

Caribbean Tourism Surges Amid Global Economic Shifts: Key Impacts on Local Economies

Caribbean Tourism · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In 2024, which market saw the highest growth in tourist arrivals to the Caribbean, indicating a significant economic boost for the region?

- A) United States
- B) Canada
- C) South America**
- D) Europe

2. What was the estimated number of international tourist arrivals in the Caribbean in 2024, showing a strong recovery and surpassing pre-pandemic levels?

- A) 25 million
- B) 30 million
- C) 34.2 million**
- D) 40 million

3. Which Caribbean destination welcomed the most tourists in 2024, highlighting its economic importance to the region's tourism sector?

- A) Jamaica
- B) Cuba
- C) Dominican Republic**
- D) Puerto Rico

4. What percentage increase did the Caribbean cruise industry experience in visits in 2024 compared to pre-pandemic levels, signaling a robust economic rebound for this segment?

- A) 5.9%
- B) 8.5%
- C) 10.9%**
- D) 15.2%

5. Beyond international visitors, what was the estimated number of tourist trips taken by residents within the Caribbean in 2024, and how did this compare to pre-pandemic levels?

- A) 2.5 million, 95% of 2019 levels
- B) 1.6 million, 79.2% of 2019 levels**
- C) 1.0 million, 60% of 2019 levels
- D) 3.0 million, 110% of 2019 levels

6. The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) forecasts a more moderate pace of growth for 2025. What is a primary reason cited for this anticipated slowdown?

- A) Increased competition from other global destinations
- B) Economic uncertainties and a slowdown in key source markets**
- C) A decline in popular tourist attractions
- D) Rising costs of intra-regional travel

7. What key factor is contributing to the resilience and enduring appeal of Caribbean destinations, as highlighted by the CTO's 2024 Performance Review?

- A) A focus on industrial development
- B) Strong demand from the United States and a rebounding Canadian market**
- C) Significant investment in non-tourism industries
- D) A decrease in average temperatures

8. In January 2024, the IDB approved a significant loan to support Barbados in boosting the climate resilience of its coastal areas, recognizing the direct link between climate adaptation and which key economic sector?

- A) Agriculture
- B) Manufacturing
- C) Mining
- D) Tourism**