

Finnish Travel

2010, September

Number of leisure trips abroad fell in September 2010

In September 2010 Finnish residents made around ten per cent fewer such leisure trips abroad that included at least one overnight stay in the country of destination, when compared with September 2009. In contrast, the number of leisure trips in paid accommodation in Finland grew slightly, up by five per cent from one year back. These preliminary data are based on Statistics Finland's Finnish Travel Survey for which 1,401 persons aged 15 to 74 permanently resident in Finland were interviewed in October.

Finnish residents' overnight leisure trips in September 2010 and annual change, preliminary data

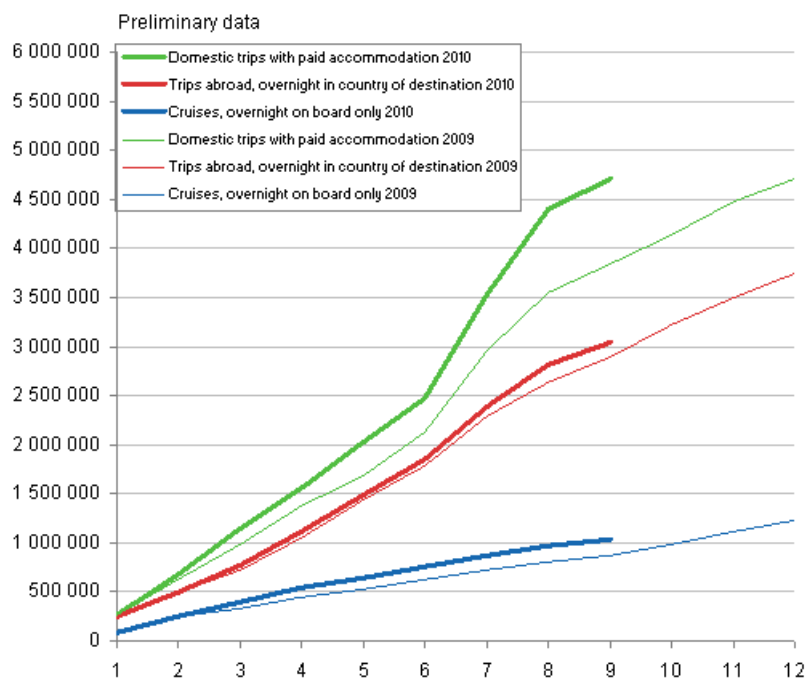
	Trips in September	Annual change, % 9/2010–9/2009	Trips in January–September	Cumulative annual change, % 1–9/2010– 1–9/2009
Domestic trips with paid accommodation	309 000	5	4 708 000	22
Trips to own free-time residence and visits to friends and relatives	1 039 000	-24	19 159 000	18
Trips in Finland, total	1 348 000	-18	23 867 000	19
Trips abroad, overnight in country of destination	232 000	-11	3 048 000	5
– Estonia	32 000	-32	691 000	28
– Sweden	23 000	64	374 000	37
– Other countries	177 000	-11	1 984 000	-5
Cruises, overnight on board only	58 000	-16	1 022 000	18
– To Estonia	26 000	18	301 000	8
– To Sweden	32 000	-32	713 000	24
Trips abroad, total	290 000	-12	4 070 000	8
Leisure trips, total	1 638 000	-17	27 937 000	17

In September Finnish residents made 290,000 overnight leisure trips abroad. In all, 232,000 of them included one or more overnights in the country of destination, fourteen per cent in Estonia and ten per cent in Sweden. Most of the cruises including overnights on board only were to Sweden and Estonia.

Finnish residents made 1.3 million leisure trips in Finland. This is 18 per cent down on the corresponding period in the year before. Most of the trips, or 1.04 million, included free accommodation at one's own free-time residence, with relatives or friends or in some other type of free accommodation.

The final annual data on the Finnish Travel Survey are published on the homepage of the statistics in July following the statistical reference year. In addition, quarterly preliminary data are published in connection with the monthly publication Tourism Statistics (accommodation statistics) in six weeks from the end of the relevant quarter.

Finns' leisure trips abroad, cumulative accumulation monthly 2009–2010, preliminary data



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Destination region	Trips in September	
	Total	%
Trips total	309 000	100
Lapland	52 000	17
North Ostrobothnia	37 000	12
Pirkanmaa	35 000	11
Uusimaa	31 000	10
Kainuu	23 000	7
Varsinais-Suomi	23 000	7
Central Finland	17 000	6
Kanta-Häme	14 000	5
Päijät-Häme	12 000	4
Pohjois-Savo	11 000	4
Satakunta	11 000	4

Appendix table 2. Leisure trips abroad with overnight stays in country of destination in September 2010, the most popular destinations

Country of destination	Trips in September	
	Total	%
Trips total	232 000	100
Estonia	32 000	14
Sweden	23 000	10
Greece	20 000	9
United Kingdom	17 000	7
Turkey	15 000	6
Russia	14 000	6
Italy	12 000	5
Germany	12 000	5

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