

Foreign visitors exceed one million per month

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HÀ NỘI – The number of international tourists visiting Việt Nam reached nearly 1.2 million in February, increasing 19.1 per cent from the previous month and 42.2 per cent year-on-year.

After surpassing the milestone of one million foreign visitors per month in January, the number of foreign visitors continued to increase this month.

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In 2016, Việt Nam's tourism sector welcomed a record 10 million foreign tourists--up 25 per cent year-on-year--and served 62 million domestic visitors.

The sector expects to receive 11.5 million foreign visitors and 66 million domestic ones this year, generating VNĐ460 trillion (US\$20.3 billion).

The sector also aims to receive 17-20 million international tourists annually and serve 82 million domestic visitors by 2020, contributing 10 per cent to gross domestic product. Tourism revenue is expected to reach \$35 billion. — VNS

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