

This September the average length of stay was 3.73 days, above the average length of stay of 3.29 days registered in September 2017. There were increases in Álava, up from 5.73 days last year to 7.64 days in September 2018, Bizkaia, up from 2.75 days to 2.84 days and in Gipuzkoa the average length of stay increased from 3.05 days in September 2017 to 3.71 days in September 2018.

Tourist balance for September 2018

In hotels, rural accommodation and apartments as a whole, there were 324,749 visitors in September 2018, which was an increase of 3.8% on the same month of the previous year. 46.2% of the total number of visitors to the Basque Country was concentrated in Bizkaia, and total visitor numbers rose by 1.9%. In Gipuzkoa, which accumulated 39.7% of visitors to the Basque Country, there was an increase of 8.4% and in Álava, with 14.1% of visitors, there was a fall of 2.3%.

Overnight stays in the total number of tourist establishments were up by 7.5%, with increases in all three provinces: 12.1% in Gipuzkoa, 6.3% in Álava and 3.8% in Bizkaia.

Table 2.- Overnight stays, visitor numbers, average stay and occupancy rates in rural accommodation in the Basque Country. September 2018

	Overnight stays		Visitors	
	09/18	m/m-12 (%)	09/18	m/m-12 (%)
BASQUE COUNTRY	674.754	7,5	324.749	3,8
Araba/Álava	91.571	6,3	45.606	-2,3
Bizkaia	297.996	3,8	150.087	1,9
Gipuzkoa	285.188	12,1	129.056	8,4

Source: Eustat. Survey on tourist establishments

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