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More guests from the CR and fewer from abroad were accommodated

Tourism – the first quarter of 2019

**In the Q1 2019, the total number of guests in collective accommodation establishments increased by 1.8%, year-on-year (y-o-y); the number of overnight stays grew by 0.9%. Guests from the Czech Republic were still very interested in accommodation. However, after several years of continual growth, demand among guests from abroad dropped during the first three months of 2019.**

**The number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **10.8 million nights** in the Q1 2019, which was by 0.9% more compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Guests from the CR spent in accommodation establishments in the CR by 4.2% more nights. The number of overnight stays of guests from abroad dropped by 2.3%. The highest number of overnight stays (7.3 million) was made in hotels. The hotel segment reported a y-o-y decrease in the number of overnight stays by 0.5%; it was mainly owing to a lower number of nights spent by non-residents (−2.0%). As for the **regional breakdown**, a higher number of guests staying overnight was in eight regions. The highest increase of the demand for accommodation was in the *Vysočina* Region (+9.1%); on the contrary, a decrease in the number of overnight stays was in Prague (−2.6%), in the *Středočeský* Region (−2.4%), in the *Jihočeský* Region (−2.1%), in the *Zlínský* Region (−1.8%), and in the *Karlovarský* Region (−1.1%).

In total, **4.0 million guests** **arrived** to collective accommodation establishments during the surveyed period; it was 1.8% up, y-o-y. Guests from abroad outnumbered the domestic ones. Compared to the previous year, the number of guests from abroad decreased by 0.2%, while the number of domestic guests increased by 3.8%. In hotels, the number of guests increased by 1.3%, y-o-y, and in boarding houses by 6.4%, y-o-y, in the Q1 2019. In terms of **regional comparison**, the number of guests increased in most of the regions. In the following regions, the number of arrivals grew with an above-average dynamics: in the *Jihomoravský* Region (+7.2%), in the *Královéhradecký* Region (+5.2%), and in the *Vysočina* Region (+5.1%). In Prague, the number of accommodated residents increased the most of all the regions (+9.0%). However, the number of non-residents decreased in Prague by 2.0%, which had a key influence on the nationwide decrease.

The highest number of foreign guests (by **citizenship**) came from Germany. In the surveyed establishments, 408 thousand Germans were accommodated. In the year-on-year comparison, the number of arrivals from Germany dropped by 2.6%. Also fewer of the neighbouring Austrians came to accommodate in the CR in the Q1 2019, compared to the previous year. As for the rest of the neighbouring countries, however, the number of guests coming to the CR was increasing. In total, 143 thousand guests came from Slovakia and accommodated in the CR, which was 4.9% up, y-o-y. The number of arrivals from Poland (137 thousand) increased by 6.7%. The fourth most numerous group of guests were guests from the Russian Federation; 131 thousand of them accommodated in the CR, which was a drop by 8.9%. Also fewer Italians came compared to 2018 (−8.6%). In the Q1, usually a lot of guests are coming from the Netherlands; this time, the number of their arrivals dropped by 7.0% and the number of their overnight stays decreased by 4.6%. On the contrary, the number of guests from France increased in the Q1 2019. Guests from France spent by a fifth more nights in the CR (+20.8%) and the number of accommodated French increased by 16.9%.

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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