

# OVERNIGHT STAYS IN PORTUGAL EXCEED 2019 LEVELS



There were 8.6 million overnight stays in Portugal in the local tourist accommodation during July. The number represents an increase of 4.8% compared to the same period in 2019, and 90.1% compared to July 2021, the National Statistics Institute (INE) reported last week.

2.9 million of the overnight stays came from domestic tourism and the remaining 5.7 were foreign guests. **Compared to the same period of 2019, domestic tourism increased by 15.8% in July.**

On the other hand, figures show that 3 million overnight stays in Portugal were recorded in July, a rise of 6.3% on pre-COVID-19 levels and 85.4% on the same month last year.

However, the Algarve, traditionally the tourist hub in Portugal, has yet to reach the pre-pandemic figures. The statistical office reports that “only the Algarve recorded a decrease (-4.5%)” compared to July 2019, despite hosting 33.1% of all overnight stays nationally, followed by the Lisbon Metropolitan Area (22.7%), the North (15.6%), the Autonomous Region of Madeira (10.5%), and the Centre (10.0%).

The analysis indicates that the most significant growth in the number of overnight stays by foreign visitors in tourist accommodations was in Madeira (+21.0%), North (+14.9%), and Centre (+10.6%).

“Total revenues increased 131.9% to €682.1 million and room revenues reached €535 million, a growth of 138.8%” compared to July 2021. There were “27.6% increases in both” compared to levels in the same month of 2019.

Between January and July this year, “overnight stays in Portugal increased by 194.3% (+58.5% in residents and +406.2% in non-residents)”, INE says. It adds that “compared to the same period in 2019, overnight stays decreased by 4.4%, a consequence of the decrease in non-resident overnight stays (-9.4%), as those of residents grew by 7.8%”.

**In the first seven months of 2022, revenues “grew by 239.4% in total” compared to the same period last year, and a 10% increase compared to the first seven months of 2019.**

“In the first seven months of 2022, and encompassing accommodation in general (tourist accommodation establishments, camping, holiday camps and youth hostels), there were 15.5 million guests and 40.9 million overnight stays, a growth of 167.5% and 176.9%, respectively,” INE says.

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