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Total inbound visitors for November were estimated at 115,105, an increase of 11.3 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 113,042.

## Inbound Tourism: November 2015

A total of 91,188 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 13,025 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 9.5 per cent to 95,835 when compared to the corresponding month of 2014. The largest proportion of inbound tourists were aged between 45 and 64, followed by those within the 25-44 age bracket (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 7.7 per cent when compared to November 2014, amounting to 838,984 nights. The largest share of guest nights (67.1 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €90.1 million, an increase of 12.2 per cent over the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 4).

### January-November 2015

Inbound tourist trips from January to November amounted to 1,718,853, an increase of 5.9 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 5.2 per cent, surpassing 13.6 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €1,590.2 million, 7.7 per cent higher than that recorded for the same period in 2014 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €925, an increase of 1.7 per cent when compared to 2014 (Table 11) ■

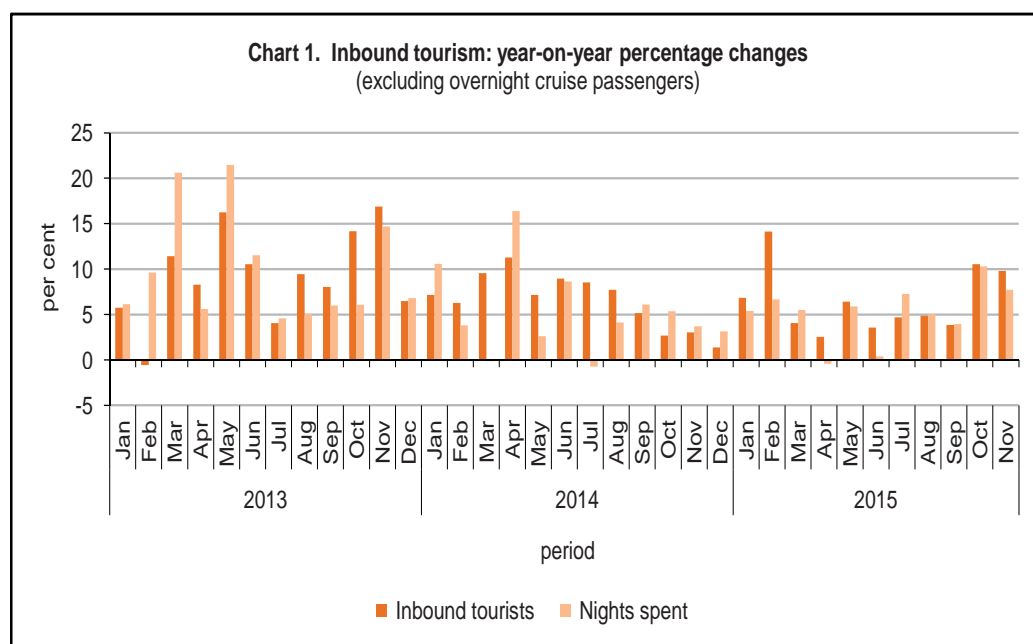
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**Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure**

Characteristics	November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b> (see note 1)	<b>100,365</b>	<b>103,435</b>	<b>115,105</b>	<b>11,670</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	437	495	2,063	1,568	316.8
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>99,928</b>	<b>102,940</b>	<b>113,042</b>	<b>10,102</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	96,646	100,416	110,414	9,998	10.0
Sea (see note 2)	3,282	2,524	2,628	104	-
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	51,792	57,556	58,500	944	-
Females	48,136	45,385	54,542	9,158	20.2
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	12,858	10,815	12,923	2,108	19.5
25-44	31,221	34,343	35,946	1,603	4.7
45-64	37,494	38,167	41,511	3,344	8.8
65 or more	18,354	19,616	22,662	3,046	15.5
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	81,523	87,544	95,835	8,290	9.5
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	42,729	45,431	49,276	3,845	8.5
Non-EU	18,405	15,396	17,208	1,812	11.8
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	79,902	85,789	91,188	5,399	6.3
Business and professional	12,266	10,682	13,025	2,343	21.9
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	7,760	6,469	8,829	2,360	36.5
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	44,842	47,529	47,839	310	-
Non-package	55,086	55,412	65,203	9,792	17.7
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	65,916	67,327	71,406	4,080	6.1
Repeat tourists	34,012	35,614	41,636	6,022	16.9
once a year or less	22,071	22,558	27,603	5,045	22.4
more than once a year	11,941	13,055	14,033	977	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	21,863	19,485	24,352	4,867	25.0
4-6 nights	23,475	25,886	28,201	2,314	8.9
7 nights or more	54,590	57,569	60,490	2,920	5.1
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.5	7.6	7.4	-0.1	-

Notes:

1. For the purpose of this release, the Valletta Summit on Migration and CHOGM delegations in respect of November 2015 are excluded from the Total Inbound Visitors figures. Basing on data supplied by MIA, the number of such visitors was estimated at 800.
2. Data on sea passengers is provisional.
3. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	20,498	23,974	27,833	3,858	16.1
Collective accommodation*	79,430	78,966	85,210	6,244	7.9
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>99,928</b>	<b>102,940</b>	<b>113,042</b>	<b>10,102</b>	<b>9.8</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	November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	222,309	240,669	275,683	35,014	14.5
Collective accommodation*	528,975	538,275	563,301	25,026	4.6
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>751,284</b>	<b>778,944</b>	<b>838,984</b>	<b>60,039</b>	<b>7.7</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	November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Package	24,581	26,623	27,898	1,275	-
Non-package	22,138	22,436	27,124	4,688	20.9
Air/sea fares	11,898	11,569	14,257	2,688	23.2
Accommodation	10,240	10,867	12,867	2,000	18.4
Other expenditure	30,462	31,295	35,100	3,805	12.2
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>77,181</b>	<b>80,354</b>	<b>90,121</b>	<b>9,767</b>	<b>12.2</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		November			Change	Percentage change
		2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Tourists	<b>EU</b>	<b>81,523</b>	<b>87,544</b>	<b>95,835</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>9.5</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	5,935	6,276	5,582	-694	-
	Germany	11,603	11,574	12,239	665	-
	Italy	13,768	15,565	15,585	20	-
	United Kingdom	30,636	32,482	34,617	2,135	6.6
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>18,405</b>	<b>15,396</b>	<b>17,208</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>11.8</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>99,928</b>	<b>102,940</b>	<b>113,042</b>	<b>10,102</b>	<b>9.8</b>
Nights	<b>EU</b>	<b>612,039</b>	<b>645,925</b>	<b>696,152</b>	<b>50,227</b>	<b>7.8</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	41,310	43,268	39,593	-3,675	-
	Germany	104,226	90,322	96,423	6,100	-
	Italy	68,159	87,401	79,365	-8,036	-
	United Kingdom	259,399	258,652	279,377	20,725	8.0
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>139,245</b>	<b>133,019</b>	<b>142,832</b>	<b>9,813</b>	<b>7.4</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>751,284</b>	<b>778,944</b>	<b>838,984</b>	<b>60,039</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Expenditure (€000)	<b>EU</b>	<b>59,378</b>	<b>63,395</b>	<b>70,250</b>	<b>6,855</b>	<b>10.8</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	4,225	4,405	4,029	-376	-
	Germany	10,087	9,928	9,890	-38	-
	Italy	7,205	8,547	7,380	-1,167	-
	United Kingdom	22,798	23,766	27,444	3,678	15.5
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>17,803</b>	<b>16,959</b>	<b>19,871</b>	<b>2,913</b>	<b>17.2</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>77,181</b>	<b>80,354</b>	<b>90,121</b>	<b>9,767</b>	<b>12.2</b>

Notes:

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**Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure**

Characteristics	January-November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b> (see note 1)	<b>1,525,319</b>	<b>1,647,915</b>	<b>1,734,700</b>	<b>86,786</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	8,512	24,337	15,847	-8,490	-34.9
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>1,516,807</b>	<b>1,623,578</b>	<b>1,718,853</b>	<b>95,276</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	1,477,372	1,579,262	1,669,475	90,214	5.7
Sea (see note 2)	39,435	44,316	49,378	5,062	11.4
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	788,140	846,700	884,386	37,686	4.5
Females	728,668	776,878	834,468	57,590	7.4
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	311,821	326,414	335,677	9,263	2.8
25-44	480,328	549,311	578,282	28,971	5.3
45-64	508,369	530,569	566,027	35,459	6.7
65 or more	216,289	217,284	238,867	21,583	9.9
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	1,265,250	1,361,725	1,472,574	110,849	8.1
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	680,830	722,316	781,600	59,284	8.2
Non-EU	251,557	261,853	246,280	-15,573	-5.9
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	1,288,058	1,381,919	1,458,129	76,210	5.5
Business and professional	109,734	121,996	121,120	-876	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	119,015	119,662	139,604	19,942	16.7
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	712,164	748,065	755,969	7,904	1.1
Non-package	804,644	875,512	962,884	87,372	10.0
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	1,048,805	1,119,049	1,202,100	83,050	7.4
Repeat tourists	468,002	504,528	516,754	12,225	2.4
once a year or less	335,854	359,740	376,140	16,400	4.6
more than once a year	132,148	144,789	140,614	-4,175	-2.9
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	228,807	260,935	257,578	-3,357	-1.3
4-6 nights	321,894	369,512	412,238	42,726	11.6
7 nights or more	966,106	993,131	1,049,038	55,907	5.6
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Type of accommodation	January-November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	374,830	410,793	485,408	74,616	18.2
Collective accommodation*	1,141,978	1,212,785	1,233,445	20,660	1.7
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>1,516,807</b>	<b>1,623,578</b>	<b>1,718,853</b>	<b>95,276</b>	<b>5.9</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-November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	4,011,954	4,421,129	5,117,911	696,781	15.8
Collective accommodation*	8,310,760	8,515,718	8,487,895	-27,823	-0.3
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>12,322,714</b>	<b>12,936,847</b>	<b>13,605,805</b>	<b>668,958</b>	<b>5.2</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-November			Change	Percentage change
		2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Tourists	Austria	25,132	26,871	29,744	2,873	10.7
	Belgium	27,823	30,445	34,908	4,463	14.7
	France	112,703	122,521	124,247	1,725	1.4
	Germany	141,648	135,606	135,343	-263	-
	Ireland	29,060	29,879	34,228	4,349	14.6
	Italy	220,634	249,551	275,289	25,738	10.3
	Libya	30,622	30,213	6,529	-23,684	-78.4
	Netherlands	40,439	43,111	43,518	407	-
	Russia	39,026	33,445	21,216	-12,229	-36.6
	Scandinavia*	102,882	105,982	114,123	8,142	7.7
	Spain	51,931	40,851	44,500	3,649	8.9
	Switzerland	27,799	31,068	34,000	2,932	9.4
	United Kingdom	435,607	468,102	504,696	36,595	7.8
	USA	18,707	21,575	24,829	3,254	15.1
	Other	212,793	254,359	291,684	37,325	14.7
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,516,807</b>	<b>1,623,578</b>	<b>1,718,853</b>	<b>95,276</b>
Nights	Austria	197,120	194,030	221,828	27,799	14.3
	Belgium	217,780	225,540	263,773	38,233	17.0
	France	860,951	955,237	993,053	37,816	4.0
	Germany	1,208,017	1,136,445	1,148,109	11,665	-
	Ireland	233,736	242,007	265,098	23,091	9.5
	Italy	1,311,029	1,498,692	1,793,073	294,381	19.6
	Libya	179,188	210,548	52,801	-157,748	-74.9
	Netherlands	332,184	333,021	339,826	6,805	-
	Russia	477,202	415,337	253,922	-161,414	-38.9
	Scandinavia*	791,472	790,813	830,871	40,058	5.1
	Spain	390,922	306,416	339,066	32,651	10.7
	Switzerland	248,239	254,124	258,576	4,453	1.8
	United Kingdom	3,868,591	3,950,256	4,200,169	249,914	6.3
	USA	151,692	171,961	200,821	28,860	16.8
	Other	1,854,593	2,252,422	2,444,817	192,395	8.5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>12,322,714</b>	<b>12,936,847</b>	<b>13,605,805</b>	<b>668,958</b>
Expenditure (€000)	Austria	25,089	25,496	28,102	2,605	10.2
	Belgium	27,002	30,576	34,019	3,443	11.3
	France	103,376	111,292	114,688	3,396	3.1
	Germany	135,927	132,340	130,368	-1,972	-
	Ireland	26,976	26,521	32,482	5,961	22.5
	Italy	139,220	156,255	175,431	19,176	12.3
	Libya	32,701	31,650	8,939	-22,711	-71.8
	Netherlands	37,536	38,241	39,662	1,421	-
	Russia	62,412	51,671	30,039	-21,631	-41.9
	Scandinavia*	98,359	100,145	108,173	8,028	8.0
	Spain	41,853	34,551	37,843	3,293	9.5
	Switzerland	35,266	38,194	39,582	1,388	3.6
	United Kingdom	373,154	408,673	481,036	72,363	17.7
	USA	24,780	27,678	32,308	4,629	16.7
	Other	227,262	263,824	297,536	33,712	12.8
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,390,913</b>	<b>1,477,108</b>	<b>1,590,209</b>	<b>113,101</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

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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-November 2015					
Austria	13,166	2,622	2,914	9,400	28,102
Belgium	15,234	3,673	4,324	10,788	34,019
France	47,996	12,791	16,460	37,442	114,688
Germany	63,456	12,448	15,673	38,791	130,368
Ireland	7,693	4,643	6,089	14,057	32,482
Italy	46,649	21,550	32,200	75,033	175,431
Libya	352	2,561	2,376	3,650	8,939
Netherlands	14,068	4,622	5,465	15,507	39,662
Russia	6,927	5,160	4,833	13,119	30,039
Scandinavia*	33,650	15,400	16,496	42,629	108,173
Spain	11,357	4,573	6,180	15,733	37,843
Switzerland	12,795	5,914	6,623	14,250	39,582
United Kingdom	183,273	64,889	59,563	173,311	481,036
USA	4,041	10,567	6,209	11,490	32,308
Other	66,453	60,636	47,862	122,584	297,536
<b>Total</b>	<b>527,109</b>	<b>232,049</b>	<b>233,266</b>	<b>597,784</b>	<b>1,590,209</b>
January-November 2014					
Austria	11,185	2,698	2,827	8,786	25,496
Belgium	13,632	3,139	3,583	10,223	30,576
France	49,738	12,096	13,971	35,487	111,292
Germany	65,753	12,026	13,910	40,652	132,340
Ireland	6,789	3,790	4,178	11,765	26,521
Italy	42,848	20,470	27,241	65,695	156,255
Libya	2,351	8,197	5,890	15,211	31,650
Netherlands	14,539	4,456	4,352	14,894	38,241
Russia	16,433	6,523	6,273	22,441	51,671
Scandinavia*	31,748	14,130	14,635	39,632	100,145
Spain	10,322	4,255	5,545	14,428	34,551
Switzerland	16,196	4,555	4,630	12,813	38,194
United Kingdom	154,190	52,242	47,393	154,848	408,673
USA	4,452	8,425	5,452	9,348	27,678
Other	60,709	52,427	40,515	110,174	263,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>500,885</b>	<b>209,430</b>	<b>200,397</b>	<b>566,396</b>	<b>1,477,108</b>
January-November 2013					
Austria	11,520	2,812	3,049	7,709	25,089
Belgium	12,583	3,008	2,768	8,643	27,002
France	46,114	11,549	12,361	33,352	103,376
Germany	69,334	12,966	13,158	40,469	135,927
Ireland	6,709	3,716	4,447	12,103	26,976
Italy	38,140	18,044	25,075	57,961	139,220
Libya	4,284	7,774	4,994	15,649	32,701
Netherlands	15,880	3,551	3,637	14,468	37,536
Russia	18,707	8,320	7,694	27,691	62,412
Scandinavia*	29,693	14,086	14,676	39,905	98,359
Spain	12,143	4,625	6,332	18,753	41,853
Switzerland	14,371	4,253	3,719	12,923	35,266
United Kingdom	138,059	49,761	41,424	143,911	373,154
USA	3,167	9,041	4,447	8,126	24,780
Other	52,402	48,243	32,252	94,365	227,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>473,106</b>	<b>201,748</b>	<b>180,032</b>	<b>536,027</b>	<b>1,390,913</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand.
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 2015</b>					
Austria	686	249	335	316	945
Belgium	852	216	347	309	975
France	724	221	335	301	923
Germany	740	251	392	287	963
Ireland	608	215	327	411	949
Italy	498	119	226	273	637
Libya	467	443	497	559	1,369
Netherlands	676	203	297	356	911
Russia	1,055	352	403	618	1,416
Scandinavia*	654	246	316	374	948
Spain	636	172	301	354	850
Switzerland	877	305	395	419	1,164
United Kingdom	742	252	352	343	953
USA	1,247	489	377	463	1,301
Other	676	314	314	420	1,020
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>925</b>
<b>January-November 2014</b>					
Austria	667	267	336	327	949
Belgium	799	235	347	336	1,004
France	736	220	302	290	908
Germany	735	260	378	300	976
Ireland	560	214	298	394	888
Italy	467	130	213	263	626
Libya	572	314	255	503	1,048
Netherlands	655	213	269	345	887
Russia	1,081	358	397	671	1,545
Scandinavia*	667	242	303	374	945
Spain	608	178	271	353	846
Switzerland	949	325	402	412	1,229
United Kingdom	666	221	314	331	873
USA	887	509	435	433	1,283
Other	650	326	322	433	1,037
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>910</b>
<b>January-November 2013</b>					
Austria	731	300	380	307	998
Belgium	780	257	304	311	970
France	743	228	287	296	917
Germany	740	271	336	286	960
Ireland	567	216	310	416	928
Italy	473	129	212	263	631
Libya	570	336	241	511	1,068
Netherlands	647	224	280	358	928
Russia	1,020	402	420	710	1,599
Scandinavia*	642	249	310	388	956
Spain	570	151	248	361	806
Switzerland	910	354	383	465	1,269
United Kingdom	644	225	302	330	857
USA	913	593	388	434	1,325
Other	653	364	303	444	1,068
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>917</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>316.8</b>
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	209	218	984	766	351.4
Females	228	277	1,079	802	289.5
<b>Age group</b>					
0-19	4	2	7	5	250.0
20-39	16	19	53	34	178.9
40-59	48	88	190	102	115.9
60-79	312	328	1,522	1,194	364.0
80 or more	57	58	291	233	401.7
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	345	251	371	120	47.8
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	13	248	68	-180	-72.6
Non-EU	92	244	1,692	1,448	593.4

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

Characteristics	January-November			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>8,512</b>	<b>24,337</b>	<b>15,847</b>	<b>-8,490</b>	<b>-34.9</b>
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	3,847	11,687	7,447	-4,240	-36.3
Females	4,665	12,650	8,400	-4,250	-33.6
<b>Age group</b>					
0-19	336	1,434	613	-821	-57.3
20-39	950	3,560	1,073	-2,487	-69.9
40-59	1,943	8,543	3,538	-5,005	-58.6
60-79	4,624	9,353	9,255	-98	-1.0
80 or more	659	1,447	1,368	-79	-5.5
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	5,623	21,960	7,223	-14,737	-67.1
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	3,818	18,969	4,747	-14,222	-75.0
Non-EU	2,889	2,377	8,624	6,247	262.8

## 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). 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 fixed quotas. 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 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 8.3 of the NSO's metadata file (<http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>).
12. **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.
13. 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>