

# DOMESTIC TOURISM IN MEXICO GREW 10%



Domestic tourism in Mexico grew 10 per cent in the first five months of this year, with 24.3 million visitors being recorded in just 70 leading destinations in the country, according to the head of the Ministry of Tourism, Enrique de la Madrid.

The minister noted that this positive development in the sector has led Mexico to regain its top position on the world stage, as **international tourist arrivals increased by 11.7 per cent totaling 14.1 million from January to May.**

During his working tour of Querétaro, De la Madrid indicated that international tourist arrivals in Mexico represented an increase of 9.1 per cent and 8.379 billion dollars in revenues, i.e. a 7.3% increase.

From January to May alone this year, the number of domestic air travelers grew 11.7 per cent, reaching 15.9 million compared to the same period in 2015, while domestic tourism accounted for 24.3 million overnight stays in the country's main destinations.

During the working visit, the Tourism Minister said the state of Querétaro receives about 1.7 million tourists each year and that in 2015 the top destinations in the state recorded an 8% increase in visitor arrivals. **In the first five months of 2016, he added, the main destinations in Querétaro recorded an annual growth of 7.0 per cent in total tourist arrivals.**

De la Madrid toured the "Cheese and Wine Routes" in the Magical Towns of Tequisquiapan and Bernal where he learnt about the processes of production of these food products in Querétaro.

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