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Overall Performance

- Out of the 19 destinations reporting international arrival data for 2018 so far, growth was recorded in 12, while declines were recorded in seven.
- All five destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to May recorded increases ranging between 1.6% in Aruba to 17.5% in Belize.
- Growth was recorded in five out of the 12 destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to April ranging from 3.7% in Barbados to 15.4% in the Cayman Islands. Declines were recorded in the remaining seven destinations led by the British Virgin Islands (-73.7%) and followed by Anguilla (-57.3%), and the US Virgin Islands (-56.8%).
- Both Saint Lucia and Jamaica, the only destinations reporting international visits for the period January to March, recorded growth of 9.5% and 6.8%, respectively.

By Month

- In January 14 out of 19 destinations reported increased international trips, while the other five registered declines. The highest percentage increase in tourist arrivals during this month was recorded in Belize (26.3%), followed by the Cayman Islands (23.9%) and Guyana (15.6%). In contrast, decreases recorded during this month ranged between -4.6% in Bermuda and -72.6% in the British Virgin Islands.
- Twelve out of 19 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals in February. Guyana (26.2%) recorded the highest percentage increase this month trailed by Belize (17.0%) and the Cayman Islands (12.6%). The British Virgin Islands (-79.3%) recorded the largest percentage decrease during the month followed by the US Virgin Islands (-60.4%) and Anguilla (-58.9%).
- During March, 14 destinations (out of 19 reporting) registered growth in arrivals ranging between 3.9% in Trinidad & Tobago and 35.9% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Like the previous month, the British Virgin Islands (-79.0%) recorded the largest percentage decrease during this month followed by the US Virgin Islands (-55.6%) and Anguilla (-50.7%).
- Three destinations out of the 17 reporting arrival data for April registered growth, while declines were recorded the remaining 14 destinations. Belize (0.3%), Jamaica (5.9%), and Saint Lucia (14.3%) were the destinations to record increases while decreases ranged from -0.7% in the Dominican Republic to -64.0% in the British Virgin Islands.
- All five destinations reporting arrivals for May registered growth ranging from 5.5% in Aruba to 11.8% in Antigua & Barbuda.

By Market

United States

- International trips from the United States grew in 11 of the 16 reporting destinations overall and contracted in five destinations.
- Growth in international arrivals from the United States was recorded in all five destinations reporting for the period January to May ranging between 1.9% in Antigua & Barbuda and 18.4% in Grenada.
- Of the nine destinations reporting visitor arrivals from the United States for the period January to March, growth was recorded in four ranging from 7.7% in Barbados to 18.0% in the Cayman Islands. Anguilla (-63.1%) led declines in arrivals from this market recorded in the remaining five destinations during this time followed by Puerto Rico (-54.6%), and Curaçao (-4.4%).
- Saint Lucia and Jamaica, the two destinations reporting arrivals for the period January to March, registered growth in international trips from the United States of 15.2% and 11.0%, respectively.

Canada

- Overall, visitor trips to the region from Canada increased in 10 out of 16 reporting destinations, while six destinations recorded declines from this market.
- All five destinations reporting international arrivals from Canada for the period January to May recorded growth ranging from 5.5% in Grenada to 76.7% in Antigua & Barbuda.
- International trips from Canada increased in five of the nine destinations reporting arrivals for the period January to April ranging between 5.1% in Barbados and 30.3% in Curaçao. The remaining four destinations registered declines from this market during this time ranging from -1.1% in Guyana to -66.5% in Anguilla.
- Both Saint Lucia and Jamaica, the only destinations reporting international arrivals from Canada for the period January to March, recorded declines of -0.1% and -0.8%, respectively.

Europe

- International visitor arrivals from Europe increased in seven of the 16 reporting destinations with contractions registered in the remaining nine destinations.
- Belize (24.0%) was the only destination registering growth in arrivals from Europe during the period January to May. The remaining four destinations reporting arrivals from this market during this time recorded declines ranging between -0.6% in Grenada and -7.3% in Antigua & Barbuda.
- European arrivals increased in five out of nine destinations reporting for the period January to April ranging from 2.5% in Barbados to 8.9% in Guyana. Arrivals from the European market decreased during this time in the remaining five destinations ranging between -0.8% in the Cayman Islands and -60.4% in Anguilla.
- Growth in arrivals from the European market was recorded in both Saint Lucia (6.7%) and Jamaica (1.3%), the only destinations reporting for the period January to March.

Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 13 out of 21 reporting destinations, while the remaining eight registered decreases.
- Two out of the three destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to May registered growth with Grenada (26.4%) recording the largest increase followed by Belize (6.0%). The US Virgin Islands (-24.4%) was the only destination to register a decline in cruise passenger arrivals during this time.
- Ten destinations reported cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to April, six of which recorded increases ranging from 0.9% in Cozumel (Mexico) to 81.9% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. The remaining four destinations registered declines during this time, led by the British Virgin Islands (-89.2%).
- Growth in cruise passenger arrivals during the period January to March was recorded in five of the eight reporting destinations ranging from 6.5% in Jamaica to 20.2% in Antigua & Barbuda. The remaining three destinations registered declines of -1.3% in the Bahamas, -6.3% in Puerto Rico, and -22.0% in the Dominican Republic during this time.

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