



International tourist arrivals up 4% in the first half of 2016

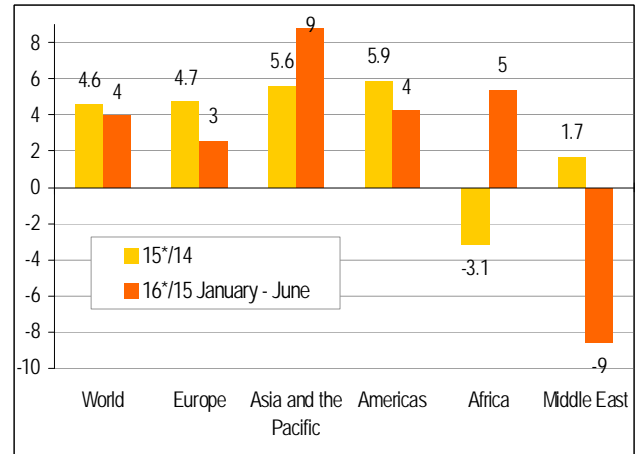
International tourist arrivals worldwide grew by 4% between January and June 2016 compared to the same period last year. Destinations worldwide received 561 million international tourists (overnight visitors), 21 million more than in 2015, according to the data analysed in this issue of the *UNWTO World Tourism Barometer*.

Asia and the Pacific demonstrated renewed strength this first half of 2016, receiving 9% more international arrivals, the highest growth across world regions. In the Americas, international arrivals increased by 4%, led by Central America and South America. Europe (+3%) showed mixed results, with solid growth in many destinations offset by weaker performance in others. In Africa (+5%), Sub-Saharan destinations rebounded strongly, while North Africa continued to report weak results. Limited data for the Middle East points to an estimated decrease of 9% in international arrivals this six-month period, though results vary from destination to destination.

“Tourism has proven to be one of the most resilient economic sectors worldwide. It is creating jobs for millions, at a time when providing perspectives for a better future to people of all regions is one of our biggest challenges. But tourism is also creating bonds among people of all nations and backgrounds, bringing down stereotypes and fighting fear and distrust”, said UNWTO Secretary-General, Taleb Rifai.

“Safety and security are key pillars of tourism development and we need to strengthen our common action to build a safe, secure and seamless travel framework. This is no time to build walls or point fingers; it is time to build an alliance based on a shared vision and a joint responsibility.” he added

International Tourist Arrivals (% change)



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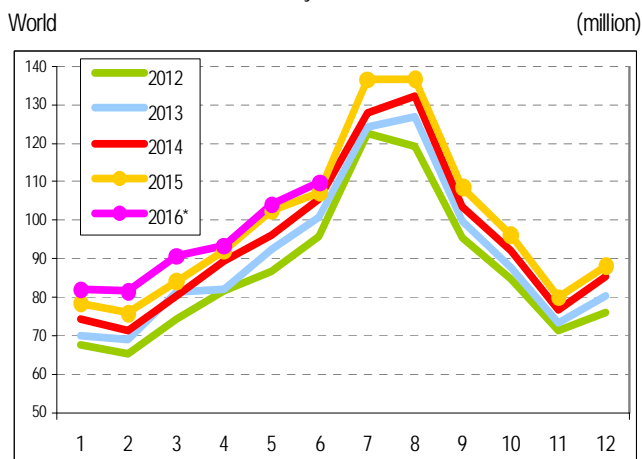
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This issue of the UNWTO World Tourism Barometer and its accompanying Statistical Annex include an analysis of results for international tourism for the first half of 2016 based on arrivals and receipts data reported by destinations around the world, as well on international tourism expenditure data for source markets around the world. Furthermore, this issue includes the evaluation of the May-August period and the outlook for the September-December period by the UNWTO Panel of Experts as well as data on air transport bookings from business intelligence tool ForwardKeys.

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International Tourist Arrivals, monthly evolution



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Regional Results

Growth accelerated in Asia and the Pacific with international arrivals up 9% through June, driven by robust intraregional demand. Oceania (+10%) led growth, followed by North-East Asia, South-East Asia (both +9%) and South Asia (+7%).

International tourist arrivals to Europe grew by 3% between January and June 2016, with mixed results across destinations. Northern Europe and Central and Eastern Europe both recorded 5% more international arrivals. Though many destinations posted positive results, growth in both Western Europe (+1%) and Southern Mediterranean Europe (+2%) was slow.

International arrivals in the Americas were up 4% in the first half of the year, in line with the world average. Strong US outbound flows continued to benefit many destinations across the region. Central America and South America (both +6%) led growth, while arrivals in both the Caribbean and North America grew by 4%.

Comparatively limited data available for Africa points to a 5% increase in international arrivals, with Sub-Saharan Africa (+12%) recovering vigorously, but North Africa down by 9%. International arrivals in the Middle East decreased by an estimated 9%, with mixed results among destinations.

Positive prospects for the second half of the year

The first half of the year typically accounts for around 46% of the total international arrivals count of the year. For the remainder of 2016 prospects are positive overall. Countries that have already

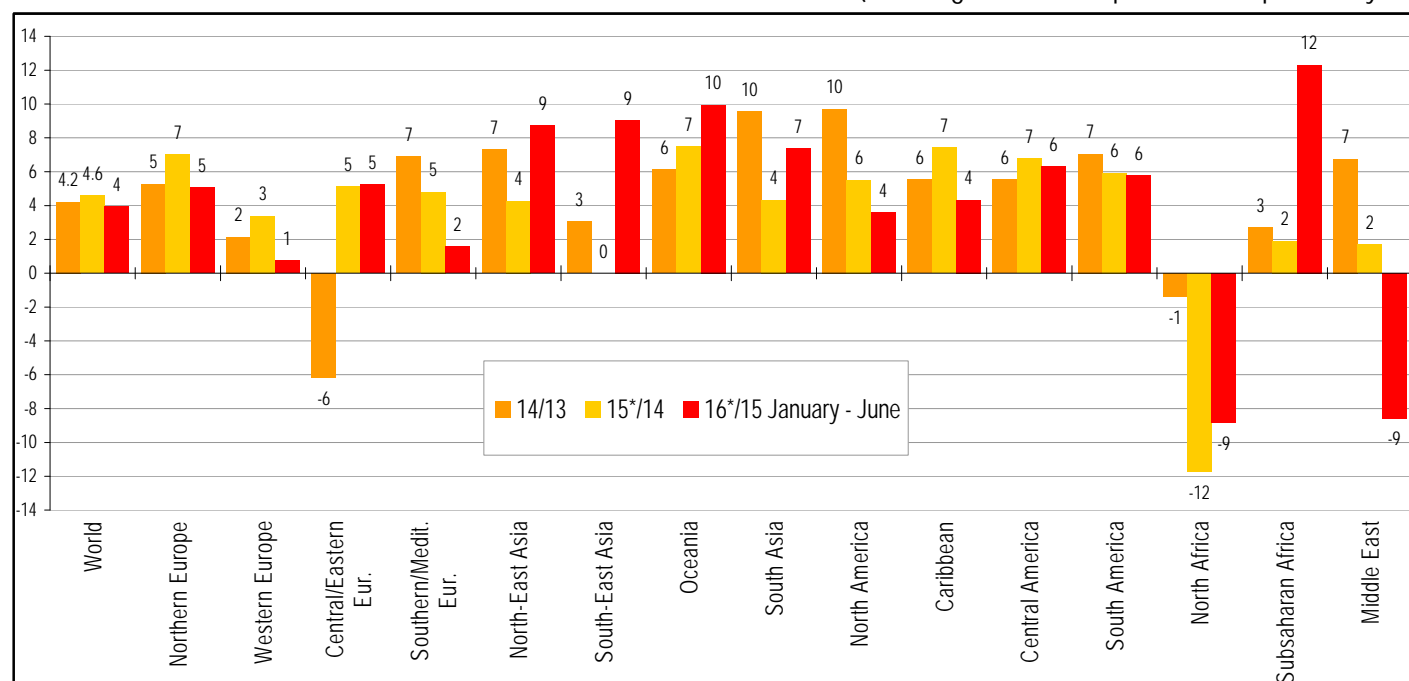
reported results till July or August show continued growth in the current Northern Hemisphere summer peak season. The UNWTO Panel of Experts evaluated the period May-August also favourably and remains confident about the September-December period, in line with the trend of the first half of the year. Confidence is highest in Africa, the Americas and Asia and the Pacific, while experts in Europe and the Middle East are somewhat more cautious.

Demand for travel abroad varies across source markets

China, the world's top source market, continued to report double-digit growth in expenditure on international travel (+19% in the first half of 2016), benefiting destinations in the region and beyond. The United States, the world's second largest market, increased expenditure on outbound travel by 8% through July, thanks to a strong currency. Third largest market, Germany, reported a 4% increase in expenditure through July, while fourth largest market, the United Kingdom, reported a 10% increase in the first half of the year. Other markets that showed robust demand for outbound travel in the first part of 2016 were Spain (+18%), India (+16%), Norway (+11%), Australia (+10%) and Japan (+6%). Meanwhile expenditure from the Russian Federation and Brazil continues to be weak, reflecting the economic constraints and depreciated currencies in both markets.

Note: Results reflect preliminary data reported to date and are subject to revision.

International Tourist Arrivals (% change over same period of the previous year)



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International Tourist Arrivals by (Sub)region

	Full year								Share	Change Monthly/quarterly data series (percentage change over same period of the previous year)											
	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*		2015*	14/13	15*/14	2016*				2015*				
	(million)									(%)	(%)	YTD	Q1	Q2	Apr	May	Jun	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
World	674	809	950	994	1,040	1,088	1,134	1,186	100	4.2	4.6	4.0	6.7	1.8	1.5	1.5	2.4	5.4	3.8	5.0	4.1
Advanced economies ¹	424	470	516	541	562	588	622	653	55.1	5.7	5.0	5.4	7.9	3.7	2.6	3.1	5.0	4.4	4.6	4.2	5.0
Emerging economies ¹	250	339	434	453	478	500	512	533	44.9	2.4	4.1	2.3	5.5	-0.6	0.2	-0.8	-1.2	6.5	2.7	6.3	3.3
<i>By UNWTO regions:</i>																					
<i>Europe</i>	386.6	453.2	489.4	520.6	541.1	567.1	580.2	607.6	51.2	2.3	4.7	2.6	6.5	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	6.0	4.7	5.6	3.9
Northern Europe	44.8	59.9	62.8	64.5	65.6	67.2	70.8	75.8	6.4	5.3	7.0	5.1	10.3	1.8	0.0	1.5	3.3	4.8	5.7	8.0	10.6
Western Europe	139.7	141.7	154.4	160.4	166.2	170.8	174.4	180.3	15.2	2.1	3.4	0.7	4.8	-2.0	-3.5	-0.7	-2.0	4.4	4.1	5.3	-0.5
Central/Eastern Eur.	69.6	95.3	98.9	108.8	118.9	128.1	120.2	126.4	10.7	-6.2	5.1	5.2	6.6	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.4	8.2	5.2	7.6	4.0
Southern/Medit. Eur.	132.6	156.4	173.3	186.9	190.4	201.0	214.8	225.2	19.0	6.9	4.8	1.6	6.4	-0.9	0.3	-1.3	-1.3	6.3	4.5	4.2	5.2
- of which EU-28	330.5	367.9	384.3	404.8	417.0	433.4	454.1	478.2	40.3	4.8	5.3	4.9	8.3	2.9	1.8	3.1	3.5	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.1
<i>Asia and the Pacific</i>	110.4	154.0	205.5	218.3	233.8	249.9	264.4	279.2	23.5	5.8	5.6	8.8	9.4	8.2	7.0	6.0	12.0	4.1	4.9	5.4	6.1
North-East Asia	58.3	85.9	111.5	115.8	122.8	127.0	136.3	142.1	12.0	7.3	4.3	8.7	8.9	8.6	6.3	5.1	15.1	4.5	4.6	1.6	6.4
South-East Asia	36.3	49.0	70.5	77.8	84.9	94.5	97.3	104.6	8.8	3.0	7.5	9.0	10.0	8.0	7.8	7.3	9.1	4.0	6.7	9.7	5.1
Oceania	9.6	10.9	11.4	11.5	11.9	12.5	13.3	14.3	1.2	6.1	7.5	9.9	10.3	9.5	8.1	9.1	11.6	8.7	5.8	6.7	8.1
South Asia	6.1	8.2	12.1	13.3	14.2	16.0	17.5	18.3	1.5	9.6	4.3	7.4	9.1	5.3	7.2	3.7	4.8	-0.7	-3.4	12.8	8.0
<i>Americas</i>	128.2	133.3	150.2	155.6	162.6	167.6	181.9	192.6	16.2	8.5	5.9	4.2	6.1	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.8	7.9	4.6	5.2	6.2
North America	91.5	89.9	99.5	102.2	106.4	110.2	120.9	127.6	10.8	9.7	5.5	3.6	4.9	2.5	2.8	2.1	2.5	5.1	5.9	5.3	5.6
Caribbean	17.1	18.8	19.5	19.9	20.6	21.1	22.3	23.9	2.0	5.5	7.4	4.3	6.3	2.0	1.7	0.5	3.9	7.6	7.2	8.4	7.6
Central America	4.3	6.3	7.9	8.3	8.9	9.1	9.6	10.2	0.9	5.6	6.8	6.3	7.7	4.6	2.3	5.1	6.6	6.0	5.5	7.7	8.0
South America	15.3	18.3	23.2	25.2	26.8	27.2	29.1	30.8	2.6	7.1	5.9	5.8	9.0	1.0	-0.6	2.1	1.8	17.5	-4.3	1.4	6.7
<i>Africa</i>	26.2	34.8	50.4	50.1	52.4	54.6	55.2	53.5	4.5	1.1	-3.1	5.4	8.3	2.6	2.4	4.1	1.4	-3.6	-5.7	-4.3	-1.2
North Africa	10.2	13.9	19.7	18.0	19.6	20.7	20.4	18.0	1.5	-1.4	-11.7	-8.8	-6.8	-10.4	-8.2	-9.2	-13.8	-8.7	-14.3	-12.6	-9.9
Subsaharan Africa	16.0	20.9	30.7	32.1	32.8	33.9	34.8	35.5	3.0	2.7	1.9	12.3	14.7	9.8	7.8	11.4	10.3	-1.2	-0.2	2.4	2.7
<i>Middle East</i>	22.4	33.7	54.7	49.5	50.6	49.1	52.4	53.3	4.5	6.8	1.7	-8.6	-4.8	-12.5	-14.2	-11.6	-11.8	8.8	-4.5	4.8	-6.4

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¹ Classification based on the International Monetary Fund (IMF), see the Statistical Annex of the IMF World Economic Outlook of April 2016, page 146, at www.imf.org/external/ns/cs.aspx?id=29.

See box at page 'Annex-1' for explanation of abbreviations and signs used

Outlook for International Tourist Arrivals

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016*	average a year	projection 2016* (issued January)
										Jan.-June	
World	1.9%	-3.9%	6.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.6%	4.2%	4.6%	4.0%	3.9%	+3.5% and +4.5%
Europe	0.3%	-5.1%	3.1%	6.4%	3.9%	4.8%	2.3%	4.7%	2.6%	3.0%	+3.5% and +4.5%
Asia and the Pacific	1.1%	-1.6%	13.2%	6.2%	7.1%	6.9%	5.8%	5.6%	8.8%	6.1%	+4% and +5%
Americas	2.7%	-4.7%	6.3%	3.6%	4.5%	3.0%	8.5%	5.9%	4.2%	3.7%	+4% and +5%
Africa	2.9%	4.5%	9.3%	-0.7%	4.6%	4.3%	1.1%	-3.1%	5.4%	4.4%	+2% and +5%
Middle East	20.0%	-5.4%	13.1%	-9.6%	2.2%	-2.9%	6.8%	1.7%	-8.6%	4.7%	+2% and +5%

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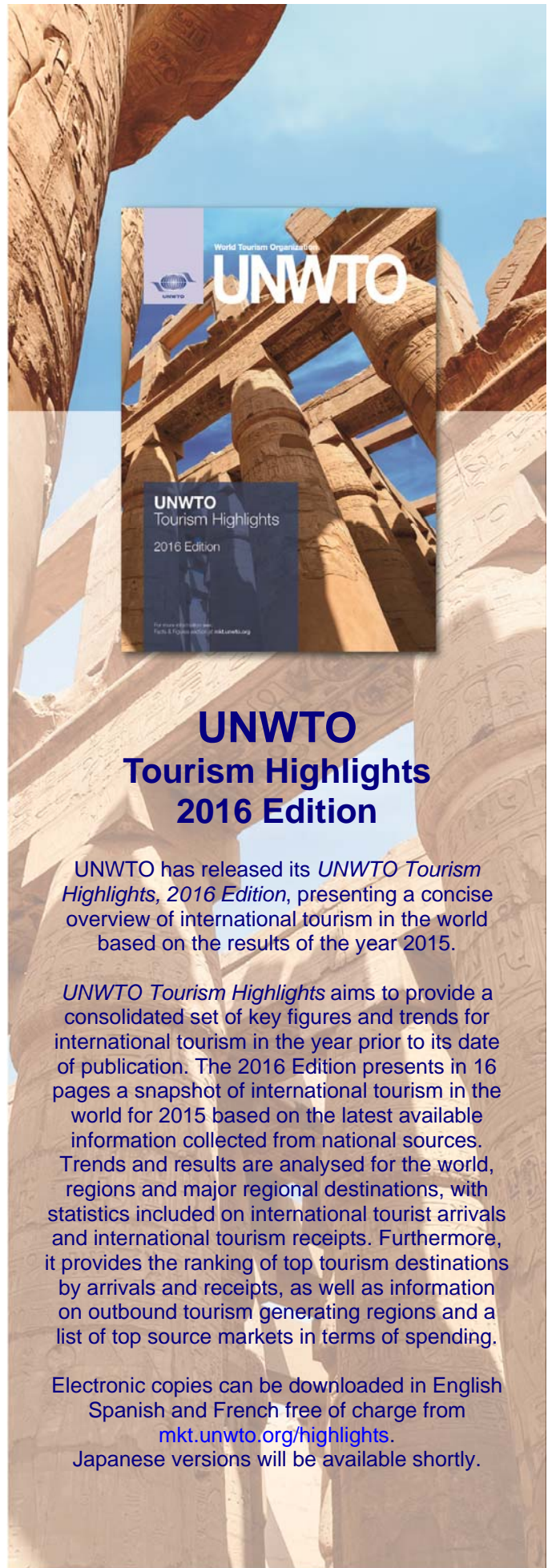
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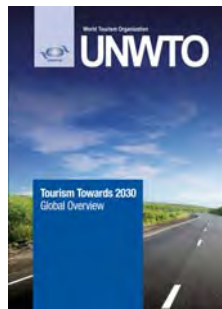
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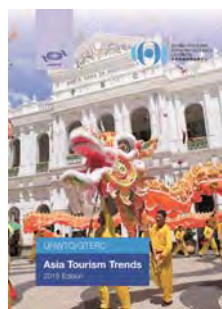
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