

Finnish Travel

2010, March

Finnish tourists favoured home country and neighbouring countries in March 2010

In March Finnish residents made almost half-a-million domestic trips with paid accommodation. This is 35 per cent up on the corresponding period one year earlier. In March Finnish residents made 424,000 leisure trips abroad. Of these, 236,000 were headed to Sweden or Estonia. This is 74 per cent up on the corresponding period one year earlier.

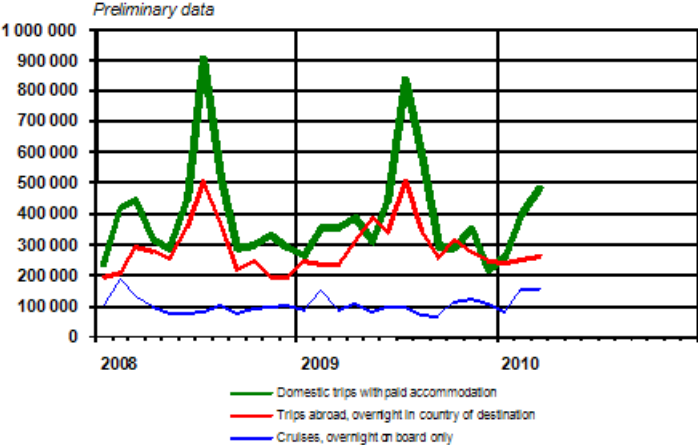
In March Finnish residents made 424,000 overnight leisure trips abroad. In all, 268,000 of them included one or more overnights in the country of destination, nineteen per cent in Estonia and eleven per cent in Sweden. Most of the cruises including overnights on board only were to Sweden and Estonia.

Finnish residents made 1.7 million leisure trips in Finland. This is nine per cent up on the corresponding period in the year before. Most of the trips, or 1.3 million, included free accommodation at one's own free-time residence, with relatives or friends or in some other type of free accommodation.

These preliminary data are based on Statistics Finland's Finnish Travel Survey for which 1,364 persons aged 15 to 74 permanently resident in Finland were interviewed in April.

The final annual data on the Finnish Travel Survey are published on the homepage of the statistics in July following the statistical reference year. In addition, quarterly preliminary data are published in connection with the monthly publication Tourism Statistics (accommodation statistics) in six weeks from the end of the relevant quarter.

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Finnish residents' overnight leisure trips in March 2010 and annual change, preliminary data

	Trips in March	Annual change, % 3/2010 - 3/2009	Trips in January - March	Cumulative annual change, % 1-3/2010 - 1-3/2009
Domestic trips with paid accommodation	482 000	35	1 145 000	17
Trips to own free-time residence and visits to friends and relatives	1 267 000	1	4 501 000	9
Trips in Finland, total	1 749 000	9	5 646 000	11
Trips abroad, overnight in country of destination	268 000	13	765 000	6
- Estonia	50 000	67	146 000	59
- Sweden	30 000	58	66 000	16
- Other countries	188 000	-1	554 000	-4
Cruises, overnight on board only	156 000	79	398 000	22
- To Estonia	32 000	19	100 000	-6
- To Sweden	124 000	107	296 000	37
Trips abroad, total	424 000	30	1 163 000	11
Leisure trips, total	2 173 000	12	6 809 000	11

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