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Winter season to date 5.5% below pre-crisis level

In March 2023, tourism was still 13.7% below the pre-Corona level, with just under 13 million overnight stays

Vienna, 2023-04-26 – According to preliminary results from Statistics Austria, 61.09 million overnight stays were registered in Austrian accommodation establishments in the period from November 2022 to March 2023, over a third more than in the same period of the previous year's winter season.

"In March 2023, Austrian hotels, guesthouses and vacation apartments were not yet quite as well booked as before the pandemic. At just under 13 million, overnight stays were still 13.7% below the level of March 2019. Overall, the fading winter season of 2022/23 achieved a 5.5% lower result than the same period of the record winter season of 2018/19," says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Overnight stays in current winter season 2022/23 5.5% below all-time-high

The winter season 2022/23 to date (**November 2022 to March 2023**) reached 61.09 million **overnight stays**. This result is by 15.93 million higher than in the same period of the previous season (+35.3%), which was still heavily affected by travel restrictions. Thus, the current winter season lies by 5.5% or 3.5 million overnight stays (resident guests: -5.3%; non-resident guests: -5.6%) below the winter season 2018/19, which reached the highest number of overnight stays so far. **Arrivals** rose by more than half compared to the same period of the previous season to 16.25 million.

In the winter season 2022/23 to date, there were a total of 47.67 million overnight stays by non-resident guests. This corresponds to an increase of 38.0% compared to the same period last year. Overnight stays by resident guests rose by 26.4% (+2.80 million) to a total of 13.42 million.

Non-resident guests accounted for more than half of overnight stays in March 2023

In **March 2023**, the penultimate month of the current winter tourist season, the number of overnight stays rose by 6.4% to 12.93 million compared to March 2022. At the same time, arrivals increased by 20.8% or 0.58 million to 3.36 million.

Overnight stays by non-resident guests increased by 4.9% to 10.14 million compared to March of the previous year, while overnight stays by resident guests rose by 12.4% to 2.80 million. This means that the share of overnight stays by non-resident guests (78.4%) is almost four times higher than that of resident guests (21.6%).

More detailed results and further information on accommodation statistics can be found on our website under <u>Arrivals&overnight stays</u>.

Information on methodology, definitions: 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 2 093 Austrian communities, 1 569 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. For comparisons with the previous year, the current monthly data are used with the values for the corresponding reference reporting communities in the same month of the previous year.

For further information related to methodology see <u>Standard documentation related to accommodation statistics</u> (in German only).

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