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1,760,326 TOURISTS IN APRIL 2008

A total of **1,760,326** tourists visited Malaysia in **April 2008**, a drop of **0.3%** compared to the same month in 2007.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to April 2008** were **7,102,617**, representing an **increase** of **0.8%** compared to 7,044,962 for the same period in 2007.

Table 1: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (April 2007 and 2008)

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	CHANGE %
APRIL	1,764,868	1,760,326	-0.3

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January - April 2007 and 2008)

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	CHANGE %
JANUARY - APRIL	7,044,962	7,102,617	0.8

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

For **April 2008**, **Singapore** maintained its position as the biggest tourist generating market for Malaysia with 867,087 Singaporeans visiting the country. Others in the top ten list are **Indonesia** (186,492), **Thailand** (137,229), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (81,415), **Brunei** (59,583), **India** (43,144), **Australia** (33,967), the **Philippines** (33,521), **United Kingdom** (31,952) and **Japan** (30,609).

Most major markets also recorded double digit growth in the month of **April 2008** compared to the same month in 2007. They are **the Netherlands** (60.9%), **Cambodia** (56.2%), **Russia** (51.5%), **New Zealand** (47.8%), **France** (43.1%), **Canada** (39.3%), **Australia** (36.5%), **Germany** (32.0%), **South Korea** (30.8%), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (29.7%), **the United Kingdom** (24.5%), **India** (18.7%), **Indonesia** (17.6%), **Italy** (16.8%), **Japan** (14.4%) and **Taiwan** (11.6%).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to April 2008** were **Singapore** (3,487,967), **Indonesia** (697,339), **Thailand** (488,278), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (339,789), **Brunei** (275,141), **India** (159,823), **Japan** (142,568), **Australia** (134,778), **the United Kingdom** (128,521) and **the Philippines** (116,797).

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