

Total inbound visitors for October 2022 were estimated at 244,538, an increase of 35.6 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2021.

## Inbound Tourism: October 2022

During the month under review, a total of 210,354 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, and 19,660 tourists came for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists was aged between 25 and 44 (37.0 per cent), closely followed by the 45-64 age bracket (35.7 per cent) (Table 1). Italian, French and German residents made up 33.6 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 5).

Total nights spent went up by 14.0 per cent when compared to October 2021, surpassing 1.5 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (83.4 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 3). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 6.6 nights (Table 1).

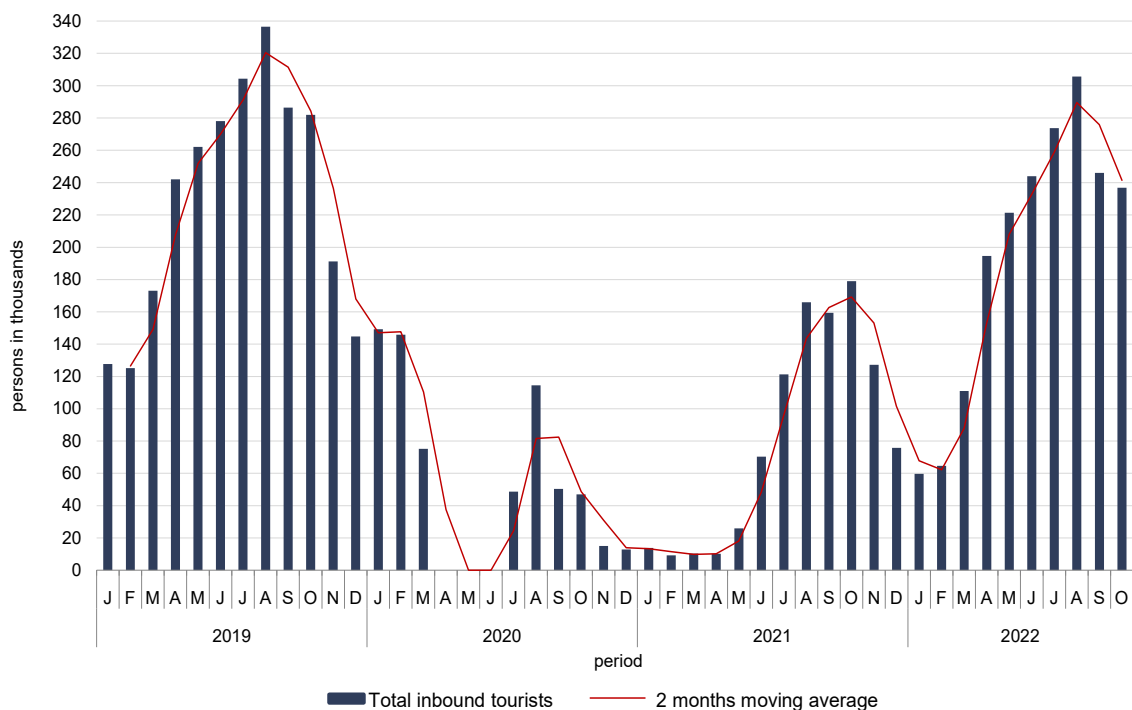
Total tourist expenditure surpassed €215.0 million, an increase of 37.3 per cent over the corresponding month in 2021 (Table 4).

### January-October 2022

Inbound tourists during the first 10 months of 2022 amounted to 1,957,304, while the total nights spent almost reached 14.3 million nights (Tables 6 and 8).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €1.8 billion (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita decreased to €897 from €945 in 2021 (Table 11) ■

**Chart 1. Inbound tourists**



**Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure**

Characteristics	October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>287,191</b>	<b>46,967</b>	<b>180,303</b>	<b>244,538</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	5,193	53	1,322	7,666
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>281,998</b>	<b>46,914</b>	<b>178,981</b>	<b>236,872</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>				
Air	277,260	45,114	176,788	233,517
Sea	4,738	1,800	2,193	3,355 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	137,939	25,596	90,021	118,396
Females	144,059	21,318	88,960	118,476
<b>Age group</b>				
0-24	37,066	9,004	28,050	36,291
25-44	105,177	21,947	69,812	87,750
45-64	97,659	12,976	61,138	84,603
65 or more	42,096	2,987	19,981	28,228
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>233,088</b>	<b>39,106</b>	<b>112,328</b>	<b>156,725</b>
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	126,117	33,870	87,349	120,628
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>48,910</b>	<b>7,808</b>	<b>66,654</b>	<b>80,147</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>				
Holiday	249,588	41,929	163,573	210,354
Business and professional	22,026	2,966	9,199	19,660
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,385	2,019	6,209	6,858
<b>Organisation of stay</b>				
Package	84,949	9,731	48,724	57,883
Non-package	197,049	37,183	130,257	178,989
<b>Frequency</b>				
<b>First-time tourists</b>	<b>206,724</b>	<b>32,660</b>	<b>127,627</b>	<b>175,038</b>
<b>Repeat tourists</b>	<b>75,274</b>	<b>14,254</b>	<b>51,354</b>	<b>61,834</b>
once a year or less	58,339	9,237	38,772	46,538
more than once a year	16,935	5,017	12,582	15,296
<b>Duration of visit</b>				
1-3 nights	55,886	7,341	33,247	53,499
4-6 nights	83,607	11,441	50,466	75,233
7 nights or more	142,505	28,132	95,268	108,140
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>

<sup>P</sup> Data for October 2022 is provisional since it is an estimation resulting from delayed data communication from the source.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.

<sup>2</sup> 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	October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>251,516</b>	<b>37,695</b>	<b>156,566</b>	<b>208,076</b>
Collective	172,289	27,268	121,758	149,753
Other rented	79,227	10,427	34,809	58,323
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>30,482</b>	<b>9,219</b>	<b>22,415</b>	<b>28,796</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>281,998</b>	<b>46,914</b>	<b>178,981</b>	<b>236,872</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.

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	October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>1,636,945</b>	<b>286,845</b>	<b>1,135,410</b>	<b>1,299,437</b>
Collective	1,028,571	186,241	766,831	858,153
Other rented	608,374	100,604	368,578	441,283
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>249,039</b>	<b>116,416</b>	<b>231,778</b>	<b>259,027</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,885,983</b>	<b>403,261</b>	<b>1,367,188</b>	<b>1,558,463</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.

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	October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Package</b>	<b>61,836</b>	<b>6,306</b>	<b>37,651</b>	<b>48,087</b>
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>86,693</b>	<b>12,908</b>	<b>57,747</b>	<b>88,057</b>
Air/sea fares	39,532	5,279	22,784	38,323
Accommodation	47,161	7,630	34,963	49,734
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>82,573</b>	<b>16,642</b>	<b>61,215</b>	<b>78,884</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>231,102</b>	<b>35,856</b>	<b>156,613</b>	<b>215,029</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>		October			
		2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
Tourists	<b>EU</b>	<b>233,088</b>	<b>39,106</b>	<b>112,328</b>	<b>156,725</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	22,626	9,235	14,987	23,103
	Germany	24,572	12,925	19,236	21,166
	Italy	31,423	4,426	17,293	35,306
	Poland	8,876	3,692	9,857	14,210
	Spain	9,113	1,369	6,545	7,622
	United Kingdom	73,087	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>48,910</b>	<b>7,808</b>	<b>66,654</b>	<b>80,147</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	6,248	54,607	45,156	
<b>Total</b>	<b>281,998</b>	<b>46,914</b>	<b>178,981</b>	<b>236,872</b>	
Nights	<b>EU</b>	<b>1,523,313</b>	<b>312,091</b>	<b>816,338</b>	<b>959,156</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	144,035	70,462	116,982	149,401
	Germany	185,574	102,518	156,330	160,036
	Italy	198,870	44,347	140,806	176,803
	Poland	61,805	26,547	62,872	86,797
	Spain	50,058	11,942	33,793	41,155
	United Kingdom	497,344	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>362,670</b>	<b>91,170</b>	<b>550,850</b>	<b>599,308</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	64,383	390,565	319,046	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,885,983</b>	<b>403,261</b>	<b>1,367,188</b>	<b>1,558,463</b>	
Expenditure (€ 000)	<b>EU</b>	<b>175,600</b>	<b>28,533</b>	<b>86,388</b>	<b>124,028</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	16,654	6,631	12,391	19,255
	Germany	21,749	10,684	18,988	22,194
	Italy	17,735	2,292	9,110	20,581
	Poland	6,668	2,329	6,469	10,291
	Spain	5,595	599	3,864	5,807
	United Kingdom	58,611	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>55,502</b>	<b>7,323</b>	<b>70,225</b>	<b>91,001</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	4,992	52,942	48,524	
<b>Total</b>	<b>231,102</b>	<b>35,856</b>	<b>156,613</b>	<b>215,029</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

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-October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>2,435,485</b>	<b>631,636</b>	<b>773,356</b>	<b>2,000,921</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	18,061	946	8,141	43,617
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>2,417,424</b>	<b>630,690</b>	<b>765,215</b>	<b>1,957,304</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>				
Air	2,372,680	614,856	745,380	1,928,069
Sea	44,744	15,834	19,835	29,234 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	1,191,775	333,939	395,700	964,956
Females	1,225,649	296,751	369,515	992,348
<b>Age group</b>				
0-24	500,899	140,233	178,963	490,414
25-44	965,054	259,130	322,910	775,205
45-64	710,815	183,294	208,666	532,869
65 or more	240,655	48,034	54,676	158,816
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>2,019,087</b>	<b>428,502</b>	<b>535,181</b>	<b>1,365,998</b>
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	1,172,610	345,699	429,617	1,079,151
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>398,337</b>	<b>202,189</b>	<b>230,034</b>	<b>591,305</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>				
Holiday	2,166,000	562,257	686,827	1,763,183
Business and professional	150,308	44,598	44,023	115,178
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	101,115	23,835	34,365	78,943
<b>Organisation of stay</b>				
Package	721,909	158,442	177,914	459,379
Non-package	1,695,514	472,249	587,301	1,497,924
<b>Frequency</b>				
<b>First-time tourists</b>	<b>1,819,874</b>	<b>450,893</b>	<b>551,869</b>	<b>1,487,187</b>
<b>Repeat tourists</b>	<b>597,549</b>	<b>179,798</b>	<b>213,346</b>	<b>470,117</b>
once a year or less	447,956	121,871	155,579	350,412
more than once a year	149,593	57,927	57,767	119,705
<b>Duration of visit</b>				
1-3 nights	493,271	155,354	114,169	406,037
4-6 nights	719,828	185,397	194,970	628,517
7 nights or more	1,204,324	289,940	456,077	922,749
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>7.3</b>

<sup>P</sup> Data for May - October 2022 is provisional since it is an estimation resulting from delayed data communication from the source.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.

<sup>2</sup> 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-October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>2,131,774</b>	<b>534,654</b>	<b>651,148</b>	<b>1,732,243</b>
Collective	1,494,398	395,794	484,683	1,228,058
Other rented	637,376	138,860	166,465	504,185
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>285,650</b>	<b>96,036</b>	<b>114,067</b>	<b>225,061</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>2,417,424</b>	<b>630,690</b>	<b>765,215</b>	<b>1,957,304</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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-October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>14,398,073</b>	<b>3,529,063</b>	<b>5,186,005</b>	<b>11,931,738</b>
Collective	8,917,917	2,266,586	3,302,784	7,400,371
Other rented	5,480,156	1,262,477	1,883,221	4,531,366
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>2,729,631</b>	<b>1,256,118</b>	<b>1,545,310</b>	<b>2,355,660</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>17,127,705</b>	<b>4,785,181</b>	<b>6,731,316</b>	<b>14,287,398</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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-October			
		2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
Tourists	Australia	46,773	2,670	833	18,042
	Austria	29,764	11,143	13,267	32,611
	Belgium	61,626	17,856	23,572	47,400
	France	213,396	66,937	108,138	226,629
	Germany	183,638	70,314	77,805	146,039
	Hungary	33,190	9,634	8,659	31,261
	Ireland	47,403	12,832	10,435	30,771
	Italy	349,623	86,870	99,858	338,010
	Netherlands	51,953	13,947	17,070	52,010
	Poland	89,084	39,403	50,522	119,250
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	109,914	17,097	23,756	65,590
	Spain	100,780	26,916	28,673	74,997
	Switzerland	44,526	9,492	17,042	35,900
	United Kingdom	571,454	132,713	179,155	370,557
	USA	44,315	8,168	10,573	34,964
	Other	439,987	104,698	95,858	333,274
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,417,424</b>	<b>630,690</b>	<b>765,215</b>	<b>1,957,304</b>	
Nights	Australia	446,626	25,435	13,625	217,827
	Austria	181,107	79,599	100,746	225,136
	Belgium	413,243	115,434	191,105	322,078
	France	1,609,771	469,854	963,101	1,696,506
	Germany	1,327,514	545,490	647,910	1,112,208
	Hungary	191,728	52,884	56,176	180,118
	Ireland	317,494	83,559	77,723	203,450
	Italy	2,248,333	861,069	1,082,776	2,098,781
	Netherlands	376,640	94,406	137,033	440,240
	Poland	608,710	259,541	364,046	741,589
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	771,246	135,857	198,556	511,884
	Spain	641,408	162,423	248,365	602,998
	Switzerland	306,628	76,116	162,562	260,791
	United Kingdom	3,949,803	989,586	1,462,052	2,651,487
	USA	268,841	58,109	79,537	246,376
	Other	3,468,611	775,818	946,002	2,775,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,127,705</b>	<b>4,785,181</b>	<b>6,731,316</b>	<b>14,287,398</b>	
Expenditure (€ 000)	Australia	70,003	2,929	1,412	32,499
	Austria	25,280	8,795	11,866	28,271
	Belgium	46,237	11,093	22,224	41,933
	France	175,865	47,536	102,482	198,924
	Germany	153,835	54,723	81,269	147,541
	Hungary	19,336	4,779	5,546	18,340
	Ireland	42,082	9,757	11,267	33,018
	Italy	213,853	47,408	66,341	215,641
	Netherlands	41,284	8,857	17,366	50,184
	Poland	61,586	22,222	37,004	84,452
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	100,554	13,648	23,957	75,728
	Spain	68,028	13,577	21,991	60,758
	Switzerland	46,050	9,803	22,583	44,809
	United Kingdom	461,571	89,540	193,753	373,868
	USA	51,244	8,638	15,630	49,839
	Other	409,345	75,384	88,645	300,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,986,152</b>	<b>428,692</b>	<b>723,335</b>	<b>1,755,956</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.

<sup>2</sup> 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		
<b>January-October 2022</b>					
Australia	2,364 <sup>u</sup>	8,727	6,577	14,831	32,499
Austria	6,069	3,896	7,558	10,748	28,271
Belgium	7,668	7,078	10,976	16,211	41,933
France	41,734	29,498	50,119	77,572	198,924
Germany	45,008	21,486	30,949	50,098	147,541
Hungary	1,948 <sup>u</sup>	3,022	5,264	8,105	18,340
Ireland	5,291	5,798	8,318	13,612	33,018
Italy	29,406	28,363	57,105	100,767	215,641
Netherlands	8,761	8,247	11,955	21,221	50,184
Poland	15,637	12,200	22,161	34,455	84,452
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	19,689	13,622	14,918	27,499	75,728
Spain	10,081	8,647	16,488	25,542	60,758
Switzerland	10,673	6,660	11,353	16,122	44,809
United Kingdom	118,631	50,408	74,740	130,089	373,868
USA	4,207	18,913	11,891	14,828	49,839
Other	37,482	58,008	79,809	124,851	300,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>364,649</b>	<b>284,575</b>	<b>420,181</b>	<b>686,550</b>	<b>1,755,956</b>
<b>January-October 2021</b>					
Australia	:	142	557	713	1,412
Austria	2,760	1,541	3,103	4,462	11,866
Belgium	3,097	3,638	6,634	8,854	22,224
France	18,518	15,601	25,645	42,717	102,482
Germany	21,054	12,307	18,895	29,013	81,269
Hungary	980 <sup>u</sup>	793	1,431	2,342	5,546
Ireland	1,347 <sup>u</sup>	1,586	3,131	5,203	11,267
Italy	8,804	8,498	14,241	34,798	66,341
Netherlands	3,119	2,662	3,794	7,790	17,366
Poland	7,166	5,459	9,397	14,982	37,004
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	5,113	4,096	4,666	10,082	23,957
Spain	2,914	2,652	5,222	11,202	21,991
Switzerland	4,696	3,069	6,337	8,481	22,583
United Kingdom	56,714	21,881	41,719	73,439	193,753
USA	4,086	3,766	3,372	4,406	15,630
Other	12,720	15,842	21,644	38,439	88,645
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,088</b>	<b>103,535</b>	<b>169,789</b>	<b>296,923</b>	<b>723,335</b>
<b>January-October 2020<sup>1</sup></b>					
Australia	:	1,157	472	1,040	2,929
Austria	2,310	1,147	1,822	3,516	8,795
Belgium	1,928	1,796	2,573	4,797	11,093
France	11,676	6,833	10,015	19,012	47,536
Germany	15,203	7,615	10,827	21,078	54,723
Hungary	:	952	1,234	2,221	4,779
Ireland	1,227 <sup>u</sup>	1,506	2,560	4,464	9,757
Italy	5,866	7,368	10,486	23,689	47,408
Netherlands	1,206	1,694	1,762	4,195	8,857
Poland	4,243	3,819	5,159	9,002	22,222
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	2,590	2,897	2,594	5,566	13,648
Spain	1,307	2,618	3,288	6,364	13,577
Switzerland	1,921 <sup>u</sup>	1,250	2,104	4,528	9,803
United Kingdom	21,939	12,954	16,707	37,941	89,540
USA	:	3,479	1,871	2,656	8,638
Other	11,555	17,804	14,567	31,459	75,384
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,233</b>	<b>74,889</b>	<b>88,042</b>	<b>181,528</b>	<b>428,692</b>
<b>January-October 2019</b>					
Australia	7,577	24,505	13,364	24,558	70,003
Austria	9,037	3,173	4,964	8,107	25,280
Belgium	11,344	6,897	11,123	16,874	46,237
France	50,839	26,696	39,024	59,306	175,865
Germany	58,725	20,173	27,750	47,186	153,835
Hungary	2,361	3,889	5,319	7,766	19,336
Ireland	8,757	6,637	9,586	17,102	42,082
Italy	36,583	34,298	49,118	93,854	213,853
Netherlands	10,634	6,593	8,423	15,634	41,284
Poland	14,447	9,423	13,953	23,763	61,586
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	29,131	16,054	18,705	36,663	100,554
Spain	15,194	10,967	15,751	26,115	68,028
Switzerland	12,551	7,307	10,183	16,010	46,050
United Kingdom	152,701	59,367	83,053	166,450	461,571
USA	6,125	18,797	11,711	14,611	51,244
Other	79,307	96,019	85,767	148,252	409,345
<b>Total</b>	<b>505,313</b>	<b>350,795</b>	<b>407,795</b>	<b>722,248</b>	<b>1,986,152</b>

: Unreliable, less than 20 sample observations.

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.<sup>2</sup> 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

Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
		January-October 2022			
Australia	1,290 <sup>u</sup>	538	498	822	1,801
Austria	708	161	347	330	867
Belgium	864	184	317	342	885
France	748	172	315	342	878
Germany	886	224	367	343	1,010
Hungary	565 <sup>u</sup>	108	213	259	587
Ireland	823	237	388	442	1,073
Italy	594	98	236	298	638
Netherlands	714	206	347	408	965
Poland	576	132	253	289	708
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	804	329	449	419	1,155
Spain	712	141	309	341	810
Switzerland	1,123	249	456	449	1,248
United Kingdom	843	218	417	351	1,009
USA	985	613	446	424	1,425
Other	903	197	322	375	901
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>897</b>
<b>January-October 2021</b>					
Australia	:	171	684	856	1,696
Austria	748	161	379	336	894
Belgium	875	180	378	376	943
France	902	177	328	395	948
Germany	908	224	396	373	1,045
Hungary	707 <sup>u</sup>	109	240	270	641
Ireland	687 <sup>u</sup>	187	423	499	1,080
Italy	712	97	255	348	664
Netherlands	720	209	380	456	1,017
Poland	654	137	267	297	732
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	660	255	400	424	1,008
Spain	802	105	263	391	767
Switzerland	1,303	228	530	498	1,325
United Kingdom	879	190	455	410	1,081
USA	1,291	503	547	417	1,478
Other	955	190	315	401	925
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>945</b>
<b>January-October 2020<sup>1</sup></b>					
Australia	:	492	255	390	1,097
Austria	619	155	270	316	789
Belgium	568	124	210	269	621
France	564	147	236	284	710
Germany	657	161	263	300	778
Hungary	:	110	163	231	496
Ireland	531 <sup>u</sup>	142	270	348	760
Italy	442	100	211	273	546
Netherlands	367	159	205	301	635
Poland	450	127	186	228	564
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	566	231	257	326	798
Spain	393	111	164	236	504
Switzerland	724 <sup>u</sup>	183	361	477	1,033
United Kingdom	461	152	267	286	675
USA	:	456	283	325	1,058
Other	604	208	210	300	720
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>680</b>
<b>January-October 2019</b>					
Australia	1,037	610	396	525	1,497
Austria	743	177	306	272	849
Belgium	737	149	268	274	750
France	715	187	297	278	824
Germany	729	195	310	257	838
Hungary	469	138	223	234	583
Ireland	633	198	325	361	888
Italy	522	122	220	268	612
Netherlands	650	185	279	301	795
Poland	569	147	240	267	691
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	736	228	319	334	915
Spain	585	146	231	259	675
Switzerland	872	241	378	360	1,034
United Kingdom	678	171	313	291	808
USA	1,092	485	348	330	1,156
Other	845	276	293	337	930
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>822</b>

: Unreliable, less than 20 sample observations.

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.<sup>2</sup> Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Characteristics	October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>5,193</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>7,666</b>
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	2,386	26	618	3,751
Females	2,807	27	704	3,915
<b>Age group</b>				
0-19	77	-	5	146
20-39	195	-	33	604
40-59	811	12	164	2,135
60-79	3,691	34	994	4,593
80 or more	419	7	126	188
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>4,836</b>
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	381	51	132	4,785
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>2,819</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>2,830</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

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

Characteristics	January-October			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>18,061</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>8,141</b>	<b>43,617</b>
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	8,348	452	3,712	20,510
Females	9,713	494	4,429	23,107
<b>Age group</b>				
0-19	944	1	260	3,855
20-39	1,299	19	562	5,659
40-59	4,095	43	1,332	14,707
60-79	10,328	480	5,505	18,391
80 or more	1,395	403	482	1,005
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>9,633</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>17,984</b>
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	6,563	62	1,231	17,721
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>8,428</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>6,877</b>	<b>25,633</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> 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. Sea tourist data for the period May-September 2022 is provisional since it is an estimation resulting from delayed data communication from the source. This estimation is reflected in all the figures in this release.
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 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.

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. Comparability between 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	236,872	2,403	236,872 ± 2,403
Total nights	1,558,463	56,402	1,558,463 ± 56,402
Total expenditure (€ 000)	215,029	5,346	215,029 ± 5,346

#### 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](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>

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

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