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International transport of deceased - harmonization of laws

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Worldwide movement of people

• **Tourism: the remarkable economic and social phenomena of XX and XXI century**

– **1087 million people in 2013**

– **25 million people in 1950**



– **Average annual growth rate: 4,8%**



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Inbound tourism: World 2011



Source: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

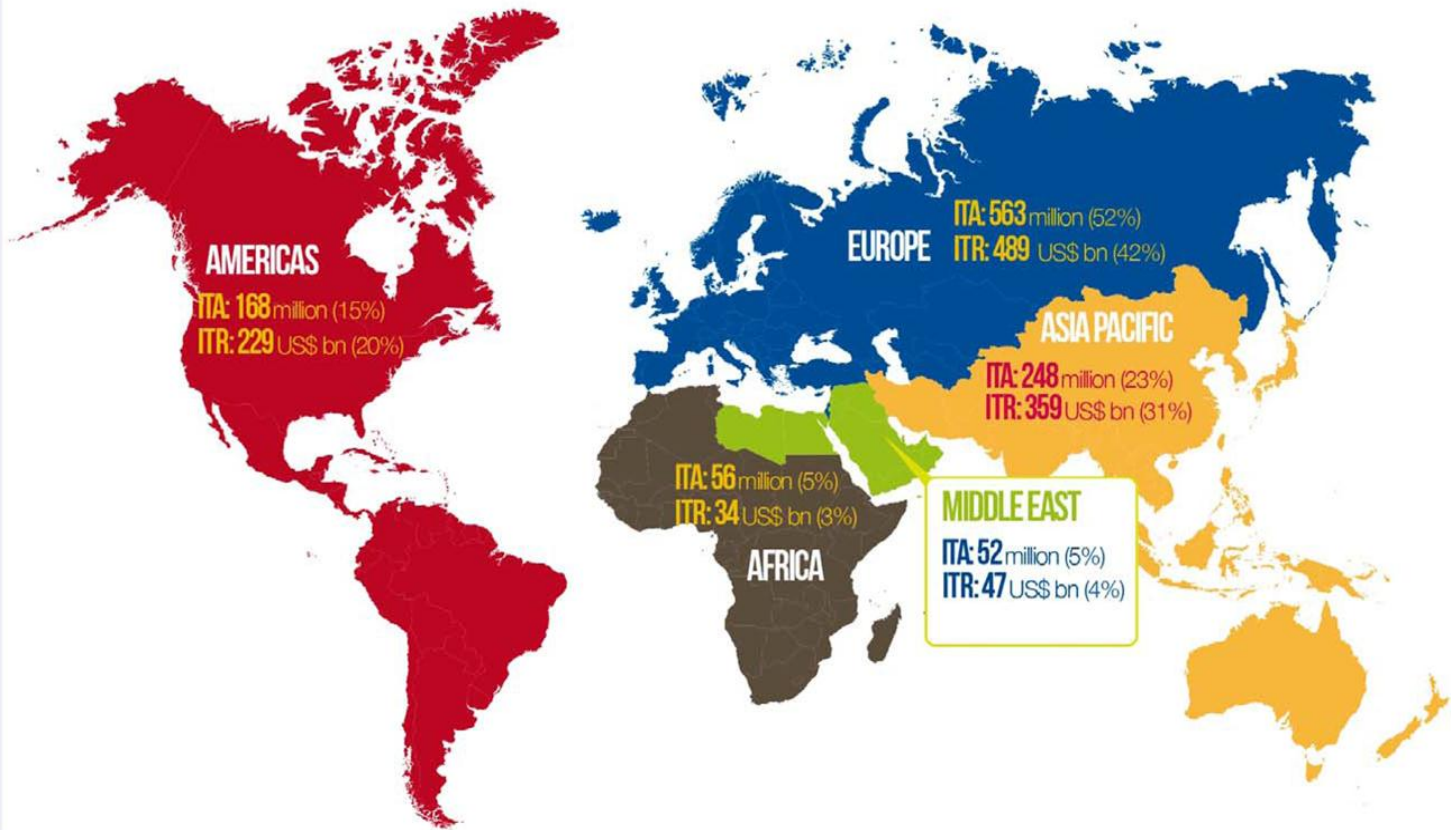


International tourist arrivals and tourism receipts



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INTERNATIONAL TOURISM 2013 International tourist arrivals (ITA): 1087 million
International tourism receipts (ITR): US\$ 1159 billion



Source: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)



781 million intl tourist arrivals through August, 36 million more than in the same period of 2013

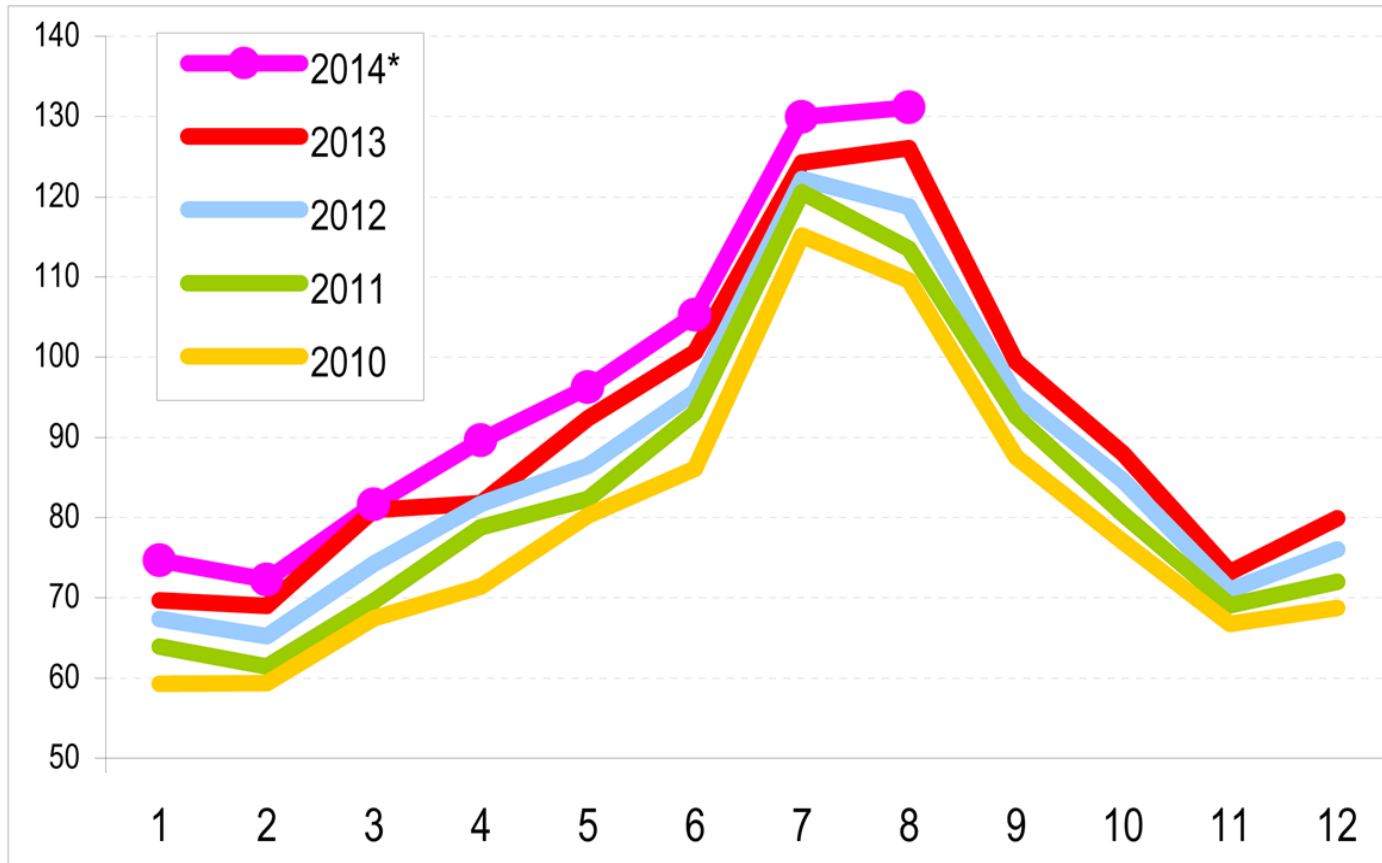


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International Tourist Arrivals, monthly evolution

World

(million)



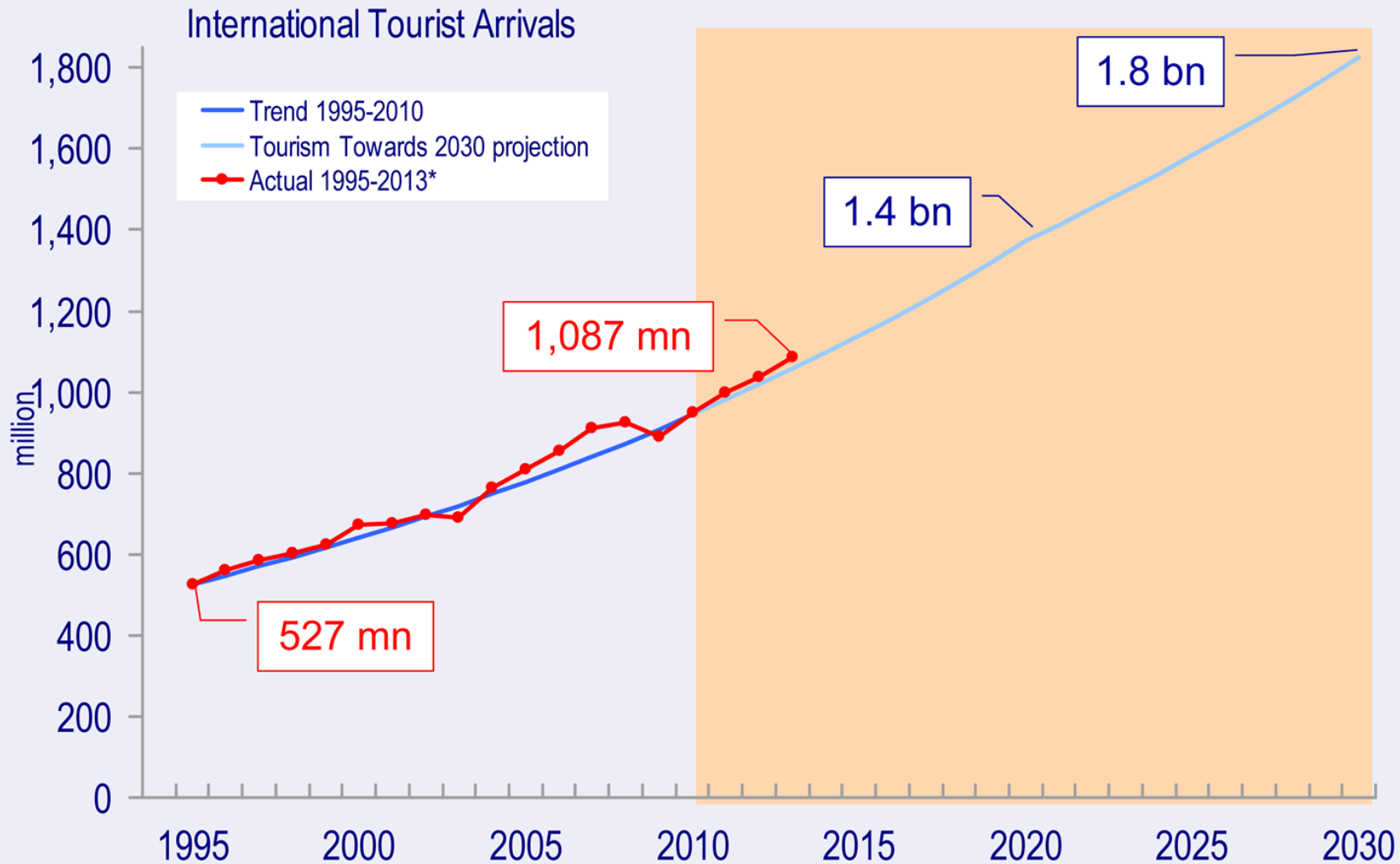
Source: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) ©



Actual Trend vs. Tourism Towards 2030 projection World



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Source: World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)



Law Conventions Agreements Rules

- International Arrangement concerning the conveyance of corpses
Signed at Berlin, February 10th, 1937
- Agreement on the transfer of corpses
Signed at Strasbourg, October 26th, 1973
- Internal laws and regulations for international repatriation of bodies in each country
- The international Air Transport Association (IATA) rules



Berlin Convention



Corpses must be placed in a metal coffin, the bottom of which has been covered with a layer of approximately 5 cm. of absorbent matter such as peat, sawdust, powdered charcoal or the like with the addition of an antiseptic substance. Where the cause of decease was a contagious disease, the corpse itself shall be wrapped in a shroud soaked in an antiseptic solution



Berlin Convention



The metal coffin must thereupon be hermetically closed (soldered) and fitted into a wooden coffin in such a manner as to preclude movement. The wooden coffin shall be of a thickness of not less than 3 cm.: its joints must be completely water-tight: and it must be closed by means of screws not more than 20 cm. distant from one another, and strengthened by metal hoops.



LAISSEZ-PASSER



The laissez-passer shall not be issued by the responsible authority, save on presentation of:

- A certified true copy of the death certificate
- Official certificates to the effect that conveyance of the corpse is not open to objection from the point of view of health or from the medico-legal point of view, and that the corpse has been placed in a coffin in accordance with the regulations laid down in the

present Arrangement



This laissez-passer is issued in accordance with the Agreement on the Transfer of Corpses, in particular Articles 3 and 5 (1).

Authority is hereby given for the removal of the body of:

Name and first name of the deceased
 died on
 at

State cause of death (if possible) (2) and (3)
 at the age of
 years Date and place of birth
 (if possible) The body is to be conveyed
 (means of transport) from
 (place of departure) via
 (route) to (destination)

The transport of this corpse having been duly authorised, all and sundry authorities of the States over whose territory the corpse is to be conveyed are requested to let it pass without let or hindrance.

Done at on

Signature of the competent authority Official stamp of the competent authority



Berlin Convention was signed by:



Austria, Belgium, Chile, Congo, Czech Rep,
Denmark, Egypt, France Germany, Italy,
Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania,
Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey



Strasbourg Convnetion



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The coffin must be impervious; the inside must contain absorbent material. If the competent authority of the State of departure consider it necessary the coffin must be provided with a purifying device to balance the internal and external pressures.

It may consist of:

- either an outer coffin in wood with sides at least 20 mm. thick and an inner coffin of zinc carefully soldered or of any other material which is self destroying;
- or a single coffin in wood with sides at least 30 mm. thick lined



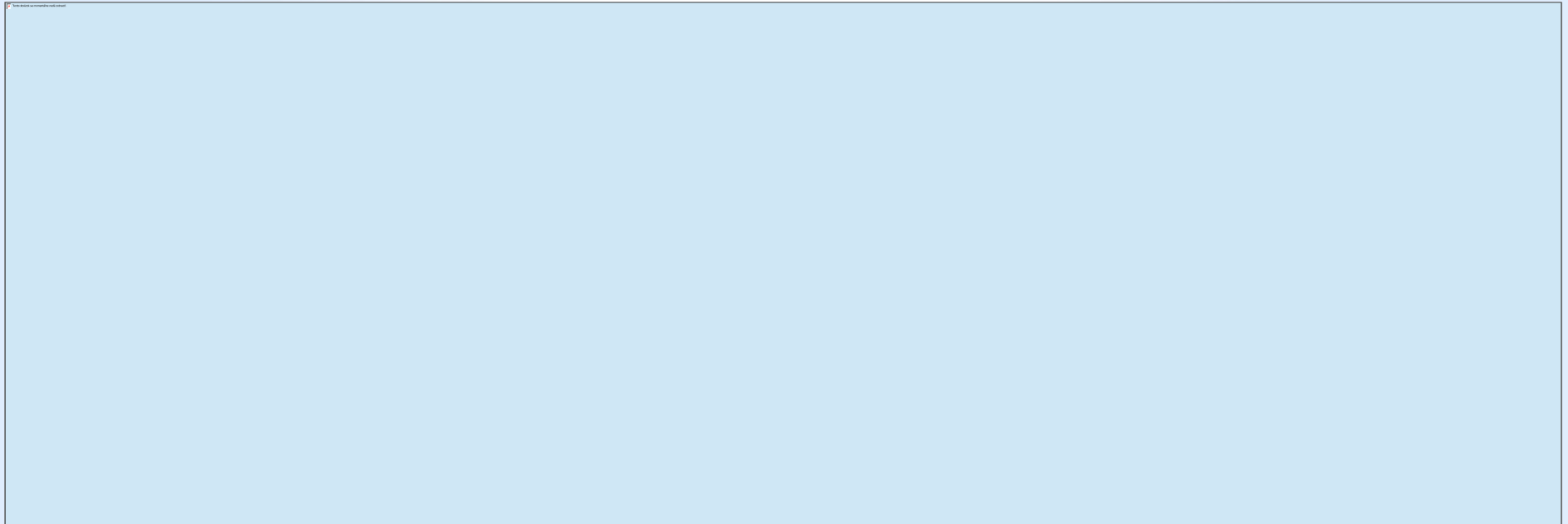
with a sheet of zinc or of any other material which is self

destroying

Strasbourg convention was signed by:



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The international Air Transport Association (IATA) rules



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Human remains

- **cremated**
- **not cremated** - embalmed or not embalmed (that depends of the origin and/or destination country)
- **Packing**: must be suitable for air transportation
 - **Cremated remains**
 - Shipped in funeral urns efficiently protected against breakage by a cushioning packaging;
 - These will be accepted in any aircraft without advanced arrangements.



IATA rules



Packing: must be suitable for air transportation

Not cremated remains

- Contained in a soldered inner coffin of lead or zinc;
- Which in its turn must be packed in a wooden coffin;
- May again be packed in a case and/or covered up by canvas or tarpaulin, so that the nature of the contents is not apparent;



IATA rules



Packing: must be suitable for air transportation

Not cremated remains

- Strong handles must have been bolted to the outer packing;
- Human remains cannot be consolidated with other goods;
- But can be consolidated with other human remains;
- Corpses in coffins can be shipped only in all-cargo aircraft or in passenger aircraft having outside cargo compartments.





INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES RULES



- Must be confirmed the freight terminal destination receives the cargo;
- Package must be labeled;
- Original documents must accompany the coffin/urn;
- Embalming is not required for the air transport;
- Thickness of the coffin or the metal coffin is not determined;
- Metal coffin must be hermetically sealed;
- Human remains cannot be stored with other goods;
- Poland is not a member of Berlin Convention or Strasbourg Agreement.





INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES RULES



- Carriage of funeral urns is allowed in baggage (cabin or hold) if packed in an ordinary looking way;
- Human remains inhumed for less than 5 years and not embalmed, must be placed in a watertight coffin containing absorbent material;
- Human remains inhumed for less than 5 years and embalmed must be placed in a wooden coffin more than 26 mm thick or other equivalent material such as 20 gauge steel.





INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES RULES



- Confirm that the freight terminal destination receives the cargo;
- Package must be well labeled;
- The original documentation must follow with the coffin and a copy must go in the flight documentation;
- The human remains must be embalmed;
- The coffin must be strong wood of at least 20 mm thick;
- Reinforced with metal straps at least separated from each 60 cm;
- And provided strong side handles;
- Interior zinc coffin of 0,45 mm thick;
- The human remains cannot be stored with other goods as perishable food, dogs, cats or other sensitive animals.





INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES RULES



- The name of the deceased must be written up the coffin;
- Coffin must be labeled with AWB number;
- It is not obligatory to cover the coffin although desirable;
- Embalming is not obligatory;
- No thickness obligatory to coffin;
- No minimum of thick to metal coffin;
- Filter is obligatory;
- Side handles are not obligatory;
- Copy of documentation must follow the coffin;
- Human remains cannot be stored with other goods;
- Seals on the coffin with red sealing wax must be put by Tunisian authorities.



Problems



- Different certificates of death in some countries
- Different permissions for the transport out of country
- Border customs clearances
- Documents are not multilanguage
- Etc.





FIAT-IFTA repatriation document

The FIAT-IFTA Certified International Document for the
Repatriation of Human Remains

We have created this indispensable tool for the Funeral Director
and the Repatriation Services professional. This document is an
identity document containing necessary information on the
deceased enabling all authorities involved in the repatriation to
access the information in their own language.



FIAT-IFTA repatriation document



It provides uniform details of the deceased person, the transportation routing and shipping plus all the required legal documents. This uniform document is available in many languages. Funeral Directors from all over the world may benefit from this document.





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Thank You!!

