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More summer holiday trips than before the pandemic

Number of holiday trips by the Austrian population in the period July to September 2022 by 29.0 % above the level of third quarter 2019

Vienna, 2022-12-21 – In the summer months July to September 2022, the number of holiday trips by the Austrian population with at least one overnight stay (including visits to relatives and acquaintances) rose to 9.09 million, according to preliminary data from Statistics Austria. This is 14.0 % more than in the third quarter of the previous year with 7.97 million and 29.0 % more than in the pre-pandemic summer of 2019 with 7.04 million holiday trips.

“After more than two years of the pandemic, the number of holiday trips in summer 2022 has increased significantly compared to previous years. The proportion of people in the total population aged 15 and over who took at least one holiday trip between July and September increased by 7 percentage points to 63.1 % or 4.81 million travellers. This means that the travel intensity was also significantly higher than in the pre-pandemic summer of 2019, when it was 57.6 %,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Almost every third short holiday trip within Austria; main holiday trips largely abroad

In the period from July to September 2022, 3.93 million short holiday trips with one to three overnight stays were taken, of which 65.3 % were spent in Austria and 34.7 % abroad. On the other hand, 74.5 % of the main holiday trips with four or more overnight stays were taken abroad, while 24.5 % were spent in Austria. Overall, slightly more than half (56.7 %) of all holiday trips were main holiday trips (5.15 million trips).

Peak in foreign holiday travel; long-distance travel on the rise again

With 5.20 million holiday trips abroad, a new record was reached in the number of holiday trips abroad in summer 2022. Overall, 57.3 % of all holiday trips were taken abroad. This is not only 34.2 % more than in the third quarter of the previous year with 3.88 million, but also significantly more than in summer 2019 with 3.84 million foreign holiday trips. The most popular foreign destination this summer was Italy, where 26.1 % of all outbound holiday trips went, followed by Germany (19.4 %), Croatia (13.7 %), Greece (9.4 %) and Spain (4.1 %). Long-distance trips were also taken more frequently again in summer 2022 than in 2021 or 2020, although their share of holiday trips abroad is still 2.9 percentage points below the level of summer 2019 (2022: 3.5 %; 2021: 0.7 %; 2020: 0.2 %).

Significant increase in train journeys; recreation most important travel motive

The share of holiday trips by train increased by 7.2 percentage points compared to the same period last year, meaning that 15.5 % of all holiday trips this summer were made by train as the main mean of transport (2021: 8.3 %). This is the highest share of holiday trips by train since records began in 2003. The share of air travel was also higher again this year compared to the same quarter last year (2022: 16.8 % of all holiday trips; 2021: 13.2 %), but remains below pre-pandemic levels (2019: 19.7 %). Despite the increasing choice of other main means of transport for holiday travel, 61.6 % of all holiday trips were made by car. This means that the share of holiday trips by car is nevertheless the lowest in almost 20 years.

Recreation was the main purpose for a holiday trip for the Austrian resident population this summer: 41.5 % of all holiday trips were recreational holidays. The second most common purpose of travel was visiting relatives and friends (23.1 % of all trips), followed by outdoor/adventure holidays (15.9 %), the share of which was lower this summer than in the previous summer (2021: 21.9 %).

For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

Holiday trips in the summer months (July, August and September) 2019 to 2022

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Share of persons aged 15 and older with at least one holiday trip (in %)				
Domestic trips	30.8	33.8	35.8	34.1
Trips abroad	39.1	16.5	34.4	45.7
Total	57.6	43.2	56.1	63.1
Holiday trips by duration (number of trips in 1 000)				
Short-term trips (1-3 nights)	2 914.4	2 965.9	3 462.8	3 933.2
Main trips (4 and more nights)	4 129.4	2 643.9	4 508.9	5 152.7
Total	7 043.8	5 609.8	7 971.7	9 085.9
Holiday trips by duration (share in %)				
Short-term trips (1-3 nights)	41.4	52.9	43.4	43.3
Main trips (4 and more nights)	58.6	47.1	56.6	56.7
By month of departure (share in %)				
July	37.7	33.5	34.1	36.7
August	38.4	42.6	40.9	39.9
September	23.9	23.9	25.0	23.4
Organisation of the trips (share in %)				
Privat	72.8	82.3	79.9	70.5
Travel agency or tour operator	27.2	17.7	20.1	29.5
Domestic trips and trips abroad (in 1 000)				
Domestic trips	3 204.0	3 933.9	4 093.1	3 881.7
Trips abroad	3 839.8	1 675.9	3 878.5	5 204.3
Total	7 043.8	5 609.8	7 971.6	9 086.0
Domestic trips and trips abroad (share in %)				
Domestic trips	45.5	70.1	51.3	42.7
Trips abroad	54.5	29.9	48.7	57.3
Top destinations abroad				
Italy (incl. Vatican, San Marino)	22.2	31.7	32.6	26.1
Germany	12.6	25.0	12.7	19.4
Croatia	13.9	8.3	16.2	13.7
Greece	9.7	4.3	10.0	9.4
Spain (incl. Andorra, Gibraltar)	4.4	3.1	3.9	4.1
France (incl. Monaco)	2.8	3.0	2.4	3.1
Hungary	2.8	4.3	1.7	2.7
Turkey	2.9	1.5	2.3	2.2
Long-distance trips ¹	6.4	0.2	0.7	3.5
Other destinations	22.3	18.6	17.5	15.8

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1) Holiday trips outside Europe and Turkey.

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