

GERMAN HOTEL SECTOR REPORTS APRIL DECLINE



Not far below prior levels, overnight stays across the German hotel sector dipped slightly in April 2026. Early figures from DESTATIS show a total of 39.5 million nights booked. That marks a drop of 3.1 percent when set against the same month one year earlier.

A drop in numbers came mostly as people from Germany traveled less. Stays by local guests dropped 3.9 percent, landing at 32.9 million. On the other hand, **trips from outside the country held firm - overnight visits rose a bit, up 0.6 percent to reach 6.6 million.** That hints at Germans pulling back during springtime getaways, yet foreigners kept visiting at about the same pace.

Cumulative Growth January to April

Through January to April 2026, signs point upward. Overnight stays across lodging venues reached 126.1 million - up by 0.6 percent from the prior year's tally. Growth came just as much from local travelers as it did from visitors abroad:

- Overnight stays by German guests increased by 0.6 percent to 104.8 million
- Overnight stays by guests from abroad also rose by 0.6 percent to 21.3 million

Even with gains since last year, performance through April 2026 hasn't matched the pre-pandemic figures. At 0.9 percent under the 2019 high - 127.2 million overnight stays - the data suggests full recovery remains out of reach.

Context and Outlook

Not quite steady in April, activity dipped compared to earlier gains - possibly tied to shifts in household spending or rising prices at home. Still, overseas visitors kept things balanced through the period.

Later this month, fresh numbers will shed light on how tourism is shaping up across Germany in 2026. **With summer at the doorstep, analysts are paying close attention - wondering if current growth holds firm.** So far gains remain slight compared to pre-pandemic times. Whether recovery narrows the difference with 2019 trends remains uncertain. More granular insights, broken down by region and sector, should emerge once DESTATIS publishes its next dataset.

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