

**Tourist Movements at Borders (FRONTUR)**  
February 2022. *Provisional data*

**Spain received 3.2 million international tourists in February,  
compared to 284,974 same month of 2021**

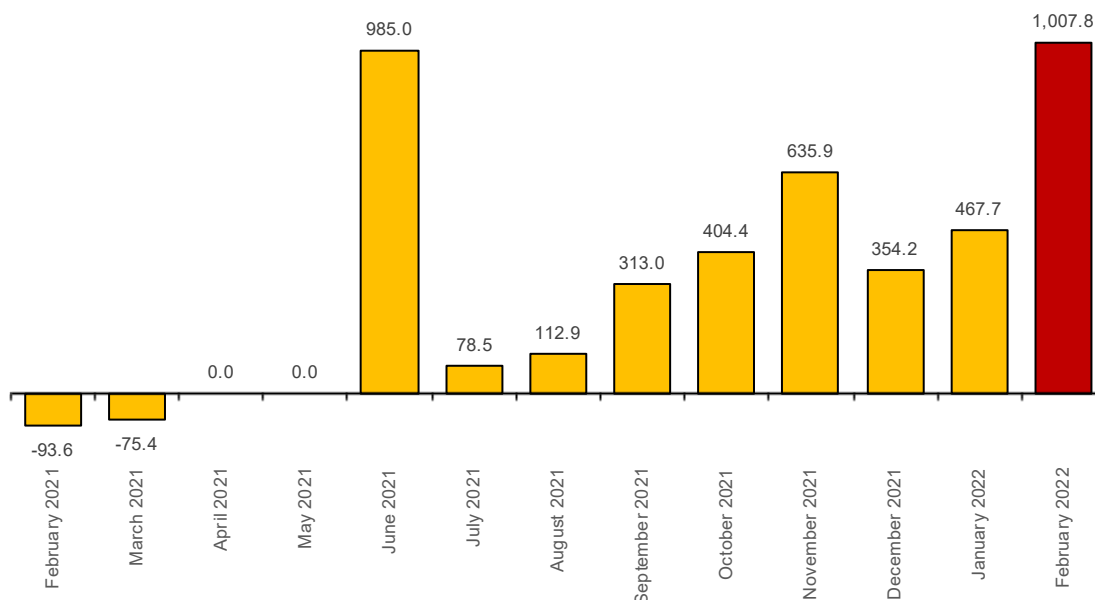
Spain received in February the visit of 3.2 million international tourists, 1,007.8% more than in the same month of 2021.

United Kingdom was the main country of residence, with 578,568 tourists, accounting for 18.3% of the total and an increase of 3,927.0% as compared to February last year.

France and Germany were the following countries with the most tourists visiting Spain. From France we received 514,977 tourists (587.2% more in the annual rate) and from Germany 398,741 tourists (956.9% more in the annual rate).

Among the other countries of residence, the annual growth was particularly noteworthy in tourists coming from Nordic Countries (2,005.1%), Ireland (1,998.9%) and Netherlands (1,482.0%).

**International tourist arrivals<sup>1</sup>**  
Monthly data, annual variation



<sup>1</sup> Variation rates of April and May 2021 are not possible to calculate because there was not entry of tourists in April and May 2020 due to the closure of the borders determined by the high alert period

In the first two months of 2022 the number of tourists visiting Spain increased by 680.6% and exceed 5.6 million. 722,947 international tourists came in the same period last year.

The main sending countries so far this year were the United Kingdom (with 941,718 tourists and an increase of 2,402.7% as compared to the first two months of 2021), France (with 862,932 tourists and an increase of 347.9%) and Germany (with 672,021 tourists, 663.7% more).

## International tourist arrivals (\*) by country of residence

February 2022	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	3,156,809	1,007.8	5,643,296	680.6
Germany	389,741	956.9	672,021	663.7
Belgium	120,574	1,232.5	224,277	579.2
France	514,977	587.2	862,932	347.9
Ireland	79,964	1,998.9	150,132	1,136.1
Italy	166,078	744.7	322,607	659.3
Netherlands	180,493	1,482.0	353,042	1,192.1
Portugal	130,412	555.8	223,169	358.7
United Kingdom	578,568	3,927.0	941,718	2,402.7
Switzerland	70,985	963.8	131,235	492.5
Russia	12,953	411.5	31,398	433.5
Nordic Countries	248,916	2,005.1	457,313	1,364.2
Rest of Europe	325,065	579.9	617,059	464.1
United States	69,329	1,179.8	138,023	1,099.7
Rest of America	139,955	628.5	306,061	667.3
Rest of the world	128,798	8,402.8	212,308	911.4

(\*):does not include transit travellers or same-day visitors

## Main destination Autonomous Communities

Canarias was the main tourist destination in February, with 30.7% of the total. It was followed by Cataluña (19.6%) and Andalucía (13.5%).

968,004 tourists came to Canarias, 1,203.2% more than in February last year. The main countries of residence of tourists visiting this Autonomous Community were the United Kingdom (30.9% of the total) and Germany (16.2%).

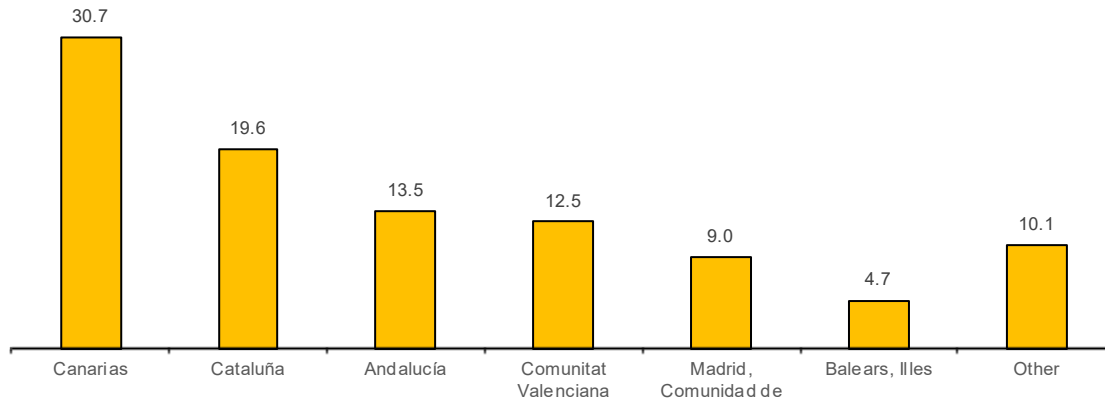
The number of tourists visiting Cataluña increased by 1,039.7% and stood by 619,390. 31.7% of these tourists came from France and 17.6% from Rest of Europe.

The third main destination Autonomous Community by number of tourists was Andalucía, with 425,307 tourists and an annual increase of 1,381.2%. United Kingdom was the main country of origin (with 19.2% of the total), followed by France (12.9%).

In the remaining Autonomous Communities the number of tourists increased, by 1,297.0% in Comunitat Valenciana, and by 1,034.4% in Illes Balears and by 794.8% in Comunidad de Madrid.

In the accumulated first two months of 2022, the Autonomous Communities that received the most tourists were Canarias (with over 1.7 million and an increase of 974.1% as compared with the same period in 2021), Cataluña (with nearly 1.1 million and an increase of 674.8%) and Andalucía (with 749,204 tourists, and 854.4% more).

**International tourist arrivals by main autonomous region of destination.**  
Percentage of the total



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

February 2022	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,156,809	1,007.8	5,643,296	680.6
Andalucía	425,307	1,381.2	749,204	854.4
Balears, Illes	149,626	1,034.4	232,746	720.4
Canarias	968,004	1,203.2	1,727,769	974.1
Cataluña	619,390	1,039.7	1,083,051	674.8
Comunitat Valenciana	393,280	1,297.0	674,541	763.5
Madrid, Comunidad de	282,713	794.8	530,695	587.6
Other	318,489	482.3	645,290	303.0

**International tourist arrivals by main Autonomous Community of destination. Main country of residence**

February 2022	First	% tourists	Second	% tourists
	outbound country		outbound country	
<b>TOTAL</b>	United Kingdom	18.3	France	16.3
Andalucía	United Kingdom	19.2	France	12.9
Balears, Illes	Germany	54.9	Rest of Europe	12.1
Canarias	United Kingdom	30.9	Germany	16.2
Cataluña	France	31.7	Rest of Europe	17.6
Comunitat Valenciana	United Kingdom	23.9	France	16.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	Rest of America	25.7	France	12.6

### Forms of access and main means of accommodation

Most tourists visiting Spain in February came by air, with nearly 2.6 million, representing an annual increase of 1,321.9%.

Railway access registered an 83.5% increase, road entries accounted for 475.7% more tourists and port arrivals had an increase of 566.9%.

### International tourist arrivals by main means of access to Spain

February 2022	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	3,156,809	1,007.8	5,643,296	680.6
Air transport	2,577,722	1,321.9	4,607,920	962.0
Motor vehicle	554,384	475.7	984,511	263.1
Train	9,328	83.5	15,994	28.6
Waterway	15,375	566.9	34,871	533.9

In February, the number of tourists choosing market accommodation as the main type of accommodation increased by 1,056.3% in the annual rate. Within this type, hotel accommodation grew by 1,030.5%, while rented dwellings grew by 1,957.1%.

On the other hand, non-market accommodation increased by 861.6%. The number of tourists staying in relatives or friends' homes increased by 936.1% and that of those staying in their own dwelling did so by 859.1%.

### International tourist arrivals by main type of accommodation

February 2022	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
TOTAL	3,156,809	1,007.8	5,643,296	680.6
Rented accommodation <sup>(*)</sup>	2,473,293	1,056.3	4,199,075	773.6
-Hotel accommodation	2,061,577	1,030.5	3,523,354	766.1
-Rental housing	289,527	1,957.1	466,172	1,201.1
-Rest rented accommodation	122,189	599.5	209,549	451.0
Non-rented accommodation	683,516	861.6	1,444,220	496.1
-Vacation home ownership	220,834	859.1	437,541	508.0
-Home of family or friends	416,461	936.1	922,142	530.1
-Rest non rented accommodation	46,221	488.2	84,537	252.5

(\*): Two principal groups of accommodation are distinguished, depending on whether there has been a monetary transaction: market accommodation (paid accommodation; hotels, rented accommodation, camp sites, country houses and other market accommodation) and non-market accommodation (own home, relatives or friends' homes and other non-market accommodation).

### Main reason, length of stay and organization of the trip

In February, *Leisure, recreation, and holidays* were the main reasons for travelling to Spain for more than 2.6 million tourists, representing an annual increase of 1,519.0%.

A total of 213,204 tourists arrived for *Business and professional reasons* (223.1% more) and 311,566 arrived for *Other reasons* (452.3% more).

### International tourist arrivals by main purpose of the trip

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	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,156,809	1,007.8	5,643,296	680.6
Leisure, vacations	2,632,039	1,519.0	4,639,522	960.5
Business and professional purposes	213,204	223.1	361,202	186.1
Other purposes	311,566	452.3	642,571	303.7

A stay of four to seven nights was the main length among tourists in February, with 1.5 million tourists and an annual increase of 1,451.6%.

The number of visitors increased by 314.4% among those without overnight stays (excursionists) and increased by 501.7% among tourists with longer duration (more than 15 nights).

### International visitor arrivals by length of stay

February 2022	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,303,459	560.4	9,548,768	364.9
no night <sup>(*)</sup>	2,146,650	314.4	3,905,472	193.5
1 night	165,786	294.2	300,089	202.2
2 - 3 nights	618,357	1,171.5	971,081	702.1
4 - 7 nights	1,498,574	1,451.6	2,494,644	1,032.3
8 - 15 nights	567,388	1,114.1	1,197,034	698.4
More than 15 nights	306,704	501.7	680,448	414.2

(\*): Excursionists

In February, nearly 2.5 million tourists travelled without a tourist package, indicating an annual increase of 884.1%. 666,489 tourists travelled with a tourist package, 1,988.0% more.

### International tourist arrivals by type of organization

February 2022	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change	Absolute value	Annual change
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,156,809	1,007.8	5,643,296	680.6
No Tourist Package	2,490,320	884.1	4,505,271	605.0
Tourist Package	666,489	1,988.0	1,138,024	1,256.6

## Revision and updating of data

The data published today are provisional and will be revised in March next year.

## 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.

For the preparation of FRONTUR the international definitions and recommendations of the UNWTO and EUROSTAT in this field are followed.

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, both 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.

Type of sampling: the sample design, a series of strata have been defined for each form of entry that group together border points, airports, ports or railway lines, respectively. In the road and airport sample allocation, the day of the week in which the survey has been carried out is also identified, differentiating between working days, weekends and holidays. Furthermore, in airports 20 air relations are defined (Spanish airport of origin-country of destination airport) which also determine the sample design in this form of access.

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

A more complete tabulation plan with the main series of aggregates, as well as the microdata file for the reference month, is available on the INE website. For more information you can access the methodology at:

[http://www.ine.es/daco/daco42/frontur/frontur\\_egatur\\_metodologia.pdf](http://www.ine.es/daco/daco42/frontur/frontur_egatur_metodologia.pdf)

And the standardized methodological report at:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/es/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=16028>

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