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Number of guests from abroad and from the Czech Republic increased with the same growth rate

Tourism – the second quarter of 2019

**In the Q2 2019, the total number of guests in collective accommodation establishments increased by 4.9%, year-on-year (y-o-y); the number of overnight stays grew by 3.8%. The number of guests has been continually growing for the sixth year already; the growth dynamics as for guests from the Czech Republic and from abroad equalised.**

**The number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **14.0 million nights** in total in the Q2 2019, which was by 3.8% more compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of overnight stays of guests from abroad increased by 3.9%, y-o-y; guests from the CR spent in accommodation establishments in the CR by 3.8% more nights. 67% of the total number of nights were spent in hotels, 10% in boarding houses, and 23% in tourist campsites and in holiday dwellings and hostels. As for the **regional breakdown**, the highest number of overnight stays was in Prague; however, almost 9 out of 10 nights were spent there by non-residents. Guests from the Czech Republic spent the highest number of nights in the *Jihočeský* Region, in the *Jihomoravský* Region, and in the *Královéhradecký* Region.

In total, **5.8 million guests** **arrived** to collective accommodation establishments during the surveyed period; it was 4.9% up, y-o-y. The number of both guests (from the Czech Republic and from abroad) increased (by 4.9% and 4.8%, respectively). The number of guests in hotels increased by 4.7%, y-o-y (by 4.1 million guests), boarding houses accommodated by 7.4% more persons, and campsites welcomed in the beginning of the summer season by 4.7% more guests than in the previous year. In terms of **regional comparison**, the number of guests increased in 13 regions of the Czech Republic. The highest y-o-y increase of guests in total was in the *Liberecký* Region and in the *Olomoucký* Region (both were 12.4% up) and in the *Pardubický* Region (11.0% up). The number of guests dropped only in the *Vysočina* Region (−1.4%), of which the decrease in the number of residents was 2.2%.

The highest number of **non-residents** (foreign guests by citizenship) came, as usually, from Germany. In the surveyed establishments, Germans made almost a fifth of guests from abroad (571 thousand arrivals). Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, their number increased by 7.7%. The second most numerous group of visitors came from Slovakia in the Q2 2019 (200 thousand); it was 4.5% up, y-o-y. Guests from Poland ranked third (187 thousand arrivals; 4.8% up, y-o-y). Dynamics of arrivals from China (compared to the last year’s double-digit increase) decreased in the Q2 2019; only by 1.1% more guests came to Czech and Moravian establishments in that period compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. On the contrary, a lower number of guests came from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (−1.3%) and from South Korea (−4.4percentage).

**Spa accommodation establishments** were visited in the surveyed period by 238 thousand guests, i.e. by 7.3% more than in the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of overnight stays also increased; it was by 1.8% more. The number of arrivals as well as the number of nights spent in Czech and Moravian spas was higher as for both residents and non-residents, year-on-year. In the *Karlovarský* Region, there were by 10.5% more spa guests.

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Annexes:

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

Table 2 Overnight stays (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

Table 3 Guests (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

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