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53.2 million overnight stays and 14.5 million arrivals in the current tourism winter season 2019/20

Vienna, 2020-04-02 – In the current winter season 2019/20 (November 2019 to February 2020), 53.19 million **nights spent** and 14.55 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 overnight stays rose by 7.1% and the number of arrivals by 6.9%. The gains both in arrivals and nights spent marked new record values.

Nights spent by residents (+2.0%) as well as by non-residents (8.6%) increased; with the share of nights spent by residents reaching about one fifth (21.6%). Compared to the same period in the previous year, nights spent by German guests (47.2% of all nights spent by non-resident guests) increased significantly (+9.8% to 19.69 million). Also the second-most important foreign country of origin – the Netherlands – showed rises in the number of nights spent (+13.8% to 5.11 million).

In the first four months of the current winter season 2019/20, all accommodation establishments showed increasing figures concerning nights spent. The highest rise was registered in commercial holiday dwellings (+12.8%).

February 2020: nearly 20 million nights spent

February is the most important winter tourism month with a 25% share of the whole season's nights spent. Since 2002 it is also the second most important month according to the number of nights spent in the whole calendar year, following August. In February 2020, the number of nights spent increased by 10.2% to 19.69 million (arrivals: +9.4% to 4.62 million). This result was influenced by the additional day of the leap year 2020 and shifts of winter holidays in important markets like Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium.

A regional analysis shows that 75% of all nights spent in February 2020 occurred in the western Laender Tyrol (42.2%), Salzburg (25.2%) and Vorarlberg (7.6%). These three regions also account for 3.07 million of the 4.62 million tourist arrivals in this month. The capital Vienna accounted for 6.4% of total nights, 2.4% of total arrivals in February.

The top 10 municipalities according to the number of nights spent – apart from Vienna – are the ski resorts Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Sölden, Schladming, Ischgl, Flachau, St. Anton am Arlberg, Zell am See, Mittelberg, Mayrhofen and Lech. These destinations are responsible for 3.31 million nights, thus about one sixth (16.8%) of total nights.

Current calendar year 2020 started with an increase in overnight stays of 8.2%

The number of nights spent in the current calendar year 2020 (January and February) increased by 8.2% to 35.73 million (resident guests: +1.6% to 6.68 million; non-resident guests: +9.8% to 29.05 million), that of arrivals rose by 9.6% to 8.59 million (resident guests: +3.2% to 2.11 million; non-resident guests: +11.8% to 6.48 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 communities with more than 1 000 nights spent per year. Thus, of the 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" (for further information related to methodology see "[Standarddokumentation](#)"). The winter season considers the period November until April, the summer season the period May until October.

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