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Overall Performance

- So far, international arrival data was reported by 16 destinations for 2018, 12 of which recorded growth, while declines were recorded in four.
- All five destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to March recorded increases ranging between 4.3% in Aruba to 22.5% in Belize.
- Growth was recorded in four out of the seven destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to February ranging from 4.2% in Jamaica to 17.9% in the Cayman Islands. Declines were recorded in the remaining three destinations led by the US Virgin Islands (-60.3%) and followed by Puerto Rico (-51.2%) and Curaçao (-0.6%).
- Three destinations (out of four reporting) recorded growth in international arrivals for January alone led by Guyana (15.6%). Anguilla (-61.4%) was the only destination to record a decline during this time.

By Month

- In January, 12 out of 16 destinations reported increased international trips, while the other four registered declines. The highest percentage increase in tourist arrivals during this month was recorded in Belize (25.7%), followed by the Cayman Islands (23.9%) and Guyana (15.6%). In contrast, decreases recorded during this month ranged between -61.4% in Anguilla and -4.6% in Bermuda.
- Nine of the 12 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals in February. Belize (16.9%) recorded the highest percentage increase this month trailed by the Cayman Islands (12.6%) and Bermuda (12.5%). The US Virgin Islands (-60.4%) recorded the largest percentage decrease during the month followed by Puerto Rico (-46.7%) and Curaçao (-3.4%).
- The five destinations reporting arrival data in March recorded growth ranging from 9.2% in Aruba to 24.8% in Belize.

By Market

United States

- International trips from the United States grew in 12 of the 14 reporting destinations overall and contracted in two destinations.
- Growth in international arrivals from the United States was recorded in all five destinations reporting for the period January to March with Grenada (23.4%) registering the largest percentage increase.
- Six destinations reported international trips from the United States for the period January to February, five of which recorded growth ranging from 6.9% in Bermuda to 22.0% in the Cayman Islands. Puerto Rico (-56.7%) was the only destination to record a decline from this market during this time.
- Three destinations reported arrivals from the United States for January alone. Trinidad & Tobago (13.2%) and Guyana (1.5%) recorded increases in arrivals from this market during this time, while Anguilla registered a -68.7% decrease.

Canada

- Visitor trips to the region from Canada increased in nine out of 14 reporting destinations, while five destinations recorded declines from this market.
- All five destinations reporting international arrivals from Canada for the period January to March recorded growth ranging from 3.8% in Grenada to 75.4% in Antigua & Barbuda.
- Half of the six destinations reporting international arrivals from Canada for the period January to February recorded growth led by Bermuda (16.6%) followed by the Cayman Islands (9.7%) and Saint Lucia (0.3%). Canadian arrivals declined in Puerto Rico (-58.0%), Curaçao (-1.8%), and Jamaica (-0.7%) during this time.
- Trinidad & Tobago (1.1%) was the only destination (out of three reporting for January alone) to record growth in arrivals from the Canadian market, while Anguilla (-63.4%) and Guyana (-7.9%) recorded decreases in arrivals from this market during this time.

Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased in eight of the 14 reporting destinations with contractions registered in the remaining six destinations.
- European arrivals to the region increased in four out of five destinations reporting for the period January to March ranging from 1.1% in Grenada to 23.6% in Belize. Antigua & Barbuda (-7.2%) was the only destination to record a decrease in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Growth in arrivals from the European market was recorded in three out of the six destinations reporting for the period January to February ranging between 0.8% in Jamaica to 5.4% in Curaçao. Puerto Rico (-76.3%) recorded the largest percentage decline in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Out of the three destinations reporting for January alone, visitor trips from Europe increased in Guyana (13.6%) and decreased in Anguilla (-64.4%) and Trinidad & Tobago (-0.7%).

Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 11 out of 15 reporting destinations, while the remaining four registered decreases.
- All four destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to March recorded increases ranging from 3.0% in Cozumel (Mexico) to 26.0% in Grenada.
- Growth in cruise passenger arrivals during the period January to February was recorded in half of the eight destinations reporting during this time ranging between 7.1% in Saint Lucia and 77.9% in Curaçao. Fewer cruise passenger arrivals were recorded in the remaining four destinations ranging from -83.1% in Bermuda to -12.1% in Puerto Rico.
- During January alone, all three reporting destinations recorded growth in cruise passenger arrivals led by Martinique (69.7%) followed by Aruba (20.7%) and The Bahamas (5.0%).

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