

Domain: Tourism

The tourism in month of December 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 2.2 %, while the overnight stays increased by 3.1% in December 2019.
- Compared to December 2018, in December 2019 customs registered an increase in the arrivals of foreign visitors of 8.7 % and an increase of 11.2% in the departures abroad of the Romanian visitors.

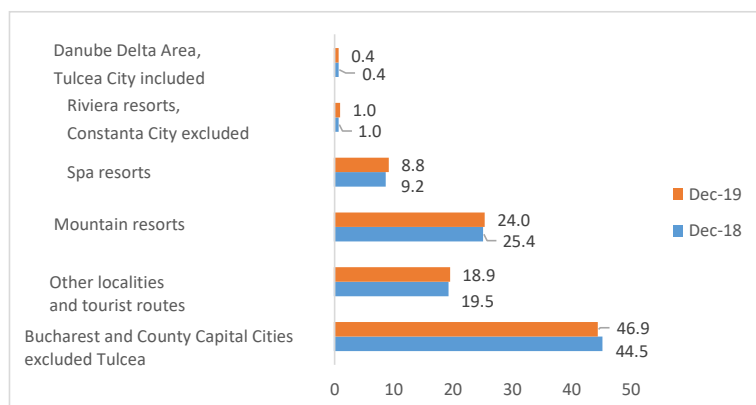
1. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation - December

	Arrivals			Overnight stays		
	December 2018 -thou-	December 2019 -thou-	December 2019 compared to December 2018 -%-	December 2018 -thou-	December 2019 -thou-	December 2019 compared to December 2018 -%
Total	816.8	834.6	102.2	1641.0	1691.8	103.1
Romanian tourists	665.9	686.0	103.0	1341.5	1373.7	102.4
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	150.9	148.6	98.5	299.5	318.1	106.2
Europe	106.1	107.6	101.4	207.6	223.1	107.5
The European Union	87.7	86.3	98.4	172.1	181.4	105.4
Asia	29.4	27.1	92.2	63.0	67.6	107.3
North America	9.2	7.0	76.1	16.9	13.5	79.9
South America	1.0	1.0	100.0	2.6	1.9	73.1
Africa	1.3	1.2	92.3	2.4	2.7	112.5

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

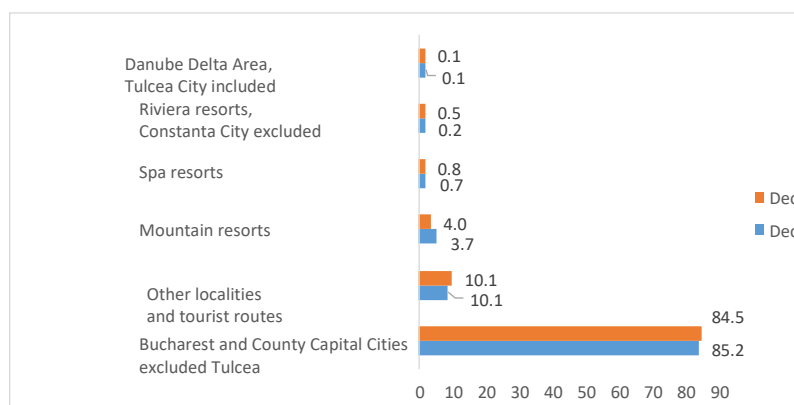
1. The distribution of Romanian tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in December 2019 compared to December 2018

- % -



2. The distribution of foreign tourists' arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception, by tourist areas, in December 2019 compared to December 2018

- % -



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

In December 2019, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 834.6 thousands, 2.2% more compared to December 2018.

In December 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 (72.4% of the total of foreign tourists) and 80.2% of them came from European Union Member States.

In December 2019, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1691.8 thousands, 3.1% more compared to December 2018.

In December 2019, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 81.2% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 18.8%. As to the overnight stays of foreign citizens in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (70.1% of the total of foreign tourists) and 81.3% of them came from European Union Member States.

In December 2019, **the average duration of stay** was 2.0 days for Romanian tourists and 2.1 days for foreign tourists.

In December 2019, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 25.8% on total tourists' accommodation structures, increasing by 1.3 percentage points compared to December 2018.

In December 2019, hotels (31.4%), tourist boarding houses (20.4%) tourist villas (19.3%), hostels (18.6%), agro-touristic boarding houses (18.3%) and tourist chalets (16.5%) registered higher use indices of accommodation places.

In December 2019, **the arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 919.5 thousands, 8.7% more compared to December 2018. Most of the foreign visitors used the means of road transport and air transportation, representing 74.3% and respectively 23.4% of the total arrivals. In December 2019, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to *customs*, amounted to 1455.2 thousands, by 11.2% more compared to December 2018. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport and air transportation, representing 65.2% and respectively 33.9% of the total departures.

2. Arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation – during 1.01 – 31.12

	Arrivals			Overnight stays		
	Period 1.01-31.12 2018	Period 1.01-31.12 2019	Per.1.01- 31.12.2019 compared to per.1.01- 31.12. 2018 -%-	Period 1.01-31.12 2018	Period 1.01-31.12 2019	Per.1.01- 31.12.2019 compared to per.1.01- 31.12. 2018 -%-
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Total	12809.9	13268.8	103.6	28449.1	29870.4	105.0
Romanian tourists	10024.5	10597.1	105.7	23144.2	24603.4	106.3
Foreign tourists*) out of which:	2785.4	2671.7	95.9	5304.9	5267.0	99.3
Europe	2070.5	1983.3	95.8	3870.0	3794.9	98.1
The European Union	1770.4	1670.3	94.3	3260.6	3178.8	97.5
Asia	404.5	360.6	89.1	844.9	809.7	95.8
North America	191.4	186.3	97.3	356.0	387.6	108.9
South America	23.2	21.6	93.1	46.9	45.1	96.2
Africa	20.3	20.0	98.5	44.7	40.9	91.5

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In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 13268.8 thousands, 3.6% more compared to the period 1.01-31.12.2018.

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 79.9% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 20.1%.

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 84.2% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 29870.4 thousands, 5.0% more compared to the period 1.01-31.12.2018.

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, the Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 82.4% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 17.6%. As to the overnight stays of foreign visitors in the establishments of tourists' reception, the highest weight had those coming from Europe (72.1% of the total of foreign tourists) and 83.8% of them came from European Union Member States.

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, **the average duration of stay** was 2.3 days for Romanian tourists and 2.0 days for foreign tourists.

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 34.2% on total tourists' accommodation structures, 1.8 percentage points more compared to the period 1.1-31.12.2018.

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, hotels (42.8%), bungalows (31.4%), tourist villas (27.8%), ship accommodation places (27.3%), hostels (25.2%), tourist halts (23.1%) and tourist boarding houses (22.4%) 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 – 31.12.2019 higher values in Bucharest Municipality (2038.9 thousands), Constanța (1380.6 thousands), Brașov (1402.5 thousands), Cluj (667.3 thousands), Mureș (596.2 thousands) and Prahova (581.9 thousands), while the number of tourists' overnight stays^{*)} recorded higher values in Constanța (5196.5 thousands), Bucharest Municipality (3549.7 thousands), Brașov (2763.9 thousands), Bihor (1546.5 thousands), Vâlcea (1518.2 thousands), Prahova (1294.1 thousands), Cluj (1248.0 thousands) and Mureș (1158.6 thousands).

Most of the foreign visitors accommodated in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation^{**)} came from Germany (296.2 thousands), Israel (234.5 thousands), Italy (222.3 thousands), USA (161.8 thousands), Hungary (156.8 thousands), France (154.1 thousands) and UK (139.1 thousands).

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to *customs*, amounted to 12815.4 thousands, 9.3% more compared to the same period of last year. Most of the foreign visitors used the means of road transport and air transportation, representing 74.5% and respectively 22.9% of the total arrivals.

In the period 1.01-31.12.2019, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to *customs*, amounted to 23065.8 thousands, by 9.6% more compared to the period 1.01-31.12.2018. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport and air transportation, representing 68.5% and respectively 30.9% 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:

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 on line TEMPO database of INS (data for December 2019 will be available on February 3, 2020) and the statistical publication "Monthly Statistical Bulletin" (date of issue February 26, 2020).

Data source: statistical research on "Frequency of establishments of tourists' reception with accommodation functions"; this statistical research is addressed to all the tourist reception structures with a minimum accommodation capacity of 10 beds, which operate in the reference month and which have operating authorization (classified) from the Ministry of Tourism - about 8500 economic operators.

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