



# Press release

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## ***More overnight stays, same number of tourism***

In the third quarter of 2002 there were 8.2 million guests who accounted for 34.4 million overnight stays. This makes the number of guests in Dutch overnight accommodations almost identical to the number in the third quarter of 2001. The number of nights spent in accommodations went up by 3 percent. So, the average length of stay increased according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands.

### ***Growing number of leisure stays***

The growth in the number of overnight stays benefited mainly leisure accommodations such as campings, bungalow parks and group accommodations. These types of accommodations recorded a 4 percent growth rate in the number of overnight stays, while the number of guests remained the same. The number of overnight stays in the hotel sector, on the other hand, did not change.

### ***More Germans spending more nights***

The number of Germans visiting the Netherlands in the third quarter of 2002 was 1 million. This is a 6 percent increase on the same quarter last year, bringing the number back to the level of the third quarter of 2000. The German tourist booked more overnight stays in hotels and in the other types of accommodation. The total is over 5 million, an increase of 13 percent on the same period last year. One striking fact is that both the number of visitors and the number of overnight stays of other foreign visitors went down sharply.

### ***No growth in southern part of the Netherlands***

The growth in the number of overnight stays took place in the eastern, northern and western parts of the Netherlands. In the eastern and western parts, this growth was accompanied by an increase in the number of guests. In the northern parts the number of guests decreased. In the southern part, the number of overnight stays fell slightly while the number of guests remained the same.

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