

Total inbound tourists for November 2022 were estimated at 174,460, while total nights spent amounted to 1,203,802.

## Inbound Tourism: November 2022

During the month under review, a total of 144,631 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, and 23,615 tourists came for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (40.7 per cent), followed by the 45-64 age bracket (35.4 per cent) (Table 1). United Kingdom, Italian and French residents made up 42.4 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 5).

Total nights spent went up by 36.3 per cent when compared to November 2021, surpassing 1.2 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (81.1 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 3). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 6.9 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure surpassed €144.1 million, an increase of 55.8 per cent over the corresponding month in 2021 (Table 4). The average expenditure per night was estimated at €119.7 (Chart 2).

### January-November 2022

Inbound tourists during the first eleven months of 2022 amounted to 2,150,174, while the total nights spent surpassed 15.6 million nights (Tables 6 and 8).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €1.9 billion (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita decreased to €889 from €914 in 2021 (Table 11) ■

**Chart 1. Inbound tourists**

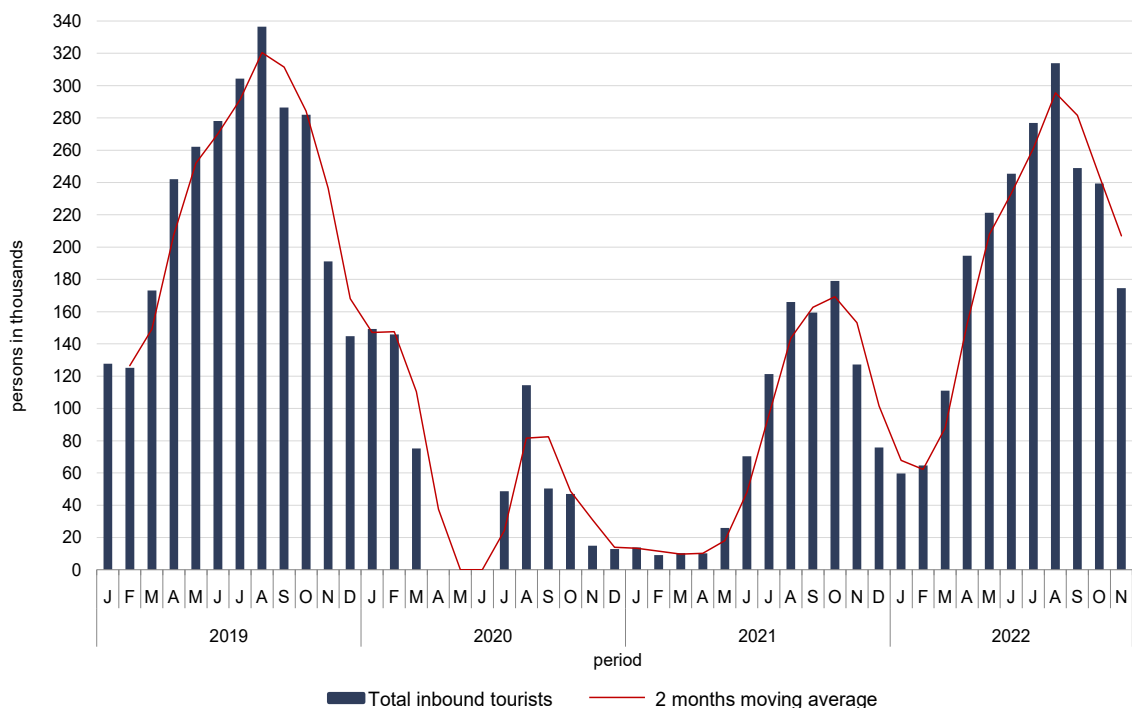


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>191,698</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>128,309</b>	<b>174,566</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	588	-	1,126	106
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>191,110</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>127,183</b>	<b>174,460</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>				
Air	187,783	13,460	125,021	171,060
Sea	3,327	1,475	2,162	3,400
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	99,751	9,001	64,439	89,879
Females	91,359	5,935	62,745	84,581
<b>Age group</b>				
0-24	21,543	2,854	16,905	24,629
25-44	77,300	7,585	54,387	71,021
45-64	69,091	3,813	44,106	61,791
65 or more	23,175	684	11,786	17,019
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>161,825</b>	<b>11,334</b>	<b>92,586</b>	<b>119,904</b>
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	92,173	9,136	73,091	92,126
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>29,285</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>34,597</b>	<b>54,556</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>				
Holiday	158,425	10,940	110,831	144,631
Business and professional	24,362	2,795	11,668	23,615
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	8,323	1,201	4,684	6,214
<b>Organisation of stay</b>				
Package	57,125	1,586	29,380	42,501
Non-package	133,985	13,350	97,804	131,958
<b>Frequency</b>				
<b>First-time tourists</b>	<b>137,772</b>	<b>8,463</b>	<b>91,461</b>	<b>124,563</b>
<b>Repeat tourists</b>	<b>53,338</b>	<b>6,473</b>	<b>35,722</b>	<b>49,896</b>
once a year or less	38,161	3,613	24,517	35,002
more than once a year	15,177	2,860	11,205	14,894
<b>Duration of visit</b>				
1-3 nights	57,915	3,095	36,324	49,054
4-6 nights	57,039	2,157	41,156	57,859
7 nights or more	76,156	9,683	49,703	67,546
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>

<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	November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>168,938</b>	<b>10,293</b>	<b>111,346</b>	<b>153,432</b>
Collective	125,583	6,864	90,390	119,220
Other rented	43,355	3,429	20,956	34,212
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>22,172</b>	<b>4,643</b>	<b>15,837</b>	<b>21,028</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>191,110</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>127,183</b>	<b>174,460</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	November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>1,007,665</b>	<b>120,790</b>	<b>753,987</b>	<b>976,657</b>
Collective	678,780	57,150	505,117	655,354
Other rented	328,885	63,640	248,870	321,303
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>201,627</b>	<b>93,078</b>	<b>129,053</b>	<b>227,145</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,209,292</b>	<b>213,868</b>	<b>883,040</b>	<b>1,203,802</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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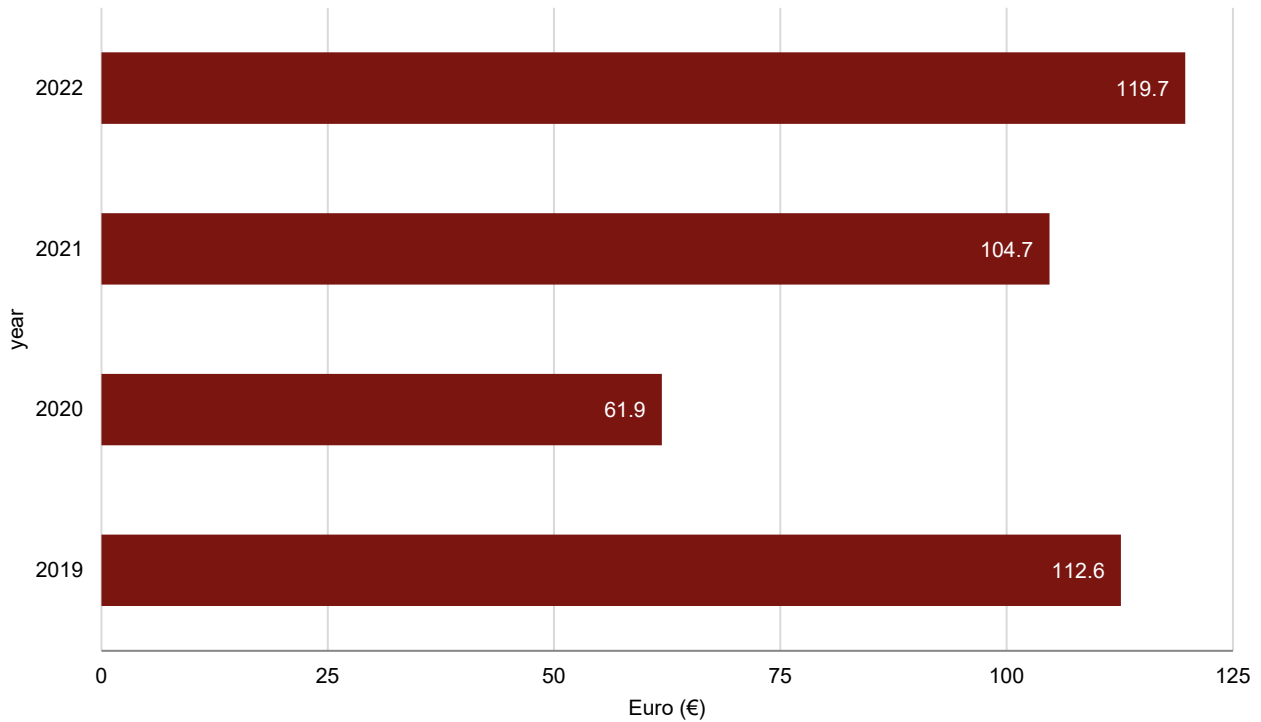
Expenditure category	November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2022	2022
<b>Package</b>	<b>32,666</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>17,726</b>	<b>27,751</b>
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>52,052</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>35,431</b>	<b>58,627</b>
Air/sea fares	25,847	2,273	14,424	26,371
Accommodation	26,205	2,853	21,007	32,255
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>51,498</b>	<b>6,939</b>	<b>39,340</b>	<b>57,777</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>136,216</b>	<b>13,243</b>	<b>92,497</b>	<b>144,154</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.

**Chart 2. Total expenditure per night by inbound tourists: November**



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

Country of residence <sup>2</sup>		November			
		2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
Tourists	<b>EU</b>	<b>161,825</b>	<b>11,334</b>	<b>92,586</b>	<b>119,904</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	14,235	1,955	15,946	18,641
	Germany	17,710	1,177	13,836	14,736
	Italy	22,294	3,695	14,899	23,866
	Poland	8,142	923	10,879	12,099
	Spain	8,137	329	3,906	5,634
	United Kingdom	45,474	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>29,285</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>34,597</b>	<b>54,556</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	1,887	24,247	31,517	
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,110</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>127,183</b>	<b>174,460</b>	
Nights	<b>EU</b>	<b>987,203</b>	<b>163,210</b>	<b>579,594</b>	<b>715,979</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	77,254	25,575	95,386	111,136
	Germany	123,548	17,977	96,711	105,514
	Italy	150,039	67,130	102,169	137,920
	Poland	42,905	6,595	59,099	65,642
	Spain	38,002	5,273	28,689	28,085
	United Kingdom	288,848	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>222,089</b>	<b>50,658</b>	<b>303,446</b>	<b>487,822</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	21,952	180,608	208,744	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,209,292</b>	<b>213,868</b>	<b>883,040</b>	<b>1,203,802</b>	
Expenditure (€ 000)	<b>EU</b>	<b>104,690</b>	<b>9,810</b>	<b>61,332</b>	<b>86,462</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
	France	8,757	1,992	11,103	13,505
	Germany	14,669	999	11,170	13,722
	Italy	11,909	3,097	7,567	13,474
	Poland	4,322	588	5,928	8,000
	Spain	4,114	302	2,205	3,320
	United Kingdom	31,732	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>31,526</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>31,165</b>	<b>57,692</b>
	<i>of which:</i>				
United Kingdom	n/a	1,241	19,612	25,328	
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,216</b>	<b>13,243</b>	<b>92,497</b>	<b>144,154</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-November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>2,627,182</b>	<b>646,572</b>	<b>901,665</b>	<b>2,193,897</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	18,649	946	9,267	43,723
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>2,608,533</b>	<b>645,626</b>	<b>892,398</b>	<b>2,150,174</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>				
Air	2,560,463	628,316	870,401	2,099,129
Sea	48,071	17,310	21,997	51,045 <sup>R</sup>
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	1,291,526	342,940	460,139	1,065,698
Females	1,317,007	302,687	432,259	1,084,476
<b>Age group</b>				
0-24	522,442	143,087	195,867	517,865
25-44	1,042,355	266,715	377,296	853,703
45-64	779,906	187,107	252,773	600,725
65 or more	263,830	48,718	66,462	177,881
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>2,180,912</b>	<b>439,835</b>	<b>627,767</b>	<b>1,501,703</b>
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	1,264,784	354,835	502,708	1,186,866
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>427,621</b>	<b>205,791</b>	<b>264,631</b>	<b>648,471</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>				
Holiday	2,324,425	573,197	797,659	1,922,486
Business and professional	174,670	47,393	55,691	141,261
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	109,438	25,036	39,049	86,426
<b>Organisation of stay</b>				
Package	779,034	160,027	207,294	506,466
Non-package	1,829,499	485,599	685,105	1,643,708
<b>Frequency</b>				
<b>First-time tourists</b>	<b>1,957,647</b>	<b>459,356</b>	<b>643,330</b>	<b>1,623,319</b>
<b>Repeat tourists</b>	<b>650,887</b>	<b>186,271</b>	<b>249,068</b>	<b>526,855</b>
once a year or less	486,117	125,484	180,096	390,070
more than once a year	164,770	60,786	68,972	136,785
<b>Duration of visit</b>				
1-3 nights	551,186	158,449	150,493	463,627
4-6 nights	776,868	187,554	236,126	690,820
7 nights or more	1,280,480	299,623	505,780	995,727
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>

<sup>R</sup> Revised: refer to methodological note 5.

<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-November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>2,300,712</b>	<b>544,948</b>	<b>762,495</b>	<b>1,899,147</b>
Collective	1,619,981	402,659	575,074	1,358,423
Other rented	680,730	142,289	187,421	540,724
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>307,822</b>	<b>100,678</b>	<b>129,903</b>	<b>251,027</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>2,608,533</b>	<b>645,626</b>	<b>892,398</b>	<b>2,150,174</b>

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

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

Type of accommodation	January-November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>15,405,738</b>	<b>3,649,853</b>	<b>5,939,993</b>	<b>13,004,256</b>
Collective	9,596,697	2,323,736	3,807,901	8,114,555
Other rented	5,809,041	1,326,118	2,132,091	4,889,702
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>2,931,258</b>	<b>1,349,197</b>	<b>1,674,363</b>	<b>2,636,767</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>18,336,997</b>	<b>4,999,050</b>	<b>7,614,356</b>	<b>15,641,023</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-November			
		2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
Tourists	Australia	48,164	2,704	1,148	19,289
	Austria	32,247	11,442	15,588	34,730
	Belgium	67,002	18,582	29,939	52,540
	France	227,631	68,892	124,084	245,411
	Germany	201,348	71,491	91,640	161,128
	Hungary	36,161	9,665	10,211	34,278
	Ireland	50,696	12,924	12,526	34,940
	Italy	371,917	90,566	114,756	376,054
	Netherlands	56,758	14,256	20,014	55,394
	Poland	97,226	40,326	61,401	131,348
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	119,221	17,904	28,269	72,380
	Spain	108,917	27,245	32,579	81,194
	Switzerland	46,696	9,613	19,422	38,702
	United Kingdom	616,928	134,600	203,402	402,285
	USA	47,283	8,367	12,343	38,012
	Other	480,338	107,051	115,076	372,487
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,608,533</b>	<b>645,626</b>	<b>892,398</b>	<b>2,150,174</b>
Nights	Australia	458,674	25,571	16,645	227,595
	Austria	193,712	82,275	118,401	238,339
	Belgium	439,608	121,220	226,587	352,899
	France	1,687,025	495,429	1,058,487	1,811,239
	Germany	1,451,062	563,467	744,621	1,222,166
	Hungary	210,873	53,086	64,064	195,339
	Ireland	335,123	84,353	97,527	233,425
	Italy	2,398,372	928,200	1,184,946	2,352,314
	Netherlands	411,257	99,019	157,269	463,258
	Poland	651,615	266,136	423,145	807,231
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	837,879	150,783	229,571	554,314
	Spain	679,409	167,695	277,054	633,198
	Switzerland	332,352	77,614	174,817	279,645
	United Kingdom	4,238,651	1,011,538	1,642,660	2,865,521
	USA	285,147	65,250	91,130	270,503
	Other	3,726,237	807,413	1,107,432	3,134,036
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18,336,997</b>	<b>4,999,050</b>	<b>7,614,356</b>	<b>15,641,023</b>
Expenditure (€ 000)	Australia	72,079	2,951	1,644	34,114
	Austria	26,830	9,071	13,792	30,095
	Belgium	49,380	11,483	26,612	46,118
	France	184,623	49,529	113,585	212,792
	Germany	168,503	55,722	92,439	161,364
	Hungary	20,763	4,796	6,402	19,990
	Ireland	44,747	9,799	13,750	36,881
	Italy	225,762	50,505	73,908	237,131
	Netherlands	44,762	9,159	19,962	53,264
	Poland	65,908	22,810	42,933	92,452
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	108,196	14,774	27,691	81,682
	Spain	72,142	13,879	24,196	64,350
	Switzerland	48,720	9,979	24,207	47,738
	United Kingdom	493,303	90,782	213,365	399,408
	USA	54,652	9,090	17,831	54,338
	Other	441,997	77,607	103,514	339,321
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,122,368</b>	<b>441,935</b>	<b>815,832</b>	<b>1,911,036</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-November 2022</b>					
Australia	2,364 <sup>u</sup>	9,261	6,995	15,493	34,114
Austria	6,674	4,118	7,855	11,448	30,095
Belgium	8,641	7,822	11,938	17,716	46,118
France	44,778	31,655	53,781	82,577	212,792
Germany	48,945	23,837	33,677	54,904	161,364
Hungary	2,067 <sup>u</sup>	3,460	5,733	8,730	19,990
Ireland	6,104	6,449	9,153	15,175	36,881
Italy	32,706	31,111	61,680	111,634	237,131
Netherlands	9,291	8,735	12,537	22,701	53,264
Poland	17,051	13,681	24,143	37,578	92,452
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	20,965	14,998	15,924	29,795	81,682
Spain	10,686	9,280	17,264	27,120	64,350
Switzerland	11,077	7,172	12,166	17,323	47,738
United Kingdom	125,898	53,969	79,367	140,174	399,408
USA	5,084	20,023	12,879	16,352	54,338
Other	41,843	66,537	89,397	141,545	339,321
<b>Total</b>	<b>394,172</b>	<b>312,109</b>	<b>454,489</b>	<b>750,266</b>	<b>1,911,036</b>
<b>January-November 2021</b>					
Australia	:	171	593	881	1,644
Austria	3,490	1,671	3,451	5,180	13,792
Belgium	3,668	4,516	7,723	10,705	26,612
France	22,058	17,230	27,785	46,513	113,585
Germany	24,256	14,080	21,212	32,891	92,439
Hungary	1,096 <sup>u</sup>	939	1,641	2,726	6,402
Ireland	1,669 <sup>u</sup>	1,940	3,834	6,307	13,750
Italy	9,160	9,422	16,154	39,172	73,908
Netherlands	3,379	3,101	4,463	9,020	19,962
Poland	8,064	6,423	10,766	17,680	42,933
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	5,858	4,719	5,289	11,826	27,691
Spain	3,039	2,993	5,885	12,279	24,196
Switzerland	4,783	3,396	6,904	9,124	24,207
United Kingdom	61,811	24,258	45,709	81,587	213,365
USA	4,091	4,780	3,886	5,075	17,831
Other	14,393	18,323	25,502	45,297	103,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,813</b>	<b>117,959</b>	<b>190,796</b>	<b>336,263</b>	<b>815,832</b>
<b>January-November 2020<sup>1</sup></b>					
Australia	:	1,159	479	1,053	2,951
Austria	2,382	1,170	1,858	3,661	9,071
Belgium	1,958	1,851	2,661	5,013	11,483
France	11,953	7,053	10,517	20,005	49,529
Germany	15,305	7,762	11,085	21,570	55,722
Hungary	:	964	1,236	2,224	4,796
Ireland	1,227 <sup>u</sup>	1,518	2,573	4,481	9,799
Italy	6,050	7,637	11,168	25,650	50,505
Netherlands	1,206	1,733	1,881	4,340	9,159
Poland	4,289	3,924	5,284	9,313	22,810
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	2,841	3,055	2,859	6,019	14,774
Spain	1,407	2,651	3,309	6,511	13,879
Switzerland	1,921 <sup>u</sup>	1,273	2,158	4,627	9,979
United Kingdom	22,004	13,181	16,940	38,657	90,782
USA	:	3,649	1,967	2,838	9,090
Other	11,601	18,581	14,919	32,505	77,607
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,412</b>	<b>77,161</b>	<b>90,895</b>	<b>188,467</b>	<b>441,935</b>
<b>January-November 2019</b>					
Australia	7,617	25,435	13,838	25,189	72,079
Austria	9,483	3,384	5,334	8,629	26,830
Belgium	12,060	7,421	11,807	18,093	49,380
France	53,658	28,037	40,415	62,514	184,623
Germany	64,682	22,065	30,113	51,643	168,503
Hungary	2,536	4,115	5,642	8,471	20,763
Ireland	9,452	6,974	10,041	18,280	44,747
Italy	37,833	36,211	51,718	100,000	225,762
Netherlands	11,517	7,092	9,133	17,020	44,762
Poland	15,372	10,107	14,832	25,596	65,908
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	30,748	17,689	20,227	39,532	108,196
Spain	15,551	11,928	16,790	27,873	72,142
Switzerland	13,860	7,532	10,621	16,706	48,720
United Kingdom	162,317	63,848	88,672	178,467	493,303
USA	6,652	20,004	12,419	15,577	54,652
Other	84,640	104,800	92,400	160,157	441,997
<b>Total</b>	<b>537,979</b>	<b>376,643</b>	<b>434,000</b>	<b>773,746</b>	<b>2,122,368</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

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-November 2022</b>					
Australia	1,290 <sup>u</sup>	531	488	803	1,769
Austria	722	161	345	330	867
Belgium	844	185	315	337	878
France	736	171	312	336	867
Germany	867	226	364	341	1,001
Hungary	569 <sup>u</sup>	112	210	255	583
Ireland	820	234	385	434	1,056
Italy	574	97	233	297	631
Netherlands	697	207	345	410	962
Poland	570	135	250	286	704
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	795	324	427	412	1,129
Spain	689	140	300	334	793
Switzerland	1,088	249	452	448	1,233
United Kingdom	827	215	407	348	993
USA	1,046	599	446	430	1,429
Other	884	203	323	380	911
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>889</b>
<b>January-November 2021</b>					
Australia	:	149	551	767	1,432
Austria	743	153	371	332	885
Belgium	801	177	348	358	889
France	861	174	314	375	915
Germany	869	220	382	359	1,009
Hungary	700 <sup>u</sup>	108	230	267	627
Ireland	666 <sup>u</sup>	192	434	504	1,098
Italy	688	93	245	341	644
Netherlands	694	205	365	451	997
Poland	609	133	249	288	699
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	651	244	375	418	980
Spain	762	104	264	377	743
Switzerland	1,246	218	495	470	1,246
United Kingdom	844	186	439	401	1,049
USA	1,289	516	515	411	1,445
Other	916	183	305	394	900
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>914</b>
<b>January-November 2020<sup>1</sup></b>					
Australia	:	486	254	389	1,091
Austria	623	154	267	320	793
Belgium	568	122	209	270	618
France	571	147	240	290	719
Germany	658	161	264	302	779
Hungary	:	111	163	230	496
Ireland	531 <sup>u</sup>	142	270	347	758
Italy	443	99	217	283	558
Netherlands	367	158	212	304	642
Poland	449	127	186	231	566
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	601	232	272	336	825
Spain	415	111	164	239	509
Switzerland	724 <sup>u</sup>	183	364	481	1,038
United Kingdom	461	152	267	287	674
USA	:	466	293	339	1,086
Other	602	211	211	304	725
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>685</b>
<b>January-November 2019</b>					
Australia	1,032	613	397	523	1,497
Austria	728	173	301	268	832
Belgium	713	148	263	270	737
France	702	185	290	275	811
Germany	724	196	309	256	837
Hungary	447	134	216	234	574
Ireland	632	195	319	361	883
Italy	519	121	218	269	607
Netherlands	645	182	275	300	789
Poland	553	145	234	263	678
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	732	229	315	332	908
Spain	574	145	226	256	662
Switzerland	907	239	377	358	1,043
United Kingdom	664	171	310	289	800
USA	1,078	486	346	329	1,156
Other	830	276	288	333	920
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>814</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	November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>588</b>	-	<b>1,126</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	246	-	503	52
Females	342	-	623	54
<b>Age group</b>				
0-19	-	-	3	2
20-39	4	-	13	1
40-59	13	-	131	12
60-79	420	-	826	83
80 or more	151	-	153	8
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>517</b>	-	<b>1,052</b>	-
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	514	-	1,043	-
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>71</b>	-	<b>74</b>	<b>106</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-November			
	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>18,649</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>9,267</b>	<b>43,723</b>
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	8,594	452	4,215	20,562
Females	10,055	494	5,052	23,161
<b>Age group</b>				
0-19	944	1	263	3,857
20-39	1,303	19	575	5,660
40-59	4,108	43	1,463	14,719
60-79	10,748	480	6,331	18,474
80 or more	1,546	403	635	1,013
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2,316</b>	<b>17,984</b>
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	7,077	62	2,274	17,721
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>8,499</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>6,951</b>	<b>25,739</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-October 2022 has been revised since it was previously an estimation resulting from delayed data communication from the source. This revision is reflected in all the cumulative 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	174,460	2,216	174,460 ± 2,216
Total nights	1,203,802	84,304	1,203,802 ± 84,304
Total expenditure (€ 000)	144,154	6,073	144,154 ± 6,073

#### 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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