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A GREAT START FOR 2009

The year 2009 has begun on a positive note for Malaysia's tourism industry. In January 2009, Malaysia received **1,871,099** tourists, an **increase of 5.1%** compared to the same period in the previous year.

Table 1: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January 2008 and 2009)

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JANUARY	1,780,134	1,871,099	5.1

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for January 2009 were **Singapore** (964,475), **Indonesia** (186,023), **Thailand** (116,372), **Brunei** (102,054), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (100,563), **Australia** (47,228), **India** (41,859), **the Philippines** (35,955), **Japan** (32,317) and **United Kingdom** (31,836).

For the month of January 2009, double digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from **the Philippines** (43.8%), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (37.3), **West Asia** (35.3%), **Brunei** (31.6%), **Taiwan** (26.7%), **Vietnam** (25.3%), **Canada** (25.5%), **France** (23.9%), **Cambodia** (21.7%), **Australia** (21.5%), **New Zealand** (18.0%), **Germany** (15.8%), **Singapore** (12.0%), **United Kingdom** (10.8%), **USA** (10.7%) and **Russia** (10.1%).

For more information, please go to Tourism Malaysia's online Facts and Figures at http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my/corporate/research.asp?page=facts_figures.

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