

A number of destinations within the Asia Pacific region have reported international arrivals through to April or May 2011. Following is a listing of those showing percentage changes in arrivals from Japan.

Destination	Measure	Change (%) year-on-year					
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	YTD
Palau	R	45.2	55.3	11.4	46.1	16.1	33.5
Sri Lanka	R	16.5	10.6	22.7	49.6	43.2	25.3
Singapore	R	29.3	43.0	15.7	8.9	...	24.1
Myanmar	N	16.7	30.7	15.9	-0.7	...	16.6
Thailand	N	2.2	11.7	1.6	24.6	72.9	15.9
New Caledonia	R	23.9	20.1	11.1	-5.0	...	13.3
Vietnam	N	31.0	29.5	10.0	-8.8	2.6	12.8
Chinese Taipei	R	11.0	34.7	1.9	9.0	...	12.6
Nepal (air only)	N	8.2	5.2	9.6	13.1	-15.0	6.2
Cambodia	R	7.1	6.4	-6.6	8.1	...	3.2
Maldives	N	13.9	1.3	-11.0	9.2	...	2.3
Hawaii	R	18.7	8.2	-17.9	-23.5	...	-4.0
Hong Kong SAR	R	-1.3	15.5	-14.4	-10.9	...	-4.1
Macau SAR	R	1.4	13.3	-18.4	-19.4	...	-6.5
Korea (ROK)	N	-6.2	-3.9	-12.3	-7.9	-2.9	-7.0
Guam	R	0.7	0.4	-7.5	-18.3	-26.9	-8.9
Australia	R	-16.6	-10.0	-17.8	-26.5	...	-17.1
New Zealand	R	10.0	4.5	-35.1	-52.3	-54.3	-20.2
Bali (Indonesia)	R	-13.1	-21.4	-23.9	-29.9	...	-22.0
Marshall Islands	R	1.8	-19.3	-74.5	-20.6	-56.7	-31.6

It should be noted that international arrivals to destinations are reported by either country of residence (R) or nationality (N), and this can create some anomalies as follows:

1. A person recorded by residence may not be a national of the country in which he/she resides;
2. A person recorded by nationality may not reside in his/her country of nationality.

According to Japan's Ministry of Foreign affairs there were just over 1.1 million Japanese nationals residing abroad (for three months or longer) as of October 01, 2008. A further 361,269 were classified as permanent expatriates (including those with dual nationality), lifting the total figure to a little under 1.5 million.

Of the 1.5 million Japanese living abroad for three months or longer over 72% were listed as resident in Asia Pacific with North America capturing almost 42% of the total, with Asia and the Pacific listed as having 22% and 9% shares respectively.

It should also be noted that these figures are for all types of travel be it leisure, business, attending a conference of visiting friends and/or relatives so there is a mixture of what could be regarded as discretionary and non-discretionary travel.

Never the less, it can be seen that Japanese arrivals to a number of Asia Pacific destinations (as reported by those destinations), is still on the increase in a number of cases, even if they did not all originate from the country of Japan.

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