
Catalonia received 5.9 million tourists during the first semester of 2005, becoming the first foreign tourist destination of the Spanish state

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Wednesday, 20 July 2005.— Catalonia becomes the first destination of all foreign tourism in the Spanish state during the year's first semester, with 5.9 million foreign tourists, which implies a growth of 13.2% compared to last year. The month of June, Catalonia received 24.7% of the state's total, according to the Frontier Tourist Movements (Frontur). The leading sending countries to Catalonia for this month are France, with a share of 27.9%, and the United Kingdom, which accounts for 16.2% of the total.

Catalonia is the second destination in the number of foreign tourist of the Spanish state, with a total of 1.3 million tourist for the month of June. This figure represents an inter-annual growth of 15.1% with respect to the same period the previous year, something that confirms the positive trend of this market which in Catalonia has continued to grow for the twelfth consecutive month.

Foreign Tourism. First Semester 2005

	January-June	Variation % January-June 2005/04	June	Variation % June 2005/04
Catalonia	5,888,095	13.2	1,295,677	15.1
Spain	24,006,223	5.7	5,235,857	7.8

Source: I.E.T. Frontur

During the month of June, the Spanish state welcomed 5.2 million foreign tourists, a 7.8% more than in the previous year, maintaining the growing evolution observed in these latest months. Catalonia has also obtained positive results for the whole of the semester, just overcoming 25 million tourists. This figure involves a 5.7% growth with respect to the same period last year, the highest since the year 2001.