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1,673,922 TOURISTS VISITED MALAYSIA IN OCTOBER 2007

During the month of October 2007, a total of 1,673,922 tourist arrivals to Malaysia were recorded, an increase of 8.7% compared to October 2006.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from January to October 2007 were 17,322,214, representing an increase of 19.9% compared to 14,443,248 in 2006.

Table 1: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (October 2006 and 2007)

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2006	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	CHANGE %
OCTOBER	1,540,070	1,673,922	8.7

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January – October 2006 and 2007)

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2006	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	CHANGE %
JANUARY – OCTOBER	14,443,248	17,322,214	19.9

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The **top ten** tourist generating markets for October 2007 were **Singapore** (894,147), **Thailand** (149,986), **Indonesia** (144,478), **Brunei** (100,193), **China** (53,508), **India** (31,861), **Australia** (30,385), **Japan** (29,001), **the Philippines** (26,227) and **United Kingdom** (20,851).

Nineteen markets recorded double digit growth in the month of October. They are Poland (148.3%), West Asia (121.1%), Cambodia (100.6%), Vietnam (78.0%), the Netherlands (54.6%), Switzerland (41.4%), China (38.5%), Canada (37.3%), Scandinavia (37.3%), Italy (35.0%), the Philippines (27.3%), Indonesia (22.9%), the United States (22.4%), Russia (19.2%), New Zealand (18.6%), Australia (18.4%), Brunei (14.9%), Turkey (12.0%) and India (10.1%).

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