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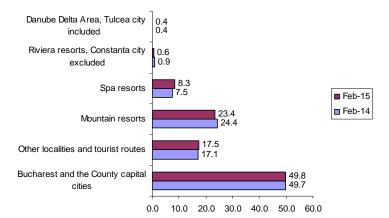
# THE TOURISTS' OVERNIGHT STAYS IN THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF TOURISTS' RECEPTION INCREASED BY 12.7%

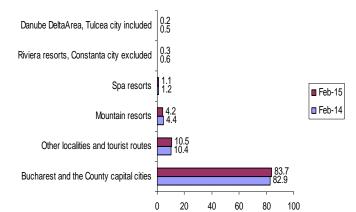
- In February 2015, compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, both the arrivals and the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 9.1 % and by 12.7 %, respectively.
- Compared to February 2014, in February 2015, customs registered an increase in both the arrivals of foreign visitors of 7.6% and in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors of 5.2%.
- 1. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation

	Arrivals			Overnight Stays			
	February 2014 -thousands-	February 2015 -thousands-	February 2015 compared to February 2014 -%-	February 2014 -thousands-	February 2015 -thousands-	February 2015 compared to February 2014 -%	
Total	485.1	529.2	109.1	947.6	1067.6	112.7	
Romanian tourists	388.7	420.9	108.3	758.4	855.6	112.8	
Foreign tourists **) out of which:	96.4	108.3	112.3	189.2	212.0	112.1	
- Europe	76.7	83.6	109.0	146.5	160.6	109.6	
- The European Union	65.9	70.8	107.4	125.5	133.8	106.6	
- Asia	10.0	13.2	132.0	19.6	26.1	133.2	
- North America	5.4	6.9	127.8	9.8	11.8	120.4	
- South America	0.7	0.7	100.0	1.5	1.5	100.0	
- Africa	1.1	0.9	81.8	7.3	6.7	91.8	

<sup>\*)</sup> By country of residence; the data in the table are to be found in the .xls file attached to the press release on the homepage

- 1. The distribution of Romanian tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in February 2015 compared to February 2014
  -% -
- The distribution of foreign tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in February 2015 compared to February 2014
   % -





The graph data are to be found in the .xls file attached to the press release on the homepage.

In February 2015, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 529.2 thousand, 9.1% more compared to February 2014.

In February 2015, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 79.5% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 20.5%, weights close to those of February 2014.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (77.2% of the total of foreign tourists) and 84.7% of them came from European Union Member States.

In February 2015, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1067.6 thousand, 12.7% more compared to February 2014.

In February 2015, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 80.1% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 19.9%. As to the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (75.8 % of the total of foreign tourists) and 83.3% of them came from European Union Member States.

In February 2015, the average time of stay was 2.0 days for both the Romanian and the foreign tourists.

In February 2015, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 21.5 % on total tourists' accommodation, 2.1 pp more compared to February 2014.

In February 2015, higher indices of accommodation places were registered by hotels (27.0%), hostels (17.2%) and tourist villas (16.3%).

In February 2015, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 500.5 thousand, 7.6% more compared to February 2014. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (94.3%). 60.6% of the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from European Union Member States, out of which the most arrivals were from Hungary (31.8%), Bulgaria (29.9%), Germany (7.2%), Italy (6.8%), Poland (5.5%) and Austria (2.9%).

In February 2015, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad,** according to *customs*, amounted to 823.4 thousand, 5.2% more compared to February 2014. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 75.6 % of the total departures.

## 2. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation – the period 1.01-28.02.2015

		Arrivals		Overnight Stays			
	Period 1.01-28.02 2014 -thousands-	Period 1.01- 28.02 2015 -thousands-	Per.1.01- 28.02.2015 compared to Per.1.01- 28.02. 2014 -%-	Period 1.01- 28.02 2014 -thousands-	Period 1.01- 28.02 2015 -thousands-	Per.1.01- 28.02.2015 compared to Per.1.01- 28.02. 2014 -%-	
Total	910.6	1027.5	112.8	1787.7	2056.1	115.0	
Romanian tourists	722.9	815.2	112.8	1410.5	1622.3	115.0	
Foreign tourists **) out of which:	187.7	212.3	113.1	377.2	433.8	115.0	
- Europe	151.5	163.8	108.1	299.8	330.0	110.1	
- The European Union	124.6	133.4	107.1	239.7	255.8	106.7	
- Asia	19.2	26.9	140.1	39.2	55.4	141.3	
- North America	10.0	12.8	128.0	17.8	22.0	123.6	
- South America	1.4	1.5	107.1	3.0	3.1	103.3	
- Africa	2.1	1.8	85.7	10.9	13.8	126.6	

### \*) By country of residence; the data in the table are to be found in the .xls file attached to the press release on the homepage

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1027.5 thousand, 12.8% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2014.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 79.3% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 20.7%, weights close to those of the period 1.01-28.02.2014.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (77.2% of the total of foreign tourists) and 81.4% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 2056.1 thousand, 15.0% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2014.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 78.9% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 21.1%. As to the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists'

reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (76.1 % of the total of foreign tourists) and 77.5% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, **the average time of stay** was 2.0 days for both the Romanian and the foreign tourists.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 19.7 % on total tourists' accommodation, 2.2 pp more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2014.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, higher indices of accommodation places were registered by hotels (24.4%), tourist villas (15.3%) and hostels (14.6%).

The most arrivals of foreign tourists accommodated in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation \*) were from Italy (25.7 thousand), Germany (22.5 thousand), Israel (18.7 thousand), France (14.9 thousand) and The United Kingdom (13.4 thousand).

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 1038.3 thousand, 13.1% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2014. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (94.3%). 59.3% of the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from European Union Member States, out of which the most arrivals were from Hungary (31.8%), Bulgaria (30.7%), Germany (7.0%), Italy (6.9%), Poland (5.1%) and Austria (2.9%).

In the period 1.01-28.02.2015, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad,** according to *customs*, amounted to 1872,6 thousand, 12.8% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2014. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 77.1% of the total departures.

\*) Additional information on data in the press release can be found in the .xls file attached to the press release on the homepage.

### **Additional Information:**

For the accurate interpretation of indicators, kindly see the Methodological Note.

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