

Total inbound visitors for June were estimated at 187,617, an increase of 4.5 per cent when compared to the corresponding month of 2014. Excluding passengers who stayed overnight on board their berthed cruise ship, total inbound tourist trips amounted to 183,765.

## Inbound Tourism: June 2015

A total of 158,198 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 13,446 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 7.9 per cent to 158,271. The largest proportion of inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44, followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (Table 1).

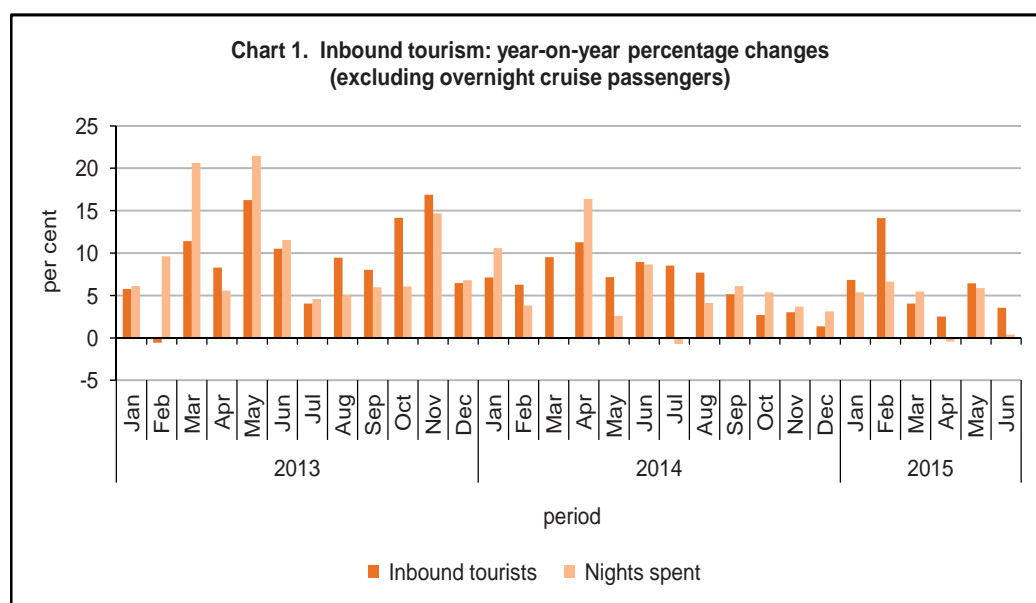
Total nights spent went up by 0.4 per cent when compared to June 2014, reaching nearly 1.4 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (65.4 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €165.2 million, an increase of 2.8 per cent over the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 4).

### January-June 2015

Inbound tourist trips from January to June amounted to 763,458, an increase of 5.3 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 3.2 per cent, reaching almost 5.5 million nights (Table 8).

During January-June, total tourism expenditure was estimated at €625.6 million, 6.0 per cent higher than that recorded for 2014 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €819, an increase of 0.5 per cent when compared to 2014 (Table 11) ■



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

Characteristics	June			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>165,407</b>	<b>179,610</b>	<b>187,617</b>	<b>8,007</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	2,528	2,164	3,852	1,688	78.0
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>162,879</b>	<b>177,446</b>	<b>183,765</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Mode of travel:</b>					
Air	158,801	173,722	176,127	2,405	1.4
Sea	4,078	3,724	7,638	3,914	105.1
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	81,373	91,924	93,120	1,196	-
Females	81,506	85,522	90,645	5,123	6.0
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-24	28,500	29,941	28,140	-1,801	-6.0
25-44	54,591	61,629	66,738	5,109	8.3
45-64	55,274	61,151	62,991	1,840	3.0
65 or more	24,514	24,725	25,895	1,171	-
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	133,544	146,717	158,271	11,554	7.9
<i>of which: euro area</i>	67,970	76,296	82,106	5,810	7.6
Non-EU	29,335	30,729	25,494	-5,235	-17.0
<b>Purpose of visit:</b>					
Holiday	140,395	152,991	158,198	5,207	3.4
Business and professional	12,013	14,562	13,446	-1,116	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,470	9,893	12,122	2,228	22.5
<b>Organisation of stay:</b>					
Package	72,037	75,501	82,995	7,495	9.9
Non-package	90,842	101,946	100,770	-1,176	-
<b>Frequency:</b>					
First-time tourists	111,769	118,248	128,722	10,474	8.9
Repeat tourists	51,111	59,198	55,043	-4,155	-7.0
once a year or less	37,296	44,491	42,314	-2,178	-4.9
more than once a year	13,815	14,707	12,729	-1,978	-13.4
<b>Duration of visit:</b>					
1-3 nights	25,886	31,768	31,447	-321	-
4-6 nights	33,704	38,742	44,884	6,142	15.9
7 nights or more	103,289	106,936	107,434	498	-
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-</b>

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			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
Private accommodation	41,427	43,990	48,967	4,977	11.3
Collective accommodation*	121,452	133,457	134,799	1,342	-
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>162,879</b>	<b>177,446</b>	<b>183,765</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>3.6</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

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			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
Private accommodation	393,450	451,267	469,789	18,522	4.1
Collective accommodation*	852,820	902,793	889,541	-13,252	-
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,246,270</b>	<b>1,354,060</b>	<b>1,359,330</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>0.4</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Expenditure category	June			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
Package	46,246	49,069	56,810	7,741	15.8
Non-package	42,910	47,211	46,874	-337	-0.7
Air/sea fares	23,060	23,413	22,212	-1,200	-5.1
Accommodation	19,850	23,798	24,661	863	3.6
Other expenditure	55,664	64,473	61,538	-2,934	-4.6
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>144,820</b>	<b>160,753</b>	<b>165,222</b>	<b>4,469</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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Notes:

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

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

Country of residence	June			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Tourists</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>133,544</b>	<b>146,717</b>	<b>158,271</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	12,153	13,910	12,983	-928	-
Germany	12,985	14,492	12,410	-2,083	-14.4
Italy	21,467	23,842	28,712	4,870	20.4
United Kingdom	48,372	51,356	56,457	5,101	9.9
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>29,335</b>	<b>30,729</b>	<b>25,494</b>	<b>-5,235</b>	<b>-17.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,879</b>	<b>177,446</b>	<b>183,765</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Nights</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>1,001,506</b>	<b>1,079,078</b>	<b>1,139,697</b>	<b>60,619</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	85,195	101,724	92,992	-8,732	-
Germany	109,170	127,690	98,947	-28,743	-22.5
Italy	110,631	112,485	173,399	60,914	54.2
United Kingdom	413,940	425,019	435,309	10,289	2.4
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>244,764</b>	<b>274,982</b>	<b>219,633</b>	<b>-55,349</b>	<b>-20.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,246,270</b>	<b>1,354,060</b>	<b>1,359,330</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>109,018</b>	<b>122,429</b>	<b>134,549</b>	<b>12,120</b>	<b>9.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	10,138	12,219	11,592	-628	-
Germany	12,698	14,428	11,750	-2,678	-18.6
Italy	11,811	12,415	16,196	3,781	30.5
United Kingdom	41,282	45,699	53,779	8,080	17.7
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>35,802</b>	<b>38,324</b>	<b>30,672</b>	<b>-7,651</b>	<b>-20.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,820</b>	<b>160,753</b>	<b>165,222</b>	<b>4,469</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>672,451</b>	<b>730,938</b>	<b>769,644</b>	<b>38,706</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	5,417	6,183	6,186	3	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>667,034</b>	<b>724,755</b>	<b>763,458</b>	<b>38,703</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Mode of travel:</b>					
Air	648,952	704,632	736,457	31,825	4.5
Sea (see note 2)	18,082	20,123	27,001	6,878	34.2
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	344,641	379,558	397,469	17,911	4.7
Females	322,393	345,196	365,989	20,793	6.0
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-24	104,519	118,819	118,892	74	-
25-44	199,209	237,388	249,393	12,005	5.1
45-64	238,030	254,072	265,320	11,248	4.4
65 or more	125,275	114,476	129,852	15,376	13.4
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	563,478	599,298	661,154	61,855	10.3
<i>of which: euro area</i>	304,057	317,069	358,865	41,796	13.2
Non-EU	103,556	125,457	102,305	-23,152	-18.5
<b>Purpose of visit:</b>					
Holiday	554,385	596,604	633,437	36,834	6.2
Business and professional	58,774	69,543	64,887	-4,657	-6.7
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	53,874	58,608	65,134	6,526	11.1
<b>Organisation of stay:</b>					
Package	315,361	331,840	351,096	19,256	5.8
Non-package	351,673	392,915	412,362	19,447	4.9
<b>Frequency:</b>					
First-time tourists	445,567	483,121	527,853	44,732	9.3
Repeat tourists	221,466	241,634	235,605	-6,028	-2.5
once a year or less	152,845	165,955	166,463	508	-
more than once a year	68,621	75,679	69,142	-6,536	-8.6
<b>Duration of visit:</b>					
1-3 nights	125,386	149,088	147,039	-2,049	-1.4
4-6 nights	160,293	183,806	210,046	26,240	14.3
7 nights or more	381,355	391,861	406,374	14,512	3.7
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-</b>

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. Data on sea passengers is provisional. For more information refer to the methodological notes.

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

Type of accommodation	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	153,299	166,685	184,630	17,945	10.8
Collective accommodation*	513,735	558,070	578,828	20,758	3.7
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>667,034</b>	<b>724,755</b>	<b>763,458</b>	<b>38,703</b>	<b>5.3</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	1,434,309	1,623,861	1,739,919	116,057	7.1
Collective accommodation*	3,493,219	3,656,355	3,710,290	53,935	1.5
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>4,927,528</b>	<b>5,280,216</b>	<b>5,450,208</b>	<b>169,992</b>	<b>3.2</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Country of residence	January-June			Change	Percentage change	
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014		
Tourists	Austria	13,537	13,154	14,467	1,313	-
	Belgium	13,038	14,001	16,906	2,906	20.8
	France	51,950	57,730	60,498	2,768	4.8
	Germany	65,795	60,942	64,164	3,222	5.3
	Ireland	13,684	14,487	16,941	2,453	16.9
	Italy	94,979	105,925	125,015	19,090	18.0
	Libya	13,546	24,662	3,858	-20,804	-84.4
	Netherlands	18,932	18,915	18,702	-212	-
	Russia	12,707	13,798	7,646	-6,152	-44.6
	Scandinavia*	39,297	44,308	44,821	513	-
	Spain	19,050	13,800	17,076	3,276	23.7
	Switzerland	10,979	12,709	13,404	695	-
	United Kingdom	200,507	217,002	228,158	11,157	5.1
	USA	9,638	10,772	9,761	-1,011	-
	Other	89,396	102,550	122,040	19,490	19.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>667,034</b>	<b>724,755</b>	<b>763,458</b>	<b>38,703</b>	<b>5.3</b>	
Nights	Austria	98,731	90,870	96,660	5,790	-
	Belgium	93,782	100,992	116,355	15,363	15.2
	France	335,452	385,878	398,714	12,836	3.3
	Germany	520,074	497,695	505,678	7,983	1.6
	Ireland	105,557	114,704	120,872	6,168	5.4
	Italy	442,856	511,436	713,279	201,843	39.5
	Libya	75,380	168,011	33,422	-134,589	-80.1
	Netherlands	142,145	128,686	129,071	385	-
	Russia	146,285	147,161	70,428	-76,733	-52.1
	Scandinavia*	278,232	301,206	321,181	19,975	-
	Spain	111,488	88,113	104,333	16,220	18.4
	Switzerland	85,209	90,026	84,822	-5,204	-
	United Kingdom	1,741,264	1,782,994	1,794,757	11,763	0.7
	USA	63,473	71,066	66,143	-4,923	-
	Other	687,598	801,377	894,494	93,116	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,927,528</b>	<b>5,280,216</b>	<b>5,450,208</b>	<b>169,992</b>	<b>3.2</b>	
Expenditure (€000)	Austria	12,247	11,891	12,375	484	-
	Belgium	11,058	13,057	15,066	2,008	15.4
	France	41,803	46,310	48,672	2,362	5.1
	Germany	58,153	55,625	57,962	2,338	4.2
	Ireland	11,541	11,728	14,341	2,613	22.3
	Italy	49,202	55,602	67,484	11,882	21.4
	Libya	14,351	25,859	5,254	-20,605	-79.7
	Netherlands	15,879	14,487	15,160	673	-
	Russia	18,100	17,810	9,345	-8,465	-47.5
	Scandinavia*	33,172	36,692	38,642	1,950	-
	Spain	12,218	10,092	11,728	1,636	16.2
	Switzerland	12,219	14,096	14,098	2	-
	United Kingdom	152,255	168,582	192,419	23,837	14.1
	USA	12,220	12,265	12,226	-39	-
	Other	89,509	96,243	110,843	14,600	15.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>543,927</b>	<b>590,340</b>	<b>625,617</b>	<b>35,277</b>	<b>6.0</b>	

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

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

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-June 2015</b>					
Austria	6,480	1,076	897	3,921	<b>12,375</b>
Belgium	7,062	1,769	1,483	4,752	<b>15,066</b>
France	23,135	5,060	5,774	14,703	<b>48,672</b>
Germany	28,424	5,482	6,699	17,357	<b>57,962</b>
Ireland	3,406	1,889	2,544	6,502	<b>14,341</b>
Italy	18,446	8,522	11,773	28,743	<b>67,484</b>
Libya	227	1,480	1,379	2,169	<b>5,254</b>
Netherlands	5,446	1,937	1,968	5,810	<b>15,160</b>
Russia	1,875	1,931	1,486	4,053	<b>9,345</b>
Scandinavia*	11,724	5,712	5,575	15,631	<b>38,642</b>
Spain	3,267	1,530	1,675	5,256	<b>11,728</b>
Switzerland	5,458	2,038	1,529	5,074	<b>14,098</b>
United Kingdom	74,267	24,674	22,898	70,581	<b>192,419</b>
USA	1,610	3,991	2,534	4,091	<b>12,226</b>
Other	25,106	22,838	17,765	45,135	<b>110,843</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>215,933</b>	<b>89,929</b>	<b>85,978</b>	<b>233,777</b>	<b>625,617</b>
<b>January-June 2014</b>					
Austria	5,333	1,205	1,222	4,131	<b>11,891</b>
Belgium	5,497	1,534	1,635	4,392	<b>13,057</b>
France	21,329	5,343	5,439	14,198	<b>46,310</b>
Germany	27,726	4,818	5,421	17,660	<b>55,625</b>
Ireland	2,603	1,804	1,968	5,352	<b>11,728</b>
Italy	14,607	7,902	9,337	23,757	<b>55,602</b>
Libya	1,980	6,120	4,735	13,024	<b>25,859</b>
Netherlands	4,512	2,183	2,018	5,774	<b>14,487</b>
Russia	3,990	2,833	2,688	8,299	<b>17,810</b>
Scandinavia*	11,015	5,545	5,208	14,924	<b>36,692</b>
Spain	2,255	1,566	1,817	4,455	<b>10,092</b>
Switzerland	5,722	1,865	1,708	4,801	<b>14,096</b>
United Kingdom	63,065	21,559	18,813	65,145	<b>168,582</b>
USA	2,465	3,405	2,474	3,921	<b>12,265</b>
Other	22,779	18,881	15,056	39,527	<b>96,243</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>194,875</b>	<b>86,566</b>	<b>79,539</b>	<b>229,360</b>	<b>590,340</b>
<b>January-June 2013</b>					
Austria	5,681	1,430	1,424	3,712	<b>12,247</b>
Belgium	4,810	1,467	1,199	3,583	<b>11,058</b>
France	19,108	4,711	4,668	13,317	<b>41,803</b>
Germany	30,980	5,332	5,017	16,824	<b>58,153</b>
Ireland	3,169	1,509	1,485	5,378	<b>11,541</b>
Italy	13,206	6,736	8,736	20,524	<b>49,202</b>
Libya	1,223	3,482	2,438	7,207	<b>14,351</b>
Netherlands	6,259	1,718	1,801	6,101	<b>15,879</b>
Russia	4,821	2,643	2,279	8,357	<b>18,100</b>
Scandinavia*	9,971	4,946	4,668	13,587	<b>33,172</b>
Spain	3,119	1,656	1,883	5,560	<b>12,218</b>
Switzerland	4,651	1,841	1,361	4,366	<b>12,219</b>
United Kingdom	58,580	20,229	16,193	57,254	<b>152,255</b>
USA	1,851	4,448	2,344	3,576	<b>12,220</b>
Other	19,216	20,488	12,952	36,853	<b>89,509</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,644</b>	<b>82,637</b>	<b>68,449</b>	<b>206,197</b>	<b>543,927</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

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

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-June 2015</b>					
Austria	631	257	291	271	<b>855</b>
Belgium	827	211	258	281	<b>891</b>
France	641	207	278	243	<b>805</b>
Germany	680	245	366	271	<b>903</b>
Ireland	496	187	290	384	<b>847</b>
Italy	425	104	187	230	<b>540</b>
Libya	435	444	494	562	<b>1,362</b>
Netherlands	594	203	259	311	<b>811</b>
Russia	923	344	317	530	<b>1,222</b>
Scandinavia*	583	231	273	349	<b>862</b>
Spain	469	151	225	308	<b>687</b>
Switzerland	810	306	280	379	<b>1,052</b>
United Kingdom	647	218	296	309	<b>843</b>
USA	1,269	470	375	419	<b>1,253</b>
Other	590	287	278	370	<b>908</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>819</b>
<b>January-June 2014</b>					
Austria	623	262	310	314	<b>904</b>
Belgium	731	237	326	314	<b>933</b>
France	656	212	256	246	<b>802</b>
Germany	677	241	344	290	<b>913</b>
Ireland	473	201	277	369	<b>810</b>
Italy	373	118	173	224	<b>525</b>
Libya	552	290	257	528	<b>1,049</b>
Netherlands	550	204	231	305	<b>766</b>
Russia	779	327	351	601	<b>1,291</b>
Scandinavia*	546	230	259	337	<b>828</b>
Spain	459	176	238	323	<b>731</b>
Switzerland	874	303	346	378	<b>1,109</b>
United Kingdom	583	198	268	300	<b>777</b>
USA	918	421	385	364	<b>1,139</b>
Other	597	293	294	385	<b>939</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>815</b>
<b>January-June 2013</b>					
Austria	649	299	344	274	<b>905</b>
Belgium	678	247	278	275	<b>848</b>
France	652	208	243	256	<b>805</b>
Germany	685	259	310	256	<b>884</b>
Ireland	500	205	255	393	<b>843</b>
Italy	393	110	170	216	<b>518</b>
Libya	454	321	247	532	<b>1,059</b>
Netherlands	579	212	264	322	<b>839</b>
Russia	854	374	364	658	<b>1,424</b>
Scandinavia*	551	233	269	346	<b>844</b>
Spain	438	139	193	292	<b>641</b>
Switzerland	798	357	334	398	<b>1,113</b>
United Kingdom	581	203	266	286	<b>759</b>
USA	984	573	379	371	<b>1,268</b>
Other	598	358	279	412	<b>1,001</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>815</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Note: Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand.

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

Characteristics	June			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>2,528</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78.0</b>
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	1,207	990	1,761	771	77.9
Females	1,321	1,174	2,091	917	78.1
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	181	68	235	167	245.6
20-39	272	118	315	197	166.9
40-59	1,006	473	1,194	721	152.4
60-79	1,010	1,337	1,911	574	42.9
80 or more	59	168	197	29	17.3
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	2,253	2,019	1,417	-602	-29.8
<i>of which</i> : euro area	2,149	1,995	329	-1,666	-83.5
Non-EU	275	145	2,435	2,290	1579.3

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

Characteristics	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>6,183</b>	<b>6,186</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	2,503	2,861	2,858	-3	-0.1
Females	2,914	3,322	3,328	6	0.2
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	203	217	268	51	23.5
20-39	350	413	400	-13	-3.1
40-59	1,391	1,446	1,516	70	4.8
60-79	3,075	3,649	3,475	-174	-4.8
80 or more	398	458	527	69	15.1
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	4,350	5,380	2,734	-2,646	-49.2
<i>of which</i> : euro area	3,552	5,168	1,511	-3,657	-70.8
Non-EU	1,067	803	3,452	2,649	329.9

## Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which 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 leisure, business or other (corresponding) purposes.
2. The results in this release are based on the ongoing frontier survey known as Tourstat. Data for tourist air departures is collected by means of personal interviews through a continuous survey at the departure lounge of the Malta International Airport (MIA). Personal interviews are carried out. A two-stage sampling design is used to survey air passengers. In the first stage alternate days are selected, whereby a sample of passengers is selected systematically within each shift.
3. Tourstat measures the number of tourist trips carried out during a particular reference month. These differ from the number of tourists in that the same person can make more than one trip during the same period.
4. Tourist sea departures are collected through a regular survey, conducted during three separate months every year at the Valletta Cruise Port. A quota sample is used to conduct sea passenger departures in which survey interviewers are guided to select people according to some fixed quota. Survey data is supplemented by administrative data provided by ferry operators.
5. Under-represented figures are indicated where applicable for each table and should be treated with caution. Users should also exercise caution when analysing figures that involve estimates relating to less than 1,500 tourists. Such estimates may be subject to variations attributable to low frequency in the sample (sampling errors). Other limitations may involve non-sampling errors, namely those linked to respondents' willingness to provide proper information and those related to language barriers.
6. Percentage changes for tourists based on counts of less than 1,500 are not presented due to sampling errors.
7. The expenditure data in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings.
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 cruiseship is compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
10. Arrivals and nights spent in time-share accommodation are being categorised in 'Private 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 under 'Collective Accommodation'.
11. **Definitions:**
  - **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.

Visitors (domestic/international) comprise tourists and same-day visitors.

  - **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
  - **Same-day visitor:** A visitor who does not spend the night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
12. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:  
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>  
Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>  
Statistical Database: <http://nso.gov.mt/statdb/start>