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## TOURIST ARRIVALS JANUARY–JULY 2009 REACHED 13.35 MILLION

Malaysia recorded a total of **2,003,724** tourist arrivals for the month of July **2009**. It represented an increase of **3.9%** from 1,928,082 tourist arrivals for the same month in 2008.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to July 2009** were **13,350,168**, representing an increase of **3.6%** compared to 12,891,202 for the same period in 2008.

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

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JULY	1,928,082	2,003,724	3.9

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

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

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JANUARY - JULY	12,891,202	13,350,168	3.6

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for July 2009 were **Singapore** (1,029,421), **Indonesia** (214,073), **Thailand** (120,940), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (89,782), **Brunei** (51,055), **Australia** (50,132), **India** (44,797), **the United Kingdom** (42,821), **the Philippines** (33,717), and **Japan** (33,458).

For the same month, double-digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from **the Netherlands** (93.7%), **Iran** (88.8%), **Myanmar** (84.4%), **France** (55.3%), **Turkey** (52.8%), **Denmark** (46.8%), **Canada** (40.5%), **Cambodia** (39.4%), **Italy** (38.9%), **the United Kingdom** (36.4%), **Norway** (27.2%), **Vietnam** (26.2%), **Germany** (25.3%), **Australia** (21.0%), **New Zealand** (18.9%), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (16.6%), **Saudi Arabia** (15.7%), **Switzerland** (15.4%), **Taiwan** (14.0%), **Laos** (13.7%), **Russia** (13.0%), **Singapore** (12.8%) and **Sweden** (12.4%).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to July 2009** were: **Singapore** (7,169,386), **Indonesia** (1,340,754), **Thailand** (855,055), **Brunei** (618,227), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (556,467), **India** (333,981), **Australia** (280,249), **the Philippines** (258,215), **the United Kingdom** (245,541) and **Japan** (216,680).

For more information, please visit Tourism Malaysia's online Facts and Figures at [http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my/corporate/research.asp?page=facts\\_figures](http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my/corporate/research.asp?page=facts_figures).

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