

## Arrivals and overnight stays of tourists in collective accommodation<sup>1</sup> March 2020

### A major decrease in tourist arrivals and nights in March 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic<sup>2</sup>

In Montenegro in March 2020, in collective accommodation (camping sites, tourist resorts, vacation facilities, boarding houses, motels, etc.) tourists realised 66.3% decrease arrivals compared to March 2019.

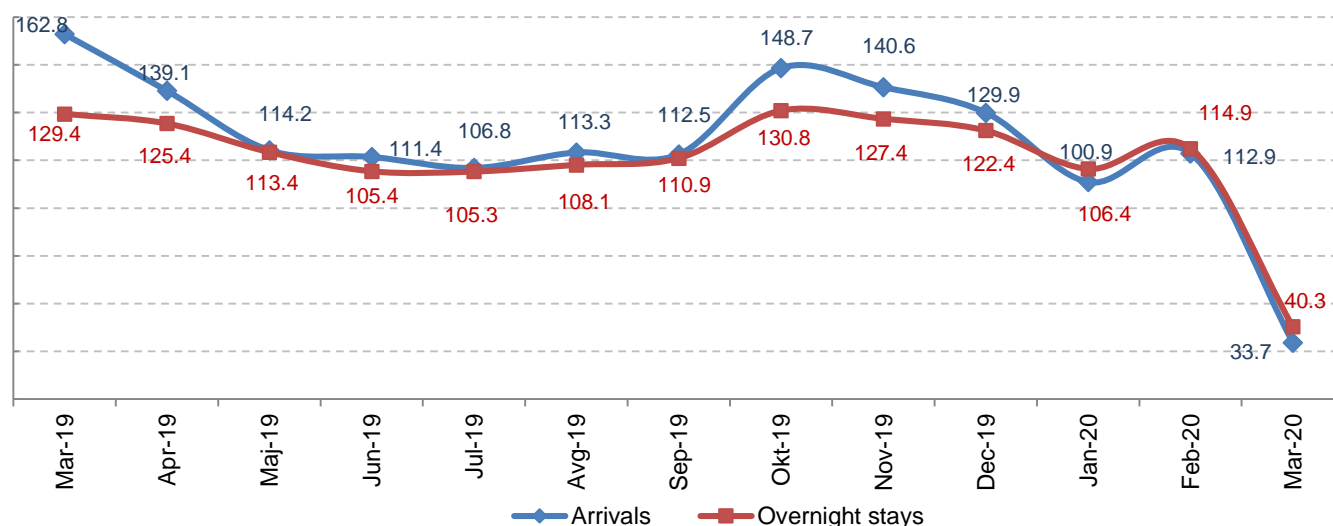
The number of realised overnight stays decrease by 59.7% compared to the same month last year. Overnight stays of foreign tourists represent 70.7% while the domestic tourists represent 29.3% of all overnight stays in collective accommodation in March 2020.

In Montenegro in I quarter 2020, in collective accommodation tourists realised 26.3% decrease arrivals compared to I quarter 2019. Number of realised overnight stays decrease by 18.7% compared to the same quarter last year.

Concerning the structure of overnight stays of foreign tourists, in March 2020, the most of the them were realized by tourists from Serbia (10.7%), Russian Federation (9.1%) Germany (8.7%), Albania (4.7%), United Kingdom (3.9%), France (3.7%), Sweden (3.0%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2.7%), Belgium (2.2%), Denmark (2.2), Croatia (2.1%). Tourists from other countries realized 47.1% overnight stays.

Concerning the structure of overnight stays by types of resorts in March 2020, the most of them were recorded in seaside resorts (73.1%), the capital (16.1%), in mountain resorts (5.4%) and other tourist resorts (5.4%).

**Graph 1. Annual indices of arrivals and overnight stays of tourists in collective accommodation**



<sup>1</sup> Collective accommodation establishments include hotels, camping sites, tourist resorts, vacation facilities, boarding houses, motels, etc. Collective accommodation establishments do not include individual, so-called "private accommodation" (rented accommodation in houses, rooms and apartments).

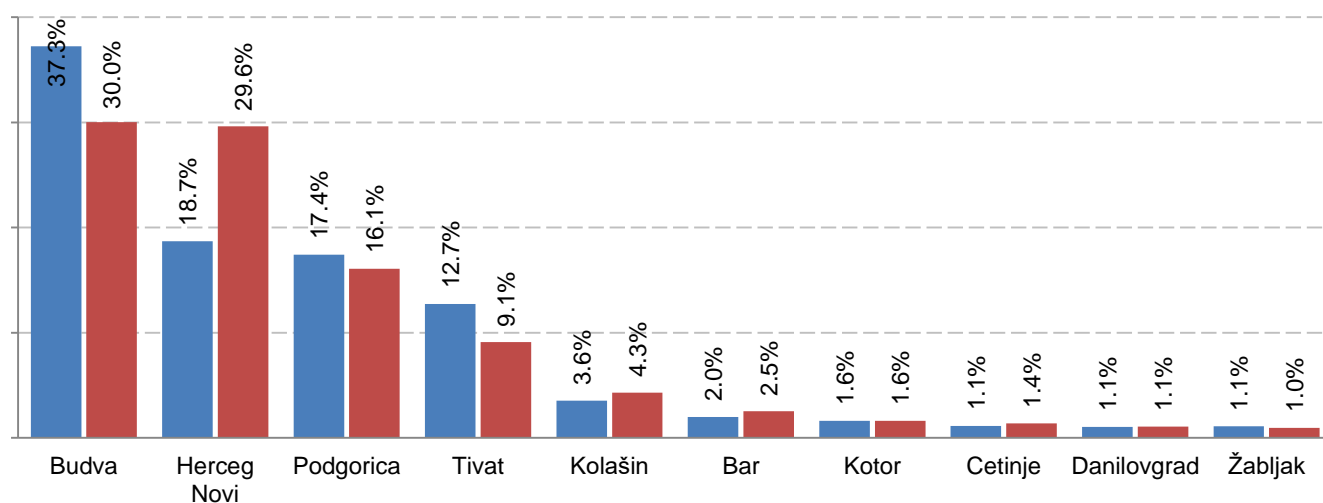
Note: The data of the individual, so-called "private accommodation" (rented accommodation in houses, rooms and apartments) will be processed and published annually since 2018, according to the Annual Plan of Official Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Quarantine accommodation is not included in survey according regulate 692/2011 on European tourism statistics

**Table 1. Arrivals and overnight stays of tourists in collective accommodation by municipalities<sup>3</sup>, March 2020**

| Municipality | Arrivals of tourists |              |               |              | Overnight stays of tourists |               |               |              |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|              | Foreign              | Domestic     | Total         | Structure    | Foreign                     | Domestic      | Total         | Structure    |
|              | (1)                  | (2)          | (3)=(1)+(2)   | (3) in %     | (1)                         | (2)           | (3)=(1)+(2)   | (3) in %     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>16 128</b>        | <b>2 797</b> | <b>18 925</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>28 103</b>               | <b>11 630</b> | <b>39 733</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Andrijevisa  | -                    | -            | -             | -            | -                           | -             | -             | -            |
| Bar          | 246                  | 129          | 375           | 2.0          | 750                         | 258           | 1 008         | 2.5          |
| Berane       | 35                   | 75           | 110           | 0.6          | 44                          | 143           | 187           | 0.5          |
| Bijelo Polje | 67                   | 62           | 129           | 0,7          | 148                         | 180           | 328           | 0.8          |
| Budva        | 6 167                | 883          | 7 050         | 37.3         | 10 358                      | 1 574         | 11 932        | 30.0         |
| Cetinje      | 33                   | 180          | 213           | 1.1          | 198                         | 356           | 554           | 1.4          |
| Danilovgrad  | 199                  | 1            | 200           | 1.1          | 420                         | 4             | 424           | 1.1          |
| Gusinja      | -                    | -            | -             | -            | -                           | -             | -             | -            |
| Herceg Novi  | 3 096                | 442          | 3 538         | 18.7         | 4 898                       | 6 869         | 11 767        | 29.6         |
| Kolašin      | 412                  | 261          | 673           | 3.6          | 980                         | 730           | 1 710         | 4.3          |
| Kotor        | 282                  | 27           | 309           | 1.6          | 586                         | 59            | 645           | 1.6          |
| Mojkovac     | 11                   | 2            | 13            | 0.1          | 11                          | 11            | 22            | 0.1          |
| Nikšić       | 135                  | 55           | 190           | 1.0          | 284                         | 93            | 377           | 0.9          |
| Petnjica     | -                    | -            | -             | -            | -                           | -             | -             | -            |
| Plav         | -                    | -            | -             | -            | -                           | -             | -             | -            |
| Plužine      | -                    | -            | -             | -            | -                           | -             | -             | -            |
| Pljevlja     | 32                   | 80           | 112           | 0.6          | 92                          | 146           | 238           | 0.6          |
| Podgorica    | 2 878                | 422          | 3 300         | 17.4         | 5 671                       | 718           | 6 389         | 16.1         |
| Rožaje       | 10                   | 7            | 17            | 0.1          | 29                          | 19            | 48            | 0.1          |
| Tivat        | 2 311                | 98           | 2 409         | 12.7         | 3298                        | 320           | 3 618         | 9.1          |
| Tuzi         | -                    | -            | -             | -            | -                           | -             | -             | -            |
| Ulcinj       | 65                   | 8            | 73            | 0.4          | 78                          | 24            | 102           | 0.3          |
| Žabljak      | 149                  | 61           | 210           | 1.1          | 258                         | 121           | 379           | 1.0          |

**Graph 2. Structure of arrivals and overnight stays of tourists in collective accommodation in the most visited municipalities (in %), March 2020**



<sup>3</sup> Due to the small number of reporting units, data for the municipalities of Andrijevisa, Gusinja, Petnjica, Plav, Pluzine and Tuzi were not presented due to the indirect recognition of reporting units. Data confidentiality is defined in Article 54 of the Law on Official Statistics and the Official Statistical System ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 018/12 of 30.03.2012, 047/19 of 12.08.2019). The data for these municipalities shall not be published until the obtaining written approvals of the reporting units as defined in Article 61 of the Law.

**Table 2. Arrivals and overnight stays of foreign tourists in collective accommodation by country of residence, March 2020**

| Country                               | Arrivals      | Structure, in % | Overnight stays | Structure, in % |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Foreign tourists</b>               | <b>16 128</b> | <b>85.2</b>     | <b>28 103</b>   | <b>70.7</b>     |
| <b>Europe</b>                         | <b>15 157</b> | <b>80.1</b>     | <b>26 266</b>   | <b>66.1</b>     |
| Albania                               | 945           | 5.0             | 1 868           | 4.7             |
| Austria                               | 177           | 0.9             | 434             | 1.1             |
| Belgium                               | 676           | 3.6             | 887             | 2.2             |
| Belarus                               | 5             | 0.0             | 7               | 0.0             |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina                | 388           | 2.1             | 1 054           | 2.7             |
| Bulgaria                              | 44            | 0.2             | 84              | 0.2             |
| Czech Republic                        | 18            | 0.1             | 29              | 0.1             |
| Denmark                               | 600           | 3.2             | 888             | 2.2             |
| Estonia                               | 7             | 0.0             | 19              | 0.0             |
| Finland                               | 558           | 2.9             | 594             | 1.5             |
| France                                | 1 302         | 6.9             | 1 411           | 3.6             |
| Greece                                | 46            | 0.2             | 62              | 0.2             |
| Netherlands                           | 66            | 0.3             | 175             | 0.4             |
| Croatia                               | 474           | 2.5             | 825             | 2.1             |
| Ireland                               | 68            | 0.4             | 248             | 0.6             |
| Italy                                 | 149           | 0.8             | 304             | 0.8             |
| Cyprus                                | 5             | 0.0             | 10              | 0.0             |
| Kosovo                                | 288           | 1.5             | 448             | 1.1             |
| Latvia                                | 6             | 0.0             | 13              | 0.0             |
| Lithuania                             | 9             | 0.0             | 20              | 0.1             |
| Luxembourg                            | 10            | 0.1             | 18              | 0.0             |
| Hungary                               | 112           | 0.6             | 208             | 0.5             |
| Malta                                 | 4             | 0.0             | 5               | 0.0             |
| Republic of North Macedonia           | 181           | 1.0             | 543             | 1.4             |
| Norway                                | 13            | 0.1             | 20              | 0.1             |
| Germany                               | 2 887         | 15.3            | 3 466           | 8.7             |
| Poland                                | 95            | 0.5             | 185             | 0.5             |
| Portugal                              | 26            | 0.1             | 63              | 0.2             |
| Romania                               | 50            | 0.3             | 120             | 0.3             |
| Russian Federation                    | 1 207         | 6.4             | 3 625           | 9.1             |
| Slovakia                              | 15            | 0.1             | 41              | 0.1             |
| Slovenia                              | 198           | 1.0             | 448             | 1.1             |
| Serbia                                | 1 808         | 9.6             | 4 234           | 10.7            |
| Spain                                 | 43            | 0.2             | 76              | 0.2             |
| Switzerland (including Liechtenstein) | 86            | 0.5             | 122             | 0.3             |
| Sweden                                | 844           | 4.5             | 1 188           | 3.0             |
| Turkey                                | 385           | 2.0             | 712             | 1.8             |
| Ukraine                               | 59            | 0.3             | 142             | 0.4             |
| United Kingdom                        | 1 235         | 6.5             | 1 557           | 3.9             |
| Other European countries              | 68            | 0.4             | 113             | 0.3             |

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| Country                                   | Arrivals   | Structure, in % | Overnight stays | Structure, in % |
|---|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Non-European countries</b>             | <b>971</b> | <b>5.1</b>      | <b>1 837</b>    | <b>4.6</b>      |
| South Africa                              | 23         | 0.1             | 45              | 0.1             |
| Other African countries                   | 8          | 0.0             | 16              | 0.0             |
| Canada                                    | 57         | 0.3             | 81              | 0.2             |
| USA                                       | 152        | 0.8             | 351             | 0.9             |
| Other Northern American countries         | 4          | 0.0             | 6               | 0.0             |
| Argentina                                 | 3          | 0.0             | 16              | 0.0             |
| Brazil                                    | 13         | 0.1             | 23              | 0.1             |
| Chile                                     | 2          | 0.0             | 2               | 0.0             |
| Other Central or South American countries | 28         | 0.1             | 164             | 0.4             |
| China (including Hong Kong)               | 408        | 2.2             | 663             | 1.7             |
| Japan                                     | 44         | 0.2             | 78              | 0.2             |
| Republic of Korea                         | 28         | 0.1             | 43              | 0.1             |
| Israel                                    | 15         | 0.1             | 47              | 0.1             |
| India                                     | 5          | 0.0             | 7               | 0.0             |
| Azerbaijan                                | 11         | 0.1             | 21              | 0.1             |
| United Arab Emirates                      | 1          | 0.0             | 15              | 0.0             |
| Other Asian countries                     | 114        | 0.6             | 146             | 0.4             |
| Australia                                 | 21         | 0.1             | 45              | 0.1             |
| New Zealand                               | 5          | 0.0             | 6               | 0.0             |
| Oceania and other territories             | 29         | 0.2             | 62              | 0.2             |

**Table 3. Arrivals and overnight stays of foreign tourists in collective accommodation by type of place<sup>4</sup>, March 2020**

| Type of place         | Arrivals      |              |               |              | Overnight stays |               |               |              |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|                       | Foreign       | Domestic     | Total         | Structure    | Foreign         | Domestic      | Total         | Structure    |
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| Capital               | 2 878         | 422          | 3 300         | 17.4         | 5 671           | 718           | 6 389         | 16.1         |
| Seaside resorts       | 12 167        | 1 587        | 13 754        | 72.6         | 19 968          | 9 104         | 29 072        | 73.1         |
| Mountain resorts      | 571           | 333          | 904           | 4.8          | 1267            | 875           | 2 142         | 5.4          |
| Other tourist resorts | 313           | 454          | 767           | 4.1          | 777             | 929           | 1 706         | 4.3          |
| Other resorts         | 199           | 1            | 200           | 1.1          | 420             | 4             | 424           | 1.1          |

<sup>4</sup> **Capital:** Podgorica.

**Seaside resorts:** Bar, Budva, Kotor, Tivat, Ulcinj i Herceg Novi.

**Mountain resorts:** Andrijevica, Gusinje, Kolasin, Plav, Pluzine, Rozaje, Savnik i Zabljak.

**Other tourist resorts:** Berane, Bijelo Polje, Cetinje, Mojkovac, Niksic, Petnjica i Pljevlja.

**Other resorts:** Danilovgrad and Tuzi.

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Data on tourist traffic in collective accommodation (number of arrivals and overnight stays) have been collected by regular Monthly report on tourists arrivals and overnight stays in the collective accommodation establishments (form TU-11). Reports are made according to guest books which are led by reception of collective accommodation establishments (all types of hotels, vacation facilities, boarding houses, motels, tourist resorts, hostels, etc.). Collective accommodation establishments do not include individual, so-called "private accommodation" (rented accommodation in houses, rooms and apartments).

Tourist is a person who spends at least one night in an accommodation facility or some other object for accommodation of tourist, in a place other than his/her place of permanent residence for the reasons of rest or recreation, health, studies, sports, religion, family, business, public missions or meetings. Tourists do not include migrants, border workers, diplomats, member of military forces in the regular duty, refugees, etc. Tourists are not persons who stays longer than 12 consecutive months in place visited, persons engaged in some activity funded from the place of the visit, persons who regularly, daily and weekly travel to the place for work or study, migrants, border workers, diplomatic and consular representatives, refugees, displaced persons, persons in transit who do not formally enter the country, permanent residents who travel to another place with the intention to reside there permanently, people who are temporarily working in Montenegro and receive a salary for their work.

Domestic tourist is a person with permanent residence in Montenegro who temporarily resides in any place of Montenegro, and spends at least one night in accommodation facility.

Foreign tourist is a person with permanent residence outside Montenegro, who temporarily resides in any place in Montenegro, and spends at least one night in an accommodation facility.

### **COVID-19 and measures that affected tourism statistics**

On March 15, 2020, the Ministry of Health, at the proposal of the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro and based on the Law on Protection of the Population from infectious diseases, issued an order to take temporary measures to prevent the introduction of new coronavirus (COVID-19), which refers to the ban on the provision of catering services in hotels, except for registered guests.

The National Coordination Body for infectious diseases has agreed on several occasions to extend the above measure which was valid until 18 May 2020.

According to Regulation 692/2011 on European Tourism Statistics quarantine accommodation is not included in the scope of the survey.

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