

# Advancing the National Tourism Plan 2015 Update







# Q2 Arrivals and Statistics at June 30<sup>th</sup> 2015



# BTA 2015 Key Performance Indicators





## Q2 Vacation Air Arrivals – Visitor Expenditure

	Q2 2014	Q2 2015	% CHG YOY	# CHG YOY	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	% CHG YOY	# CHG YOY
Average per Person Spend	\$1,183	\$1,225	3%	\$41.17	\$1,121	\$1,196	7%	\$74.32
Estimated Economic Impact	\$55.3 M	\$56.6 M	2%	\$1.3 M	\$71.0 M	\$74.4 M	5%	\$3.4 M

YOY = Year over year

- The average per person expenditure in this category increased by \$41.17 in Q2 2015 vs. Q2 2014
- Year-to-date the average per person expenditure increased by \$74.32 over 2014
- This increase in vacation visitor spend contributed \$1.3M more in Q2 and \$3.4M more year-todate to the economy than in 2014

Not included in the above numbers are business and visiting friends/relatives (VFR) spending.

Visitor spending data is collected during exit surveys with visitors. Q2 data is based on a weighted sample of 2,770 air visitors.

Q2 2015 is the first quarter using online methodology to conduct surveys rather than intercept.



# Q2 Vacation Visitor Air Arrivals — Expenditure

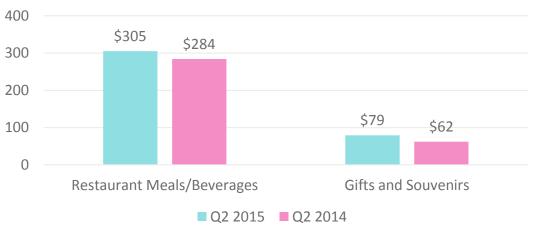
- Spending on accommodation has declined by \$82 or 13% vs. Q2 2014.
- Spending on Restaurants and Meals has increased by \$22 compared to the same period in 2014.
- Spending on Groceries, Gifts and Souvenirs, and Recreation have all increased compared to the Q2 2014 by \$25, \$18 and \$33 respectively

#### Vacation Air Visitor Spending





# Q2 Vacation Visitor Air Arrivals — Expenditure



"The Chamber is extremely pleased with this increase in spending, especially in the gifts and souvenirs area which has struggled for so long." – Kristi Grayston, Chamber of Commerce President

"Confidence amongst restaurateurs is growing and statistics like this are evidence that things are slowly on the rebound." – Chris Garland, Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Division President





### **Q2 Total Vacation Visitor Arrivals**

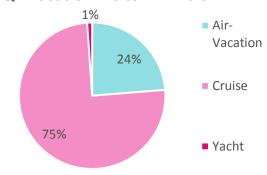
Vacation Arrivals	Q2 2014	Q2 2015		YOY # Change	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YOY % Change	YOY # Change
Air - Vacation	46,722	46,221	-1%	(501)	63,334	62,227	-2%	(1,107)
Cruise	146,916	146,498	-0.3%	(418)	146,916	146,498	-0.3%	(418)
Yacht	3,367	2,143	-36%	(1,224)	3,622	2,467	-32%	(1,155)
Total	197,005	194,862	-1%	(2,143)	213,872	211,192	-1%	(2,680)

\*Total excludes air arrivals in categories other than Vacation

Q2 Total Arrivals were down by 1.1% as all arrival types showed varying weakness. Yacht arrivals experienced the most pronounced decline (36.4%) as it is an off year for the Newport Bermuda Race.

Air – Vacation = Air arrivals indicating purpose of visit upon arrival as Vacation, America's Cup Vacation or Destination Wedding.

#### **Q2** Vacation Visitor Arrivals





# Q2 Vacation Visitor Arrivals by Month

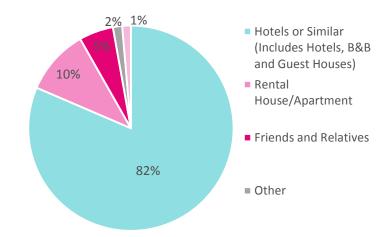
	April			May			June		
	2014	2015	YOY % Change	2014	2015	YOY % Change	2014	2015	YOY % Change
Air - Vacation	12,396	11,462	-8%	14,699	15,408	5%	19,627	19,351	-1%
Cruise	25,433	18,399	-28%	53,397	59,201	11%	68,086	68,898	1%
Yacht	326	378	16%	1,210	1,147	-5%	1,831	618	-66%
Total	38,155	30,239	-21%	69,306	75,756	9%	89,544	88,867	-1%





# Q2 Vacation Air Arrivals – Accommodation Type

- In Q2 of 2015, 18% of vacation visitors stayed in some type of private home.
- Going forward as a result of new visitor landing cards, the BTA will be able to determine the quantity of visitors staying in private homes, broken down by - vacation rentals vs persons staying with Friends and Relatives. Q2 contains 2 months with this more detailed breakdown.





# Q2 Air Visitor Arrivals by Type

	Q2 2014	Q2 2015	YOY % Change	YOY # Change	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YOY % Change	YOY # Change
Vacation	46,722	46,221	-1.1%	(501)	63,334	62,227	-1.7%	(1,107)
Vacation	46,722	44,319	-5.1%	(2,403)	-	-	-	-
Destination Wedding	-	1,799	-	1,799	-	-	-	-
America's Cup Vacation	-	103	-	103	-	-	-	-

The BTA has recently changed the Visitor Arrival forms to include a broader selection of options, allowing a more granular view of visitor data. The cards took effect in late April and therefore there is no year-over-year comparison. These new categories will be included in BTA reporting going forward.

	Q2 2015
New Business Visitor Categories	
America's Cup Business	144
Incentive Groups	234
Conference/Meeting	3,703
New Visiting Friends & Relatives Category	
Vacation	8,542
Total	12,623

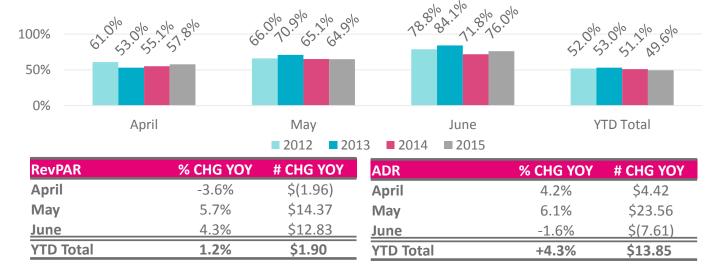
The Business categories have been expanded to capture America's Cup related business, Incentive Groups and Conference/Meeting.

The Visiting Friends & Relatives category has been expanded to capture vacation and personal. The visitors visiting friends & relatives that are on vacation will be monitored closely by the BTA.



### Q2 Bermuda Hotel Statistics

- Average daily rate year-to-date has increased by almost \$14 vs. 2014.
- Increasing ADR(Average daily rate) and relatively flat occupancy have increased RevPAR (Revenue per available room) by almost \$2.



"This is a trend that we anticipate will continue to reflect positively on Bermuda as a year round travel destination and is also reflective of the ongoing efforts of the BTA, and our association members, to increase overall visitor arrivals for the remainder of the year." — Stephen Todd, Bermuda Hotel Association



### Items of note – Q2

- Air Vacation Visitor Arrivals While the USA saw a slight increase and the UK saw a 9% increase year-to-date the Canadian market has seen an 18% decrease. The Canadian dollar has declined to its lowest level since 2014 and we believe this is affecting the conversion of Canadian travelers to purchase a vacation to Bermuda.
- As in Q1, air capacity continued to be a challenge in Q2 but on a smaller scale. Q2 saw almost 5% (or 7,214 fewer seats) flying into Bermuda. Year-to-date that is a decrease of 8.8% (23,254 seats) fewer.