

TRAVEL & TOURISM ECONOMIC IMPACT 2024

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2024 to break all records

I'm delighted 2023 was another strong year for Travel & Tourism. That was, in part, thanks to the restarting of flights from China, with outbound travellers swelling numbers. The sector contributed almost \$10 trillion in value to the global economy and has almost returned to prepandemic levels, trailing the 2019 peak by 4%. This success came in the midst of a year of rising geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainties – yet more proof of the sector's resilience.

Let's look more closely at the figures. Globally, the sector contributed to **9.1% of global GDP**. It is a major employer providing jobs in some of the world's poorest countries. Last year, the Travel & Tourism workforce grew by 27.4 million to employ **330 million people**, almost reaching its prepandemic high. International spending increased by 33.1% to \$1.63 trillion, just 14% below 2019 levels. Domestic spending, meanwhile, increased by more than 18% to reach almost \$5 trillion, surpassing 2019 levels. Leisure spending surged by 21.2% to \$5.3 trillion, while business expenditure saw a 22.4% increase to reach \$1.3 trillion, with both closely approaching levels seen in 2019. This tells us that whether travellers holiday in their own country or abroad, or travel for business purposes, they are spending more.

Travel & Tourism recovered to 2019 levels in almost all regions around the world, including North, Central and South America, Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

Asia-Pacific, where COVID-19 restrictions were more severe, fully re-opened in 2023 and we can predict its return to 2019 levels this year.

We can predict a record-breaking 2024. The sector's global economic contribution is set to reach an all-time high of **\$11.1 trillion**, which will generate one in every ten dollars worldwide. The sector is also expected to support nearly **348 million jobs**, an increase of 13.6 million jobs on its 2019 record. International visitor spending is expected to come close to its peak, reaching \$1.89 trillion, while domestic tourists will spend more than in any previous year.

The future is very bright. That does not mean there are no risks, whether it is geopolitical instability or stubborn inflation. Furthermore, growth brings with it an added responsibility to do so inclusively and sustainably. In 2022, the WTTC began tracking and reporting the environmental and social impact of Travel & Tourism. The research proved that the decoupling of greenhouse gas emissions from the sector's growth has begun. This is good but we need to do more. The sector must decarbonise faster, whether it is through sustainable fuels for aviation and cruise or electric vehicles, and we must also protect the natural world upon which our future depends. And while Travel & Tourism already provides considerable opportunities for women, young people and some of the world's most marginalised people, we need to ensure this increases.

The sector's growth in 2024 and beyond will depend on the actions we take now. We need to continue to improve connectivity, whether it is through transport or telecoms infrastructure, and we must address the labour and skills shortages affecting so many businesses globally. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is evolving quickly and we must take advantage, whether it is making travel smoother, more efficient or creating a sector tailored to the needs of every traveller.

We trust that this report and its accompanying data will support policymakers, industry professionals and individuals engaged in the evolution of travel. It aims to help shape a future for the sector that emphasises sustainability and inclusion.

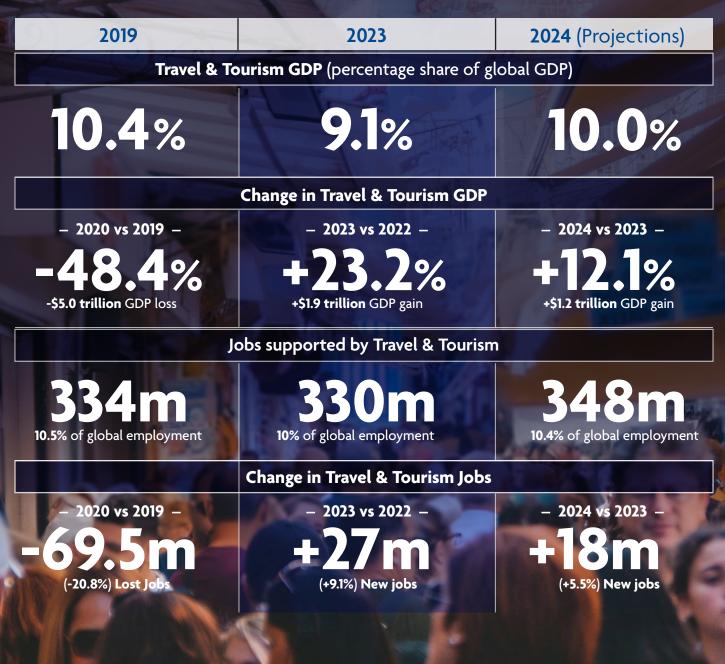
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2024 Annual Research: Key Highlights¹

Global Data

| | S Total 0 | GDP contribution: | Total Trav | el & Tourism jobs: |
|--------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 2019 | 10.4% (of Total Economy) USD 10.33TN | Change in 2020 -48.4% |): 334 MN =10.5% (Share of Global Jobs) | Change in 2020: -69.5 MN -20.8% |
| 2023 | 9.1% USD 9.90TN | Annual Change +23.2% (-4.1% vs 2019 Economy Change Yc | ³³⁰ MN | Annual Change: +9.1% (-1.4% vs 2019) |
| 2024 (E) | 10.0% USD 11.10TN | Annual Chang +12.1% (7.5% vs 2019 Economy Change Yc | 348 MN | Annual Change: +5.5% (4.1% vs 2019) |
| 2034 (F) | 11.4% USD 16.00TN | CAGR ² (2024 - 2 3.7% Economy CAGR (202 2.4% | 449 MN | New Jobs (2034 vs 2024): 101.1 MN |
| Sri Lanka Key Data | | | | |
| 2019 | 9.9% (of Total Economy LKR 3.43TN (USD 10.5BN) |) Change in 2 - 62.6 % | 10.00/ | Change in 2020: -23.2% |
| | | Appual Cha | ange. | |

| | (USD 10.5BN) | | (Share of Total Jobs) | |
|-------------|---|---|--------------------------|---|
| 2023 | 7.8% LKR 2.41TN (USD 7.4BN) | Annual Change: +45.4% (-29.9% vs 2019) Economy Change: -2.4% | 0.87 MN =10.6% | Annual Change: +5.3% (-2.2% vs 2019) |
| 2024 (E) | 9.4% LKR 3.12TN (USD 9.5BN) | Annual Change: +29.4% (-9.2% vs 2019) | 0.98 MN =11.8% | Annual Change: +12.4% (9.9% vs 2019) |
| 2034 (F) | 11.7% LKR 5.93TN (USD 18.1BN) | CAGR (2024 - 2034): + 6.6% Economy CAGR (2024 - 2034): + 4.4% | 1.49 MN =17.8% | New Jobs (2034 vs 2024): 0.51 MN |

| Sri Lanka Visitor Spending | : | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| 2019 | 2023 | 2024 (E) | 2034 (F) |
| International Visitor S | Spending: | | |
| LKR1.82TN (USD 5.6BN) 24.0% of total exports | LKR 934.1BN (USD 2.9BN) Annual Change: 76.5% (-48.7% vs 2019) | LKR1.41TN (USD 4.3BN) Annual Change: 51.2% (-22.5% vs 2019) | LKR 3.02TN (USD 9.2BN) 39.7% of total exports CAGR (2024 - 2034): 7.9% |
| Domestic Visitor Sper | nding: | | |
| LKR964.8BN (USD 3.0BN) | LKR 807.7 BN (USD 2.5BN) Annual Change: 9.9% (-16.3% vs 2019) | LKR880.6BN (USD 2.7BN) Annual Change: 9.0% (-8.7% vs 2019) | LKR 1.49TN (USD 4.6BN) CAGR (2024 - 2034): 5.4% |
| Domestic Spending | International Spending | Leisure Spending | Business Spending |
| 2019 | | 2019 | |
| 34.6% | 65.4% | 78.7% | 21.3% |
| 2023 | | 2023 | |
| 46.4% | 53.6% | 82.5% | 17.5% |
| % share of total spending | | % share of total spendin | g |
| Inbound Arrivals ³ : | | Outbound Departure | es ³ : |
| 2019 | 2023 | 2019 | 2023 |

| | 2023 | 2017 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. India 19% | 1. India 20% | 1. India 28% | 1. India 32% |
| 2. United Kingdom 10% | 2. Russian Federation 13% | 2. France 8% | 2. Japan 8% |
| 3. China 9% | 3. United Kingdom 9% | 3. Kuwait 6% | 3. France 8% |
| 4. Germany 7% | 4. Germany 7% | 4. Singapore 6% | 4. Saudi Arabia 7% |
| 5. Australia 5% | 5. China 5% | 5. United Arab Emirates 5% | 5. United Arab Emirates 6% |
| Rest of world 50% | Rest of world 46% | Rest of world 47% | Rest of world 40% |

Note: All figures shown for 2024 are estimates (E) and for 2034 are forecast projections (F). Data for additional Travel & Tourism indicators are available in the full report. For more details, visit https://researchhub.wttc.org.

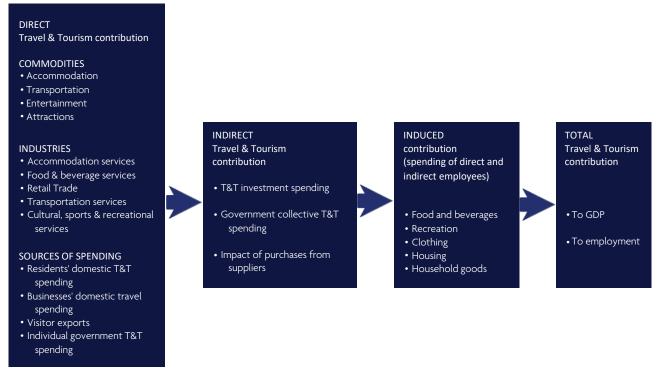
1. All values are in constant 2023 prices & exchange rates. As reported in March 2024.

2. CAGR= Compound Annual Growth Rate

3. Source: Oxford Economics, national sources and UN Tourism (formerly UNWTO)

DEFINING THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM

Travel & Tourism is an important economic activity in most economies around the world. As well as its direct economic impact, the industry has significant indirect and induced impacts. The UN Statistics Division-approved Tourism Satellite Accounting methodology (TSA:RMF 2008) quantifies only the direct contribution of Travel & Tourism. But WTTC recognises that Travel & Tourism's total contribution is much greater, and aims to capture its indirect and induced impacts through its annual research.



DIRECT CONTRIBUTION

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP reflects the 'internal' spending on Travel & Tourism (total spending within a particular economy on Travel & Tourism by residents and non-residents for business and leisure purposes) as well as government 'individual' spending - spending by government on Travel & Tourism services directly linked to visitors, such as cultural (eg museums) or recreational (eg national parks).

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP is calculated to be consistent with the output, as expressed in National Accounting, of tourism-characteristic sectors such as hotels, airlines, airports, travel agents and leisure and recreation services that deal directly with tourists. The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP is calculated from total internal spending by 'netting out' the purchases made by the different tourism sectors. This measure is consistent with the definition of Tourism GDP, specified in the 2008 Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological Framework (TSA: RMF 2008).

The total contribution of Travel & Tourism includes its 'wider impacts' (ie the indirect and induced impacts) on the economy. The 'indirect' contribution includes the GDP and jobs supported by:

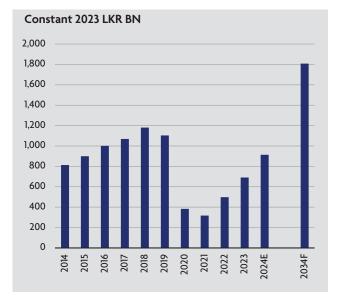
- Travel & Tourism investment spending an important aspect of both current and future activity that includes investment activity such as the purchase of new aircraft and construction of new hotels;
- Government 'collective' spending, which helps Travel & Tourism activity in many different ways as it is made on behalf of the 'community at large' eg tourism marketing and promotion, aviation, administration, security services, resort area security services, resort area sanitation services, etc;
- Domestic purchases of goods and services by the sectors dealing directly with tourists including, for example, purchases of food and cleaning services by hotels, of fuel and catering services by airlines, and IT services by travel agents.

The 'induced' contribution measures the GDP and jobs supported by the spending of those who are directly or indirectly employed by the Travel & Tourism industry.

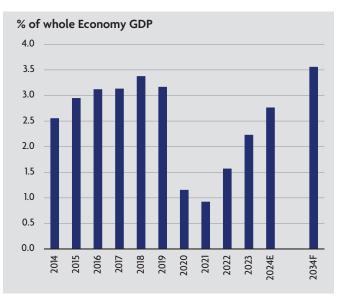
TRAVEL & TOURISM'S CONTRIBUTION TO GDP¹

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP in 2023 was LKR690.3bn (2.2% of GDP). This primarily reflects the economic activity generated by industries such as hotels, travel agents, airlines and other passenger transportation services (excluding commuter services). But it also includes, for example, the activities of the restaurant and leisure industries directly supported by tourists.

The direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP is expected to grow by 7.1% pa to LKR1,808.7bn (3.6% of GDP) from 2024 to 2034.



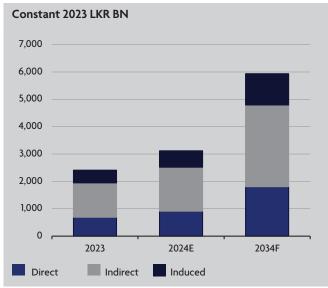
Sri Lanka: Direct Contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP



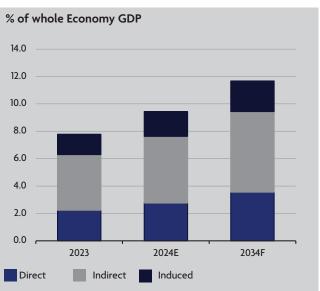
The total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (including wider effects from investment, the supply chain and induced income impacts, see page 3) was LKR2,408.5bn in 2023 (7.8% of GDP).

It is forecast to rise by 6.6% pa to LKR5,933.8bn from 2024 to 2034 (11.7% of GDP).





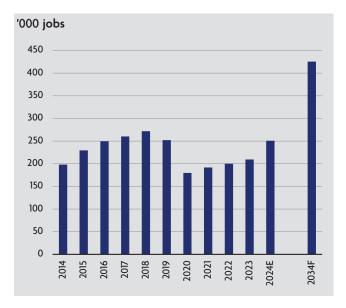
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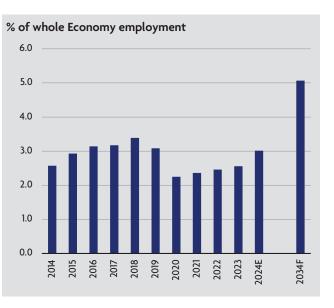
TRAVEL & TOURISM'S CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYMENT

Travel & Tourism generated 209,174 jobs directly in 2023 (2.6% of total employment). This includes employment by hotels, travel agents, airlines and other passenger transportation services (excluding commuter services). It also includes, for example, the activities of the restaurant and leisure industries directly supported by tourists.

By 2034, Travel & Tourism will account for 425,224 jobs directly (5.1% of total employment), an increase of 5.4% pa from 2024.



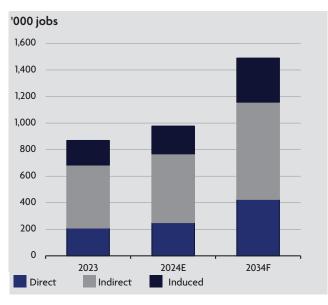


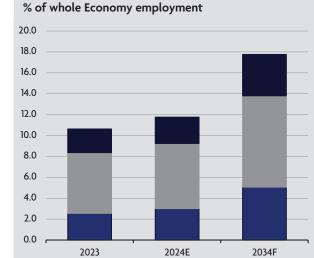


The total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment (including wider effects from investment, the supply chain and induced income impacts, see page 3) was 869,028 jobs in 2023 (10.6% of total employment).

By 2034, Travel & Tourism is forecast to support 1,489,069 jobs (17.8% of total employment), an increase of 4.3% pa since 2024.







Induced

Direct

Indirect

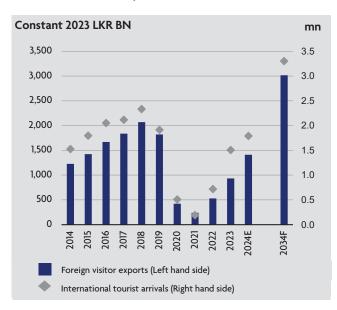
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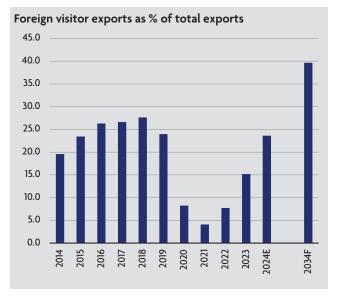
VISITOR EXPORTS AND INVESTMENT¹

VISITOR EXPORTS

Visitor exports are a key component of the direct contribution of Travel & Tourism. In 2023, Sri Lanka generated LKR934.lbn in visitor exports. By 2034, international tourist arrivals are forecast to total 3,301,000, generating expenditure of LKR3,015.3bn, an increase of 7.9% pa since 2024.

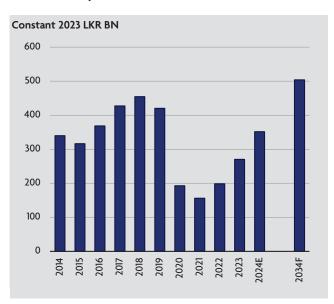
Sri Lanka: Visitor Exports and International Tourist Arrivals





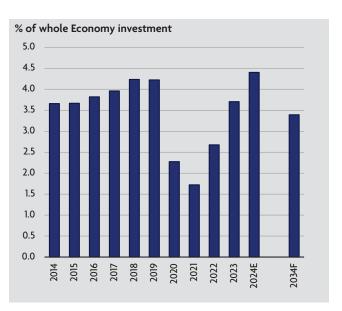
INVESTMENT

Travel & Tourism is expected to have attracted capital investment of LKR270.3bn in 2023. Travel & Tourism's share of total national investment is expected to be 3.4% in 2034.

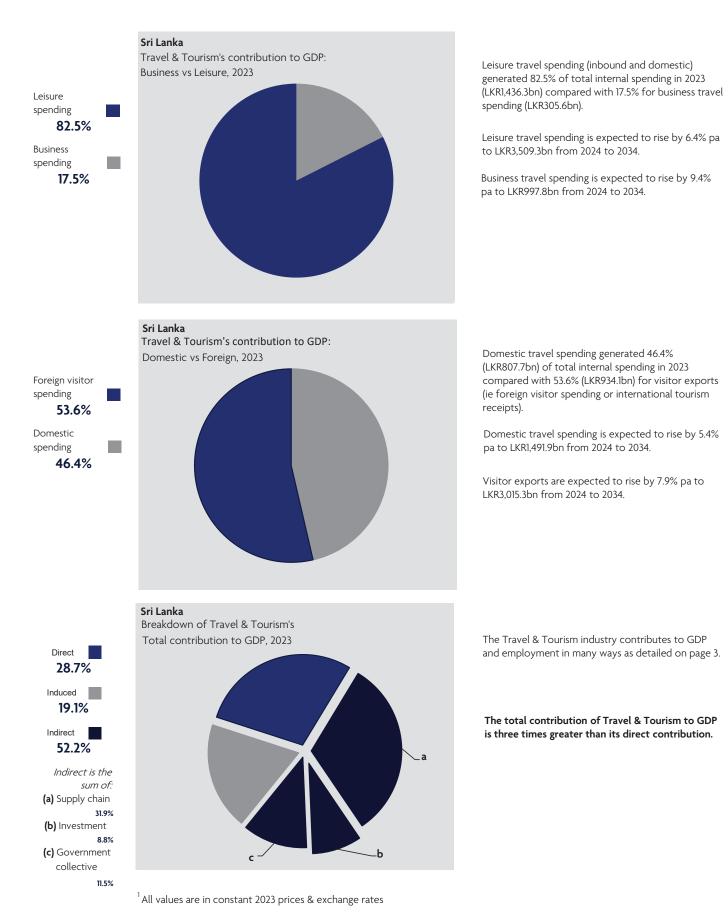


Sri Lanka: Capital Investment in Travel & Tourism

¹All values are in constant 2023 prices & exchange rates **E - Estimate, F - Forecast**



DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF TRAVEL & TOURISM¹



ECONOMY RANKINGS: ABSOLUTE CONTRIBUTION, 2023

| | el & Tourism's Direct tribution to GDP | 2023 (US\$bn) |
|-----|---|------------------|
| 10 | India | 79.6 |
| 22 | Thailand | 24.6 |
| 29 | Malaysia | 19.0 |
| | World Average | 16.5 |
| | South Asia Average | 15.6 |
| 76 | Kenya | 2.9 |
| 86 | Tanzania | 2.3 |
| 89 | Sri Lanka | 2.1 |
| 98 | Maldives | 1.7 |
| 103 | Mauritius | 1.5 |
| 137 | Madagascar | 0.5 |
| 139 | Seychelles | 0.4 |

| | el & Tourism's Direct tribution to Employment | 2023 '000 jobs |
|-----|--|-------------------|
| 2 | India | 19,664.9 |
| 5 | Thailand | 5,215.2 |
| 16 | Malaysia | 1,327.7 |
| | World Average | 1,305.7 |
| | South Asia Average | 620.2 |
| 32 | Kenya | 517.6 |
| 41 | Tanzania | 341.0 |
| 60 | Sri Lanka | 209.2 |
| 62 | Madagascar | 207.7 |
| 108 | Maldives | 80.9 |
| 127 | Mauritius | 41.4 |
| 160 | Seychelles | 12.3 |

| Travel & Tourism Investment | | 2023 (US\$bn) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 5 | India | 43.8 |
| | South Asia Average | 8.3 |
| | World Average | 5.5 |
| 33 | Malaysia | 4.8 |
| 54 | Thailand | 2.1 |
| 56 | Tanzania | 2.1 |
| 73 | Sri Lanka | 0.8 |
| 75 | Kenya | 0.8 |
| 79 | Maldives | 0.7 |
| 98 | Madagascar | 0.4 |
| 142 | Seychelles | 0.1 |
| 146 | Mauritius | 0.1 |

| Trav | el & Tourism's Total | 2023 | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--|
| Cont | tribution to GDP | (US\$bn) | |
| COIN | | (00001) | |
| 8 | India | 231.6 | |
| 27 | Thailand | 53.5 | |
| | World Average | 47.9 | |
| | South Asia Average | 45.8 | |
| 34 | Malaysia | 34.4 | |
| 72 | Tanzania | 7.8 | |
| 74 | Kenya | 7.5 | |
| 77 | Sri Lanka | 7.4 | |
| 96 | Maldives | 4.2 | |
| 112 | Mauritius | 2.8 | |
| 129 | Madagascar | 1.6 | |
| 144 | Seychelles | 1.0 | |
| | | | |
| Travel & Tourism's Total 2023 | | | |
| Contribution to Employment | | '000 jobs | |
| COII | | | |
| 2 | India | 42,944.5 | |
| | | | |

| Z | India | 42,944.5 |
|-----|--------------------|----------|
| 7 | Thailand | 7,608.9 |
| 21 | Malaysia | 2,295.0 |
| | World Average | 1,607.4 |
| 28 | Kenya | 1,546.6 |
| | South Asia Average | 1,446.7 |
| 32 | Tanzania | 1,415.6 |
| 44 | Sri Lanka | 869.0 |
| 47 | Madagascar | 828.0 |
| 109 | Maldives | 201.3 |
| 141 | Mauritius | 75.1 |
| 163 | Seychelles | 28.8 |
| | | |

| Visitor Exports | | 2023 (US\$bn) |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 12 | Thailand | 34.1 |
| 17 | India | 29.4 |
| 30 | Malaysia | 16.1 |
| | World Average | 8.8 |
| | South Asia Average | 6.6 |
| 62 | Maldives | 4.4 |
| 75 | Tanzania | 3.4 |
| 82 | Sri Lanka | 2.9 |
| 92 | Mauritius | 2.1 |
| 94 | Kenya | 1.9 |
| 112 | Seychelles | 1.0 |
| 125 | Madagascar | 0.7 |

The tables on pages 8-11 provide brief extracts from the full WTTC Economic League Table Rankings, highlighting comparisons with

competing destinations as well as with the world and regional average. Averages are simple cross-economy averages.

The competing destinations selected are those that offer a similar tourism product and compete for tourists from the same set of origin markets. These tend to be, but are not exclusively, geographical neighbours.

ECONOMY RANKINGS: RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION, 2023

| Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to GDP | | 2023 % share |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | Maldives | 24.2 |
| 8 | Seychelles | 22.4 |
| 19 | Mauritius | 11.4 |
| 52 | Thailand | 4.8 |
| 54 | Malaysia | 4.7 |
| 89 | Madagascar | 2.9 |
| 91 | Tanzania | 2.8 |
| | World Average | 2.8 |
| 96 | Kenya | 2.8 |
| 120 | Sri Lanka | 2.2 |
| 121 | India | 2.2 |
| | South Asia Average | 2.1 |

| Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to Employment | | 2023 % share |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| 4 | Maldives | 30.9 |
| 9 | Seychelles | 22.5 |
| 17 | Thailand | 13.1 |
| 35 | Malaysia | 8.2 |
| 37 | Mauritius | 7.5 |
| 80 | India | 4.1 |
| | World Average | 3.7 |
| | South Asia Average | 3.5 |
| 118 | Kenya | 2.6 |
| 122 | Sri Lanka | 2.6 |
| 159 | Tanzania | 1.4 |
| 160 | Madagascar | 1.3 |

| Travel & Tourism Contribution to Total Capital Investment | | 2023 % share |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | Seychelles | 38.6 |
| 8 | Maldives | 25.2 |
| 22 | Madagascar | 14.8 |
| 62 | Malaysia | 6.3 |
| 63 | Tanzania | 6.2 |
| 91 | India | 4.2 |
| | South Asia Average | 4.0 |
| 99 | Mauritius | 4.0 |
| 101 | Kenya | 3.8 |
| 104 | Sri Lanka | 3.7 |
| | World Average | 3.6 |
| 164 | Thailand | 1.8 |

| Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to GDP | | 2023 % share |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| 5 | Maldives | 58.9 |
| 8 | Seychelles | 52.1 |
| 27 | Mauritius | 20.4 |
| 61 | Thailand | 10.4 |
| 64 | Madagascar | 10.1 |
| 72 | Tanzania | 9.5 |
| | World Average | 9.1 |
| 82 | Malaysia | 8.6 |
| 91 | Sri Lanka | 7.8 |
| 105 | Kenya | 7.0 |
| 117 | India | 6.5 |
| | South Asia Average | 6.2 |

| Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to Employment | | 2023 % share |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| 3 | Maldives | 76.8 |
| 9 | Seychelles | 52.7 |
| 35 | Thailand | 19.1 |
| 50 | Malaysia | 14.2 |
| 53 | Mauritius | 13.5 |
| 77 | Sri Lanka | 10.6 |
| | World Average | 10.0 |
| 99 | India | 8.9 |
| | South Asia Average | 8.1 |
| 114 | Kenya | 7.8 |
| 145 | Tanzania | 5.7 |
| 154 | Madagascar | 5.3 |

| Visitor Exports Contribution to Exports | | 2023 % share |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| 4 | Maldives | 81.1 |
| 16 | Kenya | 57.3 |
| 20 | Mauritius | 48.7 |
| 22 | Seychelles | 47.4 |
| 23 | Tanzania | 46.9 |
| 59 | Madagascar | 15.6 |
| 60 | Sri Lanka | 15.2 |
| 77 | Thailand | 10.2 |
| 106 | Malaysia | 6.0 |
| | World Average | 5.3 |
| | South Asia Average | 4.5 |
| 137 | India | 3.9 |

ECONOMY RANKINGS: REAL GROWTH, 2023

| | el & Tourism's Direct tribution to GDP | 2023 % growth |
|-----|---|------------------|
| 5 | Malaysia | 99.0 |
| 13 | Thailand | 64.3 |
| 23 | Sri Lanka | 38.6 |
| 27 | Madagascar | 36.8 |
| 46 | Mauritius | 27.2 |
| 59 | Kenya | 22.1 |
| | World Average | 21.3 |
| 70 | India | 18.6 |
| 74 | Tanzania | 18.1 |
| | South Asia Average | 17.7 |
| 135 | Maldives | 8.8 |
| 185 | Seychelles | -30.2 |

| Travel & Tourism's Direct Contribution to Employment | | 2023 % growth |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| 8 | Mauritius | 16.8 |
| 24 | Malaysia | 12.5 |
| 38 | India | 10.6 |
| | South Asia Average | 10.0 |
| 53 | Kenya | 9.2 |
| | World Average | 9.0 |
| 58 | Thailand | 8.9 |
| 69 | Madagascar | 8.3 |
| 73 | Maldives | 8.0 |
| 101 | Tanzania | 6.5 |
| 106 | Seychelles | 6.2 |
| 145 | Sri Lanka | 4.4 |

| Trav | el & Tourism Investment | 2023 % growth |
|------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 12 | Sri Lanka | 36.3 |
| 18 | Mauritius | 30.2 |
| 33 | Seychelles | 24.1 |
| 46 | Madagascar | 22.4 |
| 47 | Thailand | 22.2 |
| 55 | Malaysia | 21.2 |
| 72 | India | 16.9 |
| | South Asia Average | 16.3 |
| | World Average | 13.0 |
| 128 | Kenya | 9.6 |
| 152 | Tanzania | 7.7 |
| 160 | Maldives | 7.1 |

| Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to GDP | | 2023 % growth |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| 5 | Malaysia | 97.8 |
| 12 | Thailand | 59.4 |
| 16 | Sri Lanka | 45.4 |
| 25 | Madagascar | 33.2 |
| 49 | Mauritius | 25.0 |
| | World Average | 23.2 |
| 63 | Kenya | 19.6 |
| 68 | India | 18.4 |
| | South Asia Average | 17.8 |
| 87 | Tanzania | 15.4 |
| 122 | Maldives | 10.6 |
| 185 | Seychelles | -26.8 |

| Travel & Tourism's Total Contribution to Employment | | 2023 % growth |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| 8 | Mauritius | 15.7 |
| 28 | Seychelles | 11.3 |
| 31 | Malaysia | 10.8 |
| 39 | India | 9.7 |
| | World Average | 9.1 |
| | South Asia Average | 9.0 |
| 56 | Maldives | 8.6 |
| 83 | Tanzania | 7.4 |
| 99 | Thailand | 6.6 |
| 117 | Kenya | 5.7 |
| 127 | Madagascar | 5.4 |
| 129 | Sri Lanka | 5.3 |

| Visitor Exports | | 2023 % growth |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 9 | Malaysia | 198.8 |
| 20 | Thailand | 100.3 |
| 29 | Sri Lanka | 76.5 |
| 60 | Kenya | 36.2 |
| 65 | Madagascar | 33.2 |
| | World Average | 33.1 |
| 69 | India | 32.3 |
| | South Asia Average | 31.8 |
| 77 | Mauritius | 28.0 |
| 80 | Tanzania | 24.6 |
| 141 | Maldives | 7.8 |
| 183 | Seychelles | -32.7 |

ECONOMY RANKINGS: LONG TERM GROWTH, 2024 - 2034

| | el & Tourism's Direct tribution to GDP | 2024 - 2034 % growth |
|-----|---|-------------------------|
| 4 | Madagascar | 9.1 |
| 5 | India | 7.5 |
| | South Asia Average | 7.2 |
| 6 | Thailand | 7.1 |
| 7 | Sri Lanka | 7.1 |
| 33 | Malaysia | 5.3 |
| 63 | Maldives | 4.4 |
| 65 | Tanzania | 4.3 |
| 91 | Kenya | 3.9 |
| 93 | Mauritius | 3.9 |
| | World Average | 3.7 |
| 155 | Seychelles | 2.4 |

| | el & Tourism's Direct tribution to Employment | 2024 - 2034 % growth |
|-----|--|-------------------------|
| 7 | Sri Lanka | 5.4 |
| 22 | Tanzania | 4.1 |
| 26 | Malaysia | 4.0 |
| 33 | Madagascar | 3.8 |
| 46 | Maldives | 3.5 |
| 48 | India | 3.4 |
| | South Asia Average | 3.3 |
| 80 | Kenya | 2.6 |
| | World Average | 2.5 |
| 92 | Seychelles | 2.4 |
| 105 | Mauritius | 2.2 |
| 136 | Thailand | 1.8 |

| Trav | el & Tourism Investment | 2024 - 2034 % growth | | |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 10 | India | 9.7 | | |
| | South Asia Average | 9.3 | | |
| 31 | Malaysia | 7.4 | | |
| 33 | Madagascar | 7.3 | | |
| 49 | Mauritius | 6.5 | | |
| 71 | Thailand | 5.5 | | |
| 76 | Kenya | 5.3 | | |
| | World Average | 5.1 | | |
| 86 | Seychelles | 5.1 | | |
| 126 | Sri Lanka | 3.7 | | |
| 135 | Tanzania | 3.5 | | |
| 159 | Maldives | 2.7 | | |

| | el & Tourism's Total ribution to GDP | 2024 - 2034 % growth |
|-----|---|-------------------------|
| 4 | Madagascar | 8.3 |
| 5 | India | 7.4 |
| | South Asia Average | 7.1 |
| 10 | Thailand | 6.7 |
| 11 | Sri Lanka | 6.6 |
| 29 | Malaysia | 5.4 |
| 75 | Tanzania | 4.3 |
| 87 | Maldives | 4.1 |
| 90 | Kenya | 4.0 |
| 94 | Mauritius | 4.0 |
| | World Average | 3.7 |
| 130 | Seychelles | 3.1 |

| | el & Tourism's Total ribution to Employment | 2024 - 2034 % growth |
|----|--|-------------------------|
| 21 | Sri Lanka | 4.3 |
| 29 | Mauritius | 3.9 |
| 31 | Tanzania | 3.9 |
| 33 | Malaysia | 3.8 |
| 49 | India | 3.3 |
| 52 | Madagascar | 3.3 |
| 53 | Kenya | 3.3 |
| | South Asia Average | 3.2 |
| 58 | Maldives | 3.2 |
| 62 | Seychelles | 3.1 |
| 83 | Thailand | 2.7 |
| | World Average | 2.6 |

| Visit | or Exports | 2024 - 2034 % growth | | |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 10 | Madagascar | 9.4 | | |
| 11 | Thailand | 9.3 | | |
| 18 | Sri Lanka | 7.9 | | |
| 57 | Malaysia | 5.5 | | |
| | South Asia Average | 5.3 | | |
| 63 | India | 5.1 | | |
| 77 | Maldives | 4.7 | | |
| | World Average | 4.5 | | |
| 95 | Tanzania | 4.2 | | |
| 113 | Mauritius | 3.7 | | |
| 150 | Kenya | 2.5 | | |
| 168 | Seychelles | 2.0 | | |

SUMMARY TABLES: ESTIMATES & FORECASTS

| | 2023 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--|
| Sri Lanka | USDbn ¹ | % of total | Growth ² | USDbn ¹ | % of total | Growth ³ | |
| Direct contribution to GDP | 2.1 | 2.2 | 32.3 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 7.1 | |
| Total contribution to GDP | 7.4 | 7.8 | 29.4 | 18.1 | 11.7 | 6.6 | |
| Direct contribution to employment ⁴ | 209.2 | 2.6 | 19.8 | 425.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | |
| Total contribution to employment ⁴ | 869.0 | 10.6 | 12.4 | 1,489.1 | 17.8 | 4.3 | |
| Visitor exports | 2.9 | 15.2 | 51.2 | 9.2 | 39.7 | 7.9 | |
| Domestic spending | 2.5 | 2.6 | 9.0 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 5.4 | |
| Leisure spending | 4.4 | 4.6 | 31.3 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 6.4 | |
| Business spending | 0.93 | 1.0 | 33.2 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 9.4 | |
| Capital investment | 0.83 | 3.7 | 30.1 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 3.7 | |

¹2023 constant prices & exchange rates; ²2024 real growth adjusted for inflation (%); ³2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%); ⁴000 jobs

| | 2023 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| South Asia | USDbn ¹ | % of total | Growth ² | USDbn ¹ | % of total | Growth ³ |
| Direct contribution to GDP | 93.9 | 2.1 | 10.7 | 207.5 | 2.5 | 7.2 |
| Total contribution to GDP | 275.0 | 6.2 | 10.5 | 605.4 | 7.4 | 7.1 |
| Direct contribution to employment ⁴ | 22,327.1 | 3.5 | 6.0 | 32,850.2 | 4.3 | 3.3 |
| Total contribution to employment ⁴ | 52,080.9 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 75,151.0 | 9.8 | 3.2 |
| Visitor exports | 39.3 | 4.5 | 17.9 | 77.4 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Domestic spending | 202.9 | 4.5 | 9.3 | 456.6 | 5.5 | 7.5 |
| Leisure spending | 228.6 | 5.1 | 10.3 | 504.4 | 6.1 | 7.2 |
| Business spending | 13.6 | 0.3 | 17.3 | 29.5 | 0.4 | 6.3 |
| Capital investment | 49.7 | 4.0 | 12.4 | 136.0 | 6.1 | 9.3 |

¹2023 constant prices & exchange rates; ²2024 real growth adjusted for inflation (%); ³2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%); ⁴000 jobs

| | 2023 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--|
| Worldwide | USDbn ¹ | % of total | Growth ² | USDbn ¹ | % of total | Growth ³ | |
| Direct contribution to GDP | 3,059.3 | 2.8 | 10.9 | 4,865.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | |
| Total contribution to GDP | 9,899.3 | 9.1 | 12.1 | 15,998.6 | 11.4 | 3.7 | |
| Direct contribution to employment ⁴ | 120,812.2 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 162,759.0 | 4.4 | 2.5 | |
| Total contribution to employment ⁴ | 329,600.6 | 10.0 | 5.5 | 448,996.5 | 12.2 | 2.6 | |
| Visitor exports | 1,632.6 | 5.3 | 15.9 | 2,945.0 | 7.4 | 4.5 | |
| Domestic spending | 4,968.5 | 4.6 | 9.3 | 7,608.8 | 5.4 | 3.4 | |
| Leisure spending | 5,296.0 | 4.9 | 10.7 | 8,501.0 | 6.1 | 3.8 | |
| Business spending | 1,305.2 | 1.2 | 12.2 | 2,053.2 | 1.4 | 3.4 | |
| Capital investment | 1,013.2 | 3.6 | 10.7 | 1,843.7 | 5.0 | 5.1 | |

¹2023 constant prices & exchange rates; ²2024 real growth adjusted for inflation (%); ³2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%); ⁴000 jobs

% of total refers to each indicator's share of the relevant whole economy indicator such as GDP and employment. Visitor exports is shown relative to total exports of goods and services. Domestic spending, as well as leisure and business spending, is expressed relative to whole economy GDP. Investment spending is expressed relative to whole economy investment.

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: REAL 2023 PRICES

| | Lanka Rbn, real 2023 prices) | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F |
|-----|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Visitor exports | 2,069.9 | 1,822.2 | 422.7 | 237.8 | 529.4 | 934.1 | 1,412.3 | 3,015.3 |
| 2. | Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending) | 909.4 | 964.8 | 543.0 | 564.1 | 734.7 | 807.7 | 880.6 | 1,491.9 |
| 3. | Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2) | 2,979.3 | 2,787.0 | 965.7 | 801.9 | 1,264.0 | 1,741.9 | 2,292.9 | 4,507.2 |
| 4. | Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain) | -1,799.2 | -1,682.8 | -581.5 | -484.6 | -766.0 | -1,051.6 | -1,379.5 | -2,698.5 |
| 5. | Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 3 + 4) | 1,180.1 | 1,104.2 | 384.2 | 317.3 | 498.1 | 690.3 | 913.4 | 1,808.7 |
| 6 | Other final impacts (indirect & induced) Domestic supply chain | 1,530.0 | 1,431.6 | 498.1 | 411.4 | 645.7 | 894.9 | 1,184.2 | 2,345.0 |
| 7. | Capital investment | 454.4 | 420.0 | 192.8 | 155.9 | 198.2 | 270.3 | 351.6 | 503.7 |
| 8. | Government collective spending | 117.8 | 122.9 | 86.1 | 70.1 | 145.1 | 289.4 | 316.3 | 548.2 |
| 9. | Imported goods from indirect spending | -323.9 | -301.1 | -110.7 | -95.3 | -147.8 | -197.0 | -244.0 | -406.8 |
| 10. | Induced | 699.7 | 657.0 | 233.3 | 197.1 | 316.8 | 460.7 | 596.3 | 1,135.0 |
| 11. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10) | 3,658.0 | 3,434.6 | 1,283.8 | 1,056.5 | 1,656.2 | 2,408.5 | 3,117.8 | 5,933.8 |
| 12. | Employment impacts ('000) Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 271.6 | 252.2 | 179.7 | 191.7 | 200.3 | 209.2 | 250.6 | 425.2 |
| 13. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 953.9 | 888.8 | 682.3 | 725.4 | 825.0 | 869.0 | 976.8 | 1,489.1 |
| 14. | Other indicators Expenditure on outbound travel Leisure spending Business spending | 732.1 2,365.2 614.1 | 721.2 2,194.4 592.6 | 231.9 806.5 159.3 | 83.9 670.2 131.7 | 550.1 1,062.1 201.9 | 651.9 1,436.3 305.6 | 711.6 1,885.9 407.0 | 1,289.3 3,509.3 997.8 |

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: NOMINAL PRICES

| Sri | Lanka | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Rbn, nominal prices) | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F |
| 1. | Visitor exports | 910.0 | 832.1 | 199.3 | 121.7 | 403.1 | 934.1 | 1,542.8 | 4,536.5 |
| 2. | Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending) | 399.8 | 440.6 | 256.1 | 288.6 | 559.5 | 807.7 | 962.0 | 2,244.5 |
| 3. | Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2) | 1,309.8 | 1,272.7 | 455.4 | 410.3 | 962.7 | 1,741.9 | 2,504.8 | 6,780.9 |
| 4. | Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain) | -791.0 | -768.4 | -274.2 | -247.9 | -583.4 | -1,051.6 | -1,507.0 | -4,059.8 |
| 5. | Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 3 + 4) | 518.8 | 504.2 | 181.2 | 162.4 | 379.3 | 690.3 | 997.8 | 2,721.1 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 3.4 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.6 |
| 6. | Other final impacts (indirect & induced) Domestic supply chain | 672.6 | 653.8 | 234.9 | 210.5 | 491.8 | 894.9 | 1,293.6 | 3,528.0 |
| 7. | | 199.8 | 191.8 | 90.9 | 79.8 | 151.0 | 270.3 | 384.1 | 757.9 |
| 8. | Government collective spending | 51.8 | 56.1 | 40.6 | 35.8 | 110.5 | 289.4 | 345.5 | 824.7 |
| 9. | Imported goods from indirect spending | -142.4 | -137.5 | -52.2 | -48.7 | -112.5 | -197.0 | -266.5 | -612.0 |
| 10. | Induced | 307.6 | 300.0 | 110.0 | 100.8 | 241.3 | 460.7 | 651.5 | 1,707.5 |
| 11. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10) | 1,608.2 | 1,568.4 | 605.4 | 540.6 | 1,261.3 | 2,408.5 | 3,405.9 | 8,927.3 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 10.5 | 9.9 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 11.7 |
| 12. | Employment impacts ('000) Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 271.6 | 252.2 | 179.7 | 191.7 | 200.3 | 209.2 | 250.6 | 425.2 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 5.1 |
| 13. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 953.9 | 888.8 | 682.3 | 725.4 | 825.0 | 869.0 | 976.8 | 1,489.1 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 11.9 | 10.9 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.8 | 17.8 |
| 14. | Other indicators Expenditure on outbound travel | 321.8 | 329.3 | 109.3 | 42.9 | 419.0 | 651.9 | 777.4 | 1,939.7 |
| | Leisure spending Business spending | 1,039.8 270.0 | 1,002.1 270.6 | 380.3 75.1 | 342.9 67.4 | 808.9 153.8 | 1,436.3 305.6 | 2,060.2 444.6 | 5,279.7 1,501.2 |

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

*Concepts shown in this table align with the standard table totals as described in the *2008 Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological* Framework (TSA: RMF 2008) developed by the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD), the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and UN Tourism formerly (UNWTO). Historical data for concepts has been benchmarked to match reported TSA data where available.

THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: REAL 2023 PRICES (USD)

| | Lanka Dbn, real 2023 prices) | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F |
|-----|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Visitor exports | 6.3 | 5.6 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 9.2 |
| 2. | Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending) | 2.8 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 4.6 |
| 3. | Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2) | 9.1 | 8.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 13.8 |
| 4. | Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain) | -5.5 | -5.1 | -1.8 | -1.5 | -2.3 | -3.2 | -4.2 | -8.3 |
| 5. | Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 3 + 4) | 3.6 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 5.5 |
| 6 | Other final impacts (indirect & induced) Domestic supply chain | 4.7 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 7.2 |
| 7. | Capital investment | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| 8. | Government collective spending | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.7 |
| 9. | Imported goods from indirect spending | -1.0 | -0.9 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.7 | -1.2 |
| 10. | Induced | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 3.5 |
| 11. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10) | 11.2 | 10.5 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 18.1 |
| 12. | Employment impacts ('000) Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 271.6 | 252.2 | 179.7 | 191.7 | 200.3 | 209.2 | 250.6 | 425.2 |
| 13. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 953.9 | 888.8 | 682.3 | 725.4 | 825.0 | 869.0 | 976.8 | 1,489.1 |
| 14. | Other indicators Expenditure on outbound travel Leisure spending Business spending | 2.2 7.2 1.9 | 2.2 6.7 1.8 | 0.7 2.5 0.5 | 0.3 2.0 0.4 | 1.7 3.2 0.6 | 2.0 4.4 0.9 | 2.2 5.8 1.2 | 3.9 10.7 3.1 |

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: NOMINAL PRICES (USD)

| Sri | Lanka | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| (US | Dbn, nominal prices) | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F |
| 1. | Visitor exports | 5.6 | 4.7 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 14.1 |
| 2. | Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending) | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 7.0 |
| 3. | Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2) | 8.1 | 7.1 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 21.0 |
| 4. | Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain) | -4.9 | -4.3 | -1.5 | -1.2 | -1.8 | -3.2 | -4.9 | -12.6 |
| 5. | Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 3 + 4) | 3.2 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 8.4 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 3.4 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.6 |
| 6. | Other final impacts (indirect & induced) Domestic supply chain | 4.1 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 10.9 |
| 7. | Capital investment | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 |
| 8. | Government collective spending | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| 9. | Imported goods from indirect spending | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.6 | -0.9 | -1.9 |
| 10. | Induced | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 5.3 |
| 11. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10) | 9.9 | 8.8 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 27.7 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 10.5 | 9.9 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 11.7 |
| 12. | Employment impacts ('000) Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 271.6 | 252.2 | 179.7 | 191.7 | 200.3 | 209.2 | 250.6 | 425.2 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 5.1 |
| 13. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 953.9 | 888.8 | 682.3 | 725.4 | 825.0 | 869.0 | 976.8 | 1,489.1 |
| | Relative contribution (% whole economy) | 11.9 | 10.9 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.8 | 17.8 |
| 14. | Other indicators | | | | | | | | |
| | Expenditure on outbound travel | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 6.0 |
| | Leisure spending | 6.4 | 5.6 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 16.4 |
| | Business spending | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 4.7 |

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

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THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM: GROWTH

| | Lanka | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2034F ² |
|-----|--|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------------------|
| 1. | Visitor exports | 12.7 | -12.0 | -76.8 | -43.7 | 122.6 | 76.5 | 51.2 | 7.9 |
| 2. | Domestic expenditure (includes government individual spending) | 5.4 | 6.1 | -43.7 | 3.9 | 30.2 | 9.9 | 9.0 | 5.4 |
| 3. | Internal tourism consumption (= 1 + 2) | 10.4 | -6.5 | -65.3 | -17.0 | 57.6 | 37.8 | 31.6 | 7.0 |
| 4. | Purchases by tourism providers, including imported goods (supply chain) | 10.4 | -6.5 | -65.4 | -16.7 | 58.1 | 37.3 | 31.2 | 6.9 |
| 5. | Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 3 + 4) | 10.3 | -6.4 | -65.2 | -17.4 | 56.9 | 38.6 | 32.3 | 7.1 |
| 6. | Other final impacts (indirect & induced) Domestic supply chain | 10.3 | -6.4 | -65.2 | -17.4 | 56.9 | 38.6 | 32.3 | 7.1 |
| 7. | Capital investment | 6.4 | -7.6 | -54.1 | -19.2 | 27.2 | 36.3 | 30.1 | 3.7 |
| 8. | Government collective spending | 10.8 | 4.4 | -30.0 | -18.6 | 107.2 | 99.4 | 9.3 | 5.7 |
| 9. | Imported goods from indirect spending | 9.2 | -7.0 | -63.2 | -14.0 | 55.1 | 33.4 | 23.8 | 5.2 |
| 10. | Induced | 9.8 | -6.1 | -64.5 | -15.5 | 60.8 | 45.4 | 29.4 | 6.6 |
| 11. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP (= 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10) | 9.8 | -6.1 | -62.6 | -17.7 | 56.8 | 45.4 | 29.4 | 6.6 |
| 12. | Employment impacts ('000) Direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 4.4 | -7.2 | -28.7 | 6.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 19.8 | 5.4 |
| 13. | Total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment | 3.9 | -6.8 | -23.2 | 6.3 | 13.7 | 5.3 | 12.4 | 4.3 |
| 14. | Other indicators | | | | | | | | |
| | Expenditure on outbound travel | 2.6 | -1.5 | -67.8 | -63.8 | 555.8 | 18.5 | 9.2 | 6.1 |
| | Leisure spending | 10.4 | -7.2 | -63.2 | -16.9 | 58.5 | 35.2 | 31.3 | 6.4 |
| | Business spending | 10.2 | -3.5 | -73.1 | -17.3 | 53.3 | 51.3 | 33.2 | 9.4 |

E - Estimate, F - Forecast

¹2018-2024 real annual growth adjusted for inflation (%); ²2024-2034 annualised real growth adjusted for inflation (%)

GLOSSARY KEY DEFINITIONS

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Relates to the activity of travellers on trips outside their usual environment with a duration of less than one year. Economic activity related to all aspects of such trips is measured within the research.

ECONOMIES

This term is used because the scope of the research covers not only countries but also specific territories/states.

DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO GDP

GDP generated by industries that deal directly with tourists, including hotels, travel agents, airlines and other passenger transport services, as well as the activities of restaurant and leisure industries that deal directly with tourists. It is equivalent to total internal Travel & Tourism spending (see below) within a country less the purchases made by those industries (including imports). In terms of the UN's Tourism Satellite Account methodology it is consistent with total GDP calculated in table 6 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYMENT

The number of direct jobs within Travel & Tourism. This is consistent with total employment calculated in table 7 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO GDP

GDP generated directly by the Travel & Tourism sector plus its indirect and induced impacts (see below).

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYMENT

The number of jobs generated directly in the Travel & Tourism sector plus the indirect and induced contributions (see below).

DIRECT SPENDING IMPACTS

VISITOR EXPORTS

Spending within the country by international tourists for both business and leisure trips, including spending on transport, but excluding international spending on education. This is consistent with total inbound tourism expenditure in table 1 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL & TOURISM SPENDING

Spending within a country by that country's residents for both business and leisure trips. Multi-use consumer durables are not included since they are not purchased solely for tourism purposes. This is consistent with total domestic tourism expenditure in table 2 of the TSA: RMF 2008. Outbound spending by residents abroad is not included here, but is separately identified according to the TSA: RMF 2008 (see below).

GOVERNMENT INDIVIDUAL SPENDING

Spending by government on Travel & Tourism services directly linked to visitors, such as cultural services (eg museums) or recreational services (eg national parks).

INTERNAL TOURISM CONSUMPTION

Total revenue generated within a country by industries that deal directly with tourists including visitor exports, domestic spending and government individual spending. This does not include spending abroad by residents. This is consistent with total internal tourism expenditure in table 4 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

BUSINESS TRAVEL & TOURISM SPENDING

Spending on business travel within a country by residents and international visitors.

LEISURE TRAVEL & TOURISM SPENDING

Spending on leisure travel within a country by residents and international visitors.

INDIRECT AND INDUCED IMPACTS

INDIRECT CONTRIBUTION

The contribution to GDP and jobs of the following three factors:

- CAPITAL INVESTMENT: Includes capital investment spending by all industries directly involved in Travel & Tourism. This also constitutes investment spending by other industries on specific tourism assets such as new visitor accommodation and passenger transport equipment, as well as restaurants and leisure facilities for specific tourism use. This is consistent with total tourism gross fixed capital formation in table 8 of the TSA: RMF 2008.
- GOVERNMENT COLLECTIVE SPENDING: Government spending in support of general tourism activity. This can include national as well as regional and local government spending. For example, it includes tourism promotion, visitor information services, administrative services and other public services. This is consistent with total collective tourism consumption in table 9 of TSA: RMF 2008.
- **SUPPLY-CHAIN EFFECTS:** Purchases of domestic goods and services directly by different industries within Travel & Tourism as inputs to their final tourism output.

INDUCED CONTRIBUTION

The broader contribution to GDP and employment of spending by those who are directly or indirectly employed by Travel & Tourism.

OTHER INDICATORS

OUTBOUND EXPENDITURE

Spending outside the country by residents on all trips abroad. This is fully aligned with total outbound tourism expenditure in table 3 of the TSA: RMF 2008.

INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS

The number of arrivals of international overnight visitors (tourists) to the country.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

WTTC has an ongoing commitment to align its economic impact research with the UN Statistics Division-approved 2008 Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological Framework (TSA:RMF 2008). This involves the benchmarking of country reports to official, published TSAs, including for countries which are reporting data for the first time, as well as existing countries reporting an additional year's data. New TSAs incorporated this year include Aruba, Kenya, Namibia, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea and Uganda, bringing our total of countries and economies in our benchmarking dataset to 72. Our TSA benchmarked countries cover around 90% of global direct T&T GDP.

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G7

Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA.

G20

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OTHER OCEANIA

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2 This union of 55 member states received full G20 membership status in September 2023. It is included in 2023 data

- 4 Included in African Union
- 5 Nicaragua left the OAS in November 2023. It is included in 2023 data
- 6 no data for Afghanistan, Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Palestine, Somalia or Turkmenistan

¹ This includes data for Overseas British Territories, but there is no data for Nauru, Samoa and Tuvalu

³ Included in European Union

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1 Referred to as Former Netherlands Antilles in previous WTTC reports.

2 Referred to as Latin America in previous WTTC reports.

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