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514.7 million

nights spent at tourist accommodation in the EU in August 2026, **+0.6%** compared with a year earlier.

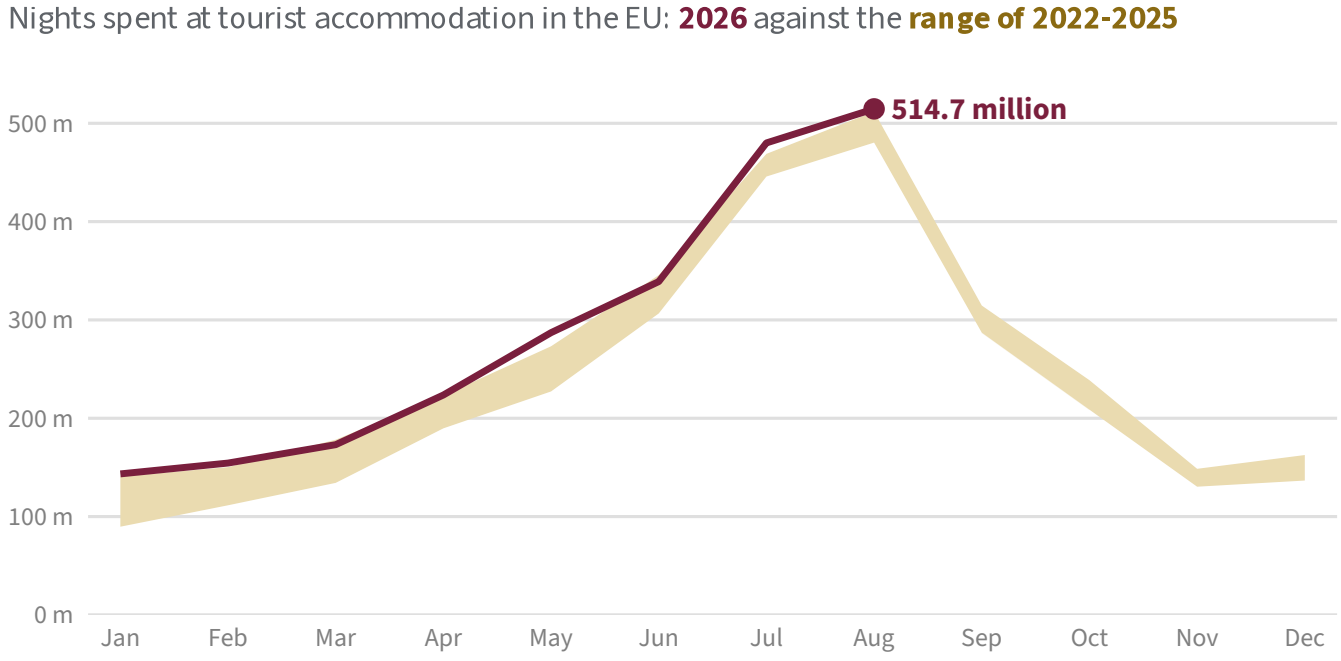
Key figure 1: Nights in the EU, August 2026

Nights spent count every night a guest stays in hotels, holiday accommodation and campsites (NACE I55.1 to I55.3), whatever the guest's country of residence.

1 The EU as a whole

No month on record had more nights than August 2026. Figure 1 compares this year with the four previous years; Section 2 looks at each country and Section 3 explains the figures.

Figure 1: August 2026 set a new record



Source: Eurostat (tour_occ_nim). 2021 and earlier left out (Covid-19).

2 Countries

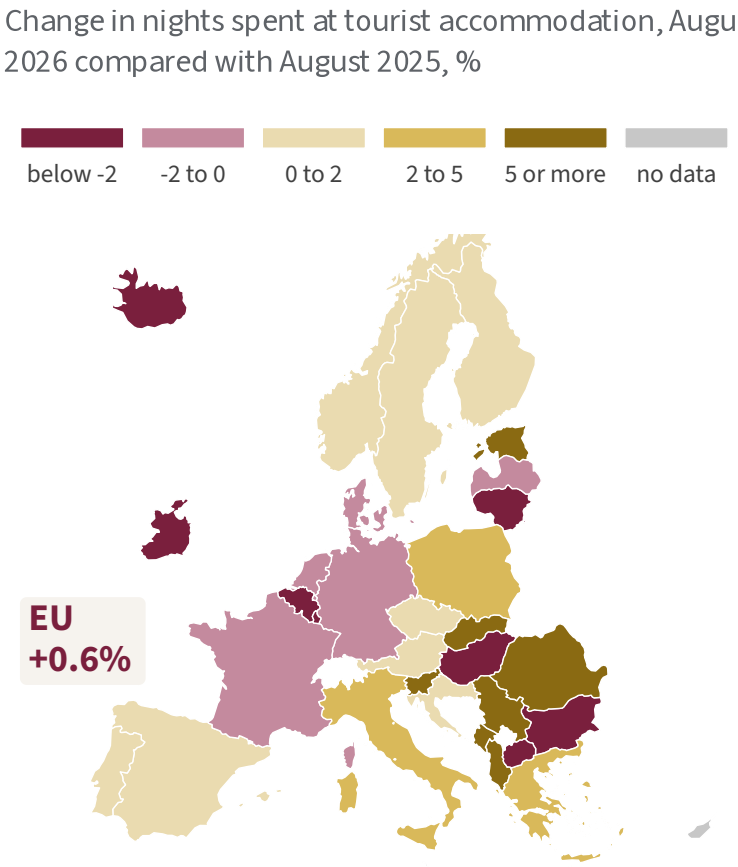
Table 1 ranks the largest destinations by their change over the year: Italy recorded the strongest change (+3.3%) and France the weakest (-1.8%). Figure 2 shows every country with data.

Table 1: Nights spent at tourist accommodation by country, millions

Country	Aug 2025	Aug 2026	Change, %
Italy	95.6	98.8	+3.3
Greece	34.0	34.7	+2.1
Austria	17.9	18.1	+1.3
European Union	**511.8**	**514.7**	**+0.6**
Croatia	26.7	26.8	+0.5
Spain	74.7	75.0	+0.5
Germany	54.5	53.8	−1.2
Netherlands	22.6	22.2	−1.7
France	91.2	89.6	−1.8

Source: Eurostat (tour_occ_nim)

Figure 2: 14 of the 27 EU countries recorded more nights than a year earlier



Source: Eurostat (tour_occ_nim). Boundaries: (c) EuroGeographics.

3 Methods and sources

Data. All figures come from the Eurostat dataset *Nights spent at tourist accommodation establishments, monthly data* (`tour_occ_nim`), read with the R package eurostat when this bulletin was produced, on 16 November 2026. They cover hotels, holiday accommodation and campsites (NACE I55.1 to I55.3) and guests of every country of residence. Recent months are provisional and can be revised.

Comparisons. Each month is compared with the same month a year earlier, which removes the seasonal pattern without any adjustment. In Figure 1, the band shows the lowest and highest value of each month over 2022 to 2025; earlier years are left out because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Classes of change. Table 1 and Figure 2 share five classes of yearly change, in %: below −2, −2 to 0, 0 to 2, 2 to 5, and 5 or more.

Maps. Country boundaries: GISCO, (c) EuroGeographics.

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