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Overall Performance

- International tourist arrivals for 2020 were reported by 26 destinations. For their reporting periods, all destinations recorded declines in tourist arrivals.
- For the period January to December, the 22 reporting destinations registered decreases in international tourist trips with the best relative performances being recorded in the US Virgin Islands (-34.9%) and followed by Martinique (-43.9%), Montserrat (-56.3%), Puerto Rico (-57.9%) and Antigua & Barbuda (-58.4). Six other destinations registered decreases between -62.3% in Curaçao and -69.2% and the remaining 11 destinations recorded declines ranging between -70.8% (the Cayman Islands) and -84.4% (Bermuda).
- International tourist visits decreased by -64.4% to the Turks & Caicos Islands for the January to September period. It was the sole destination to report for this period.
- The only reporting destination for the period January to August, Trinidad & Tobago, registered a falloff in tourist arrivals of -65.2%.
- Similarly, for the January to June period, the lone reporting destination, Barbados, recorded a decline in international tourist trips of -57.3%.
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to March, registered a decline of -18.3%.

By Month

- In January, international tourist visits increased in 17 of the 26 reporting destinations. Montserrat (23.1%) recorded the highest percentage increase, trailed by St. Maarten (19.9%) and the British Virgin Islands (13.8%). The remaining increases ranged from 0.5% (Puerto Rico) to 13.1% (the US Virgin Islands). Decreases ranging between -2.5% (Saint Lucia) and -26.9% (St. Kitts & Nevis) were recorded in the remaining ten destinations.
- International arrivals in February grew in 19 of the 26 reporting destinations. Growth ranged from 1.9% in Belize to 28.1% in the British Virgin Islands. The other seven destinations reported declines ranging between -1.0% in St. Kitts & Nevis and -13.0% in Cuba.
- Arrivals data reported in March showed that all 26 destinations recorded decreases in tourist trips. Bermuda (-70.0%) led and was followed by Anguilla (-64.7%), Dominica (-64.3%) and The Bahamas (-63.9%). Declines ranging from -13.1% in Montserrat to -63.6% in Cuba were registered in the remaining destinations.
- All 25 destinations reporting international tourist arrivals for April registered declines ranging from -93.9% in the US Virgin Islands to -100.0% in nine destinations with no arrivals, namely, Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, and the Turks & Caicos Islands. In absolute numbers, Puerto Rico (8.1 thousand), the US Virgin Islands (2.6 thousand), Martinique (1.7 thousand) and Cuba (1.1 thousand) were the only destinations to record over one thousand tourist visits for the month.
- Nine destinations (Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, and the Turks & Caicos Islands) recorded no tourist trips in May. In total, 25

destinations reported for May. In the other 16 destinations, between two (Montserrat) and 12.5 thousand (Puerto Rico) tourist visits were registered. Contractions of between -87.0% (the US Virgin Islands) and -99.9% (Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic) were recorded in these destinations.

- In June, only four destinations (Aruba, the British Virgin Islands, Saint Lucia, and the Turks & Caicos Islands) recorded no tourist arrivals. These were among the 25 destinations reporting tourism data for the month. Decreases ranging between -63.0% (the US Virgin Islands) and -99.9% (Bermuda, Dominica, and St. Kitts & Nevis) were recorded in the remaining 21 destinations.
- Declines were recorded in the 24 destinations reporting international arrivals for July. The US Virgin Islands (-28.6%) recorded the lowest percentage decrease for the month and was followed by Puerto Rico (-46.2%) and Martinique (-52.7%). The other destinations registered declines ranging from -77.1% (the Dominican Republic) to -100.0% (the British Virgin Islands).
- Fewer arrivals were recorded by the 24 destinations reporting tourist arrivals for August. Martinique (-34.0%) registered the smallest percentage decline, followed by the US Virgin Islands (-38.9%), Puerto Rico (-69.9%), Antigua & Barbuda (-73.0%), and Curaçao (-76.3%).
- Twenty-three destinations reported arrivals for September. All registered decreases ranging from -34.0% in Martinique to -100.0% in the British Virgin Islands.
- Out of the 22 destinations reporting tourist arrivals for October, none recorded an increase. Decreases in international arrivals in these destinations during this time varied between -9.7% (the US Virgin Islands) and -100.0% (the British Virgin Islands).
- International tourist visits in November decreased in the 22 reporting destinations. The best performance was recorded in the US Virgin Islands (-17.8%) and was followed by the Dominican Republic (-62.1%), Curaçao (-64.1%), Aruba (-67.0%) and Martinique (-69.8%).
- All 22 destinations reporting arrivals for December registered declines ranging from -21.6% in the Dominican Republic to -98.2% in the Cayman Islands. Some 60.0% of the reporting destinations reported declines of at least -75.0%.

By Market

United States

- International tourist arrivals from the United States decreased in all 22 reporting destinations.
- The best relative performance among the 19 destinations to report arrivals from the United States for the period January to December was recorded by Montserrat (-50.4%). The other 17 destinations to report visitor trips from this market during the period registered declines between -51.2% (Antigua & Barbuda) and -88.3% (Cuba).
- For the January to September period, tourist trips from the United States decreased to the Turks & Caicos Islands (-64.0%), the only destination reporting data for this period.
- Trinidad & Tobago, the only destination reporting international arrivals from the United States for the January to August months, recorded a -65.0% decline in arrivals from this market.
- Visitor trips from the United States decreased to Barbados (-62.9%) for the period January to June.

Canada

- Contractions in international visitor trips from Canada were registered in the 22 reporting destinations.
- For the period January to December, the 19 reporting destinations registered decreased visitor arrivals from Canada ranging from -47.6% recorded in Montserrat to -82.2 % in Bermuda.
- The Turks & Caicos Islands, the only destination reporting arrival data from Canada for the period January to May, registered a decrease of -53.3%.
- Visitor trips from Canada decreased in Trinidad & Tobago (-57.6%) during the period January to August, the only destination reporting for that time.
- A contraction in arrivals from Canada for the period January to June was recorded in Barbados (-47.6%).

Europe

- Overall, international tourist trips from Europe decreased in the 22 reporting destinations.
- Declines were recorded in the 19 destinations reporting arrivals from Europe for the period January to December ranging between -44.1% in Montserrat and -79.6% in The Bahamas.
- European stop-over arrivals decreased in the Turks & Caicos Islands, the sole destination reporting data for the period January to September, by -78.4%.
- A decline in European arrivals for the period January to August was recorded in Trinidad & Tobago (-60.5%).
- Barbados recorded a -52.7% decrease in arrivals from the European market during the period January to June.

Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise visits to the Caribbean contracted in the 23 reporting destinations, so far this year.
- For the period January to December, cruise arrivals decreased in all 19 reporting destinations led by Bermuda (-98.3%) and followed by The Bahamas (-75.6%), Cozumel (-75.2%), St. Maarten (-73.3%) and Jamaica (-71.1%).
- Cruise visits decreased in the Turks & Caicos Islands (-74.6%) during the period January to September.
- The two destinations (Puerto Rico and St. Kitts & Nevis) reporting for the period January to June registered decreased cruise visits of -50.7% and -59.2%.
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines was the only destination reporting for the period January to March, registering a -29.5% decline in cruise arrivals for this period.

Table 1: Tourist (Stop-over) Arrivals in 2020

Destination	Period	Tourist Arrivals	% Change		
			Overall	Winter#	Summer#
Anguilla	Jan-Dec	25,381	-73.4	-41.9	-96.1
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Dec	125,090	-58.4	-29.4	-77.2
Aruba	Jan-Dec	368,322	-67.0	-41.1	-80.9
Bahamas	Jan-Dec	445,879	-75.3	-46.6	-93.9
Barbados	Jan-Jun	159,144	-57.3	-41.8	-99.2
Belize ^P	Jan-Dec	144,123	-71.4	-39.5	-93.3
Bermuda *	Jan-Dec	42,061	-84.4	-61.5	-91.2
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Dec	82,687	-72.7	-31.2	-99.1
Cayman Islands	Jan-Dec	146,609	-70.8	-25.3	-98.9
Cuba	Jan-Dec	1,085,920	-74.6	-49.0	-95.6
Curacao	Jan-Dec	174,871	-62.3	-35.1	-77.7
Dominica ^P	Jan-Dec	21,733	-75.7	-40.8	-94.4
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Dec	2,405,315	-62.7	-43.4	-74.6
Grenada	Jan-Dec	43,821	-73.1	-36.0	-93.7
Guyana	Jan-Dec	86,503	-72.5	-34.7	-88.7
Jamaica	Jan-Dec	880,404	-67.2	-39.0	-82.4
Martinique	Jan-Dec	312,298	-43.9	-30.6	-54.8
Montserrat	Jan-Dec	4,544	-56.3	-15.4	-92.0
Puerto Rico **	Jan-Dec	678,854	-57.9	-35.0	-70.6
St. Kitts & Nevis ^{^P}	Jan-Dec	28,721	-77.7	-46.7	-98.0
Saint Lucia	Jan-Dec	130,695	-69.2	-39.6	-85.6
St. Maarten *	Jan-Dec	106,425	-66.7	-36.6	-84.2
St. Vincent & Grenadines	Jan-Mar	18,908	-18.3	-18.3	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Aug	93,147	-65.2	-32.4	-99.1
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Sep	131,971	-64.4	-34.3	-94.6
U.S Virgin Islands	Jan-Dec	416,912	-34.9	-24.9	-40.9

* 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 March 31, 2021

Table 2a: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2020

Destination	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	9,170	3.0	9,811	5.6	4,217	-64.7	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	22	-99.7
Antigua & Barbuda	33,509	11.3	33,386	12.5	16,459	-46.7	5	-100.0	11	-99.9	2,677	-88.1
Aruba	90,623	-3.8	95,287	2.2	42,842	-59.9	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0
Bahamas	143,635	3.4	155,349	-5.8	79,629	-63.9	60	-100.0	125	-99.9	3,810	-98.0
Barbados	60,462	-13.0	64,629	-5.8	33,073	-53.2	139	-99.8	353	-99.3	488	-99.0
Belize ^P	48,554	-4.0	50,817	1.9	23,962	-58.5	689	-98.5	543	-98.5	212	-99.5
Bermuda *	8,398	-6.1	9,960	-9.2	5,539	-70.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	34	-99.9
British Virgin Islands	30,788	13.8	34,532	28.1	15,695	-53.8	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0
Cayman Islands	42,851	3.6	50,707	13.0	49,580	-16.8	128	-99.7	215	-99.5	189	-99.6
Cuba	393,762	-19.3	398,906	-13.0	189,466	-63.6	1,051	-99.8	993	-99.7	1,020	-99.6
Curacao	45,691	3.5	44,198	7.4	18,599	-55.6	210	-99.5	217	-99.4	947	-97.2
Dominica ^P	5,809	-3.7	9,119	18.8	3,480	-64.3	53	-99.3	0	-100.0	1	-99.9
Dominican Republic *	557,231	-6.8	565,179	-6.6	270,049	-59.9	217	-100.0	394	-99.9	1,021	-99.8
Grenada	14,559	1.9	15,705	2.3	6,989	-55.0	0	-100.0	4	-100.0	30	-99.7
Guyana	24,167	9.9	26,003	25.2	11,202	-53.1	110	-99.6	360	-98.8	430	-98.3
Jamaica	227,200	4.9	235,740	7.1	111,191	-59.1	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	7,188	-97.0
Martinique	61,726	3.5	66,429	5.3	44,707	-36.8	1,786	-96.9	2,149	-93.9	7,969	-75.1
Montserrat	763	23.1	766	5.5	2,568	-13.1	0	-100.0	2	-99.6	8	-98.8
Puerto Rico **	139,643	0.5	146,189	6.9	79,397	-50.6	8,071	-94.1	12,478	-91.0	43,343	-66.5
St. Kitts & Nevis ^{^P}	9,302	-26.9	12,400	-1.0	5,445	-62.6	1	-100.0	0	-100.0	8	-99.9
Saint Lucia	33,675	-2.5	39,638	3.9	18,086	-56.6	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0
St. Maarten *	31,487	19.9	30,923	12.2	11,985	-62.7	83	-99.7	107	-99.6	248	-99.1
St. Vincent & Grenadines	7,869	5.5	7,278	-4.4	3,761	-53.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	30,710	8.6	47,438	13.4	13,738	-60.5	115	-99.6	110	-99.6	140	-99.6
Turks & Caicos Islands	44,166	2.8	51,644	23.8	26,224	-53.3	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0
U.S Virgin Islands	72,614	13.1	66,668	13.8	35,996	-49.0	2,649	-93.9	7,311	-87.0	22,929	-63.0

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Table 2b: Tourist Arrivals by Month – 2020

Destination	July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch	Tourists	% ch
Anguilla	4	-100.0	38	-99.6	39	-97.3	135	-95.2	624	-91.8	1,321	-86.6
Antigua & Barbuda	4,002	-82.6	4,761	-73.0	3,673	-74.0	6,937	-65.3	5,989	-77.8	13,680	-63.8
Aruba	12,921	-87.5	17,416	-81.9	14,693	-80.0	21,882	-72.0	29,714	-67.0	42,936	-57.4
Bahamas	24,316	-87.8	5,147	-96.5	4,444	-92.1	6,365	-91.8	6,584	-94.0	16,415	-88.9
Barbados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize ^P	621	-98.6	705	-97.9	772	-96.1	3,179	-87.5	4,856	-87.5	9,213	-83.5
Bermuda *	1,677	-95.4	3,651	-89.0	2,968	-84.5	4,752	-78.5	2,708	-83.0	2,376	-83.5
British Virgin Islands	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	0	-100.0	1,672	-95.1
Cayman Islands	239	-99.5	240	-99.4	278	-98.3	478	-98.0	742	-98.1	962	-98.2
Cuba	1,480	-99.5	1,306	-99.5	1,700	-99.2	3,334	-98.6	27,979	-91.6	64,923	-82.9
Curacao	8,195	-78.0	9,227	-76.3	10,418	-68.0	13,556	-60.7	13,705	-64.1	9,909	-77.7
Dominica ^P	94	-98.9	489	-94.3	463	-87.2	561	-94.8	746	-86.2	918	-89.5
Dominican Republic *	135,163	-77.1	110,284	-77.8	103,942	-67.9	138,276	-62.8	175,095	-62.1	348,464	-44.2
Grenada	91	-99.4	500	-97.2	396	-95.5	1,738	-84.2	1,838	-84.9	1,965	-87.4
Guyana	903	-96.9	1,115	-95.9	2,263	-90.4	2,671	-90.0	6,378	-75.9	10,901	-66.5
Jamaica	41,941	-84.5	43,813	-79.6	28,648	-80.2	45,106	-74.4	49,413	-75.6	90,164	-67.9
Martinique	20,799	-52.7	36,249	-34.0	16,520	-38.8	17,591	-36.2	9,629	-69.8	26,744	-48.7
Montserrat	38	-94.0	72	-89.4	54	-88.9	58	-90.5	66	-90.1	149	-88.5
Puerto Rico **	68,226	-46.2	43,214	-69.9	46,871	-55.0	37,089	-66.0	29,812	-77.6	24,521	-84.2
St. Kitts & Nevis ^{^P}	136	-98.7	35	-99.6	249	-96.5	68	-98.9	329	-96.5	748	-94.9
Saint Lucia	1,955	-95.4	3,261	-91.0	4,122	-80.9	7,808	-71.0	7,766	-76.4	14,384	-67.0
St. Maarten *	1,535	-94.9	3,084	-87.5	2,131	-86.0	4,671	-79.7	6,723	-73.1	13,448	-55.2
St. Vincent & Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago ***	177	-99.5	719	-97.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turks & Caicos Islands	1,280	-97.3	5,595	-84.6	3,062	-77.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S Virgin Islands	43,997	-28.6	29,535	-38.9	13,561	-51.2	28,012	-9.7	39,780	-17.8	53,860	-21.6

* Non-Resident Air Arrivals ** Non-Resident Hotel registrations *** Air Arrivals by Nationality

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Table 3: Tourist Arrivals by Main Market – 2020

Destination	Period	United States		Canada		Europe		Other	
		Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.	Tourists	% ch.
Anguilla	Jan-Dec	17,615	-72.1	1,562	-62.0	3,064	-71.4	3,140	-81.9
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Dec	60,319	-51.2	15,716	-57.8	38,688	-60.6	10,367	-75.3
Aruba	Jan-Dec	295,307	-64.7	19,632	-62.4	28,201	-69.7	25,182	-81.3
Bahamas	Jan-Dec	360,596	-75.5	42,902	-68.1	24,326	-79.6	18,055	-77.3
Barbados	Jan-Jun	43,200	-62.9	26,794	-47.6	69,474	-52.7	19,676	-66.4
Belize ^P	Jan-Dec	91,196	-72.1	14,503	-59.2	16,179	-72.8	22,245	-72.8
Bermuda *	Jan-Dec	28,178	-86.1	4,937	-82.2	7,326	-75.3	1,620	-83.2
Cayman Islands	Jan-Dec	119,834	-71.4	13,511	-55.2	7,428	-69.2	5,836	-80.5
Cuba	Jan-Dec	58,148	-88.3	413,410	-63.1	241,657	-73.8	372,705	-78.5
Curacao	Jan-Dec	22,646	-69.4	10,290	-53.4	112,427	-53.9	29,508	-76.1
Dominica ^P	Jan-Dec	4,425	-64.6	929	-59.9	5,197	-70.1	11,182	-80.5
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Dec	629,120	-69.0	338,098	-61.0	405,560	-69.4	1,032,537	-53.6
Grenada	Jan-Dec	20,726	-72.9	4,914	-72.6	10,924	-67.7	7,257	-79.1
Guyana	Jan-Dec	36,194	-63.5	6,230	-72.2	4,756	-66.8	39,323	-78.0
Jamaica	Jan-Dec	637,505	-65.3	132,014	-66.6	78,225	-75.6	32,660	-74.0
Montserrat	Jan-Dec	1,309	-50.4	284	-47.6	1,720	-44.1	1,231	-70.3
Puerto Rico **	Jan-Dec	629,724	-57.2	9,762	-48.0	12,751	-66.2	26,617	-68.9
St. Kitts & Nevis ^{^P}	Jan-Dec	18,607	-76.4	2,580	-65.4	2,867	-78.3	4,667	-84.0
Saint Lucia	Jan-Dec	67,888	-64.6	15,272	-62.6	33,457	-66.9	14,078	-84.4
St. Maarten *	Jan-Dec	54,514	-67.1	9,364	-66.2	33,735	-63.3	8,812	-74.4
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Aug	43,111	-65.0	14,417	-57.6	14,891	-60.5	20,728	-71.5
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Sep	110,297	-64.0	14,864	-53.3	3,433	-78.4	3,377	-79.1

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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 - 2020 & 2019

Destination	Period	2020	2019	% Ch.
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Dec	259,426	733,526	-64.6
Aruba	Jan-Dec	255,384	832,001	-69.3
Bahamas	Jan-Dec	1,327,142	5,429,474	-75.6
Barbados	Jan-Dec	250,532	686,813	-63.5
Belize	Jan-Dec	343,099	1,170,558	-70.7
Bermuda	Jan-Dec	9,366	535,561	-98.3
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Dec	219,434	575,134	-61.8
Cayman Islands	Jan-Dec	535,716	1,831,011	-70.7
Cozumel (Mexico)	Jan-Dec	1,131,600	4,569,499	-75.2
Curacao	Jan-Dec	256,033	809,874	-68.4
Dominica	Jan-Dec	117,979	229,746	-48.6
Dominican Republic	Jan-Dec	344,485	1,103,898	-68.8
Grenada	Jan-Dec	162,517	337,940	-51.9
Jamaica	Jan-Dec	449,271	1,553,230	-71.1
Martinique	Jan-Dec	170,399	257,789	-33.9
Puerto Rico	Jan-Jun	465,357	944,477	-50.7
St. Kitts & Nevis	Jan-Jun	267,346	655,011	-59.2
Saint Lucia	Jan-Dec	297,885	786,743	-62.1
St. Maarten	Jan-Dec	435,525	1,631,537	-73.3
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Jan-Mar	101,579	144,168	-29.5
Trinidad & Tobago	Jan-Dec	45,580	91,423	-50.1
Turks & Caicos Islands	Jan-Sep	205,873	808,972	-74.6
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Dec	440,398	1,433,122	-69.3

N.B: Figures are subject to revision by reporting countries ^P Preliminary figures

SOURCE - Data supplied by member countries and available as at March 31, 2021.