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Spain's Tourism Recovering

Spain's tourism industry has bounced back after the Madrid bomb attacks in March which killed 191 people. (5/4/2004)

In a study released at the Global Travel and Tourism Council Summit in Qatar, travel sector figures indicate a prompt and full recovery.

In the study undertaken by Exceltur, a lobby group of 29 of Spain's main tourist groups and companies, sector growth for the first quarter was between 3% and 4%.

Figures are most encouraging in the tourist areas of the Mediterranean coast and the Canary Islands where only around one third of businesses noted an effect on sales in the days following the blasts.

For almost half of businesses the impact was less than 5% and it was "business as usual" by 8 April, the report said.

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