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Tourism - September and the Period 1.I - 30.IX. 2007

In September 2007, compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, both the arrivals and the overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 11,4% and 7,2%, respectively.

In the period 1.I-30.IX.2007, compared to the same period of the previous year, the arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation increased by 12.6% and 8.7%, respectively.

September 2007 compared to September 2006

	Arrivals			Overnight Stays		
	September 2007 Thousands Tourists	September 2006 Thousands Tourists	September 2007 Compared to September 2006 -%-	September 2007 Thousands Tourists	September 2006 Thousands Tourists	September 2007 Compared to September 2006 -%-
Total	623.7	559.8	111.4	1884.6	1758.2	107.2
Romanian Tourists	461.8	423.2	109.1	1520.5	1441.0	105.5
Foreign Tourists	161.9	136.6	118.5	364.1	317.2	114.8

In September 2007, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 623.7 thousand, 11.4 % higher than those in September 2006.

The arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 74.0% of the total arrivals of September 2007, while the foreign tourists were 26.0% of the total arrivals, weights roughly equal to those of September 2006.

In September 2007, the arrivals in hotels were roughly 76.5% of the total arrivals in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation, an increase of 10.3% compared to September 2006.

Except for the hotels for youth, inns, tourists' villas, camping sites and tourists' halting places, all the types of establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation registered an increase.

In September 2007, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 1884.6, 7.2 % higher than those in September 2006.

In September 2007, the overnight stays of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 80.7 % of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists were 19.3 %, weights approximately equal to those of September 2006.

In September 2007, **the net use index** of accommodation places was 39.1% for all the establishments of tourists' accommodation, 3.3 % higher than that of September 2006.

In September 2007, higher net use indices of accommodation places registered the cruise ship accommodation places (96.2 %) and hotels (46.7%).

In September 2007, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to customs, amounted to 753.6 thousand, 38.6% higher than those of September 2006. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (93.6 %). 64.1% of the total arrivals of foreign visitors in Romania were from the European Union Member States.

In September 2007, **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to customs, amounted to 1170.6 thousand, 20.1% higher than those of September 2006. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport (78.4 % of the total departures).

The Period 1.I - 30.IX.2007 Compared to the Period 1.I - 30.IX.2006

	Arrivals			Overnight Stays		
	Period 1.I - 30.IX 2007 Thousand Tourists	Period 1.I - 30.IX 2006 Thousand Tourists	Period 1.I - 30.IX 2007 Compared to Period 1.I - 30.IX 2006 -%-	Period 1.I - 30.IX 2007 Thousand Tourists	Period 1.I - 30.IX 2006 Thousand Tourists	Period 1.I - 30.IX 2007 Compared to Period 1.I - 30.IX 2006 -%-
Total	5418.2	4812.5	112.6	16472.2	15160.2	108.7
Romanian Tourists	4187.2	3729.6	112.3	13587.8	12555.8	108.2
Foreign Tourists	1231.0	1082.9	113.7	2884.4	2604.4	110.8

In the period 1.I-30.IX.2007, **the arrivals** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 5418.2 thousand, 12.6% higher than those of the corresponding period of the previous year.

In the period 1.I-30.IX.2007, the arrivals of the Romanian tourists in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 77.3% of the total arrivals, while the foreign tourists were 22.7% of the total arrivals, weights roughly equal to those of the same period of 2006.

A significant increase registered most of the establishments of tourists' accommodation, except for the following: inns, school and preschool camps and tourists' halting places.

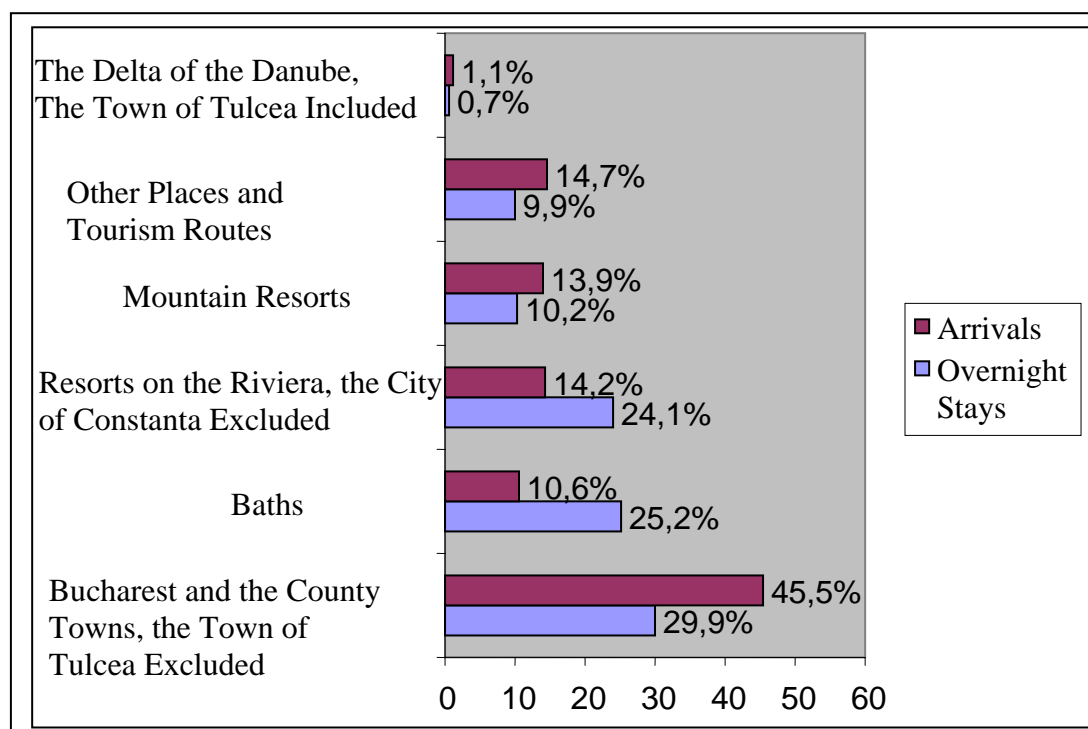
In the period 1.I-30.IX.2007, **the overnight stays** in the establishments of tourists' reception amounted to 16472.2 thousand, 8.7% higher than those of the same period of 2006.

The Romanian tourists' overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation were 82.5% of the total overnight stays, while the foreign tourists' overnight stays were 17.5% of the total overnight stays.

A significant increase registered the following types of establishments of tourists' accommodation: tourists house let-type units, hostels, hotels for youth, urban tourists' boarding houses and rural tourists' boarding houses.

Compared to the same period of 2006, there was a decrease registered by school and preschool camps, camping sites and bungalows.

The Structure of Arrivals and Overnight Stays in the Establishments of Tourists' Reception with Functions of Tourists' Accommodation, on Tourism Areas, during 1.I - 30.IX.2007



In the period 1.I-30.IX.2007, the **net use index** of accommodation places was 37.1 % on total tourists' accommodation, 2.8 % higher than that of the corresponding period of the previous year. For the same period, cruise ship accommodation places (90.9 %) and hotels (44.5 %) registered higher indices.

In the period 1.I-30.IX.2007, **the arrivals of foreign visitors to Romania**, according to customs, amounted to 5738.2 thousand, 27.3 % higher than those of the same period of 2006. Most of the foreign visitors came from European countries (94.0 %). 61.7 % of the total arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania were from the European Union Member States.

In the period 1.I-30.IX.2007 **the departures of Romanian visitors abroad**, according to customs, amounted to 8458.6 thousands, 23.6 % higher than those of the similar period of 2006. The Romanian visitors abroad mostly used the means of road transport (80.1 % of the total departures).

METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

1. The data source consists of the monthly statistical survey concerning the "Attendance of the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation" (TURISM 1 A) for the arrivals and overnight stays in the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation, according to the European Council Directive no.57/1995 regarding the data collection in tourism statistics.

The data regarding the arrivals of the foreign visitors to Romania and the departures of the Romanian visitors abroad, according to customs, are collected from administrative sources monthly – The General Inspectorate of the Frontier Police within The Ministry of Domestic Affairs and Administrative Reformation.

2. The statistical survey regarding the "Attendance of the establishments of tourists' reception with functions of tourists' accommodation" applies to all the establishments of tourists' reception having a minimum of 5 places of accommodation and operating in the month of reference – about 3600 economic operators.

3. The data are temporary and they can be reviewed periodically based on the retroactive corrections made by the economic operators.

The next issue of the press release will be on Tuesday, December 4, 2007