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Summer season was in the black

Tourism – the third quarter of 2021

**In the Q3 2021, the total number of guests accommodated in collective accommodation establishments increased by 12.5%, year-on-year (y-o-y), and the number of overnight stays of guests in collective accommodation establishments increased by 11.0%, y-o-y. The number of guests was increasing for two successive quarters already. When compared to 2019, i.e. the year before the COVID-19 pandemic, the volume of visits in summer months reached 90%.**

**The number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **19.4 million nights** in total in the Q3 2021, which was by 11.0% more compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of overnight stays of guests from the Czech Republic (CR) increased by 9.1%, y-o-y; guests from abroad spent in accommodation establishments in the CR by 21.8% more nights compared to the previous year. From the total number of overnight stays, 46% were spent in hotels, 16% in boarding houses, and the same share was spent in tourist campsites, too.

In total, **6.7 million guests** **arrived** to collective accommodation establishments during the surveyed period, which was an increase by 12.5%, y-o-y. The number of both (guests from the Czech Republic and from abroad) increased (by 10.4% and 22.3%, respectively). Compared to the 2019 summer season, before the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of accommodated guests from the CR was by 29% higher this year and the number of guests from abroad was by 62% lower than two years ago. The number of guests in hotels increased during the period from July to September 2021 by 26.5%, y-o-y (3.5 million guests in total), boarding houses accommodated by 9.6% more persons, whereas tourist campsites recorded a decrease in the number of arrivals by 3.7%. In terms of **regional comparison**, the number of guests increased in all Regions of the Czech Republic. The highest year-on-year increment of guests in total was reported by the *Hl. m. Praha* Region (Capital City of Prague; +41.7%).

The highest number offoreign guests (**non-residents**; by citizenship) came from Germany in the Q3 2021. In the surveyed accommodation establishments, Germans still made over a fourth of guests from abroad (375 thousand arrivals). Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, however, their number decreased by 9.6%. The second most numerous group consisted of guests from Slovakia (172 thousand); it was 41.5% up, y-o-y. Guests from Poland ranked third (147 thousand arrivals; 7.2% down, y-o-y). As for non-European countries, the highest number of foreign guests accommodated in accommodation establishments in the CR were citizens of the United States of America (39 thousand) and Israel (35 thousand).

**Spa accommodation establishments** also reached black numbers in the Q3 2021. They were visited by 272 thousand guests in total who accommodated there, i.e. by 10.1% more compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of overnight stays also increased (by 5.3%). Both the number of arrivals and the number of nights spent in Czech and Moravian spas was higher as for residents, year-on-year. The number of arrivals of non-residents slightly decreased (by 0.2%); however, the number of their overnight stays increased by 6.4%. Eight out of ten of accommodated guests in spa accommodation establishments were Czechs and their average stay lasted for 7 nights.

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Table 1 Guests (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

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Table 4 Overnight stays (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

Table 5 Guests, overnight stays (non-residents by country, numbers, indices)

Chart 1 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments (y-o-y change)

Chart 2 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments