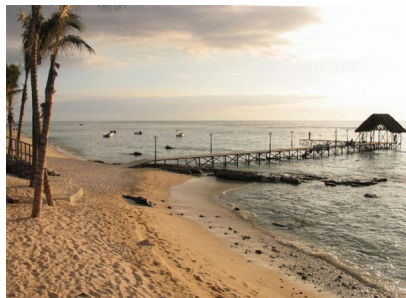


MOST CZECH TRAVELERS PLAN TO SPEND THEIR HOLIDAY ABROAD



According to a latest survey 70% of Czech people plan holiday this year, most of them are likely to go abroad. Despite the crisis most of them plan to spend the same amount or even more money than they did last year.

Seventy per cent of Czech travelers plan to go on holiday in the next 12 months. **According to a recent GE Money Bank survey, approximately 60 per cent of them want to spend their holiday abroad**, reported Czech Press Agency. Twenty five per cent of the respondents plan to spend more money than last year despite the economic crisis and half of the respondents plan to spend the same amount of money on holiday as they did last year.

According to the survey, the main holiday destinations for Czech tourists this year will be Croatia, Greece and Italy. Slovakia and Egypt are also among the most popular destinations. An average family with two kids will spend over €1,540 (40,000 CZK) for vacations booked through a tour operator.

“Besides the price of the holiday itself there are also other expenses during the stay. These additional expenses reach approximately €350 (9,000 CZK) per family,” said the spokeswoman of GE Money Bank, Marketa Dvorackova.

While on holiday, most Czechs remain conservative and pay their expenses cash. This approach is planned by two thirds of the surveyed Czech travelers. They exchange the money prior to their arrival to the holiday destination. Only every twelfth Czech withdraws the cash from an ATM abroad.

Ninety per cent of Czech tourists take with them some extra money on their holiday. Most of them (60 per cent) rely on their credit cards or debit cards as a reserve. Twenty four per cent of the respondents take more cash than they plan to spend.

What most Czech tourists (60 per cent) worry about is the possible loss of their documents, then traffic accidents, diseases and thieves. As the survey shows, women worry much more than men.

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