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The Dominican Republic was the most visited country in the Caribbean with over 5.7 million international arrivals in 2021, followed by Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and Cuba. The revenue per passenger in the Bahamas was over \$135 in 2020 and is expected to grow with a CAGR of more than 6% by 2024. Leisure remained the leading purpose of visit to the Bahamas during 2014-2024, followed by visits to friends/relatives (VFR), other personal, and business. The primary source market for the Caribbean in 2021 includes the US, France, Canada, the UK, and others.

There has been a substantial uptick in international arrivals in 2021, for the Caribbean which is a positive sign for recovery showing a return to pre-COVID-19 levels by 2024. The Bahamas was the fifth most popular destination in the Caribbean in 2021 and saw a significant increase in international arrivals between 2020 and 2021, with further projections suggesting that by 2022 the Bahamas will be back on track with steady arrival increases.

Overview of the Bahamas tourism destination market





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What are the market dynamics of the Caribbean tourism destination market?

The Caribbean is a favorite amongst luxury travelers due to its tropical image. It has been widely stated that luxury travel could recover first, which will be beneficial for the Caribbean. Lower-income workers are most likely to be most affected by the economic fallout from the pandemic, the luxury travel sector is set to see the fastest recovery, as it did after the Great Recession. The global market views the Caribbean as a tried and tested luxury destination. Outside of the financial ability to do it, the need to travel is extremely high with luxury consumers. The financial ability to travel combined with pent-up demand from this market will result in luxury travel returning at a much quicker rate.

The development of the tourism industry presents a key economic priority in the region. However, overreliance on tourism and lack of economic diversification also pose a threat to such countries in the long run. Tourist arrivals in the Caribbean have been growing steadily during the past decade. However, tourist flows are disproportionate across the countries of the region; whereas almost six million tourists visited the Dominican Republic in 2021, Dominica welcomed less than 80,000 tourists during the same period. The Caribbean has been experiencing a boom in all-inclusive hotels, with the Dominican Republic and Jamaica leading the way. Such hotels are mostly preferred by tourists who want to travel on a budget. However, as the quality of services offered by such hotels is improving, wealthier tourists also choose all-inclusive accommodation. As travel flows into the Caribbean are expected to increase steadily within the next five years, the countries of the region should intensify their efforts to accommodate the higher number of tourists whilst preserving their authenticity, traditional culture, and natural environment, as these are the key factors attracting travelers into the region.

The combination of pandemic fatigue and COVID-19 lockdowns easing means destination weddings are anticipated to continue an upward trajectory in popularity for many reasons. Not only are they often considered less expensive than traditional weddings; they can also help cure the increased cases of cabin fever for couples and guests. The Caribbean remains the most popular part of the world for destination weddings. With beautiful clear blue water and sandy beaches, the Caribbean islands make idyllic and romantic locations to say, "I do". Each has its own personality and unique culture.

The build-up of stress that has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, alongside little escape from normal life and daily routines, will give the opportunity for stress-releasing holidays that focus on mindfulness and wellbeing. Mindsets around practicing methods of self-care have developed over the past decade, especially over the past year. It is much more common in 2022 to be aware of one's physical and mental wellbeing, with the pandemic accelerating this change. The survey responses point toward an increase in demand for health and wellness trips as travelers start to take as much notice of their mental health as they do of their physical health. Some travelers will now seek quality over quantity in the "new normal" which also suits health and wellness trips, with it being usual for this type of vacation to cost significantly more than the average international trip or domestic trip.

What are the key categories of the Caribbean tourism destination market?

The tourism destination market is categorized based on the purpose of visit into leisure, visit to friends/relatives (VFR), other personal, and business. Leisure remained the leading purpose of visit to the Bahamas during 2014-2024, followed by a visit to friends/relatives (VFR), other personal, and business.

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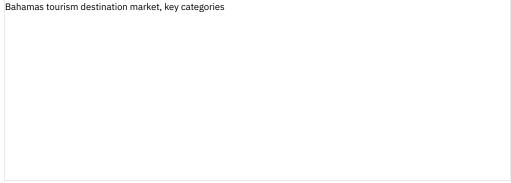
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The types of Caribbean tourism include luxury tourism, business tourism, and niche tourism. The Caribbean's tourism product naturally lends itself to luxury tourism and the region has benefited from high spending tourists in recent years, due to its secluded and aesthetically pleasing characteristics. Dominica is home to some of the most eco-friendly lodges in the world, which are popular among eco-adventurers.

Bahamas tourism destination market, key categories



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Which are the major source markets of the Caribbean tourism destination market?

The top 5 source markets of Caribbean tourism include the US, France, Canada, the UK, and Guadeloupe. The US had over 1,800 arrivals to the Dominican Republic, in 2021. The proximity of the US to the Caribbean is one of the main reasons for it being the key source market for a lot of Caribbean countries, along with Puerto Rico being a territory meaning it doesn't require a passport to enter from the US. Before the pandemic, combined US visitation to Puerto Rico, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas increased significantly, between 2016 and 2019. With European countries getting cold during peak Caribbean tourism months, the region is a popular choice for travelers wanting a warmer winter holiday. The Caribbean is a hotspot for regional power competition between the United States and China.

Caribbean tourism destination market, key destinations



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Caribbean tourism destination market, by companies



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Market report scope

Revenue per passenger (Year – 2020)	>\$135
Growth rate (CAGR)	>6%
Base year for estimation	2020
Forecast period	2021-2024
Key categories	Leisure, visit to friends/relatives (VFR), other personal, and business
Key destination countries	The Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Cuba, Bahamas, Guadeloupe, Barbados, St. Lucia, Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada, St. Kitts, and Dominica.
Key source markets	The US, France, Canada, the UK, and Guadeloupe

Scope

This report is part of GlobalData's Destination Market Insights Series. These reports provide an in-depth analysis of a tourist destination and its key source markets, as well as an assessment of the trends and issues in the covered destination market, in this case, the Caribbean.

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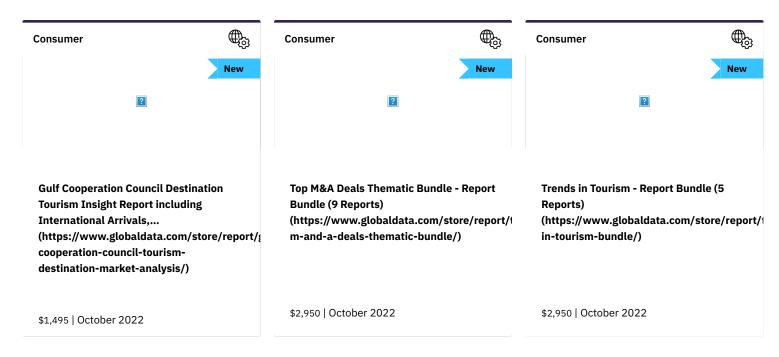
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