

Tourism Demand of Residents
4th Quarter 2012

Visit to relatives and friends and free accommodation behind trips made by residents

In the 4th quarter of 2012, residents in Portugal made about 4 million tourism trips, 12.4% more than in the same period of 2011. This outcome is due to the significant increases in the number of trips made to "Visit relatives or friends" (+22.5%) and for "Professional and business reasons" (+21.1%), as opposed to trips made for "Leisure, recreational or holiday" reasons, which decreased by 5.9% when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. Trips made with foreign destinations had their relative weight reduced from 9.1% to 8.1% of the total. The average number of overnight stays per trip stood at 2.99, which corresponded to a year-on-year decrease of 8.0%. The number of overnight stays spent in free accommodation grew by 7.8%.
