

Pope visit ensures full hotel beds

Stable upward trend: Almost 8% more visitors in September

Berlin, 10 November 2011 The visit of the Pope and the Berlin Marathon blessed Berlin tourism with a late summer high. The hotels and boarding houses of the city were pleased to welcome about 955,700 guests in September and hence recorded a 7.6% plus. The number of room nights rose by 5% to around 2.1 million. A particularly high number of visitors came from the German market to Berlin (+8.5%).

Foreign visitors were also increasingly attracted by Berlin. Around 358,100 arrivals were counted by the Berlin Brandenburg Statistics Office – a plus of 6.1%. Room nights grew by 4.8% to 878,000. The German capital was particularly popular with visitors from Russia (+24.5%), Poland (+16%) and the Scandinavian countries (Sweden: +15%, Finland: +10%, Norway: +11.3%).

In September 773 accommodation providers with around 122,000 beds were available to the guests.

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September 2011				
Country of Origin	Guests	Variation versus September 2010 in %	Room nights	Variation versus September 2010 in %
Germany	597,521	8.5	1,254,702	5.1
Abroad	358,143	6.1	878,541	4.8
Total	955,664	7.6	2,133,243	5.0

January to September 2011				
Country of Origin	Guests	Variation versus January to August 2010 in %	Room nights	Variation versus January to August 2010 in %
Germany	4,613,275	7.9	9,789,766	5.7
Abroad	2,717,953	9.8	7,037,467	8.1
Total	7,331,228	8.6	16,827,233	6.7

Source: Berlin Brandenburg Statistics Office