This map shows tourist profits, gained when foreign tourists spend more in a territory than its residents spend abroad (as tourists themselves). Those territories that do not make a profit are not shown on this map.

The seven highest earning territories (per person) are islands: Bahamas, Palau, Barbados, Seychelles, Cyprus, Malta and Hong Kong. The highest net earnings are made in Spain where a profit of US$33 billion was made in 2003 which is more than twice the profit made by the second highest tourist earner, the United States.

“...sun and beach tourism is the motor that first drove the southern Spanish tourism industry into the fast lane, this aspect of tourism is still alive and well and living on the Costa del Sol.”

Visita Costa Del Sol, 2006