

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BULGARIA DURING 1991

The number of foreign tourists who have visited Bulgaria during 1991 reached the number of 6818 thousand which is 34,0% less as compared to 1990. A certain increase in the number of foreigners visiting Bulgaria is noticed for the following countries: Israel - 34,5%, Canada - 26,8%, USA - 15,0%, United Kingdom - 7,4%, Denmark - 3,7% and Greece - 1,3%. There is a considerable decrease in the number of foreigners, visiting Bulgaria, from the ex-USSR - 63,4%, Yugoslavia - 60,4%, Poland - 56,5%, Romania - 46,0%, Germany FR - 42,2%, Hungary - 40,2% etc.

During the reported period the number of foreigners visiting Bulgaria on tourism and recreation basis is 1265 thousand or 41,5% less than the previous year. There is a substantial decrease in the number of tourists visiting Bulgaria as follows: from the ex-USSR 71,5%, from Hungary - 58,1%, Belgium - 54,9%, Poland - 54,8%, CSFR - 47,8%, Yugoslavia - 45,6%. There is an increase in the number of tourists from Turkey - 3 times, Israel - 37,0%, Italy - 14,8%, Spain - 9,7%, United Kingdom - 9,4%, Denmark - 5,8%, visiting Bulgaria.

The number of foreigners entering Bulgaria on business trip in 1991 is 340 thousand which is 56,5% less than the previous year. This is due to the decrease in the number of visitors from Poland - 72,8%, Romania - 65,5%, Iraq - 63,1 %, Yugoslavia - 61,0%, Hungary - 58,9%, USSR - 45,3%. The number of foreigners on business trips has changed: from Turkey - about 3 times, USA - 37,3%, Canada - 35,4%, Israel - 34,5%, Spain - 28,5%, Greece - 26,6%.

During the reported period the number of transit visitors to Bulgaria is 4330 thousand or 15,2% less than 1990. This decrease is due to the decrease in the number of tourists from: Italy - 63,4 %, Austria - 55,9%, Iraq - 54,6%, Switzerland - 54,0%, Germany, FR - 53,3%, Yugoslavia - 52,9% , who have visited Bulgaria. The number of such tourists from CSSR, Hungary, USA, Greece, Iran and the ex-USSR has increased. The foreigners, visiting Bulgaria, from Turkey, Romania, Yugoslavia and CSSR cover 61,5%, 8,8%, 4,0% and 2,4% respectively from the total number of the transit visitors in Bulgaria.

Foreigners visiting Bulgaria use mainly automobile transport and in 1991 their number reached 5981 thousand and this is 30,5% less than those in 1990. There is a considerable increase in the number of autotourists from: CSFR - more than 1,5 times, Israel - 48,2%, Canada - 33,3%, USA - 18,2%, Jordan - 4,7%. The number of foreigners visiting Bulgaria by autotransport from Yugoslavia, Poland, Romania, Austria, Belgium and Iraq has decreased by 40 to 60%.

The next transport preferred by the foreigners is railway transport. During 1991 more than 390 thousand foreigners have visited Bulgaria by railway which is 57,5% less than 1990. The number of tourists from Canada, Israel, Denmark, United Kingdom and Greece visiting Bulgaria by railway has increased, while the number of those coming from Poland and Romania has decreased about 90-95%.

The number of foreigners, visiting Bulgaria by airplane is similar to those preferring railway. During the reported period there are more than 373 thousand visits. This kind of transport was preferred mainly by the visitors from United Kingdom, Germany FR, France, Turkey, USSR. The number of foreigners coming to Bulgaria by airplane has decreased about 90% referring those from CSFR, Poland and the USSR.