

Russian tour operators forecast that the number of tourists visiting China will grow this summer.

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“From January to May 2011, the amount of mutual tourism exchange between Russia and China increased by 15 percent as compared with the same period last year,” sources from the Association of Russian Tour Operators said on Wednesday.

According to the Chinese National Tourism Administration, 897,000 Russian tourists visited China in the first quarter of this year, and 308,000 Chinese tourists visited Russia at the same period of time.

A total of 2.37 million Russian tourists visited China last year, which is 30 percent more than in 2009, and 700,000 Chinese nationals visited Russia in 2010, which is a five-percent growth as compared with 2009.

Chinese tour operators consider growth in the number of Russian tourists logical, as the Chinese tourism industry is gradually overcoming a crisis. Hong Kong and Hainan Island are most popular with Russian tourists.