

EXAMINATION OF HOTEL NONIUS

EXEMINAREA HOTELULUI NONIUS

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I examined the changes in the number of guests in Hotel Nonius of Mezőhegyes in the last six years. The number of guests decreased from 2000 to 2004. More native guests stayed in the hotel than foreign ones on an annual bases. Most of the foreign guests came from Romania, Italy, France and Germany. Foreign tourism is not insignificant, its reason is the proximity of the Romanian-Hungarian border and the good hunting opportunities in Mezőhegyes.

INTRODUCTION

I am aiming to examine the changes in the number of guests in Hotel Nonius of Mezőhegyes in the last six years.

The beauty of the plain, the hunting opportunities, the riding tourism and the numerous agro-historical relics make Mezőhegyes attractive for those who like nature and tranquility. The three-star Hotel Nonius serves as a relaxation point after the exhausting hours of hunting and riding.

In the ninety metres-long, two-storey historic building of Hotel Nonius originally soldiers lived up to 1944. It was a barrack for cavalry. It gives place for Hotel Nonius inn for sixty guests from 1985. It was designed by József Jung in late Baroque style in 1790. The hotel is furnished with contemporary furniture, so two rooms in 'directoire'-style, one in 'empire', two 'biedermeier'. The visitors can see a suit for the drawing room from the age of Napoleon III, and a suit for the bedroom from the 1870's. As I have mentioned it was a barrack for hussars from the beginning up to 15 September 1944 when the soldiers left Mezőhegyes along with horses and all the equipments following orders from above.

In the intimate hotel a restaurant, a separated hall with fireplace, a lounge, bar and an auditorium are available for guests. Twenty rooms, guarded car park, central safe, sauna, gym, the opportunity of paying by credit card are to serve the comfort of the guests. The excellent cuisine of

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the restaurant serves with vegetarian dishes, dishes from the plain and the ones made from game. Grill parties are organised for groups. The hotel organises different riding programmes, riding tours, stud performances, sleigh-rides, hunting and conferences.

METHODS

The data are from the form „Report of Accomodations” filled in every months by the hotel. I examined the number of guests between 2000 and 2005. I checked where the guests come to Hotel Nonius from, what the proportion of native and foreign guests in percentage is broken down into monthly figures, and finally what the average of the last six years is.

EXAMINATION AND RESULTS

In January 2000 altogether 62 (32%) foreigner and 131 (68%) native guests stayed in the hotel. 11 persons came from France, 14 from Germany, 17 from Italy and 15 from Romania. In February 36 persons (29%) came from abroad: 13 from Romania, 8 from Germany and 8 from Italy. In March 30% of the guests was foreigner, 70% was Hungarian. In April more people from abroad (66%, 108 persons) visited the hotel than Hungarian (34%, 55 persons). In May 46% was foreigner, 54% native; in June foreigner was 45%, native 55%; in July 63% of the guests came from abroad; in August 77% foreigner and 23% native was the proportion, in September 44% came from abroad; on October 64% was Hungarian; in November 39% of the guests was foreigner and 61% was native; and finally in December the proportion was: 40% foreigner guests and 60% native ones. Annually 49% of the guests was foreigner (1254 persons), while 51% (1319 persons) was Hungarian.

In 2000 the hotel had 2573 guests. 1319 came from the country, 1254 persons came from abroad. The guests arrived from the following countries: 85 persons from Austria, 15 from Belgium, 13 from Bulgaria, 13 from Denmark, 119 from France, 89 from the Netherlands, 41 from Jugoslavia, 23 from Poland, 259 from Germany, 134 from Italy, 289 from Romania, 9 from Switzerland, 7 from Slovakia, 35 from Japan 22 from other countries of Asia and 16 from the USA.

In January 2001 38% of the guests was foreigner, 62% native, in February 28% came from abroad and 72% Hungarian, in March 54% of the guests was foreigner, in April 42% persons from abroad, native 58%, in May 34% foreigner and 66% native. In the following months the proportion of foreigners in percentage is: in June 56%, in July 59%, in August 61%, in September 37%, in October 43%, in November 41% and in December 32%.

In 2001 the hotel had 1206 guests from abroad and 1430 native guests which is altogether 2637 persons. Foreigners came mainly from France, Germany, Italy and Romania.

In 2002 the proportion of foreigners is the following: 33% in January, 29% in February, 56% in March, 55% in April, 43% in May, 33% in June, 72% in July, 62% in August, 45% in September, 43% in October, 35% in November and 46% in December.

In 2002 1168 foreign guests stayed in the hotel. The number of native guests was 1259. Altogether 2418 persons found accomodation in the hotel.

Most of the foreign guests was Romanian, French, Italian and German.

In 2003 the proportion of foreigners in percentage was the following: 46% in January, 25% in February, 50% in March, 44% in April, 44% in May, 33% in June, 57% in July, 65% in August, 51% in September, 31% in October, 43% in November and 37% in December.

The hotel facilities satisfied demands of 1103 foreign and 1342 native guests. The number of guests was altogether 2445. The number of Romanian, Italian, German, French and Dutch guests was the most significant.

In 2004 the proportion of foreign guests in percentage was the following: 48% in January, 47% in February, 25% in March, 42% in April, 57% in May, 32% in June, 49% in July, 58% in August, 38% in September, 34% in October, 49% in November and 44% in December.

The number of foreign guests was 882 and 1117 of the native ones, altogether 1999 persons.

In 2005 the proportion of foreign guests was: 50% in January, 30% in February, 62% in March, 45% in April, 44% in May, 38% in June, 50% in July, 59% in August, 32% in September, 48% in October, 43% in November, 46% in December. The overwhelming majority came from

France, the Netherlands, Romania, Italy and Germany. That year altogether 2148 guests stayed in the hotel, 964 foreigner and 1184 Hungarian.

EVALUATION OF RESULTS

We could see from the data that the foreign guests came from mainly Romania, France, Italy and Germany. I find explanations for this in the following facts: the proximity of the Romanian border, and there is a lot of Romanian and German (Turkish migrant worker) guests because of the transit traffic. Hunting is very popular among French, Italian and German tourists, so they like going to Mezőhegyes and they find accommodation in the hotel.

If we examine the number of foreign and native guests broken down into yearly figures, we can see that there were more native than foreign guests in a year. The number of foreigners decreased from 2000. It reached its lowest point in 2004. The number of Hungarian guests moves together with this graph. The least Hungarian guests stayed in the hotel in 2004. In the examined period 1096 foreigner and 1275 native guest stayed in Hotel Nonius as an average.

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