

Total inbound tourists for June 2022 were estimated at 243,956, while total nights spent amounted to 1,577,969.

Inbound Tourism: June 2022

During the month under review, a total of 218,462 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, followed by 16,953 tourists for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (43.3 per cent), followed by the 45-64 age bracket (27.6 per cent) (Table 1). French, German and Italian residents made up 36.0 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 5).

The largest share of guest nights (87.2 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 3). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 6.5 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure reached almost €216.0 million. The average expenditure per night was estimated at €136.9 (Table 4).

January-June 2022

Inbound tourists during the first half of 2022 amounted to 895,096, while the total nights spent reached almost 6.0 million nights (Tables 6, 7 and 8).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €695.9 million (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €777, decreasing from €862 in 2021 (Table 11).

COVID-19 recovery

Comparison can be made between 2019 and 2022 June data to quantify the recovery of inbound tourism from the effects of the pandemic. The year 2019 will be used here as the reference year for the pre-COVID-19 situation.

Total inbound tourists for the month under review have reached 87.7 per cent of those registered pre-COVID-19 (Table 1), and the associated nights spent made up 82.1 per cent of the respective figure (Table 3). The highest recovery can be seen in the 0-24 age bracket (91.7 per cent) and the lowest recovery is associated with the 45-64 age bracket (82.9 per cent) (Table 1). The segment of inbound tourists visiting Malta for business purposes experienced a better recovery (109.1 per cent) than that of tourists visiting Malta for holiday purposes (86.8 per cent) (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure has reached 91.7 per cent of its respective pre-COVID-19 value (Table 4) ■

Chart 1. Inbound tourists

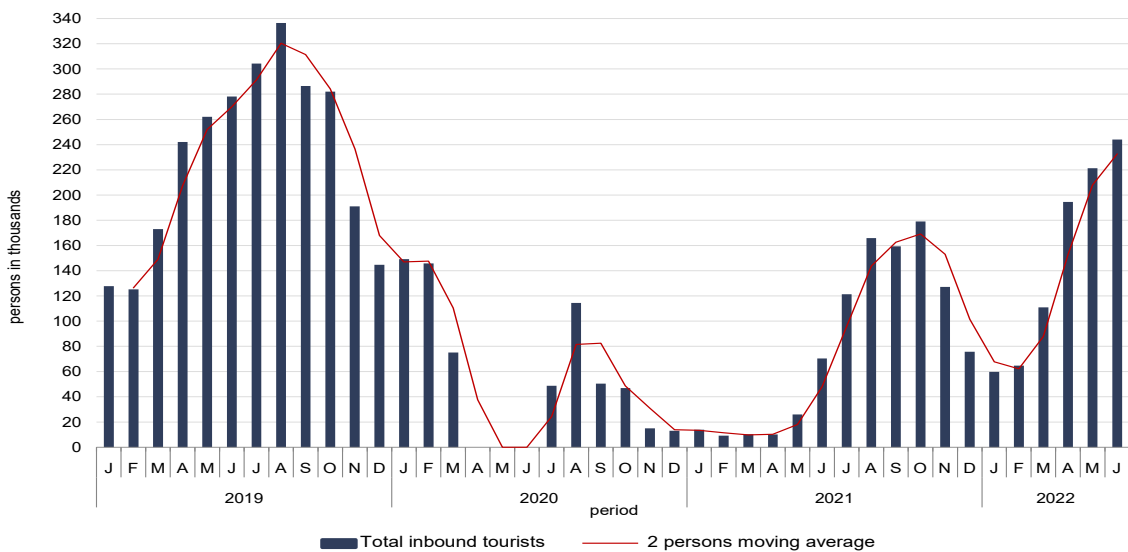


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	June			
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total inbound visitors	280,522	-	70,300	247,408
Overnight cruise passengers	2,433	-	-	3,452
Inbound tourists	278,089	-	70,300	243,956
Mode of travel				
Air	272,926	-	67,982	240,745
Sea	5,162	-	2,318	3,211 ^P
Sex				
Males	132,383	-	37,465	118,748
Females	145,706	-	32,835	125,208
Age group				
0-24	52,326	-	15,066	47,972
25-44	117,243	-	34,039	105,712
45-64	81,340	-	17,115	67,409
65 or more	27,180	-	4,080	22,863
Markets²				
EU	228,783	-	61,681	166,784
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	133,029	-	47,613	135,151
Non-EU	49,306	-	8,619	77,171
Purpose of visit				
Holiday	251,747	-	59,639	218,462
Business and professional	15,545	-	6,606	16,953
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,796	-	4,056	8,541
Organisation of stay				
Package	84,087	-	11,600	55,531
Non-package	194,002	-	58,700	188,425
Frequency				
First-time tourists	213,784	-	50,925	186,546
Repeat tourists	64,305	-	19,375	57,409
once a year or less	47,781	-	13,198	42,768
more than once a year	16,524	-	6,177	14,641
Duration of visit				
1-3 nights	61,499	-	13,179	61,805
4-6 nights	83,769	-	18,284	82,311
7 nights or more	132,820	-	38,836	99,839
Average length of stay (nights)	6.9	-	9.1	6.5

^P Data for June 2022 is provisional since it is an estimation due to delayed data communication from the source.

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

² Refer to methodological note 6.

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	2022
Rented accommodation	247,324	-	57,177	220,543
Collective	173,011	-	43,572	159,298
Other rented	74,312	-	13,604	61,245
Non-rented accommodation	30,765	-	13,123	23,412
Total tourists	278,089	-	70,300	243,956

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

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	2022
Rented accommodation	1,656,233	-	467,469	1,376,695
Collective	1,026,658	-	274,967	893,449
Other rented	629,575	-	192,502	483,246
Non-rented accommodation	265,022	-	172,298	201,274
Total nights	1,921,255	-	639,768	1,577,969

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

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	June			
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Package	61,604	-	8,340	43,478
Non-package	88,218	-	23,884	89,537
Air/sea fares	41,421	-	9,491	38,004
Accommodation	46,797	-	14,392	51,533
Other expenditure	85,606	-	27,842	82,943
Total expenditure	235,428	-	60,066	215,958

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

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	2022
Tourists	EU	228,783	-	61,681	166,784
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	23,736	-	12,952	26,152
	Germany	22,639	-	9,089	20,507
	Italy	36,646	-	11,265	41,250
	Poland	9,677	-	6,263	12,824
	Spain	13,416	-	3,637 ^u	9,632
	United Kingdom	65,706	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Non-EU	49,306	-	8,619	77,171
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	-	3,335 ^u	48,682	
Total	278,089	-	70,300	243,956	
Nights	EU	1,475,061	-	526,687	1,040,131
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	150,902	-	100,868	168,161
	Germany	165,483	-	72,702	142,853
	Italy	203,504	-	136,197	212,891
	Poland	60,809	-	43,386	78,432
	Spain	105,144	-	36,832 ^u	72,439
	United Kingdom	444,636	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Non-EU	446,193	-	113,081	537,837
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	-	34,793 ^u	317,002	
Total	1,921,255	-	639,768	1,577,969	
Expenditure (€ 000)	EU	179,620	-	50,181	128,669
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	18,836	-	10,678	19,921
	Germany	19,770	-	9,380	21,385
	Italy	21,954	-	7,716	22,427
	Poland	6,930	-	4,168	9,843
	Spain	10,038	-	2,820 ^u	7,582
	United Kingdom	57,674	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Non-EU	55,808	-	9,885	87,288
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	-	3,091 ^u	51,517	
Total	235,429	-	60,066	215,958	

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

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

² 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 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-June			
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total inbound visitors	1,216,487	371,109	140,797	917,901
Overnight cruise passengers	8,419	893	1,110	22,805
Inbound tourists	1,208,068	370,216	139,687	895,096
Mode of travel				
Air	1,184,827	363,343	127,791	878,555
Sea	23,241	6,873	11,895	16,541 ^P
Sex				
Males	590,532	194,089	80,699	447,078
Females	617,536	176,127	58,988	448,017
Age group				
0-24	207,627	63,415	29,344	179,092
25-44	489,226	143,399	67,713	374,486
45-64	374,597	125,780	35,251	258,747
65 or more	136,618	37,622	7,379	82,770
Markets²				
EU	1,019,158	222,489	121,071	636,672
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	591,740	174,523	99,758	496,440
Non-EU	188,910	147,727	18,615	258,424
Purpose of visit				
Holiday	1,065,543	320,897	109,959	793,459
Business and professional	89,567	34,275	19,796	62,836
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	52,958	15,043	9,931	38,801
Organisation of stay				
Package	375,368	108,985	19,655	206,827
Non-package	832,700	261,231	120,031	688,268
Frequency				
First-time tourists	903,024	269,022	89,848	670,348
Repeat tourists	305,044	101,194	49,839	224,748
once a year or less	219,294	69,689	29,117	156,614
more than once a year	85,749	31,505	20,722	68,133
Duration of visit				
1-3 nights	313,374	121,427	29,218	241,372
4-6 nights	388,185	121,082	31,135	310,287
7 nights or more	506,509	127,707	79,334	343,436
Average length of stay (nights)	6.5	6.0	11.1	6.7

^P Data for May/June 2022 is provisional since it is an estimation due to delayed data communication from the source.

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² Refer to methodological note 6.

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			
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	1,065,193	324,582	103,656	792,465
Collective	792,211	251,231	75,975	598,699
Other rented	272,982	73,351	27,681	193,766
Non-rented accommodation	142,875	45,634	36,031	102,630
Total tourists	1,208,068	370,216	139,687	895,096

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

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			
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	6,644,701	1,831,284	962,958	5,036,784
Collective	4,381,933	1,281,560	503,953	3,326,356
Other rented	2,262,768	549,724	459,004	1,710,428
Non-rented accommodation	1,226,164	407,942	594,006	945,849
Total nights	7,870,865	2,239,226	1,556,964	5,982,633

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

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			
		2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Tourists	Australia	15,413	2,433 ^u	314 ^u	4,002
	Austria	16,216	3,295 ^u	1,947	15,241
	Belgium	32,990	11,553	4,176	24,459
	France	105,842	28,266	27,157	106,589
	Germany	99,587	26,610	16,095	69,391
	Hungary	15,723	4,454	1,110 ^u	15,431
	Ireland	22,621	7,741	679 ^u	15,072
	Italy	170,646	44,049	32,123	137,623
	Netherlands	25,662	8,943	2,612	25,069
	Poland	48,779	19,627	9,707	64,148
	Scandinavia ²	50,704	13,728	5,252	28,834
	Spain	50,374	16,671	6,013	33,901
	Switzerland	21,435	4,699	3,206	12,752
	United Kingdom	288,794	88,094	5,533	177,077
	USA	21,968	7,439	1,034	15,446
	Other	221,314	82,613	22,729	150,060
Total	1,208,068	370,216	139,687	895,096	
Nights	Australia	129,193	20,572 ^u	3,352 ^u	33,275
	Austria	91,968	20,088 ^u	14,761	91,681
	Belgium	194,220	57,407	43,518	161,053
	France	666,721	168,423	250,182	694,393
	Germany	669,272	174,626	145,061	498,830
	Hungary	80,867	20,479	9,597 ^u	78,397
	Ireland	144,094	46,739	10,296 ^u	91,219
	Italy	967,588	258,722	448,571	845,518
	Netherlands	170,643	45,102	30,088	222,595
	Poland	296,378	110,006	74,269	359,649
	Scandinavia ²	336,177	87,610	51,390	217,212
	Spain	285,780	81,324	68,692	247,366
	Switzerland	143,659	23,751	36,853	83,437
	United Kingdom	1,862,419	546,013	87,516	1,167,444
	USA	125,330	45,280	11,855	112,936
	Other	1,706,553	533,082	270,961	1,077,628
Total	7,870,865	2,239,226	1,556,964	5,982,633	
Expenditure (€ 000)	Australia	21,326	2,757 ^u	251 ^u	6,773
	Austria	13,448	2,438 ^u	1,498	11,025
	Belgium	21,725	5,861	3,852	18,482
	France	74,768	16,964	22,523	76,710
	Germany	75,832	17,424	15,959	64,645
	Hungary	8,143	2,011	780 ^u	7,309
	Ireland	17,901	5,052	874 ^u	13,188
	Italy	89,138	20,739	21,412	71,480
	Netherlands	18,255	4,783	2,697	21,800
	Poland	29,032	9,371	6,382	38,501
	Scandinavia ²	40,599	9,858	5,358	29,173
	Spain	28,387	7,766	4,837	22,795
	Switzerland	20,750	3,466	4,325	13,923
	United Kingdom	209,982	51,259	5,289	160,200
	USA	24,431	7,596	1,912	21,647
	Other	189,785	57,241	22,490	118,232
Total	883,502	224,582	120,438	695,882	

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

¹ Refer to methodological note 5.

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 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 2022					
Australia	:	2,262	1,344	2,901	6,773
Austria	2,403	1,431	2,936	4,254	11,025
Belgium	2,527	3,229	4,878	7,847	18,482
France	16,613	11,128	17,311	31,658	76,710
Germany	18,783	9,852	13,546	22,465	64,645
Hungary	:	1,124	1,957	3,735	7,309
Ireland	1,651 ^u	2,414	3,213	5,911	13,188
Italy	8,068	9,158	18,288	35,966	71,480
Netherlands	3,939	3,402	4,942	9,516	21,800
Poland	7,647	5,193	8,717	16,945	38,501
Scandinavia ²	7,015	5,206	5,310	11,641	29,173
Spain	3,262	3,327	6,018	10,188	22,795
Switzerland	2,540 ^u	2,405	3,686	5,292	13,923
United Kingdom	48,187	20,963	32,362	58,687	160,200
USA	1,384 ^u	8,831	4,890	6,541	21,647
Other	11,366	23,516	31,383	51,967	118,232
Total	136,145	113,441	160,780	285,515	695,882
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 note 5.² 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 2022					
Australia	:	615	436	725	1,693
Austria	637	125	278	279	723
Belgium	669	156	270	321	756
France	581	142	240	297	720
Germany	863	206	315	324	932
Hungary	:	80	158	242	474
Ireland	622 ^u	194	305	392	875
Italy	480	76	190	261	519
Netherlands	642	178	294	380	870
Poland	446	110	193	264	600
Scandinavia ²	446	110	193	264	600
Spain	594	116	245	301	672
Switzerland	746 ^u	251	416	415	1,092
United Kingdom	722	189	371	331	905
USA	878 ^u	637	412	424	1,401
Other	721	174	271	346	788
Total expenditure per capita	658	164	272	319	777
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 note 5.² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Characteristics	June			
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total overnight cruise passengers	2,433	-	-	3,452
Sex				
Males	1,102	-	-	1,657
Females	1,331	-	-	1,795
Age group				
0-19	129	-	-	102
20-39	167	-	-	502
40-59	497	-	-	1,353
60-79	1,495	-	-	1,444
80 or more	145	-	-	51
Markets				
EU	419	-	-	2,532
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	182	-	-	2,516
Non-EU	2,014	-	-	920

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

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

Characteristics	January-June			
	2019	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total overnight cruise passengers	8,419	893	1,110	22,805
Sex				
Males	3,801	426	528	10,589
Females	4,618	467	582	12,216
Age group				
0-19	615	1	236	1,953
20-39	739	19	358	2,812
40-59	2,289	31	385	7,800
60-79	4,121	446	125	9,680
80 or more	655	396	6	560
Markets²				
EU	5,875	14	1,018	6,935
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	5,598	11	1,010	6,807
Non-EU	2,544	879	92	15,870

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

² Refer to methodological note 6.

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. 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 is the related chronology of events which happened during 2020 in Malta:

28th February	People flying in from Italy, China (including Hong Kong), Singapore, Japan, Iran and 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.

6. 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. Comparability between cumulative tables and also between comparative periods should be treated with caution.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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'.
10. 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#>
11. 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	243,956	2,325	243,956 ± 2,325
Total nights	1,577,969	63,160	1,577,969 ± 63,160
Total expenditure (€ 000)	215,958	5,932	215,958 ± 5,932

12. 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.

13. 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>

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

For further assistance send a request from: <https://workflow.gov.mt/Runtime/Runtime/Form/01+NSO+Request+for+Statistical+Information/?language>

15. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

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