

## In September a lot of tourists stayed in accommodation establishments

**According to Statistics Estonia, in September, 212,000 domestic and foreign tourists stayed in accommodation establishments of Estonia, which was 15% more than in September a year ago. Compared to September of the previous year, the number of tourists from Russia and the United Kingdom increased the most.**

In September, 151,000 foreign tourists or 71% of the total number of tourists using the services of accommodation establishments stayed in accommodation establishments of Estonia. 13,000 tourists came from Russia. The number of tourists from Russia among the clients of accommodation establishments has increased rapidly during the year. September was not an exception, when 47% more tourists came from Russia compared to September of the previous year. 71% of tourists from Russia used the services of accommodation establishments of Tallinn, 12% of Ida-Viru county and 5% of Tartu county. More than 8,000 tourists came from the United Kingdom, and compared to September of the previous year their number doubled. The main tourism partner country of Estonia is continually Finland. 62,000 tourists or 41% of the total number of foreign tourists using the services of accommodation came from Finland.

In September, 61,000 domestic tourists stayed in accommodation establishments, which was 8% more than in the same month of the previous year. 47% of accommodated domestic tourists were on holiday and 39% on a business trip. Harju, Tartu and Pärnu counties were the most favoured destinations for domestic tourists, but they also liked to stay in accommodation establishments of Ida-Viru county.

In September, 915 accommodation establishments or 16% less than in a high tourism month July provided services for tourists. 18,500 rooms and 42,000 beds were available for tourists. The room occupancy rate was 44% and the bed occupancy rate 33%. Compared to July the room occupancy rate decreased 19 and the bed occupancy rate 22 percentage points.

The average cost of a guest night in an accommodation establishment was 30 euros being two euros more expensive compared to September 2010.

### Accommodation by regions, September 2011

Accommodation	Total	Northern Estonia	North- eastern Estonia	Central Estonia	Western Estonia	Southern Estonia
Accommodation establishments	915	180	54	90	288	303
Rooms	18 517	8 166	1 107	1 103	4 502	3 639
Beds	42 014	16 975	2 378	2 876	10 612	9 173
Room occupancy rate, %	44	61	37	25	33	29
Bed occupancy rate, %	33	48	32	18	26	19
Tourists accommodated	212 440	134 726	9 830	8 269	30 252	29 363
Nights spent	419 527	245 591	22 595	15 219	82 750	53 372
residents of Estonia	110 133	28 901	12 614	10 908	24 031	33 679
foreign visitors	309 394	216 690	9 981	4 311	58 719	19 693
Average cost of a guest night, euros	30	35	23	24	24	23

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More detailed data have been published in the Statistical Database ([http://www.stat.ee/sdb-update?db\\_update\\_id=8161](http://www.stat.ee/sdb-update?db_update_id=8161)).