

Tourist Movements at Borders (FRONTUR) August 2024. Provisional data

Main results

- Spain received 10.9 million international tourists in August, 7.3% more than in the same month in 2023.
- In the first eight months of 2024, the number of international tourists visiting Spain peaked, reaching 64.3 million.

More information

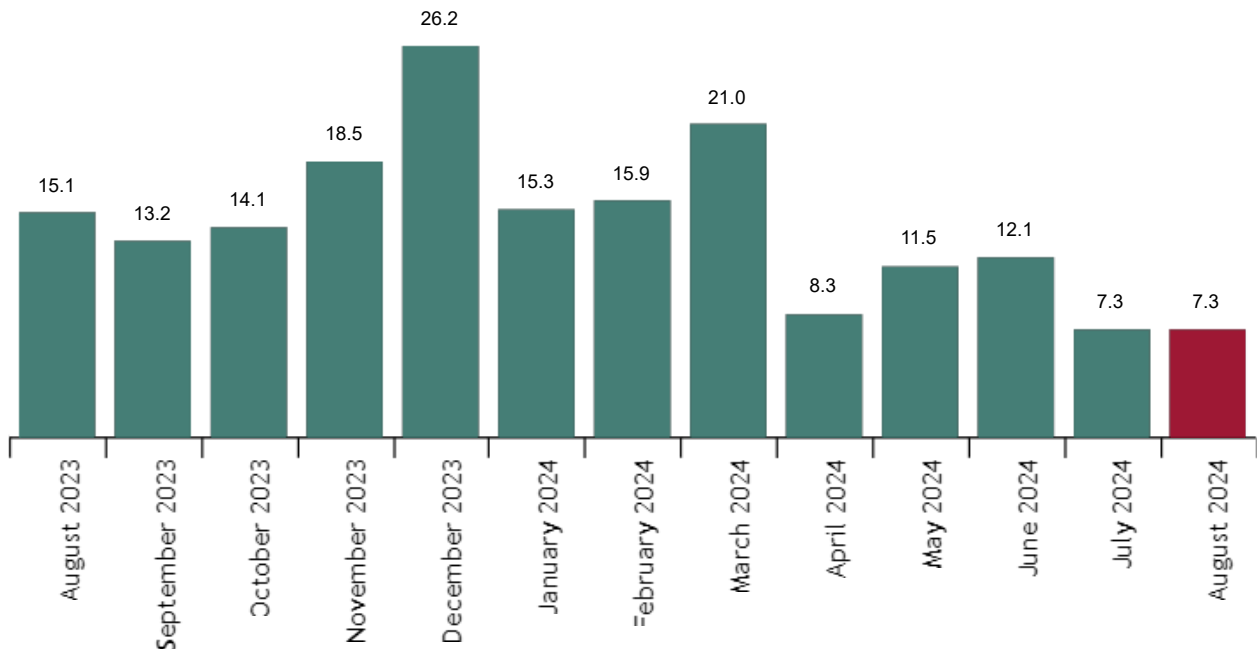
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In August, Spain received 10.9 million international tourists, 7.3% more than in the same month in 2023.

In the first eight months of 2024 the number of tourists visiting Spain increased by 11.2% to over 64.3 million. This is the highest figure since the INE's Frontur records began.

International tourists arrivals by months

Annual variation. Percentage



France was the main country of residence, with more than 2.1 million tourists and an increase of 8.3% compared with August 2023. There were 2.1 million arrivals from the United Kingdom (4.1% more) and 1.2 million from Germany (5.1% more).

International tourists arrivals (*) by country of residence. August 2024



	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	10,930,750	7.3	64,307,909	11.2
Germany	1,241,647	5.1	8,045,546	9.3
Belgium	334,745	0.9	2,184,594	15.8
France	2,139,022	8.3	9,196,188	10.1
Ireland	288,913	2.3	1,911,212	13.1
Italy	788,182	6.2	3,757,457	11.9
Netherlands	582,093	4.9	3,384,240	13.5
Portugal	528,894	14.8	2,089,669	6.3
United Kingdom	2,119,550	4.1	12,662,402	7.8
Switzerland	198,373	-5.8	1,466,249	9.9
Nordic Countries	327,070	-1.1	3,394,021	8.2
Rest of Europe (**)	938,814	12.3	6,181,358	15.9
United States	369,229	26.2	2,907,784	14.5
Rest of America	465,240	9.6	3,343,662	9.0
Rest of the world	608,978	15.6	3,783,527	22.8

(*) Does not include transit travellers or same-day visitors (excursionists).

(**) Includes the estimate for Russia.

The main countries of origin during the first eight months were the United Kingdom (with almost 12.7 million tourists and an increase of 7.8%), France (almost 9.2 million and an increase of 10.1%) and Germany (with more than 8.0 million, 9.3% more).

Current press release at: <https://www.ine.es/dyngs/Prensa/en/FRONTUR0824.htm>

Main type of accommodation and other characteristics of the trips

The number of tourists who chose market accommodation as their main type of accommodation increased by 8.6% in annual terms. Within this type, hotel accommodation increased by 8.1% and rented accommodation by 15.9%, while non-market accommodation increased by 0.5%.

International tourist arrivals by type of accommodation. August 2024

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	10,930,750	7.3	64,307,909	11.2
Rented accommodation				
Rented accommodation	9,289,949	8.6	53,270,759	11.3
Hotel accommodation	7,347,979	8.1	42,537,816	9.3
Rental housing	1,285,053	15.9	7,885,814	25.3
Rest rented accommodation	656,917	1.5	2,847,129	7.0
Non-rented accommodation				
Non-rented accommodation	1,640,800	0.5	11,037,150	10.8
Vacation home ownership	513,309	1.2	3,315,997	2.3
Home of family or friends	1,009,016	3.5	6,907,917	13.6
Rest non rented accommodation	118,476	-20.9	813,236	26.4

Four to seven nights was the main duration of stay among tourists, with almost 5.1 million and an annual increase of 9.4%. The number of visitors increased by 7.6% among those without overnight stays (excursionists) and decreased by 0.9% among tourists with longer duration (more than 15 nights).

Almost 8.2 million tourists travelled without a package tour in August, up by 6.7%. Over 2.7 million travellers arrived with package tours, an increase of 9.2%.

Autonomous communities of main destination

Illes Balears was the top destination for tourists in August, with 22.4% of the total. It was followed by Cataluña (20.9%) and Andalucía (14.7%).

Illes Balears received 3.7% more tourists than in August 2023. The number of tourists visiting Cataluña increased by 6.2% and 9.3% more tourists came to Andalucía.

International tourist arrivals by main Autonomous Community of destination. Monthly and cumulative data. August 2024

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	10,930,750	7.3	64,307,909	11.2
Andalucía	1,602,146	9.3	9,335,561	12.3
Balears, Illes	2,446,476	3.7	11,161,811	6.2
Canarias	1,165,569	9.7	9,865,444	10.3
Cataluña	2,287,846	6.2	13,749,223	9.7
Comunitat Valenciana	1,472,421	15.7	8,258,643	17.4
Madrid, Comunidad de	639,316	2.3	5,820,673	17.0
Rest of AC's	1,316,977	5.7	6,116,554	10.4

In the accumulated first eight months of 2024 the Autonomous Communities that received the most tourists were Cataluña (with 13.7 million and an increase of 9.7% as compared with the same period in 2023), Illes Balears (with 11.2 million and an increase of 6.2%) and Canarias (9.9 million, 10.3% more).

Data revisions and updates

The data published today are provisional and will be revised in March next year. All results of this operation are available on [INEbase](#).

Current press release at: <https://www.ine.es/dyngs/Prensa/en/FRONTUR0824.htm>

Methodological note

The main objective of the Tourist Movement on Borders Survey (FRONTUR) is to estimate the number of non-residents visiting Spain on a monthly basis, as well as to know the main characteristics of the trips made by these visitors. The international definitions and recommendations of the UNWTO and EUROSTAT in this field are followed when preparing the FRONTUR.

Type of operation: continuous monthly statistics.

Population scope: this refers to non-residents in Spain who enter our country, whether or not they have stayed overnight, as well as those who pass through our country in transit.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory. The sample is collected at the main access points for non-resident travellers, by road, airport, port and rail.

Reference period of the results: the month.

Sample size: the annual theoretical sample size of FRONTUR exceeds 450,000 surveys, which are distributed throughout the year, taking into account the seasonality of passenger flows.


Sampling type: strata have been defined for each form of entry that group together border points, airports, ports and railway lines. In determining the road and airport sample, the day of the week in which the survey has been carried out is also identified, differentiating between working days, weekends and holidays. In airports, 21 air relations are defined (Spanish airport of origin-country of destination airport).

Collection method: information is collected by direct interview when the traveller leaves Spain, using a multilingual electronic questionnaire.

For more information, you can access the [methodology](#) and the [standardised methodological report](#).

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