

# **The International Scenario**



#### 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE EUROMEETING

For a European Sustainable and Competitive Tourism between Participation and Measurability

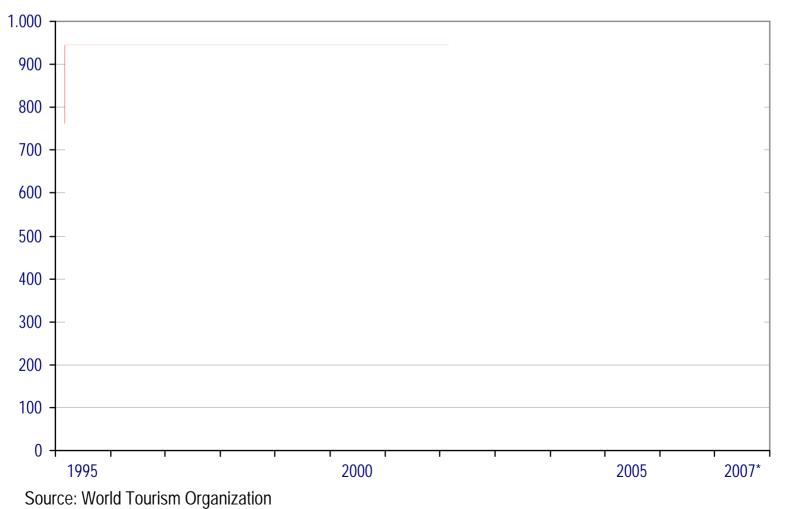
Rimini, Italy, 27 November 2008

Luigi Cabrini Director Sustainable Development of Tourism World Tourism Organization



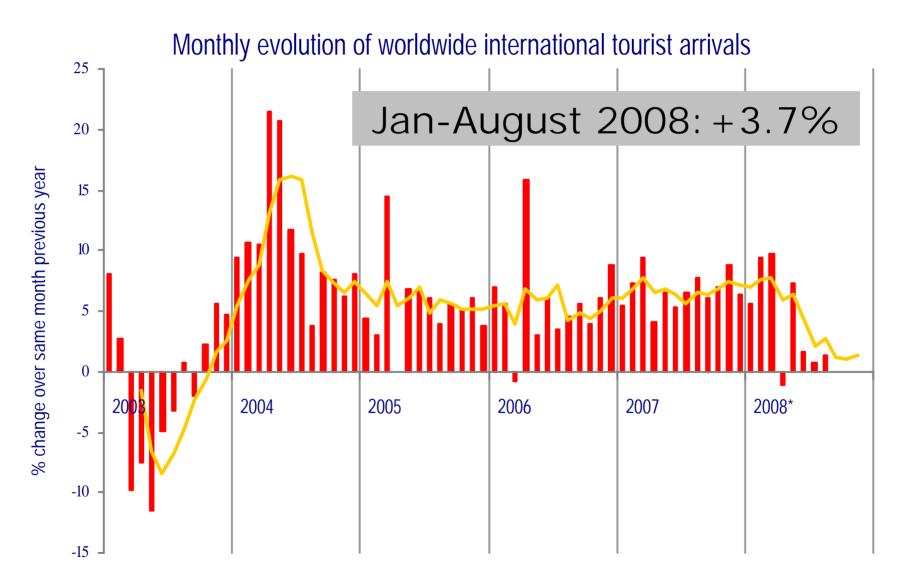
# Arrivals Grow from 800 to 900 Million in Two Years

- 903 million international tourist arrivals in 2007
- +6.6% as compared to 2006



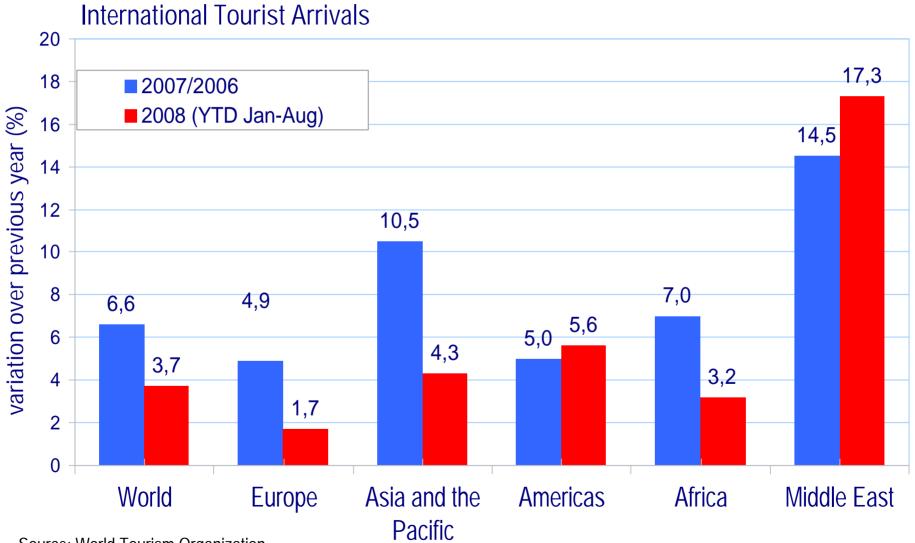


# **World Tourism Performance 2008**





# January-August 2008 Growth Rates by Region



World Tourism Organization SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM

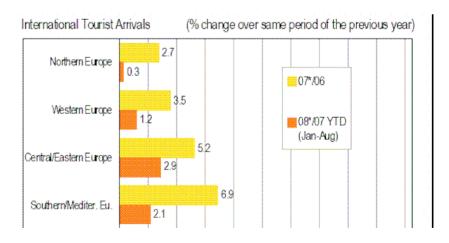
# **Europe's Performance 2008**

Monthly evolution of worldwide international tourist arrivals 20 15 % change over same month previous year 10 5 0 2006 200 2007 2003 2004 200 -5 Jan-August 2008: +1.7% -10 -15



# **Trends in Europe**

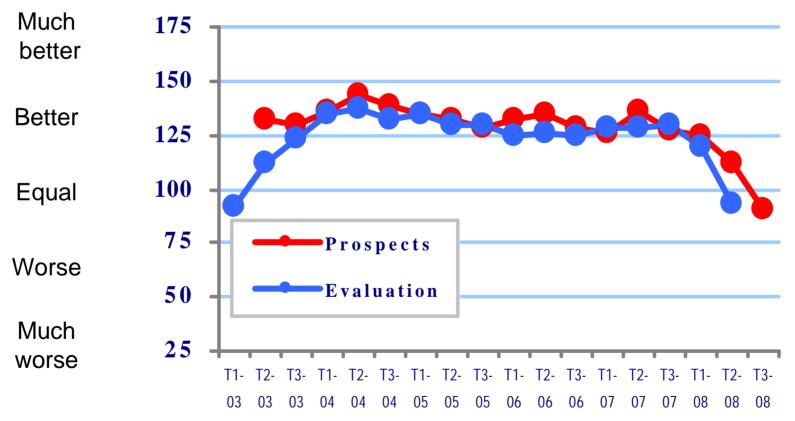
- Growth in Europe stagnated over the summer months.
- Europe currently stands at **+2% for the first eight months** of 2008 (well down from the 5% growth of the last two years).
- The slowdown has not spared any of its four sub-regions.
- **Rising concerns** about the deteriorating world economic climate, the scarcity of credit, the strong euro, higher fuel costs and declines in consumer spending power.
- There is also an expectation that **business travel and the meetings industry** will be the first to really suffer in major downturn.
- Viability of **low-cost carriers** will be challenged.
- Little prospect expected for the growth of European tourism over the next few months.







# **UNWTO World Tourism Barometer Confidence Index**

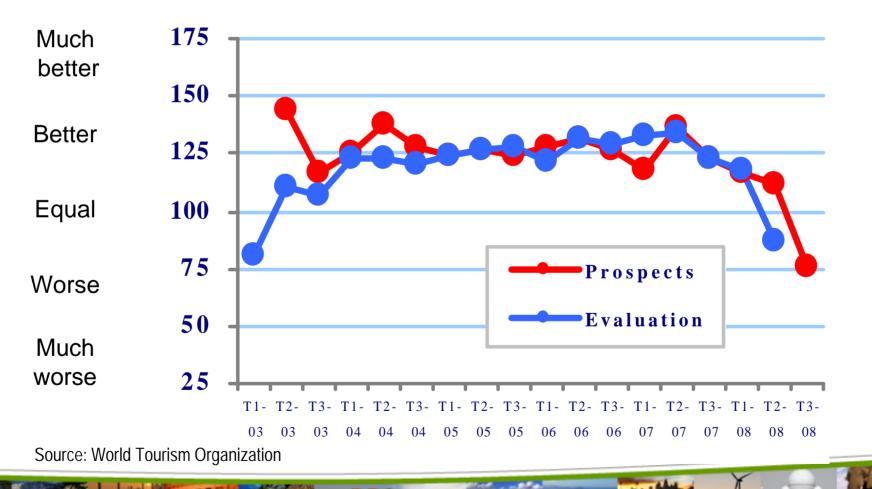


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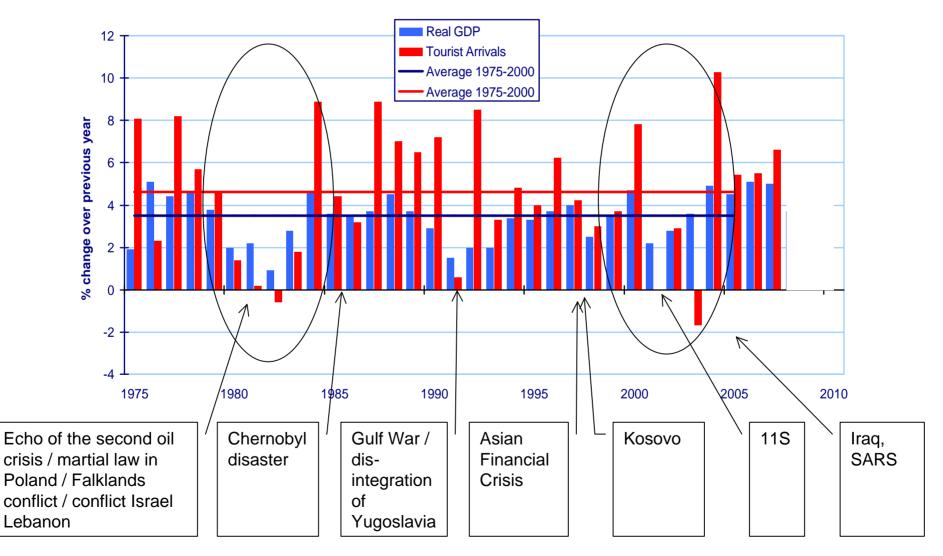


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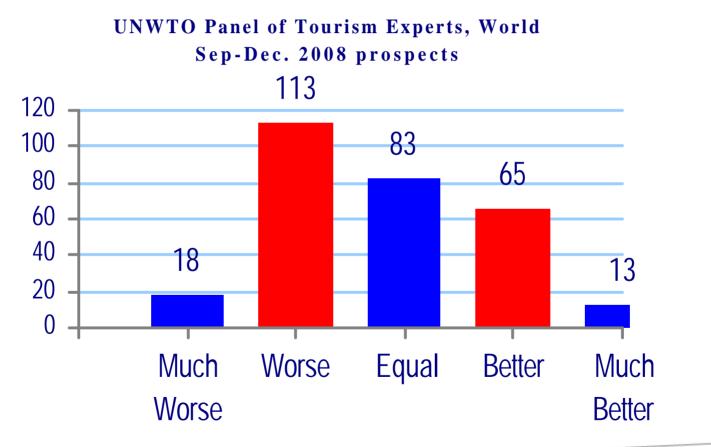
### **Tourism, Economy and External Shocks**

World, Growth of Real GDP & International Tourist Arrivals





# UNWTO Panel of Tourism Experts's Prospects at its Lowest Level since 2003







# **International Tourism Forecast 2009**

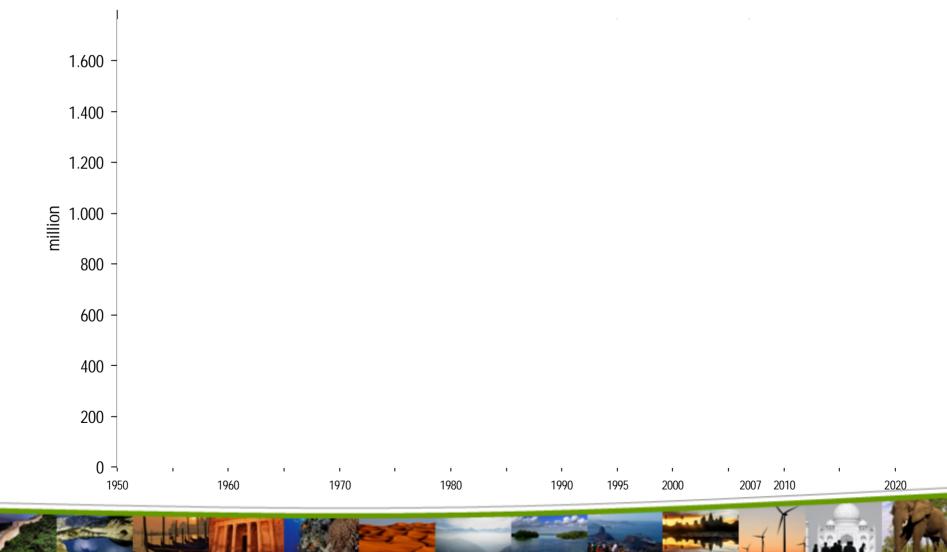
Region	Full year estimates 2008	Forecast 2009	
World	2-3%	0-2%	
Europe	1-2%	0-2% 0-2%	
Asia and the Pacific	2-3%		
Americas	4-5%	1-3%	
Africa	3-5%??	2-6%?	
Middle East	9-15%??	3-8%??	





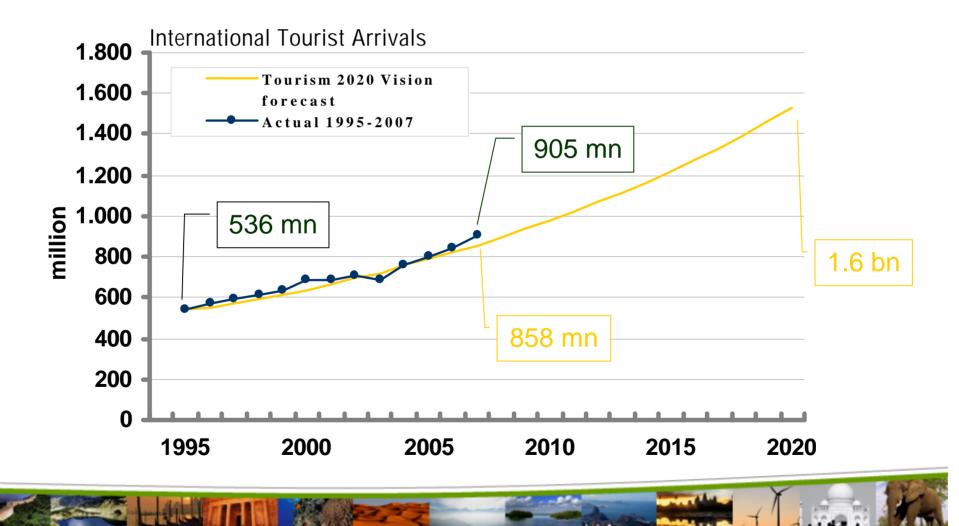
### **International Tourist Arrivals, 1950-2020**

Current Situation and Forecasts UNWTO Tourism 2020 Vision





### Actual trend vs. Tourism 2020 Vision Forecast World





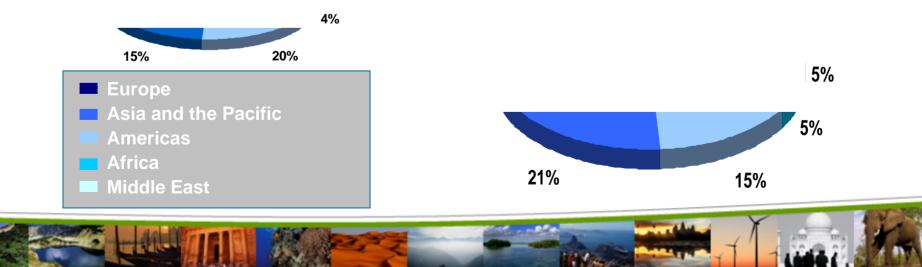
58%

# **International Tourist Arrivals by Region of Destination**

Rank	1950	Share	1970		1990	Share	2007	Share
1	United States		Italy		France		France	
2	Canada		Canada		<b>United States</b>		Spain	
3	Italy	71%	France	43%	Spain	38%	United States	33%
4	France		Spain		Italy		China	
5	Switzerland		United States		Hungary		Italy	

3%







### **UNWTO's Main Strategic Objectives**

Ensure the continuous improvement of destinations' competitiveness, through updated information and data on market trends, preparedness to face crises and adequate evaluation of the economic contribution of tourism.

Promote the sustainable development of tourism in Member States in line with the Global Code of Ethics, to contribute to the MDGs and to worldwide socio-economic development.



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