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The tourism in month of February 2019

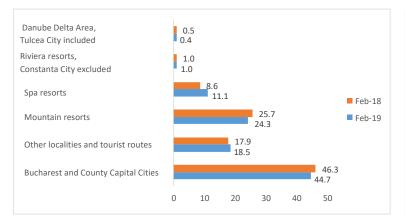
- Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the arrivals in the establishments
 of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 7.5 %, while the
 overnight stays increased by 11.4% in February 2019.
- Compared to February 2018, in February 2019 customs registered an increase in the arrivals of foreign visitors of 6.7 % and an increase of 4.1% in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors.
- 1. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation February

	February 2018 thousands	Arrivals February 2019 thousands	February 2019 compared to February 2018 -%-	February 2018 thousands	Overnight stays February 2019 thousands	February 2019 compared to February 2018 -%
Total	705.9	758.8	107.5	1343.7	1496.5	111.4
Romanian tourists	561.1	623.9	111.2	1065.0	1226.5	115.2
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	144.8	134.9	93.2	278.7	270.0	96.9
- Europe	109.2	101.5	92.9	207.6	199.3	96.0
- The European Union	91.9	85.6	93.1	174.1	166.6	95.7
- Asia	21.0	17.9	85.2	43.2	39.8	92.1
- North America	7.4	7.1	95.9	13.2	15.9	120.5
- South America	1.1	1.0	90.9	2.3	2.6	113.0
- Africa	1.2	1.3	108.3	2.4	2.7	112.5

^{*)} By the country of residence; Table data in xls format 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 2019 compared to February 2018
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- 2. The distribution of foreign tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in February 2019 compared to February 2018







Graph data in .xls format attached to the press release on the homepage.

In February 2019, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 758.8 thousands, 7.5% more compared to February 2018.

In February 2019, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 82.2% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 17.8%.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (75.2% of the total of foreign tourists) and 84.3% of them came from European Union Member States.

In February 2019, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1496.5 thousands, 11.4% more compared to February 2018.

In February 2019, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 82.0% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 18.0%. As to the overnight stays of foreign citizens in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (73.8% of the total of foreign tourists) and 83.6% of them came from European Union Member States.

In February 2019, the average duration of stay was 2.0 days for both Romanian and foreign tourists.

In February 2019, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 26.3% on total tourists' accommodation structures, increasing by 2.4 percentage points compared to February 2018. In February 2019, hotels (33.4%), bungalows (23.8%), tourist villas (19.6%), hostels (19.2%), tourist boarding houses (18.9%) and tourist chalets (17.1%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

In February 2019, the arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania, according to *customs*, amounted to 676.8 thousands, 6.7% more compared to February 2018. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (93.6%). 51.6% of the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from European Union Member States, out of which the most arrivals were from Bulgaria (31.7%), Hungary (25.2%), Italy (8.7%), Germany (6.3%), Poland (5.2%), France (4.2%) and the United Kingdom (3.9%).

In February 2019, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to *customs*, amounted to 1276.9 thousands, by 4.1% more compared to February 2018. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 63.7% of the total departures.

2. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation – during 1.01 – 28.02

		Arrivals		Overnight stays			
	Period 1.01-28.02 2018 thousands	Period 1.01-28.02 2019 thousands	Per. 1.01- 28.02.2019 compared to per. 1.01- 28.02.2018 -%-	Period 1.01-28.02 2018 thousands	Period 1.01-28.02 2019 thousands	Per. 1.01- 28.02.2019 compared to per. 1.01- 28.02.2018 -%-	
Total	1427.9	1517.3	106.3	2705.3	2969.3	109.8	
Romanian tourists	1134.1	1242.5	109.6	2127.8	2414.5	113.5	
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	293.8	274.8	93.5	577.5	554.8	96.1	
- Europe	219.1	203.6	92.9	429.6	408.1	95.0	
- The European Union	179.9	166.8	92.7	342.2	323.6	94.6	
- Asia	44.5	40.5	91.0	91.9	87.2	94.9	
- North America	15.4	16.2	105.2	26.9	33.2	123.4	
- South America	2.5	2.2	88.0	4.7	5.0	106.4	
- Africa	2.4	2.4	100.0	4.6	4.5	97.8	

^{*)} By the country of residence; Table data in xls format attached to the press release on the homepage

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1517.3 thousands, 6.3% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2018.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 81.9% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 18.1%, weights similar to those of the period 1.01-28.02.2018.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (74.1% of the total of foreign tourists) and 81.9% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 2969.3 thousands, 9.8% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2018.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 81.3% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 18.7%. As to the overnight stays of foreign visitors in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (73.6% of the total of foreign tourists) and 79.3% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, **the average duration of stay** was 1.9 days for Romanian tourists and 2.0 days for foreign tourists.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 24.8% on total tourists' accommodation structures, 2.0 percentage points more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2018.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, hotels (31.1%), bungalows (21.4%), tourist villas (19.1%), tourist boarding houses (18.4%) and hostels (18.1%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

By county, the number of tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation * recorded in the period 1.01 – 28.02.2019 higher values in Bucharest Municipality (265.2 thousands), Braşov (223.0 thousands), Prahova (89.8 thousands), Cluj (72.8

thousands) and Mureş (71.8 thousands), while the number of tourists' overnight stays^{*)} recorded higher values in Braşov (470.1 thousands), Bucharest Municipality (452.4 thousands), Prahova (207.2 thousands), Mureş (139.3 thousands) and Cluj (137.5 thousands).

Most of the foreign visitors accommodated in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation**) came from Italy (28.8 thousands), Israel (28.6 thousands), Germany (27.9 thousands), France (17.9 thousands), United Kingdom (16.0%) and the USA (14.7 thousands).

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 1407.6 thousands, 5.8% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2018. The road and air means of transport were mostly used for the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania, accounting for 74.1%, respectively for 23.9% of total arrivals.

In the period 1.01-28.02.2019, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to *customs*, amounted to 3068.4 thousands, by 4.4% more compared to the period 1.01-28.02.2018. The departures of Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the road and air means of transport, accounting for 66.5%, respectively for 32.9% 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

Note: The arrivals of foreign visitors and the departures of Romanian visitors were rectified as against those previously published.

Additional Information:

The arrival of a tourist in an establishment of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation is registered when a person signs in the register of the respective establishment for one night or several nights' accommodation. In each establishment of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation, regardless of the number of overnight stays, the continuous stay of a tourist counts as one arrival.

The overnight stay means the 24-hours interval, starting with the admission hour of the respective establishment, for which a person signs in the register of the establishment and benefits of accommodation according to the price paid, even if the actual stay lasts less than the mentioned interval.

The net use index of accommodation places represents the relationship between the capacity of tourist accommodation in operation and its actual use by tourists within a determined period. We do the calculation by dividing the total number of overnight stays completed with the tourist accommodation capacity in operation, in the respective period.

For additional information, kindly see the on line TEMPO database of INS (data for February 2019 will be available on April 2, 2019) and the statistical publication "Monthly Statistical Bulletin" (date of issue April 25, 2019).

The next issue of the press release on tourism will be on Monday, May 6, 2019.

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