

Tourist Demand of Residents
2nd Quarter 2016

Tourist trips with slight reduction although increasing towards foreign destinations

In the 2nd quarter 2016 the resident population in Portugal made 4.27 million tourist trips (-1.2% compared with the 2nd Q 2015¹; +0.8% in the 1st Q 2016), of which 10.7% had a foreign destination (+1.3%; -9.8% in the 1st Q 2016).

“Visit to relatives or friends” was the main motivation to travel, having originated 1.8 million trips (42.6% of the total). It also stood as the main cause for the observed reduction, having recorded a year-on-year reduction of 6.3%. On the contrary, trips made for “Leisure, recreation or holidays”, which corresponded to 1.74 million trips (40.7% of the total) and “professional or business related” reasons, with 523.7 thousand trips (12.3%), together recorded an increase of 5.8%.

¹ Unless stated otherwise, the change rates referred in this press release are year-on-year change rates.