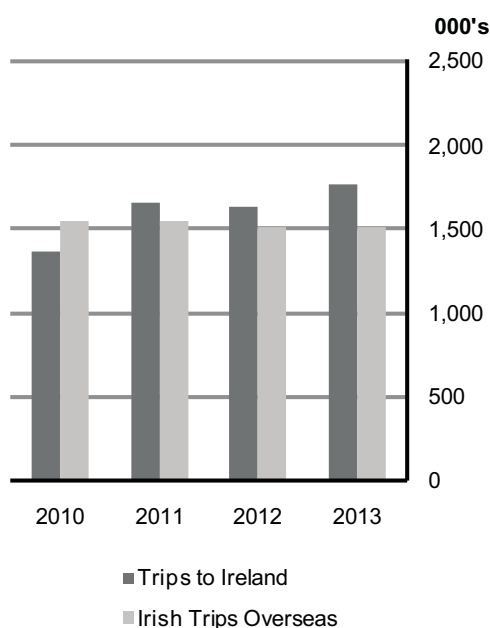




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Overseas Travel March - May, 2010 - 2013



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Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Mar - May '11	1,554,600	1,657,700	729,200	605,200	248,200	75,100
Mar - May '12	1,522,700	1,639,700	687,800	616,800	250,800	84,300
Mar - May '13	1,518,100	1,771,700	726,300	676,000	282,300	87,000
Jan - May '11	2,373,100	2,356,800	1,065,200	836,300	333,500	121,800
Jan - May '12	2,296,400	2,339,300	1,040,800	845,200	327,200	126,000
Jan - May '13	2,264,800	2,488,500	1,069,900	917,300	369,100	132,200

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Trips to Ireland increased by 8.1% for the period March - May 2013

In the period March – May 2013, the total number of *trips to Ireland* increased by 8.1% to 1,771,700 - an overall increase of 132,000 compared to the same period twelve months earlier. *See tables 1 and 2.*

Trips by residents of North America to Ireland increased by 12.6% to 282,300. Trips by residents of European Countries other than Great Britain (Other Europe) increased by 9.6% to 676,000 while trips to Ireland from Other Areas increased by 3.2% to 87,000. Trips by residents of Great Britain increased by 5.6% to 726,300. The total number of *overseas trips made by Irish residents* during the period March - May 2013 decreased by 0.3% to 1,518,100. *See tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of trips (Irish residents' trips overseas plus trips to Ireland) in the period March to May 2013 increased by 4.0% to 3,289,800 when compared with the same period twelve months earlier. For the period March to May 2012, there was an annual decrease of 1.6% in the total number of trips taken when compared to the previous corresponding period. See tables 1 and 2.

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Table 1 Overseas Trips for the period March - May, 2010 - 2013

Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2010	Mar - May	2,934,500	1,559,100	1,375,400	661,600	458,900	198,600	56,300
2011	Mar - May	3,212,300	1,554,600	1,657,700	729,200	605,200	248,200	75,100
2012	Mar - May	3,162,400	1,522,700	1,639,700	687,800	616,800	250,800	84,300
2013	Mar - May	3,289,800	1,518,100	1,771,700	726,300	676,000	282,300	87,000

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period March - May, 2011 - 2013

Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Change versus corresponding period of previous year (number)								
2011	Mar - May	277,800	-4,500	282,300	67,600	146,300	49,600	18,800
2012	Mar - May	-49,900	-31,900	-18,000	-41,400	11,600	2,600	9,200
2013	Mar - May	127,400	-4,600	132,000	38,500	59,200	31,500	2,700
Change versus corresponding period of previous year (%)								
2011	Mar - May	9.5	-0.3	20.5	10.2	31.9	25.0	33.4
2012	Mar - May	-1.6	-2.1	-1.1	-5.7	1.9	1.0	12.3
2013	Mar - May	4.0	-0.3	8.1	5.6	9.6	12.6	3.2

Table 3 Overseas Trips for the period January - May, 2010 - 2013

Year	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2010	4,481,200	2,455,200	2,026,000	975,500	679,100	277,700	93,700
2011	4,730,000	2,373,100	2,356,800	1,065,200	836,300	333,500	121,800
2012	4,635,700	2,296,400	2,339,300	1,040,800	845,200	327,200	126,000
2013	4,753,200	2,264,800	2,488,500	1,069,900	917,300	369,100	132,200

Table 4 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period January - May, 2011 - 2013

Year	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Annual change in year to May total (number)							
2011	248,800	-82,100	330,800	89,700	157,200	55,800	28,100
2012	-94,300	-76,700	-17,500	-24,400	8,900	-6,300	4,200
2013	117,500	-31,600	149,200	29,100	72,100	41,900	6,200
Annual change in year to May total (%)							
2011	5.6	-3.3	16.3	9.2	23.1	20.1	30.0
2012	-2.0	-3.2	-0.7	-2.3	1.1	-1.9	3.4
2013	2.5	-1.4	6.4	2.8	8.5	12.8	4.9

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence for the period March - May, 2010 - 2013

Area of Residence ¹	March - May			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	1,375,400	1,657,700	1,639,700	1,771,700
Great Britain	661,600	729,200	687,800	726,300
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	46,500	59,600	64,500	71,600
France	77,100	111,200	118,100	149,200
Germany	87,500	105,600	115,700	122,700
Italy	43,500	57,200	62,600	62,000
Spain	48,300	59,100	59,400	62,600
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	39,500	48,600	53,200	56,400
Other Europe ²	116,500	163,900	143,200	151,500
USA and Canada	198,600	248,200	250,800	282,300
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	23,700	29,300	33,800	37,900
Other Areas ²	32,700	45,800	50,500	49,100

¹ Country estimates are subject to high levels of sample variation and therefore should be interpreted with caution. See Background Notes.

² See Background Notes for Countries included.

Table 6 Overseas Trips in each calendar quarter, 2008 - 2013

	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2008	Quarter 1	3,304,700	1,762,500	1,542,200	849,500	480,200	155,900	56,700
	Quarter 2	4,210,200	2,050,800	2,159,400	1,023,200	729,000	312,100	95,200
	Quarter 3	4,900,700	2,428,300	2,472,400	1,148,900	839,900	357,200	126,400
	Quarter 4	3,300,800	1,635,800	1,665,000	850,900	561,200	179,400	73,500
	Total	15,716,400	7,877,400	7,839,000	3,872,400	2,610,300	1,004,600	351,700
2009	Quarter 1	2,941,900	1,539,800	1,402,200	722,400	488,700	142,200	48,800
	Quarter 2	3,801,500	1,899,600	1,901,900	858,500	658,200	305,000	80,300
	Quarter 3	4,314,400	2,137,100	2,177,300	956,100	757,600	356,400	107,300
	Quarter 4	2,918,900	1,472,900	1,446,100	720,100	477,800	176,800	71,500
	Total	13,976,900	7,049,300	6,927,500	3,257,000	2,382,300	980,400	307,900
2010	Quarter 1	2,523,900	1,439,200	1,084,800	526,600	366,500	137,300	54,200
	Quarter 2	3,214,500	1,673,100	1,541,400	701,700	500,500	264,000	75,200
	Quarter 3	4,133,800	2,137,200	1,996,600	852,600	700,900	332,800	110,200
	Quarter 4	2,736,800	1,322,500	1,414,300	657,600	477,300	201,400	78,100
	Total	12,609,100	6,572,000	6,037,100	2,738,500	2,045,200	935,600	317,800
2011	Quarter 1	2,445,200	1,266,400	1,178,800	550,700	407,800	154,700	65,600
	Quarter 2	3,558,000	1,753,000	1,805,000	760,700	647,500	303,800	92,900
	Quarter 3	4,114,100	1,962,400	2,151,700	911,600	763,200	352,400	124,600
	Quarter 4	2,680,700	1,311,000	1,369,700	655,200	464,700	176,200	73,600
	Total	12,798,000	6,292,800	6,505,200	2,878,100	2,283,200	987,100	356,700
2012	Quarter 1	2,399,900	1,234,800	1,165,100	562,400	392,800	144,700	65,200
	Quarter 2	3,544,700	1,727,500	1,817,300	735,200	672,400	305,700	104,000
	Quarter 3	4,099,900	2,003,200	2,096,700	830,200	776,800	365,200	124,500
	Quarter 4	2,798,400	1,360,400	1,438,000	646,400	505,400	201,300	85,000
	Total	12,842,900	6,325,800	6,517,200	2,774,200	2,347,400	1,016,900	378,600
2013	Quarter 1	2,460,600	1,208,900	1,251,700	570,200	444,000	168,800	68,700

Table 7 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence, 2012 - 2013

Area of Residence ¹	2012	2012				2013
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	6,517,200	1,165,100	1,817,300	2,096,700	1,438,000	1,251,700
Great Britain	2,774,200	562,400	735,200	830,200	646,400	570,200
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	237,300	44,900	68,900	68,600	54,800	49,400
France	396,300	66,600	129,000	129,400	71,300	84,300
Germany	448,200	65,900	134,100	155,100	93,100	72,800
Italy	251,700	39,700	67,800	94,300	49,800	38,800
Spain	253,100	43,100	63,300	91,100	55,500	42,500
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	191,000	30,000	57,000	58,400	45,600	39,200
Other Europe ²	569,900	102,500	152,300	179,800	135,300	117,000
USA and Canada	1,016,900	144,700	305,700	365,200	201,300	168,800
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	155,700	21,600	43,300	56,500	34,300	26,200
Other Areas ²	222,900	43,600	60,700	67,900	50,700	42,500

¹ Country estimates are subject to high levels of sample variation and therefore should be interpreted with caution. See Background Notes.

² See Background Notes for Countries included.

Table 8 Overseas Trips in each calendar quarter - Seasonally Adjusted, 2008 - 2013

					Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland				
2008	Quarter 1	4,091,800	2,073,100	1,989,600	998,900	636,600	263,900	84,500
	Quarter 2	3,991,100	1,946,100	2,039,100	1,012,200	662,500	261,000	90,900
	Quarter 3	3,855,000	1,943,200	1,894,300	928,700	634,400	245,400	90,200
	Quarter 4	3,794,500	1,939,200	1,922,900	924,000	683,700	237,000	83,700
	Total	15,732,400	7,901,600	7,845,900	3,863,800	2,617,200	1,007,300	349,300
2009	Quarter 1	3,801,500	1,856,900	1,893,100	897,900	663,000	241,700	72,600
	Quarter 2	3,508,400	1,770,600	1,741,200	818,500	590,100	255,500	75,400
	Quarter 3	3,378,800	1,706,900	1,670,500	782,000	573,400	245,500	76,900
	Quarter 4	3,356,400	1,732,600	1,672,200	775,700	575,500	235,800	82,100
	Total	14,045,100	7,067,000	6,977,000	3,274,100	2,402,000	978,500	307,000
2010	Quarter 1	3,238,000	1,726,800	1,431,500	650,500	510,000	233,300	78,700
	Quarter 2	2,978,300	1,563,300	1,429,600	671,800	447,300	213,000	70,000
	Quarter 3	3,228,600	1,700,800	1,540,600	699,000	522,700	230,200	79,800
	Quarter 4	3,137,700	1,541,800	1,618,300	702,300	575,200	263,900	89,800
	Total	12,582,600	6,532,700	6,020,000	2,723,600	2,055,200	940,400	318,300
2011	Quarter 1	3,238,100	1,576,500	1,596,900	685,200	569,300	261,000	95,800
	Quarter 2	3,237,700	1,610,000	1,640,000	727,500	570,900	253,100	87,700
	Quarter 3	3,203,200	1,559,900	1,658,700	748,500	577,200	243,500	90,300
	Quarter 4	3,105,500	1,532,400	1,581,000	703,300	560,800	233,600	84,300
	Total	12,784,500	6,278,800	6,476,600	2,864,500	2,278,200	991,200	358,100
2012	Quarter 1	3,184,500	1,530,000	1,580,500	703,700	554,900	239,500	94,200
	Quarter 2	3,214,900	1,596,300	1,654,100	702,700	591,400	254,200	99,500
	Quarter 3	3,198,200	1,592,900	1,617,500	678,800	581,500	255,400	90,600
	Quarter 4	3,243,800	1,588,100	1,657,800	693,000	611,300	265,400	97,200
	Total	12,841,400	6,307,300	6,509,900	2,778,200	2,339,100	1,014,500	381,500
2013	Quarter 1	3,176,800	1,488,800	1,637,700	684,300	616,900	276,700	96,700

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly - rolling three month release.
Scope	Overseas Travel.
Coverage	This release covers Overseas Travel into and out of the Republic of Ireland, however travel by residents of Northern Ireland into or out of the Republic of Ireland or domestic travel within the Republic of Ireland is excluded.
Data Collection	Data from the Country of Residence Survey (CRS) is used in this release. This survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry airports and Rosslare, Dun Laoghaire, Ringaskiddy and Dublin seaports. Residency data is collected from passengers by a Central Statistics Office (CSO) interviewer.
Sample Design	<p>A sample of flights and sailings is selected to facilitate proper representation of airport/seaport pairings, day, night, week day and weekend flights/sailings.</p> <p>On the selected flights/sailings for the CRS, a 1 in 5 (20%) systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.</p> <p>Sample results are grossed to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or seaport pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p> <p>Where there is no survey coverage in a period for an airport/seaport pairing, results are imputed using the 'nearest neighbour' imputation methodology.</p>
Sample Size	The sample size for the Overseas Travel release in respect of the three month period March – May 2013 was just over 98,500 passengers.
Seasonal Adjustment	<p>Seasonally adjusted quarterly data is available in Table 8. Trip numbers are subject to a high degree of seasonality. These seasonal fluctuations do not affect annual comparisons but they do affect monthly or quarterly comparisons. Typically trips are at their highest during the summer months, although there are also clear peaks around Christmas and Easter. To facilitate interpretation of underlying trends, trip numbers are adjusted to remove these seasonal trends.</p> <p>Seasonal adjustment is conducted using the direct seasonal adjustment approach. Under this approach each individual series is independently adjusted each month, e.g. aggregate series are adjusted without reference to the component series. Seasonal adjustment models are developed for each series based on unadjusted data from January 2000 to the current period. These models are then applied to the entire series. Seasonal factors are updated each quarter.</p> <p>The adjustments are completed by applying the X-12-ARIMA model, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau to the unadjusted data. This methodology estimates seasonal factors while also taking into consideration factors that impact on the quality of the seasonal adjustment such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar effects, e.g. the timing of Easter (see definition (4) on page 10) • Outliers, temporary changes and level shifts in the series
Rounding	Individual figures have been rounded independently and the sum of the component items may therefore not necessarily add to the totals shown.

Reliability of Results

Estimation of survey results using the above sampling design introduces a statistical variability which would not be present if *all* passengers from *every* flight/sailing had been sampled. This means that the survey results are best estimates based on the information collected for the sample.

This variability is expressed by the standard error calculation. The standard error gives the relative size of the 'sampling error' (variability) present in an estimate compared with the estimate itself. In general, estimates can be said to have a relative precision of twice their standard error.

The effect of sampling error is greater for small estimates and may, in particular, make it more difficult to compare figures for different time periods. Standard error estimates in respect of the major Area of Residence categories for the Quarter 1 2013 calendar quarter is presented in the following table.

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence					
Q1 2013	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,208,860	570,180	444,028	168,810	68,724
Standard error	4,276	3,056	2,942	1,965	1,376
Standard error as % of estimate	0.35	0.54	0.66	1.16	2.0

In general, the more detailed the classification provided the greater the standard error of the estimates. In the derivation of the results, the assumption was made that non-respondents had similar characteristics and activity levels to those respondents in the same stratification cell. This assumption, which is usual in surveys such as this, may introduce some slight bias into the results. Moreover, although every effort was made to ensure that the information collected is correct, it is possible that some minor non-sampling errors remain undetected.

Airport Pairings

The CSO "Airport Pairings" database contains information on every direct flight in and out of the nine Irish airports on a monthly basis. May 2013 passenger figures will be added to the database from early August 2013. For details please go to <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/15>

Definitions

- (1) Trips** The data presented in this report is in terms of trip numbers. A trip is defined as a journey (usually including the return) from one place to another.
- (2) Visitor** The definition of Visitor used in these surveys is based on that agreed with Eurostat, the European Statistical Office. A Visitor is defined as '*any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than twelve months and whose main purpose is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited*'. However, as the CRS does not establish the reason for an individual's trip or length of stay, those travelling for reason of remuneration or for more than one year to a country cannot be excluded. Therefore, trips may include those travelling for paid work. Commercial Drivers travelling on sea routes are excluded.
- (3) Country of Residence** Country of Residence is defined as the country in which the person has resided during the past year.
- (4) Timing of Easter** Easter falls each year on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th, inclusively. In 2013 Easter Sunday fell on March 31st, while in 2012 it fell on April 8th. Trip numbers each year are greatly influenced by when Easter falls.

Dates for Easter Sunday

2013 - 31st March

2012 - 8th April

2011 - 24th April

Country Breakdowns

Other Europe Tables 1-4, 6 and 8

Other Europe includes the following countries:

Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
France	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Italy	

Other countries included are:

Aland Islands	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Albania	Moldova, Republic of
Andorra	Monaco
Belarus	Montenegro
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
Croatia	Russian Federation
Faroe Islands	San Marino
Gibraltar	Serbia
Guernsey	Switzerland
Iceland	Turkey
Isle of Man	Ukraine
Jersey	Vatican City
Liechtenstein	

**North America
Tables 1-4, 6 and 8**

North America includes the following countries:

Canada
United States

**Other Areas
Tables 1-4, 6 and 8**

Other Areas includes the following countries:

Africa (see page 12 for breakdown of countries)
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania (see page 11 for breakdown of countries)
Central, South and Other Americas (see page 12 for breakdown of countries)
Eastern Asia, Middle East and Other Asia (see page 13 for breakdown of countries)

**Other Europe
Tables 5 and 7**

Other Europe includes the following countries:

Aland Islands	Latvia
Albania	Liechtenstein
Andorra	Lithuania
Austria	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Belarus	Malta
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Moldova, Republic of
Bulgaria	Monaco
Croatia	Montenegro
Cyprus	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Estonia	Romania
Faroe Islands	Russian Federation
Gibraltar	San Marino
Greece	Serbia
Guernsey	Slovakia
Hungary	Slovenia
Iceland	Switzerland
Isle of Man	Turkey
Jersey	Ukraine
	Vatican City

**Australia,
New Zealand and
Other Oceania
Tables 5 and 7**

Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania includes the following countries:

American Samoa	New Zealand
Australia	Niue
Antarctica	Norfolk Island
Christmas Island	Northern Mariana Islands
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Palau
Cook Islands	Papua New Guinea
Fiji	Pitcairn
French Polynesia	Samoa
French Southern Territories	Solomon Islands
Guam	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Kiribati	Tokelau
Marshall Islands	Tonga
Micronesia, Federated States of	Tuvalu
Nauru	United States Minor Outlying Islands
New Caledonia	Vanuatu
	Wallis and Futuna

**Other Areas
Tables 5 and 7**

Other Areas includes the following group of countries:

**Central, South and
Other Americas**

Anguilla	Guatemala
Antigua and Barbuda	Guyana
Argentina	Haiti
Aruba	Honduras
Bahamas	Jamaica
Barbados	Martinique
Belize	Mexico
Bermuda	Montserrat
Bolivia	Nicaragua
Brazil	Panama
Cayman Islands	Paraguay
Chile	Peru
Colombia	Puerto Rico
Costa Rica	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Cuba	Saint Lucia
Dominica	Saint Pierre and Miquelon
Dominican Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Ecuador	Suriname
El Salvador	Trinidad and Tobago
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	Turks and Caicos Islands
French Guiana	Uruguay
Greenland	Venezuela
Grenada	Virgin Islands, British
Guadeloupe	Virgin Islands, US

Africa

Algeria	Malawi
Angola	Mali
Benin	Mauritania
Botswana	Mauritius
Burkina Faso	Mayotte
Burundi	Morocco
Cameroon	Mozambique
Cape Verde	Namibia
Central African Republic	Niger
Chad	Nigeria
Comoros	Reunion
Congo	Rwanda
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the	Saint Helena
Cote d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt	Seychelles
Equatorial Guinea	Sierra Leone
Eritrea	Somalia
Ethiopia	South Africa
Gabon	South Sudan
Gambia	Sudan
Ghana	Swaziland
Guinea	Tanzania, United Republic of
Guinea-Bissau	Togo
Kenya	Tunisia
Lesotho	Uganda
Liberia	Western Sahara
Libya	Zambia
Madagascar	Zimbabwe

Eastern Asia	China	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
	Hong Kong	Mongolia
	Japan	Taiwan, Province of China
	Korea, Republic of	
Middle East	Afghanistan	Oman
	Bahrain	Palestinian Territory, Occupied
	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Qatar
	Iraq	Saudi Arabia
	Israel	Syrian Arab Republic
	Jordan	United Arab Emirates
	Kuwait	Yemen
	Lebanon	
Other Asia	Armenia	Malaysia
	Azerbaijan	Maldives
	Bangladesh	Myanmar
	Bhutan	Nepal
	British Indian Ocean Territory	Pakistan
	Brunei Darussalam	Philippines
	Cambodia	Singapore
	Georgia	Sri Lanka
	India	Tajikistan
	Indonesia	Thailand
	Kazakhstan	Timor Leste
	Kyrgyzstan	Turkmenistan
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Uzbekistan
	Macao	Vietnam