# 2020 tourism numbers in the age of Covid-19

VISITOR **ARRIVALS** AND 2.7 million visitors TOURIST (one-seventh of the RECEIPTS 19.1 million visitors in 2019). \$4.4 billion in tourism receipts in the first three quarters (about one-fifth of the \$20.5 billion receipts in the same period in 2019).

#### CONTRIBUTING TO COVID-19 EFFORTS

- More than 70 hotels have served as stay-home notice dedicated facilities (SDFs) since March last year.
- SDFs have also accommodated more than 80,000 people on stay-home notice.
- About 150 tourist guides have served as safe distancing ambassadors (as at April last year), and the number is expected to grow to more than 250.

## REOPENING TOURISM SAFELY

(As at Dec 31 last year)

- 33 cruises carrying over 42,000 passengers have been completed with no reported incidents of Covid-19 transmission on board.
- 29 Mice (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) event pilots held.

## STIMULATING DEMAND FOR TOURISM

(As at Dec 31 last year)

- 1,145 promotions offered by 213 merchants on SingapoRediscovers vouchers (SRV) campaign.
- More than 300,000 Singaporeans had used the SRV scheme to make bookings, resulting in \$35.9 million spent in SRV redemptions and out-of-pocket payments.

### SUPPORT FOR TOURISM BUSINESSES

- In 2020, more than **7,000 businesses** received support through the Jobs Support Scheme.
- As at Dec 31 last year, 57 grant applications had been approved by the Singapore Tourism Board to defray third-party professional cleaning costs by tourism-related establishments impacted by Covid-19 cases.

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