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## Tourism in the EU27

# Spain, Italy and France: top destinations for holiday trips abroad of EU27 residents in 2011

In 2011, **EU27** residents made 1.0 billion holiday trips<sup>1</sup>, of which around one quarter were trips outside the country of residence<sup>2</sup> (outbound trips). Looking in more detail at these outbound holiday trips, **Spain** was the top foreign destination of **EU27** residents in 2011 (13% of all outbound trips), followed by **Italy** and **France** (both 9%). It should be noted that these figures refer to trips made by EU residents. They do not include trips made by non EU residents to the EU<sup>3</sup>.

These figures<sup>4</sup> are issued by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

### Highest share of outbound holiday trips in Luxembourg and Belgium

Among the Member States, the highest numbers of outbound holiday trips in 2011 were recorded by residents of **Germany** (73 million or 34% of holiday trips made by residents), the **United Kingdom** (44 mn or 38%), **France** (22 mn or 11%) and the **Netherlands** (16 mn or 52%). These four Member States accounted for almost two thirds of all outbound holiday trips made by **EU27** residents. In a majority of Member States, most holiday trips were made within the country of residence, while half or more than half of all trips made by residents of **Luxembourg** (nearly 100% of all holiday trips), **Belgium** (74%), **Slovenia** (56%), the **Netherlands** (52%) and **Austria** (50%) were trips to a foreign country.

### Top destinations for outbound trips are neighboring or nearby countries

In all **EU27** Member States, the top destination of outbound holiday trips made by residents in 2011 was a neighboring or nearby country, except for residents of **Romania** (Italy was the top destination of outbound trips), **Sweden** (Greece) and the **United Kingdom** (Spain).

Among the top three destinations of outbound holiday trips, **Spain** was the preferred holiday destination for residents of **Portugal** (39% of outbound trips), the **United Kingdom** (21%) and **France** (18%), while **France** was the top destination for residents of **Belgium** (33%), **Luxembourg** (23%), **Spain** and **Italy** (both 16%), and **Italy** was the preferred destination for residents of **Malta** (32%), **Austria** (22%) and **Romania** (20%). In addition, **Germany** was the top destination for holiday trips abroad for residents of the **Netherlands** (18%), **Poland** (15%) and **Denmark** (14%).

## Holiday trips made by residents, 2011

	Holiday trips, in millions		% outbound in total	Top 3 destinations for outbound trips (% of total outbound trips of residents)		
	Total	Outbound				
<b>EU27*</b>	<b>1 042.1</b>	<b>247.1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Spain (13)</b>	<b>Italy (9)</b>	<b>France (9)</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	11.3	8.4	74	France (33)	Spain (10)	Netherlands (9)
<b>Bulgaria</b>	5.6	0.7	12	:	:	:
<b>Czech Republic</b>	34.0	5.3	16	Slovakia (18)	Other Europe*** (17)	Italy (11)
<b>Denmark</b>	29.0	6.2	22	Germany (14)	Sweden (14)	Spain (13)
<b>Germany</b>	215.0	72.7	34	Austria (15)	Italy (14)	Spain (12)
<b>Estonia</b>	2.2	0.8	37	Russia (25)	Finland (18)	u
<b>Ireland</b>	10.9	4.7	43	United Kingdom (34)	Spain (25)	Portugal (7)
<b>Greece**</b>	12.1	1.1	9	Other Europe*** (35)	Turkey (7)	Bulgaria (6)
<b>Spain</b>	121.5	9.6	8	France (16)	Portugal (13)	Italy (12)
<b>France</b>	203.6	22.3	11	Spain (18)	Italy (11)	United Kingdom (7)
<b>Italy</b>	58.2	11.0	19	France (16)	Spain (14)	Other Europe*** (8)
<b>Cyprus</b>	1.7	0.8	48	Greece (33)	United Kingdom (26)	Other Asia**** (6)
<b>Latvia</b>	4.2	0.9	22	Sweden (14)	Germany (12)	Russia (10)
<b>Lithuania</b>	3.4	1.3	37	Other Europe*** (14)	Latvia (14)	United Kingdom (11)
<b>Luxembourg</b>	1.3	1.3	100	France (23)	Germany (18)	Belgium (10)
<b>Hungary</b>	19.3	3.8	20	Austria (13)	Other Europe*** (13)	Germany (12)
<b>Malta</b>	0.4	0.2	49	Italy (32)	United Kingdom (28)	Spain (7)
<b>Netherlands</b>	30.3	15.7	52	Germany (18)	France (15)	Spain (10)
<b>Austria</b>	16.4	8.2	50	Italy (22)	Germany (16)	Other Europe*** (14)
<b>Poland</b>	30.8	4.3	14	Germany (15)	Italy (10)	United Kingdom (10)
<b>Portugal</b>	11.1	1.0	9	Spain (39)	France (12)	United Kingdom (6)
<b>Romania</b>	12.5	0.9	7	Italy (20)	Bulgaria (17)	Hungary (15)
<b>Slovenia</b>	4.2	2.4	56	Other Europe*** (72)	Italy (5)	Austria (4)
<b>Slovakia</b>	6.9	2.7	40	Other Europe*** (20)	Czech Republic (15)	Italy (8)
<b>Finland</b>	37.1	5.9	16	Estonia (26)	Sweden (25)	Spain (10)
<b>Sweden</b>	42.2	10.4	25	Greece (13)	Finland (11)	Denmark (9)
<b>United Kingdom</b>	116.9	44.4	38	Spain (21)	France (14)	Other Asia**** (6)
<b>Norway</b>	17.3	6.7	39	Sweden (21)	Spain (16)	Denmark (11)
<b>Switzerland</b>	15.5	10.0	64	Italy (19)	Germany (17)	France (16)
<b>Croatia</b>	7.0	2.0	29	Other Europe*** (38)	Slovenia (11)	Germany (9)

Figures might not add up due to rounding

: Data not available

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\* Estimate. Not including data for Bulgaria for estimation of top 3 destinations.

\*\* 2010 data

\*\*\* European countries, other than EU27, EFTA, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine. No further breakdown available for this aggregate.

\*\*\*\* Asian countries, other than China, Japan and South Korea. No further breakdown available for this aggregate.

1. Number of holiday trips: Trips made by tourists, i.e. overnight trips of 1+ nights.
2. In addition, outbound trips accounted for 40% of nights spent in tourism establishments and 54% of tourism expenditure in the EU27.
3. Tourists from outside the EU27 accounted for 11% of all nights spent in tourist accommodation establishments in the EU27.
4. For more information see the Statistics explained article on the Eurostat website:  
[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\\_explained/index.php/Tourism\\_statistics\\_-\\_top\\_holiday\\_destinations](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Tourism_statistics_-_top_holiday_destinations)

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