

SURVEY ON TOURIST ESTABLISHMENTS. APARTMENTS. SEPTEMBER 2019

Overnight stays in tourist apartments in the Basque Country increased by 7.6% in September 2019

The balance of tourists in the three summer months, July, August, and September, closed with a growth of 2.6%

Overnight stays registered in tourist apartments of the Basque Country in September 2019 stood at 29,319, up 7.6% on those registered in September 2018, according to EUSTAT data. Overnight stays increased in the three provinces: in Gipuzkoa by 16.6%, in Álava by 5.4% and in Bizkaia by 1.4%.

There were 8,157 visitors registered in tourist apartments in the Basque Country in September 2019, which was a rise of 11.6% compared to the previous month. Visitor numbers were up 14.1% in Gipuzkoa, 12.5% in Bizkaia and 0.8% in Álava.

Overnight stays, visitors and average stay in tourist apartments in the Basque Country. September 2019

	Overnight stays		Visitors		Average length	
	09/19	m/m-12 (%)	09/19	m/m-12 (%)	09/19	09/2018
BASQUE COUNTRY	29.319	7,6	8.157	11,6	3,59	3,73
State	19.141	-0,1	5.236	8,9	3,66	3,99
Foreigners	10.178	26,1	2.921	16,8	3,48	3,23
ARABA/ÁLAVA	7.185	5,4	899	0,8	7,99	7,64
State	5.597	-4,8	796	0,5	7,03	7,42
Extranjeros	1.588	70,2	103	3,4	15,46	9,39
BIZKAIA	11.217	1,4	4.379	12,5	2,56	2,84
State	6.946	-1,2	2.749	12,1	2,53	2,87
Foreigners	4.271	5,9	1.629	13,2	2,62	2,80
GIPUZKOA	10.917	16,6	2.879	14,1	3,79	3,71
State	6.598	5,4	1.690	8,1	3,90	4,00
Foreigners	4.319	39,2	1.189	23,7	3,63	3,23

Source: Eustat. Survey on tourist establishments

This September the average length of stay was 3.59 days, below the average length of stay of 3.73 days registered in September 2018. In Álava there was an increase from 7.64 days last year to 7.99 days in September of this year; in Bizkaia it was down from 2.84 days to 2.56 days; and in Gipuzkoa, the average length of stay increased from 3.71 days in September 2018 to 3.79 days in September 2019.

Tourist balance for September 2019

In hotels, rural accommodation and apartments as a whole, there were 344,399 visitors in September 2019, which was an increase of 6.1% compared to the same month of the previous year. 47.0% of the total number of visitors to the Basque Country was concentrated in Bizkaia, and total visitor numbers rose by 7.8%. In Gipuzkoa, which accumulated 40.1% of visitors to the Basque Country, there was an increase of 6.9% and in Álava, with 12.9% of visitors; there was a fall of 2.2%.

Overnight stays in the total number of tourist establishments were up 4.2%. In Gipuzkoa and in Bizkaia overnight stays increased by 5.1% and 5.3%, respectively, but in Álava they decreased by 1.8%.

Overnight stays and visitors in hotels, rural accommodation and apartments in the Basque Country. September 2019

	Overnight stays		Visitors	
	09/19	m/m-12 (%)	09/19	m/m-12 (%)
BASQUE COUNTRY	703.203	4,2	344.399	6,1
Araba/Álava	89.923	-1,8	44.594	-2,2
Bizkaia	313.679	5,3	161.858	7,8
Gipuzkoa	299.601	5,1	137.947	6,9

Source: Eustat. Survey on tourist establishments

Tourist balance for July, August and September 2019: Visitor numbers increased by 2.6% and overnight stays by 2.8% in the Basque Country overall

In the accumulated total for the months of July, August, and September, 1,097,215 tourists were registered in hotels, rural accommodation, and apartments, an increase of 2.6% on the same period of the previous year. Bizkaia saw a 3.8% increase in visitor numbers compared to the same period of the previous year; in Gipuzkoa visitor numbers were also up, by 3.7%, however in Álava they were down 4.5%.

For its part, overnight stays registered a rise of 2.8% in the Basque Country overall in July, August and September 2019 compared to July, August and September 2018. In Gipuzkoa they were up by 4.3%, in Bizkaia they increased by 2.5%, but in Álava they were down 0.7%.

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