

Total inbound visitors for April were estimated at 234,488, an increase of 15.7 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2017.

## Inbound Tourism: April 2018

A total of 210,085 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 12,341 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 17.0 per cent to 206,797 when compared to the corresponding month in 2017. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (35.2 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (34.2 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 16.9 per cent when compared to April 2017, reaching nearly 1.5 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (58.9 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €159.8 million, an increase of 3.9 per cent over the corresponding month in 2017 (Table 4).

### January-April 2018

Inbound tourist trips for the first four months of 2018 reached 647,921, an increase of 18.1 per cent over the same period in 2017 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 17.9 per cent, reaching nearly 4.2 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure surpassed €431.3 million, 10.3 per cent higher than that recorded for 2017 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €666, a decrease of 6.6 per cent when compared to 2017 (Table 11) ■

### Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes

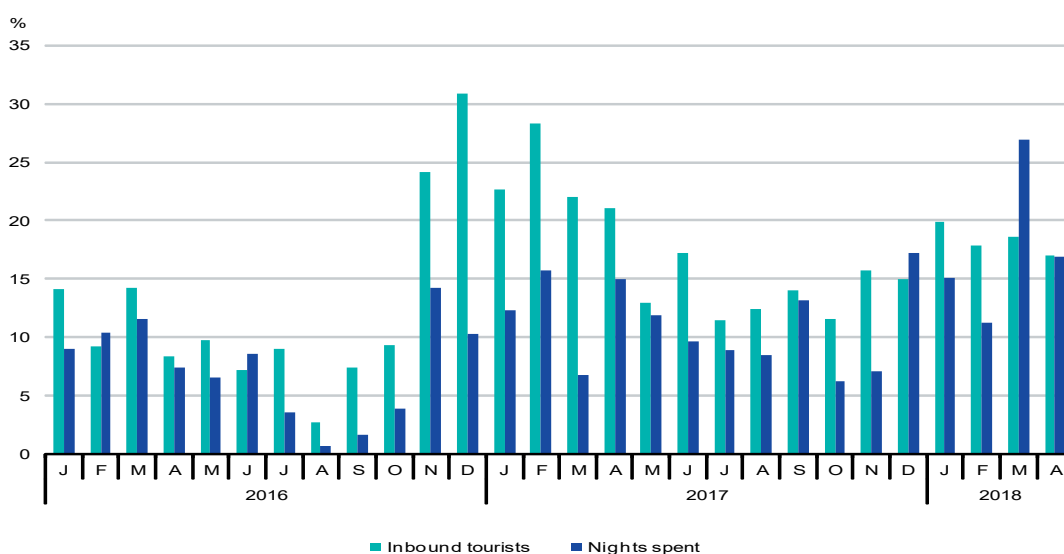


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	April			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>166,252</b>	<b>202,698</b>	<b>234,488</b>	<b>31,791</b>	<b>15.7</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	1,367	3,112	968	-2,144	-68.9
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>164,885</b>	<b>199,586</b>	<b>233,520</b>	<b>33,935</b>	<b>17.0</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	160,272	194,285	229,246	34,962	18.0
Sea	4,613	5,301	4,274	-	-
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	79,866	104,247	113,931	9,684	9.3
Females	85,019	95,339	119,590	24,251	25.4
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	33,892	38,731	41,862	3,131	8.1
25-44	54,730	72,103	82,247	10,144	14.1
45-64	50,590	65,958	79,811	13,854	21.0
65 or more	25,673	22,794	29,600	6,807	29.9
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	146,113	176,714	206,797	30,083	17.0
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	79,000	101,489	122,888	21,399	21.1
Non-EU	18,772	22,872	26,723	3,851	16.8
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	137,061	162,065	210,085	48,019	29.6
Business and professional	12,550	20,141	12,341	-7,800	-38.7
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	15,274	17,379	11,094	-6,285	-36.2
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	66,029	70,271	84,808	14,537	20.7
Non-package	98,856	129,314	148,712	19,398	15.0
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	117,705	145,712	180,506	34,795	23.9
Repeat tourists	47,180	53,874	53,014	-	-
once a year or less	31,602	38,619	36,271	-2,348	-6.1
more than once a year	15,578	15,255	16,743	-	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	31,921	46,132	53,300	7,168	15.5
4-6 nights	50,930	63,324	80,820	17,496	27.6
7 nights or more	82,034	90,129	99,400	9,271	10.3
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	6.6	6.3	6.3	0.0	-

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	April			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Private accommodation	48,349	60,779	77,156	16,377	26.9
Collective accommodation	116,536	138,807	156,364	17,558	12.6
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>164,885</b>	<b>199,586</b>	<b>233,520</b>	<b>33,935</b>	<b>17.0</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	April			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Private accommodation	394,217	478,509	606,079	127,570	26.7
Collective accommodation	701,537	781,414	867,245	85,831	11.0
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,095,753</b>	<b>1,259,923</b>	<b>1,473,324</b>	<b>213,401</b>	<b>16.9</b>

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

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Expenditure category	April			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Package	37,547	41,970	48,314	6,344	15.1
Non-package	37,094	52,753	54,558	1,805	3.4
Air/sea fares	18,673	25,222	26,777	1,556	6.2
Accommodation	18,421	27,531	27,780	250	0.9
Other expenditure	48,487	59,031	56,924	-2,107	-3.6
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>123,128</b>	<b>153,753</b>	<b>159,795</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>3.9</b>

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		April			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Tourists	<b>EU</b>	<b>146,113</b>	<b>176,714</b>	<b>206,797</b>	<b>30,083</b>	<b>17.0</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	16,832	17,981	23,113	5,132	28.5
	Germany	13,381	16,384	24,445	8,061	49.2
	Italy	25,284	33,296	35,863	2,567	7.7
	United Kingdom	47,465	49,148	57,771	8,623	17.5
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>18,772</b>	<b>22,872</b>	<b>26,723</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>16.8</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>164,885</b>	<b>199,586</b>	<b>233,520</b>	<b>33,935</b>	<b>17.0</b>
Nights	<b>EU</b>	<b>959,597</b>	<b>1,091,037</b>	<b>1,277,941</b>	<b>186,904</b>	<b>17.1</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	109,018	118,037	151,991	33,954	28.8
	Germany	102,814	121,898	170,635	48,737	40.0
	Italy	133,164	158,860	196,754	37,895	23.9
	United Kingdom	346,342	341,488	380,900	39,412	11.5
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>136,157</b>	<b>168,887</b>	<b>195,383</b>	<b>26,497</b>	<b>15.7</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,095,753</b>	<b>1,259,923</b>	<b>1,473,324</b>	<b>213,401</b>	<b>16.9</b>
Expenditure (€000)	<b>EU</b>	<b>104,688</b>	<b>129,456</b>	<b>135,687</b>	<b>6,231</b>	<b>4.8</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	12,978	14,577	15,509	932	6.4
	Germany	11,055	13,901	19,143	5,242	37.7
	Italy	12,905	18,099	18,645	545	3.0
	United Kingdom	36,295	37,465	40,197	2,732	7.3
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>18,439</b>	<b>24,296</b>	<b>24,108</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>123,128</b>	<b>153,753</b>	<b>159,795</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>3.9</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-April			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>448,596</b>	<b>551,931</b>	<b>648,889</b>	<b>96,957</b>	<b>17.6</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	2,370	3,456	968	-2,488	-72.0
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>446,226</b>	<b>548,475</b>	<b>647,921</b>	<b>99,445</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	432,967	536,447	636,462	100,014	18.6
Sea	13,259	12,028	11,459	-	-
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	230,677	292,327	328,340	36,013	12.3
Females	215,549	256,148	319,580	63,432	24.8
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	73,281	93,493	107,864	14,371	15.4
25-44	145,582	195,668	235,688	40,021	20.5
45-64	151,278	184,098	217,797	33,699	18.3
65 or more	76,086	75,217	86,571	11,354	15.1
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	386,163	480,790	563,703	82,913	17.2
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	207,131	282,079	330,385	48,306	17.1
Non-EU	60,062	67,686	84,217	16,532	24.4
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	369,370	440,405	557,259	116,853	26.5
Business and professional	41,625	63,584	53,780	-9,805	-15.4
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	35,231	44,486	36,882	-7,604	-17.1
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	188,222	194,971	240,389	45,418	23.3
Non-package	258,004	353,505	407,532	54,027	15.3
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	306,210	384,136	484,670	100,534	26.2
Repeat tourists	140,015	164,340	163,251	-	-
once a year or less	93,827	112,800	111,204	-1,596	-1.4
more than once a year	46,188	51,539	52,046	-	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	96,942	146,936	164,824	17,888	12.2
4-6 nights	134,027	167,914	213,363	45,449	27.1
7 nights or more	215,257	233,625	269,733	36,108	15.5
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.0	6.4	6.4	0.0	-

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-April			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018		
Private accommodation	115,162	152,357	194,638	42,280	27.8
Collective accommodation	331,064	396,118	453,283	57,165	14.4
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>446,226</b>	<b>548,475</b>	<b>647,921</b>	<b>99,445</b>	<b>18.1</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-April			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018		
Private accommodation	1,050,448	1,266,068	1,611,221	345,153	27.3
Collective accommodation	2,085,970	2,260,812	2,546,343	285,531	12.6
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>3,136,419</b>	<b>3,526,880</b>	<b>4,157,564</b>	<b>630,684</b>	<b>17.9</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-April			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Tourists	Australia	3,562	3,903	4,871	-	-
	Austria	6,152	7,343	10,838	3,495	47.6
	Belgium	8,546	23,854	20,584	-3,270	-13.7
	France	32,544	40,166	49,430	9,263	23.1
	Germany	40,350	51,709	70,967	19,258	37.2
	Hungary	4,051	4,329	5,534	-	-
	Ireland	8,462	8,635	10,635	2,000	23.2
	Italy	76,264	94,483	105,490	11,007	11.6
	Netherlands	8,439	13,500	13,882	-	-
	Poland	12,468	20,798	28,148	7,350	35.3
	Scandinavia*	24,400	24,024	27,939	3,915	16.3
	Spain	10,764	18,957	19,640	-	-
	Switzerland	6,231	9,319	9,821	-	-
	United Kingdom	134,499	140,020	158,373	18,352	13.1
	USA	6,122	8,155	9,983	1,828	22.4
	Other	63,370	79,280	101,787	22,507	28.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>446,226</b>	<b>548,475</b>	<b>647,921</b>	<b>99,445</b>	<b>18.1</b>	
Nights	Australia	35,888	42,612	69,372	-	-
	Austria	40,816	47,358	66,745	19,387	40.9
	Belgium	47,796	125,726	112,078	-13,648	-10.9
	France	218,554	240,085	308,032	67,947	28.3
	Germany	304,536	353,645	483,884	130,239	36.8
	Hungary	34,192	25,249	29,376	-	-
	Ireland	57,979	55,891	68,095	12,204	21.8
	Italy	431,189	476,164	565,292	89,128	18.7
	Netherlands	51,284	85,357	78,278	-	-
	Poland	81,936	122,638	163,128	40,490	33.0
	Scandinavia*	165,838	158,961	189,093	30,132	19.0
	Spain	63,965	94,227	104,104	-	-
	Switzerland	35,591	60,531	65,428	-	-
	United Kingdom	1,046,569	1,019,987	1,053,512	33,525	3.3
	USA	41,345	47,127	57,476	10,349	22.0
	Other	478,939	571,324	743,672	172,349	30.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,136,419</b>	<b>3,526,880</b>	<b>4,157,564</b>	<b>630,684</b>	<b>17.9</b>	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	4,410	5,555	6,169	-	-
	Austria	4,716	6,607	8,657	2,050	31.0
	Belgium	6,865	14,932	12,683	-2,249	-15.1
	France	24,688	28,940	32,618	3,678	12.7
	Germany	33,066	39,358	51,018	11,660	29.6
	Hungary	2,591	2,522	3,078	-	-
	Ireland	6,497	6,143	7,058	915	14.9
	Italy	39,520	48,508	52,165	3,657	7.5
	Netherlands	5,364	9,578	8,614	-	-
	Poland	7,581	11,838	14,870	3,033	25.6
	Scandinavia*	20,216	20,353	21,903	1,550	7.6
	Spain	7,687	11,354	11,291	-	-
	Switzerland	5,781	9,085	8,840	-	-
	United Kingdom	96,867	95,749	101,248	5,499	5.7
	USA	6,761	8,351	9,711	1,359	16.3
	Other	59,873	72,090	81,331	9,241	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>332,483</b>	<b>390,961</b>	<b>431,251</b>	<b>40,291</b>	<b>10.3</b>	

\* 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-April 2018</b>					
Australia	:	2,699	806	2,279	<b>6,169</b>
Austria	4,024	1,042	950	2,640	<b>8,657</b>
Belgium	4,035	1,720	2,340	4,587	<b>12,683</b>
France	11,500	4,693	6,015	10,409	<b>32,618</b>
Germany	20,647	6,248	8,061	16,061	<b>51,018</b>
Hungary	:	743	662	1,223	<b>3,078</b>
Ireland	1,628	1,076	1,350	3,004	<b>7,058</b>
Italy	12,912	7,376	10,253	21,625	<b>52,165</b>
Netherlands	2,256	1,478	1,465	3,415	<b>8,614</b>
Poland	3,139	2,208	3,568	5,955	<b>14,870</b>
Scandinavia*	6,908	3,661	3,422	7,912	<b>21,903</b>
Spain	2,603	1,915	2,194	4,578	<b>11,291</b>
Switzerland	2,285	1,569	2,149	2,838	<b>8,840</b>
United Kingdom	34,813	12,450	15,367	38,619	<b>101,248</b>
USA	1,485 <sup>u</sup>	3,658	2,052	2,516	<b>9,711</b>
Other	17,934	18,851	14,559	29,987	<b>81,331</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,005</b>	<b>71,388</b>	<b>75,212</b>	<b>157,647</b>	<b>431,251</b>
<b>January-April 2017</b>					
Australia	:	2,049	742	2,361	<b>5,555</b>
Austria	2,395	930	1,195	2,087	<b>6,607</b>
Belgium	3,393	2,602	3,575	5,362	<b>14,932</b>
France	8,971	4,321	5,266	10,381	<b>28,940</b>
Germany	16,055	4,325	5,769	13,210	<b>39,358</b>
Hungary	:	580	667	1,119	<b>2,522</b>
Ireland	947 <sup>u</sup>	990	1,277	2,929	<b>6,143</b>
Italy	11,868	6,072	8,688	21,880	<b>48,508</b>
Netherlands	1,938	1,847	1,796	3,997	<b>9,578</b>
Poland	2,158	1,779	2,385	5,515	<b>11,838</b>
Scandinavia*	6,210	3,413	2,914	7,815	<b>20,353</b>
Spain	2,455	1,743	2,165	4,991	<b>11,354</b>
Switzerland	2,494	1,602	1,617	3,372	<b>9,085</b>
United Kingdom	30,081	12,056	14,159	39,453	<b>95,749</b>
USA	1,288 <sup>u</sup>	2,660	1,749	2,654	<b>8,351</b>
Other	14,263	15,941	12,429	29,457	<b>72,090</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,072</b>	<b>62,910</b>	<b>66,393</b>	<b>156,585</b>	<b>390,961</b>
<b>January-April 2016</b>					
Australia	:	1,712	670	1,826	<b>4,410</b>
Austria	2,325	457 <sup>u</sup>	381 <sup>u</sup>	1,554	<b>4,716</b>
Belgium	2,820	986	845	2,215	<b>6,865</b>
France	10,237	2,916	3,419	8,116	<b>24,688</b>
Germany	15,285	3,321	4,186	10,274	<b>33,066</b>
Hungary	:	388	463 <sup>u</sup>	1,352	<b>2,591</b>
Ireland	1,656	842	1,088	2,911	<b>6,497</b>
Italy	9,973	4,972	6,936	17,639	<b>39,520</b>
Netherlands	1,231 <sup>u</sup>	937	923	2,273	<b>5,364</b>
Poland	1,639	1,084	1,510	3,348	<b>7,581</b>
Scandinavia*	6,842	2,864	2,978	7,531	<b>20,216</b>
Spain	2,136	1,130	1,221	3,200	<b>7,687</b>
Switzerland	1,616 <sup>u</sup>	1,053	999	2,113	<b>5,781</b>
United Kingdom	32,624	12,901	12,397	38,945	<b>96,867</b>
USA	:	2,299	1,782	2,375	<b>6,761</b>
Other	14,349	12,149	9,336	24,038	<b>59,873</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,625</b>	<b>50,013</b>	<b>49,135</b>	<b>129,710</b>	<b>332,483</b>

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

<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 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-April 2018</b>					
Australia	:	626	264	468	<b>1,266</b>
Austria	648	225	236	244	<b>799</b>
Belgium	536	131	210	223	<b>616</b>
France	557	162	227	211	<b>660</b>
Germany	559	183	274	226	<b>719</b>
Hungary	:	181	196	221	<b>556</b>
Ireland	404	163	263	282	<b>664</b>
Italy	428	98	179	205	<b>495</b>
Netherlands	434	170	198	246	<b>621</b>
Poland	376	111	202	212	<b>528</b>
Scandinavia*	590	226	248	283	<b>784</b>
Spain	452	138	190	233	<b>575</b>
Switzerland	579	261	417	289	<b>900</b>
United Kingdom	497	140	233	244	<b>639</b>
USA	822 <sup>u</sup>	444	283	252	<b>973</b>
Other	689	248	237	295	<b>799</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>666</b>
<b>January-April 2017</b>					
Australia	:	588	316	605	<b>1,423</b>
Austria	653	253	367	284	<b>900</b>
Belgium	520	150	228	225	<b>626</b>
France	558	179	246	259	<b>720</b>
Germany	602	173	271	255	<b>761</b>
Hungary	:	152	195	259	<b>582</b>
Ireland	424 <sup>u</sup>	155	251	339	<b>711</b>
Italy	408	93	168	232	<b>513</b>
Netherlands	483	195	238	296	<b>709</b>
Poland	402	115	165	265	<b>569</b>
Scandinavia*	660	233	251	325	<b>847</b>
Spain	460	128	179	263	<b>599</b>
Switzerland	728	272	323	362	<b>975</b>
United Kingdom	504	150	245	282	<b>684</b>
USA	988 <sup>u</sup>	388	307	325	<b>1,024</b>
Other	670	275	259	372	<b>909</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>713</b>
<b>January-April 2016</b>					
Australia	:	535	289	513	<b>1,238</b>
Austria	573	218 <sup>u</sup>	226 <sup>u</sup>	253	<b>767</b>
Belgium	695	220	245	259	<b>803</b>
France	593	191	251	249	<b>759</b>
Germany	619	212	306	255	<b>819</b>
Hungary	:	135	213 <sup>u</sup>	334	<b>640</b>
Ireland	468	171	266	344	<b>768</b>
Italy	409	96	177	231	<b>518</b>
Netherlands	453 <sup>u</sup>	164	208	269	<b>636</b>
Poland	437	124	193	269	<b>608</b>
Scandinavia*	550	239	283	309	<b>828</b>
Spain	543	165	239	297	<b>714</b>
Switzerland	680 <sup>u</sup>	273	287	339	<b>928</b>
United Kingdom	534	176	239	290	<b>720</b>
USA	:	403	348	388	<b>1,104</b>
Other	653	293	274	379	<b>945</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>745</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	April		
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	649	1,513	450
Females	718	1,599	518
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	188	16	-
20-39	226	130	18
40-59	567	340	58
60-79	369	2,154	812
80 or more	17	472	80
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	1,350	1,623	52
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	1,346	866	14
Non-EU	17	1,489	916

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

Characteristics	January-April		
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>3,456</b>	<b>968</b>
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	1,118	1,669	450
Females	1,252	1,787	518
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	191	16	-
20-39	262	135	18
40-59	656	374	58
60-79	1,161	2,418	812
80 or more	100	513	80
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	1,771	1,963	52
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	1,720	1,206	14
Non-EU	599	1,493	916

## Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises of 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. Absolute and percentage changes between one survey estimate and another based on less than 1,500 tourists should be treated with caution and are represented in this news release by means of the dash symbol (-).
6. The expenditure data in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings.
7. 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.
8. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruiseship in Malta is compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
9. 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'.
10. 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> ).
11. **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 a 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).

12. 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>

13. Any quotations from this news release are to be cited and/or referenced.

14. A detailed news release calendar is available on

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