FOREIGN VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

ITALIAN VISITORS

Source: Eurostat

What type of profile?

The average age of Italian visitors is the same as that for all other foreign visitors as a whole arriving by air (39 years old). More than 4 out of 10 come from the upper socio-professional categories¹ (40.4%, -6.5 points) and 26.1% are employees (+7.6 points).

They come mainly from the Milan region (32.4%) and Rome (17.5%).

¹Liberal professions, teachers, scientific professions, executives and other intellectual professions.

What type of travel?

Approximately 7 visitors out of 10 (70.6%, -0.5 point) travel for solely personal reasons. They come as couples (34.3%. +6.2 points) or alone (27.0%, -7.8 points). Nearly three-quarters make their own travel arrangements (74.8%, -2.5 points). 20.1% travel individually with organized trips (+2.9 points) and 5.1% opt to travel in organized groups (-0.4 point).

What type of accommodation?

Almost 9 out of 10 stays (86.8%, +5.1 points) are spent in paid accommodation. The main types of paid accommodation used are hotels for 78.9% (2- or 3-star hotels for 70.9% and 4-star and more hotels for 27.2%). furnished accommodation and seasonal rentals (4.1%) and apartment hotels (2.7%). The main types of non-paid accommodation used are staying with friends (4.1%), parents (3.3%) and parents' or friends' holiday homes (3.0%).

THE MAJORITY OF ITALIANS VISITING PARIS ILE-DE-FRANCE ARE REPEAT VISITORS



Reference period: the last 5 years.

The average figures for foreign visitors as a whole are 52.3% repeat visitors and 43.7% first-time visitors (4.0% did not reply)

THE INTERNET IS THE PRIMARY METHOD **OF RESERVATION (%)**



Several possibilities, based on paid accommodation.

Italian visitors also use the Internet as their preferred method of making travel arrangements (47.2%, +0.8 point), followed by travel agencies and tour operators (30.9%, +4.9 points).

What types of activity?

Italian visitors spend less time shopping [34.2%, -16.5 points], visiting parks and gardens (27.0%, -14.3 points), discovering French gastronomy (26.9%, -13.3 points) and visiting markets and flea markets (16.4%, -11.9 points). They are also less interested in nights out (15.9%, -8.2 points) and guided tours discovering different neighbourhoods (2.3%, -4.9 points). On the other hand, more are interested in visiting theme parks (25.5%, +6.9 points).

APPROXIMATELY 43% OF ITALIAN VISITORS SPEND IS ALLOCATED TO ACCOMMODATION



Italian visitors, whose average spend per day and per person is lower than that for all visitors, allocate a higher budget to accommodation (+3.9 points) and catering [+3.0 points], but a lower budget to shopping [-6.4 points].

VISITORS RATE THEMSELVES AS SATISFIED. WITH A FEW RESERVATIONS ABOUT CATERING [%]*



*% satisfied and very satisfied. Average satisfaction rating, all foreign visitors as a whole: 95.3%.

The figures are expressed in "points" and relate to all foreign visitors arriving hy air Source: ongoing survey in airports - Paris Ile-de-France Tourist Board, ADP (BVA) -2011 results

Which sites are visited?

The 5 most-visited sites are: Notre-Dame de Paris (68.2%), the tour Eiffel (65.1%), the Arc de triomphe (54.8%), the Sacré-Cœur de Montmartre (50,1%) and the Louvre (48,6%). More Italian visitors go to Disnevland® Paris (25.6%, +7.1 points), the Sacré-Cœur de Montmartre (+4.1 points). Notre-Dame de Paris (+3.9 points) and the Centre Pompidou [26.9%, +3.5 points]. On the other hand, fewer visit the Louvre (-8.9 points) and the château de Versailles (12.2%, -7.1 points).

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KEY POINTS

- 945,000 stays representing 9.1% of stays by all foreign
- representing 6.7% of overnight stays by all foreign visitors arriving by air (77.3% compared with 2010).
- ♦ 4.6 nights on average
- 54.3% have already visited
- 94.9% have tailored travel
- > 70.6% travel for solely personal
- ♦ €135 average spend
- > 93.0% are satisfied with their
- > 97.3% would recommend
- ▲ 49.7% would like to return to

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