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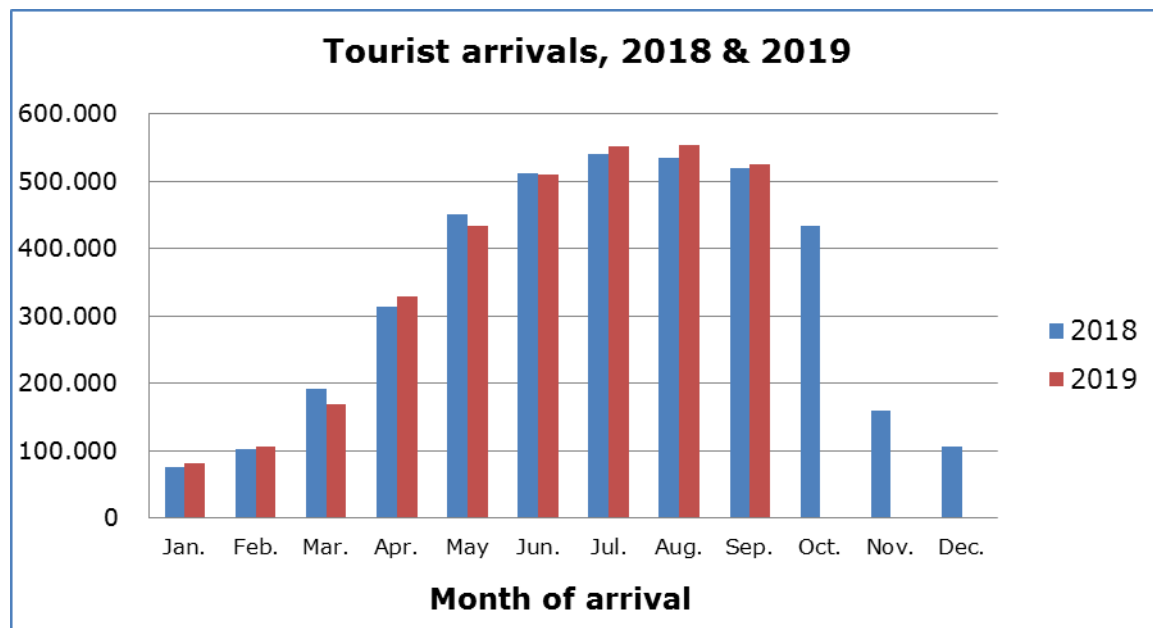
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TOURIST ARRIVALS: SEPTEMBER 2019

Tourist Arrivals 0,9%

On the basis of the results of the Passengers Survey, arrivals of tourists reached 524.707 in September 2019 compared to 520.138 in September 2018, recording an increase of 0,9%. September 2019 had the highest volume of tourist arrivals ever recorded in Cyprus during the specific month.

For the period of January – September 2019 arrivals of tourists totaled 3.260.546 compared to 3.239.760 in the corresponding period of 2018, recording an increase of 0,6% and outnumbering the total arrivals ever recorded in Cyprus during the first nine months of the year (Table 1).



Analysis of changes

Tourist arrivals from Russia increased by 2,9% in September 2019 compared to September 2018 while an increase of 12,0% was recorded for tourists from Israel. Tourist arrivals from Sweden remained at the same level as last year. A decrease of 2,9% in tourist arrivals from the United Kingdom and 25,7% from Germany were recorded. Percentage changes from one year to the next for the main countries of usual residence of tourists are presented in Table 1.

Main countries

The United Kingdom constitutes the main source of tourism for Cyprus for September 2019, with a proportion of 32,3% while arrivals from Russia comprise 22,8% of total arrivals, from Israel 6,9% and from Sweden 4,1% (Table 2).

Purpose of visit

For a percentage of 87,1% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in September 2019 was holidays, for 9,1% visit to friends and relatives and for 3,9% business (Table 3).

Table 1

Country of usual residence	September				January - September			
	Tourist arrivals			% change 2019/18	Tourist arrivals			% change 2019/18
	2017	2018	2019		2017	2018	2019	
TOTAL	483.716	520.138	524.707	0,9	3.001.603	3.239.760	3.260.546	0,6
Austria	4.374	6.776	6.643	-2,0	32.041	33.657	34.732	3,2
Belgium	3.050	3.196	3.186	-0,3	21.978	23.878	21.326	-10,7
France	3.056	3.513	2.381	-32,2	29.310	29.876	24.683	-17,4
Germany	21.533	22.178	16.487	-25,7	139.362	142.249	115.061	-19,1
Denmark	5.069	5.246	6.553	24,9	29.644	35.372	34.373	-2,8
Switzerland (incl. Lichten.)	8.226	10.555	10.202	-3,3	44.584	57.628	53.581	-7,0
Greece	15.550	16.178	16.777	3,7	125.396	137.911	129.323	-6,2
United Kingdom	165.728	174.477	169.465	-2,9	1.039.783	1.094.449	1.102.808	0,8
Israel	31.561	32.083	35.947	12,0	218.157	200.558	238.946	19,1
Lebanon	8.054	7.896	8.248	4,5	51.429	55.630	50.508	-9,2
Norway	8.859	7.100	8.105	14,2	47.039	46.764	53.114	13,6
Netherlands	4.582	5.197	5.428	4,4	29.415	32.476	34.232	5,4
Ukraine	6.464	10.749	12.784	18,9	38.253	57.561	72.622	26,2
Poland	8.681	12.169	11.031	-9,4	48.635	73.267	63.155	-13,8
Russia	121.516	116.485	119.827	2,9	703.446	668.913	654.500	-2,2
Sweden	22.428	21.336	21.344	0,0	115.494	131.085	125.525	-4,2
Finland	2.707	3.222	3.210	-0,4	16.377	20.351	20.259	-0,5
Other	42.278	61.782	67.089	8,6	271.260	398.135	431.798	8,5

Table 2

Country of usual residence of tourists	Percentage (%)			
	Sep 18	Jan – Sep 18	Sep 19	Jan – Sep 19
United Kingdom	33,5	33,8	32,3	33,8
Russia	22,4	20,6	22,8	20,1
Israel	6,2	6,2	6,9	7,3
Sweden	4,1	4,0	4,1	3,8
Greece	3,1	4,3	3,2	4,0
Germany	4,3	4,4	3,1	3,5
Ukraine	2,1	1,8	2,4	2,2
Other countries	24,3	24,9	25,2	25,2

Table 3

Purpose of visit	Percentage (%)		
	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19
Holidays	88,6	88,1	87,1
Visiting friends & relatives	7,7	8,2	9,1
Business	3,7	3,7	3,9

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Definitions

Tourists – Visitors who stay for at least one night in Cyprus.

Tourist arrivals – The term refers to the number of trips and not to the number of persons. This differs in the sense that one person can take more than one trips during the reference period.

Source of data and coverage

The data are obtained from the Passengers Survey which is conducted in the arrivals and departures halls in the airports of Larnaka and Pafos, as well as from administrative sources such as the monthly arrivals at ports.

The survey covers all persons who pass through passport control at the ports and airports in the Government controlled area of Cyprus. It does not include travelers who arrive and depart illegally via ports and airports in the occupied part of Cyprus.

The weighting of data is conducted based on the data sent to the Statistical Service by the Civil Aviation Department and from the ship manifests, as well as data sent by the Analysis and Statistics Office of the Cyprus Police.

For more information:

Statistical Service (CYSTAT) Website, subtheme [Tourism](#)

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