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Over 21 million guests accommodated in the Czech Republic in 2018

Tourism – the fourth quarter of 2018

**In the Q4 2018, the number of overnight stays of guests in collective accommodation establishments increased by 3.1%, year-on-year (y-o-y). The number of guests from the Czech Republic increased by 5.5% and the number of foreign guests increased by 1.4%. In total, by 5.9% more guests accommodated there in the Q4 2018. Demand among the domestic guests grew by 6.9%; interest of foreign guests increased by 5.1%.**

**For the entire year 2018, collective accommodation establishments reported again historically record numbers of arrivals of guests as well as of their overnight stays. Over 21 million guests accommodated in collective accommodation establishments and spent there over 55 million nights.**

**The number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **10.8 million nights** in the Q4 2018, i.e. by 3.1% more compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The number of overnight stays of residents increased by 5.5%; non-residents spent in accommodation establishments by 1.4% more nights. The number of overnight stays in hotels increased by 2.4%, y-o-y, and in boarding houses by 10.9%, y-o-y. As for the **regional breakdown**, accommodation establishments in all regions reported growth, except for those in the *Pardubický* Region and in the *Královéhradecký* Region. The most successful were operators in the *Středočeský* Region, in which the number of nights spent increased by 11.7%, y-o-y. A two-digit growth was reached also by accommodation establishments in the *Plzeňský* Region and in the *Ústecký* Region.

In total, **4.5 million guests** **arrived** to collective accommodation establishments during the surveyed period; it was 5.9% up, y-o-y. The number of domestic guests increased by 6.9% and the number of guests from abroad grew by 5.1%. The highest number of guests accommodated in four-star hotels (1.7 million); it was by 7.0% more than in the previous year. Three-star hotels accommodated 1.3 million of tourists, which was a 5.4% increase. Boarding houses reported 8.6% up and 420 000 visits. In terms of **regional comparison**, the number of guests decreased only in the *Pardubický* Region (−6.9%). Visitors were interested the most in accommodation in the *Středočeský* Region (+13.6%), in the *Jihočeský* Region (+11.3%), and in the *Moravskoslezský* Region (+11.0%).

The highest number of foreign guests (by **citizenship**) came from Germany. Almost half a million of Germans accommodated in the surveyed establishments, which was by 4.0% more compared to the Q4 2017. The second most numerous group of guests were guests from Slovakia with 184 000 arrivals, which was a 10.2% increase. Tourists from China ranked third (+26.3%). The numbers of guests from the Russian Federation were decreasing already for the third successive quarter.

**Development in 2018**

The number of guests in collective accommodation establishments reached 21.3 million in 2018. It was by 1.3 million more than in 2017, which was an increase by 6.4%. Almost the same number of domestic as well as foreign guests accommodated there (10.6 million each). In the y-o-y comparison, the number of domestic guests in collective accommodation establishments increased by 8.1% and foreign guests by 4.7%. Also the threshold of 55 million of overnight stays has been overcome. The total number of nights spent by guests in collective accommodation establishments reached 55.5 million, which was by 2.3 million more compared to 2017 (+4.3%).

In almost all **regions** of the Czech Republic, both the number of arrivals as well as the number of overnight stays of guests increased, y-o-y. Only in the *Pardubický* Region both the number of guests as well as the number of nights spent by them dropped by 1 or rather 0.6%.

During the entire year 2018, by 550 thousand more **foreign guests** came to accommodate in the Czech Republic compared to 2017. Germany remained to be the most important source country of guests in 2018; in total, 2 million guests came from there and accommodated in the CR (+3.6%). Slovakia ranked second with 735 thousand arrivals (+7.8%), and Poland remained the third; 620 thousand guests came from there (+7.8%). Dynamics of the number of arrivals from China is the highest from the TOP 10 countries (+26.5%).

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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