

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Visitor Arrival Summary

Tourist arrivals to the Dominican Republic continued on its upward trend in 2004, increasing by 5.4 percent to a total of 3,443.2 thousand. This growth was achieved in spite of fewer arrivals in September and October after the destination was impacted by a hurricane.

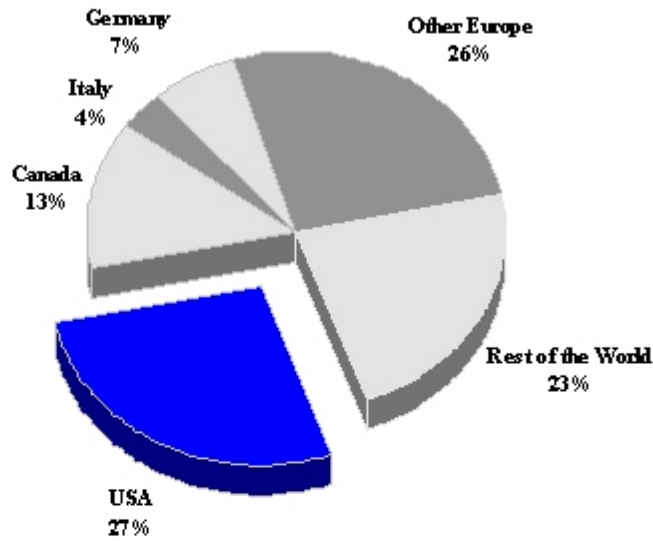
- ◆ The United States, the main tourist market accounting for 27.0 percent of total arrivals registered a 7.5 percent increase. Tourists from Canada (up 8.3 percent) and the United Kingdom (up 15.2 percent) also recorded increased numbers arrivals to this destination. The Italian market made a recovery in 2003 but this was not sustained in 2004 as the 123.9 thousand who came from this market were 8.4 percent fewer than those in 2003. A similar trend also arose with tourists from German dropping by 4.1 percent below the level of 2003. The Rest of Europe and all other Countries recorded increase of 2.2 and 7.3 percent respectively.
- ◆ In 519 cruise calls 456.3 thousand cruise passengers arrived in the Dominican Republic, representing a 14.7 percent increase in arrivals. Robust growth in the winter season of 37.9 percent coupled with significant decreases in winter season netted this result.

TOURISM HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2004

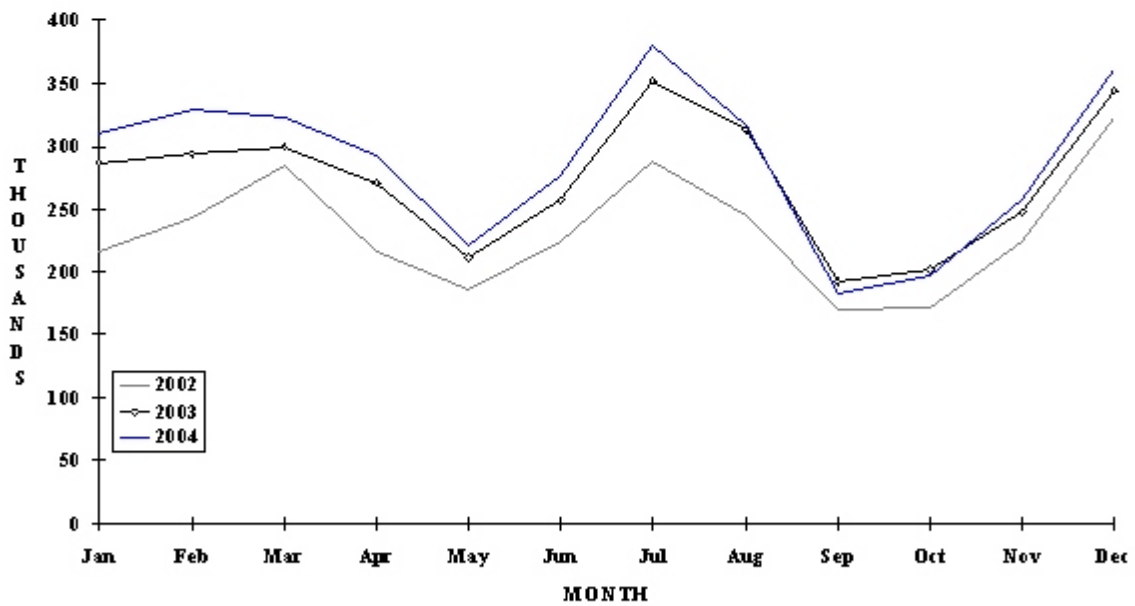
VISITOR ARRIVALS			
Tourist Air Arrivals ✈	3,443,205	Cruise Passengers	456,321
➤ Summer	63.6%		
➤ Winter	36.4%	Cruise ship calls	519
VISITOR PROFILE			
Average Length of Stay (nights)	8.9	Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit	
		➤ Holiday	96.8%
Tourist Arrivals by Place of Stay		➤ Business	2.0%
➤ Hotels	76.9%	➤ Other	1.2%
➤ Other	23.1%		
TOURISM AND OTHER RELATED ECONOMIC STATISTICS			
Visitor Expenditure (US\$ millions)	\$3,180.4	GDP at Factor Cost (US\$ millions)	\$16,846.5
Consumer Price Index (% ch. 2004/'03)	51.5%	Hotel and Restaurant contribution to GDP	7.3%
ACCOMMODATION STATISTICS		SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICS	
Rooms	59,082	Land Area (square Kilometres)	48,442
Room Occupancy Rates	74.2%	Population (thousand mid year 2004)	9,084.0

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TOURIST ARRIVALS BY MAIN MARKETS
2004



MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVALS



TOURIST AIR ARRIVALS BY NATIONALITY

Nationality	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Non-Nationals	2459586	2294121	2295630	2747899	2866103
Dominicans*	512966	483682	497579	520283	577102
TOTAL	2972552	2777803	2793209	3268182	3443205

*Dominican nationals resident overseas.

VISITOR ARRIVALS* BY MODE OF ARRIVAL

Mode of Arrival	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Air	2972552	2777803	2793209	3268182	3443205
Sea*	182384	211433	n.a	n.a	n.a
TOTAL	3154936	2989236	2793209	3268182	3443205

*Includes Cruise passenger arrivals

FOREIGN VISITOR AIR ARRIVALS BY NATIONALITY

Country of Residence	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	%Share 2003
U.S.A	643748	666290	710875	865942	931248	27.0
Canada	245732	283490	313491	412625	448627	13.0
Italy	135295	113826	113569	135293	123904	3.6
Germany	451920	333559	240546	243135	233090	6.8
United Kingdom	117200	139582	146257	171696	197964	5.7
Other Europe	597148	521504	545948	715854	731766	21.3
Other	781509	719552	722523	723637	776606	22.6
TOTAL	2972552	2777803	2793209	3268182	3443205	100.0

FOREIGN VISITOR AIR ARRIVALS

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% Change
						2004/03
January	265638	278081	216795	286589	309354	7.9
February	284117	282470	244024	293289	328251	11.9
March	270723	294231	285110	299597	321984	7.5
April	272036	256837	215449	270960	292632	8.0
May	205031	197044	185663	211592	221092	4.5
June	231727	217525	224456	256771	275951	7.5
July	296968	290143	287364	351923	380630	8.2
August	251397	241445	245825	312545	316057	1.1
September	185154	154120	170267	191877	182708	-4.8
October	194954	155528	171778	201939	196892	-2.5
November	225768	169100	223904	247155	256413	3.7
December	289039	241279	322574	343945	361241	5.0
TOTAL	2972552	2777803	2793209	3268182	3443205	5.4

* Including Dominican nationals resident overseas,

MONTHLY CRUISE ARRIVALS

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	% Change
						2004/03
January	n.a	34428	35944	48374	75635	56.4
February	n.a	29067	35579	46955	74547	58.8
March	n.a	35791	38025	57717	77393	34.1
April	n.a	21523	26658	53638	57380	7.0
May	n.a	4134	5765	12039	12697	5.5
June	n.a	6069	10433	14459	13543	-6.3
July	n.a	8947	12703	23303	18743	-19.6
August	n.a	4301	6643	12322	13057	6.0
September	n.a	3193	3163	7503	5127	-31.7
October	n.a	9045	7076	19523	13415	-31.3
November	n.a	16497	19922	36187	34856	-3.7
December	n.a	35232	44781	65973	59928	-9.2
TOTAL	283414	182220	246692	397993	456321	14.7

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION (Rooms)

Rooms	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Hotels	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
Apartments	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
Villas/Cottages	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
Other	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
TOTAL	51916	53964	54730	56378	59082

* Preliminary

**Source: Banco Central de la Republica Dominicana