

# *Cuban Tourist Arrivals Up 16 Percent in First Half of 2015*

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Havana, July 31 (RHC) -- Cuba received 1,923,326 tourists between January 1st and June 30th in 2015, up 15.9 percent over the same period in 2014, an official report said Thursday.

Cuba's National Office of Statistics and Information (ONEI) announced that 218,635 tourists visited the Caribbean island in June alone. This represents a 20.6-percent increase from the same month last year.

The United Kingdom, France and Italy are still the main sources of foreign visitors in the first quarter, and all of them have witnessed a growth of between 10 percent and 28 percent in the number of tourists to the island country.

Three Latin American countries -- Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico -- trailed behind the above European states. Among them, Venezuela has seen the biggest increase, or 61.5 percent, in the number of visitors in the first half of 2015.



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