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Total inbound visitors for February 2022 were estimated at 64,623, while total nights spent amounted to 519,972.

Inbound Tourism: February 2022

During the month under review, a total of 55,887 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, followed by 5,050 tourists for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (42.2 per cent), followed by the age bracket 45-64 (28.6 per cent) (Table 1). French, Italian and Polish residents made up 36.1 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 5).

The largest share of guest nights (78.4 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 3). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 8.0 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure reached almost €40.0 million. The average expenditure per night was estimated at €76.9 (Table 4).

January-February 2022

Inbound tourists for the year 2022 amounted to 124,357, while the total nights spent surpassed 1.0 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €86.9 million (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €699, decreasing from €874 in 2021 (Table 11) ■

Chart 1. Inbound tourists

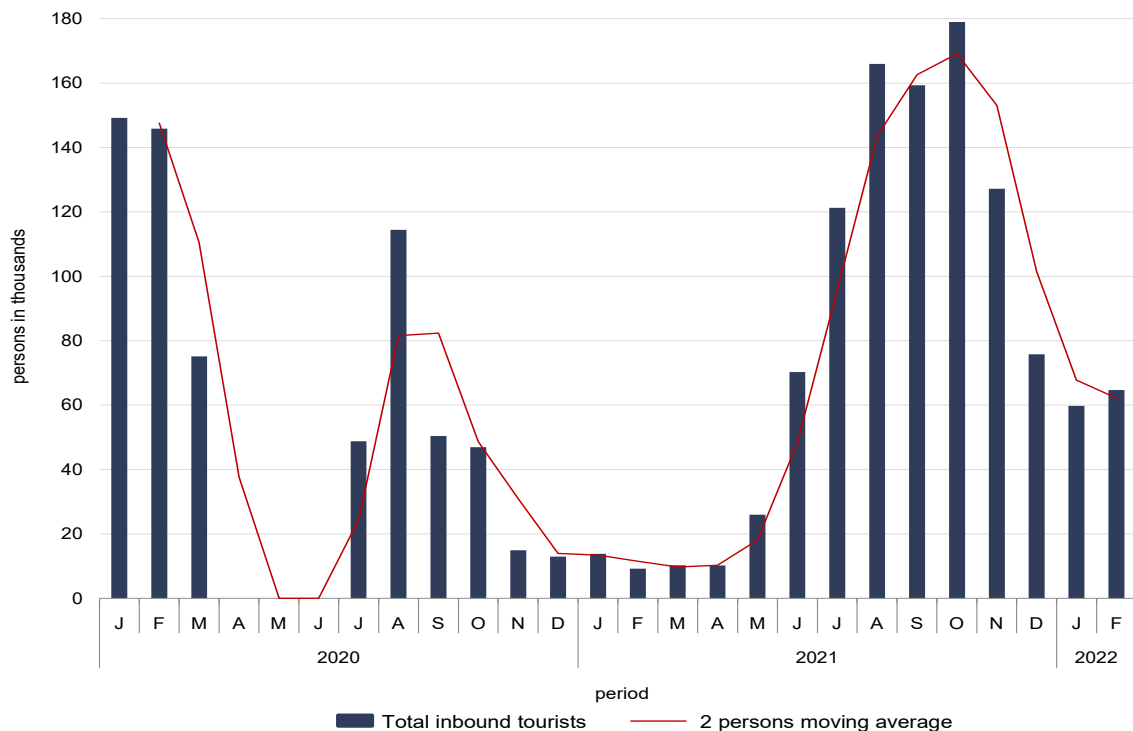


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total inbound visitors	145,821	9,151	65,101
Overnight cruise passengers	-	-	478
Inbound tourists	145,821	9,151	64,623
Mode of travel			
Air	143,353	7,126	62,478
Sea	2,468	2,025	2,146
Sex			
Males	72,474	6,248	34,874
Females	73,347	2,903	29,749
Age group			
0-24	29,339	1,379	15,192
25-44	53,626	4,464	27,240
45-64	48,757	2,912	18,452
65 or more	14,098	397 ^u	3,740
Markets²			
EU	89,046	7,879	47,310
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	69,770	6,940	33,769
Non-EU	56,774	1,272	17,314
Purpose of visit			
Holiday	124,198	5,564	55,887
Business and professional	15,074	2,281	5,050
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	6,549	1,306	3,686
Organisation of stay			
Package	45,423	1,031 ^u	14,502
Non-package	100,398	8,120	50,121
Frequency			
First-time tourists	109,016	4,463	45,772
Repeat tourists	36,804	4,688	18,851
once a year or less	25,572	2,219	11,377
more than once a year	11,232	2,469	7,474
Duration of visit			
1-3 nights	48,191	3,354	20,463
4-6 nights	50,211	1,296	20,113
7 nights or more	47,419	4,501	24,047
Average length of stay (nights)	5.8	12.4	8.0

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	131,169	6,214	55,321
Collective	102,030	4,817	43,306
Other rented	29,139	1,397	12,015
Non-rented accommodation	14,652	2,937	9,303
Total tourists	145,821	9,151	64,623

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

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	February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	742,201	61,197	407,857
Collective	521,116	30,855	259,378
Other rented	221,085	30,342	148,479
Non-rented accommodation	110,674	52,100	112,115
Total nights	852,875	113,297	519,972

¹ Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

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Expenditure category	February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Package	20,744	784^u	6,379
Non-package	32,345	3,558	14,345
Air/sea fares	16,685	1,918	5,889
Accommodation	15,660	1,640	8,456
Other expenditure	33,731	4,009	19,266
Total expenditure	86,820	8,350	39,990

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

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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		February		
		2020 ¹	2021	2022
Tourists	EU	89,046	7,879	47,310
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	13,107	1,271 ^u	7,993
	Germany	10,622	548 ^u	3,136
	Italy	15,445	4,212	6,994
	Poland	8,956	:	8,340
	Spain	6,567	:	3,205
	Non-EU	56,774	1,272	17,314
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	33,954	:	13,754	
Total		145,821	9,151	64,623
Nights	EU	498,341	98,076	374,815
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	82,992	14,743 ^u	61,897
	Germany	63,556	4,594 ^u	23,708
	Italy	88,867	49,185	86,968
	Poland	53,310	:	47,240
	Spain	28,230	:	34,409
	Non-EU	354,534	15,221	145,157
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	201,294	:	83,717	
Total		852,875	113,297	519,972
Expenditure (€ 000)	EU	47,621	6,592	27,004
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	7,986	1,210 ^u	5,116
	Germany	6,482	514 ^u	2,027
	Italy	7,179	2,795	3,963
	Poland	4,174	:	4,020
	Spain	3,028	:	1,971
	Non-EU	39,199	1,758	12,986
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	19,077	:	8,673	
Total		86,820	8,350	39,990

: Unreliable, less than 20 sample observations.

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² Refer to methodological note 7.

Notes:

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2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total inbound visitors	295,952	22,957	125,029
Overnight cruise passengers	893	-	672
Inbound tourists	295,059	22,957	124,357
Mode of travel			
Air	289,119	19,248	120,111
Sea	5,940	3,709	4,246
Sex			
Males	152,098	14,713	65,771
Females	142,961	8,244	58,586
Age group			
0-24	52,552	4,297	27,197
25-44	114,097	11,486	53,270
45-64	99,663	5,983	35,163
65 or more	28,747	1,190	8,728
Markets²			
EU	181,983	19,132	93,787
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	143,129	17,128	66,723
Non-EU	113,075	3,825	30,570
Purpose of visit			
Holiday	256,063	17,100	107,527
Business and professional	28,915	3,834	9,293
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,080	2,023	7,536
Organisation of stay			
Package	84,019	2,406	25,361
Non-package	211,040	20,551	98,996
Frequency			
First-time tourists	214,375	11,853	85,280
Repeat tourists	80,684	11,104	39,077
once a year or less	55,497	5,339	24,494
more than once a year	25,186	5,766	14,582
Duration of visit			
1-3 nights	95,167	5,466	35,737
4-6 nights	97,825	3,682	34,977
7 nights or more	102,067	13,809	53,643
Average length of stay (nights)	6.1	13.2	8.8

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

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-February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	258,473	14,277	104,438
Collective	200,160	10,386	80,518
Other rented	58,313	3,890	23,921
Non-rented accommodation	36,586	8,681	19,919
Total tourists	295,059	22,957	124,357

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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-February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	1,468,717	140,751	857,319
Collective	1,019,864	70,368	494,887
Other rented	448,853	70,384	362,432
Non-rented accommodation	328,491	163,399	239,189
Total nights	1,797,208	304,150	1,096,508

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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-February		
		2020 ¹	2021	2022
Tourists	Australia	2,245 ^u	:	:
	Austria	2,564 ^u	:	2,384 ^u
	Belgium	8,591	816 ^u	4,722
	France	22,500	4,563	15,078
	Germany	21,627	1,764	7,932
	Hungary	3,322	:	2,221 ^u
	Ireland	6,377	:	2,857 ^u
	Italy	39,318	7,446	13,185
	Netherlands	7,037	532 ^u	3,776
	Poland	16,918	585 ^u	15,942
	Scandinavia ²	10,397	585 ^u	3,746
	Spain	14,033	590 ^u	5,431
	Switzerland	3,629	:	:
	United Kingdom	64,638	1,072 ^u	22,561
	USA	5,860	:	1,478 ^u
	Other	66,002	3,600	21,986
Total	295,059	22,957	124,357	
Nights	Australia	19,939 ^u	:	:
	Austria	15,801 ^u	:	14,203 ^u
	Belgium	41,376	10,874 ^u	34,199
	France	134,771	43,527	125,565
	Germany	143,275	21,396	69,908
	Hungary	15,784	:	8,240 ^u
	Ireland	36,769	:	17,701 ^u
	Italy	224,294	104,029	143,789
	Netherlands	36,221	12,667 ^u	74,054
	Poland	97,852	6,398 ^u	90,392
	Scandinavia ²	69,375	7,182 ^u	39,906
	Spain	70,142	8,497 ^u	50,127
	Switzerland	19,476	:	:
	United Kingdom	403,708	28,253 ^u	160,826
	USA	30,420	:	26,017 ^u
	Other	438,005	49,139	232,607
Total	1,797,208	304,150	1,096,508	
Expenditure (€ 000)	Australia	2,661 ^u	:	:
	Austria	1,696 ^u	:	1,356 ^u
	Belgium	4,319	684 ^u	2,724
	France	13,843	3,849	10,671
	Germany	14,300	1,704	5,906
	Hungary	1,473	:	741 ^u
	Ireland	4,028	:	1,750 ^u
	Italy	18,721	4,890	7,681
	Netherlands	4,027	595 ^u	3,364
	Poland	8,369	401 ^u	7,313
	Scandinavia ²	7,807	597 ^u	4,242
	Spain	6,459	436 ^u	3,018
	Switzerland	2,753	:	:
	United Kingdom	37,691	990 ^u	16,603
	USA	5,741	:	2,328 ^u
	Other	47,105	4,447	17,245
Total	180,991	20,055	86,936	

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

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

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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-February 2022					
Australia	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	:	202 ^u	658 ^u	456 ^u	1,356 ^u
Belgium	:	484	744	1,161	2,724
France	1,911	1,613	2,537	4,610	10,671
Germany	:	1,142	1,600	2,632	5,906
Hungary	:	77 ^u	150 ^u	452 ^u	741 ^u
Ireland	:	274 ^u	354 ^u	762 ^u	1,750 ^u
Italy	551	999	1,879	4,251	7,681
Netherlands	:	398	829 ^u	2,033	3,364
Poland	2,050	818	1,162	3,283	7,313
Scandinavia ²	1,025 ^u	452 ^u	:	1,809	4,242
Spain	:	524	795	1,620	3,018
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom	3,532	2,375	3,418	7,278	16,603
USA	:	1,086 ^u	:	989 ^u	2,328 ^u
Other	2,169 ^u	2,693	4,323	8,060	17,245
Total	12,809	13,734	19,808	40,585	86,936
January-February 2021					
Australia	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	:	:	:	:	:
Belgium	:	154 ^u	:	350 ^u	684 ^u
France	555 ^u	803	778	1,714	3,849
Germany	:	418	421 ^u	791	1,704
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	417	952	720	2,800	4,890
Netherlands	:	137 ^u	:	350 ^u	595 ^u
Poland	:	65 ^u	:	240 ^u	401 ^u
Scandinavia ²	:	164 ^u	:	280 ^u	597 ^u
Spain	:	102 ^u	:	263 ^u	436 ^u
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom	:	199 ^u	:	725 ^u	990 ^u
USA	:	:	:	:	:
Other	523 ^u	1,129	864	1,931	4,447
Total	1,658	4,462	3,763	10,172	20,055
January-February 2020¹					
Australia	:	1,118 ^u	407 ^u	889 ^u	2,661 ^u
Austria	706 ^u	:	:	539 ^u	1,696 ^u
Belgium	606 ^u	876	954	1,883	4,319
France	3,904	2,319	2,569	5,051	13,843
Germany	5,108	2,057	2,348	4,786	14,300
Hungary	:	374	365 ^u	662	1,473
Ireland	:	797	979	1,865	4,028
Italy	3,034	3,280	3,520	8,887	18,721
Netherlands	635 ^u	865	740	1,786	4,027
Poland	1,803	1,629	1,836	3,101	8,369
Scandinavia ²	1,811	1,679	1,354	2,964	7,807
Spain	577 ^u	1,422	1,591	2,869	6,459
Switzerland	:	552 ^u	508 ^u	937	2,753
United Kingdom	12,034	5,594	5,504	14,559	37,691
USA	:	2,349	1,298	1,538	5,741
Other	7,522	12,185	8,659	18,739	47,105
Total	39,757	37,323	32,854	71,057	180,991

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¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
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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-February 2022					
Australia	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	:	87 ^u	307 ^u	191 ^u	569 ^u
Belgium	:	120	219	246	577
France	552	138	244	306	708
Germany	:	164	289	332	745
Hungary	:	39 ^u	81 ^u	204 ^u	334 ^u
Ireland	:	116 ^u	195 ^u	267 ^u	613 ^u
Italy	406	84	267	322	583
Netherlands	:	116	275 ^u	538	891
Poland	356	80	119	206	459
Scandinavia ²	550 ^u	240 ^u	:	483	1,132
Spain	:	105	201	298	556
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom	508	152	308	323	736
USA	:	743 ^u	:	669 ^u	1,575 ^u
Other	819 ^u	139	256	367	784
Total expenditure per capita	505	138	249	326	699
January-February 2021					
Australia	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	:	:	:	:	:
Belgium	:	192 ^u	:	429 ^u	838 ^u
France	734 ^u	211	257	376	843
Germany	:	252	360 ^u	448	966
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	411	148	238	376	657
Netherlands	:	258 ^u	:	657 ^u	1,118 ^u
Poland	:	111 ^u	:	411 ^u	686 ^u
Scandinavia ²	:	280 ^u	:	479 ^u	1,020 ^u
Spain	:	186 ^u	:	446 ^u	738 ^u
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	:
United Kingdom	:	188 ^u	:	677 ^u	924 ^u
USA	:	:	:	:	:
Other	1,313 ^u	351	405	536	1,235
Total expenditure per capita	689	217	312	443	874
January-February 2020¹					
Australia	:	554 ^u	262 ^u	396 ^u	1,185 ^u
Austria	500 ^u	:	:	210 ^u	661 ^u
Belgium	312 ^u	132	159	219	503
France	471	162	195	224	615
Germany	548	167	216	221	661
Hungary	:	124	131 ^u	199	443
Ireland	:	145	192	292	632
Italy	412	103	151	226	476
Netherlands	339 ^u	168	166	254	572
Poland	365	136	163	183	495
Scandinavia ²	559	235	226	285	751
Spain	331 ^u	116	146	204	460
Switzerland	:	220 ^u	238 ^u	258	759
United Kingdom	423	154	198	225	583
USA	:	432	265	263	980
Other	607	226	195	284	714
Total expenditure per capita	473	176	187	241	613

: Unreliable, less than 20 sample observations.

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

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Characteristics	February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total overnight cruise passengers	-	-	478
Sex			
Males	-	-	121
Females	-	-	357
Age group			
0-19	-	-	340
20-39	-	-	60
40-59	-	-	40
60-79	-	-	38
80 or more	-	-	0
Markets²			
EU	-	-	13
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	-	-	7
Non-EU	-	-	465

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

² Refer to methodological note 7.

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

Characteristics	January-February		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total overnight cruise passengers	893	-	672
Sex			
Males	426	-	210
Females	467	-	462
Age group			
0-19	1	-	340
20-39	19	-	66
40-59	31	-	73
60-79	446	-	181
80 or more	396	-	12
Markets²			
EU	14	-	16
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	11	-	10
Non-EU	879	-	656

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

² Refer to methodological note 7.

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

The following are related chronology of events happened during 2020 in Malta:

28th February	People flying in from Italy, China (including Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Iran, South Korea) from 26th February onwards needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
8th March	Flights from/to Milan were suspended.
10th March	Flights from/to Italy were suspended.
10th March	The last cruise liner call.
11th March	Flights from/to France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain, were suspended.
11th March	People flying in from France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain, needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
13th March	All people flying in from all destinations needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
18th March	The last Virtu' Ferries service for passengers between Malta and Sicily.
21st March	All flights from/to all destinations were suspended.
1st July	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.
15th July	Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted.
21st August	First cruise liner call since March 2020.

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

7. 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, 5, 6, 12 and 13). Comparability between monthly and cumulative tables and also between comparative periods should be treated with caution.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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'.
11. 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#>

12. 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	64,623	2,771	64,623 ± 2,771
Total nights	519,972	58,437	519,972 ± 58,437
Total expenditure (€ 000)	39,990	3,501	39,990 ± 3,501

13. 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 complexes, 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.

14. 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>

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

16. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

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