

# CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS



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## Overall Performance

- International tourist arrivals for 2020 were reported by 24 destinations thus far. For their reporting periods, only one destination recorded growth in arrivals while 23 destinations recorded declines.
- For the period January to August, declines in tourist arrivals ranging between -53.3% in Antigua & Barbuda and -69.1% in Dominica were recorded in the eight destinations reporting for the period.
- International visitor trips decreased in the five destinations reporting data for the period January to July. The largest contractions during this time were recorded in Bermuda (-84.5%) and The Bahamas (-70.6%).
- The three destinations reporting tourist arrivals for the period January to June, led by Belize (-56.3%), registered significant declines. The other destinations providing data for this period were Trinidad & Tobago and the US Virgin Islands in which arrivals decreased by -53.5% and -41.4%, respectively.
- Similarly, for the January to May period, the three reporting destinations recorded decreases in international tourist trips. Cuba (-57.0%) led in the size of the decline and was followed by Martinique (-41.3%) and Montserrat (-23.4%).
- None of the four destinations reporting arrival data for the period January to March registered growth. Decreases during this period ranged from -7.9% in the British Virgin Islands to -22.2% in Aruba.
- The Cayman Islands, the only destination reporting arrival data for the period January to February, registered growth of 8.5% during this time.

## By Month

- In January, international tourist visits increased in 14 of the 24 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 1.9% (Grenada) to 13.1% (the US Virgin Islands). Decreases ranging between -1.5% (Martinique) and -22.6% (Puerto Rico) were recorded in the remaining 10 destinations.
- International arrivals in February grew in 18 of the 24 reporting destinations. Growth ranged from 0.2% in Martinique to 28.1% in the British Virgin Islands. The other six destinations reported declines ranging between -4.4% in St. Vincent & the Grenadines and -19.6% in Puerto Rico.
- Arrivals data reported in March showed that all 23 destinations recorded decreases in tourist trips. Dominica (-70.3%) led and was followed by Bermuda (-70.0%), The Bahamas (-65.6%) and Anguilla (-64.7%). Declines ranging from -13.1% in Montserrat to -63.6% in Cuba were registered in the remaining destinations.
- All 19 destinations reporting international tourist arrivals for April registered declines ranging from -93.9% in the US Virgin Islands to -100.0% in Anguilla, Bermuda, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago. In absolute numbers, Puerto Rico (3.7 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.
- No tourist trips were recorded in six (Anguilla, Bermuda, Dominica, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad & Tobago) of the 19 destinations reporting for May. In the other 13 destinations, between two (Montserrat) and 7.3 thousand (the US Virgin Islands) tourist visits were registered which represented contractions of between -87.0% and -99.9%.
- The number of destinations registering no tourist arrivals dropped to two (Saint Lucia and Trinidad & Tobago) in June. These were among the 16 destinations reporting tourism data for the month. Decreases ranging between -

63.0% (the US Virgin Islands) and -99.9% (Belize, Bermuda, Dominica) were recorded in the remaining 14 destinations.

- Declines were recorded in the 13 destinations reporting international arrivals for July. Anguilla recorded a -99.9% fall-off in tourist arrivals, the largest percentage decrease for this month. The other destinations registered declines ranging from -77.1% (the Dominican Republic) to -99.4% (Grenada).
- Fewer arrivals were recorded by the eight destinations reporting tourist arrivals for August. Antigua & Barbuda (-73.0%) registered the smallest percentage decline, followed by Curaçao (-76.3%) and the Dominican Republic (-77.8%).

## Cruise Arrivals

- Cruise visits to the Caribbean contracted in the 22 reporting destinations, so far this year.
- For the January to August period, decreases in cruise visits ranging between -24.1% in Dominica and -63.5% in Cozumel (Mexico) were recorded in the eight destinations reporting for the period.
- Five destinations reported cruise arrival data for the period January to July, all of which recorded declines ranging from -37.8% in Saint Lucia to -98.0% in Bermuda.
- St. Kitts & Nevis (-59.2%) and Belize (-50.8%) recorded the largest declines in cruise arrivals among the four destinations reporting for the January to June period.
- For the period January to May, cruise visits decreased in both reporting destinations. Cruise arrivals decreased by -31.5% in Trinidad & Tobago, while the falloff in Martinique was -12.1%.
- Similarly, declines in cruise visits were recorded for the January to March period in the British Virgin Islands (-20.7%) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (-29.5%), the two reporting destinations for this period.
- The Cayman Islands, the only destination to report cruise arrivals for the period January to February, registered a decrease of -4.3% during this time.

**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-Jul	16,068	-64.6	1,399	-51.9	2,861	-58.2	2,896	-69.9
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Aug	43,555	-49.5	15,078	-40.3	27,717	-56.7	8,460	-69.3
Aruba	Jan-Mar	175,177	-19.6	17,971	-8.7	16,605	-23.8	18,999	-45.4
Bahamas	Jan-Jul	295,692	-71.7	41,698	-54.1	22,794	-70.3	13,129	-75.5
Belize <sup>P</sup>	Jan-Jun	78,122	-58.6	13,966	-41.5	15,540	-50.3	16,633	-59.1
Bermuda *	Jan-Jul	16,731	-86.6	4,116	-76.0	3,647	-78.9	1,112	-79.9
Cayman Islands	Jan-Feb	76,415	8.3	8,964	10.7	4,701	8.1	3,478	8.5
Cuba	Jan-May	50,528	-84.9	403,620	-40.9	216,398	-53.0	313,632	-61.2
Curacao	Jan-Aug	21,228	-60.6	10,044	-38.6	69,954	-56.9	26,055	-68.0
Dominica <sup>P</sup>	Jan-Aug	3,690	-54.2	831	-42.5	4,849	-59.3	9,479	-76.0
Dominican Republic *	Jan-Aug	391,907	-76.4	321,631	-50.3	345,482	-61.2	580,518	-60.4
Grenada	Jan-Aug	17,206	-68.2	4,379	-66.5	9,799	-58.7	6,475	-73.5
Guyana	Jan-Jul	20,600	-63.9	4,586	-63.6	3,258	-59.4	34,532	-65.7
Jamaica	Jan-Aug	457,601	-64.8	115,833	-57.7	65,947	-69.7	27,692	-67.1
Montserrat	Jan-May	1,136	-18.5	265	-11.4	1,568	-5.8	1,130	-43.3
St. Kitts & Nevis <sup>^P</sup>	Jan-Mar	20,245	-23.0	2,816	-9.0	3,166	-16.4	5,863	-11.5
Saint Lucia	Jan-Aug	45,287	-67.5	14,645	-48.2	23,701	-65.7	12,982	-79.0
St. Maarten *	Jan-Aug	39,221	-68.0	8,690	-54.2	24,709	-60.0	6,832	-70.5
Trinidad & Tobago ***	Jan-Jun	42,612	-53.0	14,351	-45.9	14,407	-49.7	20,516	-60.4

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

<sup>1</sup> Some European countries are included in Other      <sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures      <sup>^</sup> 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  
N.B: Figures are subject to revision by reporting countries

**SOURCE** - Data supplied by member countries and available as at October 8, 2020

**Table 4: Cruise Visits - 2020 & 2019**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% Ch.</b>
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Aug	262,426	481,818	-45.5
Aruba	Jan-Jul	255,384	482,064	-47.0
Bahamas	Jan-Jul	1,327,142	3,254,846	-59.2
Barbados	Jan-Jun	250,532	380,124	-34.1
Belize	Jan-Jun	343,099	697,797	-50.8
Bermuda	Jan-Jul	6,457	322,065	-98.0
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Mar	219,434	276,755	-20.7
Cayman Islands	Jan-Feb	448,435	468,345	-4.3
Cozumel (Mexico)	Jan-Aug	1,131,600	3,099,065	-63.5
Curacao	Jan-Aug	256,033	361,692	-29.2
Dominica	Jan-Aug	117,979	155,395	-24.1
Dominican Republic	Jan-Aug	344,485	722,122	-52.3
Grenada	Jan-Aug	162,517	224,026	-27.5
Jamaica	Jan-Aug	449,271	1,061,58	-57.7
Martinique	Jan-May	170,399	193,883	-12.1
Puerto Rico	Jan-Jun	465,357	944,477	-50.7
St. Kitts & Nevis	Jan-Jun	267,346	655,011	-59.2
Saint Lucia	Jan-Jul	297,885	479,075	-37.8
St. Maarten	Jan-Aug	435,525	1,171,833	-62.8
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Jan-Mar	101,579	144,168	-29.5
Trinidad & Tobago	Jan-May	45,580	66,493	-31.5
U S Virgin Islands	Jan-Jul	440,398	852,254	-48.3

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