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TOURIST ARRIVALS HIT NINE MILLION FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS

Malaysia recorded a total of **1,894,059** tourist arrivals for the month of **May 2009**. The figure represents a **0.3%** decrease from the 1,899,148 tourist arrivals for the same month in 2008.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to May 2009** were **9,238,116**, representing an increase of **2.6%** compared to 9,001,765 for the same period in 2008.

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

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
MAY	1,899,148	1,894,059	-0.3

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

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

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JANUARY - MAY	9,001,765	9,238,116	2.6

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for May 2009 were **Singapore** (1,038,004), **Indonesia** (195,096), **Thailand** (123,811), **Brunei** (84,401), **India** (70,714), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (62,148), **the Philippines** (42,709), **Australia** (35,029), **United Kingdom** (32,128) and **Japan** (26,384).

For the month of May 2009, double digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from Iran (96.5%), France (58.6%), the United Kingdom (50.3%), Netherlands (46.6%), Germany (38.9%), Italy (35.8%), Canada (31.9%), Vietnam (29.2%), Russia (25.0%), Australia (23.2%), Turkey (19.4%), the Philippines (16.3%), Cambodia (15.1%) and Brunei (12.2%).

Among the markets that have registered a decline were China, Japan and South Korea.

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to May 2009** were: **Singapore** (4,917,869), **Indonesia** (910,733), **Thailand** (626,589), **Brunei** (460,089), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (408,334), **India** (231,581), **Australia** (190,581), **the Philippines** (186,797), **the United Kingdom** (169,758) and **Japan** (157,298).

Regions that have continued to show growth were ASEAN, West Asia, Oceania and Europe.

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.

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