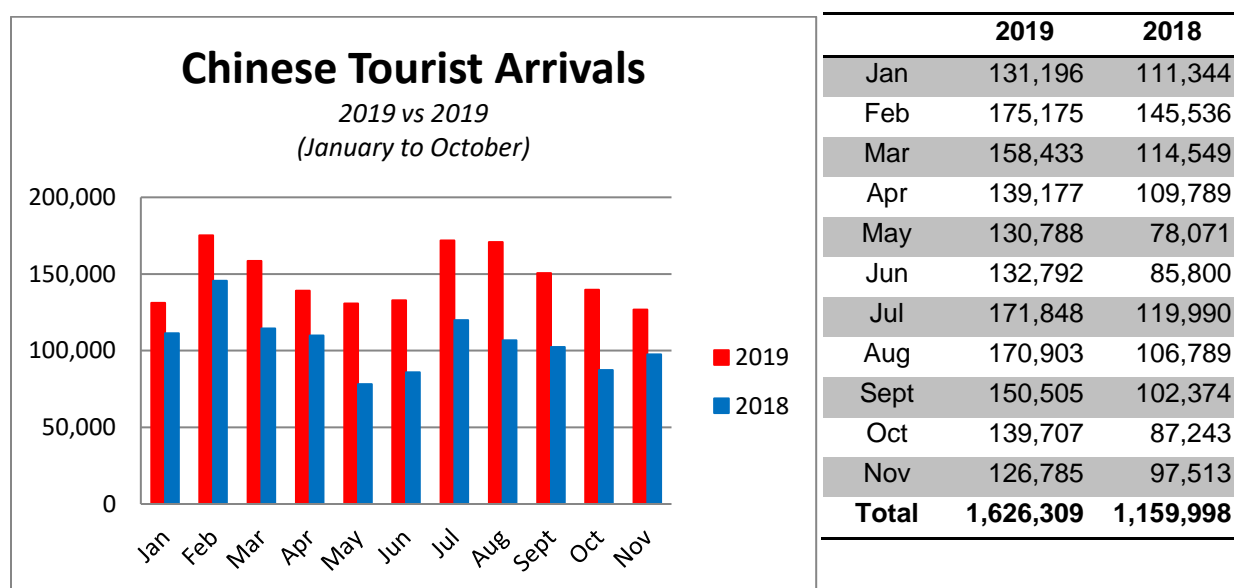


Tourism Industry Performance

Towards the end of 2019, China remains the 2nd largest source of international visitors of PH after the Republic of Korea.

Year	No. of Chinese Arrivals	% Growth Rate	Rank
2014	394,951		4
2015	490,840	24.3%	4
2016	675,663	37.7%	3
2017	968,447	43.33%	2
2018	1,255,258	29.62%	2
Jan –Nov 2018	1,159,998		
Jan – Nov 2019	1,626,309	40.20%	2

From January to November 2019, a total of 1,626,309 Chinese tourist arrivals were reached, with an impressive growth of 40.20% from its 1,159,998 visitors the same period the previous year. The Philippines is close to reach its 2 million mark of Chinese tourist arrivals by the end of 2019.

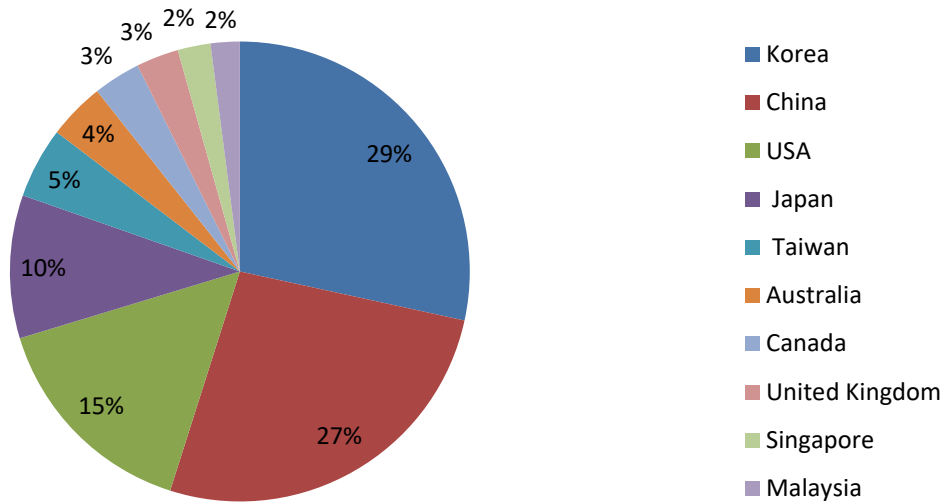


Source: Department of Tourism

Among the top ten markets sources of international visitors from PH from January to November 2019 are: Korea, USA, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, Singapore and Malaysia.

Top 10 Markets by Volume

January to October 2019



Country	Jan – Nov 2019	% Share	Jan – Nov 2018	% Share	Growth Rate (%)
1. Korea	1,785,357	23.86	1,449,673	22.39	23.16
2. China	1,626,309	21.73	1,159,998	17.91	40.20
3. USA	954,952	12.76	929,874	14.36	2.70
4. Japan	623,409	8.33	578,015	8.93	7.85
5. Taiwan	305,570	4.08	222,934	3.44	37.07
6. Australia	249,235	3.33	242,834	3.75	2.64
7. Canada	208,199	2.78	196,780	3.04	5.80
8. United Kingdom	187,164	2.50	179,264	2.77	4.41
9. Singapore	145,579	1.95	158,012	2.44	-7.87
10. Malaysia	129,150	1.73	133,628	2.06	-3.35

Agriculture Industry Performance

In the recent years, agricultural exports to China have substantially increased, from US\$ 370.99M in 2016 to US\$ 764.13M in 2018, with a total agri trade of US\$ 1.299B in 2016 to US\$ 1.788B in 2018.

PH-China Agri Trade 2016 – 2019				
Year	IMPORT (CIF Value in US\$)	EXPORT (FOB Value in US\$)	TOTAL TRADE US\$	BALANCE OF TRADE US\$
2016	927,626,746	370,985,509	1,298,612,255	(556,641,237)
2017	929,463,499	419,430,545	1,348,894,044	(510,032,954)
2018	906,410,157	678,593,601	1,585,003,758	(227,816,556)
2019 (Jan-Sep)	765,989,086	733,728,278	1,499,717,364	(32,260,808)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

There are four Philippine fruits, i.e. Cavendish bananas, pineapples, mangoes and papayas, which are allowed for export to China. Cavendish bananas remained to be the top PH agri export to China with 54% share in the Chinese market. Also, PH remained to be third biggest exporter for Cavendish bananas to China, after Chile and Thailand.

Towards the end of 2019 (January to September), the leading agricultural export to China is fresh bananas (Cavendish) which amounted to total exports at US\$ 456.6 million, while the top agricultural import from China is fresh apples, amounting to US\$ 117.86 million.

Summary of Fresh Fruits Exports to China 2016 – 2019 (Jan to Sep)				
<i>In US Dollars</i>				
Particulars	2016	2017	2018	Jan – Sep
Cavendish bananas	193,157,380	173,430,545	467,278,045	456,623,859
Pineapples	56,893,023	49,003,401	5,272,681	97,869,765
Mangoes	2,693,818	1,553,971	41,000	142,450
Papayas	406,493	416,872	-	-

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Aside from fresh and frozen fruits, fish and fishery products are also allowed for export to China for as long as these come from accredited fishery establishments.

Top 10 PH Exports to China January to September 2019	
Commodity Description	Value in US\$
1. Cavendish banana	456,623,859

2.	Fresh Pineapples	97,869,765
3.	Other banans	36,464,438
4.	Refined, bleached and deodorized	22,344,532
5.	Banana chips or crackers	21,063,780
6.	Live eels (Anguilla spp.)	9,638,600
7.	Desiccated coconuts	6,775,419
8.	Live mud crab (Scylla serrata)	6,206,620
9.	Eucheuma spp. Fit for human consumption	5,677,410
10.	Coconut crude oil	4,748,021

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Top 10 PH Imports from China January to September 2019

Commodity Description	Value in US\$
1. Fresh Apples	70,044,091
2. Frozen Mackarel (Scomber scombrus, Scomber australasicus, Scomber japonicus)	32,175,594
3. Glucose Syrup	31,005,096
4. Frozen cuttlefish	28,769,801
5. Other mixed condiments and mixed seasonings, including belachan (blachan) in bulk container	28,769,801
6. Glucose	26,079,316
7. Malt, not roasted	24,619,397
8. Non-dairy creamer	24,221,870
9. Other maltose and maltose syrups	22,420,617
10. Tomato paste	20,078,754

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority