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The tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception increased by 6.5% in 2017

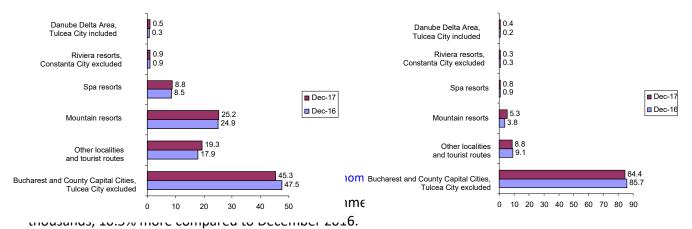
- Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, both the arrivals and the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 10.5 % and by 11.5 %, respectively, in December 2017.
- Compared to December 2016, in December 2017 customs registered an increase in both the arrivals of foreign visitors of 26.7 % and in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors of 15.7 %.
- 1. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation December

	December 2016 thousands	Arrivals December 2017 thousands	December 2017 compared to December 2016 -%-	Overnight stays December 2017 December 2016 2017 to to thousands thousands thousands 2016 -%		
Total	709.4	784.2	110.5	1426.2	1590.3	111.5
Romanian tourists	567.0	627.6	110.7	1148.5	1277.2	111.2
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	142.4	156.6	110.0	277.7	313.1	112.7
- Europe	103.2	107.9	104.6	201.9	211.8	104.9
- The European Union	86.2	87.9	102.0	169.2	173.8	102.7
- Asia	25.9	32.9	127.0	52.1	69.7	133.8
- North America	7.7	7.5	97.4	13.3	12.9	97.0
- South America	0.9	1.3	144.4	1.9	2.5	131.6
- Africa	1.0	1.3	130.0	2.3	4.8	208.7

^{*)} 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 December 2017 compared to December 2016 -% -
- 2. The distribution of foreign tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in December 2017 compared to December 2016

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In December 2017, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 80.0% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were

20.0%, weights similar to those of December 2016.

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As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (68.9% of the total of foreign tourists) and 81.5% of them came from European Union Member States.

In December 2017, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1590.3 thousands, 11.5% more compared to December 2016.

In December 2017, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 80.3% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 19.7%. As to the overnight stays of foreign citizens in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (67.6% of the total of foreign tourists) and 82.1% of them came from European Union Member States.

In December 2017, the average duration of stay was 2.0 days for both Romanian and foreign tourists.

In December 2017, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 24.3% on total tourists' accommodation structures, increasing by 1.3 percentage points compared to December 2016.

In December 2017, hotels (29.5%), tourist villas (19.9%), tourist boarding houses (19.6%), hostels (17.2%) and agro-touristic boarding houses (16.5%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

In December 2017, **the arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 933.5 thousands, 26.7% more compared to December 2016. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (90.0%). 53.4% 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 (26.1%), Hungary (23.2%), Italy (11.5%), Germany (8.3%), France (4.8%) and the United Kingdom (3.8%).

In December 2017, the departures of Romanian visitors abroad, according to *customs*, amounted 1286.9 thousands, by 15.7% more compared to December 2016. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 68.6 % of the total departures.

2. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation – the year 2017

		Arrivals		Overnight stays		
	2016 thousands	2017 thousands	2017 compared to 2016 -%-	2016 thousands	2017 thousands	2017 compared to 2016 -%-
Total	10917.4	12056.3	110.4	25275.0	26915.7	106.5
Romanian tourists	8446.0	9307.0	110.2	20462.9	21647.7	105.8
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	2471.4	2749.3	111.2	4812.1	5268.0	109.5
- Europe	1848.1	2039.0	110.3	3526.2	3838.1	108.8
- The European Union	1578.6	1747.6	110.7	2955.6	3255.7	110.2
- Asia	354.5	415.5	117.2	769.7	879.8	114.3
- North America	161.4	181.7	112.6	296.1	335.7	113.4
- South America	17.8	23.0	129.2	35.2	42.5	120.7
- Africa	18.7	18.9	101.1	60.9	42.5	69.8

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In 2017, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted 12056.3 thousands, 10.4% more compared to 2016.

In 2017, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 77.2% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 22.8%, weights similar to those of 2016.

As to the arrivals of the foreign tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (74.2% of the total of foreign tourists) and 85.7% of them came from European Union Member States.

In 2017, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 26915.7 thousands, 6.5% more compared to 2016.

In 2017, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 80.4% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 19.6%. 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 84.8% of them came from European Union Member States.

In 2017, the average duration of stay was 2.3 for Romanian tourists and 1.9 days for foreign tourists.

In 2017, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 31.2% on total tourists' accommodation structures, 0.4 percentage points more compared to 2016.

In 2017, hotels (39.4%), tourist villas (25.9%), ship accommodation spaces (24.6%), bungalows (22.7%) and tourist halts (22.6%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

Most of the foreign visitors accommodated in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation *) came from Germany (324.4 thousands), Israel (292.8 thousands), Italy (241.4 thousands), France (167.2 thousands) and USA (157.2 thousands).

In 2017, the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania, according to *customs*, amounted to 12706.1 thousands, 24.3% more compared to 2016. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (89.5%). 53.2% 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 (24.7%), Hungary (21.8%), Italy (10.1%), Germany (9.1%), Poland and France (5.1% each) and the United Kingdom (4.8%).

In 2017, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad,** according to *customs*, amounted 19939.7 thousands, by 23.6% more compared to 2016. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport, 69.3% 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:

Methodological Note

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 statistical publication "Monthly Statistical Bulletin" (date of issue February 26, 2018) and the on line TEMPO database of INS (data for December 2017 will be available on February 2, 2018).

The next issue of the press release on tourism will be on Friday, March 2, 2018.

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