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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.
- During the period January to August, growth in tourist arrivals was recorded in Grenada (6.6%) and Belize (8.7%) while arrivals declined in Curacao (-12.6%), Aruba (-6.8%), and Antigua & Barbuda (-5.7%).
- Seven of the eight destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to July registered increases ranging from 4.2% in the Cayman Islands to 12.7% in Bermuda. In contrast, arrivals only declined Trinidad & Tobago (-3.2%) during this time.
- Seven destinations reported arrival data for the period January to June. Of this number, five destinations achieved growth led by Dominica (15.2%) while increases in the other four destinations ranged between 1.3% in the British Virgin Islands and 4.9% in Guyana. Declines were registered in St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-6.1%) and the Turks & Caicos Islands (-1.5%).
- Anguilla, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to May, registered growth of 6.3% during this time.

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 destinations reported data for June, 14 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, nine out of 13 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals while four destinations recorded contractions. Saint Lucia (14.7%) led growth during this month followed by Jamaica (9.0%) and the Cayman Islands (6.8%). Curacao recorded a -18.9% fall-off in tourist arrivals, the largest percentage decrease for this month.
- Out of the five destinations reporting tourist arrivals for the month of August, Belize (19.1%) and Grenada (16.9%) were the only two destinations to record increases, while the other three destinations – Curacao (-19.6%), Aruba (-5.7%), and Antigua & Barbuda (-2.5%) – recorded 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.
- Out of the five destinations reporting arrivals from the United States during the period January to August, Grenada (13.4%), Aruba (8.9%), and Belize (6.5%) recorded increases while Curacao (-1.7%) and Antigua & Barbuda (-9.6%) registered declines.
- Seven destinations reported arrivals from the United States during the period January to July, six of which recorded increases ranging between 1.4% in the Dominican Republic and 14.2% in Barbados. Trinidad & Tobago (-2.1%) was the only destination to record decreased arrivals from this market during this time.
- During the period January to June, three destinations (out of five reporting) recorded growth in visitor trips from the United States led by Dominica (6.0%) and followed by Puerto Rico (5.7%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (0.4%). The remaining two destinations, the Turks & Caicos Islands (-1.6%) and Guyana (-13.1%), registered declines in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Arrivals from the United States increased in Anguilla by 6.1%, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to May.

Canada

- Visitor trips to the region from Canada increased in 14 out of 18 reporting destinations, while four destinations recorded declines from this market.
- Visitor trips from Canada increased in four out of five destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to August ranging from 4.4% in Curacao to 14.5% in Belize. Antigua & Barbuda (-4.3%) was the only destination to record a decline in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Growth was recorded in all seven destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to July led by Bermuda (15.1%) and followed by Saint Lucia (14.0%) and Barbados (11.6%).
- Dominica (19.3%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (10.3%) were the only two destinations to recorded increased arrivals from Canada for the period January to June. The remaining three destinations recorded declines with the Turks & Caicos Islands (-6.7%) registering the largest percentage decline followed by Puerto Rico (-2.8%) and Guyana (-2.5%).
- During the period January to May, Anguilla recorded an increase of 4.4% in visitor trips from Canada.

Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased in half of the 18 reporting destinations with contractions registered in the other half.
- Out of the five destinations reporting arrivals from Europe during the period January to August, growth was registered in Belize (12.7%) and Aruba (4.9%), while Antigua & Barbuda (-0.3%), Curacao (-2.2%), and Grenada (-3.3%) recorded fewer European arrivals during this time.

- During the period January to July, European arrivals increased in five out of seven reporting destinations ranging from 0.1% in Barbados to 22.7% in Bermuda. Trinidad & Tobago (-5.3%) and the Cayman Islands (-18.7%) were the only destinations recording fewer European arrivals during this time.
- International trips from Europe decreased in four out of five destinations reporting during the period January to June. While Dominica recorded a significant 32.9% increase in arrivals from this market, declines recorded in the other four destinations ranged between -4.4% in the Turks & Caicos Islands and -23.2% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines.
- Growth in arrivals from Europe was recorded in Anguilla (14.7%) during the period January to May, the only destination reporting for this time.

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Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 15 out of 22 reporting destinations, while the other seven registered decreases.
- Six out of seven destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to August registered growth led by strong performance in Aruba (22.8%) and Curacao (21.6%) followed by St. Kitts & Nevis (13.9%). Grenada (-16.9%) was the only destination to record fewer cruise passenger arrivals during this time.
- Seven destinations reported cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to July, five of which registered growth ranging from 4.9% recorded in Jamaica to 35.9% in the Dominican Republic, while declines were recorded in Martinique (-4.9%) and the Cayman Islands (-9.1%) during this time.
- Cruise passenger arrivals increased in half of the eight destinations reporting for the period January to June led by 40.5% growth recorded in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Fewer cruise passenger arrivals were recorded in the other four destinations ranging from -0.5% in The Bahamas to -15.9% in the US Virgin Islands.

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Table 1: Tourist (Stop-over) Arrivals in 2017

Destination	Period	Tourist Arrivals	% Change		
			Overall	Winter#	Summer#
Anguilla	Jan-May	41,209	6.3	5.5	10.0
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Aug	176,597	-5.7	-5.0	-6.7
Aruba	Jan-Aug	719,813	-6.8	-11.9	-1.1
Barbados ^P	Jan-Jul	399,659	5.9	7.7	3.0
Belize	Jan-Aug	299,580	8.7	7.2	10.5
Bermuda*	Jan-Jul	159,287	12.7	13.2	12.3
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Jun	243,363	1.3	0.0	4.7
Cayman Islands	Jan-Jul	263,877	4.2	1.9	7.4
Curacao	Jan-Aug	262,062	-12.6	-12.5	-12.6
Dominica ^P	Jan-Jun	40,699	15.2	16.3	12.6
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Jul	3,879,334	5.9	6.4	5.2
Grenada	Jan-Aug	100,815	6.6	1.6	12.0
Guyana	Jan-Jun	113,529	4.9	16.0	-13.1
Jamaica	Jan-Jul	1,432,379	5.1	2.3	8.7
Martinique	Jan-Jul	342,503	4.8	4.4	5.5
Puerto Rico **	Jan-Jun	989,667	2.7	-1.6	12.8
Saint Lucia	Jan-Jul	235,839	8.9	5.7	13.5
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Jan-Jun	38,034	-6.1	-6.2	-5.8
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Jul	241,472	-3.2	-3.1	-3.4
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Jun	255,037	-1.5	-0.2	-4.9
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Jun	453,055	3.4	4.9	0.0

* 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

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SOURCE - Data supplied by member countries and available as at September 29, 2017

Table 2a: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2017

Destination	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	7,267	-0.2	7,934	-0.3	9,244	-5.1	9,664	31.7	7,100	10.0	-	-
Antigua & Barbuda *	25,463	-5.4	26,567	-2.7	26,952	-11.1	24,069	0.5	17,974	-4.4	16,630	-8.8
Aruba	89,269	-14.2	84,163	-12.5	90,133	-18.1	96,915	-1.9	80,975	0.0	85,288	-1.6
Barbados ^P	62,218	-0.2	63,085	3.5	65,725	8.5	60,172	22.2	48,642	8.2	44,957	5.6
Belize	38,531	0.7	39,221	4.2	44,475	3.3	38,090	24.2	32,146	8.2	37,690	10.0
Bermuda*	9,132	36.0	10,308	11.9	17,312	6.1	21,239	11.8	29,836	17.0	36,249	16.1
British Virgin Islands	39,045	-7.2	41,424	0.5	46,756	-8.5	43,923	19.5	34,336	1.8	37,879	7.4
Cayman Islands	31,634	-3.5	35,547	2.1	44,056	-2.5	38,927	12.6	29,342	1.8	38,729	12.8
Curacao	38,744	-7.1	35,905	-12.6	34,549	-22.8	35,073	-6.3	29,198	-5.8	27,957	-2.6
Dominica	6,763	2.3	8,604	18.9	5,717	-4.1	7,324	58.4	6,333	12.2	5,958	13.1
Dominican Republic *	545,627	4.9	538,119	3.7	581,861	2.9	557,519	15.0	472,888	8.1	545,657	5.6
Grenada	12,183	1.5	12,597	-2.6	12,615	-8.4	12,358	20.3	10,441	14.6	11,488	15.5
Guyana	16,984	17.5	16,281	8.0	19,568	-2.9	24,910	43.7	18,266	-26.9	17,520	8.2
Jamaica	185,873	3.5	186,670	0.8	212,600	-3.2	205,822	9.1	181,669	8.2	211,119	8.8
Martinique	53,711	6.9	55,795	-1.0	63,347	4.1	55,247	8.2	35,948	5.5	31,263	5.4
Puerto Rico **	154,762	-11.2	147,712	-10.3	178,311	1.2	184,135	14.8	145,763	5.4	178,984	19.7
Saint Lucia	31,649	3.2	33,402	5.6	35,427	1.0	34,322	14.0	31,436	5.4	31,312	21.1
St. Vincent & the G'dines	6,287	-12.8	6,837	-3.1	6,582	-18.6	6,889	14.8	4,877	-4.7	6,562	-6.6
Trinidad & Tobago ***	32,009	-20.2	46,663	11.1	31,809	-3.3	31,998	0.1	30,539	0.8	31,308	-3.7
Turks & Caicos Islands	44,888	0.7	43,597	3.8	48,354	-5.0	50,206	0.5	33,946	1.3	34,046	-10.4
U S Virgin Islands	77,499	4.6	74,763	4.4	86,713	-1.1	78,649	13.2	64,478	-1.5	70,953	1.3

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Table 2b: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2017

Destination	July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antigua & Barbuda *	22,109	-9.9	16,833	-2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aruba	102,272	2.9	90,798	-5.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barbados ^P	54,860	-3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	38,628	6.7	30,799	19.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bermuda*	35,211	5.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British Virgin Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cayman Islands	45,642	6.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curacao	29,773	-18.9	30,863	-19.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic *	637,663	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	14,978	3.9	14,155	16.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	248,626	9.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martinique	47,192	5.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico **	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	38,291	14.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent & the G'dines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	37,146	-6.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turks & Caicos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U S Virgin Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 3: Tourist Arrivals by Main Market - 2017

Destination	Period	United States		Canada		Europe		Other	
		Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.
Anguilla	Jan-May	28,180	6.1	2,107	4.4	4,857	14.7	6,065	1.7
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Aug	72,612	-9.6	14,816	-4.3	64,437	-0.3	24,732	-8.3
Aruba	Jan-Aug	478,696	8.9	31,415	10.9	58,213	4.9	151,489	-39.2
Barbados ^P	Jan-Jul	116,613	14.2	55,931	11.6	152,450	0.1	74,665	2.5
Belize	Jan-Aug	199,830	6.5	17,368	14.5	33,767	12.7	48,615	13.5
Bermuda *	Jan-Jul	115,848	9.1	15,584	15.1	20,114	22.7	7,741	46.5
Cayman Islands	Jan-Jul	218,240	8.0	15,466	1.5	14,031	-18.7	16,140	-13.4
Curacao	Jan-Aug	40,988	-1.7	14,036	4.4	133,999	-2.2	73,039	-32.2
Dominica ^P	Jan-Jun	10,748	6.0	1,883	19.3	9,840	32.9	18,228	12.4
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Jul	1,398,721	1.4	572,256	8.1	839,661	20.5	1,068,696	1.1
Grenada	Jan-Aug	46,010	13.4	10,527	6.0	22,393	-3.3	21,885	4.6
Guyana	Jan-Jun	38,468	-13.1	11,494	-2.5	5,122	-18.0	58,445	27.3
Jamaica	Jan-Jul	933,014	4.1	247,324	6.6	186,132	8.0	65,909	5.3
Puerto Rico	Jan-Jun	911,222	5.7	12,071	-2.8	20,431	-11.8	45,943	-30.0
Saint Lucia	Jan-Jul	107,932	6.0	29,355	14.0	54,211	11.2	44,341	10.4
St. Vincent & the G'dines	Jan-Jun	12,302	0.4	4,410	10.3	9,183	-23.2	12,139	-1.2
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Jul	106,637	-2.1	33,600	10.3	34,159	-5.3	67,076	-9.3
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Jun	208,753	-1.6	25,812	-6.7	6,265	-4.4	14,207	12.7

* Non-Resident Air Arrivals

** Non-Resident Hotel registrations only

*** Air Arrivals by Nationality

¹ USA total included in Other

^P Preliminary figures

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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 Passenger Arrivals - 2017 & 2016

Destination	Period	2017	2016	% ch.
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Aug	441,822	407,817	8.3
Aruba	Jan-Aug	513,206	417,815	22.8
Bahamas	Jan-Jun	2,439,370	2,451,944	-0.5
Barbados	Jan-Jul	434,294	357,623	21.4
Belize	Jan-Aug	668,142	645,433	3.5
Bermuda	Jan-Jul	255,520	232,090	10.1
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Jun	367,708	411,211	-10.6
Cayman Islands	Jan-Jul	983,442	1,081,752	-9.1
Cozumel (Mexico)	Jan-Aug	2,655,570	2,365,746	12.3
Curacao	Jan-Aug	378,437	311,220	21.6
Dominica	Jan-Jun	156,027	169,051	-7.7
Dominican Republic	Jan-Jul	663,752	488,293	35.9
Grenada	Jan-Aug	174,170	209,495	-16.9
Jamaica	Jan-Jul	1,088,718	1,037,892	4.9
Martinique	Jan-Jul	192,777	202,772	-4.9
Puerto Rico	Jan-Jun	782,976	717,772	9.1
Saint Lucia	Jan-Jul	420,423	344,200	22.1
St. Kitts & Nevis	Jan-Aug	701,675	616,302	13.9
St. Maarten	Jan-Jun	1,011,608	955,689	5.9
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Jan-Jun	80,797	57,493	40.5
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Jun	498,398	442,789	12.6
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Jun	873,153	1,038,159	-15.9

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