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A GOOD START FOR 2008

The year 2008 has begun on a positive note for Malaysia's tourism industry. In **January 2008** Malaysia received **1,780,134 tourists**, an **increase of 3.4%** compared to the same period in the previous year.

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

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	CHANGE %
JANUARY	1,721,786	1,780,134	3.4

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for January 2008 were Singapore (861,015), Indonesia (179,848), Thailand (108,730), Brunei (77,548), China (73,233), Australia (38,868), India (38,394), Japan (34,246), United Kingdom (28,724) and South Korea (26,216).

For the month of January 2008, double digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from Canada (44.9%), Cambodia (41.6%), the Netherlands (37.9%), New Zealand (30.0%), Australia (29.1%), Germany (26.5%), India (22.8%), France (19.3%), Indonesia (13.2%) and United Kingdom (11.0%).

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