

Top Tourism Destinations 2009

Provisional United Nations World Tourism Organisation data are shown in the following tables:

International Tourist Arrivals

2009 Rank	Destination	Arrivals (m)	2008 Rank	2007 Rank	2006 Rank	2005 Rank	2004 Rank	2003 Rank	2002 Rank
1	France	74.2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	USA	54.9	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
3	Spain	52.2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	China	50.9	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
5	Italy	43.2	5	5	5	5	5	4	4
6	UK	28.0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	Turkey	25.5	8	9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
8	Germany	24.2	9	7	7	8	9	9	10
9	Malaysia	23.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10	Mexico	21.5	10	10	8	7	8	8	8

International Tourist Receipts

2009 Rank	Destination	Receipts US\$bn	2008 Rank	2007 Rank	2006 Rank	2005 Rank	2004 Rank	2003 Rank	2002 Rank
1	USA	94.2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Spain	53.2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	France	48.7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	Italy	40.2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	China	39.7	5	5	5	6	7	7	5
6	Germany	34.7	6	7	7	7	6	5	6
7	UK	30.1	7	6	6	5	5	6	7
8	Australia	25.6	8	8	8	10	10	n/a	n/a
9	Turkey	21.3	9	10	9	8	8	9	8
10	Austria	tbc	10	9	10	9	9	8	9

Visits

The UK retains 6th position in terms of arrivals, accounting for 3.2% of all international arrivals (3.3% in 2008). Note that the UK figure is for 'staying visits' and excludes 'day trip' visits in order to be consistent with data for other countries. There are no changes among the rankings of the top six nations, but Turkey continues its climb up the table and is now in striking distance of the UK. Malaysia enters the top ten for the first time in 9th spot, having leapfrogged Mexico. Germany climbed one place to 8th.

Spend

The UK retains seventh place with no changing in the order of the top ten, although final data for Austria is yet to be confirmed. The UK now accounts for 3.5% of international tourism receipts (3.8% in 2008). Note that as all figures are converted from local currency to US dollars comparison between years can be influenced as much by exchange rates as by genuine growth or contraction in spending in any one destination.