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The tourism in month of March 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 5.1 %, while the overnight stays increased by 6.7% in March 2019.
- Compared to March 2018, in March 2019 customs registered an increase in the arrivals of foreign visitors of 2.8 % and an increase of 7.3% in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors.
- 1. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation March

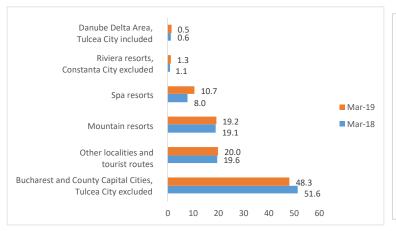
	March 2018 thousands	Arrivals March 2019 thousands	March 2019 compared to March 2018 -%-	Overnight stays March 2019 March 2018 2019 to to thousands thousands March 2018 -%		
Total	761.6	800.4	105.1	1423.3	1519.1	106.7
Romanian tourists	574.4	631.3	109.9	1070.9	1181.1	110.3
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	187.2	169.1	90.3	352.4	338.0	95.9
- Europe	138.7	125.1	90.2	257.3	242.9	94.4
- The European Union	116.6	104.5	89.6	213.8	202.2	94.6
- Asia	28.0	22.0	78.6	57.7	49.6	86.0
- North America	11.5	10.6	92.2	20.2	21.1	104.5
- South America	1.7	1.3	76.5	3.4	2.9	85.3
- Africa	1.8	1.8	100.0	3.2	3.7	115.6

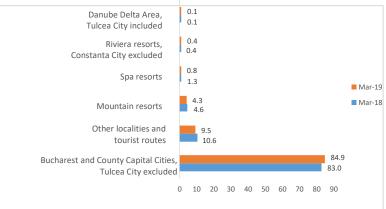
^{*)} By the country of residence; Table data in xls format attached to the press release on the homepage

1. The distribution of Romanian tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in March 2019 compared to March 2018

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- 2. The distribution of foreign tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in March 2019 compared to March 2018
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Graph data in .xls format attached to the press release on the homepage.

In March 2019, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 800.4 thousands, 5.1% more compared to March 2018.

In March 2019, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 78.9% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 21.1%.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (74.0% of the total of foreign tourists) and 83.5% of them came from European Union Member States.

In March 2019, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1519.1 thousands, 6.7% more compared to March 2018.

In March 2019, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 77.7% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 22.3%. As to the overnight stays of foreign citizens in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (71.9% of the total of foreign tourists) and 83.2% of them came from European Union Member States.

In March 2019, **the average duration of stay** was 1.9 days for Romanian tourists and 2.0 days for the foreign tourists.

In March 2019, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 24.0% on total tourists' accommodation structures, increasing by 1.4 percentage points compared to March 2018.

In March 2019, hotels (31.3%), hostels (18.1%), tourist boarding houses and tourist villas (15.6% each), inns (15.2%) and motels (14.1%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

In March 2019, the arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania, according to *customs*, amounted to 820.0 thousands, 2.8% more compared to March 2018. Road and air transport means were mostly used in case of arrivals from abroad, accounting for 73.3%, respectively for 24.4% of total arrivals.

In March 2019, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to *customs*, amounted to 1469.7 thousands, by 7.3% more compared to March 2018. The Romanian visitors mostly used the means of road and air transport for their departures abroad, accounting for 65.3%, respectively for 34.0% of total departures.

2. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation – during 1.01 – 31.03

		Arrivals		Overnight stays			
	Period 1.01-31.03 2018 thousands	Period 1.01-31.03 2019 thousands	Per. 1.01- 31.03.2019 compared to per. 1.01- 31.03.2018 -%-	Period 1.01-31.03 2018 thousands	Period 1.01-31.03 2019 thousands	Per. 1.01- 31.03.2019 compared to per. 1.01- 31.03.2018 -%-	
Total	2189.6	2317.6	105.8	4128.6	4488.4	108.7	
Romanian tourists	1708.6	1873.7	109.7	3198.7	3595.6	112.4	
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	481.0	443.9	92.3	929.9	892.8	96.0	
- Europe	357.7	328.7	91.9	686.9	650.9	94.8	
- The European Union	296.5	271.3	91.5	556.0	525.8	94.6	
- Asia	72.5	62.6	86.3	149.7	136.8	91.4	
- North America	26.9	26.9	100.0	47.1	54.3	115.3	
- South America	4.2	3.5	83.3	8.1	8.0	98.8	
- Africa	4.2	4.2	100.0	7.7	8.2	106.5	

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In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 2317.6 thousands, 5.8% more compared to the period 1.01-31.03.2018.

In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 80.8% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 19.2%.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (74.0% of the total of foreign tourists) and 82.5% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 4488.4 thousands, 8.7% more compared to the period 1.01-31.03.2018.

In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, 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 of foreign visitors in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (72.9% of the total of foreign tourists) and 80.8% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, **the average duration of stay** was 1.9 days for Romanian tourists and 2.0 days for foreign tourists.

In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 24.5% on total tourists' accommodation structures, 1.8 percentage points more compared to the period 1.01-31.03.2018.

In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, hotels (31.2%), bungalows and hostels (18.1% each), tourist villas (17.9%) and tourist boarding houses (17.4%) 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 – 31.03.2019 higher values in Bucharest Municipality (427.1 thousands), Braşov (311.3 thousands), Prahova (129.6 thousands) and Cluj (118.5

thousands), while the number of tourists' overnight stays*) recorded higher values in Bucharest Municipality (737.6 thousands), Braşov (637.1 thousands), Prahova (288.2 thousands) and Cluj (222.7 thousands).

Most of the foreign visitors accommodated in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation**) came from Italy (44.8 thousands), Germany (44.7 thousands), Israel (43.1 thousands), France (27.5 thousands), United Kingdom (26.0%) and the USA (24.2 thousands).

In the reference period 1.01-31.03.2019, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 2227.6 thousands, 4.7% more compared to the period 1.01-31.03.2018. The road and air means of transport were mostly used for the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania, accounting for 73.8%, respectively for 24.1% of total arrivals.

In the period 1.01-31.03.2019, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad,** according to *customs*, amounted to 4538.1 thousands, by 5.3% more compared to the period 1.01-31.03.2018. Romanian visitors mostly used the road and air means of transport for their departures abroad, accounting for 66.1%, respectively for 33.2% 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 data regarding 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 March 2019 will be available on May 6, 2019) and the statistical publication "Monthly Statistical Bulletin" (date of issue May 27, 2019).

The next issue of the press release on tourism will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

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