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Overall Performance

- With the addition of St. Kitts, arrival data for the year was reported by 28 destinations. Growth was recorded in 21 destinations, while declines were recorded in seven destinations.
- Out of the six destinations reporting for the period January to October, four registered increases ranging from 0.7% in Saint Lucia, to 16.3% in Belize. Declines were recorded in Aruba (-7.0%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-6.3%).
- Arrival data for the period January to September was reported by 12 destinations, 10 of which recorded increases in visitor trips during this time stretching between 0.3% in the Cayman Islands and 19.0% recorded in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Dominica (-6.4%) and Curacao (-1.4%) were the only destinations to register declines in arrivals during this time.
- Growth was recorded in all four destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to August ranging from 3.9% in the British Virgin Islands to 11.7% in Cuba.
- Similarly, visitor trips in all three destinations reporting during the period January to July registered increased arrivals ranging from 0.7% in Puerto Rico and 2.8% in the Bahamas, to 5.5% in Montserrat.
- Haiti was the only destination reporting data for the period January to April and registered a -14.5% decrease in visitor arrivals during this time.
- Between January and February, Suriname recorded a significant -25.6% drop in international visitors.
- The only destination reporting arrival data for the month of January alone, St. Kitts & Nevis (-4.0%), also registered a decline in arrivals.

By Month

- The month of January saw 19 out of 28 reporting destinations record growth in international trips while nine destinations registered declines. The highest percentage increase in tourist arrivals this month was recorded in Belize (24.0%) followed by St. Maarten (21.6%). The largest decrease during this month was recorded in Suriname (-37.5%) followed by Haiti (-21.9%).
- During the month of February, the number of destinations reporting growth in arrivals increased to 20 out of 27, leaving seven destinations recording declines. Grenada (23.6%) recorded the highest percentage increase this month followed by strong performances in Belize (18.5%) and the Turks & Caicos Islands (16.9%). In contrast, Haiti (-18.5%) recorded the largest decrease in during this month followed by Suriname (-13.3%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-12.5%).
- March remains the best performing month for the year thus far with 21 destinations out of 26 recording increases in international visits and just five recording declines. Substantial growth observed in Montserrat (60.7%) was followed by other increases that ranged from 1.4% in Saint Lucia to 22.1% recorded in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Visitor trips to Trinidad & Tobago declined by -8.9% during this month, while the other decreases ranged between -0.6% in the Cayman Islands and -5.0% in Haiti.
- There was a drop in the number of destinations recording growth in the month of April as just 11 destinations (out of 26 reporting) registered increases in tourist arrivals, while 15 recorded declines. The Turks & Caicos Islands led growth with a strong 32.7% increase in arrivals followed

by 13.9% recorded in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. The declines recorded during this month ranged from -0.7% in Jamaica to -16.7% in Dominica.

- Performances during the month of May were mixed as 13 out of 25 destinations registered increased tourist arrivals ranging between 0.5% in Saint Lucia and 102.0% in Guyana. Arrivals declined in 12 destinations, the largest decrease for this month was recorded in Montserrat (-35.2%), while other declines ranged from -0.3% in Jamaica to -20.5% recorded in Dominica.
- Destinations continued to recover in the month of June as 17 destinations (out of 25 reporting) recorded increased international trips, while eight registered contracting visitor arrivals for this month. Increases ranged between 1.1% in St. Maarten and 17.8% in the Turks & Caicos Islands, while declines ranged from -0.9% in Aruba to -9.7% recorded in Montserrat.
- For the month of July, 21 out of 25 destinations registered increases in visitor trips ranging between 0.8% in the Bahamas and 26.3% in Anguilla. In contrast, four destinations recorded declines during this month ranging from -1.8% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines to -9.0% in Aruba.
- The number of destinations recording growth in the month of August slipped to 14 (out of 22 reporting destinations), while seven recorded declines. The US Virgin Islands led growth with a 14.9% increase followed closely by Bermuda (14.2%). The declines recorded during this month ranged between -1.4% in the Cayman Islands and -13.6% in Aruba.
- The month of September saw 13 destinations (out of 18 reporting) registering increases in international trips led by the Turks & Caicos Islands (27.4%) and followed by the Belize (26.9%). Five destinations registered declines that ranged from -2.1% recorded in Grenada to -20.5% in Aruba.
- For the month of October, four destinations recorded increases in arrivals led by Belize (14.7%), while Trinidad & Tobago (-10.4%) and Aruba (-29.8%) registered declines.

By Market

United States¹

- International trips from the United States to the region increased in 17 destinations out of 23 reporting overall and declined in six.
- Out of the six destinations reporting arrivals from this market for the period January to October, five recorded increases ranging from 1.0% in Aruba to 23.7% in Belize. Trinidad & Tobago (-4.3%) was the only destination to record a decrease during this time.
- Tourist trips from the United States during the January to September period increased in nine out of 10 destinations, led by the Turks & Caicos Islands (17.5%) followed by Grenada (14.5%). The only destination to record a decline during this time was Curacao (-1.5%).
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines (6.1%) was the only destination to report arrival data from the US market for the period January to August.
- Growth in arrivals from the United States was recorded in Montserrat (10.5%) and The Bahamas (5.0%), the two destinations submitting data for the period January to July.

¹ Tourist arrivals from the USA to Cuba are captured in "Other". Refer to Table 3.

- During the period January to June, Puerto Rico recorded -2.1% fewer visitor trips from the United States.
- Fewer arrivals from the US market was recorded in Haiti (-17.5%) during the period January to April.
- Suriname (-16.4%) also recorded a decline in arrivals from this market during the period January to February.
- Visitor trips from the United States also declined in St. Kitts & Nevis (-13.6%) during the month of January.

Canada

- The number of visitor trips from Canada continues to be depressed as growth was registered in just eight destinations (out of 25 reporting), while declines were recorded in 17 destinations from this market.
- Out of the six destinations reporting arrivals from this market for the period January to October, the Dominican Republic (3.1%) was the only destination to record growth, while the other five destinations recorded declines that ranged from -4.6% in Saint Lucia to -14.1% in Belize.
- Growth in international trips from Canada during the period January to September was recorded in three destinations, led by the Turks & Caicos Islands (27.8%). Declines were registered in eight destinations during this time ranging between -0.4% recorded in Guyana and -8.2% in Bermuda.
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines (2.7%) recorded an increase in visitor trips from Canada during the period January to August.
- In contrast, decreased arrivals were recorded in both Montserrat (-6.1%) and The Bahamas (-13.4%) during the period January to July.
- For the period January to June, Puerto Rico recorded a -12.3% decline in Canadian visitor arrivals.
- Similarly, Haiti received -12.2% fewer international trips from Canada during the period January to April.
- Cuba registered a -4.3% decline in Canadian visitor arrivals during the period January to March.
- In contrast, Suriname recorded a 14.1% increase in arrivals from this market during the period January to February.
- For the month of January, St. Kitts & Nevis registered an 11.5% increase in arrivals from Canada.

Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe grew in 18 destinations (out of 25 reporting) and contracted in seven.
- Between January and October, growth in visits from European countries was recorded in four destinations ranging between 0.3% in Antigua & Barbuda and 10.5% in the Dominican Republic. Saint Lucia (-7.0) and Trinidad & Tobago (-13.2%) recorded decreased arrivals from this market during this period.

- Visitor arrivals from Europe increased in seven destinations reporting for the period January to September ranging from a flat performance in Dominica to 35.1% in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Contractions in this market during this time, however, were recorded in three destinations: - 1.0% in Bermuda, -7.9% in Grenada, and -13.3% in the Cayman Islands.
- Both St. Maarten (23.6%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (3.4%), reported higher arrivals from Europe for the period January to August.
- Similarly, the two destinations reporting for the period January to July, The Bahamas (3.9%) and Montserrat (1.7%), recorded growth in this market.
- Growth in visitor trips from Europe increased by 9.9% in Puerto Rico during the period January to June.
- Haiti (34.6%) also received an increase in arrivals from this market during January to April.
- Cuba, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to March, registered a 37.7% increase in arrivals from Europe.
- In contrast, Suriname recorded a considerable -26.8% decline in arrivals from Europe during the period January to February.
- St. Kitts & Nevis (-4.0%) also recorded decreased European stopover arrivals during the month of January.

Cruise Arrivals

- Performance of the cruise passenger arrivals to the region was mixed, with 13 out of the 25 reporting destinations recording increases and the other 12 registering decreases.
- Five destinations reported cruise passenger arrival data for the period January to October, with Belize (3.4%) and Cozumel (Mexico) (6.2%) recording growth, and the other three recording declines ranging between -1.8% in the US Virgin Islands and -22.6% in Saint Lucia.
- Between January and September, cruise passenger arrivals increased in seven out of 11 reporting destinations ranging from 5.7% in the Cayman Islands to 66.8% in the Dominican Republic. Declines in the other four destinations reporting during this time ranged between - 0.4% in Barbados and -8.8% in Curacao.
- During the period January to August, both St. Vincent & the Grenadines (8.7%) and the British Virgin Islands (47.9%) recorded growth in cruise passenger arrivals.
- In contrast, declines were recorded in both Puerto Rico (-11.3%) and St. Maarten (-17.7%) during the period January to July.
- While The Bahamas registered a 1.7% increase in cruise passenger arrivals between January and June, St. Kitts & Nevis received -7.3% fewer arrivals during this time.
- Trinidad & Tobago recorded a 47.8% increase in cruise passenger arrivals during the period January to May.
- Haiti recorded a -9.4% decline in cruise passenger visits during the period January to April.
- Guadeloupe (-19.1%) also received fewer cruise passenger arrivals during the period January to February.