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French lodging prices rose 7.2% in October, more than triple the increase in restaurant prices

Official data showed a 5.2-point gap, underscoring that inflation in France’s hospitality sector is concentrated in accommodation

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Lodging prices in France rose much faster than restaurant prices in October, highlighting a sharp split inside the hospitality sector. Official consumer-price data for October showed that accommodation prices were 7.2% higher than a year earlier, while restaurant prices increased 2.0%.

The figures mean that the cost of staying in hotels and other paid lodging climbed at more than three times the pace seen in dining out. The gap between the two categories reached 5.2 percentage points, showing that price pressure was far stronger in accommodation than in restaurants.

For travelers, the October data point to a clear change in where costs are rising most. Overnight stays became notably more expensive, while meals in restaurants posted a much smaller annual increase. That difference matters for both French households and international visitors, since lodging is often one of the largest expenses in a trip budget.

The numbers also show that inflation inside hospitality is not moving evenly across services. Accommodation businesses recorded a strong annual increase in prices, while restaurants showed a more restrained rise. That divergence can affect spending patterns, especially when consumers compare the total cost of travel with shorter trips, day visits or other lower-cost options.

For the restaurant sector, the 2.0% annual increase suggests that menu prices are rising at a slower pace than lodging. Even so, diners still faced higher prices than they did a year earlier. In accommodation, the 7.2% rise means the increase was much more pronounced, adding pressure for customers booking rooms and other stays.

The October readings underline that, within France’s hospitality market, inflation is centered more heavily in lodging than in food service. While both categories posted annual increases, the accommodation segment stood out as the main source of higher costs.