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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.
- Three destinations reported arrival data for the period January to September. Belize (8.6%) was the only destination to record growth during this time while Antigua & Barbuda (-7.1%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-3.8%) recorded declines.
- During the period January to August, growth in tourist arrivals was recorded in six out of the eight reporting destinations led by Bermuda (11.9%) and followed by Saint Lucia (9.2%) and Grenada (6.6%). In contrast, arrivals declined in Curacao (-12.6%) and Aruba (-6.8%) during this time.
- International visitor trips increased in three out of the four destinations reporting data for the period January to July. Barbados (5.9%), Martinique (4.8%), and Guyana (3.1%) recorded growth while St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-3.7%) was the only destination to record fewer arrivals during this time.
- Growth was recorded in five destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to June ranging from 1.3% in the British Virgin Islands to 15.2% in Dominica. During this time, the Turks & Caicos Islands (-1.5%) was the only destination to record a decline in arrivals.

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 21 reporting destinations saw increases which ranged between 1.0% in St. Lucia and 8.5% in Barbados. Declines were registered in the other 14 reporting destinations ranging between -1.1% in the US Virgin Islands and -22.8% in Curaçao.
- April, the best performing month of the year so far, had 19 destinations out of 21 recording growth in international visits 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.
- The number of destinations recording growth in tourist arrivals in May dropped to 16 (out of 21 reporting) ranging between flat performance in Aruba and 17.0% in Bermuda. Declines were recorded in five destinations ranging from -1.5% in the US Virgin Islands to -26.9% in Guyana.
- Twenty-one destinations reported data for June, 15 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 six destinations ranged between -1.6% in Aruba and -10.4% in the Turks & Caicos Islands.

- In July, ten out of 15 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals while five destinations recorded contractions. Saint Lucia (14.7%) led growth during this month followed by Jamaica (9.0%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (8.9%). Curacao recorded a -19.6% fall-off in tourist arrivals, the largest percentage decrease for this month.
- Out of the 11 destinations reporting tourist arrivals for August, seven destinations recorded increases led by Belize (19.1%), Grenada (16.9%), and Jamaica (14.1%). The other four destinations – Curacao (-19.6%), Aruba (-5.7%), Trinidad & Tobago (-4.2%), and Antigua & Barbuda (-2.5%) – recorded declines.
- Three destinations reported tourist arrivals for September. Belize (7.9%) was the only destination to record an increase while Antigua & Barbuda (-26.6%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-9.4%) registered declines.

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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.
- Three destinations reported arrival data from the United States for the period January to September, of which Belize (6.5%) was the only destination to register an increase while arrivals from this market dropped in Antigua & Barbuda (-10.8%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-3.0%) during this time.
- Growth in arrivals from the United States during the period January to August was recorded in seven out of eight reporting destinations, led by Grenada (13.4%) and followed by Bermuda (9.3%) and the Cayman Islands (9.2%). Curacao (-1.7%) was the only destination to register a decline.
- Two out of the three destinations reporting arrivals from the United States during the period January to July recorded increases, 4.5% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines and 14.2% in Barbados. Guyana (-10.1%) was the only destination to record decreased arrivals from this market during this time.
- During the period January to June, three destinations (out of four reporting) recorded growth in visitor trips from the United States led by Anguilla (8.6%) and followed by Dominica (6.0%) and Puerto Rico (5.7%). The only destination to register fewer arrivals from this market during this time was the Turks & Caicos Islands (-1.6%).

Canada

- Visitor trips to the region from Canada increased in 14 out of 18 reporting destinations, while four destinations recorded declines from this market.
- Out of the three destinations reporting arrivals from Canada during the period January to September, Trinidad & Tobago (8.4%) and Belize (14.3%) registered growth while Antigua & Barbuda (-4.4%) recorded decreased arrivals from this market during this time.
- Visitor trips from Canada increased in all eight destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to August ranging from 1.5% in the Cayman Islands to 14.8% in Bermuda.
- Growth was recorded in two of the three destinations reporting arrival data from Canada for the period January to July, 11.6% in both St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Barbados. Guyana (-2.5%) was the only destination to register fewer international trips from Canada during this time.
- Dominica (19.3%) and Anguilla (8.3%) were the only two destinations to recorded increased arrivals from Canada for the period January to June. The remaining destinations, the Turks & Caicos Islands (-6.7%) and Puerto Rico (-2.8%) recorded declines.

Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased in half of the 18 reporting destinations with contractions registered in the other half.

- Belize (12.4%) was the only destination (out of three reporting) to record an increase in visitor trips from Europe during the period January to September. Fewer arrivals from this market were recorded in Trinidad & Tobago (-7.7%) and Antigua & Barbuda (-2.8%) during this time.
- Out of the eight destinations reporting arrivals from Europe during the period January to August, growth was registered in five destinations ranging from 4.9% in Aruba to 19.1% in the Dominican Republic. The Cayman Islands (-19.8%), Grenada (-3.3%), and Curacao (-2.2%) recorded a drop in European arrivals during this time.
- During the period January to July, European arrivals increased in Barbados by 0.1%, the only destination to record growth in this market during this time. The other two reporting destinations, St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-23.0%) and Guyana (-19.5%), recorded decreased European arrivals during this time.
- International trips from Europe increased in half of the four destinations reporting during the period January to June. While Dominica (32.9%) and Anguilla (14.6%) recorded increases in arrivals from this market, declines were recorded in the Turks & Caicos Islands (-4.4%) and Puerto Rico (-11.8%).

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Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 15 out of 23 reporting destinations, while the remaining eight registered decreases.
- While Cozumel (Mexico) (3.7%) and Belize (13.4%) recorded growth in cruise passenger arrivals during the period January to September, Trinidad & Tobago recorded a significant 49.9% drop in arrivals during this time.
- Eight out of 11 destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to August registered growth led by strong performance in the Dominican Republic (35.8%) and followed by Aruba (22.8%) and Curacao (21.6%). Grenada (-16.9%), the Cayman Islands (-9.3%), and the Bahamas (-1.5%) were the only destinations to record fewer cruise passenger arrivals during this time.
- Three destinations reported cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to July, two of which registered growth, 21.4% in Barbados and 39.9% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines, while Martinique (-4.9%) was the only destination to record a decline in arrivals during this time.
- Cruise passenger arrivals increased in half of the six destinations reporting for the period January to June led by 12.6% growth recorded in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Fewer cruise passenger arrivals were recorded in the other three destinations with the US Virgin Islands (-15.9%) registering the largest percentage decrease in arrivals during this time.