

Finnish Travel

2011, May

In May 2011 Finns travelled to Estonia or went on a cruise to Sweden

This May, Finnish residents made over 100,000 trips to Estonia with paid overnight accommodation, which is nearly 30 per cent more than one year previously. Finnish residents preferred to travel to Sweden on short cruises only, whose number increased by 36 per cent from the year before. In May Finnish residents made 444,000 leisure trips with paid accommodation in Finland. This is seven per cent less than in the previous year's May, when domestic travelling was record busy.

Finnish residents' overnight leisure trips in May 2011 and annual change, preliminary data

	Trips in May	Annual change, % 5/2011 - 5/2010	Trips in January - May	Cumulative annual change, % 1-5/2011 - 1-5/2010
Domestic trips with paid accommodation	444 000	-7	2 156 000	7
Trips to own free-time residence and visits to friends and relatives	2 422 000	4	9 495 000	8
Trips in Finland, total	2 866 000	2	11 651 000	7
Trips abroad, overnight in country of destination	390 000	3	1 548 000	4
- Estonia	102 000	28	319 000	3
- Sweden	32 000	-35	118 000	-17
- Other countries	256 000	2	1 109 000	7
Cruises, overnight on board only	131 000	21	711 000	10
- To Estonia	44 000	0	217 000	22
- To Sweden	87 000	36	493 000	6
Trips abroad, total	521 000	7	2 259 000	6
Leisure trips, total	3 387 000	3	13 910 000	7

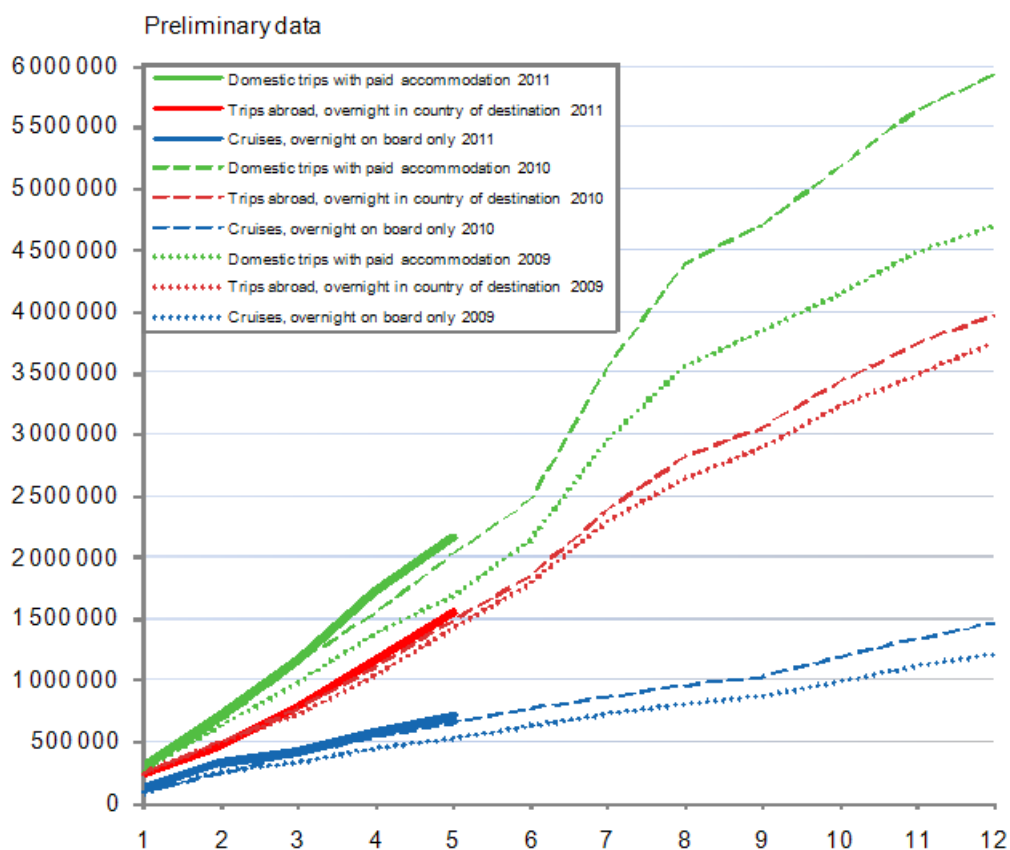
In May Finnish residents made 521,000 overnight leisure trips abroad. In all, 390,000 of them included one or more overnights in the country of destination, twenty-six per cent in Estonia and eight per cent in Sweden. Most of the cruises including overnights on board only were to Sweden and Estonia.

Finnish residents made 2.9 million leisure trips in Finland. This is 2 per cent up on the corresponding period in the year before. Most of the trips, or 2.4 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 1,371 persons aged 15 to 74 permanently resident in Finland were interviewed in June.

The final annual data on the Finnish Travel Survey are published on the homepage of the statistics in June following the statistical reference year.

Finns' leisure trips, cumulative accumulation monthly 2009-2011, preliminary data



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Appendix table 1. Domestic leisure trips with paid accommodation in May 2011, the most popular destination regions

Destination regions	Trips in May	
	Total	%
Trips total	444 000	100
Uusimaa	62 000	14
North Ostrobothnia	61 000	14
Pirkanmaa	59 000	13
Varsinais-Suomi	59 000	13
Central Finland	27 000	6
Pohjois-Savo	24 000	6
Lapland	24 000	5
Kymenlaakso	21 000	5
Päijät-Häme	21 000	5
North Karelia	18 000	4
Satakunta	15 000	3
Kainuu	14 000	3
South Ostrobothnia	12 000	3

Appendix table 2. Leisure trips abroad with overnight stays in country of destination in May 2011, the most popular destinations

Country of destination	Trips in May	
	Total	%
Trips total	390 000	100
Estonia	102 000	26
United Kingdom	39 000	10
Spain	39 000	10
Sweden	32 000	8
France	21 000	5
Greece	18 000	4
Turkey	15 000	4
Russian Federation	15 000	4
Italy	12 000	3
Germany	12 000	3

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