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TOURIST ARRIVALS TO MALAYSIA IMPROVING

Tourist arrivals to Malaysia are showing encouraging signs of recovering. Malaysia recorded a total of **1,266,886 tourist arrivals for the month of April 2004**. The figure represents a **175.8% increase** from the 459,374 tourist arrivals for the same month in 2003.

Total tourist arrivals recorded between January and April stand at 5,245,100, an increase by 57.3% compared to 3,334,521 tourist arrivals for the same period in 2003.

Month	Figures
April 2003	459,374 visitors
April 2004	1,266,886 visitors
% change	+ 175.8%

The figure for April continues the positive trend of tourist arrivals into Malaysia for this year. The top ten markets that contributed to the month of April are: Singapore (809,640 visitors), Thailand (135,805 visitors), Indonesia (51,718 visitors), Brunei (45,043 visitors), China (39,612 visitors), Japan (16,212 visitors),

United Kingdom (15,530 visitors), Australia (13,900 visitors), India (10,480 visitors) and Taiwan (9,560 visitors).

Barring any setbacks and global uncertainties, tourist arrivals to Malaysia continue to be on the upswing with the possibility of even surpassing the 2002 record of 13.3 million visitors.

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