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Overall Performance

- So far, international arrival data was reported by 13 destinations for 2018, 11 of which recorded growth, while declines were recorded in two.
- Growth was recorded in all four destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to February ranging from 1.8% in Aruba to 11.3% in Grenada.
- Seven of the nine destinations reporting international arrival data for January alone recorded growth ranging between 2.0% in Curaçao and 24.9% in Belize. During this time, declines were recorded in Bermuda (-4.6%) and Puerto Rico (-55.4%).

By Month

- In January, 11 out of 13 destinations reported increased international trips, while the other two registered declines. The highest percentage increase in tourist arrivals during this month was recorded in Belize (24.9%), followed by the Cayman Islands (23.9%) and Grenada (13.5%). In contrast, Bermuda and Puerto Rico recorded decreases of -4.6% and -55.4%, respectively.
- The four reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals in February. Grenada (9.2%) recorded the highest percentage increase this month followed by Antigua & Barbuda (4.8%), the Dominican Republic (4.1%), and Aruba (1.0%).

By Market

United States

- International trips from the United States grew in ten of the 12 reporting destinations overall and contracted in two destinations
- Growth in international arrivals from the United States was recorded in all four destinations reporting for the period January to February with Grenada (17.8%) registering the largest percentage increase.
- Eight destinations reported international trips from the United States for January only, six of which recorded growth ranging from 7.2% in Jamaica to 29.5% in the Cayman Islands. The remaining two destinations, Bermuda (-6.5%) and Puerto Rico (-61.6%) recorded declines from this market during the time.

Canada

- Visitor trips to the region from Canada also increased in ten out of 12 reporting destinations, while two destinations recorded declines from this market.
- Three of the four destinations reporting international arrivals from Canada during the period January to February recorded growth led by Antigua & Barbuda (74.5%) followed by Aruba (12.4%) and the Dominican Republic (4.3%). Canadian arrivals declined marginally (-0.7%) in Grenada during this time.
- Out of the eight destinations reporting arrival data from the Canadian market during January alone, seven recorded increases ranging from 0.1% in Curaçao to 70.2% in Belize. Puerto Rico (-63.7%) was the only destination to record a decrease in arrivals from this market during this time.

Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased in seven of the 12 reporting destinations with contractions registered in the remaining five destinations.
- Growth in arrivals from the European market was recorded in three out of the four destinations reporting for the period January to February ranging between 0.3% in the Dominican Republic to 5.6% in Aruba. Antigua & Barbuda (-8.4%) was the only destination to record declines in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Visitor trips from Europe increased in half of the eight destinations reporting during the month of January led by Aruba (5.6%). In contrast, declines were recorded in the remaining four destinations ranging from -0.7% in Trinidad & Tobago to -18.5% in Bermuda.

Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 10 out of 13 reporting destinations, while the remaining three registered decreases.
- Growth in cruise passenger arrivals during the period January to February was recorded in Cozumel (Mexico) (2.7%) and Grenada (28.0%) while fewer cruise passenger arrivals were recorded in the Dominican Republic (-23.3%) and the US Virgin Islands (-24.4%).
- During January alone, eight out of nine reporting destinations recorded growth in cruise passenger arrivals ranging from 3.5% in Belize to 85.4% in Curaçao. Bermuda (-83.1%) was the only destination registering a decline during this time.

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