

Total inbound visitors for June 2021 were estimated at 70,300, while total nights spent amounted to 639,768.

Inbound Tourism: June 2021

During the month under review, a total of 59,639 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, followed by 6,606 tourists for business purposes. Almost half of the inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 years (48.4 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (24.3 per cent) (Table 1). French and Italian residents comprised 34.4 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 5).

The largest share of guest nights (73.1 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 3). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 9.1 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure during the month under review reached nearly €60.1 million. When taking into account the total number of inbound tourists visiting Malta during June 2021, this equates to an average expenditure per tourist of €854 (Table 4).

January-June 2021

Inbound tourists for the first six months of 2021 amounted to 139,687, a decrease of 62.3 per cent over the same period in 2020 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists decreased by 30.5 per cent, surpassing 1.5 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €120.4 million, a decrease of 46.4 per cent when compared to 2020 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €862, increasing from €607 in the same period in 2020, mainly as a result of the longer average length of stays (Table 11) ■



Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation.

During the COVID-19 situation, the following tourism-related sequence of events took place in 2020:

28-Feb	Passengers flying in from Italy, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Iran and South Korea, from 26 February onwards were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
8-Mar	Flights from/to Milan were suspended.
10-Mar	Flights from/to Italy were suspended.
10-Mar	Last cruise liner call.
11-Mar	Flights from/to France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, were suspended.
11-Mar	Passengers flying in from France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
13-Mar	All passengers flying in from all destinations were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
18-Mar	Last Virtu' Ferries service for passengers between Malta and Sicily was operated.
21-Mar	All flights from/to all destinations were suspended.
1-Jul	Re-opening of Malta International Airport. The first group of destinations that reopened for travel comprised: Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Poland, Cyprus, Switzerland, Iceland, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Greece and Croatia.
15-Jul	Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted.
21-Aug	First cruise liner call since March 2020.

Sources: Malta Tourism Authority, Virtu' Ferries, Transport Malta and Valletta Cruise Port

Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	June		
	2019	2020 ¹	2021
Total inbound visitors	280,522	0	70,300
Overnight cruise passengers	2,433	0	0
Inbound tourists	278,089	0	70,300
Mode of travel			
Air	272,926	0	67,982
Sea	5,162	0	2,318
Sex			
Males	132,383	0	37,465
Females	145,706	0	32,835
Age group			
0-24	52,326	0	15,066
25-44	117,243	0	34,039
45-64	81,340	0	17,115
65 or more	27,180	0	4,080
Markets²			
EU	228,783	0	61,681
<i>of which:</i> Euro area	133,029	0	47,613
Non-EU	49,306	0	8,619
Purpose of visit			
Holiday	251,747	0	59,639
Business and professional	15,545	0	6,606
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,796	0	4,056
Organisation of stay			
Package	84,087	0	11,600
Non-package	194,002	0	58,700
Frequency			
First-time tourists	213,784	0	50,925
Repeat tourists	64,305	0	19,375
once a year or less	47,781	0	13,198
more than once a year	16,524	0	6,177
Duration of visit			
1-3 nights	61,499	0	13,179
4-6 nights	83,769	0	18,284
7 nights or more	132,820	0	38,836
Average length of stay (nights)	6.9	-	9.1

¹ In view of the COVID-19 situation, all passenger flights were suspended from 21 March to 30 June 2020. Refer to methodological note 6 for further information.

² Refer to methodological note 8.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2. Inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	June		
	2019	2020 ¹	2021
Rented accommodation	247,324	0	57,177
Collective	173,011	0	43,572
Other rented	74,312	0	13,604
Non-rented accommodation	30,765	0	13,123
Total tourists	278,089	0	70,300

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	June		
	2019	2020 ¹	2021
Rented accommodation	1,656,233	0	467,469
Collective	1,026,658	0	274,967
Other rented	629,575	0	192,502
Non-rented accommodation	265,022	0	172,298
Total nights	1,921,255	0	639,768

¹ In view of the COVID-19 situation, all passenger flights were suspended from 21 March to 30 June 2020. Refer to methodological note 6 for further information.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 4. Total expenditure by inbound tourists by month of departure and expenditure category

Expenditure category	June		
	2019	2020 ¹	2021
Package	61,604	0	8,340
Non-package	88,218	0	23,884
Air/sea fares	41,421	0	9,491
Accommodation	46,797	0	14,392
Other expenditure	85,606	0	27,842
Total expenditure	235,428	0	60,066

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Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 5. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by month of departure and country of residence

Country of residence ²		June		
		2019	2020 ¹	2021
Tourists	EU	228,783	0	61,681
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	23,736	0	12,952
	Germany	22,639	0	9,089
	Italy	36,646	0	11,265
	Poland	9,677	0	6,263
	Spain	13,416	0	3,637
	United Kingdom	65,706	n/a	n/a
	Non-EU	49,306	0	8,619
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	n/a	0	3,335	
Total	278,089	0	70,300	
Nights	EU	1,475,061	0	526,687
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	150,902	0	100,868
	Germany	165,483	0	72,702
	Italy	203,504	0	136,197
	Poland	60,809	0	43,386
	Spain	105,144	0	36,832
	United Kingdom	444,636	n/a	n/a
	Non-EU	446,193	0	113,081
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	n/a	0	34,793	
Total	1,921,255	0	639,768	
Expenditure (€000)	EU	179,620	0	50,181
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	18,836	0	10,678
	Germany	19,770	0	9,380
	Italy	21,954	0	7,716
	Poland	6,930	0	4,168
	Spain	10,038	0	2,820
	United Kingdom	57,674	n/a	n/a
	Non-EU	55,808	0	9,885
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	n/a	0	3,091	
Total	235,429	0	60,066	

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² Refer to methodological note 8.

Notes:

1. n/a: not applicable.
2. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
3. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2021/2020	
Total inbound visitors	1,216,487	371,109	140,797	-230,312	-62.1
Overnight cruise passengers	8,419	893	1,110	217	24.3
Inbound tourists	1,208,068	370,216	139,687	-230,529	-62.3
Mode of travel					
Air	1,184,827	363,343	127,791	-235,552	-64.8
Sea	23,241	6,873	11,895	5,022	73.1
Sex					
Males	590,532	194,089	80,699	-113,390	-58.4
Females	617,536	176,127	58,988	-117,139	-66.5
Age group					
0-24	207,627	63,415	29,344	-34,071	-53.7
25-44	489,226	143,399	67,713	-75,686	-52.8
45-64	374,597	125,780	35,251	-90,529	-72.0
65 or more	136,618	37,622	7,379	-30,243	-80.4
Markets²					
EU	1,019,158	222,489	121,071	-101,417	-45.6
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	591,740	174,523	99,758	-74,766	-42.8
Non-EU	188,910	147,727	18,615	-129,112	-87.4
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,065,543	320,897	109,959	-210,938	-65.7
Business and professional	89,567	34,275	19,796	-14,479	-42.2
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	52,958	15,043	9,931	-5,112	-34.0
Organisation of stay					
Package	375,368	108,985	19,655	-89,329	-82.0
Non-package	832,700	261,231	120,031	-141,200	-54.1
Frequency					
First-time tourists	903,024	269,022	89,848	-179,174	-66.6
Repeat tourists	305,044	101,194	49,839	-51,355	-50.7
once a year or less	219,294	69,689	29,117	-40,572	-58.2
more than once a year	85,749	31,505	20,722	-10,783	-34.2
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	313,374	121,427	29,218	-92,209	-75.9
4-6 nights	388,185	121,082	31,135	-89,948	-74.3
7 nights or more	506,509	127,707	79,334	-48,373	-37.9
Average length of stay (nights)	6.5	6.0	11.1	5.1	-

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

² Refer to methodological note 8.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 7. Inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2021/2020	
Rented accommodation	1,065,193	324,582	103,656	-220,926	-68.1
Collective	792,211	251,231	75,975	-175,256	-69.8
Other rented	272,982	73,351	27,681	-45,670	-62.3
Non-rented accommodation	142,875	45,634	36,031	-9,604	-21.0
Total tourists	1,208,068	370,216	139,687	-230,529	-62.3

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 8. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2021/2020	
Rented accommodation	6,644,701	1,831,284	962,958	-868,327	-47.4
Collective	4,381,933	1,281,560	503,953	-777,607	-60.7
Other rented	2,262,768	549,724	459,004	-90,720	-16.5
Non-rented accommodation	1,226,164	407,942	594,006	186,065	45.6
Total nights	7,870,865	2,239,226	1,556,964	-682,262	-30.5

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 9. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and country of residence

Country of residence	January-June			Change	Percentage change	
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2021/2020		
Tourists	Australia	15,413	2,433 ^u	314 ^u	-	-
	Austria	16,216	3,295 ^u	1,947	-	-
	Belgium	32,990	11,553	4,176	-7,377	-63.9
	France	105,842	28,266	27,157	-	-
	Germany	99,587	26,610	16,095	-10,514	-39.5
	Hungary	15,723	4,454	1,110 ^u	-	-
	Ireland	22,621	7,741	679 ^u	-	-
	Italy	170,646	44,049	32,123	-11,927	-27.1
	Netherlands	25,662	8,943	2,612	-6,331	-70.8
	Poland	48,779	19,627	9,707	-9,920	-50.5
	Scandinavia ²	50,704	13,728	5,252	-8,476	-61.7
	Spain	50,374	16,671	6,013	-10,658	-63.9
	Switzerland	21,435	4,699	3,206	-	-
	United Kingdom	288,794	88,094	5,533	-82,561	-93.7
	USA	21,968	7,439	1,034	-6,405	-86.1
	Other	221,314	82,613	22,729	-59,884	-72.5
Total	1,208,068	370,216	139,687	-230,529	-62.3	
Nights	Australia	129,193	20,572 ^u	3,352 ^u	-	-
	Austria	91,968	20,088 ^u	14,761	-	-
	Belgium	194,220	57,407	43,518	-13,889	-24.2
	France	666,721	168,423	250,182	-	-
	Germany	669,272	174,626	145,061	-29,565	-16.9
	Hungary	80,867	20,479	9,597 ^u	-	-
	Ireland	144,094	46,739	10,296 ^u	-	-
	Italy	967,588	258,722	448,571	189,848	73.4
	Netherlands	170,643	45,102	30,088	-15,014	-33.3
	Poland	296,378	110,006	74,269	-35,737	-32.5
	Scandinavia ²	336,177	87,610	51,390	-36,220	-41.3
	Spain	285,780	81,324	68,692	-12,632	-15.5
	Switzerland	143,659	23,751	36,853	-	-
	United Kingdom	1,862,419	546,013	87,516	-458,497	-84.0
	USA	125,330	45,280	11,855	-33,425	-73.8
	Other	1,706,553	533,082	270,961	-262,120	-49.2
Total	7,870,865	2,239,226	1,556,964	-682,262	-30.5	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	21,326	2,757 ^u	251 ^u	-	-
	Austria	13,448	2,438 ^u	1,498	-	-
	Belgium	21,725	5,861	3,852	-2,009	-34.3
	France	74,768	16,964	22,523	-	-
	Germany	75,832	17,424	15,959	-1,464	-8.4
	Hungary	8,143	2,011	780 ^u	-	-
	Ireland	17,901	5,052	874 ^u	-	-
	Italy	89,138	20,739	21,412	673	3.2
	Netherlands	18,255	4,783	2,697	-2,085	-43.6
	Poland	29,032	9,371	6,382	-2,989	-31.9
	Scandinavia ²	40,599	9,858	5,358	-4,499	-45.6
	Spain	28,387	7,766	4,837	-2,929	-37.7
	Switzerland	20,750	3,466	4,325	-	-
	United Kingdom	209,982	51,259	5,289	-45,970	-89.7
	USA	24,431	7,596	1,912	-5,684	-74.8
	Other	189,785	57,241	22,490	-34,751	-60.7
Total	883,502	224,582	120,438	-104,144	-46.4	

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.

2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

3. Changes denoted by the dash symbol (-) should be treated with caution. For more information, please refer to methodological note 5.

Table 10. Total expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
January-June 2021					
Australia	:	28 ^u	90 ^u	133 ^u	251 ^u
Austria	:	325	390 ^u	617	1,498
Belgium	:	762	1,088	1,837	3,852
France	2,828	3,998	5,425	10,272	22,523
Germany	2,539	3,160	4,035	6,224	15,959
Hungary	:	122 ^u	218 ^u	386 ^u	780 ^u
Ireland	:	130 ^u	227 ^u	504 ^u	874 ^u
Italy	2,281	3,461	3,909	11,761	21,412
Netherlands	:	543	601	1,341	2,697
Poland	857	1,039	1,462	3,023	6,382
Scandinavia ²	682	871	1,055 ^u	2,750	5,358
Spain	436 ^u	751	1,133	2,516	4,837
Switzerland	:	637	927	1,676	4,325
United Kingdom	:	910	1,200	2,954	5,289
USA	:	507	574 ^u	804	1,912
Other	2,768	5,212	5,077	9,433	22,490
Total	14,336	22,457	27,413	56,232	120,438
January-June 2020¹					
Australia	:	1,134 ^u	430 ^u	933 ^u	2,757 ^u
Austria	1,121 ^u	293 ^u	:	720 ^u	2,438 ^u
Belgium	955 ^u	1,153	1,243	2,511	5,861
France	4,752	2,819	3,187	6,207	16,964
Germany	6,121	2,509	2,905	5,888	17,424
Hungary	:	482	464	888	2,011
Ireland	837 ^u	899	1,083	2,232	5,052
Italy	3,166	3,696	4,029	9,848	20,739
Netherlands	786 ^u	1,019	867	2,110	4,783
Poland	2,003	1,871	2,060	3,437	9,371
Scandinavia ²	2,073	2,235	1,712	3,837	9,858
Spain	845 ^u	1,682	1,816	3,423	7,766
Switzerland	913 ^u	688	599 ^u	1,266	3,466
United Kingdom	16,706	7,246	7,390	19,916	51,259
USA	:	3,228	1,748	2,009	7,596
Other	8,963	14,914	10,356	23,007	57,241
Total	50,288	45,869	40,192	88,233	224,582
January-June 2019					
Australia	2,638 ^u	7,483	3,863	7,342	21,326
Austria	5,114	1,581	2,229	4,525	13,448
Belgium	5,748	3,334	4,683	7,961	21,725
France	22,123	11,867	14,946	25,832	74,768
Germany	29,284	9,759	12,605	24,185	75,832
Hungary	1,097 ^u	1,731	2,069	3,246	8,143
Ireland	3,452	3,019	3,792	7,638	17,901
Italy	15,209	15,027	18,842	40,059	89,138
Netherlands	4,244	3,205	3,890	6,915	18,255
Poland	7,000	4,555	5,749	11,728	29,032
Scandinavia ²	11,469	6,609	7,005	15,517	40,599
Spain	6,515	4,668	5,523	11,681	28,387
Switzerland	5,645	3,282	4,373	7,450	20,750
United Kingdom	67,151	27,502	35,566	79,763	209,982
USA	2,083 ^u	10,044	5,535	6,769	24,431
Other	35,155	46,559	38,386	69,685	189,785
Total	223,927	160,226	169,054	330,294	883,502

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 11. Per capita expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
January-June 2021					
Australia	:	88 ^u	305 ^u	424 ^u	800 ^u
Austria	:	193	330 ^u	317	770
Belgium	:	195	366	440	922
France	755	170	280	378	829
Germany	776	245	385	387	992
Hungary	:	123 ^u	295 ^u	347 ^u	702 ^u
Ireland	:	197 ^u	507 ^u	742 ^u	1,286 ^u
Italy	602	122	261	366	667
Netherlands	:	245	372	513	1,033
Poland	477	131	221	311	657
Scandinavia ²	505	223	400 ^u	524	1,020
Spain	530 ^u	144	292	418	804
Switzerland	:	248	434	523	1,349
United Kingdom	:	174	477	534	956
USA	:	513	765 ^u	778	1,849
Other	993	260	349	415	989
Total expenditure per capita	729	186	322	403	862
January-June 2020¹					
Australia	:	537 ^u	261 ^u	384 ^u	1,133 ^u
Austria	631 ^u	193 ^u	:	218 ^u	740 ^u
Belgium	373 ^u	128	161	217	507
France	453	158	193	220	600
Germany	544	163	211	221	655
Hungary	:	127	130	199	451
Ireland	490 ^u	149	196	288	653
Italy	409	102	153	224	471
Netherlands	310 ^u	159	152	236	535
Poland	353	133	156	175	477
Scandinavia ²	511	231	211	279	718
Spain	324 ^u	120	147	205	466
Switzerland	616 ^u	214	222 ^u	269	737
United Kingdom	422	149	198	226	582
USA	:	465	281	270	1,021
Other	562	223	189	278	693
Total expenditure per capita	461	175	185	238	607
January-June 2019					
Australia	1,105 ^u	566	329	476	1,384
Austria	706	169	256	279	829
Belgium	628	139	213	241	659
France	590	173	238	244	706
Germany	625	184	263	243	761
Hungary	398 ^u	134	180	206	518
Ireland	551	185	269	338	791
Italy	435	110	170	235	522
Netherlands	557	177	264	269	711
Poland	446	137	210	240	595
Scandinavia ²	582	213	274	306	801
Spain	459	129	175	232	564
Switzerland	823	225	316	348	968
United Kingdom	587	158	251	276	727
USA	836 ^u	514	309	308	1,112
Other	744	265	245	315	858
Total expenditure per capita	597	192	235	273	731

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Table 12. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by month of departure

Characteristics	June		
	2019	2020 ¹	2021
Total overnight cruise passengers	2,433	0	0
Sex			
Males	1,102	0	0
Females	1,331	0	0
Age group			
0-19	129	0	0
20-39	167	0	0
40-59	497	0	0
60-79	1,495	0	0
80 or more	145	0	0
Markets²			
EU	419	0	0
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	182	0	0
Non-EU	2,014	0	0

¹ In the view of the COVID-19 situation, the last cruise liner call was on 10 March 2020.

² Refer to methodological note 8.

Table 13. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by period of departure

Characteristics	January-June		
	2019	2020 ¹	2021
Total overnight cruise passengers	8,419	893	1,110
Sex			
Males	3,801	426	528
Females	4,618	467	582
Age group			
0-19	615	1	236
20-39	739	19	358
40-59	2,289	31	385
60-79	4,121	446	125
80 or more	655	396	6
Markets²			
EU	5,875	14	1,018
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	5,598	11	1,010
Non-EU	2,544	879	92

¹ In the view of the COVID-19 situation, the last cruise liner call was on 10 March 2020.

² Refer to methodological note 8.

Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises activities of non-resident visitors travelling to Malta (i.e. outside their usual environment) and staying for not more than 12 consecutive months for leisure, business or other (corresponding) purposes.
2. Inbound tourism data are collected from an ongoing frontier national survey known as Tourstat. Tourist air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of the Malta International Airport. A two-stage sampling design is used to collect data on air passengers. In the first stage, alternate days and nights are selected. In the second stage, within each shift, a sample of air passengers is selected systematically. Every crossing air passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval of 1:20, with the exception of July 2020 and the period October 2020 to June 2021, where the pre-defined interval was 1:10.
3. Tourstat measures the number of tourist trips carried out during a particular reference month. These differ from the number of tourists in that the same person can make more than one trip during the same period.
4. Tourist sea departures are collected through a regular survey, conducted during three separate months every year at the Valletta Cruise Port. A quota sample is used to conduct sea passenger departures in which survey interviewers are guided to select people according to fixed quotas. Survey data is supplemented by administrative data provided by ferry operators.
5. Absolute and percentage changes between one survey estimate and another based on less than 1,500 tourists should be treated with caution and are represented in this news release by means of the dash symbol (-).
6. In view of the COVID-19 situation, the Tourstat survey was suspended between 12 March and 30 June 2020. Statistical methods were applied to cover the period from 13 March to 20 March 2020, when scheduled passenger flights were still in operation.
7. Malta International Airport reopened on 1 July 2020. The first group of destinations that reopened for travel comprised: Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Poland, Cyprus, Switzerland, Iceland, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Greece and Croatia. Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted on 15 July 2020.
8. Owing to the UK's exit from the European Union (with effect from 1 February 2020), UK data is statistically classified as Non-EU from February 2020 in the tables relating to the specific month (Tables 1 - 6). Comparability between monthly and cumulative tables and also between comparative periods should be treated with caution.
9. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to the number of inbound tourists, because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers.
10. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruise ship in Malta ('Overnight Cruise Passengers') is compiled on the basis of administrative records supplied by Transport Malta.
11. Arrivals and nights spent in time-share accommodation are being categorised in 'Non-rented Accommodation' instead of 'Collective Accommodation' as per Eurostat recommendation. In this regard, there may be minor differences in these statistics and statistics published in tourism supply due to the fact that hotels report time-share accommodation under 'Collective Accommodation'.
12. Prior to comparing and interpreting differences between demand-side (based on Tourstat) and supply-side (based on Accomstat) tourism statistics, users are strongly advised to consult concept 15.4 of the NSO's metadata file (<https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=37#>).
13. Data included in this release are based on sample data and are therefore subject to sampling error. Sampling error is measured by a quantity known as the margin of error, which in turn, expresses the variability between the true population parameters and their corresponding sample estimates. In the table below, the margin of error is used to construct a set of 95 per cent confidence intervals for the main indicators, which gives an indication of where the true population parameters lie.

Sampling variability of inbound tourism figures

	Estimate	Margin of error	95% confidence interval
Inbound tourists	70,300	2,345	70,300 ± 2,345
Total nights	639,768	33,178	639,768 ± 33,178
Total expenditure (€ 000)	60,066	2,319	60,066 ± 2,319

14. Definitions:

- **Usual environment:** The geographical area, though not necessarily a contiguous one, within which an individual conducts his regular life routines and shall be determined on the basis of the following criteria: the crossing of administrative borders or the distance from the place of usual residence, the duration of visit, the frequency of visit, the purpose of visit.
- **Resident:** A person is considered to be a resident of Malta/Gozo if:
 - a. S/he has lived for most of the past 12 months in Malta/Gozo;
 - b. S/he has lived in Malta/Gozo for less than 12 months but intends to return within a year to settle here.
- **Traveller:** A person who moves between different geographic locations, for any purpose and any duration.
- **Visitor:** The three fundamental criteria used to distinguish visitors from travellers are:
 - a. **The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment**, which would exclude short-distance local transport and commuting, i.e. more or less regular trips between the place of work/study and the place of residence;
 - b. **The stay in the place visited should not last more than twelve consecutive months**, beyond which the visitor would become a resident of that place (from the statistical standpoint);
 - c. **The main purpose of the visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited**, which would exclude migratory movements for work purposes.
- **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in a rented and non-rented accommodation in the place/country visited.
- **Inbound tourism:** Comprises the activities of non-resident visitors travelling to Malta (i.e. outside their usual environment) and staying for not more than 12 consecutive months for personal, business or other purposes.
- **Total nights spent:** Nights which a guest actually spends or is registered to spend in a rented accommodation establishment or in a non-rented accommodation.

- **Average length of stay:** The number of nights spent divided by the number of trips during a specified reference period.
- **Rented accommodation:** Consists of the following two sub-categories:
 - a. **Collective accommodation:** comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels, tourist villages, holiday complex, Bed & Breakfast and campsites.
 - b. **Other rented accommodation:** comprises holiday furnished premises (farmhouses, flats and villas), host families, marinas, paid-convents, rented yachts and student dormitories.
- **Non-rented accommodation:** Comprises own private residence (owned dwellings, owned caravans and yachts), staying with friends or relatives (even if charged - includes also friends' private apartments) and other private accommodation (oil rig, free-convents or timeshare, etc.).
- **Total expenditure:** Refers to the amount that is going to be paid for the acquisition of consumption goods and services, as well as valuables during tourism trips. It includes expenditures by visitors themselves, as well as expenses that are paid for or reimbursed by others. The total expenditure is broken down by the following expenditure items:
 - a. **Package expenditure:** refers to the whole amount of money spent on transport, accommodation and other services such as rental of a car, activities or outings during the trip.
 - b. **Non-Package expenditure:** is the amount of money spent on transport and accommodation reported separately.
 - c. **Other expenditure:** is the amount spent on shopping, souvenirs, tickets for concerts or sports events, entrance to museums or zoos and day excursions during a tourism trip. It also includes durables and valuable goods, that is, the amount spent on cars, computers, paintings, jewellery and works of art.

15. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and methods: https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/TOURSTAT-Survey.aspx

Statistical concepts: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/concepts.aspx>

Metadata: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=37>

Statistical database: <https://statdb.nso.gov.mt/start>

16. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

17. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx