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Overall Performance

- Out of the 20 destinations reporting international arrival data for 2019 so far, growth was recorded in 18, while declines were recorded in two.
- Growth was recorded in five out of the six destinations reporting visitor arrival data for the period January to March ranging from 2.7% in Barbados to 6.3% in both Belize and Antigua & Barbuda. Trinidad & Tobago (-2.2%) was the only destination to record a decline during this time.
- Seven out of the eight destinations reporting tourist arrivals for the period January to February registered growth ranging between 6.5% in Saint Lucia and 128.9% in the British Virgin Islands. Bermuda, the only destination to record a decline during this time, registered -2.0% fewer tourists.
- All six destinations reporting tourist visits for January alone recorded growth ranging from 3.6% in Martinique to 217.6% in Anguilla.

By Month

- In January, 19 out of the 20 reporting destinations registered increased tourist trips. The highest percentage increase in tourist arrivals during this month was recorded in Anguilla (217.6%), followed by the British Virgin Islands (153.2%), and St. Maarten (118.3%). In contrast, Trinidad & Tobago (-15.1%) was the only destination to record a decrease during this month.
- Thirteen out of the 14 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals in February. The British Virgin Islands (108.8%) recorded the highest percentage increase this month trailed by Dominica (67.3%) and Curaçao (18.3%). Bermuda (-5.4%) was the only destination registering a decline during the month.
- All six destinations reporting visitor arrivals in March registered growth ranging between 0.3% in Barbados and 6.6% in Belize.

By Market

United States

- International trips from the United States grew in 15 of the 17 reporting destinations and contracted in two destinations.
- Six destinations reported visitor arrivals from the United States for the period January to March, five of which recorded growth ranging between 0.7% in Trinidad & Tobago and 12.9% in Antigua & Barbuda. Grenada (-2.7%) was the only destination to register a decline in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Arrivals from the United States for the period January to February increased in six of the seven reporting destinations led by Cuba (100.3%) followed by Dominica (61.5%), and Jamaica (20.0%). The only destination to record a decline in arrivals from this market during this time was Bermuda which registered a decrease of -0.5%.
- All four destinations reporting international visits from the United States for January alone registered significant growth ranging from 22.2% in Guyana to 308.2% in Anguilla.

Canada

- Overall, 12 of the 17 destinations reporting arrivals from the Canadian market recorded increased visitor trips, while declines were registered in the other five.
- For the period January to March, four of the six destinations reporting arrivals from Canada registered growth ranging from 0.6% in the Dominican Republic to 36.1% in Grenada. In contrast, Barbados (-6.8%) and Antigua & Barbuda (-4.3%) recorded declines in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Growth in international arrivals from Canada for the period January to February was registered in five out of seven reporting destinations ranging between 0.8% in Jamaica and 62.5% in Dominica. Decreases in arrivals from this market during this time were recorded in Bermuda (-11.2%) and Saint Lucia (-2.1%).
- Increases in visitor trips from Canada for January alone were recorded in three of the four reporting destinations led by St. Maarten (345.0%) followed by Anguilla (204.1%), and Puerto Rico (110.4%). However, during this time, fewer arrivals from this market were recorded in Guyana (-1.1%).

Europe

- International visitor arrivals from Europe increased in 13 of the 17 reporting destinations whereas contractions were registered in the remaining four.
- Out of the six destinations reporting visitor trips from Europe for the period January to March, increased arrivals were recorded in four destinations ranging from 5.0% in Belize to 10.4% in Grenada. European visitor arrivals declined in Trinidad & Tobago (-7.9%) and the Dominican Republic (-4.3%) during this time.
- Growth in arrivals from the European market for the period January to February was recorded in five of the seven reporting destinations ranging between 1.3% in Jamaica and 139.7% in

Dominica, Cuba (-8.8%) and the Cayman Islands (-0.2%) were the only destinations registering decreased arrivals from this market during this time.

- All four destinations reporting arrivals from Europe for January alone registered growth ranging from 9.0% in Guyana to 228.9% in Anguilla.

Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise visits to the region increased in 10 out of 18 reporting destinations, while the remaining eight registered decreases.
- Out of the seven destinations reporting cruise visits for the period January to March, four destinations registered growth ranging between 1.7% in the Dominican Republic and 768.9% in Dominica. Aruba (-5.2%) recorded the largest percentage decrease in cruise visits during this time followed by Barbados (-3.7%) and Grenada (-2.0%).
- Growth was recorded in five out of nine destinations reporting cruise visits for the period January to February ranging from 6.3% in Curaçao to 1,268.7% in Bermuda. Declines were registered in the remaining four destinations ranging between -1.8% in Jamaica and -28.8% in Trinidad & Tobago during this time.
- While cruise visits increased in the US Virgin Islands (23.0%) for January alone, Martinique registered a decline of -43.3% during this time.

Table 1: Tourist (Stop-over) Arrivals in 2019

Destination	Period	Tourist Arrivals	% Change		
			Overall	Winter#	Summer#
Anguilla	Jan only	8,906	217.6	217.6	-
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Mar	90,619	6.3	6.3	-
Barbados ^P	Jan-Mar	208,774	2.7	2.7	-
Belize ^P	Jan-Mar	158,290	6.3	6.3	-
Bermuda *	Jan-Feb	19,910	-2.0	-2.0	-
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Feb	54,003	128.9	128.9	-
Cayman Islands	Jan-Feb	86,241	8.9	8.9	-
Cuba ***	Jan-Feb	946,603	6.6	6.6	-
Curacao	Jan-Feb	85,296	14.5	14.5	-
Dominica	Jan-Feb	13,686	73.5	73.5	-
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Mar	1,876,144	4.6	4.6	-
Grenada	Jan-Mar	45,151	5.1	5.1	-
Guyana	Jan only	21,999	12.0	12.0	-
Jamaica	Jan-Feb	436,555	12.5	12.5	-
Martinique	Jan only	57,913	3.6	3.6	-
Puerto Rico	Jan only	138,796	79.3	79.3	-
Saint Lucia	Jan-Feb	72,712	6.5	6.5	-
St. Maarten *	Jan only	26,258	118.3	118.3	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Mar	104,841	-2.2	-2.2	-
US Virgin Islands	Jan only	63,959	107.8	107.8	-

* Non-Resident Air Arrivals ** Non-Resident Hotel registrations only *** Air Arrivals by Nationality
^P Preliminary figures # Winter - Jan to Apr; Summer - May to Dec ^ Excludes data from Vance M. Amory Int'l Airport in Nevis.
N.B: Figures are subject to revision by reporting countries
SOURCE - Data supplied by member countries and available as at April 30, 2019

Table 2a: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2019

Destination	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	8,906	217.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antigua & Barbuda *	30,096	7.9	29,669	6.6	30,854	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barbados ^P	69,496	5.3	68,609	2.5	70,669	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize ^P	50,822	4.4	49,559	8.0	57,909	6.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bermuda *	8,944	2.6	10,966	-5.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British Virgin Islands	27,055	153.2	26,948	108.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cayman Islands	41,365	5.6	44,876	12.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba ***	488,208	9.8	458,395	3.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curacao	44,151	11.1	41,145	18.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominica	6,030	82.2	7,656	67.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic *	598,198	5.5	604,977	8.0	672,969	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	14,283	3.3	15,353	11.6	15,515	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	21,999	12.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	216,509	11.3	220,046	13.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martinique	57,913	3.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	138,796	79.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	34,546	5.5	38,166	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Maarten *	26,258	118.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	28,270	-15.1	41,830	2.3	34,741	5.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
US Virgin Islands	63,959	107.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 3: Tourist Arrivals by Main Market – 2019

Destination	Period	United States		Canada		Europe		Other	
		Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.
Anguilla	Jan only	6,135	308.2	517	204.1	1,125	228.9	1,129	43.1
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Mar	35,916	12.9	14,956	-4.3	30,819	5.5	8,928	3.6
Barbados ^P	Jan-Mar	57,309	4.7	33,832	-6.8	91,875	8.4	25,758	-6.5
Belize ^P	Jan-Mar	102,469	4.9	17,777	10.3	18,895	5.0	19,149	11.7
Bermuda *	Jan-Feb	13,987	-0.5	2,869	-11.2	2,248	12.3	806	-20.7
Cayman Islands	Jan-Feb	70,587	9.4	8,097	18.9	4,350	-0.2	3,207	-9.2
Cuba *** ^l	Jan-Feb	112,267	100.3	315,483	4.8	201,518	-8.8	317,335	2.4
Curacao	Jan-Feb	13,905	14.4	7,525	16.6	44,570	11.5	19,296	21.3
Dominica	Jan-Feb	2,292	61.5	525	62.5	3,579	139.7	7,290	56.7
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Mar	650,324	12.4	382,744	0.6	370,021	-4.3	473,055	5.5
Grenada	Jan-Mar	18,808	-2.7	7,134	36.1	12,061	10.4	7,148	-4.1
Guyana	Jan only	6,439	22.2	1,866	-1.1	1,041	9.0	12,653	9.8
Jamaica	Jan-Feb	272,351	20.0	89,447	0.8	56,774	1.3	17,983	9.0
Puerto Rico	Jan only	126,670	106.2	2,733	110.4	2,800	96.1	6,593	-50.2
Saint Lucia	Jan-Feb	30,056	1.3	11,976	-2.1	21,519	24.5	9,161	0.8
St. Maarten *	Jan only	11,999	245.3	2,345	345.0	8,981	43.3	2,933	66.7
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Mar	45,819	0.7	15,765	6.9	16,647	-7.9	26,610	-7.9

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^l Some European countries are included in Other ^P Preliminary figures ^ Excludes data from Vance M. Amory Int'l Airport in Nevis.

N.B U.S.V.I reported figures in this tables are Hotel Registrations whereas they reported Stay Over totals are Air Arrivals

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Table 4: Cruise Visits - 2019 & 2018

Destination	Period	2019	2018	% Ch.
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Feb	277,112	283,306	-2.2
Aruba	Jan-Mar	292,922	308,838	-5.2
Barbados	Jan-Mar	282,155	292,865	-3.7
Belize	Jan-Mar	456,987	382,430	19.5
Bermuda	Jan-Feb	8,253	603	1268.7
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Feb	188,331	24,431	703.8
Cayman Islands	Jan-Feb	468,345	439,033	6.7
Cozumel (Mexico)	Jan-Mar	1,390,870	1,329,632	4.6
Curacao	Jan-Feb	194,819	183,338	6.3
Dominica	Jan-Mar	134,751	15,508	768.9
Dominican Republic	Jan-Mar	380,699	374,354	1.7
Grenada	Jan-Mar	196,022	199,962	-2.0
Jamaica	Jan-Feb	451,951	460,302	-1.8
Martinique	Jan only	59,091	104,202	-43.3
Saint Lucia	Jan-Feb	224,499	230,225	-2.5
St. Maarten	Jan-Feb	453,309	226,404	100.2
Trinidad & Tobago	Jan-Feb	44,798	62,930	-28.8
U S Virgin Islands	Jan only	180,817	146,962	23.0

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