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# 2026 pre-summer season in Austria sees a 1.5% rise in nights spent

## A total of 22.35 million nights spent in May and June 2026

Vienna, 2026-06-26 – According to preliminary results from Statistics Austria, 22.35 million nights spent and 8.06 million arrivals were recorded in Austrian accommodation establishments during the summer tourism season to date (May to June 2026). This means that nights spent in this year's pre-summer season are 1.5% higher than in May and June 2025.

"Following a strong start to the summer tourist season in May 2026, the number of nights spent in Austrian hotels, guesthouses and holiday flats in June fell by 5,7% compared with the same month last year. The decline compared with June 2025 is primarily due to the fact that Whitsun – and with it, amongst other things, one week of the two-week Bavarian Whitsun holidays – fell in May this year. Whereas in 2025 Whitsun was at the beginning of June. However, when May and June 2026 are considered together, the figure of more than 22 million nights spent represents the best result for a pre-summer season since electronic records began in 1973/74," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

### Summer season 2026 to date: 1.5% more nights spent

During the pre-summer season (May to June 2026), 22.35 million nights spent were recorded, representing an increase of 1.5% compared with the same period of the previous year. Of these, 15.10 million nights spent (+2.9%) were accounted for by non-resident guests and 7.25 million (−1.2%) by resident guests. In May and June 2026, 5.25 million arrivals (+2.2%) from non-resident guests and 2.81 million arrivals (+0.2%) from resident guests were recorded.

The main international source markets were Germany (+2.8% to 8.26 million nights spent), the Netherlands (+2.5% to 0.76 million), Switzerland and Liechtenstein (+1.6% to 0.63 million), as well as the USA (+8,4% to 0.55 million). The Arab market, which accounted for 138 000 nights spent in the pre-summer season, recorded a 43.8% decline compared with May and June 2025.

### Nights spent in the first half of 2026 were 1.0% higher than the previous year's level

In the calendar year to date (January to June 2026), 76.93 million nights spent were recorded. This represents a 1.0% increase in nights spent compared with the first half of the previous year. Nights spent by non-resident guests totalled 57.92 million, which is 1.3% higher than the same period last year. 19.01 million nights spent were reported for non-resident guests, which is in line with the previous year's level. Arrivals also rose, increasing by 1.7% to 22.81 million; of these, 15.89 million were from non-resident guests and 6.92 million from resident visitors (+1.9% and +1.3%, respectively).

### June 2026: calendar effect leads to decline in nights spent

In June 2026, Austrian accommodation establishments recorded 12.70 million nights spent and 4.39 million arrivals. Nights spent by guests from abroad fell by 7.0% to 8.76 million compared with June 2025, nights spent by resident guests also recorded a slight decline to 3.94 million (−2.5%). At 4.39 million, the number of guest arrivals was 5.2% lower than in June of the previous year (4.63 million). The decline is mainly due to the fact that Whitsun fell in May this year, whereas last year it was in June.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.

**Information on methodology**:

**How are nights spent and arrivals in Austrian tourist accommodation establishments recorded?** 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 2 092 Austrian communities, 1 594 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. The preliminary data includes all reports received by Statistics Austria by the 15th day after the end of the reporting month. Any late reports and corrections are taken into account for the final data by the 30th day after the end of the reporting month. 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 standard documentation on accommodation statistics (available in German only).

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