

Total inbound visitors for August were estimated at 288,033, an increase of 12.2 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2016.

Inbound Tourism: August 2017

A total of 259,392 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 7,839 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 11.5 per cent to 245,390 when compared to the corresponding month in 2016. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44, followed by those within the 0-24 age bracket (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 8.5 per cent when compared to August 2016, surpassing 2.5 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (53.4 per cent) was spent in private accommodation (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €299.1 million, an increase of 10.4 per cent over the corresponding month in 2016 (Table 4).

January-August 2017

Inbound tourist trips from January to August 2017 reached 1,526,092, an increase of 16.6 per cent over the same period in 2016 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 10.4 per cent, surpassing 11.2 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure reached €1.3 billion, 13.1 per cent higher than that recorded for 2016 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €857, a decrease of 3.0 per cent when compared to 2016 (Table 11) ■

Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes (excluding overnight cruise passengers)

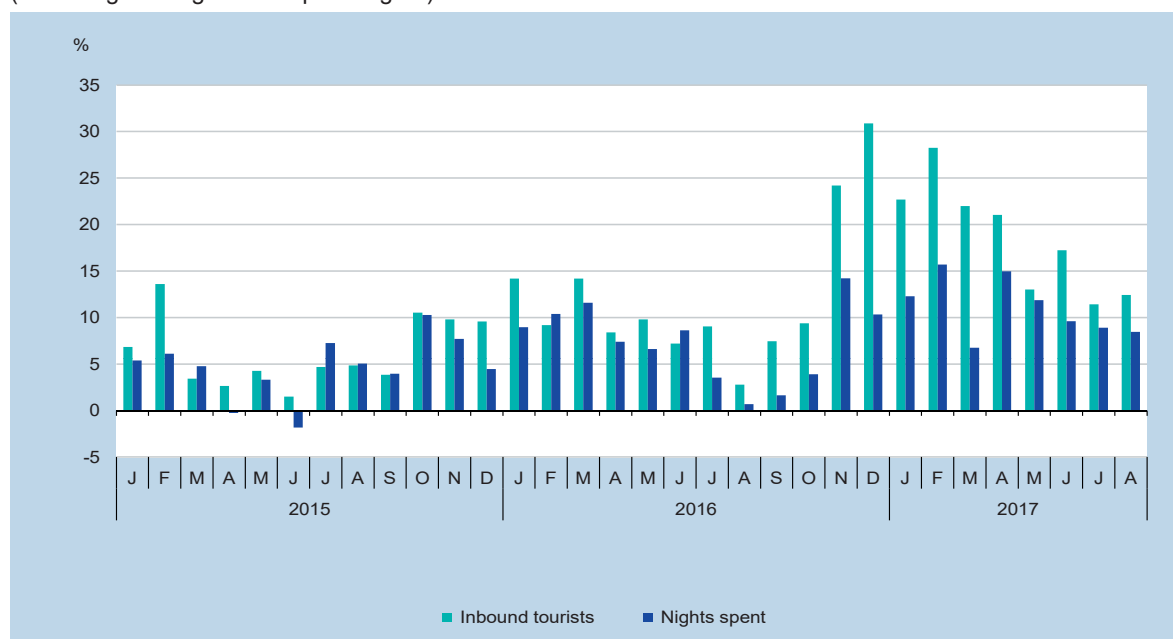


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	August			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
Total inbound visitors	248,284	256,782	288,033	31,251	12.2
Overnight cruise passengers	1,799	3,452	3,189	-263	-7.6
Inbound tourists	246,485	253,330	284,844	31,514	12.4
Mode of travel					
Air	240,775	247,492	279,059	31,567	12.8
Sea	5,710	5,838	5,785	-53	-0.9
Sex					
Males	125,966	126,765	143,812	17,046	13.4
Females	120,519	126,565	141,032	14,467	11.4
Age group					
0-24	82,169	82,486	89,433	6,946	8.4
25-44	94,119	97,030	116,554	19,524	20.1
45-64	60,407	62,926	68,099	5,173	8.2
65 or more	9,790	10,888	10,759	-129	-
Markets					
EU	215,716	220,149	245,390	25,240	11.5
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	124,052	125,435	150,035	24,600	19.6
Non-EU	30,769	33,180	39,454	6,274	18.9
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	220,776	228,428	259,392	30,964	13.6
Business and professional	5,682	7,295	7,839	544	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	20,027	17,607	17,613	6	-
Organisation of stay					
Package	103,092	94,736	89,332	-5,403	-5.7
Non-package	143,393	158,594	195,511	36,917	23.3
Frequency					
First-time tourists	183,559	188,617	220,639	32,023	17.0
Repeat tourists	62,926	64,713	64,204	-509	-
once a year or less	48,651	50,902	49,512	-1,390	-
more than once a year	14,274	13,811	14,692	881	-
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	15,045	18,769	24,094	5,326	28.4
4-6 nights	45,131	52,211	62,282	10,071	19.3
7 nights or more	186,310	182,350	198,467	16,117	8.8
Average length of stay (nights)	9.6	9.4	9.0	-0.4	-

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	August			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Private accommodation	88,897	95,456	119,253	23,797	24.9
Collective accommodation	157,588	157,874	165,591	7,716	4.9
Total tourists	246,485	253,330	284,844	31,514	12.4

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	August			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Private accommodation	1,082,217	1,167,714	1,375,814	208,100	17.8
Collective accommodation	1,277,504	1,208,203	1,201,124	-7,079	-0.6
Total nights	2,359,721	2,375,917	2,576,938	201,021	8.5

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	August			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Package	88,603	76,902	72,452	-4,450	-5.8
Non-package	83,533	86,878	102,749	15,871	18.3
Air/sea fares	38,858	39,813	46,241	6,428	16.1
Accommodation	44,676	47,065	56,509	9,443	20.1
Other expenditure	104,091	107,091	123,917	16,826	15.7
Total expenditure	276,228	270,872	299,118	28,247	10.4

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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		August			Change	Percentage change
		2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
Tourists	EU	215,716	220,149	245,390	25,240	11.5
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	20,331	20,815	28,758	7,943	38.2
	Germany	15,892	16,364	19,308	2,944	18.0
	Italy	51,171	50,845	56,878	6,033	11.9
	United Kingdom	65,680	68,635	63,797	-4,838	-7.0
	Non-EU	30,769	33,180	39,454	6,274	18.9
	Total	246,485	253,330	284,844	31,514	12.4
Nights	EU	1,998,191	2,021,826	2,107,746	85,920	4.2
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	223,961	234,525	338,242	103,717	44.2
	Germany	162,788	158,491	178,690	20,199	12.7
	Italy	412,289	407,348	422,068	14,720	3.6
	United Kingdom	637,232	646,920	558,904	-88,016	-13.6
	Non-EU	361,530	354,092	469,192	115,100	32.5
	Total	2,359,721	2,375,917	2,576,938	201,021	8.5
Expenditure (€000)	EU	229,858	221,520	242,395	20,875	9.4
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	24,464	24,751	30,508	5,757	23.3
	Germany	18,245	16,816	20,465	3,649	21.7
	Italy	43,381	42,376	47,962	5,586	13.2
	United Kingdom	78,380	73,723	66,691	-7,032	-9.5
	Non-EU	46,370	49,352	56,723	7,372	14.9
	Total	276,228	270,872	299,118	28,247	10.4

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-August			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
Total inbound visitors	1,217,413	1,321,536	1,549,585	228,049	17.3
Overnight cruise passengers	8,900	13,017	23,493	10,476	80.5
Inbound tourists	1,208,513	1,308,519	1,526,092	217,573	16.6
Mode of travel					
Air	1,179,127	1,276,179	1,494,970	218,791	17.1
Sea	29,386	32,340	31,122	-1,218	-3.8
Sex					
Males	623,452	658,340	785,972	127,631	19.4
Females	585,061	650,179	740,120	89,941	13.8
Age group					
0-24	264,270	284,666	329,075	44,409	15.6
25-44	410,066	459,228	584,238	125,010	27.2
45-64	380,870	403,063	456,613	53,550	13.3
65 or more	153,307	161,563	156,166	-5,397	-3.3
Markets					
EU	1,040,534	1,126,022	1,315,959	189,937	16.9
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	563,598	604,260	762,066	157,806	26.1
Non-EU	167,979	182,497	210,133	27,636	15.1
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,024,600	1,126,103	1,284,449	158,346	14.1
Business and professional	78,661	85,361	124,364	39,003	45.7
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	105,253	97,055	117,279	20,224	20.8
Organisation of stay					
Package	537,210	515,414	520,516	5,101	1.0
Non-package	671,303	793,105	1,005,576	212,471	26.8
Frequency					
First-time tourists	857,003	927,735	1,114,991	187,255	20.2
Repeat tourists	351,510	380,784	411,101	30,318	8.0
once a year or less	256,236	276,842	296,269	19,427	7.0
more than once a year	95,275	103,941	114,832	10,891	10.5
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	177,446	220,881	300,226	79,346	35.9
4-6 nights	294,255	329,865	416,329	86,464	26.2
7 nights or more	736,812	757,773	809,536	51,763	6.8
Average length of stay (nights)	7.9	7.8	7.3	-0.5	-

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-August			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
Private accommodation	336,038	404,771	511,380	106,609	26.3
Collective accommodation	872,475	903,748	1,014,712	110,964	12.3
Total tourists	1,208,513	1,308,519	1,526,092	217,573	16.6

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-August			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
Private accommodation	3,562,106	4,112,987	4,856,523	743,536	18.1
Collective accommodation	6,045,434	6,037,695	6,346,768	309,073	5.1
Total nights	9,607,540	10,150,682	11,203,291	1,052,609	10.4

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-August			Change	Percentage change	
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016		
Tourists	Australia	18,422	21,545	24,609	3,064	14.2
	Austria	21,100	17,131	20,444	3,313	19.3
	Belgium	25,794	24,835	51,606	26,771	107.8
	France	94,328	100,813	125,079	24,265	24.1
	Germany	90,052	97,477	119,403	21,927	22.5
	Hungary	12,075	14,576	17,470	2,894	19.9
	Ireland	24,454	22,592	23,994	1,402	-
	Italy	202,980	215,903	258,896	42,994	19.9
	Netherlands	31,730	36,101	45,246	9,145	25.3
	Poland	31,322	45,898	57,941	12,043	26.2
	Scandinavia*	77,135	83,423	87,157	3,734	4.5
	Spain	32,706	38,625	54,684	16,059	41.6
	Switzerland	23,020	25,091	29,135	4,044	16.1
	United Kingdom	349,535	371,044	369,113	-1,932	-0.5
	USA	15,003	17,689	23,521	5,833	33.0
	Other	158,855	175,778	217,793	42,015	23.9
Total	1,208,513	1,308,519	1,526,092	217,573	16.6	
Nights	Australia	218,312	253,221	298,459	45,238	17.9
	Austria	157,642	121,953	135,121	13,168	10.8
	Belgium	200,034	167,543	310,106	142,563	85.1
	France	770,798	824,150	1,033,355	209,204	25.4
	Germany	759,558	773,136	883,902	110,765	14.3
	Hungary	82,720	113,596	112,073	-1,523	-1.3
	Ireland	189,738	171,847	172,709	862	-
	Italy	1,328,822	1,375,934	1,562,628	186,695	13.6
	Netherlands	251,252	276,625	326,834	50,209	18.2
	Poland	244,686	336,317	392,660	56,343	16.8
	Scandinavia*	581,550	613,683	632,052	18,369	3.0
	Spain	257,909	282,849	358,639	75,790	26.8
	Switzerland	175,133	192,475	211,122	18,647	9.7
	United Kingdom	2,910,567	3,009,479	2,834,118	-175,361	-5.8
	USA	123,283	138,923	163,989	25,066	18.0
	Other	1,355,537	1,498,953	1,775,526	276,573	18.5
Total	9,607,540	10,150,682	11,203,291	1,052,609	10.4	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	29,107	33,758	37,422	3,664	10.9
	Austria	19,964	15,329	19,324	3,995	26.1
	Belgium	25,033	23,262	39,788	16,525	71.0
	France	87,522	91,259	110,737	19,478	21.3
	Germany	86,490	86,106	102,418	16,312	18.9
	Hungary	9,137	10,377	13,041	2,663	25.7
	Ireland	22,999	20,959	21,451	492	-
	Italy	132,297	138,186	163,646	25,459	18.4
	Netherlands	29,195	31,900	39,033	7,133	22.4
	Poland	23,688	32,789	41,468	8,679	26.5
	Scandinavia*	73,773	79,637	85,218	5,581	7.0
	Spain	28,595	32,673	43,066	10,393	31.8
	Switzerland	27,080	30,176	33,147	2,971	9.8
	United Kingdom	328,006	323,023	308,606	-14,417	-4.5
	USA	20,269	21,051	26,402	5,351	25.4
	Other	174,036	186,424	223,813	37,389	20.1
Total	1,117,191	1,156,910	1,308,577	151,667	13.1	

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

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

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

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
	January-August 2017				
Australia	2,189	12,739	5,685	16,808	37,422
Austria	6,451	2,625	3,393	6,855	19,324
Belgium	10,751	6,000	9,029	14,008	39,788
France	34,543	14,654	21,298	40,242	110,737
Germany	39,055	11,759	16,786	34,818	102,418
Hungary	1,576	2,331	3,002	6,132	13,041
Ireland	4,013	3,410	4,672	9,356	21,451
Italy	37,113	21,543	33,081	71,909	163,646
Netherlands	11,123	5,213	6,355	16,342	39,033
Poland	8,389	6,033	8,857	18,188	41,468
Scandinavia*	25,533	12,163	13,857	33,665	85,218
Spain	8,028	6,328	9,569	19,141	43,066
Switzerland	8,892	5,391	6,287	12,577	33,147
United Kingdom	97,725	39,742	48,085	123,054	308,606
USA	2,978	8,316	5,756	9,351	26,402
Other	41,867	46,161	42,211	93,574	223,813
Total	340,227	204,407	237,923	526,020	1,308,577
	January-August 2016				
Australia	1,855	11,409	5,509	14,985	33,758
Austria	7,022	1,541	1,731	5,035	15,329
Belgium	9,796	2,700	3,195	7,571	23,262
France	33,969	10,810	15,567	30,914	91,259
Germany	38,221	9,095	11,892	26,898	86,106
Hungary	2,262	1,462	1,856	4,798	10,377
Ireland	4,732	3,075	4,142	9,010	20,959
Italy	33,803	17,306	27,157	59,921	138,186
Netherlands	11,227	3,542	4,326	12,805	31,900
Poland	6,569	4,714	7,018	14,488	32,789
Scandinavia*	27,759	9,827	11,937	30,113	79,637
Spain	8,066	4,491	6,554	13,562	32,673
Switzerland	9,670	3,968	5,133	11,405	30,176
United Kingdom	110,453	43,066	46,485	123,019	323,023
USA	1,417	7,255	4,438	7,941	21,051
Other	41,625	36,112	30,870	77,818	186,424
Total	348,446	170,371	187,810	450,282	1,156,910
	January-August 2015				
Australia	1,551	10,227	4,892	12,438	29,107
Austria	9,573	1,773	2,019	6,600	19,964
Belgium	11,003	2,812	3,254	7,964	25,033
France	36,259	10,120	12,866	28,276	87,522
Germany	42,275	8,160	10,514	25,541	86,490
Hungary	2,310	1,427	1,333	4,067	9,137
Ireland	5,419	3,197	4,257	10,125	22,999
Italy	36,965	16,270	24,141	54,921	132,297
Netherlands	10,558	3,368	3,927	11,342	29,195
Poland	5,078	3,603	4,800	10,207	23,688
Scandinavia*	22,891	10,336	11,419	29,126	73,773
Spain	8,767	3,450	4,709	11,669	28,595
Switzerland	9,151	4,057	4,027	9,846	27,080
United Kingdom	124,113	44,126	40,722	119,045	328,006
USA	2,398	6,920	3,801	7,150	20,269
Other	45,078	31,922	26,799	70,237	174,036
Total	373,390	161,766	163,480	418,555	1,117,191

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

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

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

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
January-August 2017					
Australia	978	569	357	683	1,521
Austria	686	238	356	335	945
Belgium	731	163	280	271	771
France	717	190	308	322	885
Germany	697	185	319	292	858
Hungary	481	164	263	351	746
Ireland	607	196	340	390	894
Italy	506	116	223	278	632
Netherlands	601	195	290	361	863
Poland	531	143	233	314	716
Scandinavia*	719	236	328	386	978
Spain	556	157	270	350	788
Switzerland	860	287	383	432	1,138
United Kingdom	640	184	320	333	836
USA	1,153	397	341	398	1,122
Other	735	287	326	430	1,028
Total expenditure per capita	654	203	296	345	857
January-August 2016					
Australia	811	592	385	696	1,567
Austria	677	228	320	294	895
Belgium	793	216	317	305	937
France	747	195	322	307	905
Germany	729	202	316	276	883
Hungary	517	143	230	329	712
Ireland	601	209	343	399	928
Italy	522	114	227	278	640
Netherlands	657	186	282	355	884
Poland	559	138	234	316	714
Scandinavia*	671	234	338	361	955
Spain	651	171	299	351	846
Switzerland	955	265	379	455	1,203
United Kingdom	668	209	326	332	871
USA	871	452	353	449	1,190
Other	745	301	323	443	1,061
Total expenditure per capita	676	215	302	344	884
January-August 2015					
Australia	813	619	412	675	1,580
Austria	690	245	346	313	946
Belgium	864	215	349	309	970
France	722	229	343	300	928
Germany	744	245	393	284	960
Hungary	540	183	241	337	757
Ireland	580	212	326	414	940
Italy	514	124	232	271	652
Netherlands	673	210	305	357	920
Poland	610	157	231	326	756
Scandinavia*	668	241	318	378	956
Spain	655	179	312	357	874
Switzerland	896	317	373	428	1,176
United Kingdom	725	248	342	341	938
USA	1,341	524	381	477	1,351
Other	737	327	353	442	1,096
Total expenditure per capita	695	241	318	346	924

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	August		
	2015	2016	2017
Total overnight cruise passengers	1,799	3,452	3,189
Sex:			
Males	855	1,590	1,528
Females	944	1,862	1,661
Age group:			
0-19	80	324	198
20-39	84	508	252
40-59	419	1,171	845
60-79	1,045	1,345	1,735
80 or more	171	104	159
Markets:			
EU	979	1,599	857
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	549	639	430
Non-EU	820	1,853	2,332

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

Characteristics	January-August		
	2015	2016	2017
Total overnight cruise passengers	8,900	13,017	23,493
Sex:			
Males	4,158	6,098	10,967
Females	4,742	6,919	12,526
Age group:			
0-19	411	1,093	1,366
20-39	534	1,633	1,987
40-59	2,197	3,903	6,230
60-79	4,982	5,717	12,336
80 or more	776	671	1,574
Markets:			
EU	4,154	6,570	13,144
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	2,408	4,252	5,904
Non-EU	4,746	6,447	10,349

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. Inbound tourism trips 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 air passengers. In the first stage, alternate days and nights are selected. In the second stage, within each shift, a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Every crossing passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval of 1:20 for air.
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:**
 - **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.
 - **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 collective or private 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 collective accommodation establishment or in a private accommodation.
 - **Average length of stay:** the number of nights spent divided by the number of trips during a specified reference period.
 - **Collective accommodation:** comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels, tourist villages, holiday complex, Bed & Breakfast and campsites.
 - **Private accommodation:** comprises holiday furnished premises (farmhouses, flats and villas), rented accommodation (host families, marinas, paid-convents, rented yachts, student dormitories), 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, timeshare, dockyards (Palumbo), ship (used for work)).

- **Total expenditure:** comprises the total consumption expenditure made by a visitor or on behalf of a visitor for and during the trip and stay at destination. It is broken down by the following expenditure items: Transport, Accommodation and Other (including shopping, food and drinks and excursions during a tourism trip).

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>

14. Kindly indicate source when quoting from this release.

15. The advanced news release calendar may be accessed at www.nso.gov.mt.