

Domain: Tourism

## The tourism in September 2020

- *Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation decreased by 39.5%, while the overnight stays decreased by 36.9% in September 2020.*
- *Compared to September 2019, in September 2020 customs registered a decrease in the arrivals of foreign visitors of 66.2 % and a decrease of 60.1% in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors.*

### 1. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation - September

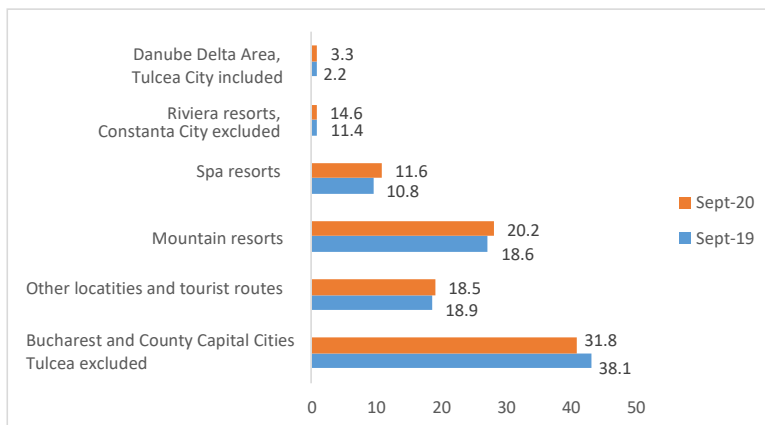
	Arrivals			Overnight stays		
	September 2019 -thou-	September 2020 -thou-	September 2020 compared to September 2019 -%-	September 2019 -thou-	September 2020 -thou-	September 2020 compared to September 2019 -%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1312.5</b>	<b>794.5</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>3027.9</b>	<b>1912.0</b>	<b>63.1</b>
Romanian tourists	1024.7	761.7	74.3	2491.7	1839.4	73.8
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	287.8	32.8	11.4	536.2	72.6	13.5
Europe	216.9	28.3	13.0	394.9	61.8	15.6
The European Union	170.6	21.5	12.6	311.1	47.7	15.3
Asia	33.9	1.2	3.5	72.1	2.7	3.7
North America	22.1	1.9	8.6	42.5	5.2	12.2
South America	2.6	*	—	5.2	*	—
Africa	2.0	*	—	3.8	1.0	26.3

\*) Data less than 0.5;

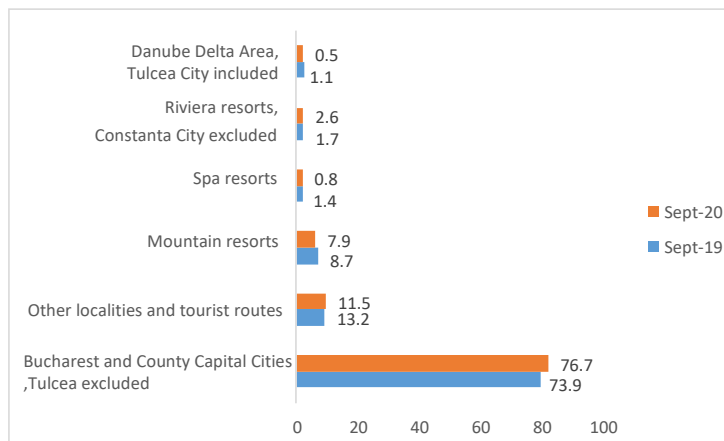
\*\*) By country of residence;

\*\*\*) Data on the European Union have been recalculated without the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; The number of arrivals and overnight stays, respectively, does not include quarantined persons, accommodated in tourist structures

1. The distribution of Romanian tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in September 2020 compared to September 2019  
 -% -



2. The distribution of foreign tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in September 2020 compared to September 2019  
 - % -



[Graph data in .xls format attached to the press release on the homepage.](#)

In September 2020, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 794.5 thousands, 39.5% less compared to September 2019.

In September 2020, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 95.9% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 4.1%.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (86.3% of the total of foreign tourists) and majority of them being from European Union Member States.

In September 2020, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1912.0 thousands, 36.9% less compared to September 2019.

In September 2020, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 96.2% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 3.8%. As to the overnight stays of foreign citizens in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (85.1% of the total of foreign tourists) majority of them being from European Union Member States.

In September 2020, **the average duration of stay** was 2.4 days for Romanian tourists and 2.2 days for the foreign tourists.

In September 2020, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 26.3% on total tourists' accommodation structures, decreasing by 11.4 percentage points compared to September 2019.

In September 2020, hotels (30.4%), bungalows (29.0%), tourist stops (26.5%), ship accommodation places (25.6%), tourist villas (25.1%), tourist houselet units (23.3%), holiday villages (21.5%), agro-tourist boarding houses (20.1%), registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

In September 2020, **the arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 399.5 thousands, 66.2% less compared to September 2019. Road and air transport means were mostly used in case of arrivals from abroad, accounting for 84.8%, respectively for 12.2% of total arrivals. In September 2020, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to *customs*, amounted to 895.0 thousands, by 60.1% less compared to September 2019. The Romanian visitors mostly used the means of road and air transport for their departures abroad, accounting for 68.0%, respectively for 31.6% of total departures.

## 2. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation - 1.01-30.09

	Arrivals			Overnight stays		
	period 1.01- 30.09.2019 -thou-	period 1.01- 30.09.2020 -thou-	period 1.01- 30.09.2020 compared to period 1.01- 30.09.2019 -%-	period 1.01- 30.09.2019 -thou-	period 1.01- 30.09.2020 -thou-	period 1.01- 30.09.2020 compared to period 1.01- 30.09.2019 -%-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10449.5</b>	<b>5161.8</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>23902.0</b>	<b>12075.4</b>	<b>50.5</b>
Romanian tourists	8341.7	4768.4	57.2	19785.9	11221.9	56.7
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	2107.8	393.4	18.7	4116.1	853.5	20.7
Europe	1568.6	306.1	19.5	2968.9	652.0	22.0
The European Union	1223.1	227.5	18.6	2293.5	479.4	20.9
Asia	279.0	42.1	15.1	619.0	105.9	17.1
North America	149.5	21.4	14.3	316.1	46.9	14.8
South America	16.9	3.0	17.8	35.4	6.7	18.9
Africa	15.0	3.7	24.7	29.3	8.6	29.4

\*) By country of residence;

\*\*) Data on the European Union have been recalculated without the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;  
The number of arrivals and overnight stays, respectively, does not include quarantined persons, accommodated in tourist structures

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 5161.8 thousands, 50.6% less compared to the period 1.01-30.09.2019.

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 92.4% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 7.6%.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (77.8% of the total of foreign tourists) and 74.3% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 12075.4 thousands, 49.5% less compared to the period 1.01-30.09.2019.

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 92.9% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 7.1%. As to the overnight stays of foreign visitors in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (76.4% of the total of foreign tourists) and 73.5% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, **the average duration of stay** was 2.4 days for Romanian tourists and 2.2 days for foreign tourists.

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 25.9% on total tourists' accommodation structures, 9.5 percentage points less compared to the period 1.01-30.09.2019.

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, bungalows (32.8%), hotels (30.1%), ship accommodation places (29.3%), tourist houselet units (25.3%), camping sites (24.7%), tourist villas (24.4%), tourist stops (20.2%), agro-tourist boarding houses (19.1%) and hostels (18.7) 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<sup>1)</sup> recorded in the period 1.01 – 30.09.2020 higher values in Constanța (975.4 thousands), Brașov (533.7 thousands), Bucharest Municipality (452.3 thousands), Prahova (236.3 thousands), Bihor (217.5 thousands), Sibiu (214.6 thousands), Mureș (200.8 thousands), Cluj (199.6 thousands), Vâlcea (193.3 thousands) și Suceava (187.8 thousands), while the number of tourists' overnight stays<sup>\*)</sup> recorded higher values in Constanța (3414.6 thousands), Brașov (1072.3 thousands), Bucharest Municipality (790.5 thousands), Bihor (594.3 thousands), Vâlcea (568.8 thousands), Prahova (512.6 thousands), Mureș (407.5 thousands), Suceava (397.8 thousands), Sibiu (363.6 thousands), Caraș Severin (358.1 thousands), Cluj (356.0 thousands) and Timiș (282.8 thousands).

Most of the foreign tourists accommodated in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation<sup>1)</sup> came from Germany (49.6 thousands), Italy (35.3 thousands), Israel (28.4 thousands), France (25.4 thousands) and the United Kingdom (23.5 thousands).

In the reference period 1.01-30.09.2020, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 4109.0 thousands, 59.0% less compared to the period 1.01-30.09.2019. The road and air means of transport were mostly used for the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania, accounting for 81.6%, respectively for 15.8% of total arrivals.

In the period 1.01-30.09.2020, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to *customs*, amounted to 7872.9 thousands, by 57.3% less compared to the period 1.01-30.09.2019.

Romanian visitors mostly used the road and air means of transport for their departures abroad, accounting for 69.9%, respectively for 29.8% of the total departures.

<sup>1)</sup> [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:

##### [Methodological explanations](#)

**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.

The nomenclature of the accommodation structures was established starting from the list of authorized accommodation structures, downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Business Environment - Department for Tourism, on July 2, 2020. The list included 14898 structures, of which:

- the apartments and rooms for rent were eliminated, which are the subject of another statistical research (about 4205);
- 412 units were closed in the survey moment, due to COVID-19, 1776 units were in major repairs at the time of the statistical research and 982 did not complete the questionnaire for other reasons.

**Attention! The number of arrivals, respectively overnight stays does not include the quarantined persons, accommodated in the tourist structures.**

For additional information, kindly see the on line TEMPO database of INS (data for September 2020 will be available on November 2, 2020) and the statistical publication "Monthly Statistical Bulletin" (date of issue November 27, 2020).

The next issue of the press release on tourism will be on Thursday, December 3, 2020.

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