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- The tourism sector achieved revenues of 78.6 billion dirhams (\$ 8.11 billion) in 2019, up 7.7% from 2018.
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### **GREEN TUNISIA AND TRAVEL AGENCY LOSSES**

Tunisia (Green Tunisia) and travel agency losses. There is a decline in most European tourism markets against the background of the spread of the Corona virus and its disruption and paralysis in the air and maritime transport sectors. Tunisia, like most global tourist destinations, according to observers, will be negatively affected by this health crisis, and may lead to a decrease in the number of arrivals to it by about 70% until the end of next September, especially in light of the influx of tourists from neighboring countries during the holy month of Ramadan, and it will continue for another notice. The university professor specialized in tourism matters, Moez Qassem - in an interview on Skype Network during my talk with him on 16 - FS / 2020 indicates that the percentage of European tourists represents about 30%, and less than the total number of arrivals on the Tunisian tourist destination. In turn, the director of the Tunisian University of Travel and Tourism Agencies, Omar Riahi, explained that the travel agencies were negatively affected and lost a lot of money with the new Corona virus, as many flights to Italy, Europe and Saudi Arabia were canceled due to the interruption of airports and flights worldwide.

### **TOURISM IN TUNISIA**

- The number of tourists to Tunisia in 2019 reached 9.4 million, according to local media.
- Tourism revenue reached more than 5.5 billion Tunisian dinars (1.95 billion dollars) last year.
- The tourism sector constitutes about 8% of the gross domestic product, and it is the largest sector that provides job opportunities in the country after the agricultural sector.
- European tourists account for 29.6% of the total number of arrivals on Tunisian tourist destinations.
- In 2019, Tunisia attracted about 124,000 Italian tourists and more than 890,000 French tourists, while the number of Chinese tourists reached about thirty thousand, which is one of the most affected by the Corona epidemic at the present time.
- As of February, Tunisia attracted around 55 million tourists, an increase of 9.8%.
- Revenues for this period amounted to 723.4 million Tunisian dinars, an increase of 27.6%, according to Nabiha Busta of the Ministry of Tourism Studies Center.

**TURKEY SETTLES IN THE SPRING TOURISM REGIONS  
LAKE UZUNGOL IS AN INTERNATIONAL TOURIST DESTINATION  
AND A FAVORITE DESTINATION FOR TOURISTS IN TURKEY AND  
THE MIDDLE EAST**

The scenery of the tourism sector in Turkey is still clouded by the spread of the Corona virus, among data that talk about limited losses incurred by the sector and others indicating that it benefits from the fact that Turkey is one of the few tourist destinations that are still relatively safe from Corona disease. The losses receded in stopping the reception of Chinese tourists, who were canceled thirty thousand hotel reservations in the regions of Cappadocia, Denizli, Nevsehir and Istanbul. There has also been a recent decrease in the number of Turkish Airlines flights to seven airports in Italy, from 119 flights a week to only 52. On the other hand, the data indicate a significant increase in the number of tourists from other countries (other than China and Italy), the most important of which are the Philippines, Pakistan, Germany, Greece and Britain. But this depends on the epidemic being stopped in these countries.

**TOURISM IN TURKEY IN NUMBERS**

- The total number of tourists who visited Turkey in 2019 reached about 52 million, an increase of more than 12%, compared to 2018, according to the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism.
- Tourism sector revenue reached \$ 34.5 billion last year, an increase of 17% over 2018.
- The tourism sector contributes 12.1% of the Turkish gross product, according to the data of the Turkish Statistical Institute.
- The number of officially registered employees in the tourism sector is one million, representing 20% of the total number of workers in this sector of five million Turkish, according to statistics of the Middle East Federation of Tourism and Hotels.
- The number of Chinese tourists who visited Turkey last year reached 426,000.
- The number of Italian tourists to Turkey reached more than 311 thousand, which is a modest number compared to European tourism, which occupies the first four ranks in the number of arrivals to Turkey during the same year.
- Thirty thousand hotel reservations for Chinese tourists were canceled due to the Corona virus, mostly in Istanbul, Nevsehir and Denizli.
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