Tourism means the activity of visitors taking a trip to a main destination outside their usual environment, for less than a year, for any main purpose, including business, leisure or other personal purpose, other than to be employed by a resident entity in the place visited.

Three types can be distinguished, according to the origin and destination of visitors:

- **domestic tourism** means visits within a country by visitors who are residents of that country.
- **inbound tourism** means visits to a country by visitors who are not residents of that country.
- **outbound tourism** means visits by residents of a country outside that country.

Derived groupings:

- **national tourism** means domestic and outbound tourism.
- **internal tourism** means domestic and inbound tourism.
- **international tourism** means inbound and outbound tourism.

Further information

- Methodology for tourism statistics and Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA)

Related concepts

- Tourist

Statistical data

- Tourism statistics