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Overall Performance

- Arrival data was reported by 21 destinations in 2017 so far, 15 of which recorded growth while declines were recorded in six.
- Two of the four destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to July recorded increases of 7.6% in Belize and 5.9% in the Dominican Republic. In contrast, arrivals declined in Antigua & Barbuda (-6.1%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-3.2%).
- Fourteen destinations reported arrival data for the period January to June. Dominica (15.2%) led growth while increases in the other ten destinations ranged between 1.3% in the British Virgin Islands and 14.9% in Bermuda. Declines were registered in Curaçao (-10.3%), Aruba (-8.7%), and the Turks & Caicos Islands (-1.5%).
- Growth was recorded in both destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to May with Martinique registering growth of 4.6% and Anguilla recording an increase of 6.3%.
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines, the only destination reporting arrivals for the period January to February, registered a -8.0% decline in arrivals during this time.

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 both 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%).
- Thirteen out of 21 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals in February. Dominica (18.9%) recorded the highest percentage increase this month followed by Bermuda (11.9%) and Trinidad & Tobago (11.1%). Decreases were registered in eight destinations during this month ranging from -0.3% in Anguilla to -12.6% recorded in Curaçao.
- During March, seven out of the 20 reporting destinations saw increases which ranged between 1.0% in St. Lucia and 8.5% in Barbados. Declines were registered in the other 13 reporting destinations ranging between -1.1% in the US Virgin Islands and -22.8% in Curaçao.
- Out of the 20 destinations reporting data for April, growth was recorded in 18 destinations led by a 58.4% increase in Dominica and strong performances in Guyana (43.7%) and Anguilla (31.7%). Curaçao (-6.3%) and Aruba (-1.9%) were the only two destinations to register decreased arrivals during this month.
- International visitor trips recorded during May increased in 16 out of 20 reporting destinations ranging between flat performance in Aruba and 17.0% in Bermuda. Declines were recorded in four destinations ranging from -2.0% in the US Virgin Islands to -26.9% in Guyana.
- Eighteen destinations reported data for June, 13 of which registered growth in arrivals ranging from 1.3% recorded in the US Virgin Islands to 21.1% in Saint Lucia. Declines recorded in the other five destinations ranged between -1.6% in Aruba and -10.4% in the Turks & Caicos Islands.

- The British Virgin Islands (6.7%) and Belize (2.9%) were the only two destinations (out of four reporting) to record growth in arrivals during July. The other two destinations – Martinique (-6.3%) and Aruba (-1.6%) – recorded decreased arrivals during this month.

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By Market

United States

- Growth in international trips from the United States was recorded in 13 out of 18 reporting destinations overall and declined in five.
- Out of the four destinations reporting arrivals from the United States during the period January to July, the Dominican Republic (1.4%) and Belize (5.9%) recorded increases while Trinidad & Tobago (-2.1%) and Antigua & Barbuda (-9.4%) registered declines.
- During the period January to June, ten destinations (out of twelve reporting) recorded growth in visitor trips from the United States ranging from 0.1% in Curaçao to 17.6% in Barbados. The remaining two destinations, the Turks & Caicos Islands (-1.6%) and Guyana (-13.1%), registered declines in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Arrivals from the United States increased in Anguilla by 6.1%, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to May.
- In contrast, during the period January to February, St. Vincent & the Grenadines registered -2.4% fewer arrivals from this market.

Canada

- Visitor trips to the region from Canada increased in 14 out of 18 reporting destinations, while four destinations recorded declines from this market.
- Visitor trips from Canada increased in three out of four destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to July led by Belize (14.3%) and followed by Trinidad & Tobago (10.3%) and the Dominican Republic (8.1%). Antigua & Barbuda (-5.4%) was the only destination to record a decline in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Arrivals from Canada increased in nine out of 12 destinations reporting for the period January to June. During this time, Dominica (19.3%) recorded the highest percentage increase, followed by other increases ranging between 1.6% in the Cayman Islands and 17.1% in Bermuda. The remaining three destinations recorded declines with the Turks & Caicos Islands (-6.7%) registering the largest percentage decline followed by Puerto Rico (-2.8%) and Guyana (-2.5%).
- During the period January to May, Anguilla recorded an increase of 4.4% in visitor trips from Canada.
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines, the only destination reporting arrivals from this market for the period January to February, also registered an increase of 12.8%.

Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased in half of the 18 reporting destinations with contractions registered in the other half.
- Out of the four destinations reporting arrivals from Europe during the period January to July, growth was registered in the Dominican Republic (20.5%) and Belize (8.2%), while Antigua & Barbuda (-0.3%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-5.3%) recorded fewer European arrivals during this time.

- International trips from Europe increased in six out of 12 reporting destinations during the period January to June. Dominica (32.9%) led growth followed by Bermuda (29.7%) and Saint Lucia (8.8%). Arrivals from this market declined in the remaining six destinations during this time ranging from -18.0% recorded in Guyana and the Cayman Islands to -0.3% in Curaçao.
- Growth in arrivals from Europe was recorded in Anguilla (14.7%) during the period January to May, the only destination reporting for this time.
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines recorded a significant decline in international trips from Europe during the period January to February registering a drop of -26.2%.

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Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 14 out of 21 reporting destinations, while the other seven registered decreases.
- All five destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to July registered growth led by significant increases in the Dominican Republic (35.9%) and Barbados (21.4%) followed by Cozumel (Mexico) (12.6%).
- Eight out of 14 destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to June registered increases ranging between 3.0% in Jamaica and 24.5% in Saint Lucia. Fewer cruise passenger arrivals were recorded in the other six destinations during this time ranging from -0.5% in The Bahamas to -16.7% in Grenada.
- Martinique was the only destination reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to May and registered a decline of -6.9% during this time.
- On the other hand, St. Vincent & the Grenadines welcomed 25.7% more cruise passengers during the period January to February.

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