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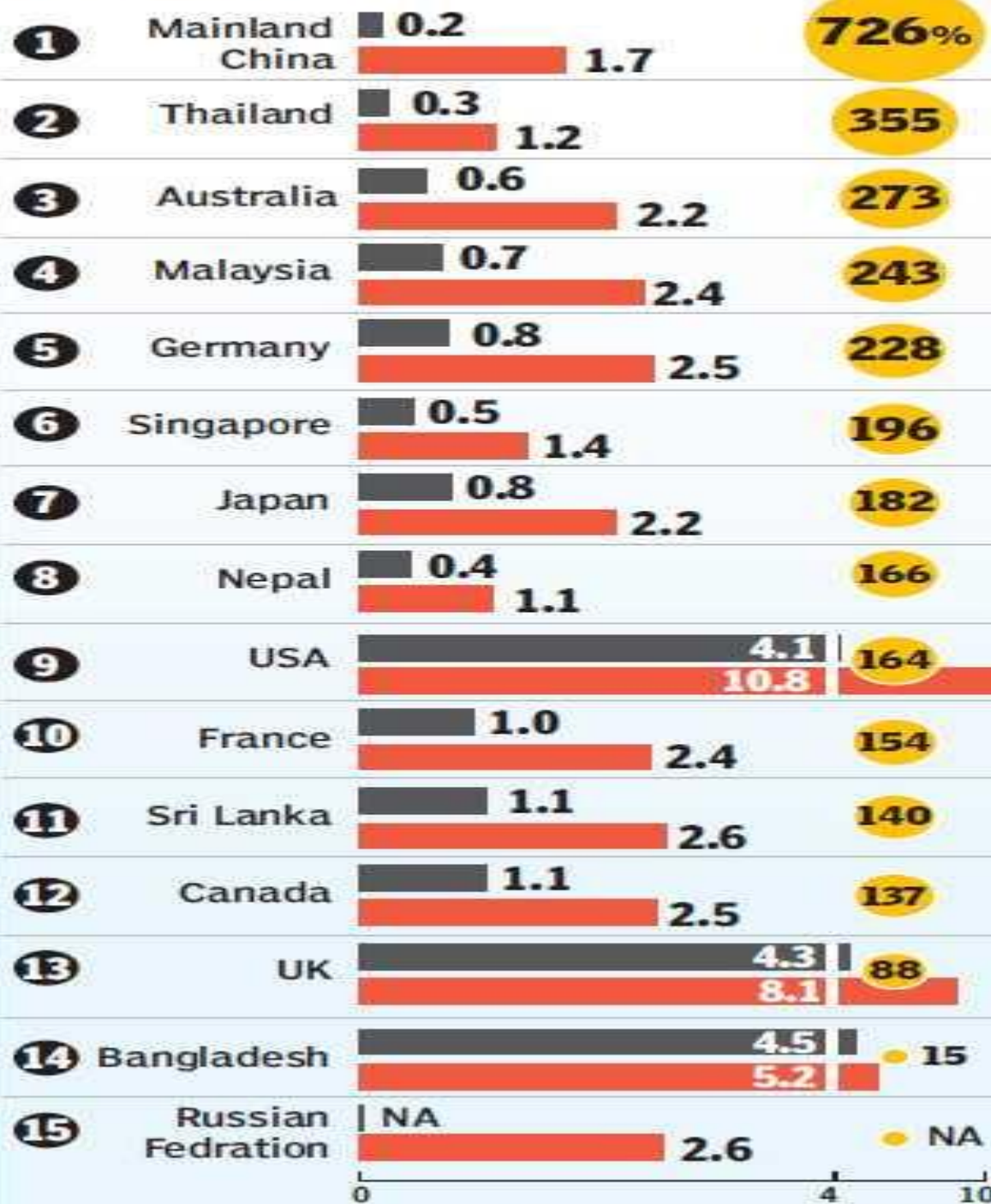


## Decadal Growth in Tourism

Tourist arrival figures in lakh

■ 2003 ■ 2013

Increase



Source: Ministry of Tourism