00	12.00	4.00	16.00	28.00
Central America	10,247	0.67	1.59	7.25	7.86	4.19	35.00	43.45
Belize	195	1.54	0.51	3.08	8.72	6.15	24.10	55.90
Costa Rica	877	0.34	0.11	4.22	23.15	11.06	25.31	35.80
El Salvador	222	0.90	1.80	2.25	5.86	4.50	29.73	54.95
Guatemala	330	0.30	0.30	4.85	30.91	17.58	17.88	28.18
Honduras	1,419	1.97	7.96	36.43	19.80	5.64	18.11	10.08
Nicaragua	560	1.96	3.93	18.21	11.79	5.54	26.43	32.14
Panama	6,644	0.32	0.32	0.90	1.85	2.12	41.95	52.54
North America	31,01,229	0.08	1.48	2.38	5.35	7.50	34.19	49.03
Canada	9,45,652	0.08	1.42	0.79	1.70	4.41	29.51	62.09
Mexico	11,668	0.29	1.19	4.59	12.06	9.52	28.92	43.43
United States	21,43,909	0.08	1.51	3.07	6.92	8.85	36.28	43.30



Table 3.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
South America	36,908	0.60	1.08	7.20	17.45	11.00	31.92	30.75
Argentina	2,148	0.51	0.98	9.08	20.44	27.19	22.25	19.55
Bolivia	760	3.95	1.45	3.42	5.79	3.16	11.84	70.39
Brazil	16,835	0.14	0.27	6.62	18.91	12.52	38.29	23.26
Chile	3,607	0.53	1.14	12.50	19.99	8.40	30.72	26.73
Colombia	2,256	1.95	4.57	10.42	26.42	11.92	23.94	20.79
Ecuador	525	0.95	0.76	3.43	8.00	8.38	30.86	47.62
French Guiana	150	0.00	8.00	14.00	36.00	9.33	14.00	18.67
Guyana	3,543	0.54	0.79	1.75	3.22	4.74	31.95	57.01
Paraguay	469	0.00	1.07	16.63	39.23	10.23	16.20	16.63
Peru	2,107	0.28	0.24	5.03	27.57	14.71	28.14	24.02
Suriname	1,636	2.51	3.61	2.81	2.63	2.38	16.75	69.32
Uruguay	1,943	0.46	1.18	4.73	8.34	5.46	35.51	44.31
Venezuela	929	1.61	4.31	22.93	30.03	4.63	18.41	18.08
Asia and the Pacific	83,84,372	5.38	8.49	35.75	18.48	5.49	13.82	12.58
North-East Asia	7,64,211	1.12	4.55	30.01	31.41	6.94	15.26	10.71
China	2,58,082	0.72	2.89	32.86	38.99	8.25	10.79	5.50
Hong Kong (China)	2,21,575	2.24	8.33	39.14	20.48	4.85	15.91	9.05
Japan	1,81,029	0.44	2.08	17.64	39.85	7.72	15.98	16.30
Korea (DPRK)	1,363	0.66	3.60	16.95	15.19	4.70	28.83	30.08
Korea (ROK)	65,007	1.06	5.11	23.03	22.82	6.97	23.18	17.84
Macao (China)	4,607	1.30	6.84	32.86	15.04	5.06	17.43	21.47
Mongolia	3,199	0.06	0.78	8.00	11.60	7.22	60.64	11.69
Taiwan (PR. of China)	28,859	0.57	4.51	30.03	19.81	6.76	21.96	16.36
Tibet	490	1.63	7.55	55.51	17.76	3.88	5.92	7.76
Oceania	8,09,476	0.19	1.89	2.65	8.34	8.56	34.20	44.16
American Samoa	170	0.59	0.59	9.41	12.94	7.65	35.88	32.94
Australia	6,61,405	0.15	2.25	2.78	8.16	8.86	35.58	42.22
Cook Islands	26	0.00	0.00	3.85	15.38	0.00	3.85	76.92
Fiji	2,764	1.30	2.35	10.35	19.07	8.72	28.51	29.70
French Polynesia	31	0.00	3.23	3.23	9.68	3.23	51.61	29.03
Guam	23	0.00	4.35	4.35	0.00	0.00	65.22	26.09
Kiribati	108	0.93	0.00	7.41	1.85	5.56	31.48	52.78
Marshall Islands	94	0.00	2.13	20.21	3.19	5.32	35.11	34.04



Table 3.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Micronesia FSM	130	1.54	3.08	12.31	13.85	6.15	25.38	37.69
N. Mariana Islands	216	0.00	0.00	6.02	36.11	10.19	23.15	24.54
Nauru	538	2.42	5.76	16.54	13.20	7.81	23.42	30.86
New Caledonia	1,660	0.96	1.51	4.22	9.04	7.41	25.24	51.63
New Zealand	1,36,532	0.26	0.15	1.35	8.62	7.12	27.81	54.69
Niue	47	2.13	2.13	10.64	14.89	2.13	34.04	34.04
Palau	108	0.93	0.93	6.48	31.48	9.26	18.52	32.41
Papua New Guinea	2,345	0.51	0.04	1.88	6.01	10.58	53.90	27.08
Samoa	139	1.44	0.00	10.07	15.11	6.47	30.22	36.69
Solomon Islands	243	0.00	2.47	13.99	19.75	8.23	28.40	27.16
Tonga	65	0.00	1.54	20.00	7.69	10.77	21.54	38.46
Tuvalu	31	0.00	0.00	9.68	3.23	19.35	51.61	16.13
Vanuatu	2,801	4.14	3.28	22.35	22.42	7.39	19.21	21.21
South Asia	15,75,071	19.05	15.62	28.33	11.93	7.26	8.53	9.28
Afghanistan	4,505	1.38	5.08	14.76	10.48	13.34	26.55	28.41
Bangladesh	5,55,680	38.01	9.18	13.41	13.23	13.36	10.35	2.46
Bhutan	23,740	2.58	12.38	63.65	8.91	1.60	3.19	7.69
Iran	23,331	0.34	1.32	7.24	16.42	23.16	20.61	30.91
Maldives	1,97,496	7.02	22.58	32.95	2.71	1.61	15.00	18.12
Nepal	3,09,207	11.53	19.35	29.71	7.78	2.50	5.48	23.65
Pakistan	30,620	0.61	0.47	3.58	49.71	30.87	10.35	4.42
Sri Lanka	4,30,492	8.92	20.19	45.60	14.69	3.09	4.73	2.78
South-East Asia	52,35,614	2.70	7.95	43.93	20.14	4.28	12.05	8.96
Brunei	15,939	0.16	1.04	2.38	3.16	5.04	39.14	49.08
Cambodia	28,660	2.11	7.67	26.20	26.37	5.32	15.89	16.44
Indonesia	4,98,675	1.18	3.03	53.42	33.38	2.51	4.18	2.31
Laos	3,371	3.56	4.95	22.55	19.76	8.31	19.19	21.68
Malaysia	7,65,344	0.94	9.96	41.96	17.95	6.46	10.89	11.83
Myanmar	11,465	6.26	9.21	22.13	15.20	10.14	26.98	10.07
Philippines	68,354	0.21	2.32	19.93	17.12	6.43	24.42	29.57
Singapore	15,34,984	3.00	4.96	24.82	14.76	6.86	27.36	18.24
Thailand	19,08,520	3.76	11.60	59.73	17.63	1.97	3.02	2.29
Timor-Leste	1,629	3.81	4.73	12.83	13.38	4.05	19.09	42.11
Vietnam	3,98,673	2.14	5.53	41.83	41.38	2.73	4.37	2.02
Europe	38,83,311	0.40	3.31	12.58	19.06	8.06	22.06	34.53



Table 3.8.2 continued...

(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Central/Eastern Europe	6,03,420	0.96	2.47	36.92	17.02	3.75	11.91	26.98
Armenia	15,583	0.39	1.30	12.31	8.82	6.22	28.13	42.84
Azerbaijan	1,56,882	0.83	2.39	72.63	20.00	1.66	1.54	0.94
Belarus	2,836	0.56	1.34	11.04	10.72	6.73	28.56	41.04
Bulgaria	3,086	0.03	0.91	12.41	13.87	7.32	23.82	41.64
Czech Republic	21,110	0.08	0.99	19.18	30.73	9.89	16.85	22.26
Estonia	2,713	0.07	0.70	10.87	14.85	8.04	29.05	36.42
Georgia	53,774	0.44	3.05	25.47	28.96	3.07	11.60	27.41
Hungary	23,777	0.12	3.93	26.11	26.10	7.80	12.80	23.15
Kazakhstan	92,727	1.62	3.82	55.74	15.50	2.79	8.35	12.18
Kyrgyzstan	18,773	0.10	1.23	10.47	5.41	3.00	14.33	65.46
Latvia	5,296	0.02	0.81	3.59	4.32	4.04	20.96	66.26
Lithuania	6,198	0.16	0.24	2.98	3.10	2.65	27.02	63.84
Poland	32,731	0.09	0.92	9.58	14.73	7.13	25.12	42.43
Rep. Moldova	1,258	0.24	2.70	5.33	3.97	2.46	15.10	70.19
Romania	10,213	0.03	0.54	7.33	8.05	3.62	18.21	62.21
Russian Federation	92,902	0.64	2.26	10.95	10.40	3.68	16.98	55.09
Slovakia	4,482	0.29	0.58	6.67	8.37	4.71	22.11	57.27
Tajikistan	3,746	1.09	2.86	19.97	10.04	5.07	14.31	46.66
Turkmenistan	765	0.92	3.01	11.50	9.02	34.38	30.72	10.46
Ukraine	1,134	0.71	6.17	5.91	6.00	4.67	25.75	50.79
Uzbekistan	53,434	3.55	2.87	23.61	15.83	4.51	16.00	33.64
Northern Europe	16,10,483	0.41	3.81	4.45	12.26	8.31	28.76	42.00
Denmark	40,839	0.03	6.03	10.11	18.60	9.47	27.48	28.28
Finland	30,510	0.07	10.31	9.53	27.84	8.12	18.75	25.38
Iceland	9,262	0.84	1.82	9.99	40.73	11.05	14.83	20.74
Ireland	1,21,550	0.04	0.07	1.70	4.58	4.32	33.02	56.28
Norway	29,460	0.06	0.40	6.94	31.98	11.86	25.08	23.68
Sweden	56,014	0.04	0.46	7.50	15.82	10.74	30.35	35.09
United Kingdom	13,22,848	0.49	4.17	4.19	11.62	8.44	28.75	42.35
Southern/Medit. Europe	6,39,703	0.12	2.63	12.93	26.30	6.60	14.36	37.06
Albania	1,902	0.21	1.10	7.89	9.41	3.42	14.98	62.99
Andorra	1,698	1.12	2.59	5.71	4.53	4.12	29.98	51.94
Bosnia & Herzg.	959	1.15	2.09	12.10	10.74	3.23	10.74	59.96



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(in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Croatia	13,969	0.10	0.56	3.14	11.73	3.70	13.01	67.75
Cyprus	12,920	0.07	0.62	3.41	3.36	2.28	16.93	73.33
Greece	37,150	0.08	0.76	14.95	42.26	8.71	9.83	23.42
Israel	32,715	0.54	2.20	2.22	2.88	1.44	9.49	81.23
Italy	2,17,002	0.06	2.20	8.41	18.73	7.07	16.23	47.30
Malta	18,776	0.12	0.25	2.41	2.93	1.70	24.17	68.42
Montenegro	879	0.46	0.11	4.21	13.08	4.55	37.54	40.05
North Macedonia	510	0.00	0.20	6.27	8.04	3.33	12.55	69.61
Portugal	39,431	0.03	0.49	8.37	14.60	5.66	23.65	47.20
San Marino	123	0.81	2.44	1.63	10.57	12.20	18.70	53.66
Serbia	7,198	0.19	0.61	6.46	6.77	3.67	13.66	68.64
Slovenia	2,796	0.04	0.36	9.87	19.74	6.44	16.49	47.07
Spain	1,08,377	0.08	0.66	15.26	32.79	10.98	16.39	23.83
Turkiye	1,43,167	0.16	6.85	25.01	45.68	5.05	8.02	9.23
Vatican City	131	0.00	6.11	32.06	21.37	6.87	25.19	8.40
Western Europe	10,29,705	0.22	3.43	10.82	26.41	11.09	22.33	25.70
Austria	44,780	0.08	3.13	14.76	37.30	12.42	14.19	18.11
Belgium	35,293	0.14	0.74	9.10	17.30	10.76	29.58	32.39
France	2,26,521	0.09	5.46	12.49	40.35	13.22	13.37	15.03
Germany	4,21,457	0.05	3.44	8.53	14.02	8.26	28.13	37.58
Liechtenstein	52	0.00	0.00	7.69	1.92	3.85	34.62	51.92
Luxembourg	7,572	0.09	0.37	3.82	7.29	8.69	39.13	40.61
Monaco	404	0.74	2.72	12.62	20.79	7.43	32.18	23.51
Netherlands	1,38,804	0.06	2.68	9.75	18.70	11.59	30.78	26.46
Switzerland	1,54,822	1.09	1.95	15.14	46.56	15.10	11.92	8.25
Middle East	1,46,81,057	2.24	2.47	8.45	9.02	8.55	30.59	38.68
Bahrain	3,79,204	2.15	1.95	3.32	3.99	5.33	32.98	50.28
Egypt	50,166	0.24	1.95	20.78	36.10	7.42	18.26	15.25
Iraq	98,870	0.09	0.20	1.95	48.25	20.68	14.67	14.16
Jordan	21,480	0.21	2.72	9.31	23.09	3.49	14.12	47.06
Kuwait	9,06,965	1.35	1.64	1.47	2.56	5.97	30.32	56.70
Lebanon	4,131	0.15	0.70	1.84	3.12	4.14	43.28	46.77
Libya	418	0.00	0.00	2.15	3.11	3.59	18.90	72.25
Oman	8,64,251	2.92	1.49	3.55	5.01	6.89	35.63	44.50
Palestine	11	0.00	0.00	18.18	0.00	0.00	27.27	54.55



Table 3.8.2 continued... (in percentage)

	INDs from India	0-1 Day	2-3 Days	4-7 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-4 Weeks	> 1 Month	Not Known
Qatar	11,40,407	2.73	2.22	3.41	4.63	8.91	37.46	40.64
Saudi Arabia	34,23,711	1.10	1.46	1.36	15.44	13.42	27.42	39.80
Syria	296	0.00	1.35	11.15	17.91	17.91	33.11	18.58
Utd Arab Emirates	77,87,496	2.74	3.22	13.92	7.58	6.87	30.66	35.02
Yemen	3,651	1.84	4.05	16.08	14.27	10.63	19.42	33.72
Others Not Classified Elsewhere	1,36,556	15.58	3.83	6.98	9.58	12.10	31.44	20.49
Grand Total	3,08,85,048	2.67	4.11	15.89	12.60	7.53	25.30	31.89

Source: Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Govt. of India

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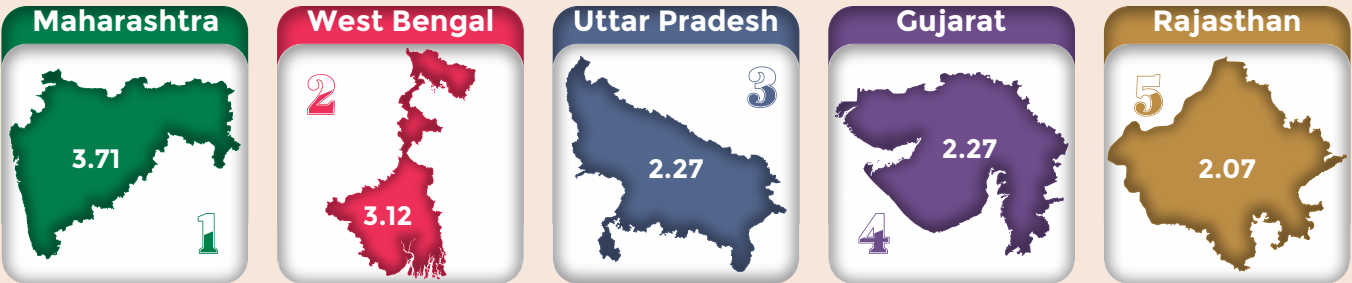
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Domestic Tourism

Top 5 States/UTs
Domestic Tourists Visits (in Million)



Foreign Tourists Visits (in Million)



Most Popular Centrally Protected Ticketed Monument





Domestic Tourism

Ministry of Tourism compiles the number of Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits to different States and Union Territories (UTs) based on the information received from them. The compilation of domestic tourism statistics is undertaken by the Departments of Tourism of State Governments /UT Administrations. These statistics are generally based on the monthly returns collected from hotels and other accommodation establishments.

All India trends and data obtained from other administrative sources like Bureau of Immigration have also been appropriately used to estimate domestic and foreign tourist visits to the States/UTs, wherever required.

4.1. Domestic And Foreign Tourist Visits

Table 4.1.1 indicates the trends in domestic and foreign tourist visits to States/UTs during the period 1991 to 2024, along with the annual growth rates.

Domestic tourist visits have shown a sustained upward trend, recording a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9.89% across all States/UTs during the period 2011–2024. The numbers rose consistently between 2011 and 2019, before witnessing a sharp decline in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, domestic tourist visits rebounded strongly thereafter, registering positive growth of 11.05% in 2021, 155.45% in 2022, 45.04% in 2023, and 17.51% in 2024. Foreign tourist visits have also grown in the long run, though their overall CAGR during 2011–2024 was modest at 0.55%. While temporary declines were recorded in 2001, 2012, 2020, and 2021, the subsequent recovery was notable, with foreign tourist visits increasing by 124.06% in 2023 and a further 8.84% in 2024 over the previous year.

Table 4.1.1 : Domestic & Foreign Tourist Visits to States / UTs during 1991, 2001, 2011 – 2024

Year	Tourist Visits		Annual Growth Rate	
	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1991	66670303	3146652	-	-
2001	236469599	5436261	7.43	-7.76
2011	864532718	19497126	15.63	8.86
2012	1045047536	18263074	20.88	-6.33
2013	1142529465	19951026	9.33	9.24
2014	1282801629	22334031	12.28	11.94
2015	1431973794	23326163	11.63	4.44
2016	1615388619	24714503	12.81	5.95
2017	1657546152	26886684	2.61	8.79
2018	1853787719	28851130	11.84	7.31
2019	2321982663	31408666	25.26	8.86
2020	610216157	7171769	-73.72	-77.17
2021	677632981	1054642	11.05	-85.29
2022	1731013539	8587562	155.45	714.26
2023 [®]	2508817710	19241212	44.93	124.06
2024	2948190825	20942074	17.51	8.84

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Figure 4.1.1 : Year wise Domestic Tourist Visits in Million

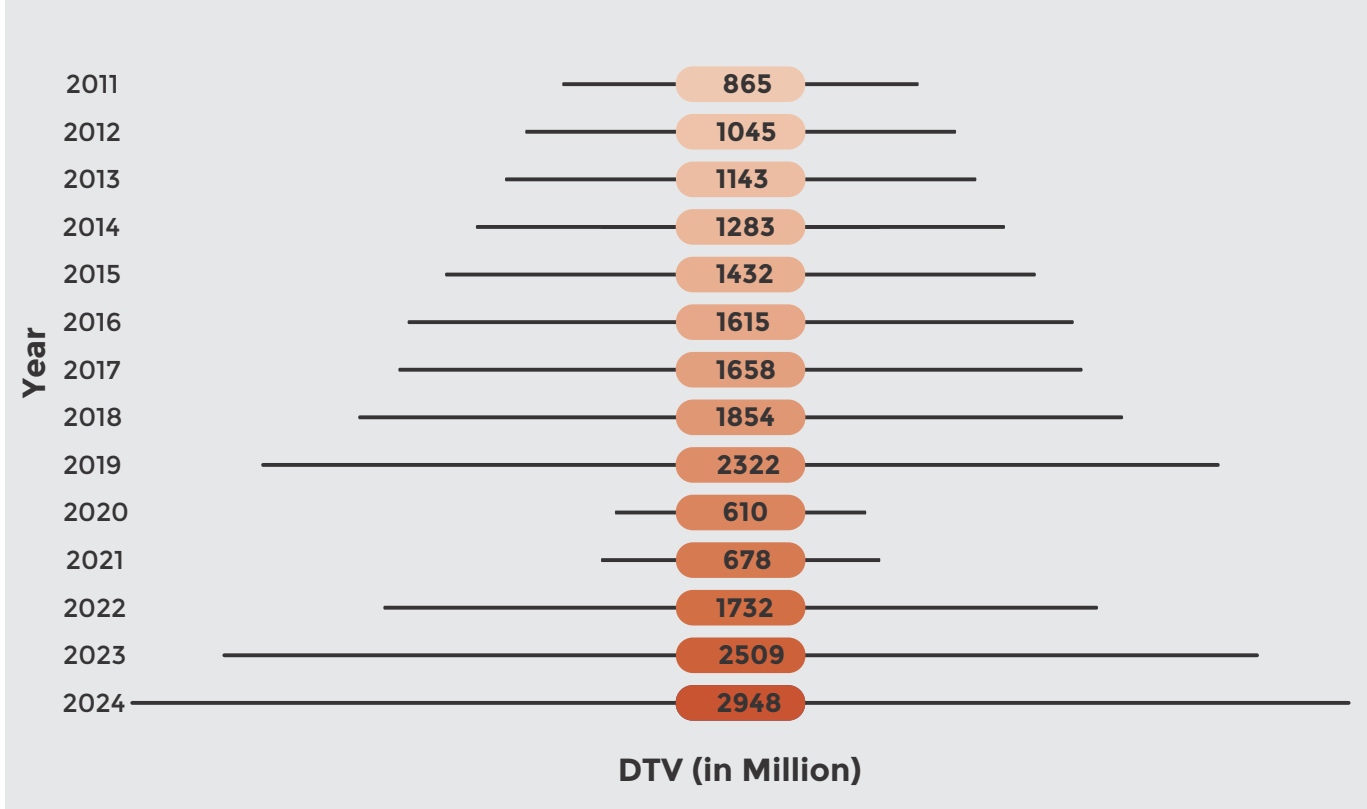


Figure 4.1.2 : Year wise Foreign Tourist Visits in Million

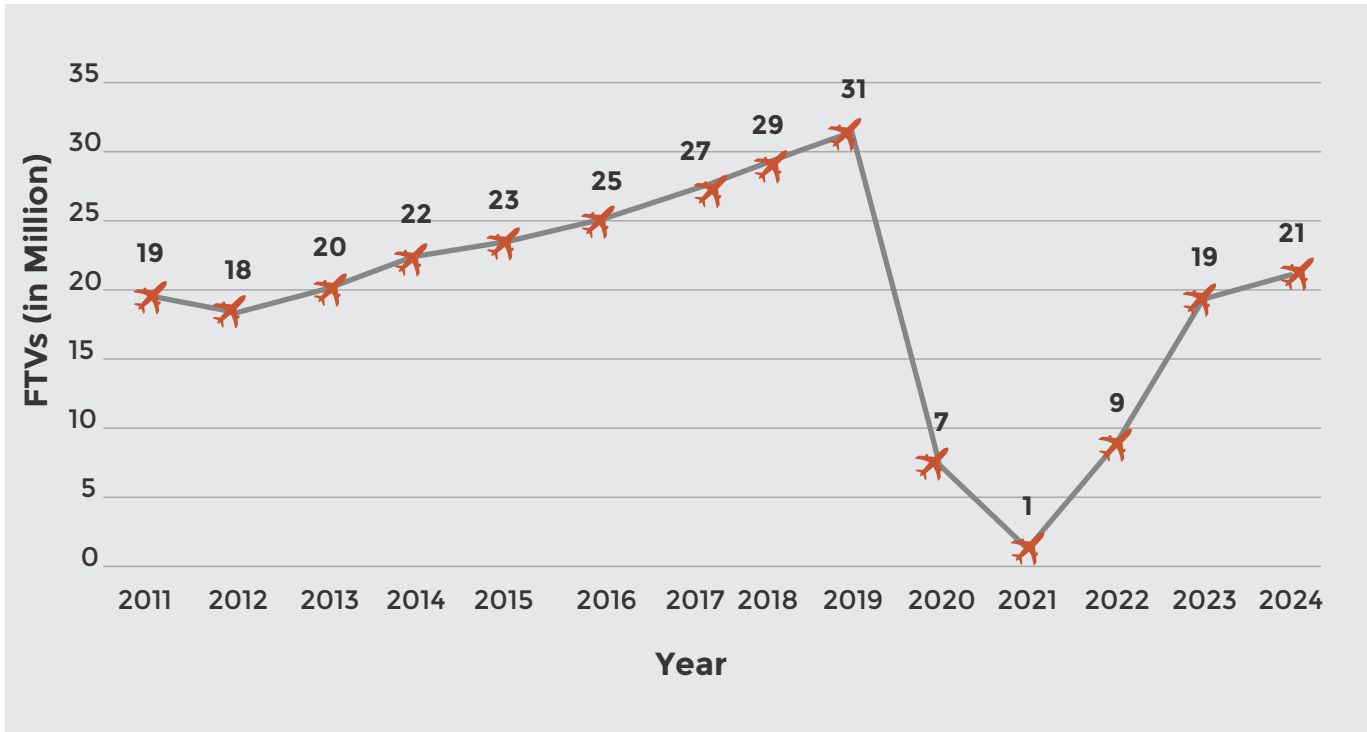




Table 4.1.2 indicates the State/UT-wise distribution of domestic and foreign tourist visits during 2023 and 2024, highlighting the growth rates over the previous year as well as the percentage share of each State/UT in total domestic and foreign tourist visits in 2024.

For domestic tourist visits, the top five States were Uttar Pradesh (646.81 million; 21.94%), Tamil Nadu (306.84 million; 10.41%), Karnataka (304.56 million; 10.33%), Andhra Pradesh (290.27 million; 9.85%), and Rajasthan (230.08 million; 7.80%). Together, these States accounted for 60.38% of the total domestic tourist visits in the country.

In the case of foreign tourist visits, the leading States were Maharashtra (3.70 million; 17.69%), West Bengal (3.12 million; 14.92%), Uttar Pradesh (2.27 million; 10.83%), Gujarat (2.27 million; 10.86%), and Rajasthan (2.07 million; 9.90%). Collectively, these five States/UTs attracted 64.34% of the total foreign tourist visits during 2024.

Table 4.1.2 : State/UT-wise Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits, 2023-2024

(in Million)

S.No	State/U.T.	2023		2024		Growth Rate		% Share 2024	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	DTV 2024/23	FTV 2024/23	DTV	FTV
NORTH									
1	Chandigarh	0.366	0.031	0.999	0.039	173.15	24.00	0.03	0.19
2	Delhi*	39.415	1.828	46.257	1.999	17.36	9.37	1.57	9.55
3	Haryana	2.012	0.001	1.892	0.001	-5.96	-59.66	0.06	0.00
4	Himachal Pradesh	15.942	0.063	18.042	0.083	13.17	31.78	0.61	0.40
5	Jammu & Pradesh	20.679	0.055	23.013	0.065	11.28	18.28	0.78	0.31
6	Ladakh (#)	0.4891	0.0363	0.3367	0.0397	-31.16	9.33	0.01	0.19
7	Punjab	35.708	0.742	27.745	0.542	-22.30	-26.96	0.94	2.59
8	Rajasthan	179.052	1.700	230.084	2.072	28.50	21.92	7.80	9.90
9	Uttar Pradesh	478.526	1.602	646.807	2.269	35.17	41.68	21.94	10.83
10	Uttarakhand (#)	57.571	0.143	60.849	0.139	5.69	-2.55	2.06	0.67
	Total	829.759	6.202	1056.025	7.250	27.27	16.90	35.82	34.62
EAST									
11	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.323	0.009	0.710	0.011	119.81	27.39	0.02	0.05
12	Bihar	81.586	0.547	65.463	0.737	-19.76	34.79	2.22	3.52
13	Jharkhand	35.776	0.189	54.041	0.045	51.05	-76.08	1.83	0.22
14	Odisha	9.7252	0.0452	10.9988	0.0879	13.10	94.48	0.37	0.42
15	West Bengal	145.669	2.707	184.476	3.124	26.64	15.42	6.26	14.92
	Total	273.079	3.497	315.689	4.006	15.60	14.55	10.71	19.13



Table 4.1.2 continued...

(in Million)

S.No	State/U.T.	2023		2024		Growth Rate		% Share 2024	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	DTV 2024/23	FTV 2024/23	DTV	FTV
NORTH EAST									
16	Arunachal Pradesh (#)	1.041	0.004	0.870	0.005	-16.40	4.85	0.03	0.02
17	Assam	7.613	0.024	7.608	0.027	-0.06	14.07	0.26	0.13
18	Manipur	0.058	0.004	0.029	0.003	-49.56	-31.35	0.00	0.01
19	Meghalaya	1.403	0.020	1.586	0.023	13.04	15.24	0.05	0.11
20	Mizoram (#)	0.209	0.004	0.422	0.005	101.74	44.22	0.01	0.03
21	Nagaland	0.100	0.005	0.126	0.006	25.87	19.01	0.00	0.03
22	Sikkim	1.321	0.094	1.540	0.085	16.60	-9.68	0.05	0.41
23	Tripura	0.366	0.067	0.601	0.091	64.07	36.15	0.02	0.43
	Total	12.110	0.221	12.781	0.244	5.54	10.43	0.43	1.17
West and Central									
24	Chhattisgarh	26.022	0.001	31.488	0.003	21.00	265.69	1.07	0.02
25	Goa	8.175	0.453	9.941	0.468	21.60	3.36	0.34	2.23
26	Gujarat	178.067	2.807	184.014	2.274	3.34	-18.97	6.24	10.86
27	Madhya Pradesh	111.946	0.183	133.176	0.168	18.96	-8.29	4.52	0.80
28	Maharashtra*	161.360	3.388	189.372	3.705	17.36	9.37	6.42	17.69
29	UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (#)	1.004	0.004	1.359	0.003	35.30	-35.13	0.05	0.01
	Total	486.574	6.835	549.350	6.621	12.90	-3.13	18.63	31.62
South									
30	Andhra Pradesh	254.706	0.060	290.266	0.262	13.96	334.30	9.85	1.25
31	Karnataka	284.121	0.409	304.564	0.485	7.20	18.54	10.33	2.32
32	Kerala	21.872	0.649	22.247	0.738	1.72	13.76	0.75	3.53
33	Lakshad-weep	0.046	0.001	0.067	0.001	47.24	18.94	0.00	0.00
34	Puducherry	2.092	0.031	2.120	0.018	1.32	-42.91	0.07	0.09
35	Tamil Nadu	286.012	1.175	306.842	1.161	7.28	-1.16	10.41	5.55
36	Telangana	58.448	0.161	88.240	0.155	50.97	-3.48	2.99	0.74
	Total	907.295	2.487	1014.346	2.821	11.80	13.46	34.41	13.47
	Overall	2508.818	19.241	2948.191	20.942	17.51	8.84	100.00	100.00

Source: States/UTs Tourism Department

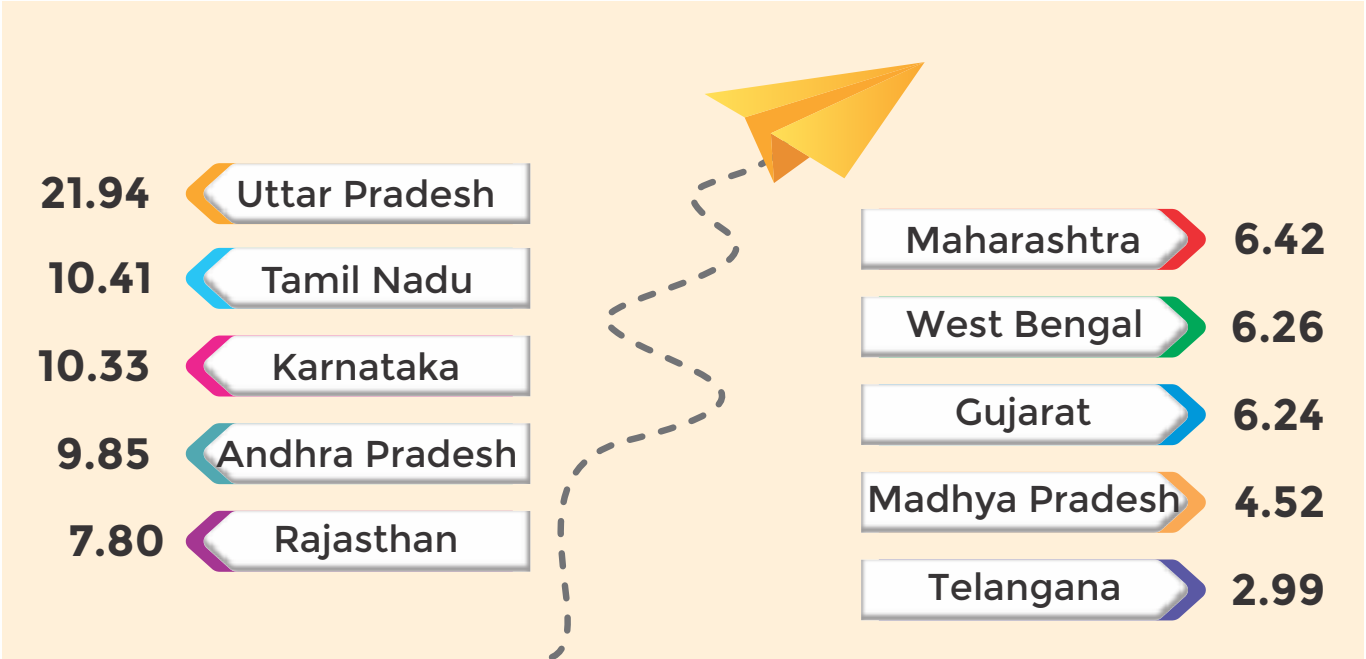
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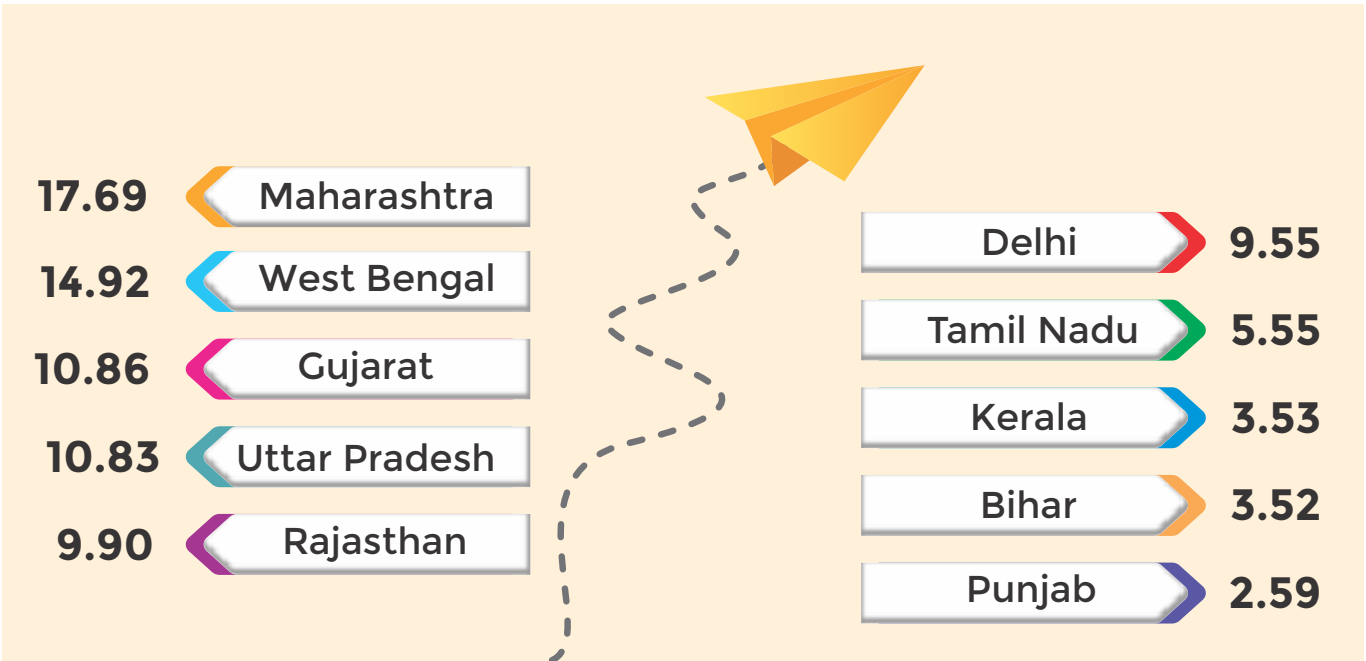


The following graphs show the percentage share of major 10 States/UTs in terms of domestic tourist visits and foreign tourist visits in 2024.

Percentage share of Major 10 States /UTs in Domestic Tourist Visits in 2024



Percentage share of Major 10 States/UTs in Foreign Tourist Visits in 2024





4.2. Visitors to Centrally Protected Ticketed Monuments

The statistics on number of visitors to Centrally Protected Monuments of Archeological monuments are maintained by the office of the Director General, ASI based on the records of number of tickets sold at the monuments to both Indian and foreign nationals.

For the purpose of conservation of monuments, the country has been divided into 33 ASI Circles, each under the jurisdiction of a Superintending Archaeologist. The headquarter office of ASI consolidates the visitor's statistics received from different circles and provides the same to Ministry of Tourism.

Table 4.2.1 : Visitors to Centrally Protected Ticketed Monuments

Year	No. of Centrally Protected Ticketed ASI Monuments	Number of Visitors			Annual Growth Rate		
		Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
1996	68	N.A	N.A	10956764	-	-	-
1997	68	N.A	N.A	15767820	-	-	43.9%
1998	68	N.A	N.A	13317242	-	-	-15.5%
1999	68	N.A	N.A	20502547	-	-	54.0%
2000	126	N.A	N.A	19539127	-	-	-4.7%
2001	126	N.A	N.A	20364901	-	-	4.2%
2002	126	17333055	837012	18170067	-	-	-10.8%
2003	126	19551820	1216615	20768435	12.80%	45.4%	14.3%
2004	116	20356940	1788753	22145693	4.1%	47.0%	6.6%
2005	116	21035864	2122436	23158300	3.3%	18.7%	4.6%
2006	116	23815252	2250502	26065754	13.2%	6.0%	12.6%
2007	116	23450419	2614254	26064673	-1.5%	16.2%	0.0%
2008	117	28786608	2679763	31466371	22.8%	2.5%	20.7%
2009	119	30804103	2195382	32999485	7.0%	-18.1%	4.9%
2010	116	35770242	2998175	38768417	16.1%	36.6%	17.5%
2011	116	40534481	2948065	43482546	13.3%	-1.7%	12.2%
2012	116	43259075	3064778	46323853	6.7%	4.0%	6.5%
2013	116	43019998	2995852	46015850	-0.6%	-2.2%	-0.7%
2014	116	45425859	2792272	48218131	5.6%	-6.8%	4.8%
2015	116	50988730	2620228	53608958	12.2%	-6.2%	11.2%
2016	116	40167938	2379389	42547327	-21.2%	-9.2%	-20.6%
2016-17*	116	45076706	2982601	48059307	12.2%	25.4%	13.0%
2017-18	116	48394768	3397673	51792441	7.4%	13.9%	7.8%
2018-19	116	47316029	3576837	50892866	-2.2%	5.3%	-1.7%
2019-20	116	43607075	2756561	46363636	-7.8%	-22.9%	-8.9%



Table 4.2.1 continued...

Year	No. of Centrally Protected Ticketed ASI Monuments	Number of Visitors			Annual Growth Rate		
		Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
2020-21	116	13153076	415859	13568935	-69.8%	-84.9%	-70.7%
2021-22	144	26046891	116114	26163005	98.0%	-72.0%	92.8%
2022-23	144	47901021	1445363	49346384	83.9%	1144.7%	88.6%
2023-24	145	53090007	2580640	55670647	10.83%	78.55%	12.82%
2024-25	145	54231255	2415000	56646255	2.15%	-6.42%	1.75%

Source: - Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

Among all the monuments, Taj Mahal, Agra (6.26 million) was the most visited monument in 2024 for domestic visitors, followed by Sun Temple, Konark (3.57 million) and Qutub Minar, Delhi (3.20 million).

In respect of foreign visitors, Taj Mahal, Agra (0.65 million) was the most visited monument in 2024, followed by Agra Fort (0.22 million) and Qutub Minar, Delhi (0.22 million).

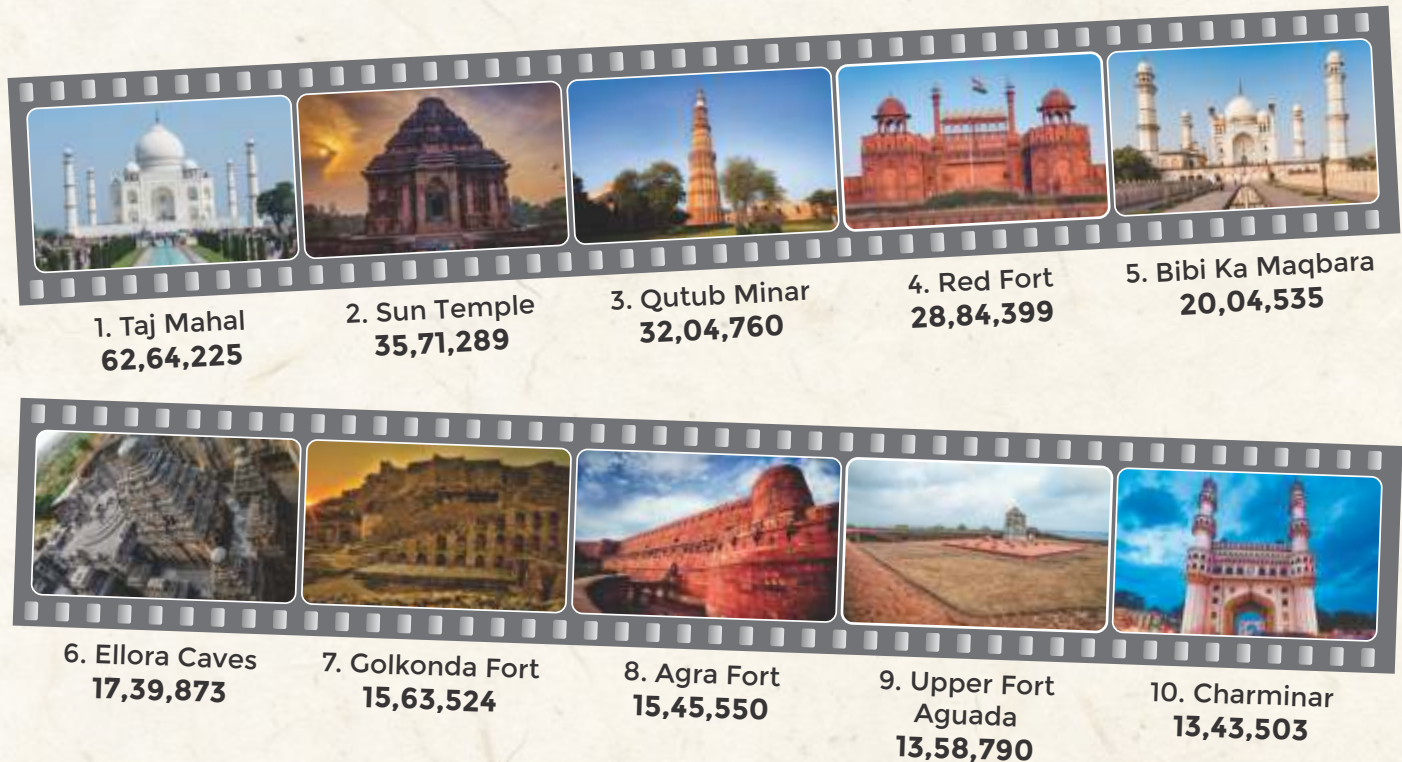
Table 4.2.2 : Domestic and Foreign Visitors at 10 Most Popular Centrally Protected Ticketed ASI Monuments during FY 2024-25

10 Most popular Centrally Ticketed Monuments Domestic Visitors In 2024-25				10 Most popular Centrally Ticketed Monuments Foreign Visitors In 2024-25			
Rank	Name of Monument	No. of Domestic Visitors	% Share	Rank	Name of Monument	No. of Foreign Visitors	% Share
1	Taj Mahal	6264225	11.55	1	Taj Mahal	645624	26.73
2	Sun Temple, Konarak	3571289	6.59	2	Agra Fort	224924	9.31
3	Qutub Minar	3204760	5.91	3	Qutub Minar	220044	9.11
4	Red Fort	2884399	5.32	4	Humayuns Tomb	158043	6.54
5	Tomb of Rabia Durani (Bibi Ka Maqbara)	2004535	3.70	5	Baori at Abhaneri	116378	4.82
6	Ellora Caves	1739873	3.21	6	Fatehpur Sikri	97441	4.03
7	Golkonda Fort	1563524	2.88	7	Itimad-ud-Daulah Tomb	90367	3.74
8	Agra Fort	1545550	2.85	8	Excavated Site, Nalanda	88151	3.65
9	Upper Fort Aguada	1358790	2.51	9	Red Fort	79311	3.28
10	Charminar	1343503	2.48	10	Site of Sahet Mehet	73312	3.04
	Others	28750807	53.02		Others	621405	25.73
	Total	54231255	100.00		Total	2415000	100.00

Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)



10 Most Popular Centrally Protected Ticketed ASI Monuments for Domestic Visitors in 2024-25



10 Most Popular Centrally Protected Ticketed ASI Monuments for Foreign Visitors in 2024-25





Table 4.2.3 : Number of Visitors to Centrally Protected Ticketed Monuments, 2023-24 & 2024-25

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
Agra							
1	Taj Mahal	6098876	681339	6264225	645624	2.71	-5.24
2	Agra Fort	1410397	218144	1545550	224924	9.58	3.11
3	Fatehpur Sikri	315212	93963	443158	97441	40.59	3.70
4	Akbar Tomb Sikandra	199310	15914	218139	16368	9.45	2.85
5	Mariam Tomb, Sikandra	18201	162	18159	203	-0.23	25.31
6	Itimad-ud- Daulah Tomb	186037	84326	185282	90367	-0.41	7.16
7	Ram Bagh	56792	2073	45707	546	-19.52	-73.66
8	Mehtab Bagh	116458	24584	129153	27516	10.90	11.93
9	Mausoleum	709754	4142	578712	8218	-18.46	98.41
	Total	9111037	1124647	9428085	1111207	3.48	-1.20
Lucknow							
10	Site of Sahet Mahet	108968	71120	105345	73312	-3.32	3.08
11	Residency Buildings	169387	3571	156542	4220	-7.58	18.17
12	Piprahwa & Ganwaria	46824	18061	38375	19317	-18.04	6.95
	Total	325179	92752	300262	96849	-7.66	4.42
Jhansi							
13	Gupta & Varah Temple, Deogarh	1844	18	2238	20	21.37	11.11
14	Kalinjar Fort	116701	192	128447	387	10.07	101.56
15	Rani Lakshmi Bai Mahal	23082	43	26359	43	14.20	0.00
16	Rani Jhansi Fort	470724	611	521136	625	10.71	2.29
	Total	612351	864	678180	1075	10.75	24.42
Sarnath							
17	Lord Cornwallis Tomb	15008	125	25710	113	71.31	-9.60
18	Old Fort (Shahi Fort) Jaunpur	181562	272	150737	115	-16.98	-57.72



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
19	Observatory of Man Singh	135280	1179	85382	913	-36.88	-22.56
20	Excavated Remains at Sarnath	776827	76785	744213	59086	-4.20	-23.05
21	Tomb of Lal Khan	4480	20	5907	50	31.85	150.00
22	Ancient Buddhist	47495	5816	36423	5351	-23.31	-8.00
	Site know as Chaukhan di Stupa						
	Total	1160652	84197	1048372	65628	-9.67	-22.05
Thrissur							
23	Bekal Fort, Pallikkare Distt. Kasargod	366905	534	374766	516	2.14	-3.37
24	Mattancherry Palace Museum Kochi	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Fort Palakkad	295091	410	265090	434	-10.17	5.85
26	Fort St. Angelo, Kannur	240382	818	242895	1074	1.05	31.30
	Total	902378	1762	882751	2024	-2.18	14.87
Chennai							
27	Group of Monuments, Mamallapuram	1212022	44943	967048	41416	-20.21	-7.85
28	Gingee Fort	169718	1745	149329	1411	-12.01	-19.14
29	Tiger headed Rock cut temple & two other monuments, Saluvankuppam	49903	1109	42684	1324	-14.47	19.39
30	Fort, St. George	24254	5474	24664	7313	1.69	33.60
	Total	1455897	53271	1183725	51464	-18.69	-3.39
Thiruchirapalli							
31	Fort on Rock, Dindigul	31763	77	36711	241	15.58	212.99
32	Moovarkoil Kodambalur	2277	5	2517	14	10.54	180.00
33	Rock Cut Jain Temple, Sittanavasal	54583	230	44538	173	-18.40	-24.78



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
34	Tirumalai Nayak's Palace, Srivilliputhur	911	3	927	0	1.76	-100.00
35	Natural Caven with Inscription Eladipattam, Sittannavasal	20314	28	16744	43	-17.57	53.57
36	Fort Museum Tirumayam	93109	694	90100	990	-3.23	42.65
37	Fort Vattakottai	114090	242	99669	366	-12.64	51.24
Total		317047	1279	291206	1827	-8.15	42.85
Bhopal							
38	Buddhist Caves Bagh, Mandu	25369	26	25091	59	-1.10	126.92
39	The Palace in the Fort Burhanpur	32577	280	33258	410	2.09	46.43
40	Hoshang Shah's Tomb,	96548	1176	80429	1274	-16.70	8.33
41	Group of Monuments, Royal Palace Mandu	390713	1609	372116	1740	-4.76	8.14
42	Roopmati's Pavilion,	327738	1031	276403	1037	-15.66	0.58
43	Buddhist Monuments, Sanchi	300068	11692	296042	19490	-1.34	66.70
44	Gwalior Fort	310867	7933	318649	9660	2.50	21.77
45	Buddhist Cave No.01 to 51, Dhamnar, Tehsil Garoth	33069	72	34804	134	5.25	86.11
46	Badal Mahal Gateway, Chanderi	2887	9	14607	125	405.96	1288.89
47	Caves 1 to 20 Udaygiri Vidisha	65392	726	68753	878	5.14	20.94
48	Bir Singh Palace Datia	43841	763	42443	943	-3.19	23.59
Total		1629069	25317	1562595	35750	-4.08	41.21



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
Jabalpur							
49	Ancient site and Adamgarh Rock Shelter, Kalamdi Rasuliya and Kishanpur	20248	0	21336	1	5.37	-
50	Western Group of Temples, Khajuraho	436517	27082	523075	38478	19.83	42.08
51	Group of Temple, Paramesh var Shiv and Karan Temple, Amarkantak	50251	145	49323	152	-1.85	4.83
	Total	507016	27227	593734	38631	17.10	41.88
Dharwad							
52	Durga Temple, Aihole	217316	3245	210076	3825	-3.33	17.87
53	Jaina & Vaishnava Cave, Badami	476245	5083	438834	5708	-7.86	12.30
54	Group of Monuments (WH), Pattadakal	343720	3662	320326	4289	-6.81	17.12
55	Gol-Gumbaz, Vijayapura	1005925	1368	857297	1362	-14.78	-0.44
56	Ibrahim Rauza, Vijayapura	217136	1095	188375	1081	-13.25	-1.28
57	Temples & Sculpture shed, Lakkumdi	19913	118	20621	179	3.56	51.69
	Total	2280255	14571	2035529	16444	-10.73	12.85
Hampi							
58	Group of Monuments, Hampi	990195	21935	986249	22472	-0.40	2.45
59	Bellary Fort	38270	40	37401	53	-2.27	32.50
	Total	1028465	21975	1023650	22525	-0.47	2.50
Bangalore							
60	Daryia Daulat Baghtna	547480	12621	500077	15159	-8.66	20.11
61	Keshava Temple	169182	8510	199083	10744	17.67	26.25



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
62	Palace of Tipu Sultan	260269	11770	216281	13692	-16.90	16.33
63	Fortress and Temple Chitradurga Fort	446569	2568	381095	3078	-14.66	19.86
	Total	1423500	35469	1296536	42673	-8.92	20.31
Raiganj							
64	Cooch Bihar Palace	685216	150	682443	261	-0.40	74.00
65	Hazarduari Palace	983025	1454	906992	1907	-7.73	31.16
	Total	1668241	1604	1589435	2168	-4.72	35.16
Kolkata							
66	Bishnupur Temples	196991	464	183156	507	-7.02	9.27
67	Matcalfe-Hall	22639	210	32280	225	42.59	7.14
	Total	219630	674	215436	732	-1.91	8.61
Rajkot							
68	Asokan Rock Edict, Junagadh	26193	240	27611	297	5.41	23.75
69	Buddhisht Caves, Junagadh	18341	165	42610	242	132.32	46.67
70	Baba Pyara Caves, Junagadh & Khaprakodia Caves Junagadh	2895	11	3323	24	14.78	118.18
	Total	47429	416	73544	563	55.06	35.34
Vadodara							
71	Champaner Monuments Pavagadh	56675	1762	52017	1924	-8.22	9.19
72	Sun Temple, Modhera	391694	3886	341424	4248	-12.83	9.32
73	Rani Ki- Vav, Patan	365892	3636	367768	3977	0.51	9.38
74	Rudabai Step Well, Adalaj	378847	8090	277021	7890	-26.88	-2.47
	Total	1193108	17374	1038230	18039	-12.98	3.83
Bhubaneswar							
75	Sun Temple, Konarak	3196903	5070	3571289	5059	11.71	-0.22



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
76	Ancient Remains on both Udaigiri & Khandagiri Hills	991292	2721	1240354	2241	25.12	-17.64
77	Rajarani Temple	91333	1099	112959	1072	23.68	-2.46
78	The Hill Containing Many Valuable Sculptures and Images, Ratnagiri	40823	554	147824	676	262.11	22.02
79	Ruins of Buddhist Temples and Images, Lalitgiri	41188	399	52329	454	27.05	13.78
	Total	4361539	9843	5124755	9502	17.50	-3.46
Aurangabad							
80	Ajanta Caves	452182	18829	442065	20855	-2.24	10.76
81	Ellora Caves	1740513	19643	1739873	20710	-0.04	5.43
82	Tomb of Rabia Dura ni (Bibi Ka Maqbara)	1295076	9606	2004535	10612	54.78	10.47
83	Daulatabad Fort	547569	3809	545635	4032	-0.35	5.85
84	Pandulena Caves, Nasik	146016	1048	277313	1222	89.92	16.60
85	Aurangabad Caves	132518	1495	126327	1609	-4.67	7.63
	Total	4313874	54430	5135748	59040	19.05	8.47
Mumbai							
86	Elephanta Caves	476532	21584	476385	26119	-0.03	21.01
87	Buddhist Caves, Kanheri	380601	7571	385776	7685	1.36	1.51
88	Shaniwarw ada	1260792	6542	1127815	6402	-10.55	-2.14
89	Aga Khan Palace Building, Pune	249513	3645	214392	3837	-14.08	5.27
90	Cave, Temple and Inscriptions, Junnar	479866	844	373182	401	-22.23	-52.49
91	Caves, Temples and inscriptions, Karla	250417	1860	187184	1817	-25.25	-2.31
92	Cave, Temple & Inscriptions, Bhaja	62666	413	55693	144	-11.13	-65.13
93	Raigad Fort	219556	101	340940	146	55.29	44.55
94	Kolaba Fort, Alibag	85088	156	94800	103	11.41	-33.97



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
95	Old Fort, Sholapur	42956	28	38296	27	-10.85	-3.57
96	Janjira Fort, Murd	291382	207	246804	695	-15.30	235.75
97	Kondiotte Caves	23859	659	25165	595	5.47	-9.71
98	Lohgad Fort	136790	207	138327	323	1.12	56.04
	Total	3960018	43817	3704759	48294	-6.45	10.22
Nagpur							
99	Gawilgarh Fort	29842	27	21609	6	-27.59	-77.78
100	Ancient Buddhist Remains, comprising monastery stupa rock sculptures inscriptions etc mansar	3901	128	3552	92	-8.95	-28.13
	Total	33743	155	25161	98	-25.43	-36.77
Chandigarh							
101	Suraj Kund	11084	8	10732	29	-3.18	262.50
102	Sheikj Chillis Tomb	74729	346	81589	217	9.18	-37.28
	Total	85813	354	92321	246	7.58	-30.51
Delhi							
103	Khan-I-Khana	4782	27	4511	45	-5.67	66.67
104	Sultan Garhi Tomb	132	6	674	9	410.61	50.00
105	Tughlaqabad Fort	32249	316	28176	243	-12.63	-23.10
106	Red Fort	2794083	84177	2884399	79311	3.23	-5.78
107	Humayuns Tomb	886740	116904	1005606	158043	13.40	35.19
108	Qutub Minar	3123643	220017	3204760	220044	2.60	0.01
109	Hauzkhas	83857	1305	110405	1663	31.66	27.43
110	Jantar Mantar	236412	3916	249987	4697	5.74	19.94
111	Safdarjung Tomb	150012	9770	143474	8413	-4.36	-13.89
112	Kotla Firoz Shah	125734	922	105840	893	-15.82	-3.15
113	Purana Qila	261483	1727	192216	1600	-26.49	-7.35
	Total	7699127	439087	7930048	474961	3.00	8.17
Guwahati							
114	Ahom Raja's Palace	107024	160	123656	175	15.54	9.38
115	Kareghar of Ahom Kings	217013	788	197111	804	-9.17	2.03



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
116	Ranghar Pavillion Jaisagar Ruins	163162	680	172275	796	5.59	17.06
117	Bishnudol Temple	6539	10	5777	24	-11.65	140.00
118	Group of Four Maidams Charaideo, Sibsagar	47987	86	76896	102	60.24	18.60
	Total	541725	1724	575715	1901	6.27	10.27
Goa							
119	Upper Fort Aguada	1191829	10411	1358790	13025	14.01	25.11
Hyderabad							
120	Charminar	1290074	8040	1343503	9562	4.14	18.93
121	Golkonda Fort	1608085	15839	1563524	15958	-2.77	0.75
122	Warangal Fort	108267	242	106447	280	-1.68	15.70
	Total	3006426	24121	3013474	25800	0.23	6.96
Jaipur							
123	Ancient Site, Bhangarh	265999	2575	234945	2085	-11.67	-19.03
124	Baori at Abhaneri	100468	96080	101710	116378	1.24	21.13
125	Deeg Bhawan	39755	245	37987	366	-4.45	49.39
	Total	406222	98900	374642	118829	-7.77	20.15
Jodhpur							
126	Chittaurgarh Fort	887218	13118	1057243	12930	19.16	-1.43
127	Kumbhalgarh Fort	343183	7390	378780	9342	10.37	26.41
128	Marble Pavillion and balustrade on the Ana Sagar Bund and ruins of the marble hammam behind the Ana Sagar Bund	547782	150	370056	152	-32.44	1.33
	Total	1778183	20658	1806079	22424	1.57	8.55
Leh							
129	Ancient Palace Leh	87097	7924	86277	7660	-0.94	-3.33
Patna							
130	Remains of Patliputra Site of Mauryan Place Kumrahar	125570	1322	129868	1766	3.42	33.59



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
131	Ancient site of Vaishali, Kolhua	71084	25602	70289	28795	-1.12	12.47
132	Excavated Site, Nalanda	492386	65506	501000	88151	1.75	34.57
133	Ancient Site of Vikramshila	79240	588	97891	461	23.54	-21.60
134	Sher Shah's Tomb	302528	154	311750	231	3.05	50.00
	Total	1070808	93172	1110798	119404	3.73	28.15
Raipur							
135	Temple of Laxman and old sites including sculptures Sirpur Temple, Sirpur	85422	67	81085	34	-5.08	-49.25
Shimla							
136	Ruined fort Kangra Fort)	137731	2478	127818	3067	-7.20	23.77
137	Rock-cut Temples and Sculptures, Masrur	52434	2603	41624	1341	-20.62	-48.48
	Total	190165	5081	169442	4408	-10.90	-13.25
Srinagar							
138	Palace complex at Ramnagar, Distt. Udhampur	6737	0	5963	0	-11.49	-
139	Avantiswamin Temple, Avantipur District Pulwana	43389	385	41685	276	-3.93	-28.31
140	Group of Temples, Kiramchi, District Udhampur	16807	12	13842	15	-17.64	25.00
	Total	66933	397	61490	291	-8.13	-26.70
Amaravati							
141	Amaravati	6181	106	7819	271	26.50	155.66
	Mahastupa						
142	Undavalli Caves	136853	411	146263	374	6.88	-9.00
143	Nagarjuna Konda	46969	452	59130	696	25.89	53.98
144	Chandragiri Monuments	123200	97	112435	96	-8.74	-1.03



Table 4.2.3 continued...

S.No.	Name of the Monuments	2023-24		2024-25		% Growth 2024-25/2023-24	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
145	Buddhist Remains, on hill top at Guntupalli W.G. District	16626	35	13754	47	-17.27	34.29
	Total	329829	1101	339401	1484	2.90	34.79
	Grand Total	53090007	2314641	54231255	2415000	2.15	4.34

Source: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

Chapter

5

Human Resources Development

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**Indian Institutes of
Hotel Management**



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**Indian Institute of Tourism
& Travel Management**



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Food Craft Institutes





Human Resources Development

To meet the demand of trained manpower in the hospitality industry, the Ministry of Tourism continues to actively pursue its endeavour to create institutional infrastructure in the form of Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, Institutes of Hotel Management and Food Crafts Institutes.

5.1 Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (IITTM)

Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, Gwalior is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India which was established in 1983 at New Delhi. It is one of the apex institutes in the field of tourism and travel management in the country committed to producing efficient and competitive human resources for the dynamic and diverse Tourism Industry. Since its inception, IITTM has strived to serve the nation with dedication as a center of excellence in tourism and travel trade. Its campuses/centers are located at:

- Gwalior (1992)
- Goa (1990)
- Bhubaneswar (1996)
- NOIDA (2007)
- Nellore (2008)
- Shillong (2018) - Camp and
- Bodh Gaya (2018) - Camp

IITTM has the distinction of being the only institution in the country which is pursuing teaching, study and research in a wide range of specialized areas and domains in the field of Tourism which are not pursued by any other institution i.e. Tourism & Leisure, Tourism & Cargo, Tourism & Logistics, International Tourism Business, Yoga & Wellness, Travel Photography, Travel Writing etc. Simultaneously, it has specialized training programmes for Regional Level Guides/ Linguistic Guides/ Training Programmes for Immigration officers at all International Airports in the country. In addition to this, the Sensitization Programmes for Priests, Shop Keepers, Taxi Drivers, Boat-men, and other stake holders is another niche area it focuses on.

Academic Programmes

During 1995-96, the institute obtained approval from AICTE to offer 14-month full time 'Diploma in Tourism Management Programme'. The programme was being offered with some modifications till 2006 from both Gwalior and Bhubaneswar centres. NIWS, Goa is the only centre in the country offering courses in leisure water sports. Having obtained approval from AICTE, the institute launched the following two year post graduate programmes at its different centres viz. two-year Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Travel and Tourism) and two years Post Graduate Diploma in Management (International Business) at Gwalior and Bhubaneswar.

The Institute has launched two years' full time MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) programme at Gwalior, Bhubaneswar, Noida and Nellore centres from 2015-17 academic session and at Goa in 2016-17 in specializations as given in the Table 8.1.1. In the academic session 2016-17 the Institute has launched three years' full time BBA (Tourism and Travel) programme. The institute has also launched Ph.D. in Tourism in the year 2018. All these three programmes MBA (TTM), BBA (T&T) and Ph.D. in Tourism are running under collaborative scheme of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (A Central University established by an act of Parliament) till the 2022-24 & 2022-25 batches. In the year 2023, IITTM signed MoU with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi and from July 2023 onwards, IITTM running above programmes under the Collaborative Scheme of JNU New Delhi.



Table 5.1.1 : List of Centres and Programmes/Courses Offered

S. No.	IITTM Centre	Regular Courses Offered	Short Term Courses Offered
1.	IITTM, Gwalior	MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) BBA (Tourism and Travel) Ph.D. (Tourism)	CBSP programmes HSRT Programmes
2.	IITTM, Bhubaneswar	MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) BBA (Tourism and Travel) Ph.D. (Tourism)	CBSP programmes HSRT Programmes
3.	IITTM, Noida	MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) BBA (Tourism and Travel) Ph.D. (Tourism)	CBSP programmes HSRT Programmes
4.	IITTM, Nellore	MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) BBA (Tourism and Travel) Ph.D. (Tourism)	CBSP programmes HSRT Programmes
5.	IITTM-NIWS, Goa	MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) BBA (Tourism & Travel) 2024 onwards Ph.D. (Tourism)	CBSP programmes HSRT Programmes Water Sports Training Programmes
6.	IITTM Camp, Shillong*	-	Guide Training programme for youth of Meghalaya
7.	IITTM Camp, Bodh*	-	Linguistic Facilitators Training Gaya Programme in Chinese, Thai, Japanese, Vietnamese

*: Camp Office of IITTM

Table 5.1.2 : Number of Students Passed Out During 2023-24

S.No.	Name of Course/Programme	No. of students Passed Out during 2023-24
1.	MBA (Tourism & Travel Management) 2022-24	253
2.	BBA (Tourism and Travel) 2021-24	215
3.	Ph.D. (Tourism) awarded - IGNTU	02

5.2 Hotel Management & Catering Institutes

National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology (NCHMCT) was set-up in the year 1982 by Government of India as an autonomous and Apex body (Society registered under Societies Registration Act 1860). The Council regulates academics in the field of Hospitality Education and Training that is imparted at 21 Central Government sponsored Institutes of Hotel Management, 30 State Government sponsored Institutes offering Degree level course, 3 State Government sponsored Institute offering Diploma level course, 2 State Government Sponsored Institute under PPP mode, 1 Institute owned by PSU, 25 Private Institutes and 13 Food Craft Institutes that are currently affiliated to it and function in different parts of the country. Through the Council, these Institutes offer 13 different professional programs leading to award of Certificate, Diploma, Post Graduate Diploma, Bachelor and Master Degree. (Last two programs are in collaboration with Jawahar Lal Nehru University).

The details of the courses offered by the institutes affiliated to NCHMCT and number of students on roll along with course wise pass out in the year 2024-25 is given in table 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 respectively.



Table 5.2.1 : Courses Offered by Institutes of Hotel Management / Food Craft Institutes 2024-25

S. No.	Courses	Duration	Institute where course offered in 2024-25
01	M.Sc. in Hospitality Administration	02 Years	CIHMs: Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Gandhinagar, Guwahati, Gwalior, Hajipur, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pusa (Delhi) & Shimla, Thiruvananthapuram and NCHM-IH, Noida
02	B.Sc. in Hospitality & Hotel Administration	03 Years	All affiliated Central IHMs/State IHMs except 03 SIHMs in Rajasthan namely Dholpur, Jhalawar & Sawai Madhopur/ PSU owned IHMs and Private IHMs
03	Post Graduate Diploma in Accommodation Operations & Management	1½ years	Central IHMs: Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Gwalior, Kolkata, Lucknow, Pusa (Delhi) State IHM: Kozhikode
04	Post Graduate Diploma in Dietetics & Hospital Food Service	1½ Years	Central IHM: Pusa (Delhi) State IHM: Bathinda
05	Post Graduate Diploma in Hotel Consultancy	1½ Years	Central IHMs: Chennai, Mumbai, Pusa (Delhi), NCHM-IH, Noida (Course could not be conducted at any of the centre due to lack of response)
06	Craftsmanship Course in Food Production	1½ years	Central IHMs: Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Goa, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Pusa (Delhi), Shillong State IHMs: Hamirpur, Silavassa, Balangir, Tiruchirappalli, Ranchi, Zaheerabad (Telengana), Indore, Tirupati, Bathinda & Jabalpur, Pondicherry Private IHMs: Shri Shakti, Hyderabad, CT IHM Jalandhar, MCC Munnar, Ambala IHM, FCIs - Ajmer, Aligarh, Khajuraho, Mysuru and Rewa
07	Craftsmanship Course in Food & Beverage Service	24 weeks	Central IHMs: Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Goa, Kolkata State IHMs: Balangir, Bathinda, Ranchi, Silavassa, Tiruchirappalli, Tirupati, Indore, Jabalpur, Dimapur FCI: Mysuru, Khajuraho, Rewa
08	Craftsmanship Course in Professional bartending	24 weeks	Central IHMs: Bhopal, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Mumbai Private IHM: MCC Munnar FCI: Deoghar



Table 5.2.1 continued...

S. No.	Courses	Duration	Institute where course offered in 2024-25
09	Diploma in Food Production	1½ years	Central IHMs: Chennai, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, AIHM-Chandigarh, Goa, Gandhinagar, Gurdaspur, Gwalior, Hajipur, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Srinagar, Trivandrum, Shimla State IHMs: Chandigarh IHM, Dehradun, Jodhpur, Kurukshetra, Faridabad, Bathinda, Puducherry, Rohtak, Panipat, Bodhgaya, Balangir, Yamuna Nagar, Kozhikode, Indore, Udaipur, Raipur, Durgapur, Jabalpur, Dharmashala, Tiruchirappalli, Solapur, Dimapur, Ramnagar-Nainital & Agartala Private IHMs: CCHM Landran, Dewan-Meerut; Poornima-Jaipur; Lalit Suri-Faridabad; RIG-Greater Noida; Kukreja-Dehradun, FHRAI-Greater Noida; Preston-Gwalior; MLRSM-Lucknow; St. Francis-Mumbai; JIET Mogra-Jodhpur; Guru Nanak-Kolkata & Mai-Sindhudurg FCIs: Ajmer, Aligarh, Darjeeling, Nagaon, Hoshiarpur, Tura-Meghalaya, Rewa, Khajuraho, Sumerpur-Rajasthan, Mysuru-Hasan, Jammu, Leh, Deoghar and INS-HAMLA
10	Diploma in Food & Beverage Service	1½ years	Central IHMs: Hajipur, Pusa-New Delhi, Shimla, Goa, Lucknow, Kolkata, Srinagar, Jaipur, Mumbai, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Gurdaspur, Gwalior, Thiruvananthapuram State IHMs: Dehradun, Faridabad, Jodhpur, Rohtak, Indore, Dimapur, Dholpur, Jhalawar, Sawai Madhopur, Hamipur, Panipat, Balangir, Udaipur, Bodhgaya, Raipur, Bathinda, Jabalpur, Dharmashala, Chandigarh, Kozhikode, Tiruchirappalli, Puducherry, Agartala, Durgapur, Ramnagar & Solapur FCIs: Aligarh, Darjeeling, Nagaon, Khajuraho, Jammu, Ajmer, Hoshiarpur, Tura-Meghalaya, Mysuru, Rewa, Leh, Semurpur, Deoghar and INS HAMLA. Private IHMs: RIG IHM, Greater Noida, Dewan IHM, Meerut, CCHM Landran and JIET Mogra-Jodhpur, Preston-Gwalior, MLRSM-Lucknow, Guru Nanak-Kolkata, Kukreja-Dehradun & FHRAI IHM.



Table 5.2.1 continued...

S. No.	Courses	Duration	Institute where course offered in 2024-25
11	Diploma in Front Office Operations	1½ years	Central IHMs: Kolkata, Jaipur, Srinagar, Mumbai, Chennai & Gurdaspur State IHMs: Jodhpur, Udaipur, Ranchi, Dharmashala, Jabalpur, Indore, Balangir, Sawai Madhopur, Jhalawar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Kozhikode, Bathinda, Tiruchirappalli, Durgapur, Dholpur & Agartala FCIs: Darjeeling, Nagaon, Rewa, Aligarh, Khajuraho, Leh, Jammu, Sumerpur, Ajmer, Hoshiarpur & Mysuru Private IHMs: Jodhpur IHM, Preston-Gwalior, Mai IHM-Sindhudurg
12	Diploma in Housekeeping Operations	1½ years	Central IHMs: Kolkata, Gurdaspur, Guwahati, Hajipur, Jaipur, Lucknow & Srinagar State IHMs: Jodhpur, Balangir, Ranchi, Durgapur, Dehradun, Chandigarh, Udaipur, Kozhikode, Bathinda, Raipur, Tiruchirappalli, Indore, Jabalpur, Dharamshala & Agartala Private IHMs: Dewan, Preston, St. Francis & Mai IHM FCIs: Ajmer, Aligarh, Nagaon, Leh, Khajuraho, Hoshiarpur, Mysuru, Jammu, Rewa & Deoghar
13	Diploma in Bakery & Confectionery	1½ years	Central IHMs: Chennai, AIHM-Chandigarh, Pusa-New Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Kolkata, Srinagar, Mumbai, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Gurdaspur & Hajipur State IHMs: Jodhpur, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Bathinda, Jabalpur, Dharmashala, Tiruchirappalli, Rohtak, Indore, Kozhikode, Kurukshetra, Balangir, Durgapur, Yamunagar, Solapur & Dimapur FCIs: Aligarh, Nagaon, Khajuraho, Jammu, Mysuru, Hoshiarpur, Rewa & Deoghar Private IHMs: CCHM-Landran; Lalit Suri-Faridabad; FHRAI, Guru Nanak, RIC Greater Noida, JIET-Jodhpur, Kukreja & Preston-Gwalior



Table 5.2.2 : Number of Students on Roll in Each Course and Passed Out During 2023-24

S. No.	Courses	On Roll 2024-25
01	M.Sc. in Hospitality Administration	133
02	1st Year of B.Sc. in Hospitality & Hotel Administration	6581
03	2nd Year of B.Sc. in Hospitality & Hotel Administration	6137
04	3rd Year of B.Sc. in Hospitality & Hotel Administration	6216
05	PG Diploma in Accommodation Operations & Management	22
06	PG Diploma in Dietetics & Hospital Food Service	-
07	PG Diploma in Hotel Consultancy	-
08	Craftsmanship Certificate Course in Food Production	824
09	Craftsmanship Certificate Course in Food & Beverage Service	59
10	Craftsmanship Certificate Course in professional Bartending	11
11	Diploma in Food Production	2376
12	Diploma in Food & Beverage Service	613
13	Diploma in Front Office Operations	319
14	Diploma in Housekeeping Operations	63
15	Diploma in Bakery & Confectionery	557

5.3 Indian Culinary Institute (ICI)

Indian Culinary Institute (ICI) an autonomous institute under Ministry of Tourism, Government of India commissioned at Tirupati and Noida, which are the state-of-art Culinary Institutes. The Indian tourism industry is promoting culinary tourism in India and ICI is the platform to attract the best of the talents in the specialized field with a world class infrastructure such as culinary studio with facility to have smart classrooms, specialized kitchens and microbiology labs with modern and latest equipment, training restaurants for various cuisines, modern hostel facility for boys and girls.

Table 5.3.1 : List of Centres and Offered Courses

S. No.	ICI Centre	Regular Courses Offered
1.	ICI, Tirupati	MBA (Culinary Art) BBA (Culinary Art)
2.	ICI, Noida	MBA (Culinary Art) BBA (Culinary Art)



Table 5.3.2 : Number of Students on Roll in Each Course and Passed Out During 2023-24

S. No.	Courses	On Roll 2023-24	Pass out 2023-24
01	MBA (Culinary Art)	10	100%
02	BBA (Culinary Art)	50	100%

Table 5.3.3 : Courses Offered by Indian Culinary Institutes 2023-24

Sl.No.	Courses	Duration	Institute where course offered in 2023-24
01	MBA (Culinary Art)	02 Years	ICI, Tirupati ICI, Noida
02	BBA (Culinary Art)	03 Years	ICI, Tirupati ICI, Noida

Top Three Countries

1



USA

2



Spain

3



Japan

India and other South Asian Countries

India
39



Sri Lanka
76



Pakistan
101



Nepal
105



Bangladesh
109





6.1 Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024

Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) is a biennial publication of the World Economic Forum (WEF) which evaluates the travel and tourism (T&T) competitiveness of economies and measures the set of factors that enable the sustainable development of the T&T sector of a country. The TTDI 2024 is prepared jointly with University of Surrey.

As per WEF, TTDI 2024 introduced several improvements and methodology changes designed to benefit from newly available data and to make the index more T&T-specific, concise, and consistent in economy coverage. Therefore, this release of the index includes recalculated 2019 and 2021 figures based on adjustments to ensure comparability. Consequently, TTDI results for 2019, 2021 and 2024 provided are based on the TTDI 2024 indicators. The TTDI 2024 has ranked 119 economies wherein India's position is as below:

Details	TTDI 2019	TTDI 2021	TTDI 2024
No. of countries	140	117	119
Rank			
2019	34th	46th (Recalculated)	29th (Recalculated)
2021	--	54th	38th (Recalculated)
2024	--	--	39th
Score (out of 7)			
2019	4.4	4.2 (Recalculated)	4.34 (Recalculated)
2021	--	4.1 (Recalculated)	4.25 (Recalculated)
2024	--	--	4.25

*Note: As per WEF, while new version of the Index is an update of old Index, the TTDI 2024 should not be compared to the TTDI 2021 or TTCI 2019.

Travel and Tourism Development Index, TTDI – 2024, comprises of 5 Dimensions, 17 Pillars and 102 Indicators distributed among the different pillars. The five Dimensions are not factored into calculation of the Index and are used only for presentation and categorization purposes. The Framework of TTDI 2024 can be seen below:

Table 6.1.1 : Travel and Tourism Development Index

Enabling Environment	T&T Policy and Enabling Conditions	Infrastructure and Services	Travel and Tourism Resources	Travel and Tourism Sustainability
Business Environment	Prioritization of Travel and Tourism	Air Transport Infrastructure	Natural Resources	Environmental Sustainability
Safety and Security	Openness to T&T	Ground and Port Infrastructure	Cultural Resources	T&T Socioeconomic Impact Conditions
Health and Hygiene	Price Competitiveness	Tourist Services and Infrastructure	Non-Leisure Resources	T&T Demand Sustainability
Human Resources and Labour Market				
ICT Readiness				



The 17 pillars comprise of 102 indicators that are calculated based on the data derived from the Executive Opinion Survey (the Survey) and the quantitative data.

- 18 out of 102 indicators are based on Executive Opinion Survey (EOS). The survey data is derived from responses to the World Economic Forum's Executive Opinion Survey and ranges in value from 1 (worst) to 7 (best).
- 84 out of 102 indicators are based on hard data (secondary data) collected from various sources and are normalized to a 1 (worst) to 7 (best) scale to align them with the Executive Opinion Survey's results.

Framework	TTDI 2019	TTDI 2021	TTDI 2024
Sub-Indices/ Dimensions	4	5	5
Pillars	14	17	17
No. of indicators	90	112	102
EOS indicators	31	33	18
Hard indicators	59	79	84

The overall TTDI score is computed through successive aggregations of scores, from the indicator level (e.g. the lowest, most disaggregated level) through the Pillar level, using a simple average (i.e. the arithmetic mean) to combine the components. Scores on each indicator are first normalized and rated on a common scale.

Major methodological changes happened in TTDI 2024 edition in comparison to TTDI 2021 edition. Details are as follows:

- Sub-Indices renamed as Dimensions wherein two Dimensions are renamed:
 - Infrastructure renamed as Infrastructure and Services.
 - T&T Demand Drivers renamed as T&T Resources.
- Indicators reduced from 112 to 102.
- Countries figures are re-evaluated for 2019 and 2021 for compatibility with 2024.
- Openness to T&T pillar replaced International Openness
- Concepts related to financial & trade openness have been moved from International Openness to Business Environment pillar.
- T&T Socioeconomic Impact pillar replaces Socioeconomic Resilience and Conditions pillar.
- T&T Demand Sustainability pillar replaces T&T Demand Pressure and Impact pillar
- Labour-related indicators and general socioeconomic concepts covered by the former Socioeconomic Resilience and Conditions pillar have been moved in Human Resources and Labour Market pillar.

Table 6.1.2 : India's Rank for top Performing Pillars

S. No.	Pillar	TTDI Rank		
		2021	2024	Change
1	Natural Resources	6	6	0
2	Cultural Resources	10	9	+ 1
3	Non-Leisure Resources	7	9	- 2
4	Travel and Tourism Demand Sustainability	6	17	- 11
5	Price Competitiveness	36	18	+18



Table 6.1.3 : India’s Rank in Pillars with Most Significant Improvement

S. No.	Pillar	TTDI Rank		
		2021	2024	Change
1	Price Competitiveness	36	18	+18
2	Travel and Tourism Socioeconomic Impact	88	78	+ 10
3	Prioritization of Travel and Tourism	88	82	+ 6
4	Ground and Port Infrastructure	28	25	+ 3
5	Cultural Resources	10	9	+ 1

Table 6.1.4 : Top Performing Countries in TTDI 2024

S. No.	Name of the Country	Rank
1.	United States	1
2.	Spain	2
3.	Japan	3
4.	France	4
5.	Australia	5
6.	Germany	6
7.	United Kingdom	7
8.	China	8
9.	Italy	9
10.	Switzerland	10
11.	India	39

Table: 6.1.5: Rank Comparison with ASEAN Countries

S. No.	Country	Rank
1	Brunei	–
2	Cambodia	86
3	Indonesia	22
4	Laos	91
5	Malaysia	35
6	Myanmar	–
7	Philippines	69
8	Singapore	13
9	Thailand	47
10	Vietnam	59



Table 6.1.6 : Rank Comparison with South Asian Countries

S. No.	South Asian Countries	Rank
1	India	39
2	Sri Lanka	76
3	Pakistan	101
4	Nepal	105
5	Bangladesh	109

Chapter

7

Tourism Satellite Account

**Total (Direct + Indirect) Share of
Tourism in National GDP**

5.22%

**Direct Share of Tourism in
National GDP**

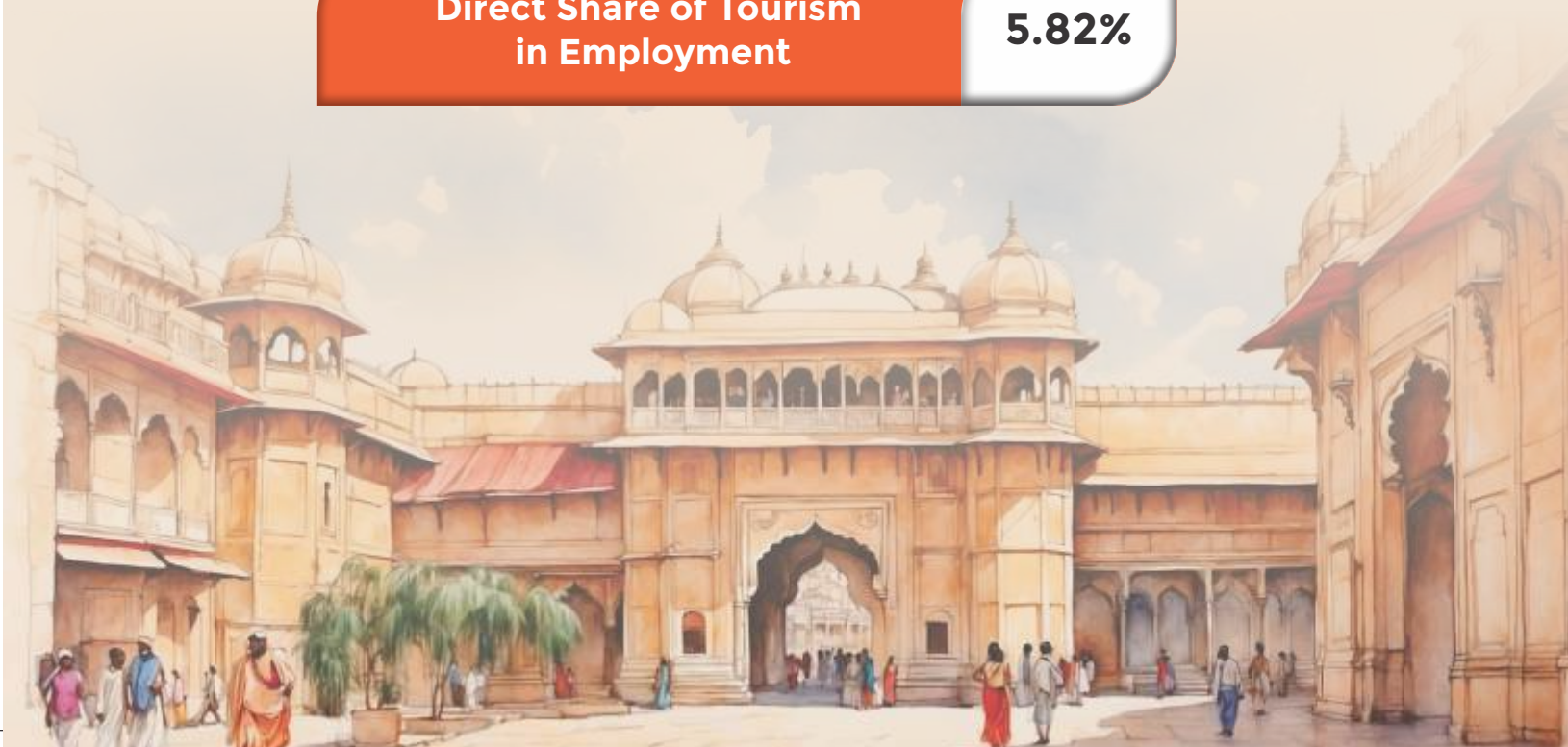
2.72%

**Total (Direct + Indirect) Share of
Tourism in Employment:**

13.34%

**Direct Share of Tourism
in Employment**

5.82%





7.1 Introduction

With the growing recognition of tourism as a source of employment generating growth in the country, improved understanding of what tourism is, its role in the economy and its relationship to other parts of the economy is important. The Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) is a framework adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission that provides an important platform towards forging improved understanding of the structure and role of tourism in the economy. In the context of national accounts, the activity of tourism remains difficult to define and measure. Therefore, there is little room for organising data into a structure that permits examination and analysis by function. In such cases, where the core System of National Accounts (SNA) do not provide the required information, there is an ostensible need for the development of satellite accounts within the framework, concepts, and definitions of SNA. These satellite accounts draw from the core accounts in concept, framework and data but are recast to highlight a particular aspect of the economy that may not be adequately described. One such aspect, tourism, is presented in the Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), and is hence the most comprehensive way of measuring the economic importance of tourism in an economy. The Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) measures the economic importance of tourism in national or sub-national economies. It is an accounting procedure designed to measure goods and services associated with the activity of tourism undertaken within the boundary of a country or a region or a state.

TSA comprises a set of tables and is mainly descriptive in nature. It helps in assessing the size and contribution of tourism to the economy. It provides accounts and tables and macroeconomic aggregates, principal among them being the Gross Value Added of the Tourism Industry (GVATI), Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA) and Tourism Direct Gross Domestic Product (TDGDP).

The preparation of TSA requires data on tourism-related goods and services, from both the demand and supply sides. The demand side data are collected through the domestic and international tourism surveys, which capture information on tourism expenditure. The supply side data relates to the data coming from the producers or suppliers of tourism goods and services. These are obtained from the Supply and Use Tables. The consolidation of demand side and supply side data is the core element of TSA as it derives the tourism industry ratios or extracts the tourism component from the goods and services which are considered to be closely related to tourism but are consumed by both tourists and non-tourists.

7.2 TSA Preparation

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, had prepared first TSA for year 2002-03 following United Nations and World Tourism Organisation's (UNWTO) Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological Framework 2000 (RMF: 2000). The methodological and conceptual basis for TSA, 2009-10 was TSA: RMF 2008 and IRTS 2008. The second and third

Tourism Satellite Account for India (TSAI) has been compiled for the year 2009-10 and 2015-16 respectively, in conceptual compliance with the recommended methodology of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) as provided in TSA: RMF 2008 and on the basis of International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics 2008 (IRTS 2008). Ministry of Tourism also prepared regional TSAs for all the States/UTs of India for year 2009-10 and for year 2015-16.

Reports of TSA are available on Ministry of Tourism's website at following link:

- (i) For year 2002-03, (<https://tourism.gov.in/sites/default/files/2020-04/011-TSAI.pdf>).
- (ii) For year 2009-10
 - Volume-I at (https://tourism.gov.in/sites/default/files/2020-04/Vol1TSA_Report%20new.pdf).
 - Volume-II at (https://tourism.gov.in/sites/default/files/202004/Vol2TSA_Report%20new.pdf).
- (iii) For year 2015-16 (<https://tourism.gov.in/sites/default/files/202004/Tourism%20Satellite%20Account%20of%20India%20for%20reference%20year%202015-16.pdf>)



Data Sources

The important data sources used for the preparation of the Third TSA for India are the following:

- Domestic Tourism Survey (NSSO), 2014-15
- International Passenger Survey, 2015-16
- Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey (Labour Bureau), 2015-16
- Consumer Expenditure Survey (NSSO), 2011-12
- National Accounts Statistics (Central Statistics Office), 2017
- Supply and Use Table (Central Statistics Office), 2012-13

Domestic Tourism in India is an all-India household survey on domestic tourism (DTS, 2014-15), carried out during the period July 2014 to June 2015 by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) as part of its 72nd Round of sample surveys. The information collected included the volume of domestic tourism in terms of the number of visitors, number of households undertaking domestic tourism activity and number of trips that contributed to domestic tourism and average tourism expenditure in India were collected.

An **International Passenger Survey (IPS)** was conducted in 2015-16 by the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata. The survey covered three broad categories of international tourists: (i) foreign nationals visiting India, (ii) non-resident Indians (NRIs) visiting India, and (iii) Indian residents travelling abroad. The IPS focused on tourists visiting India as well as Indian tourists going overseas, who were interviewed at exit points.

For this purpose, two separate questionnaires were designed—one for foreign residents/NRIs and another for outbound Indian residents. The survey collected information under the following broad heads: demographics, travel patterns, purpose and motivation of visit, tour planning, expenditure patterns, and experience evaluation and satisfaction.

The **Annual Employment-Unemployment Surveys** were conducted by the Ministry of Labour, Government of India. This survey was used to estimate employment in tourism industries for the Third Tourism Satellite Account (TSA).

The **National Accounts** are a set of macroeconomic accounts that provide a comprehensive view of a country's economy in terms of the production, income, and expenditure activities of the institutional sectors (government, corporations and households) of the nation, as also their relations with the external sector. In the context of TSA, the production account or the supply side data are obtained from the National Accounts. For the present TSA, with reference year 2015-16, National Accounts Statistics (NAS) for 2017 has been used.

The **Supply and Use Tables (SUTs)** build up on the concept that the amount of a product available for use within the economy must have been supplied either by domestic production or by imports. The TSA uses this framework to estimate tourism product shares, tourism industry shares, Gross Value Added Tourism Industries (GVATI), Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA), and Tourism Direct Gross Domestic Product (TDGDP). For the Third TSA, SUT of 2012-13 has been used, but it has been updated for the TSA reference year of 2015-16, using the GVA and output data of 2015-16, at the most disaggregated level as available in NAS. Further, this SUT has been converted into an Input- Output Table to derive the output and employment multipliers for the indirect contribution of the tourism sector.

7.3 Methodology

As per the TSA: RMF 2008, the TSA for any country comprises a set of 10 standard tables which are the key to estimating the economic contribution of tourism in the economy. Preparing the tables in the standard recommended format and following a standard broad methodology enables international comparisons owing to the homogeneity among countries. However, each country has the flexibility to decide on the most adequate format and also the methodology, taking into account its tourism reality and the scope of available data.



These ten tables include the detailed presentation of consumption of goods and services acquired by the tourists (tourism internal consumption) as well as the supply of industries that produce these goods and services. The key aggregates of TSA have been derived using the consumption and production data. These key aggregates are:

- Internal tourism expenditure and internal tourism consumption;
- Tourism direct gross value added (TDGVA); and
- Tourism direct gross domestic product (TDGDP).

In addition, TSA details the employment in tourism industries owing to the frequent strategic importance of tourism in the development of the employment policy. The investment in tourism industries and government expenditures in producing tourism-related services also form part of TSA and are presented as tourism gross fixed capital formation and tourism collective consumption, respectively. Various non-monetary indicators related to tourism form the last part of the TSA.

TSA Table 1 focuses on inbound tourism or tourism activity undertaken by non-resident visitors in the economy of reference. This table presents the tourism expenditure incurred by non-resident visitors within the economy of reference on tourism characteristic and tourism connected products and services. An inbound tourism trip refers to the travel of a visitor from the time of arriving in a country to the time of leaving that country. For India's TSAs, data on inbound tourism expenditure are obtained from the International Passenger Surveys (IPS).

TSA Table 2 focuses on domestic tourism or tourism activity undertaken by resident visitors in the economy of reference and the expenditure incurred by them on tourism characteristic and tourism connected products and services. A domestic tourism trip refers to the travel of a resident visitor from the place of his/her residence to the final destination and back. For India's Third TSA for 2015-16, the domestic tourism expenditure has been derived from the Domestic Tourism Survey (DTS), conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 2014-15.

TSA Table 3 focuses on outbound tourism. This table presents the tourism expenditure incurred by resident visitors outside the country of reference on tourism characteristic and tourism connected products and services, respectively. This expenditure could have been incurred either as part of an outbound tourism trip or as part of a domestic trip. Both correspond to the travel between leaving the place of residence and returning. However, a domestic trip has a main destination within the country of residence of the traveller, while an outbound trip has a main destination outside this country. For India's TSAs, data on outbound tourism expenditure are obtained from the International Passenger Surveys (IPS).

TSA Table 4 presents the total internal tourism expenditure and the total internal tourism consumption. The total Internal Tourism Expenditure refers to the expenditure incurred by all tourists within the country of reference. Hence, it is the sum of the Inbound Tourism Expenditure (TSA Table 1), Domestic Tourism Expenditure (TSA Table 2), and Outbound Pre-trip Tourism Expenditure (TSA Table 3). When the components of imputed consumption, recommended in TSA: RMF 2008, are added to the Total Internal Tourism Expenditure, what is obtained is called Total Internal Tourism Consumption.

TSA Table 5 presents the production accounts of tourism and other industries in the economy of reference. The main aggregate that is derived from this table is the Gross Value Added of Tourism Industries (GVATI) and if the satellite rows of employment are included, this table also provides details of employment in tourism industries. For India's TSA, as recommended, the production account of the economy with a focus on tourism industries has been prepared using India's Supply and Use Tables (SUTs) for the year 2015-16.

TSA Table 6 is the core table of the TSA framework. It is this table wherein the demand side data or total internal tourism consumption (of TSA Table 4) is reconciled with the supply side data or the production account of industries (of TSA Table 5). This table derives its conceptual base from the supply and use tables of the System of National Accounts (SNA), 1993. On comparing the demand side and supply side data, the Tourism Product Ratios (TPR) are derived for each of the 24 product categories. By definition,



the Tourism Industry Ratio is that proportion of the total supply of a product which is consumed by the tourists or is on account of tourism activity. These TPRs, when applied to each industry column of the supply table, yield the Tourism Industry Ratios (TIRs) for each of the 24 industry categories. Using these ratios, the estimates can be derived regarding the GVA attributable to tourism for each of the domestic industries that serve visitors. This provides the basic information that is necessary for the computation of Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA) and Tourism Direct Gross Domestic Product (TDGDP), and their components. TSA Table 6, together with the associated use table, provides the basis to compile the input-output tables and input-output models that facilitate estimation of the indirect contribution of tourism to the economy.

TSA Table 7 presents the employment situation in tourism industries. According to TSA: RMF 2008, seasonality, high variability in the working conditions, flexibility, and the informality of jobs in several small units are the major challenges in collecting data on employment in tourism industries. Further, labour is a factor of production and is generally associated with an establishment wherein various products are produced. Therefore, relating employment to a specific product or group of products of a given establishment is a complex issue in measuring tourism direct employment. Hence, it is recommended that the entire employment in tourism characteristic industries be considered as tourism employment. Also as recommended, for India's Third TSA for 2015-16, TSA Table 7 presents the total number of jobs (one employed person can take up more than one job, with the second being of a subsidiary nature). The table also distinguishes jobs in tourism industries by nature of employment, that is, the self-employed and employees. The data on employment is sourced from the Annual Employment Unemployment Survey, conducted in 2015-16 by the Labour Bureau.

TSA Table 8 presents the Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), which is measured by the total value of a producer's acquisitions, less disposals, of fixed assets during the accounting period plus certain additions to the value of non-produced assets realised by the productive activity of institutional units. The produced assets are broadly divided into tangible (dwellings, other buildings and structures, machinery and equipment, and cultivated assets) and intangible (mineral exploration, software, entertainment, and literary or artistic originals) produced assets.

TSA Table 9 presents Government Collective Expenditure. The Government provides services to the community at prices which are not economically significant. The receipts earned by the government from the community on account of providing these services are, therefore, very small as compared to the overall expenditures involved. The government incurs these additional expenditures from its own resources. The GFCE is divided into two components—individual and collective on the basis of who is consuming these services – households or the community as a whole. While the individual consumption expenditure part of GFCE becomes part of household actual final consumption, the collective expenditure part of GFCE becomes the collective (or actual) consumption of government.

TSA Table 10 presents a few quantitative indicators that are important for the interpretation of the monetary information presented. The indicators include the number of trips by forms of tourism, classes of visitors and duration of the stay, physical indicators regarding the types of accommodation, modes of transport used by non-resident visitors travelling to the economic territory of the country of reference, and the number and size of the establishments belonging to tourism industries. However, the set of non-monetary indicators may vary from country to country depending on the availability of data.



7.4 Indirect Contribution

The TSA: RMF 2008 details the methodology for estimating the direct contribution of tourism to the economy through the preparation of TSA. However, it does not discuss any methodology to estimate the indirect contribution though it encourages countries to develop a methodology for this. The indirect benefits of tourism result when the money spent by the tourists in an area is re- circulated and re-spent in the local economy, thereby generating extra income and output. The actual economic benefit to the area is, therefore, greater than the original amount spent by the tourists.

To be specific, if a sector increases its output, more inputs are required, including more intermediates from other sectors. Such an interconnection of a particular sector to another sectors is termed as a “backward linkage” and is represented by an “output multiplier”. The higher the multipliers, the larger are the effects on the input-output system of the economy.

Table 7.4.1 : Tourism Share in GVA and GDP

	Third TSA 2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (R)	2023-24 (P)
Total GVA (Rs Crore)	1,25,74,499	1,71,75,128	1,83,81,117	1,82,10,997	2,16,35,584	2,46,46,698	2,74,12,888
Total GDP (Rs Crore)	1,37,71,874	1,88,99,668	2,01,03,593	1,98,54,096	2,35,97,399	2,68,90,473	3,01,22,956
Tourism Direct GVA (Rs Crore)	3,46,493	4,67,832	5,14,197	1,46,293	2,03,005	6,75,889	7,77,344
Tourism Direct GDP (Rs Crore)	3,64,668	4,92,371	5,41,167	1,53,966	2,13,653	7,11,341	8,18,117
Direct contribution of tourism (%) to:							
GVA	2.78	2.72	2.80	0.80	0.94	2.74	2.84
GDP	2.70	2.61	2.69	0.78	0.91	2.65	2.72
GVA/GDP multiplier	1.9236	1.9236	1.9236	1.9236	1.9236	1.9236	1.9236
Direct + indirect contribution of tourism (%) to:							
GVA	5.35	5.23	5.39	1.54	1.81	5.28	5.45
GDP	5.19	5.01	5.18	1.50	1.75	5.09	5.22

R: Revised Estimates
P: Provisional Estimates

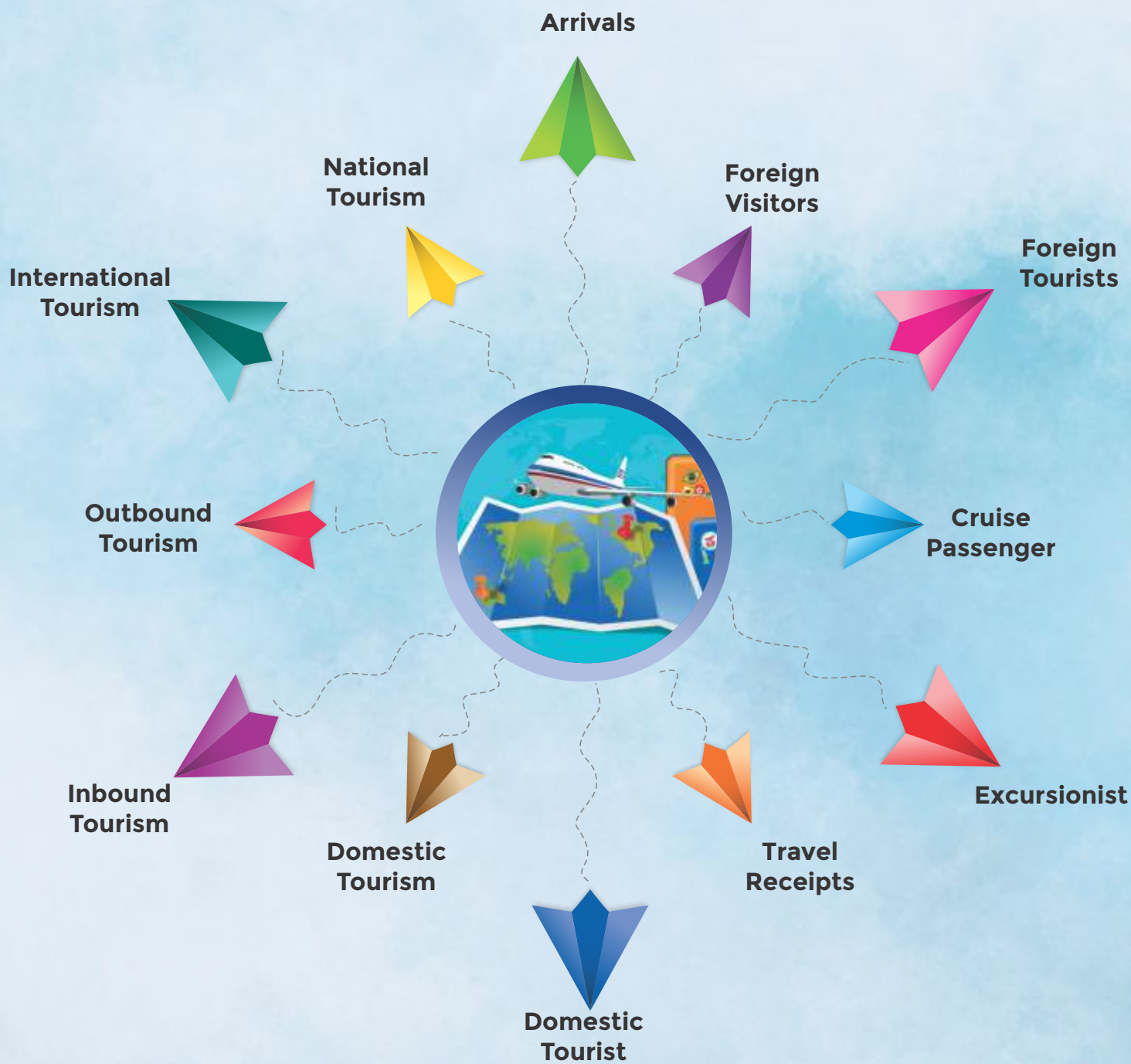
Source: National Accounts Statistics, 2025 and Third TSA 2015-16.



Table 7.4.2 : Tourism Employment

	Third TSA 2015-16	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Total Employment in the Economy (in million)	583.8	510.25	514.25	527.25	553.27	605.81	634.20
Tourism Direct Employment (in million)	31.5	33.08	30.28	29.68	30.55	33.22	36.90
Direct share of Tourism (in percent)	5.40	6.48	5.89	5.63	5.52	5.48	5.82
Direct and indirect Tourism Employment (in million)	72.26	75.85	69.44	68.07	70.04	76.17	84.63
Total (Direct + Indirect) share of Tourism in Employment (%)	12.38	14.87	13.50	12.91	12.66	12.57	13.34

Source: Third TSA, 2015-16 and Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)





1. Definitions followed in India

ARRIVALS:

The data presented in this publication refer to the number of arrivals of tourists/visitors and not to the number of persons. An individual who makes multiple trips to the country is counted each time as a new arrival. This is also true in the case of Indian nationals going abroad.

FOREIGN VISITORS:

An international traveller qualifies as an Foreign visitor with respect to the country of reference if: (a) he/she is on a tourism trip and (b) he/she is a non-resident travelling in the country of reference or a resident travelling outside of it

This definition covers two segments of visitors: "Tourists" and "Same Day Visitors".

FOREIGN TOURISTS:

A foreign tourist is a person visiting India on a foreign passport, staying at least twenty four hours in the country, the purpose of whose journey can be classified under one of the following headings:

1. Leisure (recreation, holiday, health, study, religion and support);
2. Business, family mission, meeting.

The following are not regarded as 'foreign tourists':

- i. Person arriving with or without a contract, to take up an occupation or engage in activities remunerated from within the country;
- ii. Persons coming to establish residence in the country;
- iii. "Same Day Visitors" i.e. temporary visitors staying less than twenty-four hours in the country (including travelers on cruises).

EXCURSIONIST:

A Visitor in accordance with the foregoing definition and staying less than 24 hours in the country is treated as "Same Day Visitors" or "Excursionist".

CRUISE PASSENGER:

A visitor, as defined above, who arrives in the country aboard a cruise ship and does not spend a night at an accommodation establishment in the country is treated as a cruise passenger.

PORTS:

Ports are the points of entry of foreign visitors into India. At present, there are one hundred eight ports.

REGIONS: The regional classification of countries adopted for the presentation of data in this publication is as follows:

1. **Africa** – Comprises countries of North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa, including adjoining islands.
2. **North America** – Includes Canada, Mexico, and the United States of America.
3. **Caribbean** – Includes Anguilla, Aruba, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Turks & Caicos, and other island nations/territories.
4. **Central America** – Comprises Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.
5. **South America** – Includes Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela.
6. **North-East Asia** – Comprises China, Hong Kong (China), Japan, Republic of Korea (ROK), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Macao (China), Mongolia, Taiwan, and Tibet.
7. **Oceania** – Includes Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Pacific Island groups such as French Polynesia, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, etc.



8. **South Asia** – Comprises Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.
9. **South-East Asia** – Includes Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and Timor-Leste.
10. **Central & Eastern Europe** – Includes countries of the former Soviet Union, former Yugoslavia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, and other Central/Eastern European nations.
11. **Northern Europe** – Includes Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, along with other Nordic and Northern European countries.
12. **Southern/Mediterranean Europe** – Includes Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Türkiye, and other Mediterranean countries.
13. **Western Europe** – Includes Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, and other Western European countries.
14. **Middle East** – Includes Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Note: The regional classifications have been revised this year in line with the latest UN Tourism Standards. Consequently, certain region-wise figures may not be directly comparable with those published in earlier reports.

DOMESTIC TOURIST:

A domestic tourist is a person who travels within the country to a place other than his usual place of residence and stays at hotels or other accommodation establishments run on commercial basis or in dharamshalas/sarais/musafirkhanas/agrashalas/ choultries etc. for a duration of not less than 24 hours or one night and for not more than 12 months at a time for any of the following purposes: -

- i. Pleasure (holiday, leisure, sports, etc.);
- ii. Pilgrimage, religious and social functions;
- iii. Business conferences and meetings; and
- iv. Study and health.

The following are not regarded as domestic tourists:

- i. Persons arriving with or without a contract to take up an occupation or engage in activities remunerated from within the State/Centre.
- ii. Persons coming to establish more or less permanent residence in the State/ Centre.
- iii. Persons visiting their hometowns or native places on leave or a short visit for meeting relations and friends, attending social and religious functions etc. and staying in their own homes or with relatives and friends and not using any sightseeing facilities.
- iv. Foreigners resident in India.

INDIAN NATIONALS GOING ABROAD:

Any person going abroad with an Indian passport is regarded as an Indian national going abroad irrespective of the purpose and the destination.

TRAVEL RECEIPTS/FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FROM TOURISM:

These are receipts of the country as a result of consumption expenditure, i.e. payments made for goods and services acquired, by foreign visitors in the economy out of foreign currency brought by them.



2. INTERNATIONAL DEFINITIONS

TOURISM

The activities of persons traveling to and in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes.

DOMESTIC TOURISM

Residents of a given country traveling only within that country.

INBOUND TOURISM

In relation to a given country non-residents traveling to that country.

OUTBOUND TOURISM

In relation to a given country, residents traveling another country.

INTERNAL TOURISM

Domestic and Inbound Tourism.

NATIONAL TOURISM

Domestic and Outbound Tourism.

INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

Inbound and Outbound Tourism.

VISITORS

All type of travelers engages in tourism are described as Visitors, and as such the term represents the basic, concept for the whole system of tourism statistics.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

Any person who travels to a country other than that in which is his/her usual residence, but outside his/her usual environment, for a period not exceeding 12 months and whose main purpose of visit is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the country visited.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS INCLUDE:

- Tourist (overnight visitors): Visitors who stay at least one night in a collective of private accommodation in the country visited.
- Same Day Visitors: Visitors who do not spend a night in a collective or private accommodation in the country visited. This definition includes passengers of cruise ships who return to the ship every night to sleep on board even though the ship remains in port for several days. Also included in this group are, by extension, owners or passengers of Yachts, and passengers on a group tour accommodated in a train.
- Domestic Visitors: Any person residing in a country who travels to a place within the country, outside his/her usual environment for a period not exceeding 12 months, and whose main purpose of visit is other than the exercise of any activity remunerated from within the place visited.

DOMESTIC VISITORS INCLUDE:

- Tourists (overnight visitors): Visitors who stay at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the place visited.
- Same Day Visitors: Visitors who do not spend one night in a collective or private accommodation in the place visited.



ABBREVIATIONS

FTA	→	Foreign Tourist Arrival
BOI	→	Bureau of Immigration
ICP	→	Immigration Check Post
NRI	→	Non-Resident Indians
ITA	→	International Tourist Arrivals
FEE	→	Foreign Exchange Earnings
DTV	→	Domestic Tourist Visits
FTV	→	Foreign Tourist Visit
ASI	→	Archaeological survey of India
TTDI	→	Travel and Tourism Development Index
TSA	→	Tourism Satellite Account
IITM	→	Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management
IHM	→	Institute of Hotel Management
HMCI	→	Hotel Management & Catering Institutes
FCI	→	Food Craft Institute
NCHMCT	→	National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology
UNWTO	→	United Nation World Tourism Organization
NIDHI	→	National Integrated data based of hospitality industry
TTCI	→	Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index
WEF	→	World Economic Forum
NAS	→	National Accounts Statistics
TSA	→	Tourism Satellite Account
GDP	→	Gross Domestic Product
GVA	→	Gross Value Added
RBI	→	Reserve Bank of India

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