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Overall Performance

- Thus far, 26 destinations reported tourist arrival data for the year. 11 more destinations provided updated data for the period January to July, making a total of 15 destinations reporting for that period. Four destinations are reporting data from January to June; two destinations are reporting data up to both April and May; one country is reporting data for the period January to March and one is reporting data from January to August.
- 18 destinations, one fewer than at the end of the August, recorded an overall increase in tourist arrivals while eight destinations recorded an overall decline in tourist arrivals. The contraction of arrivals to Guyana in July moved its overall performance from positive to negative.
- For the period January to July, Cuba recorded the highest positive percentage change in tourist arrivals with an increase of 16.9%. Bermuda recorded the highest negative percentage change with a -3.3% drop in tourist arrivals during that period.
- Of the four destinations reporting data from January to June, the British Virgin Islands recorded the highest growth of 1.9%, while Martinique recorded the lowest growth of -3.1%.

By Month

- As the winter season closed, 10 destinations recorded decreased tourist arrivals between -0.4% and -22.3% during April. Over the first three months of the summer season, there were eight destinations registering declines, while growth rates were generally lower than in the winter months for destinations with improved tourist arrivals.

By Market

- Overall, 16 destinations (out of 23 reporting market data) recorded growth in tourist arrivals from the United States. The remaining five destinations experienced declines. 15 destinations reported arrivals through to the end July. Growth was recorded in nine of these destinations with the largest percentage growth being recorded in Trinidad & Tobago (20.7%), while 5 destinations reported declines ranging between -0.6% (Belize) and -7.0% (Dominica)
- Tourist arrivals from Canada increased in 12 destinations compared to 10 destinations that recorded a decline in tourist arrivals from that market. However, for the January to July period, the number of destination reporting increases from this market were narrowly edged-out by those recording decreases; seven to eight. Curacao recorded a significantly large increase in tourist arrivals from Canada (17.8%) while the most significant decrease was recorded in Montserrat (-23.8%)
- 13 destinations recorded increased tourist arrivals from Europe, while nine destinations recorded a decline. Nine of the 15 destinations reporting data for the January to July period recorded growth in arrivals while six registered declines. Cuba's expansion of 18.3% was the highest among destinations reporting growth. In the same period, tourist arrivals to Trinidad & Tobago from Europe registered the most significant decline of 14.0%.

Cruise Arrivals

- Out of the 23 reporting destinations, nine destinations recorded a decline in cruise passenger arrivals for 2015 thus far.
- 10 destinations reported cruise passenger arrival data for the period January to June, nine destinations reported data for the period January to July, two destinations reported data for

January to August, and just one destination reported data for both January to March, and January to May.

- Between January and June, Trinidad and Tobago experienced the largest increase (104%) in cruise passenger arrivals, while Aruba had the greatest decline. During the January to July period Saint Lucia recorded the highest growth rate in cruise passenger arrivals (9%), while Curacao reported the largest decline (10.4%). The U.S. Virgin Islands experienced an 11.5% decrease in cruise passenger arrivals between January and August, while Cozumel (Mexico) cruise passenger arrivals rose by 1.5% during this period. Barbados recorded a 6.1% fall-off in cruise passenger arrivals between January and March, while Haiti's cruise market grew by 8.7% between January and May.

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Table 1: Tourist (Stop-over) Arrivals in 2015

Destination	Period	Tourist Arrivals	% Change		
			Overall	Winter#	Summer#
Anguilla	Jan-Jul	48,887	4.9	4.3	6.0
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Jul	154,774	-2.9	-4.9	0.9
Aruba	Jan-Jul	678,404	15.8	19.7	10.8
Bahamas	Jan-May	658,370	3.7	5.1	-1.6
Barbados	Jan-Mar	171,299	15.3	15.3	-
Belize	Jan-Jul	214,088	-0.9	-1.2	-0.3
Bermuda *	Jan-Jul	131,757	-3.3	-5.4	-2.1
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Jun	231,671	1.9	1.2	3.8
Cayman Islands	Jan-Jul	251,293	0.6	4.4	-4.6
Cuba	Jan-Jul	2,188,791	16.9	14.3	22.7
Curacao	Jan-Jul	259,377	5.5	10.3	-1.3
Dominica	Jan-Jul	48,154	-0.3	-4.9	5.9
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Aug	3,892,892	7.9	6.5	9.3
Grenada	Jan-Jun	69,378	6.2	4.5	10.5
Guyana	Jan-Jul	114,603	-1.1	7.0	-10.5
Haiti	Jan-Apr	166,029	9.8	9.8	-
Jamaica	Jan-Jul	1,327,836	2.5	4.9	-0.5
Martinique	Jan-Jun	263,549	-3.1	-3.8	-0.1
Montserrat	Jan-Jul	4,869	-0.7	-8.0	11.9
Puerto Rico **	Jan-Apr	656,912	4.0	4.0	-
Saint Lucia	Jan-Jul	217,905	4.7	5.2	4.0
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Jan-Jul	44,726	2.1	-0.1	5.1
Suriname	Jan-Apr	74,648	-2.9	-2.9	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Jul	264,987	8.5	10.8	5.5
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-May	183,262	8.8	9.9	3.0
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Jul	513,667	6.8	6.3	7.5

* 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 October 2, 2015

Table 2a: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2015

Destination	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	6,758	1.7	7,395	5.3	8,683	10.4	7,667	-0.4	5,797	-1.6	5,055	-4.6
Antigua & Barbuda *	23,637	-8.8	24,808	-7.6	26,048	-2.8	23,564	0.1	18,513	-0.1	16,845	0.9
Aruba	100,914	21.7	89,991	13.9	103,506	24.5	99,604	18.5	87,691	12.3	87,447	5.7
Bahamas	100,597	9.5	119,041	5.2	167,242	5.4	143,444	1.8	128,046	-1.6	-	-
Barbados	56,125	12.0	57,789	20.0	57,385	14.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	30,858	-1.0	31,753	-1.1	39,136	1.1	27,569	-4.8	24,707	-6.1	29,187	1.6
Bermuda *	6,772	-3.8	8,177	-8.2	14,019	-6.5	18,729	-3.8	24,534	-1.5	28,711	-0.4
British Virgin Islands	38,356	-0.5	40,839	6.0	48,392	5.6	36,889	-7.0	34,555	8.9	32,640	-1.1
Cayman Islands	34,395	9.5	35,769	5.9	45,476	2.9	36,017	0.4	29,265	-6.0	32,573	-4.5
Cuba	371,160	16.0	360,029	13.9	404,421	12.5	330,471	15.1	237,254	21.1	218,635	20.6
Curacao	42,604	13.9	39,794	13.5	39,676	11.6	36,280	2.0	33,677	3.9	30,475	-7.9
Dominica	6,495	1.1	7,986	7.4	6,214	-6.0	5,551	-22.0	7,097	14.2	5,563	5.4
Dominican Republic *	482,982	7.5	478,780	7.2	537,640	7.3	461,962	3.8	416,984	8.1	480,415	8.7
Grenada	14,876	5.9	10,626	-0.8	12,498	8.5	11,307	3.9	8,961	2.5	11,110	18.0
Guyana	14,001	3.6	13,904	10.8	18,464	26.1	20,126	-6.0	12,371	-12.4	14,562	0.2
Haiti	38,985	6.3	39,386	13.1	48,046	11.7	39,612	8.0	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	176,621	4.3	177,805	5.0	212,134	5.7	189,903	4.5	168,347	1.3	182,364	-2.5
Martinique	45,902	-5.6	50,546	-2.1	53,510	-6.1	48,985	-1.1	35,491	1.2	29,115	-3.5
Montserrat	621	1.1	537	-19.1	1,114	3.4	578	-22.3	599	-5.7	579	28.1
Puerto Rico **	156,723	4.0	161,641	9.6	178,560	-2.3	159,988	6.1	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	31,541	14.1	32,083	6.5	34,595	0.2	31,200	1.4	29,658	7.2	26,347	4.3
St. Vincent & the G'dines	6,972	9.8	6,176	-5.7	7,510	13.7	5,269	-18.1	5,008	15.5	6,137	0.7
Suriname	18,185	2.6	17,533	-0.5	18,942	-7.9	19,988	-4.6	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	35,448	19.6	48,000	9.0	36,133	6.9	36,090	9.1	32,614	8.4	34,661	3.9
Turks & Caicos Islands	38,377	23.2	35,912	8.9	41,690	0.7	37,633	10.0	29,650	3.0	-	-
U S Virgin Islands	73,800	5.5	72,094	8.5	84,055	2.7	73,371	9.4	69,169	10.9	69,479	7.5

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Table 2b: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2015

Destination	July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	7,532	22.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antigua & Barbuda *	21,359	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aruba	109,251	13.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahamas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barbados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	30,878	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bermuda *	30,815	-4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British Virgin Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cayman Islands	37,798	-3.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	266,821	26.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curacao	36,871	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominica	9,248	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic *	568,323	10.4	465,806	9.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	21,175	-15.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	220,662	-0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martinique	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montserrat	841	17.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico **	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	32,481	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent & the G'dines	7,654	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	42,041	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turks & Caicos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U S Virgin Islands	71,699	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 3: Tourist Arrivals by Main Market - 2015

Destination	Period	United States		Canada		Europe		Other	
		Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.
Anguilla	Jan-Jul	32,889	6.1	2,346	-11.3	5,156	1.8	8,496	7.9
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Jul	61,377	-3.0	16,160	-17.5	56,722	1.0	20,515	1.2
Aruba	Jan-Jul	380,865	8.2	27,626	5.7	42,848	-3.4	227,065	39.0
Bahamas	Jan-May	491,381	2.0	85,796	12.7	39,644	5.0	41,549	6.4
Barbados	Jan-Mar	37,451	27.9	30,931	28.4	79,561	8.4	23,356	6.9
Belize	Jan-Jul	137,731	-0.6	16,965	-11.8	25,013	3.2	34,379	1.2
Bermuda *	Jan-Jul	95,509	-2.7	14,878	-16.8	14,692	10.7	6,678	-4.5
Cayman Islands	Jan-Jul	195,192	0.9	15,984	-0.9	20,192	-3.9	19,925	4.8
Cuba ¹	Jan-Jul	-	-	905,817	14.0	509,164	18.3	773,810	19.7
Curacao	Jan-Jul	37,003	17.8	12,172	45.4	112,459	5.1	97,743	-1.5
Dominica	Jan-Jul	11,682	-7.0	2,006	8.7	9,035	-4.4	25,431	4.1
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Aug	1,478,131	11.9	551,980	4.9	754,375	-5.6	1,108,406	15.1
Grenada	Jan-Jun	18,953	15.3	6,509	-14.1	18,149	9.3	25,767	4.3
Guyana	Jan-Jul	46,991	-4.2	13,534	-13.3	6,204	-4.0	47,874	7.0
Haiti	Jan-Apr	129,507	-	12,614	-	10,074	-	13,834	-
Jamaica	Jan-Jul	849,422	4.3	253,751	-6.0	163,162	8.2	61,501	2.0
Montserrat	Jan-Jul	1,350	12.1	327	-23.8	1,433	16.0	1,759	-13.6
Puerto Rico **	Jan-Apr	602,514	4.3	11,856	0.5	14,078	-1.2	28,464	1.5
Saint Lucia	Jan-Jul	98,875	8.5	27,979	5.0	52,710	-8.8	38,341	17.9
St. Vincent & the G'dines	Jan-Jul	13,518	5.7	4,586	2.7	13,087	3.9	13,535	-3.2
Suriname	Jan-Apr	2,370	0.3	897	37.2	33,039	-2.6	38,342	-4.0
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Jul	113,486	20.7	33,497	1.7	42,164	-14.0	75,840	11.2
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-May	149,529	11.2	20,906	-0.8	3,636	12.2	9,191	-5.3

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¹ USA total 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 Passenger Arrivals - 2015 & 2014

Destination	Period	2015	2014	% ch.
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Jun	400,253	318,842	25.5
Aruba	Jan-Jun	313,325	372,218	-15.8
Bahamas	Jan-Jul	2,743,768	2,845,749	-3.6
Barbados	Jan-Mar	217,139	231,144	-6.1
Belize	Jan-Jul	596,358	595,023	0.2
Bermuda	Jan-Jul	217,751	216,924	0.4
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Jun	276,559	266,463	3.8
Cayman Islands	Jan-Jul	1,024,073	981,643	4.3
Cozumel (Mexico)	Jan-Aug	2,303,459	2,270,420	1.5
Curacao	Jan-Jul	341,505	381,345	-10.4
Dominica	Jan-Jul	177,479	189,706	-6.4
Dominican Republic	Jan-Jun	267,463	273,827	-2.3
Grenada	Jan-Jun	156,021	149,073	4.7
Haiti	Jan-May	356,803	328,258	8.7
Jamaica	Jan-Jun	831,276	745,003	11.6
Martinique	Jan-Jun	167,610	117,644	42.5
Puerto Rico	Jan-Jun	836,287	683,826	22.3
Saint Lucia	Jan-Jul	424,983	390,005	9.0
St. Maarten	Jan-Jun	1,151,849	1,142,145	0.8
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Jan-Jul	52,938	55,743	-5.0
Trinidad & Tobago	Jan-Jun	44,949	22,033	104.0
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Jul	544,779	575,236	-5.3
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Aug	1,219,847	1,378,040	-11.5

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