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OCTOBER ARRIVALS REACHED 18 MILLION MARK

Malaysia has recorded a total of **18,148,159** tourist arrivals from **January to October 2008** compared to **17,322,214** tourist arrivals for the same period in 2007, representing an increase of **4.8%**.

For the month of **October 2008**, tourist arrivals showed an **increase of 8.6%** with **1,818,304** tourists compared to **1,673,922** for the same period last year.

Table 1: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (October 2007 and 2008)

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	CHANGE %
OCTOBER	1,673,922	1,818,304	8.6

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January – October 2007 and 2008)

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	CHANGE %
JANUARY – OCTOBER	17,322,214	18,148,159	4.8

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

For **October 2008**, **Singapore** maintained its position as the largest tourist generating market for Malaysia with **887,605** Singaporeans visiting the country. Others in the top ten list were: **Indonesia** (245,604), **Thailand** (142,848), **Brunei** (87,779), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (74,780), **India** (44,831), **Japan** (40,080), **Australia** (38,408), the **Philippines** (36,415) and **United Kingdom** (31,554).

During the month of October 2008, the **Netherlands** market performed the best with a growth of **130.0%**. Significant growth was also recorded for arrivals from **Canada** (127.8%), **Russia** (97.4%), **Cambodia** (88.6%), **Germany** (73.1%), **France** (71.1%), **Indonesia** (70.0%), **New Zealand** (59.7%), **West Asia** (54.5%), **United Kingdom** (51.3%), **Switzerland** (48.8%), **Italy** (45.5%), **South Korea** (42.2%), **India** (40.7%), the **Philippines** (38.8%), **Japan** (38.2%), **Australia** (26.4%), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (24.5), **Vietnam** (24.3%) and **USA** (12.2%).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to October 2008** were: **Singapore** (9,010,218), **Indonesia** (1,959,382), **Thailand** (1,243,355), **Brunei** (823,960), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (802,956), **India** (459,079), **Japan** (359,871), **Australia** (346,423), the **Philippines** (323,974) and the **United Kingdom** (303,569).

TOURIST ARRIVALS TO MALAYSIA BY MAJOR MARKETS OCTOBER 2008

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	OCTOBER		(% CHANGE OCT 08/ OCT 07	JANUARY - OCTOBER		(% CHANGE JAN-OCT 08/ JAN-OCT 07
	2007	2008		2007	2008	
SINGAPORE	894,147	887,605	-0.7	8,673,340	9,010,218	3.9
THAILAND	149,986	142,848	-4.8	1,312,685	1,243,355	-5.3
INDONESIA	144,478	245,604	70.0	1,480,436	1,959,382	32.4
BRUNEI	100,193	87,779	-12.4	908,397	823,960	-9.3
PHILIPPINES	26,227	36,415	38.8	266,964	323,974	21.4
VIETNAM	7,869	9,785	24.3	106,954	103,319	-3.4
CAMBODIA	1,382	2,606	88.6	18,623	28,694	54.1
CHINA (Incl Hong Kong & Macao)	60,056	74,780	24.5	630,545	802,956	27.3
JAPAN	29,001	40,080	38.2	301,183	359,871	19.5
TAIWAN	14,400	14,295	-0.7	169,695	166,527	-1.9
SOUTH KOREA	13,546	19,257	42.2	180,541	231,472	28.2
INDIA	31,861	44,831	40.7	347,566	459,079	32.1
WEST ASIA	12,850	19,858	54.5	223,418	227,555	1.9
SAUDI ARABIA	3,576	6,493	81.6	71,501	65,843	-7.9
UAE	665	1,260	89.5	35,876	32,258	-10.1
IRAN	1,678	5,755	243.0	23,969	49,932	108.3
CANADA	2,838	6,466	127.8	38,568	61,988	60.7

U.S.A	15,800	17,729	12.2	172,108	186,423	8.3
AUSTRALIA	30,385	38,408	26.4	253,199	346,423	36.8
NEW ZEALAND	3,567	5,695	59.7	31,822	45,900	44.2
UNITED KINGDOM	20,851	31,554	51.3	223,048	303,569	36.1
SCANDINAVIA	7,912	8,304	5.0	95,922	94,558	-1.4
<i>DENMARK</i>	1,489	1,900	27.6	16,947	19,991	18.0
<i>FINLAND</i>	2,014	1,252	-37.8	31,166	18,595	-40.3
<i>NORWAY</i>	1,269	1,677	32.2	12,018	17,729	47.5
<i>SWEDEN</i>	3,140	3,475	10.7	35,791	38,243	6.9
NETHERLANDS	3,744	8,610	130.0	46,113	74,740	62.1
FRANCE	4,253	7,275	71.1	49,687	71,466	43.8
GERMANY	5,793	10,030	73.1	63,283	90,476	43.0
SWITZERLAND	1,398	2,080	48.8	17,000	21,528	26.6
RUSSIA	1,132	2,235	97.4	13,438	20,656	53.7
POLAND	1,532	683	-55.4	29,804	9,473	-68.2
ITALY	2,141	3,116	45.5	26,514	33,174	25.1
TURKEY	561	509	-9.3	8,263	6,527	-21.0
SOUTH AFRICA	1,264	1,711	35.4	18,084	20,145	11.4
OTHERS	84,755	48,156	-43.2	1,615,014	1,020,751	-36.8
GRAND TOTAL	1,673,922	1,818,304	8.6	17,322,214	18,148,159	4.8

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