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Current tourism winter season 2018/19: 49.6 million nights spent and 13.6 million arrivals

Vienna, 2019-03-28 – In the current winter season 2018/19 (November 2018 to February 2019), 49.57 million overnight stays and 13.58 million arrivals were registered in Austria's accommodation establishments, according to preliminary data by Statistics Austria. Compared to the same period in the previous year, the number of nights spent rose by 1.1%, the number of arrivals by 2.3%. The gains, both in arrivals and nights spent, mark new record values.

Nights spent by residents and non-residents increased. Compared to the same period in the previous year, nights spent by German guests decreased (-1.9% to 17.92 million).

In the first four months of the current winter season, all accommodation establishments showed increasing figures of nights spent, except private accommodations. The highest relative rise was registered in commercial holiday dwellings (+6.1%).

Decrease in nights spent in the most important month of winter season

February is the most important month in winter tourism with a 25% share of the whole season's nights spent. Since 2002 it is also the second important month according to the number of nights spent in the whole calendar year, following August. After the decrease of nights spent in January 2019 (-1.7%), in February 2019 the number of nights spent also decreased by 2.4% to 17.77 million. This negative result was mainly caused by non-resident nights spent (-4.1% to 14.03 million). The number of domestic nights spent increased by 4.6% to 3.74 million. Important countries of origin like Germany (-10.9%), Switzerland and Liechtenstein (-10.2%), Belgium (-55.8%) and Russia (-7.3%) showed sharp decreases. These negative developments were partly caused by shifts of winter holidays in important countries of origin.

The number of overnight stays in the current calendar year 2019 (January and February) decreased by 2.1% to 32.93 million, that of arrivals rose by 0.2% to 7.82 million.

For further information please refer to the [German version](#).

Information on methods: Within the scope of the monthly overnight statistics, the arrivals and nights spent are provided by rented tourist accommodation establishments in those communities which have more than 1 000 overnight stays per year. Of the total of 2 096 Austrian communities, 1 558 reporting communities transmit data to Statistics Austria monthly. The survey units are commercial and private tourist accommodation establishments, which transmit their data to the relevant reporting community by means of "Statistisches Meldeblatt" or "Betriebsbogen".

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