

Total inbound visitors for February were estimated at 122,433, an increase of 17.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2017.

## Inbound Tourism: February 2018

A total of 103,555 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 10,876 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 17.1 per cent to 105,930 when compared to the corresponding month in 2017. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (37.8 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (33.0 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 11.2 per cent when compared to February 2017, amounting to 748,110 nights. The largest share of guest nights (65.2 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €73.2 million, an increase of 4.7 per cent over the corresponding month in 2017 (Table 4).

### January-February 2018

Inbound tourist trips for the first two months of 2018 reached 247,203, an increase of 18.9 per cent over the same period in 2017 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 13.2 per cent, reaching nearly 1.6 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure reached nearly €155.5 million, 10.5 per cent higher than that recorded for 2017 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €629, a decrease of 7.1 per cent when compared to 2017 (Table 11) ■

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

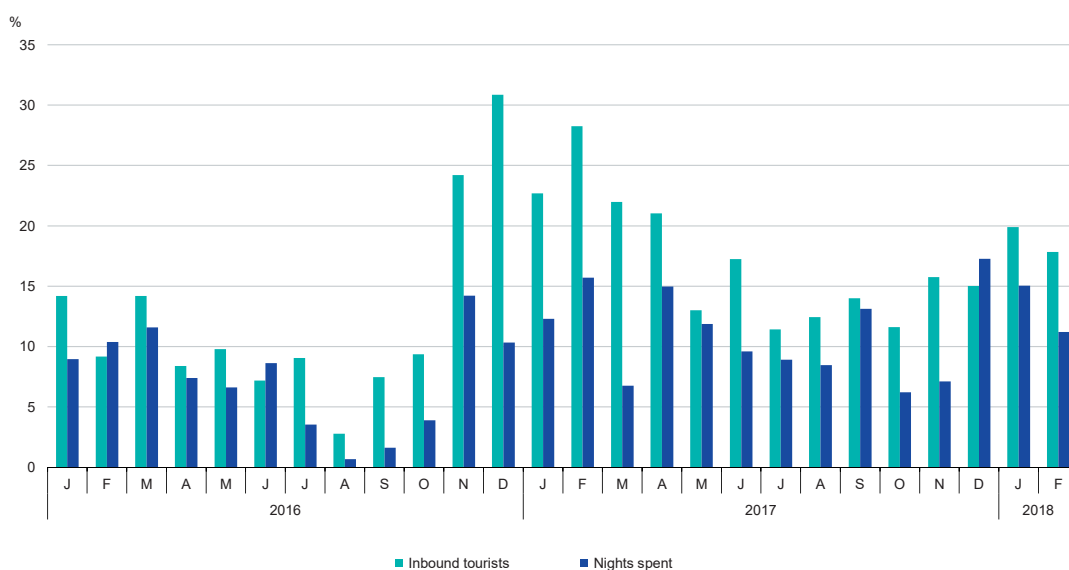


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>81,386</b>	<b>103,899</b>	<b>122,433</b>	<b>18,534</b>	<b>17.8</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	381	-	-	-	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>81,005</b>	<b>103,899</b>	<b>122,433</b>	<b>18,534</b>	<b>17.8</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	78,338	101,849	120,292	18,443	18.1
Sea	2,667	2,050	2,141	-	-
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	43,847	56,070	62,958	6,888	12.3
Females	37,158	47,829	59,475	11,646	24.3
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	11,076	17,046	19,705	2,659	15.6
25-44	24,338	37,305	46,284	8,979	24.1
45-64	30,604	35,129	40,445	5,317	15.1
65 or more	14,987	14,419	15,999	1,580	11.0
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	69,264	90,472	105,930	15,458	17.1
<i>of which:</i> Euro area	36,430	53,007	58,854	5,848	11.0
Non-EU	11,741	13,427	16,503	3,077	22.9
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	66,137	81,706	103,555	21,849	26.7
Business and professional	9,291	14,691	10,876	-3,814	-26.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	5,577	7,502	8,001	-	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	35,111	36,081	46,148	10,067	27.9
Non-package	45,894	67,818	76,285	8,467	12.5
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	53,959	70,285	91,833	21,548	30.7
Repeat tourists	27,046	33,614	30,600	-3,014	-9.0
once a year or less	18,792	23,582	21,250	-2,332	-9.9
more than once a year	8,254	10,032	9,350	-	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	21,140	30,746	35,829	5,083	16.5
4-6 nights	22,236	31,848	40,677	8,829	27.7
7 nights or more	37,630	41,305	45,927	4,622	11.2
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.2	6.5	6.1	-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	February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Private accommodation	17,736	25,851	33,610	7,760	30.0
Collective accommodation	63,269	78,048	88,823	10,775	13.8
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>81,005</b>	<b>103,899</b>	<b>122,433</b>	<b>18,534</b>	<b>17.8</b>

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	February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Private accommodation	175,517	218,971	260,704	41,732	19.1
Collective accommodation	405,877	453,755	487,406	33,651	7.4
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>581,394</b>	<b>672,727</b>	<b>748,110</b>	<b>75,383</b>	<b>11.2</b>

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	February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Package	17,742	18,299	21,109	2,810	15.4
Non-package	17,537	22,714	24,652	1,938	8.5
Air/sea fares	8,616	10,601	12,266	1,665	15.7
Accommodation	8,922	12,113	12,386	273	2.3
Other expenditure	22,558	28,878	27,441	-1,437	-5.0
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>57,837</b>	<b>69,891</b>	<b>73,202</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>4.7</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	February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Tourists</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>69,264</b>	<b>90,472</b>	<b>105,930</b>	<b>15,458</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	5,497	8,090	7,704	-	-
Germany	7,729	10,052	12,749	2,698	26.8
Italy	14,531	17,002	19,478	2,477	14.6
United Kingdom	26,800	27,510	32,056	4,546	16.5
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>11,741</b>	<b>13,427</b>	<b>16,503</b>	<b>3,077</b>	<b>22.9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,005</b>	<b>103,899</b>	<b>122,433</b>	<b>18,534</b>	<b>17.8</b>
<b>Nights</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>493,679</b>	<b>559,588</b>	<b>613,073</b>	<b>53,485</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	41,615	50,137	49,394	-	-
Germany	55,706	65,374	84,174	18,800	28.8
Italy	83,644	84,926	96,407	11,481	13.5
United Kingdom	215,700	206,982	203,974	-3,008	-1.5
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>87,715</b>	<b>113,139</b>	<b>135,037</b>	<b>21,898</b>	<b>19.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>581,394</b>	<b>672,727</b>	<b>748,110</b>	<b>75,383</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>45,641</b>	<b>55,278</b>	<b>58,313</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	3,848	4,670	4,759	-	-
Germany	5,809	7,692	8,138	445	5.8
Italy	7,192	9,075	8,477	-598	-6.6
United Kingdom	18,162	16,793	18,304	1,512	9.0
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>12,197</b>	<b>14,613</b>	<b>14,889</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,837</b>	<b>69,891</b>	<b>73,202</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>4.7</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-February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>166,825</b>	<b>207,968</b>	<b>247,203</b>	<b>39,235</b>	<b>18.9</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	1,003	-	-	-	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>165,822</b>	<b>207,968</b>	<b>247,203</b>	<b>39,235</b>	<b>18.9</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	160,552	203,865	242,881	39,016	19.1
Sea	5,270	4,103	4,322	-	-
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	91,953	112,181	130,957	18,776	16.7
Females	73,869	95,786	116,246	20,459	21.4
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	20,668	33,091	36,167	3,076	9.3
25-44	56,154	76,270	95,196	18,926	24.8
45-64	60,102	70,357	83,466	13,109	18.6
65 or more	28,898	28,250	32,374	4,124	14.6
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	140,347	181,013	212,561	31,548	17.4
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	75,831	107,970	123,614	15,644	14.5
Non-EU	25,475	26,955	34,642	7,687	28.5
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	137,981	173,260	209,670	36,410	21.0
Business and professional	18,783	23,426	25,765	2,339	10.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	9,058	11,282	11,768	-	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	68,888	68,761	89,177	20,416	29.7
Non-package	96,934	139,206	158,025	18,819	13.5
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	108,414	139,302	178,983	39,681	28.5
Repeat tourists	57,409	68,666	68,220	-	-
once a year or less	38,712	45,828	45,881	-	-
more than once a year	18,696	22,837	22,339	-	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	40,764	58,457	70,038	11,580	19.8
4-6 nights	46,424	62,524	77,570	15,047	24.1
7 nights or more	78,634	86,987	99,595	12,607	14.5
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.5	6.8	6.5	-0.3	-

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-February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Private accommodation	39,402	58,316	68,014	9,698	16.6
Collective accommodation	126,420	149,652	179,189	29,537	19.7
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>165,822</b>	<b>207,968</b>	<b>247,203</b>	<b>39,235</b>	<b>18.9</b>

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-February			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Private accommodation	422,918	532,831	607,421	74,590	14.0
Collective accommodation	815,036	877,207	989,003	111,796	12.7
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,237,955</b>	<b>1,410,037</b>	<b>1,596,423</b>	<b>186,386</b>	<b>13.2</b>

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-February			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Tourists	Australia	1,346 <sup>u</sup>	1,328 <sup>u</sup>	2,400 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	Austria	1,481 <sup>u</sup>	2,991 <sup>u</sup>	4,160	-	-
	Belgium	2,595	8,823	8,350	-	-
	France	9,269	14,480	15,552	-	-
	Germany	15,624	19,522	27,004	7,482	38.3
	Hungary	1,769 <sup>u</sup>	1,845 <sup>u</sup>	2,208 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	Ireland	2,921	3,207	4,682	-	-
	Italy	32,001	37,124	42,334	5,210	14.0
	Netherlands	2,726	4,750	5,239	-	-
	Poland	3,863	7,087	12,940	5,853	82.6
	Scandinavia*	6,476	6,387	8,187	1,800	28.2
	Spain	3,979	8,119	6,434	-1,685	-20.8
	Switzerland	1,861 <sup>u</sup>	2,662 <sup>u</sup>	3,013 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	United Kingdom	50,041	53,883	59,567	5,684	10.5
	USA	2,027 <sup>u</sup>	2,916	3,340	-	-
	Other	27,846	32,846	41,794	8,948	27.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,822</b>	<b>207,968</b>	<b>247,203</b>	<b>39,235</b>	<b>18.9</b>	
Nights	Australia	17,672 <sup>u</sup>	20,494 <sup>u</sup>	49,477 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	Austria	12,207 <sup>u</sup>	19,528 <sup>u</sup>	24,430	-	-
	Belgium	14,052	43,199	42,710	-	-
	France	66,769	81,413	93,887	-	-
	Germany	113,744	131,280	182,193	50,912	38.8
	Hungary	17,243 <sup>u</sup>	12,663 <sup>u</sup>	11,055 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	Ireland	21,758	22,348	30,480	-	-
	Italy	188,375	196,031	224,347	28,316	14.4
	Netherlands	15,242	33,181	29,853	-	-
	Poland	30,307	44,133	76,677	32,544	73.7
	Scandinavia*	46,799	46,447	59,712	13,265	28.6
	Spain	22,797	39,699	29,019	-10,680	-26.9
	Switzerland	11,775 <sup>u</sup>	18,909 <sup>u</sup>	21,071 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	United Kingdom	411,949	419,848	391,952	-27,895	-6.6
	USA	16,163 <sup>u</sup>	17,041	21,328	-	-
	Other	231,101	263,823	308,233	44,410	16.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,237,955</b>	<b>1,410,037</b>	<b>1,596,423</b>	<b>186,386</b>	<b>13.2</b>	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	1,980 <sup>u</sup>	2,391 <sup>u</sup>	3,246 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	Austria	1,040 <sup>u</sup>	2,583 <sup>u</sup>	3,180	-	-
	Belgium	2,060	4,667	4,321	-	-
	France	6,815	9,179	9,918	-	-
	Germany	11,980	13,884	17,396	3,512	25.3
	Hungary	1,139 <sup>u</sup>	1,032 <sup>u</sup>	1,007 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	Ireland	2,168	2,141	3,022	-	-
	Italy	16,632	18,583	20,269	1,686	9.1
	Netherlands	1,812	3,197	3,023	-	-
	Poland	2,519	3,770	6,999	3,229	85.6
	Scandinavia*	5,210	5,425	6,240	815	15.0
	Spain	2,741	4,038	3,502	-536	-13.3
	Switzerland	1,967 <sup>u</sup>	2,142 <sup>u</sup>	2,661 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
	United Kingdom	35,161	34,426	34,740	314	0.9
	USA	2,824 <sup>u</sup>	2,612	2,972	-	-
	Other	27,050	30,670	32,962	2,292	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,099</b>	<b>140,739</b>	<b>155,460</b>	<b>14,720</b>	<b>10.5</b>	

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

\* 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-February 2018</b>					
Australia	:	1,622 <sup>u</sup>	287 <sup>u</sup>	1,294 <sup>u</sup>	3,246 <sup>u</sup>
Austria	1,388 <sup>u</sup>	429 <sup>u</sup>	396 <sup>u</sup>	967	3,180
Belgium	1,043 <sup>u</sup>	650	970	1,658	4,321
France	3,149	1,492	2,209	3,068	9,918
Germany	7,399	1,821	2,620	5,555	17,396
Hungary	:	185 <sup>u</sup>	247 <sup>u</sup>	354 <sup>u</sup>	1,007 <sup>u</sup>
Ireland	754 <sup>u</sup>	402 <sup>u</sup>	585 <sup>u</sup>	1,281	3,022
Italy	4,177	2,985	4,258	8,849	20,269
Netherlands	891 <sup>u</sup>	505 <sup>u</sup>	472 <sup>u</sup>	1,154	3,023
Poland	1,342	1,082	1,832	2,744	6,999
Scandinavia*	1,744	1,222	985	2,290	6,240
Spain	543 <sup>u</sup>	907	768	1,284	3,502
Switzerland	:	551 <sup>u</sup>	694 <sup>u</sup>	990 <sup>u</sup>	2,661 <sup>u</sup>
United Kingdom	11,046	4,233	5,243	14,218	34,740
USA	:	1,081	735 <sup>u</sup>	830	2,972
Other	7,067	7,835	5,829	12,232	32,962
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,560</b>	<b>27,002</b>	<b>28,129</b>	<b>58,769</b>	<b>155,460</b>
<b>January-February 2017</b>					
Australia	:	1,002 <sup>u</sup>	192 <sup>u</sup>	1,116 <sup>u</sup>	2,391 <sup>u</sup>
Austria	:	503 <sup>u</sup>	528 <sup>u</sup>	833 <sup>u</sup>	2,583 <sup>u</sup>
Belgium	698 <sup>u</sup>	854	1,109	2,005	4,667
France	2,552	1,455	1,733	3,439	9,179
Germany	4,845	1,522	2,146	5,371	13,884
Hungary	:	222 <sup>u</sup>	284 <sup>u</sup>	501 <sup>u</sup>	1,032 <sup>u</sup>
Ireland	:	297 <sup>u</sup>	328 <sup>u</sup>	1,170	2,141
Italy	3,115	2,464	3,742	9,261	18,583
Netherlands	:	669	602	1,518	3,197
Poland	770 <sup>u</sup>	490	685	1,825	3,770
Scandinavia*	1,519 <sup>u</sup>	1,061	695	2,149	5,425
Spain	557 <sup>u</sup>	534	888	2,058	4,038
Switzerland	:	395 <sup>u</sup>	448 <sup>u</sup>	942 <sup>u</sup>	2,142 <sup>u</sup>
United Kingdom	10,920	4,047	4,695	14,764	34,426
USA	:	951	562 <sup>u</sup>	896	2,612
Other	6,804	5,919	4,712	13,234	30,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,922</b>	<b>22,384</b>	<b>23,351</b>	<b>61,082</b>	<b>140,739</b>
<b>January-February 2016</b>					
Australia	:	837 <sup>u</sup>	185 <sup>u</sup>	942 <sup>u</sup>	1,980 <sup>u</sup>
Austria	:	:	:	446 <sup>u</sup>	1,040 <sup>u</sup>
Belgium	:	299 <sup>u</sup>	:	721	2,060
France	2,627	872	1,129	2,187	6,815
Germany	5,351	1,266	1,618	3,744	11,980
Hungary	:	160 <sup>u</sup>	245 <sup>u</sup>	577 <sup>u</sup>	1,139 <sup>u</sup>
Ireland	625 <sup>u</sup>	224 <sup>u</sup>	378 <sup>u</sup>	941	2,168
Italy	3,227	2,208	3,231	7,966	16,632
Netherlands	:	294 <sup>u</sup>	273 <sup>u</sup>	808	1,812
Poland	470 <sup>u</sup>	364 <sup>u</sup>	576 <sup>u</sup>	1,109	2,519
Scandinavia*	1,368 <sup>u</sup>	940	978	1,923	5,210
Spain	701 <sup>u</sup>	447	429 <sup>u</sup>	1,164	2,741
Switzerland	:	447 <sup>u</sup>	:	731 <sup>u</sup>	1,967 <sup>u</sup>
United Kingdom	12,408	4,046	4,337	14,370	35,161
USA	:	862 <sup>u</sup>	703 <sup>u</sup>	1,079 <sup>u</sup>	2,824 <sup>u</sup>
Other	6,460	5,476	3,982	11,133	27,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,661</b>	<b>18,862</b>	<b>18,734</b>	<b>49,841</b>	<b>123,099</b>

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

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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-February 2018</b>					
Australia	:	696 <sup>u</sup>	238 <sup>u</sup>	839 <sup>u</sup>	1,352 <sup>u</sup>
Austria	647 <sup>u</sup>	213 <sup>u</sup>	232 <sup>u</sup>	233	765
Belgium	400 <sup>u</sup>	112	200	199	517
France	540	151	242	197	638
Germany	487	152	268	206	644
Hungary	:	124 <sup>u</sup>	173 <sup>u</sup>	160 <sup>u</sup>	456 <sup>u</sup>
Ireland	358 <sup>u</sup>	156 <sup>u</sup>	301 <sup>u</sup>	274	646
Italy	376	95	178	209	479
Netherlands	407 <sup>u</sup>	165 <sup>u</sup>	186 <sup>u</sup>	220	577
Poland	347	118	214	212	541
Scandinavia*	514	255	251	280	762
Spain	383 <sup>u</sup>	181	173	199	544
Switzerland	:	243 <sup>u</sup>	431 <sup>u</sup>	329 <sup>u</sup>	883 <sup>u</sup>
United Kingdom	416	127	210	239	583
USA	:	417	333 <sup>u</sup>	249	890
Other	683	248	226	293	789
<b>Total</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>629</b>
<b>January-February 2017</b>					
Australia	:	808 <sup>u</sup>	287 <sup>u</sup>	840 <sup>u</sup>	1,801 <sup>u</sup>
Austria	:	262 <sup>u</sup>	319 <sup>u</sup>	278 <sup>u</sup>	864 <sup>u</sup>
Belgium	361 <sup>u</sup>	124	185	227	529
France	485	158	215	238	634
Germany	504	154	255	275	711
Hungary	:	131 <sup>u</sup>	204 <sup>u</sup>	271 <sup>u</sup>	559 <sup>u</sup>
Ireland	:	129 <sup>u</sup>	199 <sup>u</sup>	365	668
Italy	367	86	164	249	501
Netherlands	:	184	219	320	673
Poland	385 <sup>u</sup>	96	140	258	532
Scandinavia*	647 <sup>u</sup>	263	249	336	849
Spain	348 <sup>u</sup>	82	150	253	497
Switzerland	:	214 <sup>u</sup>	284 <sup>u</sup>	354 <sup>u</sup>	805 <sup>u</sup>
United Kingdom	469	132	223	274	639
USA	:	374	269 <sup>u</sup>	307	896
Other	700	256	259	403	934
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>677</b>
<b>January-February 2016</b>					
Australia	:	646 <sup>u</sup>	237 <sup>u</sup>	700 <sup>u</sup>	1,472 <sup>u</sup>
Austria	:	:	:	301 <sup>u</sup>	703 <sup>u</sup>
Belgium	:	189 <sup>u</sup>	:	278	794
France	580	184	261	236	735
Germany	510	247	334	240	767
Hungary	:	134 <sup>u</sup>	217 <sup>u</sup>	326 <sup>u</sup>	644 <sup>u</sup>
Ireland	427 <sup>u</sup>	154 <sup>u</sup>	345 <sup>u</sup>	322	742
Italy	376	94	177	249	520
Netherlands	:	161 <sup>u</sup>	180 <sup>u</sup>	296	665
Poland	374 <sup>u</sup>	140 <sup>u</sup>	250 <sup>u</sup>	287	652
Scandinavia*	495 <sup>u</sup>	253	302	297	804
Spain	557 <sup>u</sup>	165	223 <sup>u</sup>	293	689
Switzerland	:	352 <sup>u</sup>	:	393 <sup>u</sup>	1,057 <sup>u</sup>
United Kingdom	509	158	239	287	703
USA	:	481 <sup>u</sup>	443 <sup>u</sup>	533 <sup>u</sup>	1,394 <sup>u</sup>
Other	650	306	270	400	971
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>742</b>

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	February		
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>381</b>	-	-
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	183	-	-
Females	198	-	-
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	-	-	-
20-39	4	-	-
40-59	18	-	-
60-79	321	-	-
80 or more	38	-	-
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	376	-	-
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	373	-	-
Non-EU	5	-	-

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

Characteristics	January-February		
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>1,003</b>	-	-
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	469	-	-
Females	534	-	-
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	3	-	-
20-39	36	-	-
40-59	89	-	-
60-79	792	-	-
80 or more	83	-	-
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	421	-	-
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	374	-	-
Non-EU	582	-	-

## 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, and are represented in this news release by means of the dash symbol (-).
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:

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: <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. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

15. A detailed news release calendar is available on

[https://nso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/Release\\_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx)