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# 1.38 MILLION VISITORS TO MALAYSIA IN FEBRUARY 2006

Tourist arrivals to Malaysia for the month of **February 2006** stood at **1.38 million visitors**. This represents a **2.8% increase** compared to the same period the previous year.

FEBRUARY 2005	FEBRUARY 2006	% CHANGE
1,346,550	1,384,479	2.8

The year 2006 began on a positive note for the tourism industry. In January, tourist arrivals to Malaysia registered 1.45 million visitors followed by 1.38 million visitors in February, thus signifying the continuation of a positive trend of registering one million visitors per month. Cumulatively, the total tourist arrivals for **January and February 2006** stand at **2.83 million (2,838,282) visitors**, an **increase of 3.8 %** compared to 2005.

Markets with double digit growth are: **Russia (80.9 %)**, **Hong Kong (66.4%)**, **France (37%)**, **Scandinavia (27.3%)**, **Thailand (27.2%)**, **Germany (21%)**, **West Asia (19.8%)**, **Indonesia (18.3%)**, **South Africa (17.7%)**, **United Kingdom (14.7 %)** and the **United States of America (10.6%)**.