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## CELEBRATING DIWALI IN INDIA – TRAVELPORT REVEALS WHERE TRAVELERS ARE FLYING IN FROM

**Gurgaon, India on October 25, 2019 –** The countries that have seen the most flight bookings to India1 for the period around Diwali are the United States, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates, according to analysis conducted by Travelport, a leading technology company serving the travel industry.

As of 14 October 2019, a total of 32,828 advanced bookings had been made2 through all global distribution systems3 (GDS) for flights from the United States to India, scheduled between 24 and 30 October 2019. Flight bookings from the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates stood at 22,663 and 20,688 respectively.

The ten countries with the largest flight booking volumes to India for the festival period were evenly split across the world; with three countries each from the Middle East and Asia Pacific, and two countries each from the Americas and Europe.

On a volume basis, the Americas saw the most travellers flying into India (49,157; or 32% of total bookings made in the top 10 countries), followed closely by the Middle East (44,831; 29%). Europe (30,354; 19%) and the Asia Pacific (29,093; 19%) rounded out the list.

While some countries in the top 10 list – such as the United States, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia – were those with the largest non-resident Indian (NRI) populations; the list also featured origin countries with smaller NRI populations like Australia, Singapore, Thailand and Germany. Singapore and

bookings to India through global distribution systems during the Diwali festival		
Rank	Origin	Flight Bookings
1	United States	32,828
2	United Kingdom	22,663
3	United Arab Emirates	20,688
4	Saudi Arabia	17,597
5	Canada	16,329
6	Australia	11,091
7	Singapore	9,442
8	Thailand	8,560
9	Germany	7,691
10	Kuwait	6,546
This data is derived from Travelport's interpretation of relevant MIDT data. It reflects bookings made as of 14 October 2019 through GDS only, a channel primarily used by travel agents, for flights to India (the destination) between 24 and 30 October 2019. Additional bookings will have been made directly with airlines, which may or may not also have a GDS presence.		

Countries with the largest number of flight

Thailand were also new entrants to the top 10 list for Diwali, compared to similar analysis Travelport conducted around the Holi festival this year.

Sandeep Dwivedi, Chief Operating Officer at InterGlobe Technology Quotient, Travelport's Operator in six countries across the Asia Pacific region including India and Sri Lanka, said: "We're seeing travellers increasingly looking for experiences, rather than material items. With Diwali a time of homecoming and bonding amongst families and friends, it's not surprising that many would choose to experience the festival in all its ritual and warmth here in India."

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