



Papua New Guinea

A MILLION DIFFERENT JOURNEYS

Tourism Promotion Authority

international Visitor Arrival

SUMMARY



January 2021

Arrival Summary

In January 2021, statistics shows that there was 86% drop in international visitors to Papua New Guinea. This is about 12,000 fewer international arrivals to the country compared to the same month last year. As many countries around the world continue to place strict restrictions on travellers at the international borders, arrivals from our key source markets are affected and see big drop in January this year.

MICE and Holiday arrivals to PNG declined by almost 100% in January 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 information.

Visitor Arrival Summary Table – January 2021

Visitors Arrival Analysis											January - 2021		
Country	Busins	MICE	VFR	Holiday (Air)	Cruise	Emplynt	Educate	Sports	Other	Total 2021	Total 2020	Change	% (+/-)
Australia	88	1	16	8	0	510	11	0	30	664	4990	-4326	-87
New Zealand	21	0	1	0	0	53	0	0	2	77	599	-522	-87
Oceania	3	0	3	2	0	33	11	0	22	74	751	-677	-90
China	6	1	3	0	0	73	0	0	1	84	726	-642	-88
Japan	6	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	25	205	-180	-88
Korea	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	116	-114	-98
Malaysia	3	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	2	106	555	-449	-81
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	100	-94	-94
Philippines	12	0	3	3	0	351	3	0	22	394	2756	-2362	-86
Indonesia	6	0	0	0	0	79	5	0	1	91	332	-241	-73
India	10	0	4	0	0	68	2	0	20	104	738	-634	-86
Other Asia	4	1	1	1	0	17	1	0	6	31	290	-259	-89
United Kingdom	9	0	1	0	0	25	0	0	4	39	416	-377	-91
Germany	3	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	1	15	121	-106	-88
France	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	8	83	-75	-90
Netherlands	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	57	-54	-95
Other Europe	2	0	0	1	0	24	0	0	27	54	284	-230	-81
USA	13	0	1	0	0	53	1	0	54	122	760	-638	-84
Canada	8	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	2	23	138	-115	-83
Other America	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	11	84	-73	-87
Africa	5	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	2	33	327	-294	-90
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	-52	-98
Italy	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	7	54	-47	-87
Scandinavia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	-48	-100
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-100
Israel	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	33	-31	-94
Total 2021	204	3	35	15	0	1475	34	0	210	1976	14617	-12641	-86
Total 2020	3230	209	1160	1652	0	7596	208	5	557				
Change	-3026	-206	-1125	-1637	0	-6121	-174	-5	-347				
% (+/-)	-94	-99	-97	-99	0	-81	-84	-100	-62				

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

- Business (94% Drop)
- MICE (99% Drop)
- VFR (97% Drop)
- Holiday (99% Drop)
- Employment (81% Drop)
- Other (62%)

Visitor Arrival Trend by Purpose – January 2021



Visitor Arrival by Province – January 2021

International arrivals to all the provinces in the country also declined by big margin in January. 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 - January 2021

Main Areas	Purpose of Visit										Total 2021	Total 2020	% (+/-)
	Business	MICE	Holiday	VFR	Emplmnt	Education	Medical	Sports	Church	Other			
Central Prov	8	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	36	143	-74.8
EHP	4	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	23	47	141	406	-65.3
ENBP	1	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	1	1	21	304	-93.1
Enga Prov	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	349	-98.6
ESP	2	0	0	1	23	5	0	0	0	2	33	106	-68.9
Gulf Prov	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	21	-85.7
Hela Prov	9	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	1	21	257	-91.8
Jiwaka Prov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	28	-96.4
Madang Prov	2	0	0	1	17	0	1	0	0	0	21	397	-94.7
Manus Prov	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	-95.0
Milne Bay Prov	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	177	-97.2
Morobe Prov	9	0	2	5	131	0	0	0	0	8	155	1,225	-87.3
NCD(POM)	131	2	8	25	791	23	3	0	3	97	1,083	9,039	-87.8
NIP	21	0	0	1	151	3	0	0	0	3	179	760	-76.4
NSP Buka	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	50	-96.0
Oro Prov	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	66	-98.5
SHP	5	1	1	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	59	248	-76.2
Simbu Province	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	-100.0
Western Prov	12	0	1	1	96	0	0	0	2	1	113	400	-71.8
WHP	0	0	3	1	28	0	0	0	4	11	47	293	-84.0
WNBP	0	0	0	0	17	2	0	0	0	0	19	240	-92.1
WSP	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	67	-55.2
Total	204	3	15	35	1,475	34	4	0	33	173	1,976	14,617	-86.4

Concluding Remarks

- ◇ While growth in international visitor arrivals into and across Asia Pacific remains difficult in 2021, there are promising signs for 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 year ahead.

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