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Over 41 million overnight stays in the first half of the Austrian summer tourism season 2026

New record high for the period May to July

Vienna, 2026-08-25 – According to preliminary results from Statistics Austria, 41.87 million nights spent were recorded in Austrian accommodation establishments between May and July 2026 – the first half of the tourist summer season. This represents an increase of 3.2% compared with the same period last year. The month of July saw 19.46 million nights spent (+4.8% compared with July 2025) and 6.0 million guest arrivals (+9.3%).

"In the first half of this year's summer season – that is, from May to July – the number of overnight stays in Austrian hotels, guesthouses and holiday apartments rose to 41.87 million, once again reaching a new record high since electronic records began in 1973. In July 2026, there were 19.46 million overnight stays – 4.8% more than in July of the previous year – and the number of guests grew particularly sharply, by 9.3%," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

July 2026 shows significant increase in guest arrivals and nights spent

In **July 2026**, the second most important summer month, Austrian accommodation establishments recorded 19.46 million nights spent (+4.8% compared with the same month last year). The number of nights spent by non-resident guests rose by 5.9% to 14.68 million compared with July 2025, while those by resident guests rose by 1.7% to 4.78 million.

Particularly striking is the rise in the number of guest arrivals (5.97 million), which was 9.3% higher than in the previous year (5.47 million). Growth of around 9% was recorded for both non-resident (4.33 million; +9.4%) and resident guest arrivals (1.65 million; +8.8%).

The most important international source markets were Germany (+4.8% to 7.18 million nights spent), the Netherlands (+11.5% to 1.53 million), the Czech Republic (+21.8% to 0.74 million) as well as Switzerland and Liechtenstein (+3.5% to 0.60 million).

Halfway through the tourism summer season 2026: 3.2% increase in nights spent

In the **summer season to date (May to July 2026)**, 41.87 million nights spent were recorded, representing an increase of 3.2% compared with the same period last year. Of these, 29.83 million nights spent (+4.5%) were accounted for by non-resident guests and 12.05 million nights spent (+0.1%) by resident guests. In terms of arrivals, 9.60 million (+5.6%) were from non-resident and 4.47 million (+3.5%) from resident guests.

96.46 million nights spent so far in the 2026 calendar year

In the period **January to July 2026,** a total of 96.46 million nights spent were reported. This represents an increase of 1.8% compared with the same period last year.

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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