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2.03 MILLION TOURIST ARRIVALS TO MALAYSIA IN AUGUST 2009

Malaysia recorded a total of **2,030,337** tourist arrivals for the month of August **2009**. It represented an increase of **10.4%** from 1,839,235 tourist arrivals for the same month in 2008.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to August 2009** were **15,380,505**, representing an increase of **4.4%** compared to 14,730,437 for the same period in 2008.

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

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
AUGUST	1,839,235	2,030,337	10.4

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

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

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JANUARY - AUGUST	14,730,437	15,380,505	4.4

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for August 2009 were **Singapore** (1,091,651), **Indonesia** (181,634), **Thailand** (114,555), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (104,473), **Brunei** (68,838), **the United Kingdom** (44,519), **Australia** (42,969), **India** (42,332), **Japan** (41,707) and **the Philippines** (37,681).

For the same month, double-digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from **Poland** (59.9%), **Italy** (49.7%), **Iran** (47.9%), **Cambodia** (40.4%), **Russia** (33.4%), **France** (31.2%), **Taiwan** (30.4%), **Finland** (27.0%), **Netherlands** (26.7%), **Australia** (26.6%), **Myanmar** (25.2%), **Vietnam** (24.0%), **Laos** (23.3%), **Singapore** (22.0%), **Switzerland** (21.5%), **Germany** (21.4%), **New Zealand** (17.4%), **Denmark** (17.0%), **the United Kingdom** (16.5%), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (14.8%) and **Sweden** (14.5%).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to August 2009** were: **Singapore** (8,261,037), **Indonesia** (1,522,388), **Thailand** (969,610), **Brunei** (687,065), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (660,940), **India** (376,313), **Australia** (323,218), **the Philippines** (295,896), **the United Kingdom** (290,060) and **Japan** (258,387).

For more information, please visit Tourism Malaysia's online Facts and Figures at

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