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TOURIST ACTIVITY
May 2021 – Flash Statistics**TOURIST ACTIVITY KEPT RECOVERING IN MAY
BUT STILL WITH LARGE DISTANCE FROM THE LEVELS OBSERVED IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 2019**

The **tourist accommodation sector**¹ registered 1.0 million guests and 2.1million overnight stays in May 2021, which compares to 126.6 thousand guests and 261.6 thousand overnight stays in May 2020, when tourist activity was practically at a standstill. The levels reached in May 2021 were however lower than those observed in May 2019, with the number of guests having decreased by 62.3% and overnight stays declined by 68.6%.

Compared to May 2019, there were decreases of 22.3% in overnight stays from residents and 83.8% in overnight stays from non-residents.

In the first five months of the year, total overnight stays decreased² by 48.8%, resulting from changes of -3.6% in residents and -72.7% in non-residents. It should be noted that these variations are influenced by the fact that in the first two months of 2020 the impact of the pandemic has not yet been felt. Compared to the same period in 2019, overnight stays decreased by 79.7% (-53.3% in residents and -90.1% in non-residents).

In May, 35.7% of the tourist accommodation establishments were closed or had no movement of guests (50.4% in April).

Figure 1. Global results of the tourist accommodation sector

Global preliminary results	Unit	Apr 21	May 21	Jan - Mai		
				2021	2020	2019
Guests	10³	451.4	989.3	2 226.9	3 860.4	9 487.1
Residents in Portugal	"	366.2	707.4	1 707.0	1 890.3	3 787.3
Residents abroad	"	85.1	281.9	519.9	1 970.1	5 699.8
Overnight stays	10³	932.3	2 060.6	4 784.6	9 345.6	23 545.6
Residents in Portugal	"	658.8	1 260.5	3 116.0	3 232.3	6 665.9
Residents abroad	"	273.4	800.1	1 668.7	6 113.3	16 879.6
Average stay	no. of nights	2.07	2.08	2.15	2.42	2.48
Residents in Portugal	"	1.80	1.78	1.83	1.71	1.76
Residents abroad	"	3.21	2.84	3.21	3.10	2.96

¹ Monthly series which includes three types of accommodation facilities: hotel establishments (hotels, apartment hotels, tourist apartments, tourist villages, pousadas and quintas da Madeira), local accommodation with 10 or more beds (according to the statistical threshold defined by EU Regulation 692/2011) and rural/lodging tourism.

² Unless stated otherwise, the rates of change presented in this press release correspond to year-on-year rates of change.