

# CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS



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## Overall Performance

- Arrival data was reported by 21 destinations in 2017 so far. Growth was recorded in 14 destinations, while declines were recorded in seven.
- Seven destinations reported arrival data for the period January to May. Growth was registered in four destinations ranging from 6.3% in Anguilla to 14.3% in Dominica, while arrivals declined in Curacao (-11.5%), Antigua & Barbuda (-4.9%), and Trinidad & Tobago (-2.4%) during this time.
- Growth was recorded in seven out of nine destinations reporting for the period January to April ranging between flat performance recorded in the British Virgin Islands and 16.0% in Guyana. Aruba, the only destination to register a decline during this time, recorded -11.9% fewer arrivals.
- Of the two destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to March, Martinique registered a 2.5% increase, while the Turks & Caicos Islands recorded a marginal decline of -0.5%.
- For the period January to February, Barbados (1.6%) was the only reporting destination to record growth, while declines were recorded in Puerto Rico (-13.9%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-8.0%).

## By Month

- In January, 11 out of 21 destinations reported increased international trips, while the other ten registered declines. The highest percentage increase in tourist arrivals during this month was recorded in Bermuda (36.0%). Other increases ranged between 0.7% recorded in Belize and the Turks & Caicos Islands and 17.5% in Guyana. In contrast, Trinidad & Tobago (-20.2%) recorded the largest decrease in arrivals during this month followed by Aruba (-14.2%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-12.8%).
- Fourteen out of 21 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals in February. Dominica (18.3%) recorded the highest percentage increase this month followed closely by Bermuda (11.9%) and Trinidad & Tobago (11.1%). Decreases were registered in seven destinations during this month ranging from -0.3% in Anguilla to -16.1% recorded in Puerto Rico.
- The number of destinations registering growth in visitor trips dropped during the month of March. Only four out of the 18 reporting destinations saw increases which ranged between 1.0% in St. Lucia and 6.1% in Bermuda. Declines were registered in the other 14 reporting destinations ranging between -1.1% in the US Virgin Islands and -22.8% in Curaçao.
- Out of the 16 destinations reporting data for the month of April, growth recorded in 14 destinations was led by Dominica recording a 57.8% increase followed by strong performances in Guyana (43.7%) and Anguilla (31.7%). Curacao (-6.3%) and Aruba (-1.9%) were the only two destinations to register decreased arrivals during this time.
- International visitor trips recorded during the month of May increased in five out of seven reporting destinations ranging between 0.8% in Trinidad & Tobago and 10.0% in Anguilla. Declines were recorded in the other two destinations, Curacao (-5.8%), and Antigua & Barbuda (-4.4%).

## By Market

### United States

- International trips from the United States to the region increased in 13 destinations out of 17 reporting overall and declined in four.
- Four destinations (out of seven reporting) saw increases in arrivals from the United States during the period January to May ranging from 2.6% recorded in the Dominican Republic to 9.0% in Dominica. Declines were recorded in the remaining three destinations, Antigua & Barbuda (-8.2%), Curacao (-1.3%), and Trinidad & Tobago (-0.9%).
- Growth in visitor trips from the United States was recorded in all seven destinations reporting data for only the first four months, led by a 12.7% increase recorded in Bermuda, followed by other moderate increases ranging between 0.8% recorded in Jamaica and 9.1% in Aruba.
- Arrivals from the United States increased in the Turks & Caicos Islands by 0.1%, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to March.
- During the period January to February, while Barbados recorded a 14.7% increase in arrivals from the United States, St. Vincent & the Grenadines registered -2.4% fewer arrivals from this market.

### Canada

- Growth in visitor trips from Canada was registered in 15 out of 17 reporting destinations, while only two destinations recorded declines from this market.
- Visitor trips from Canada increased in six destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to May. Increases ranged between 3.6% recorded in Curacao and 18.9% in Dominica. Antigua & Barbuda (-6.7%) was the only destination to register fewer arrivals from this market during this time.
- During the period January to April, all seven reporting destinations recorded increases in visitor trips from Canada. Growth ranged from a modest 2.7% recorded in the Cayman Islands to a robust 18.0% in Saint Lucia.
- International arrivals from Canada decreased in the Turks & Caicos Islands (-5.9%), the only reporting destination during the period January to March.
- Both destinations reporting arrivals from this market for the period January to February registered increases, 12.8% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines and 5.0% in Barbados.

### Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased in nine of the 17 reporting destinations, whereas contractions were registered in the other eight.
- International trips from Europe increased in five out of seven reporting destinations during the period January to May led by Dominica (31.5%) and followed by the Dominican Republic (20.8%) and Anguilla (14.7%). During this time, arrivals from this market declined in Curacao (-1.3%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-2.5%).

- Growth in arrivals from Europe was recorded in four destinations (out of seven reporting), while declines were registered in the other three during the January to April period. Bermuda (12.6%) recorded the highest percentage growth in arrivals from this market during this time, followed by Aruba (10.8%). In contrast, the Cayman Islands recorded the largest decline of -18.9%.
- The Turks & Caicos Islands recorded a significant decrease in visitor trips from Europe during the period January to March, registering a drop of -20.9%.
- During the period January to February, both Barbados (-6.5%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-26.2%) registered declines in international trips from Europe.

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## Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 13 out of 20 reporting destinations, while the other seven registered decreases.
- Seven out of nine destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to May registered increases led by 35.9% recorded in the Dominican Republic and followed by Barbados (24.5%) and Curacao (14.0%). The US Virgin Islands (-15.7%) and Dominica (-7.7%) were the only two destinations to record decreased cruise passenger arrivals during this time.
- Out of the seven destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to April, growth was recorded in four, ranging between 3.9% in Jamaica and 33.7% in Saint Lucia. Cruise passenger arrivals declined in Grenada (-15.3%), the Cayman Islands (-7.8%), and the British Virgin Islands (-6.1%).
- During the period January to March, St. Maarten recorded a moderate 15.5% increase in cruise passenger arrivals, while Martinique saw a -7.4% decline in arrivals during this time.
- Similarly, St. Vincent & the Grenadines welcomed 25.7% more cruise passengers during the period January to February, while Aruba recorded -1.1% fewer cruise passenger arrivals during this time.

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