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17.38 MILLION TOURIST ARRIVALS DURING JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2009

Malaysia recorded a total of **17,378,040** tourist arrivals during the first nine months of 2009, indicating a sign of continuous growth of tourists to the country. It represented an increase of **6.4%** compared to **16,329,855** for the same period in 2008.

During September 2009, tourist arrivals grew by **24.9%** from **1,599,418** in September 2008.

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

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
SEPTEMBER	1,599,418	1,997,535	24.9

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January - September 2008 and 2009)

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER	16,329,855	17,378,040	6.4

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for September 2009 were **Singapore** (1,137,426), **Indonesia** (207,302), **Thailand** (106,079), **Brunei** (85,109), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (74,319), **Australia** (48,270), **India**

(43,733), **Japan** (38,654), **the Philippines** (36,397) and **the United Kingdom** (34,001).

For the same month, double-digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from **Saudi Arabia** (178.0%), **U.A.E.** (161.3%), **Poland** (56.0%), **Iran** (51.6%), **South Africa** (40.8%), **Myanmar** (35.6%), **Singapore** (35.5%), **Cambodia** (33.5%), **France** (32.4%), **Australia** (27.8%), **Laos** (25.5%), **Vietnam** (22.8%), **India** (17.4%), **the United Kingdom** (16.8%), **Russia** (15.7%), **Sweden** (15.4%), **Indonesia** (15.4%), **the Philippines** (15.3%), **Italy** (14.8%), **Germany** (14.2%), **Thailand** (13.7%), **Switzerland** (13.5%), **USA** (11.2%), **Norway** (11.0%) and **Finland** (10.8%).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to September 2009** were: **Singapore** (9,398,463), **Indonesia** (1,729,690), **Thailand** (1,075,689), **Brunei** (772,174), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (735,529), **India** (420,046), **Australia** (371,488), **the Philippines** (332,293), **the United Kingdom** (324,061) and **Japan** (297,041).

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