

Outbound tourism: trips abroad by resident visitors to countries of destination (basis: arrivals in destination countries)

Methodological notes

- The data included in the following tables **do not** correspond to data obtained from the country of reference.
- The information is obtained on the basis of data supplied by each of the destination countries and therefore corresponds to arrivals in these countries. In fact, very few countries publish data on outbound tourism, i.e. tourism of resident visitors outside the economic territory of the country of reference.
- The information sources vary from country to country and are identified in the “SERIES” column of the table as follows:
 - **TF:** Arrivals of non-resident tourists at national borders, by nationality or country of residence
 - **VF:** Arrivals of non-resident visitors at national borders, by nationality or country of residence
 - **THS:** Arrivals of non-resident tourists in hotels and similar establishments, by nationality or country of residence
 - **TCE:** Arrivals of non-resident tourists in all types of accommodation establishments, by nationality or country of residence
- It is to point out that not all the countries facilitate arrivals data with a breakdown by country of origin (residence or nationality). Amongst those who do so, some only register the arrivals from the most significant (not all) countries of origin. Some countries use aggregated categories like the United Kingdom and Ireland, Belgium and Luxembourg, Canada and the United States, etc. Actually, most of the destination countries use some type of regional or sub-regional grouping when providing data to UNWTO. Consequently, the way these “outbound” data have been obtained should be taken into account when analysing them.
- The procedure used to prepare these data explains why the data that appear in the tables do not correspond to the actual number of departures by residents from the country of reference to a country.
- Consequently, it would be more correct to use this type of data in relative terms, and not, as they appear in the tables attached, in absolute terms.