



*Papua New Guinea*

A MILLION DIFFERENT JOURNEYS

Tourism Promotion Authority

# international Visitor Arrival

## SUMMARY



# February 2021

## Arrival Summary

In February, international visitor arrivals to PNG dropped by 85% or about 10,000 fewer international arrivals to the country compared to the same period last year. As many countries around the world continue to place strict restrictions on travel at the international borders, arrivals from our key source markets are affected and see big drop in January and February this year.

MICE and Holiday arrivals to PNG declined by 100% in February and this downward trend is expected to continue in the first-six months of this year. Major cruise lines also continue to suspend sailings in the first half of 2021 as COVID-19 cases in some countries around the world continue to rise. Refer to the table below for further details of international visitor arrival break down in February this year.

### Visitor Arrival Summary Table – February 2021

Visitors Arrival Analysis									February 2021			
Country	Busins	MICE	VFR	Holiday (Air)	Emplmnt	Educatn	Sports	Other	Total 2021	Total 2020	Change	% (+/-)
Australia	117	1	9	0	458	3	0	15	603	4793	-4190	-87
New Zealand	18	0	1	0	53	0	0	5	77	575	-498	-87
Oceania	6	0	1	0	17	0	0	1	25	565	-540	-96
China	12	0	1	1	84	0	0	1	99	280	-181	-65
Japan	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	7	285	-278	-98
Korea	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	-61	-97
Malaysia	5	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	16	842	-826	-98
Singapore	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	70	-67	-96
Philippines	5	0	6	2	313	2	0	8	336	1344	-1008	-75
Indonesia	1	0	0	0	23	0	0	1	25	269	-244	-91
India	18	0	14	1	111	7	0	4	155	511	-356	-70
Other Asia	4	0	0	0	38	1	0	9	52	239	-187	-78
United Kingdom	8	0	0	0	30	0	0	1	39	359	-320	-89
Germany	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	1	11	105	-94	-90
France	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	28	-26	-93
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	5	48	-43	-90
Other Europe	11	0	0	0	23	0	0	3	37	203	-166	-82
USA	26	0	5	0	39	2	0	53	125	469	-344	-73
Canada	1	0	1	0	12	1	0	4	19	133	-114	-86
Other America	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	10	71	-61	-86
Africa	3	0	3	0	45	0	0	6	57	231	-174	-75
Russia	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	31	-27	-87
Italy	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	32	-29	-91
Scandinavia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	-55	-100
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-3	-100
Israel	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	9	28	-19	-68
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1292</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1721</b>	<b>11632</b>	<b>-9911</b>	<b>-85</b>
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>3344</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>5542</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>299</b>				
<b>Change</b>	<b>-3097</b>	<b>-232</b>	<b>-649</b>	<b>-1145</b>	<b>-4250</b>	<b>-159</b>	<b>-199</b>	<b>-180</b>				
<b>% (+/-)</b>	<b>-93</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>-91</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-60</b>				

International arrivals to PNG from all the segments also dropped by big margin in February 2021:

- Business (93% Drop)
- MICE (100% Drop)
- VFR (94% Drop)
- Holiday (100% Drop)
- Employment (77% Drop)
- Other (100%)

## Visitor Arrival Trend by Purpose – February 2021



## Visitor Arrival by Province – February 2021

International arrivals to all the provinces in the country also declined by big margin in February this year. The higher visitation to NCD, New Ireland, Morobe, Eastern Highlands and Western Province was attributed by the increased business and mining activities in these areas.

Main Areas Visited & Purpose of Visit - February 2021

Province	Purpose of Visit										Feb-21	Feb-20	% (+/-)
	Business	MICE	Holiday	VFR	Emplynt	Eductn	Medical	Sports	Church	Other			
Central Prov	1	0	0	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	14	83	-83.1
EHP	5	0	1	1	33	1	1	0	4	48	94	251	-62.5
ENBP	0	0	0	1	16	0	0	0	0	2	19	294	-93.5
Enga Prov	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	291	-97.9
ESP	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	6	117	-94.9
Gulf Prov	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	7	25	-72.0
Hela Prov	7	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	2	30	177	-83.1
Jwaka Prov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	-100.0
Madang Prov	1	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	14	236	-94.1
Manus Prov	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	39	-92.3
Milne Bay Prov	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	0	10	165	-93.9
Morobe Prov	11	0	0	3	104	2	0	0	0	7	127	923	-86.2
NCD(POM)	141	0	4	28	586	11	0	0	8	35	813	6,709	-87.9
NIP	43	1	0	2	341	0	0	0	0	2	389	1,014	-61.6
NSP Buka	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	9	61	-85.2
Oro Prov	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	36	-86.1
SHP	9	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	0	1	48	348	-86.2
Simbu Province	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	-70.0
Western Prov	24	0	0	1	58	0	0	0	2	0	85	358	-76.3
WHP	1	0	0	1	32	0	0	0	0	1	35	193	-81.9
WNBP	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	10	130	-92.3
WSP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	160	-99.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>11,632</b>	<b>-85.1</b>

## Concluding Remarks

- ◆ While growth in international visitor arrivals into and across Asia Pacific remains difficult in 2021, there are some promising signs for improvement in 2022 and 2023.
- ◆ COVID-19 is still ongoing and the forecasts are likely to change
  - ◆ The recovery pattern is unknown as COVID-19 differs from other pandemics
  - ◆ International travel will not be the same after the COVID-19 pandemic due to health concerns
  - ◆ Aircraft seating design; strict airport control, visitor flow management; accommodation and restaurant hygiene requirements; visa restrictions..etc.
- ◆ As predicted earlier, we expect inbound tourism to remain at a very low level in the early months of this year and pick up slowly afterwards through to 2022 and 2023.
- ◆ There are number of assumptions behind and significant risks to this prediction. The most crucial drivers will be the progression of COVID-19 and any new variants and vaccinations in our key inbound markets. It is assumed that in the most advanced markets, the majority of the adult population will be vaccinated in 2021 and by the end of the year COVID-19 will be controlled and international arrivals to destinations is expected to rebound.
- ◆ However, due to the evolving nature of the pandemic, many countries are now **reintroducing stricter travel restrictions**. These include mandatory testing, quarantines and in some cases a complete closure of borders, all weighing on the resumption of international travel. At the same time, the gradual rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine is expected to help **restore consumer confidence**, contribute to the easing travel restrictions and slowly normalize travel during the years ahead.

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