

# Tourist arrivals up by 14.3 percent

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Foreign tourist arrivals spiked 14.3 percent for the period of January to March 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 with a total of 831,625 tourists entering Bali.

"Travellers come mostly through Ngurah Rai Airport. Only 15,155 people arrived through sea ports aboard cruise ships," said Panusunan Siregar, the Head of Bali's Central Statistics Agency (CSA).

According to the CSA, for the year 2013 foreign tourist arrivals amounted to 3.27 million, this figure clearly exceeded the local government's target of 2.8 million.

For the period between January and March this year, Australian arrivals topped all other nations with a total of 207,475, nearly 25% of the total number of arrivals. This itself was a 15.67 percent rise in the number of Australian foreign arrivals from the same period last year.

Chinese arrivals increased by 50% for the same period in 2013 with a total of 151,058 tourists visiting Bali from January to March.

The number of Japanese arrivals slumped by 9% and Singaporean arrivals rose by 49%.