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TOURIST ACTIVITY  
April 2021 – Flash Statistics

## GROWTH OF TOURIST ACTIVITY IN APRIL BUT STILL WITH LARGE DISTANCE FROM THE LEVELS OBSERVED IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 2019

The **tourist accommodation sector**<sup>1</sup> registered 460.0 thousand guests and 946.8 thousand overnight stays in April 2021, corresponding to year-on-year rates of change<sup>2</sup> of 762.6% and 510.8%, respectively, in relation to the same month of 2020, when the tourist activity practically ceased (-59.6% and -67.1% in March, in the same order). Compared to April 2019, guests decreased by 80.3% and overnight stays declined by 84.2%.

Overnight stays of residents grew by 517.0% (-20.8% in March) and those of non-residents increased by 496.5% (-86.7% in the previous month). Compared to April 2019, there were decreases of 60.3% and 93.5%, respectively.

In the first four months of the year, total overnight stays decreased by 70.1%, resulting from changes of -39.0% in residents and -85.6% in non-residents.

In April, 47.6% of the tourist accommodation establishments were closed or had no movement of guests (60.4% in March).

Figure 1. Global results of the tourist accommodation sector

Global preliminary results	Unit	Mar 21	Apr 21	Jan - Apr		
				2021	2020	2019
<b>Guests</b>	<b>10<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>279.7</b>	<b>460.0</b>	<b>1 246.3</b>	<b>3 759.0</b>	<b>6 861.4</b>
Residents in Portugal	"	233.0	371.8	1 005.1	1 780.3	2 887.8
Residents abroad	"	46.7	88.2	241.1	1 978.7	3 973.5
<b>Overnight stays</b>	<b>10<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>625.5</b>	<b>946.8</b>	<b>2 738.5</b>	<b>9 146.8</b>	<b>16 987.7</b>
Residents in Portugal	"	448.7	668.1	1 864.7	3 057.8	5 043.0
Residents abroad	"	176.8	278.7	873.9	6 089.0	11 944.7
<b>Average stay</b>	<b>no. of nights</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>2.48</b>
Residents in Portugal	"	1.93	1.80	1.86	1.72	1.75
Residents abroad	"	3.79	3.16	3.62	3.08	3.01

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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