

Throng of tourist in rainy August

Double-digit growth of international visitors to Berlin

Berlin, 8 October 2010 Despite the highest rainfall in around 130 years, the number of tourists visiting Berlin in August has continued to grow. According to the Berlin-Brandenburg Statistical Office, there were once again more than two million overnight stays in the eighth month of this year. A total of 817,500 visitors from Germany and abroad came to the German capital. This was eight percent more than in the same month last year. The number of overnight stays increased by 6.4 percent to 2.1 million.

Mainly international visitors travelled to the German capital. Their number increased in August by 16.8 percent to 341,600. Visitors from abroad counted for 995,000 overnight stays in accommodation facilities in Berlin - an increase of 14.1 percent. Most international visitors to Berlin came from Italy (43,102 arrivals), Spain (34,805 arrivals) and Great Britain (29,196 arrivals). However, especially high growth rates were indicated from Austria (+30.3 percent) and France (+27.1 percent).

"Despite the rain in August, international visitors have not been deterred from visiting the German capital", say *visitBerlin* Managing Director Burkhard Kieker.

The number of German visitors increased by 2.4 percent and amounted to 475,900 guests. However, the number of overnight stays from Germany almost remained constant at 1.1 million (0.3 percent). In August, 111,700 beds in 751 accommodation facilities were available to visitors to the German capital. 60.2 percent of them were occupied.

August 2010				
Country of origin	Guests	Change compared with August 2009 in %	Overnight stays	Change compared with August 2009 in %
Germany	475,948	2.4	1,110,469	0.3
Outside of Germany	341,552	16.8	994,959	14.1
Total	817,500	8.0	2,105,428	6.4

January to August 2010				
Country of origin	Guests	Change compared with January to August 2009 in %	Overnight stays	Change compared with January to August 2009 in %
Germany	3,724,463	7.4	8,074,118	8.3
Outside of Germany	2,137,139	14.7	5,668,361	16.4
Total	5,861,602	9.9	13,742,479	11.5

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