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Friday, 19 August 2005.— 2.2 million foreign tourists visited Catalonia in July, a figure involving a growth of 11.3% if compared to last year's figures for the same month. From the data issuing from the report by Frontier Tourist Movements (Frontur) corresponding to the month of July, it is also clear that Catalonia accounts for 29.5% of all foreign tourism visiting the Spanish state.

8.1 million foreign tourists have visited Catalonia since the beginning of the year, a 12.7% increase with respect to the same period in 2004, thus consolidating itself as the Spanish state's leading destination. During this period, 25.7% of the foreign tourists that visited the Spanish state chose Catalonia as its destination, well ahead of other destinations, such as the Balearic Islands (17.3%) or the Canary Islands (17.1%).

The leading sending countries to Catalonia during this month were France (with a 34.7% share), the United Kingdom (10.8%), the Low Countries (10.3%), and Germany (9.8%).

	January-July	Var. January-July 2005/04	July	Variation July 2005/04
Catalonia	8,083,502	12.7%	2,195,407	11.3%
Spanish state	31,451,584	6.1%	7,445,361	7.7%