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Overall Performance

- Out of the 24 destinations reporting international arrivals for 2021 so far, growth was recorded in nine, while the other 15 destinations registered declines in their reporting periods.
- Six out of the eight destinations reporting arrivals for the period January to August registered growth ranging from 4.7% in Antigua & Barbuda to 96.6% in Aruba. Declines in arrivals were recorded in the remaining two destinations, -3.6% in Curaçao and -68.7% in St. Kitts & Nevis.
- Of the ten destinations reporting stay-over visitors for the period January to July, only the US Virgin Islands (104.6%) and Bermuda (30.7%) recorded increases, while declines ranged between -4.6% in Belize and -58.7% in Cuba among the other destinations reporting for the period.
- Guyana (0.3%) was the only destination out of the three destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to June to record growth. Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago were the other destinations reporting for this period and registered declines of -8.4% and -95.9%, respectively.
- For the period January to March, the three reporting destinations registered declines in international tourist trips. Puerto Rico (-21.8%) registering the best relative performance was trailed by the Turks & Caicos Islands (-57.7%) and the Cayman Islands (-98.5%).

By Month

- In January, 24 destinations reported international tourist visits. The lowest percentage decrease in tourist arrivals during this month was recorded in Martinique and the US Virgin Islands (-39.7%, each) followed by Puerto Rico (-52.2%) and St. Maarten (-60.3%). Other decreases logged during this month ranged between -63.2% in the Dominican Republic and -98.7% in Trinidad & Tobago.
- The 24 reporting destinations recorded declines in tourist arrivals in February. The US Virgin Islands (-15.8%) registered the best performance this month trailed by Puerto Rico (-42.3%), the Dominican Republic (-64.9%) and Aruba (-66.4%). Trinidad & Tobago (-99.1%), the Cayman Islands (-98.9%) and the British Virgin Islands (-98.3%) recorded the largest percentage decreases during the month.
- Six destinations out of the 24 reporting arrival data for March registered growth, while declines were recorded in the remaining 18 destinations. The US Virgin Islands (110.5%), Puerto Rico (67.3%), the Dominican Republic (16.0%), Aruba (14.3%), St. Maarten (6.0%) and Guyana were the destinations recording increases, while decreases ranged from -3.9% in the Turks & Caicos Islands to -97.4% in both the Cayman Islands and Montserrat.
- All 21 destinations reporting arrivals for April registered significant growth compared to the same month in 2020 in which tourism activity was curtailed globally. The US Virgin Islands was the lone destination to have arrivals exceed the 2019 number. All other results were below the normal levels of arrivals at this time of the year.
- Similarly, tourist visits bounced back in the 21 destinations reporting data for May when compared to May 2020. However, except for the US Virgin Islands (up 46.2%), these performances still trailed the outcomes in May 2019 by upwards of -98.4% (Trinidad & Tobago). The US Virgin Islands achieved a historical high for May.
- Further improvements in arrival levels were seen among the 21 destinations submitting data for June relative to June 2020. Again, tourist arrivals to the US Virgin Islands were more than the corresponding

month in 2019 and a new record for June was set. Of the other destinations, St. Maarten (-9.6%), Aruba (-14.5%), the Dominican Republic (-21.2%), Antigua & Barbuda (-30.4%) and Jamaica (-30.5%) had the best results when compared to June 2019.

- In July, growth in arrivals was recorded in the 18 reporting destinations compared to July 2020. Antigua & Barbuda, St. Maarten and the US Virgin Islands exceeded their pre-pandemic arrival levels. While arrivals to the US Virgin Islands rose by 57.2% when compared to those in July 2019, a 1.6% increase was recorded in each of the former destinations. In the other 15 destinations, the rates of decline relative to 2019 continued to fall and ranged from -3.2% in Aruba to -90.9% in Cuba.
- The eight destinations reporting tourist trips for August saw growth when compared to the low number of arrivals in the corresponding month of 2020. Only one destination, namely Antigua & Barbuda (6.4%), registered growth when compared to 2019, while declines were recorded in the remaining seven destinations ranging between -3.0% (St. Maarten) and -88.1% (Dominica).

By Market

United States

- International trips from the United States grew in 11 of the 20 reporting destinations overall and contracted in nine destinations.
- For the period January to August, seven out of the eight reporting destinations recorded growth in arrivals from the United States led by the Dominican Republic (199.7%), followed by St. Maarten (167.4%) and Aruba (115.3%). St. Kitts & Nevis registered a decline of -60.4% in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Out of the seven destinations reporting international arrivals from the United States for the period January to July, growth was recorded in Bermuda (78.0%) and Belize (31.6%). Dominica (-28.2%) and Anguilla (-28.4%) recorded the best relative performances among the five destinations to register a decline in arrivals from this market during this time.
- Visitor trips from the United States increased in Guyana and Jamaica by 113.0% and 32.5%, respectively during the period January to June, while the remaining destination reporting arrivals for this time, Trinidad & Tobago, registered a decline of -96.9%.
- Both destinations reporting tourist arrivals from the United States for the period January to March recorded decreases of -52.9% in the Turks & Caicos Islands and -99.0% in the Cayman Islands.

Canada

- Visitor trips to the region from Canada decreased in the 20 reporting destinations.
- All eight destinations reporting international visitor arrivals from Canada for the January to August period registered decreases led by Antigua & Barbuda and Saint Lucia (-95.7% each) and followed by Curaçao (-95.6%), the Dominican Republic (-93.0%) and The Bahamas (-91.1%).
- Visitor trips from Canada for the period January to July were reported by seven destinations, all of which registered declines ranging from -86.6% in Anguilla to -98.9% in Cuba.

- Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago recorded decreases of -54.5%, -94.3% and -98.0%, respectively in international tourist visits from Canada for the period January to June.
- Both destinations reporting international arrival data from Canada for the period January to March experienced declines, with the Turks & Caicos Islands recording a -92.1% decrease and the Cayman Islands registering a -98.0% falloff in tourists from this market.

Europe

- Overall, international tourist trips from Europe increased in four out of the 20 reporting destinations and decreased in 16.
- For the period January to August, European arrivals increased in St. Maarten (54.3%), Aruba (41.9%), Curaçao (21.2%) and the Dominican Republic (0.4%). In contrast, the other half of the eight destinations reporting international arrivals from Europe during this period recorded decreases ranging between -21.5% (Antigua & Barbuda) and -94.5% (St. Kitts & Nevis).
- Visitor trips from Europe decreased in all seven destinations reporting for the period January to July ranging from -28.3% in Bermuda to -85.9% in Dominica.
- The three destinations reporting international arrivals from Europe for the period January to June recorded decreases of -28.8% in Guyana, -85.7% in Jamaica and -93.5% in Trinidad & Tobago.
- Declines in tourist visits from Europe for the period January to March were registered in the two reporting destinations, led by the Cayman Islands (-95.1%) and followed by the Turks & Caicos Islands (-58.9%).

Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise visits to the Caribbean contracted in the 20 reporting destinations, so far, this year.
- No growth in cruise visits was reported among the six destinations for the period January to August. The Dominican Republic registered the best relative performance, a decline of -80.4%, while Cozumel recorded the most cruise arrivals (76,890) during the period.
- Nine destinations reported on cruise activity for the period January to July. In five of these destinations, no cruise arrivals were registered. Cruise visits in the remaining four destinations declined between -96.7% (Belize) and -99.9% (Dominica). Dominica also received the least number of cruise visitors (135) during this period, while The Bahamas received the largest number of visits (40,070).
- For all other reporting destinations and lesser periods, the decline in cruise arrivals is -100.0%.

Table 1: Tourist (Stop-over) Arrivals in 2021

Destination	Period	Tourist Arrivals	% Change		
			Overall	Winter#	Summer#
Anguilla	Jan-Jul	13,206	-43.1	-75.0	22345.5
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Aug	99,301	4.7	-63.0	497.7
Aruba	Jan-Aug	506,774	95.6	-25.2	1006.4
Bahamas ^P	Jan-Aug	595,119	42.9	-54.3	1153.8
Belize ^P	Jan-Jul	119,595	-4.6	-63.8	5,328.5
Bermuda *	Jan-Jul	33,478	30.7	-79.6	1568.1
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Jul	22,706	-72.0	-92.9	-
Cayman Islands	Jan-Mar	2,085	-98.2	-98.2	-
Cuba ***	Jan-Jul	141,316	-85.7	-93.4	2091.8
Curaçao	Jan-Aug	122,705	-3.6	-74.6	411.8
Dominica ^P	Jan-Jul	6,652	-64.2	-85.2	4031.6
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Aug	2,938,205	79.2	-25.0	667.2
Grenada	Jan-Jul	15,159	-59.5	-91.4	9305.5
Guyana	Jan-Jun	62,374	0.2	-40.1	3135.9
Jamaica	Jan-Jun	532,545	-8.4	-57.5	3912.3
Martinique	Jan-Jul	141,797	-31.0	-58.6	124.6
Montserrat	Jan-Jul	699	-83.1	-92.8	694.1
Puerto Rico**	Jan-Mar	290,968	-21.8	-21.8	-
St. Kitts & Nevis [^]	Jan-Aug	8,564	-68.7	-87.3	2666.5
Saint Lucia	Jan-Aug	110,116	14.0	-68.5	1456.8
St. Maarten *	Jan-Aug	153,754	93.5	-30.5	1949.8
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Jun	3,783	-95.9	-98.0	689.6
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Mar	51,639	-57.7	-57.7	-
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Jul	521,072	104.6	38.8	264.5

* 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.

N.B: Figures are subject to revision by reporting countries.

SOURCE - Data supplied by member countries and available as at October 27, 2021

Table 2a: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2021

Destination	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch						
Anguilla	986	-89.2	1,114	-88.6	2,403	-43.0	1,296	-	601	-	1,922	8636.4
Antigua & Barbuda *	7,769	-76.8	5,635	-83.1	8,271	-49.7	9,185	183600.0	11,512	88453.8	14,732	450.7
Aruba	31,368	-65.4	31,982	-66.4	48,967	14.3	58,774	-	70,683	-	84,592	-
Bahamas ^P	21,132	-85.3	28,086	-82.1	60,051	-26.8	65,789	101113.8	88,462	70669.6	118,195	2964.4
Belize ^P	6,908	-85.8	7,938	-84.4	15,444	-35.5	14,609	2020.3	20,813	3733.0	26,215	12265.6
Bermuda *	819	-90.2	720	-92.8	1,725	-68.8	1,606	-	4,826	-	10,006	29329.4
British Virgin Islands	891	-97.1	588	-98.3	1,907	-87.8	2,360	-	3,501	-	7,284	-
Cayman Islands	870	-98.0	568	-98.9	647	-97.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba ***	22,391	-94.3	13,220	-96.7	12,552	-93.4	16,549	1471.6	23,527	2264.5	26,221	2470.7
Curaçao	5,790	-87.3	8,144	-81.6	10,116	-45.6	3,520	1576.2	8,845	3976.0	21,223	2141.1
Dominica ^P	702	-87.9	640	-93.0	631	-81.9	754	1296.3	850	-	1,138	-
Dominican Republic *	205,311	-63.2	198,485	-64.9	313,289	16.0	327,074	150625.0	390,948	99125.4	462,536	45202.3
Grenada	759	-94.8	533	-96.6	876	-87.5	1,046	-	2,620	-	4,192	13000.0
Guyana	7,087	-70.7	6,512	-75.0	11,670	4.2	11,541	10391.8	11,841	3189.2	13,723	3091.4
Jamaica	43,831	-80.7	43,798	-81.4	73,646	-33.8	82,702	-	122,522	-	166,046	2210.0
Martinique	37,202	-39.7	12,768	-80.8	12,408	-72.2	10,005	460.2	12,875	499.1	20,042	151.5
Montserrat	79	-89.6	49	-93.6	68	-97.4	96	-	97	4750.0	133	1562.5
Puerto Rico **	67,623	-52.2	85,733	-42.3	137,612	67.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Kitts & Nevis [^]	958	-89.7	647	-94.8	994	-81.7	847	-	1,252	-	1,340	13300.0
Saint Lucia	6,357	-81.1	4,870	-87.7	8,004	-55.7	9,555	-	14,339	-	21,357	-
St. Maarten *	12,488	-60.3	9,436	-69.5	12,700	6.0	17,175	20592.8	21,949	20413.1	25,443	10159.3
Trinidad & Tobago ***	397	-98.7	423	-99.1	473	-96.6	516	348.7	493	348.2	1,481	957.9
Turks & Caicos Islands	13,631	-69.1	12,798	-75.2	25,210	-3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
U S Virgin Islands	44,333	-39.7	56,807	-15.8	77,506	110.5	71,837	2611.9	82,172	1024.0	91,620	299.6

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Table 2b: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2021

Destination	July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	4,884	81300.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antigua & Barbuda *	23,405	484.8	18,792	294.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aruba	100,178	675.6	80,230	360.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahamas ^P	143,509	488.9	69,895	1257.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize ^P	27,668	4355.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bermuda *	13,776	721.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British Virgin Islands	6,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cayman Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba ***	26,856	1714.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curaçao	34,212	317.5	30,852	234.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominica ^P	1,937	1960.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic *	563,987	317.3	476,575	332.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	5,133	5540.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martinique	36,497	75.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montserrat	175	360.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico **	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Kitts & Nevis [^]	1,121	724.3	1,405	3914.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	25,252	1191.7	20,382	525.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Maarten *	30,661	1897.5	23,902	675.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turks & Caicos Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S Virgin Islands	96,797	120.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 3: Tourist Arrivals by Main Market – 2021

Destination	Period	United States		Canada		Europe		Other	
		Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.
Anguilla	Jan-Jul	11,509	-28.4	187	-86.6	686	-76.0	824	-71.5
Antigua & Barbuda *	Jan-Aug	70,958	62.9	650	-95.7	21,757	-21.5	5,936	-29.8
Aruba	Jan-Aug	444,517	121.8	1,964	-89.2	28,564	41.9	31,729	56.0
Bahamas ^P	Jan-Aug	565,567	68.9	3,776	-91.1	8,912	-63.1	16,864	11.6
Belize ^P	Jan-Jul	102,872	31.6	1,227	-91.2	2,652	-83.1	12,844	-27.0
Bermuda *	Jan-Jul	29,777	78.0	408	-90.1	2,614	-28.3	679	-38.9
Cayman Islands	Jan-Mar	1,196	-98.8	223	-98.0	284	-95.1	382	-91.1
Cuba ***	Jan-Jul	1,732	-96.6	4,369	-98.9	106,219	-51.0	28,996	-90.8
Curaçao	Jan-Aug	21,657	2.0	444	-95.6	84,739	21.2	15,865	-39.3
Dominica ^P	Jan-Jul	2,564	-28.2	94	-88.7	682	-85.9	3,312	-64.5
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Aug	1,174,616	199.7	22,410	-93.0	346,775	0.4	1,394,404	140.2
Grenada	Jan-Jul	11,829	-30.9	389	-90.8	1,394	-85.6	1,547	-75.6
Guyana	Jan-Jun	42,991	113.0	2,071	-54.5	2,223	-28.8	15,089	-56.1
Jamaica	Jan-Jun	508,131	32.5	6,272	-94.3	8,794	-85.7	9,348	-64.5
Montserrat	Jan-Jul	239	-79.5	19	-92.9	251	-84.0	190	-83.4
St. Kitts & Nevis [^]	Jan-Aug	6,953	-60.4	245	-90.2	155	-94.5	1,211	-72.8
Saint Lucia	Jan-Aug	97,501	115.3	635	-95.7	9,379	-60.4	2,601	-80.0
St. Maarten *	Jan-Aug	104,875	167.4	1,557	-82.1	38,116	54.3	9,206	34.7
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Jun	1,323	-96.9	288	-98.0	951	-93.5	1,221	-94.0
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Mar	47,597	-52.9	1,151	-92.1	1,306	-58.9	1,585	-48.4

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¹ Some European countries are 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 table are Hotel Registrations whereas their reported Stay Over totals are Air Arrivals.

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Table 4: Cruise Visits - 2021 & 2020

Destination	Period	2021	2020	% Ch.
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Jul	521	259,419	-99.8
Aruba	Jan-Aug	19,272	255,384	-92.5
Bahamas	Jan-Jul	40,070	1,327,142	-97.0
Belize	Jan-Jul	11,401	343,099	-96.7
Bermuda	Jan-Jul	0	9,361	-100.0
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Jul	0	219,434	-100.0
Cayman Islands	Jan-Mar	0	535,708	-100.0
Cozumel (Mexico)	Jan-Aug	76,890	1,131,595	-93.2
Curaçao	Jan-Aug	21,071	256,024	-91.8
Dominica	Jan-Jul	135	117,979	-99.9
Dominican Republic	Jan-Aug	67,488	344,477	-80.4
Grenada	Jan-Jul	0	162,517	-100.0
Jamaica	Jan-Jun	0	449,271	-100.0
Martinique	Jan-Jul	0	170,392	-100.0
Puerto Rico	Jan-Jun	0	465,357	-100.0
Saint Lucia	Jan-Aug	3,972	297,879	-98.7
St. Maarten	Jan-Aug	13,471	435,523	-96.9
Trinidad & Tobago	Jan-Jun	0	45,574	-100.0
Turks & Caicos Is.	Jan-Mar	0	205,867	-100.0
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Jul	0	442,027	-100.0

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