



CHINESE NEW YEAR: RECORD-BREAKING TRAVEL DURING THE CELEBRATIONS

The Chinese New Year celebrations are approaching and this year's joyful time is set to become a record-breaking festival. Major jumps in both domestic and outbound travel are expected during the week-long holidays starting on January 27th.

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HIMALAYAS - PARADISE FOR TREKKERS AND NATURE LOVERS

In April 2015, Nepal was hit by an earthquake. This natural disaster killed nearly 9,000 people, and injured 22,000. Since then the country has experienced a dramatic turnaround. In 2016, foreign tourist inflow increased by 39.71 % to 753,002. According to the Department of Immigration, the rapid jump is mainly the result of an increased number of visitors coming from neighboring countries, India and China, but also from the US, the UK, and Sri Lanka.

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MEXICAN TOURISM TO SLOW DOWN THANKS TO TRUMP

Following the US presidential election, there will be a slowdown in the rate of international tourist arrivals in Mexico, which will grow by only 7 per cent per year, according to estimates by Anáhuac University and the National Business Tourism Council focusing on the outlook of Mexican tourism.

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FRENCH TOURISM – REVIVAL IS EXPECTED

At risk in 2016, French tourism ended the year with a slight improvement in hotel occupancy. The positive trend is expected to continue throughout 2017, provided that the most affluent foreign tourists come back to the country.

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TOURISM IN GERMANY CONTINUES GROWING

Last year was very successful for tourism in Germany. The 2016 figures are expected to increase for the seventh time in a row. Domestic and foreign tourism reported 450 million overnight stays, making it another successful year.

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IS GALAPAGOS TOURISM THREATENING THE ARCHIPELAGO?

The Galapagos Islands is a beautiful archipelago in the Pacific Ocean under the administration of Ecuador. It is a real treasure trove of wildlife and natural beauty and as such the Galapagos tourism is booming. However, the question is, do these visitors benefit to the biodiversity of the volcanic archipelago?

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HONDURAN TOURISM EXPECTED TO INCREASE 15%

Honduran tourism sector, better known as the "chimneyfree industry," is expected to jump from 4 to 15% growth this year.

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ITALIAN MUSEUMS REGISTERED RECORD NUMBER OF VISITORS IN 2016

According to Dario Franceschini, the Italian tourism minister, the data of 2016 have created a new record for Italian museums. The number of visitors reached 44.5 million in state cultural institutions which brought a revenue of 172 million euros to the state budget. This in an increase of 4% and 12% compared to 2015, corresponding to 1.2 million more visitors and 18.5 million euros in gains.

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