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Promising start of the year in accommodation services

Tourism – the first quarter of 2022

**In the Q1 2022, 2.8 million guests accommodated in collective accommodation establishments; almost a third of them were guests from abroad, the number of domestic guests accommodated there was 1.9 million. The number of overnight stays of guests in collective accommodation establishments increased by 643.0%. After restrictions, accommodation services are slowly returning to normal.**

The **number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **7.9 million nights** in the Q1 2022, i.e. seven times more compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Guests from the Czech Republic (CR) were prevailing, 7 out of 10 overnight stays were made by residents. The number of overnight stays of residents was higher than in the Q1 2019 before the pandemic.

*“In the reference period,* ***2.8 million guests arrived*** *in collective accommodation establishments, which was ten times more compared to the previous year. The number of guests from abroad increased sixteen times and also the number of domestic guests accommodated significantly more than last year,”* Marie Boušková, Director of the Trade, Transport, Services, Tourism, and Environmental Statistics Department of the CZSO, stated.

Hotels recorded an increase in the total number of guests to 2 million arrivals (by 939.6%). Arrivals in boarding houses accounted for 17% of the volume of the number of guests and the proportion of other accommodation establishments was 11% of accommodated guests. In the first quarter of 2022, the most visited Regions of the CR were, besides Prague, also the *Královéhradecký* Region and the *Liberecký* Region, which are suitable for spending winter holidays.

*“The number of guests in collective accommodation establishments significantly increased compared to the previous year; however, the comparison basis is low due to the last year’s pandemic restrictions. Accommodation outputs in the first quarter by far have not reached the volumes from 2019, mainly guests from abroad are still missing,”* Pavel Vančura, Head of the Tourism and Environmental Statistics Unit of the CZSO, said.

The highest number of **foreign guests** (non-residents; by citizenship) came to accommodate in collective accommodation establishments, as usually, from Germany. In the surveyed accommodation establishments, Germans still made a fourth of guests from abroad (234 thousand arrivals, index 3 583.5%). The second most numerous group consisted of guests from Slovakia (98 thousand, index 860.9%). Guests from Poland ranked third (79 thousand arrivals; index 1 920.8%).

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The total number of guests includes data related to Ukrainian nationals who paid for their accommodation themselves. However, with regards to the war conflict in the Ukraine, operators of accommodation establishments were not able to distinguish in all cases whether they are tourists or refugees. Therefore, also persons who cannot be objectively considered to be tourism participants according to international recommendations could have been included in the number of guests.

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Table 1 Guests (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

Table 2 Overnight stays (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

Table 3 Guests (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

Table 4 Overnight stays (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

Table 5 Guests, overnight stays (non-residents by country, numbers, indices)

Chart 1 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments (y-o-y change)

Chart 2 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments