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1,975,776 TOURISTS IN MARCH 2009

A total of **1,975,776** tourists visited Malaysia in **March 2009**, an increase of 8.6% compared to the same month in 2008.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to March 2009** were **5,460,184**, representing an increase of 2.2% compared to 5,342,291 for the same period in 2008.

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

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
MARCH	1,819,689	1,975,776	8.6

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January – March 2008 and 2009)

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JANUARY – MARCH	5,342,291	5,460,184	2.2

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for March 2009 were **Singapore** (1,086,360), **Indonesia** (180,644), **Thailand** (129,224), **Brunei** (114,626), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (85,582), **India** (38,499), **the Philippines** (36,744), **Japan** (35,186), **Australia** (34,587) and **United Kingdom** (34,529).

For the month of March 2009, double digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from Brunei (61.8%), Iran (47.4%), Singapore (23.1%), the Philippines (20.4%), Cambodia (20%), Saudi Arabia (17.3%), Vietnam (13%) and Thailand (11.5%).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to March 2009** were: **Singapore** (2,896,125), **Indonesia** (533,843), **Thailand** (355,227), **Brunei** (288,993) **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (260,083), **India** (115,257), **Australia** (111,383), **Japan** (102,737), **the Philippines** (101,435) and **the United Kingdom** (98,125).

For more information, please go to Tourism Malaysia's online Facts and Figures at http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my/corporate/research.asp?page=facts_figures.