

Cuba Reports Increasing Tourist Arrivals



Havana, June 10 (RHC) — Cuba reported 1 million 828 thousand 734 foreign visitors in the first quarter of 2014, over one third of the expected figure for this year.

Tourist arrivals have grown by five percent thus far, which is favorable for the sector's expectations to reach 3 million visits in 2014, according to the National Statistics Office (ONE).

Canada continues to be the major source of tourists to the island, followed by Germany, France, Italy, and the U.K. Cuban tourism officials say although the summer season has traditionally been less favorable, expectations are good given the opening of new flights and the promotion of special offers.

Cuba received two million 852,572 tourists in 2013, which translated into more than 1.8 billion dollars. However the figure represented only 0.5 percent growth for the sector.

At present, Cuba offers 58,434 hotel rooms, in four and five-star-facilities throughout the island.

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