

Tourist Movements at Borders (FRONTUR)

February 2026. Provisional data

Main results

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- In the first two months of 2026, the number of tourists increased by 2.0%.

More information

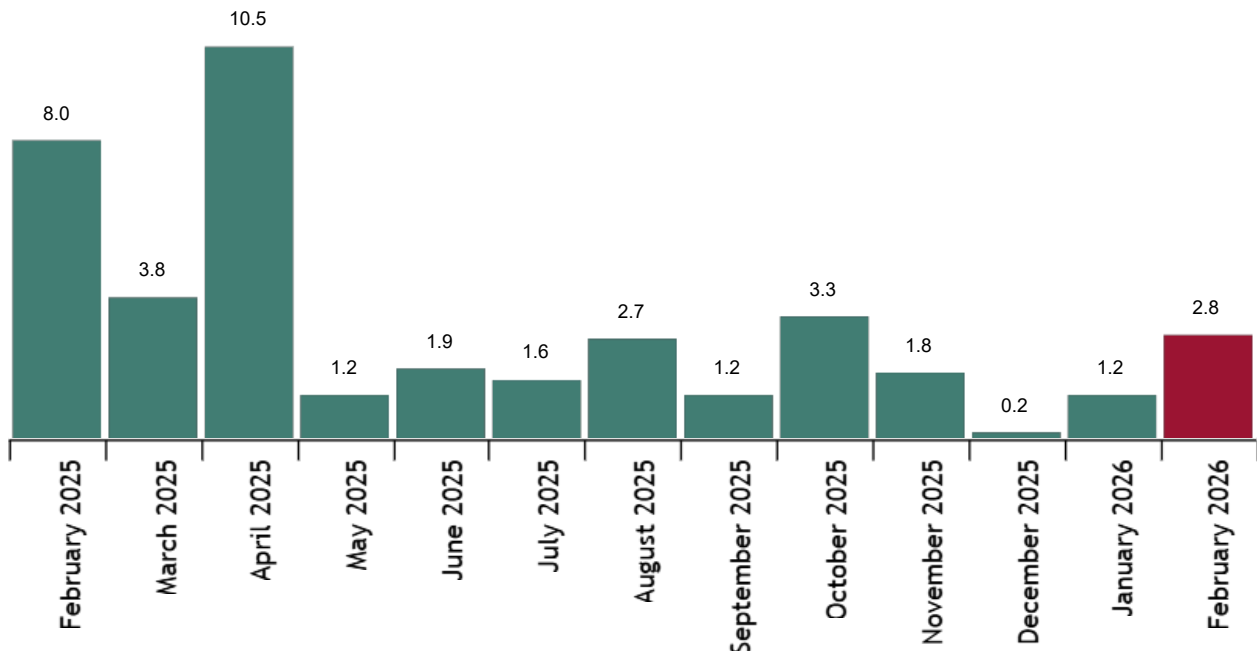
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In February, Spain received 5.6 million international tourists, 2.8% more than in the same month in 2025.

In the first two months of 2026, the number of tourists visiting Spain increased by 2.0% and approached 10.7 million.

International tourists arrivals by months

Annual variation. Percentage



The United Kingdom was the main country of residence, with one million tourists, an increase of 1.8% compared to February 2025. 687,434 tourists came from France (4.8% fewer) and 629,604 from Germany (1.4% more).

International tourists arrivals (*) by country of residence. February 2026



	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	5,569,036	2.8	10,696,292	2.0
Germany	629,604	1.4	1,156,931	-0.1
Belgium	179,080	9.1	316,042	1.1
France	687,434	-4.8	1,205,222	-11.7
Ireland	158,271	8.1	331,701	7.1
Italy	357,077	10.4	724,794	9.2
Netherlands	243,482	-10.6	473,602	-5.1
Portugal	165,274	7.8	350,152	14.1
United Kingdom	1,022,541	1.8	1,919,637	2.5
Switzerland	101,846	-11.6	208,661	-5.6
Nordic Countries	369,406	-0.6	723,516	0.5
Rest of Europe (**)	696,113	9.6	1,331,777	8.7
United States	185,052	0.2	384,268	1.7
Rest of America	314,302	-0.8	745,727	6.8
Rest of the world	459,554	19.1	824,263	9.4

(*) Does not include transit travellers or same-day visitors (excursionists).

(**) Includes the estimate for Russia.

The main incoming tourist countries during the first two months were the United Kingdom (with over 1.9 million tourists and an increase of 2.5%), France (with over 1.2 million and a decrease of 11.7%) and Germany (with more than 1.2 million, 0.1% less).

Main type of accommodation and other characteristics of the trips

The number of tourists who chose market accommodation as their main type of accommodation increased by 4.2% in annual terms. Within this type, hotel accommodation grew by 3.6% and rented dwellings by 13.7%. Non-market accommodation decreased by 2.3%.

International tourist arrivals by type of accommodation. February 2026

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	5,569,036	2.8	10,696,292	2.0
Rented accommodation				
Rented accommodation	4,421,398	4.2	8,285,975	4.8
Hotel accommodation	3,399,356	3.6	6,436,713	5.3
Rental housing	819,683	13.7	1,459,366	7.7
Rest rented accommodation	202,359	-15.6	389,896	-11.1
Non-rented accommodation				
Non-rented accommodation	1,147,638	-2.3	2,410,317	-6.4
Vacation home ownership	319,064	1.7	626,888	-1.1
Home of family or friends	732,985	-2.9	1,635,267	-8.4
Rest non rented accommodation	95,590	-9.3	148,161	-6.2

Four to seven nights was the main duration of stay among tourists, with almost 2.7 million and an annual increase of 4.1%. The number of visitors dropped by 6.4% among non-overnight visitors (day-trippers) and by 5.1% among tourists with a longer duration (more than 15 nights).

Almost 4.4 million tourists travelled without a tourist package in February, an increase of 2.5%. Over 1.2 million travelled with a package tour, 3.9% more.

Autonomous communities of main destination

Canarias was the top tourist destination in February, with 26.8% of the total. It was followed by Cataluña (21.3%) and Andalucía (14.1%).

3.3% more tourists visited Canarias than in February 2025. The number of tourists visiting Cataluña increased by 4.1% and 1.1% more tourists came to Andalucía.

International tourist arrivals by main Autonomous Community of destination. Monthly and cumulative data. February 2026

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	5,569,036	2.8	10,696,292	2.0
Andalucía	784,734	1.1	1,504,898	2.4
Balears, Illes	219,055	-8.1	353,713	-8.4
Canarias	1,492,242	3.3	2,920,164	4.1
Cataluña	1,187,379	4.1	2,198,281	-0.9
Comunitat Valenciana	740,365	10.4	1,319,086	3.8
Madrid, Comunidad de	659,007	1.8	1,425,372	5.4
Rest ACs	486,255	-2.3	974,778	-0.6

In the cumulative figure for the first two months of 2026, the Autonomous Communities that received the most tourists were Canarias (2.9 million: an increase of 4.1% as compared with the same period in 2025), Cataluña (2.2 million: a decrease of 0.9%) and Andalucía (1.5 million: 2.4% more).

Data revisions and updates

The data published today are provisional. All the results of this operation are available at [INEbase](#).

Current press release at: <https://www.ine.es/dyngs/Prensa/en/Frontur0226.htm>

Methodological note

The main objective of the Tourist Movement on Borders Survey (FRONTUR) is to estimate the number of non-residents visiting Spain on a monthly basis, as well as to know the main characteristics of the trips made by these visitors. The international definitions and recommendations of the UNWTO and EUROSTAT in this field are followed when preparing the FRONTUR.

Type of operation: continuous monthly statistics.

Population scope: this refers to non-residents in Spain who enter our country, whether or not they have stayed overnight, as well as those who pass through our country in transit.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory. The sample is collected at the main access points for non-resident travellers, by road, airport, port and rail.

Reference period of the results: the month.

Sample size: the annual theoretical sample size of FRONTUR exceeds 450,000 surveys, which are distributed throughout the year, taking into account the seasonality of passenger flows.


Sampling type: strata have been defined for each form of entry that group together border points, airports, ports and railway lines. In determining the road and airport sample, the day of the week in which the survey has been carried out is also identified, differentiating between working days, weekends and holidays. In airports, 21 air relations are defined (Spanish airport of origin-country of destination airport).

Collection method: information is collected by direct interview when the traveller leaves Spain, using a multilingual electronic questionnaire.

For more information, you can access the [methodology](#) and the [standardised methodological report](#).

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