

Tourist Movements at Borders (FRONTUR)
September 2023. Provisional data

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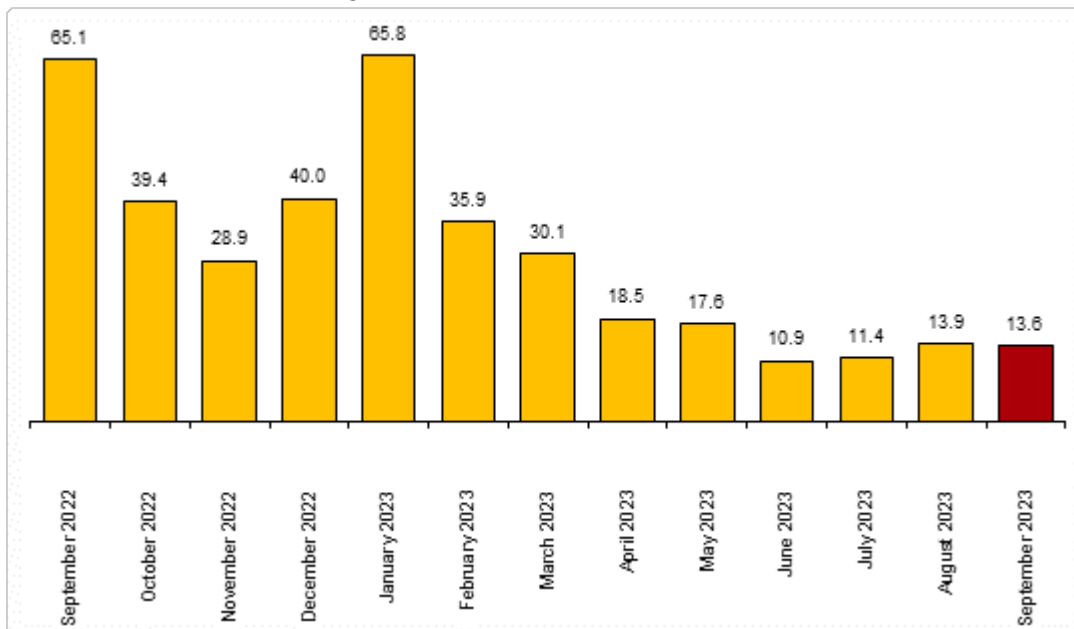
United Kingdom was the main country of residence, with almost 2.0 million tourists, accounting for 22.1% of the total and an increase of 8.7% compared to September of 2022.

Germany and France were the following countries with the most tourists visiting Spain. From Germany we received 1.3 million tourists (13.5% more in the annual rate) and France almost one million tourists (5.9% more).

Among the other countries of residence, the annual growth was particularly noteworthy in tourists coming from United States (27.4%), Switzerland (24.9%) and Ireland (14.7%).

International tourists arrivals by month

Annual variation. Percentage



In the first nine months of 2023 the number of tourists visiting Spain increased by 18.8% and exceed 66.5 million. 56.0 million came same period last year.

The number of tourists came to Spain stood by 0.6% less comparing to the accumulated of nine first years of 2019, before the pandemic.

The main sending countries so far this year were United Kingdom (with nearly 13.8 million tourists and an increase of 14.6%, as compared to the first nine months of 2022), France (almost 9.4 million and an increase of 18.0%) and Germany (with almost 8.5 million, a 9.6% more).

International tourists arrivals (*) by country of residence¹

September 2023	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	8,823,807	13.6	66,529,407	18.8
Germany	1,296,095	13.5	8,472,037	9.6
Belgium	283,704	0.7	2,147,424	6.5
France	969,683	5.9	9,353,306	18.0
Ireland	267,633	14.7	1,956,995	19.1
Italy	431,160	7.4	3,803,683	21.4
Netherlands	475,369	14.5	3,238,983	0.7
Portugal	282,748	8.9	2,284,800	18.2
United Kingdom	1,951,066	8.7	13,756,331	14.6
Switzerland	212,238	24.9	1,549,192	21.5
Nordic Countries	410,303	7.5	3,609,077	15.0
Rest of Europe (**)	791,725	12.3	6,162,437	20.4
United States	430,219	27.4	3,027,033	43.3
Rest of America	466,288	18.2	3,596,251	36.3
Rest of the world	555,578	66.0	3,571,857	67.4

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

(**) Includes Russia's estimation.

1. Turkey has been included in Rest of Europe aggregate since January 2022.

Main destination Autonomous Communities

Illes Balears was the main tourists destination in September, with 23.4% of the total. It was followed by Cataluña (20.7%) and Andalucía (14.9%).

Almost 2.1 million tourists came to Illes Balears, 8.7% more than in September last year. The main countries of residence of tourists visiting this Autonomous Community were Germany (30.6% of the total) and United Kingdom (28.0%).

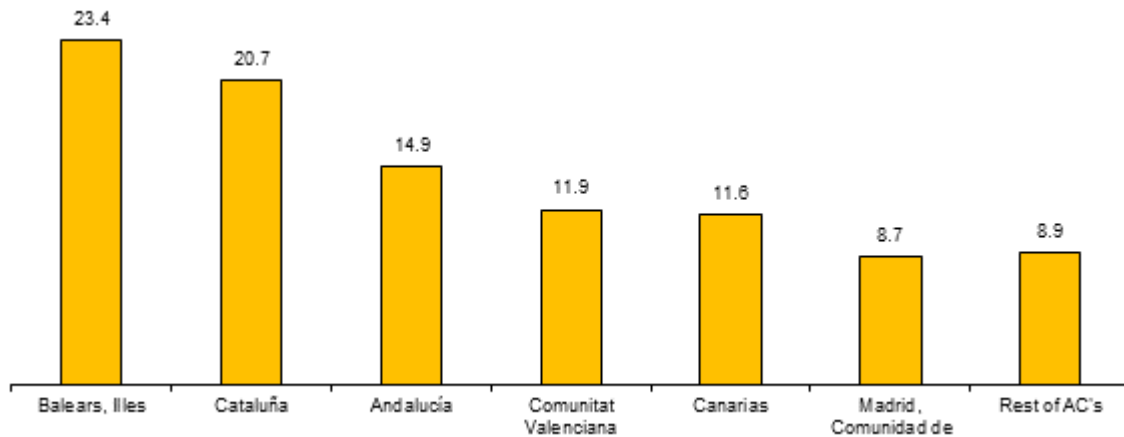
The number of tourists visiting Cataluña increased by 11.1% and stood above 1.8 million. 16.1% of these tourists came from France and 11.9% from United Kingdom.

The third main destination Autonomous Community by number of tourists was Andalucía, with more than 1.3 million and an annual increase of 19.1%. United Kingdom was the main country of origin (with 22.2% of the total), followed by Germany (9.2%).

In the remaining Autonomous Communities, the number of tourists increased by 27.0% in Comunidad de Madrid, by 11.9% in Comunitat Valenciana and by 10.3% in Canarias.

In the accumulated first nine months of 2023 the Autonomous Communities that received the most tourists were Cataluña (with nearly 14.2 million and an increase of 22.2% as compared with the same period of 2022), Illes Balears (with nearly 12.6 million and an increase of 8.6%) and Canarias (with nearly 10.0 million, a 14.1% 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

September 2023	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute	Annual	Absolute	Annual
TOTAL	8,823,807	13.6	66,529,407	18.8
Andalucía	1,310,845	19.1	9,613,641	22.7
Balears, Illes	2,061,436	8.7	12,552,794	8.6
Canarias	1,024,952	10.3	9,967,763	14.1
Cataluña	1,823,894	11.1	14,171,918	22.2
Comunitat Valenciana	1,049,363	11.9	8,086,487	20.4
Madrid, Comunidad de	765,040	27.0	5,745,165	31.2
Rest of AC's	788,277	19.8	6,391,640	22.9

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

September 2023	First outbound country		% tourists	
	First outbound country	% tourists	Second outbound country	% tourists
TOTAL	United Kingdom	22.1	Germany	14.7
Andalucía	United Kingdom	22.2	Germany	9.2
Balears, Illes	Germany	30.6	United Kingdom	28.0
Canarias	United Kingdom	45.7	Germany	16.7
Cataluña	France	16.1	United Kingdom	11.9
Comunitat Valenciana	United Kingdom	26.1	France	14.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	United States	12.7	Italy	6.7

Forms of access and main means of accommodation

Most tourists visiting Spain in September came by air, with more than 7.3 million, representing an annual increase of 12.1%.

Road entries accounted for 11.4% more tourists, railway access for 24.9% more and for port arrivals for 78.0% more.

International tourist arrivals by main means of access to Spain

September 2023	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	8,823,807	13.6	66,529,407	18.8
Air transport	7,307,473	12.1	54,249,768	17.3
Motor vehicle	1,160,672	11.4	10,671,289	23.8
Train	34,880	24.9	257,402	39.0
Waterway	320,782	78.0	1,350,949	42.3

In September, the number of tourists choosing market accommodation as the main type of accommodation increased by 12.5% in the annual rate. Within this type, hotel accommodation grew by 10.8%, and rented dwellings by 16.6%.

On the other hand, non-market accommodation increased by 21,2%. The number of tourists staying in relatives or friends' homes increased by 25,9% and that of those staying in their own dwelling did so by 14,9%.

International tourist arrivals by main type of accommodation

September 2023	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	8,823,807	13.6	66,529,407	18.8
Rented accommodation (*)	7,655,763	12.5	54,504,785	15.7
-Hotel accommodation	6,421,990	10.8	43,909,695	12.4
-Rental housing	829,050	16.6	7,651,014	40.2
-Rest rented accommodation	404,723	37.0	2,944,076	12.6
Non-rented accommodation	1,168,044	21.2	12,024,623	35.1
-Vacation home ownership	399,041	14.9	3,889,346	24.7
-Home of family or friends	715,971	25.9	7,329,759	37.1
-Rest non rented accommodation	53,032	11.5	805,519	84.4

(*) 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 September, *Leisure, recreation and holidays* were the main reasons for travelling to Spain for almost 7.9 million tourists, representing an increase of 14.6%.

A total of 493,311 tourists arrived for *Business and professional reasons* (0.4% more) and 461,593 arrived for *Other reasons* (12.0% more).

International tourist arrivals by main purpose of the trip

September 2023	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	8,823,807	13.6	66,529,407	18.8
Leisure, vacations	7,868,903	14.6	58,226,893	18.5
Business and professional purposes	493,311	0.4	3,397,429	7.8
Other purposes	461,593	12.0	4,905,085	31.2

A stay of four to seven nights was the main length among tourists in September, with more than 4.3 million tourists and an annual increase of 13.3%.

The number of visitors increased by 24.7% among those without overnight stays (excursionists) and increased by 16.6% among tourists with longer duration (more than 15 nights).

International visitor arrivals by length of stay¹

September 2023	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	12,539,478	16.7	96,969,524	19.3
no night (*)	3,715,671	24.7	30,440,117	20.5
1 night	404,016	15.8	3,271,911	23.7
2 - 3 nights	1,449,051	8.0	11,783,680	21.6
4 - 7 nights	4,316,874	13.3	32,127,804	19.8
8 - 15 nights	2,109,285	17.1	14,781,068	13.9
More than 15 nights	544,581	16.6	4,564,945	17.4

(*) Excursionists.

1. It is important take into account that the survey is made to the visitors in their exit from the country. For this reason, some nights could have been expended in a previous period.

In September, more than 6.2 million tourists travelled without a tourists package, indicating an annual increase of 13.9%. Almost 2.6 million tourists travelled with a tourists package, 12.9% more.

International tourist arrivals by type of organization

September 2023	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	8,823,807	13.6	66,529,407	18.8
No tourists Package	6,238,680	13.9	50,129,914	18.7
tourists Package	2,585,127	12.9	16,399,494	18.9

Revision and updating of data

The data published today is provisional and will be revised March next year. These results are available at INEBase.

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 travelers, 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 traveler leaves Spain, using a multilingual electronic questionnaire.

For more information you can access the methodology at:

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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1. International tourists arrivals by type of visitors

	Monthly data		Cumulative data	
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tourists	8.823.807	13,60	66.529.407	18,76
Same-day visitor	3.715.671	24,68	30.440.117	20,47

2. International tourists arrivals by country of residence¹

	Monthly data		Cumulative data	
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TOTAL	8.823.807	13,60	66.529.407	18,76
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Italy	431.160	7,39	3.803.683	21,42
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United Kingdom	1.951.066	8,71	13.756.331	14,59
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Switzerland	212.238	24,89	1.549.192	21,48
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Rest of America	466.288	18,15	3.596.251	36,30
Rest of the world	555.578	65,98	3.571.857	67,42

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3. International tourists arrivals by Autonomous Community main destination

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4. International tourists arrivals by main mean of access

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	Absolut value	Annual variation (%)	Absolut value	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	8.823.807	13,60	66.529.407	18,76
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Roads	1.160.672	11,41	10.671.289	23,82
Ports	320.782	78,00	1.350.949	42,28
Railroad	34.880	24,93	257.402	39,02

5. International tourists arrivals by main type of accommodation

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-Home of family or friends	715.971	25,87	7.329.759	37,06
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6. International tourists arrivals by main purpose of the trip

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7. International tourists arrivals by type of organization

	Monthly data		Cumulative data	
	Absolut value	Annual variation (%)	Absolut value	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	8.823.807	13,60	66.529.407	18,76
Without tourists Package	6.238.680	13,90	50.129.914	18,72
With tourists Package	2.585.127	12,89	16.399.494	18,87

8. International visitor arrivals by length of stay

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8 - 15 nights	2.109.285	17,15	14.781.068	13,86
More than 15 nights	544.581	16,57	4.564.945	17,40