Overall Performance

- Arrival data was reported by 21 destinations in 2017 so far, 13 of which recorded growth, while declines were recorded in eight.

- Ten destinations reported arrival data for the period January to December, six of which recorded growth ranging from 3.8% in the Dominican Republic to 11.0% in Saint Lucia. Arrivals declined in the remaining four destinations ranging from -2.9% in Aruba to -17.9 in the British Virgin Islands.

- While growth in international arrivals was recorded in Bermuda (10.4%) and Guyana (6.1%) during the period January to November, Curaçao (-10.7%) registered a decline during this time.

- Out of the five destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to October, growth was registered in Barbados (6.0%), Martinique (3.8%), and Anguilla (0.3%), while arrivals declined in the two remaining destinations, Puerto Rico (-0.6%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-4.4%).

- Dominica, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to September recorded growth of 7.9%.

- Similarly, during the period January to August, international trips increased in the US Virgin Islands (1.8%), the only destination reporting arrivals for this period.

- In contrast, the Turks & Caicos Islands, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to June, recorded a decline of -1.5% 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 from 0.7% recorded in both Belize and the Turks & Caicos Islands to 17.5% in Guyana. In contrast, declines recorded during this time ranged from -0.2% in both Anguilla and Barbados to -20.0% in Trinidad & Tobago.

- 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 while declines were registered in the other 14 destinations. Barbados led growth with 8.5% followed by Bermuda (6.1%) and Martinique (5.1%). Curaçao (-22.8%) recorded the largest percentage decrease during this time followed by St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-18.6%) and Aruba (-18.1%).

- April, the best performing month of the year, 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%). Aruba (-1.9%) and Curaçao (-6.3%) 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 from a flat performance in Aruba to 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-one destinations reported data for June, 15 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, 12 out of 20 reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals while eight destinations recorded contractions. Puerto Rico (21.2%) led growth during this month followed by Saint Lucia (14.7%) and Jamaica (9.0%). Curaçao recorded a -18.9% fall-off in tourist arrivals, the largest percentage decrease for this month.

Out of the 20 destinations reporting tourist arrivals for August, 14 destinations recorded increases led by the British Virgin Islands (47.6%), Anguilla (39.6%), and Belize (19.1%). International arrivals decreased in the other six destinations reporting during this time ranging from -2.4% in Martinique to -19.6% in Curaçao.

Seven out of the 19 destinations reporting for September registered growth ranging from 0.4% in Aruba to 14.8% in the Cayman Islands while the other 12 destinations recorded declines between -2.6% in Martinique and -90.8% in the British Virgin Islands.

Growth in international arrivals was recorded in 12 out of 18 destinations reporting for October ranging from 0.3% in Martinique to 16.2% in Jamaica. Declines recorded in the remaining six destinations during this month ranged from -6.8% in Curaçao to -90.7% in the British Virgin Islands.

During November, nine out of 13 reporting destinations recorded increased international visitor arrivals ranging between 4.2% in the Dominican Republic and 22.7% in Belize. On the other hand, four destinations registered declines led by the British Virgin Islands which recorded -87.7% fewer arrivals this month.

Ten destinations reported international visitor arrival data for the month of December, eight of which recorded growth ranging from 3.1% in Antigua & Barbuda to 21.6% in the Cayman Islands. Trinidad & Tobago (-6.4%) and the British Virgin Islands (-79.5%) were the only destinations to record declines during this month.
By Market

United States

- International trips from the United States grew in 12 out of 19 reporting destinations overall and declined in seven.

- Growth in international arrivals from the United States was recorded in six out of nine reporting destinations during the period January to December led by Grenada (16.1%) followed by the Cayman Islands (13.4%) and Aruba (10.6%). The three remaining destinations registered declines of -0.5% in the Dominican Republic, -2.6% in Trinidad & Tobago, and -11.3% in Antigua & Barbuda.

- Out of the three destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to November from the United States, Curaçao and Bermuda recorded increases of 1.8% and 8.4% respectively while Guyana registered a decrease of -7.5%.

- During the period January to October, all four of the reporting destinations registered increased visitor arrivals from the United States ranging from 0.8% recorded in St. Vincent & the Grenadines to 13.9% in Barbados.

- Dominica, the only destination reporting arrival data from the United States for the period January to September, recorded a marginal decline of -0.8% during this time.

- International trips from the United States decreased in both destinations reporting for the period January to June, dropping by -1.6% in the Turks & Caicos Islands and -3.0% in the US Virgin Islands.

Canada

- Visitor trips to the region from Canada increased in 16 out of 19 reporting destinations, while three destinations recorded declines from this market.

- All nine destinations reporting international arrivals from Canada during the period January to December recorded growth ranging from 4.7% in Trinidad & Tobago to 19.3% in Belize.

- Similarly, growth was recorded in all three destinations reporting arrivals from Canada during the period January to November, led by Bermuda (15.8%) followed by Curaçao (5.5%) and Guyana (0.1%).

- During the period January to October, visitor trips from Canada increased in two of the four reporting destinations, 9.9% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines and 9.6% in Barbados, but declined in Anguilla (-1.8%) and Puerto Rico (-7.0%).

- International arrivals from Canada increased by 9.7% in Dominica during the period January to September, the only destination reporting for this period.

- While the US Virgin Islands recorded a 10.9% increase in arrivals from Canada during the period January to June, the Turks & Caicos Islands registered a decline of -6.7% in arrivals from this market during this time.
Europe

- Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased in ten of the 19 reporting destinations with contractions registered in the remaining nine destinations.

- Growth in arrivals from the European market was recorded in five out of the nine destinations reporting for the period January to December ranging between 4.8% in Aruba and 17.6% in Belize. Four destinations recorded declines in arrivals from this market during this time, ranging from -3.4% in Grenada to -17.0% in the Cayman Islands.

- Bermuda (11.9%) was the only destination to record an increase in arrivals from Europe during the period January to November while the other two destinations reporting for this period, Curacao (-1.6%) and Guyana (-11.3%), registered declines.

- Out of the four destinations reporting arrivals from Europe during the period January to October, growth was registered in Anguilla (8.6%) and Barbados (0.2%) while declines were recorded in Puerto Rico (-18.3%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-24.5%).

- Visitor trips from Europe increased in Dominica (25.7%) during the period January to September, the only destination reporting arrival data from this market for this time.

- International trips from Europe increased in the US Virgin Islands by 13.1% during the period January to June, but declined by -4.4% in the Turks & Caicos Islands during this time.
Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise passenger arrivals to the region increased in 16 out of 23 reporting destinations, while the remaining seven registered decreases.

- Growth in cruise passenger arrivals during the period January to December was recorded in seven out of nine reporting destinations ranging from 0.9% in Belize to 36.9% in the Dominican Republic. Grenada (-4.9%) and the US Virgin Islands (-26.6%) were the only destinations to register fewer cruise passenger arrivals during this time.

- During the period January to November, four destinations registered increased cruise passenger arrivals led by Curaçao (36.4%), while The Bahamas (-1.3%) and Puerto Rico (-12.7%) registered fewer cruise passenger arrivals for this period.

- Three destinations reported cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to October. While Martinique (5.9%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (40.3%) registered increased cruise passenger arrivals during this period, the British Virgin Islands registered a decline of -23.7%.

- Both Dominica and Trinidad & Tobago, the only destinations reporting cruise passenger arrivals for the period January to September, registered declines of -7.7% and -49.9% respectively.

- St. Kitts & Nevis was the only destination reporting for the period January to August, registering a 13.9% increase cruise passenger arrivals for this period.

- Cruise passenger arrivals increased in both of the destinations reporting for the period January to June led by 12.6% growth recorded in the Turks & Caicos Islands and followed by 5.9% in St. Maarten.