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Tourist Movements at Borders (FRONTUR)

September 2026. Provisional data

Main results

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- The number of tourists increased by 5.2% in the first nine months of 2026.

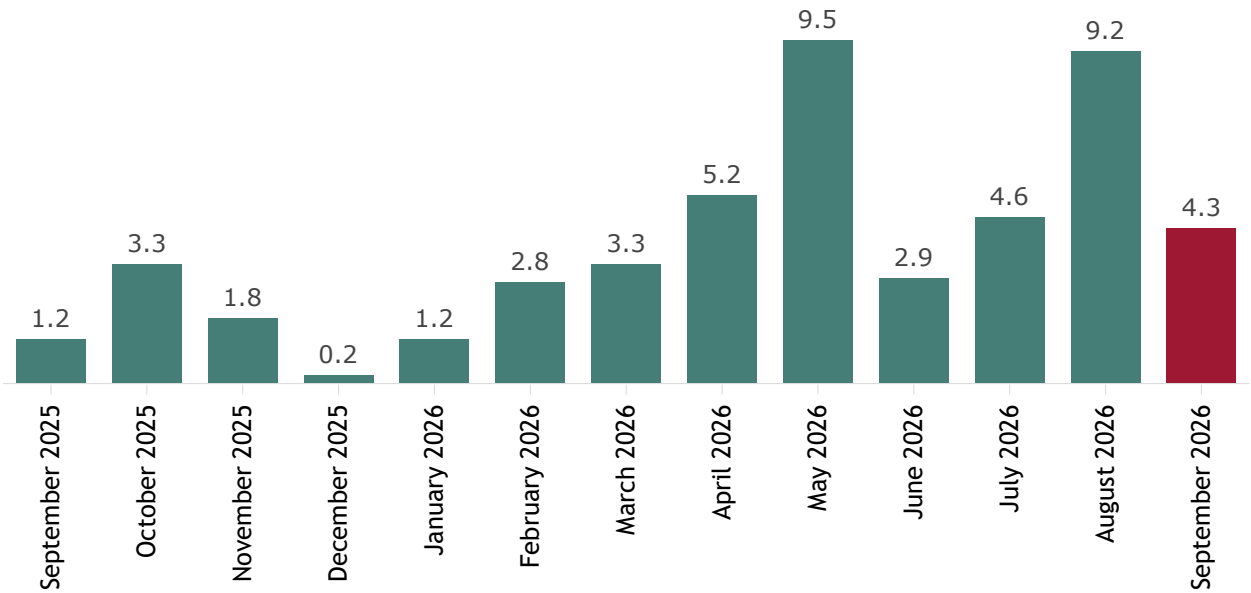
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In September, Spain received 10.1 million international tourists, 4.3% more than in the same month in 2025.

In the first nine months of 2026 the number of tourists visiting Spain increased by 5.2% to over 80.5 million.

International tourist arrivals by months
Annual variation. Percentage



The United Kingdom was the main country of residence, with more than 2.2 million tourists and an increase of 7.2% compared with September 2025. There were nearly 1.3 million arrivals from Germany (4.7% fewer) and almost 1.1 million from France (1.5% fewer).

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International tourist arrivals (*) by country of residence. September 2026

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)	Absolute value	Annual variation (%)
TOTAL	10,139,650	4.3	80,502,143	5.2
Germany	1,250,951	-4.7	9,486,867	-0.4
Belgium	300,172	-10.9	2,532,298	3.4
France	1,054,668	-1.5	10,332,305	1.1
Ireland	307,103	-8.3	2,421,071	-0.9
Italy	527,555	6.8	4,959,003	9.9
Netherlands	470,834	-1.6	4,124,154	2.3
Portugal	335,984	2.3	2,909,237	5.3
United Kingdom	2,235,282	7.2	16,158,336	5.6
Switzerland	255,512	3.6	1,900,517	9.9
Nordic Countries	443,765	1.1	3,861,922	0.5
Rest of Europe (**)	1,127,722	20.2	8,575,444	13.7
United States	534,864	16.7	3,890,705	12.2
Rest of America	612,855	7.6	4,554,163	11.0
Rest of the world	682,381	9.4	4,796,121	4.8

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

(**)) Includes the estimate for Russia.

The main sending countries during the first nine months were the United Kingdom (with nearly 16.2 million and an increase of 5.6%), France (with over 10.3 million and an increase of 1.1%) and Germany (with nearly 9.5 million, down 0.4%).

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Main type of accommodation and other characteristics of the trips

The number of tourists who chose market accommodation as their main type increased by 5.3% in annual terms. Within this type, hotel accommodation grew by 5.4% and rented dwellings rose by 6.7%. Non-market accommodation decreased by 1.5%.

International tourist arrivals by type of accommodation. September 2026

		Monthly data		Accumulated data	
		Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL		10,139,650	4.3	80,502,143	5.2
Rented accommodation	**Rented accommodation**	8,773,282	5.3	66,485,829	4.9
	Hotel accomodation	7,271,930	5.4	52,796,073	4.4
	Rental housing	1,095,618	6.7	10,329,653	10.9
	Rest rented accommodation	405,735	-0.5	3,360,103	-4.1
Non-rented accommodation	**Non-rented accommodation**	1,366,368	-1.5	14,016,313	7.0
	Vacation home ownership	460,757	9.5	4,457,405	12.6
	Home of family or friends	832,296	-5.4	8,404,914	2.7
	Rest non rented accommodation	73,315	-14.7	1,153,994	20.3

Tourists mostly stayed for four to seven nights, with almost 5.1 million and an annual increase of 7.8%. The number of visitors increased by 12.0% among those without overnight stays (excursionists) and decreased by 15.1% among tourists with longer duration (more than 15 nights).

More than 7.3 million tourists travelled without a tourist package in September, an increase of 3.6%. Over 2.8 million travellers arrived with package tours, an increase of 6.4%.

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Main destination by autonomous community

Illes Balears was the top destination for tourists in September, with 21.6% of the total. It was followed by Cataluña (20.8%) and Andalucía (15.3%).

Illes Balears received 0.1% more tourists than in September 2025. The number of tourists visiting Cataluña increased by 4.5% and 5.4% more tourists came to Andalucía.

International tourist arrivals in accordance with the main destination by autonomous community. Monthly and cumulative data. September 2026

	Monthly data		Accumulated data	
	Absolute value	Annual change (%)	Absolute value	Annual change (%)
TOTAL	10,139,650	4.3	80,502,143	5.2
Andalucía	1,546,414	5.4	12,630,581	9.8
Balears, Illes	2,189,863	0.1	13,950,805	1.7
Canarias	1,098,634	-0.6	11,359,306	-0.5
Cataluña	2,106,178	4.5	16,429,628	4.0
Comunitat Valenciana	1,335,631	12.1	10,734,330	9.3
Madrid, Comunidad de	888,113	8.3	7,477,663	9.8
Rest of AC's	974,816	4.8	7,919,828	6.6

In the first nine months of 2026 as a whole, the autonomous communities that received the most tourists were Cataluña (16.4 million and an increase of 4.0% compared with the same period of 2025), Illes Balears (14.0 million and an increase of 1.7%) and Andalucía (12.6 million, 9.8% more).

Data revisions and updates

The data published today are provisional and will be revised in March next year. All the results of this operation are available at INEbase.

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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 UN Tourism 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.

Sample type: strata have been defined for each form of entry that group together border points, airports, ports or railway lines, respectively. 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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