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In 2023, by 13.5% more guests accommodated in Czechia

Tourism – the fourth quarter of 2023

**In the Q4 2023, the total number of guests accommodated in collective accommodation establishments increased by 8.5%, year-on-year (y-o-y), to 4.7 million arrivals. The number of overnight stays increased by 6.6%. Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, a higher number of nights spent was only reported for non-residents, whereas residents recorded a decrease.**

**For the whole year 2023, over 22 million guests accommodated in surveyed collective accommodation establishments in Czechia, which was by 13.5% more, year-on-year. The number of overnight stays increased by 10.7% to the total of 56 million nights. In 2023, the number of accommodated guests reached for the first time values as in the pre-COVID year 2019; however, the number of overnight stays was still lagging behind.**

**The number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments increased by 6.6% to the total of **10.9 million nights** in the Q4 2023, compared to the corresponding period of 2022. Non-residents reported growth by 15.6%, whereas residents stayed overnight by 1.8% less nights.

*“In the Q4 2023, 4.7 million guests in total accommodated in collective accommodation establishments, which was by 8.5% more compared to the corresponding period of 2022. The number of arrivals of foreign guests increased by 16.7% and the number of domestic tourists increased by over one percent,”* Pavel Vančura, Director of the Trade, Transport, Services, Tourism, and Environmental Statistics Department of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), stated.

The number of guests in hotels was 3.8 million; they spent over 8.3 million nights in a hotel-type accommodation in the Q4 2023. It means that the number of arrivals increased by 10.3%, year-on-year, and the number of overnight stays by 8.0%. Boarding houses reported a y-o-y increase in the number of guests and the number of overnight stays, both by 1.6%. On the other hand, operators of camps and holiday dwellings recorded a lower number of accommodated guests. The number of guests in camps decreased as for arrivals by 7.9%, year-on-year, and in holiday dwellings it was even by 14.6%. In terms of **comparison of Regions**, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the number of accommodated guests increased in all Regions of the Czech Republic, except for the *Liberecký* Region and the *Královéhradecký* Region. The highest increase was in the *Jihočeský* Region, in which by 18.4% more guests arrived, who spent there by 7.8% more nights. Clientele from abroad reported growth in all Regions of Czechia, namely as for the number of arrivals as well as the number of overnight stays. The number of domestic guests decreased, year-on-year, in six Regions and the number of their overnight stays decreased in nine Regions.

*“After a favourable development in the summer season, the Q4 did not get above the level of the pre-COVID year 2019. The total number of both arrivals and overnight stays was lower compared to the Q4 2019. The number of residents in collective accommodation establishments increased by over 11%, whereas by 10.5% less foreign clientele arrived,”* Roman Mikula, 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 the Czech Republic as usually from Germany in the Q4 2023. Germans made almost a quarter of foreign clientele; in the Q4, over 542 thousand of them came to Czechia, which was a 6.3% growth, year-on-year. The second most numerous group of foreign guests originated in Slovakia (203 thousand of guests, an increase by 5.9%) and the third one from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (135 thousand of guests; an increase by 38.8%). Over 40% of the foreign clientele were guests from neighbouring countries.

**Development in 2023**

In 2023, collective accommodation establishments reported a year-on-year increase in the number of guests in both the number of arrivals (by 13.5%) and in the number of overnight stays (by 10.7%). 22 million guests accommodated in Czechia; they spent there 56 million nights. Since the pandemic, last year it was for the first time when the number of guests equalled to that in the year 2019 and a slight increase by 0.2% was recorded. However, the number of overnight stays still did not reach the pre-COVID values. Tourists spent by 1 million less nights in collective accommodation establishments in the Czech Republic (a decrease by 1.8%).

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Annexes:

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