



LOCAL TOURISM IN ITALY HARMED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Local tourism businesses in central Italy have complained about the disastrous effect of the recent earthquake. Many accommodation facilities expect low occupancy rate during the coming Easter holiday. Bookings are at stake in “green” accommodation facilities in Marche, Umria, Abruzzo and Lazio.

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AZERBAIJAN TOURISM AUTHORITIES REJOICE OVER AN INCREASE

Last year, Azerbaijan tourism industry was boosted by 2.25 million tourists. One third of them were Russians, as reported by the State Statistics Committee.

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SKI SEASON IN THE ALPS THREATENED BY LACK OF SNOW

For the third year, the level of snow in the the French and Swiss Alps has reduced again affecting the ski season. Several resorts from France to Austria are no longer able to start their season according to the normal plan. Instead of the snowstorms that turn the entire landscape white, warm and sunny weather conditions continue to persist. This weather change is so bad that the ski season in the Alps may even start up to a month later than usual.

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MAJOR MYTHS ABOUT SPANISH TOURISM INDUSTRY

Spanish tourism attractions are highly popular among international tourists. However, all that glitters is not gold. Even though in 2016, according to data published by the National Institute of Statistics (INE), the Spanish tourism industry accounted for 11.1% of GDP, there are many myths surrounding the sector.

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FOREIGN TOURISTS IN COLOGNE DECREASED IN NUMBERS

While Germany reports new records in terms of tourism, the number of tourists in Cologne declined sharply at the turn of the year. The main reason were the New Year's Eve gang assaults on women that shocked the whole country.

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TOURISM IN THE PARIS REGION FINALLY SHOWS POSITIVE SIGNS

Tourism in the Paris region, or Ile-de-France, was last year severely affected by a drop in foreign visitor numbers. However, the latest statistics reveal positive news.

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ESTONIAN TOURISM BENEFITS FROM RUSSIAN AND FINNISH INTEREST

In 2016, 2 million foreign visitors boosted Estonian tourism industry. Most travelers came from Finland, Russia and Latvia, according to the Estonian Centre of Tourism Development with reference to the Department of Statistics.

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MOROCCAN TOURISM ATTRACTIONS OPEN TO CHINESE TOURISTS

The kingdom of Morocco is doubling its efforts to attract visitors from China who, since June, no longer need visa to enter the country. The first positive results of this policy have already been seen in the form of a 300% percent increase in visitations in the last year alone. But, there is still much progress left to be made for Moroccan tourism.

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