CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

September 2017
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.
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.

- 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 record 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.
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.