

Total inbound visitors for October were estimated at 270,702, an increase of 10.1 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2017.

## Inbound Tourism: October 2018

A total of 236,271 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 18,709 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 9.3 per cent to 223,813 when compared to the corresponding month in 2017. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (38.0 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (35.6 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 8.0 per cent when compared to October 2017, reaching nearly 1.8 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (55.7 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

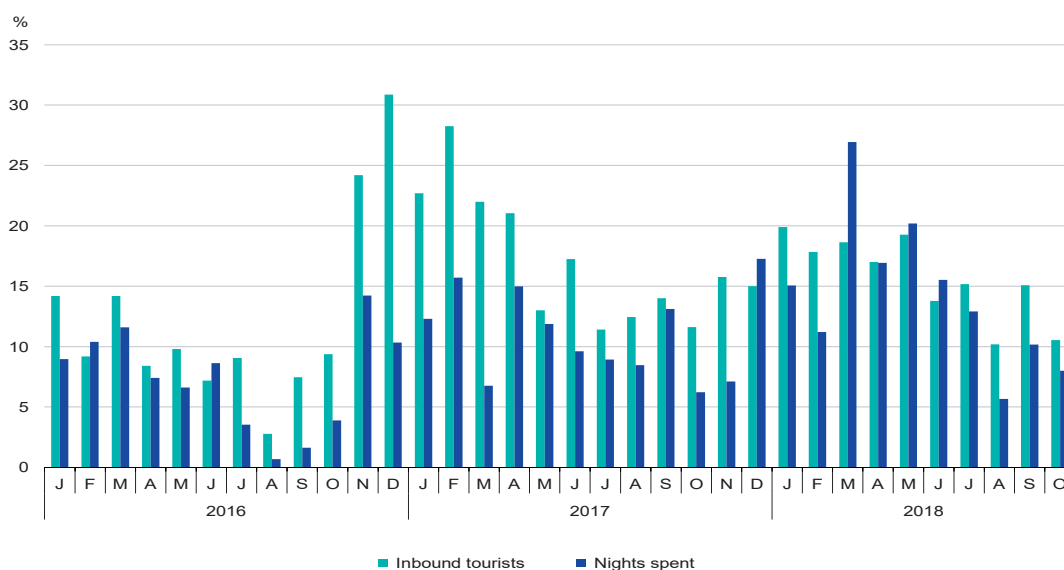
Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €215.7 million, an increase of 3.3 per cent over the corresponding month in 2017 (Table 4).

### January-October 2018

Inbound tourist trips for the first ten months of 2018 surpassed 2.3 million, an increase of 15.0 per cent over the same period in 2017 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 12.9 per cent, reaching nearly 16.6 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at nearly €1.9 billion, 8.6 per cent higher than that recorded for 2017 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €825, a decrease of 5.5 per cent when compared to 2017 (Table 11) ■

**Chart1. Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes**  
(excluding overnight cruise passengers)



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

Characteristics	October			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>219,484</b>	<b>245,922</b>	<b>270,702</b>	<b>24,781</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	4,365	5,809	5,283	-	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>215,119</b>	<b>240,113</b>	<b>265,419</b>	<b>25,307</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	211,055	236,651	261,336	24,685	10.4
Sea	4,064	3,462	4,083	-	-
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	110,505	120,320	131,119	10,799	9.0
Females	104,613	119,792	134,300	14,508	12.1
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	28,485	30,873	31,399	-	-
25-44	69,307	81,664	100,947	19,283	23.6
45-64	78,279	93,538	94,535	-	-
65 or more	39,048	34,038	38,538	4,500	13.2
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	183,982	204,779	223,813	19,033	9.3
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	94,801	108,660	122,861	14,200	13.1
Non-EU	31,137	35,333	41,606	6,273	17.8
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	185,975	209,832	236,271	26,438	12.6
Business and professional	16,488	19,712	18,709	-	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	12,656	10,569	10,440	-	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	83,993	96,738	89,298	-7,440	-7.7
Non-package	131,126	143,375	176,122	32,747	22.8
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	143,922	176,632	190,090	13,458	7.6
Repeat tourists	71,196	63,481	75,329	11,848	18.7
once a year or less	52,293	45,855	54,888	9,033	19.7
more than once a year	18,904	17,626	20,442	2,816	16.0
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	35,151	43,177	56,643	13,466	31.2
4-6 nights	50,822	63,569	79,800	16,231	25.5
7 nights or more	129,146	133,367	128,976	-4,391	-3.3
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.2	6.8	6.7	-0.1	-

Notes:

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

Type of accommodation	October			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018		
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>191,129</b>	<b>215,329</b>	<b>230,914</b>	<b>15,584</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Collective	146,073	159,811	166,593	6,782	4.2
Other rented	45,056	55,518	64,320	8,803	15.9
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>23,989</b>	<b>24,784</b>	<b>34,506</b>	<b>9,722</b>	<b>39.2</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>215,119</b>	<b>240,113</b>	<b>265,419</b>	<b>25,307</b>	<b>10.5</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	October			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018		
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>1,338,629</b>	<b>1,427,189</b>	<b>1,460,604</b>	<b>33,415</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Collective	946,644	975,443	987,069	11,626	1.2
Other rented	391,985	451,746	473,535	21,789	4.8
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>205,036</b>	<b>212,642</b>	<b>310,544</b>	<b>97,902</b>	<b>46.0</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,543,665</b>	<b>1,639,831</b>	<b>1,771,148</b>	<b>131,317</b>	<b>8.0</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	October			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018		
<b>Package</b>	<b>57,543</b>	<b>66,175</b>	<b>65,950</b>	<b>-225</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>60,864</b>	<b>61,091</b>	<b>75,492</b>	<b>14,401</b>	<b>23.6</b>
Air/sea fares	28,106	27,533	35,825	8,292	30.1
Accommodation	32,758	33,558	39,667	6,108	18.2
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>71,133</b>	<b>81,628</b>	<b>74,308</b>	<b>-7,320</b>	<b>-9.0</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>189,540</b>	<b>208,894</b>	<b>215,749</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>3.3</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		October			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Tourists	<b>EU</b>	<b>183,982</b>	<b>204,779</b>	<b>223,813</b>	<b>19,033</b>	<b>9.3</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	15,091	19,204	20,523	-	-
	Germany	22,404	24,787	26,614	1,827	7.4
	Italy	27,698	28,066	31,698	3,631	12.9
	United Kingdom	61,299	62,667	69,277	6,610	10.5
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>31,137</b>	<b>35,333</b>	<b>41,606</b>	<b>6,273</b>	<b>17.8</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>215,119</b>	<b>240,113</b>	<b>265,419</b>	<b>25,307</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Nights	<b>EU</b>	<b>1,293,397</b>	<b>1,385,237</b>	<b>1,456,212</b>	<b>70,974</b>	<b>5.1</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	101,662	124,784	128,759	-	-
	Germany	182,748	185,322	201,320	15,998	8.6
	Italy	141,839	154,227	182,364	28,137	18.2
	United Kingdom	482,356	471,655	480,473	8,818	1.9
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>250,267</b>	<b>254,594</b>	<b>314,937</b>	<b>60,343</b>	<b>23.7</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,543,665</b>	<b>1,639,831</b>	<b>1,771,148</b>	<b>131,317</b>	<b>8.0</b>
Expenditure (€000)	<b>EU</b>	<b>151,637</b>	<b>171,611</b>	<b>169,341</b>	<b>-2,270</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	12,114	16,609	16,675	-	-
	Germany	21,047	23,782	24,833	1,051	4.4
	Italy	15,295	15,830	17,239	1,409	8.9
	United Kingdom	54,271	55,524	56,009	485	0.9
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>37,903</b>	<b>37,283</b>	<b>46,409</b>	<b>9,125</b>	<b>24.5</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>189,540</b>	<b>208,894</b>	<b>215,749</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>3.3</b>

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

Characteristics	January-October			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>1,749,341</b>	<b>2,036,884</b>	<b>2,334,159</b>	<b>297,275</b>	<b>14.6</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	18,783	34,799	31,899	-2,900	-8.3
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>1,730,558</b>	<b>2,002,085</b>	<b>2,302,260</b>	<b>300,175</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	1,688,828	1,961,421	2,261,846	300,425	15.3
Sea	41,730	40,664	40,414	-	-
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	877,746	1,024,449	1,150,132	125,683	12.3
Females	852,812	977,636	1,152,128	174,492	17.8
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	351,268	398,320	437,670	39,350	9.9
25-44	602,875	757,665	880,979	123,314	16.3
45-64	547,890	627,482	720,085	92,603	14.8
65 or more	228,525	218,618	263,526	44,908	20.5
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	1,485,796	1,721,248	1,950,885	229,637	13.3
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	785,554	979,820	1,117,755	137,935	14.1
Non-EU	244,762	280,837	351,375	70,538	25.1
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	1,492,812	1,703,040	2,040,231	337,191	19.8
Business and professional	113,359	157,495	149,689	-7,806	-5.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	124,388	141,551	112,340	-29,210	-20.6
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	677,926	699,402	793,518	94,116	13.5
Non-package	1,052,632	1,302,684	1,508,742	206,059	15.8
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	1,218,305	1,464,944	1,713,212	248,268	16.9
Repeat tourists	512,253	537,141	589,048	51,906	9.7
once a year or less	373,226	389,355	436,479	47,124	12.1
more than once a year	139,027	147,787	152,569	4,782	3.2
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	286,874	378,190	446,081	67,891	18.0
4-6 nights	430,933	537,481	658,634	121,152	22.5
7 nights or more	1,012,751	1,086,414	1,197,546	111,131	10.2
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.2</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-October			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>1,528,038</b>	<b>1,768,725</b>	<b>2,015,200</b>	<b>246,475</b>	<b>13.9</b>
Collective	1,185,756	1,323,199	1,455,974	132,776	10.0
Other rented	342,282	445,526	559,226	113,699	25.5
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>202,520</b>	<b>233,361</b>	<b>287,060</b>	<b>53,699</b>	<b>23.0</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>1,730,558</b>	<b>2,002,085</b>	<b>2,302,260</b>	<b>300,175</b>	<b>15.0</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-October			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>11,296,236</b>	<b>12,426,013</b>	<b>13,867,767</b>	<b>1,441,754</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Collective	7,899,392	8,280,394	8,993,124	712,730	8.6
Other rented	3,396,844	4,145,618	4,874,643	729,024	17.6
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>2,032,266</b>	<b>2,265,707</b>	<b>2,722,433</b>	<b>456,726</b>	<b>20.2</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>13,328,502</b>	<b>14,691,720</b>	<b>16,590,200</b>	<b>1,898,481</b>	<b>12.9</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-October			Change	Percentage change	
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017		
<b>Tourists</b>	Australia	30,824	33,535	43,488	9,953	29.7
	Austria	21,892	26,343	35,092	8,749	33.2
	Belgium	32,628	65,315	60,139	-5,177	-7.9
	France	129,393	160,812	195,206	34,395	21.4
	Germany	134,178	163,391	196,640	33,249	20.3
	Hungary	19,502	24,686	26,186	1,500	6.1
	Ireland	28,894	31,186	36,747	5,561	17.8
	Italy	275,648	321,450	346,751	25,301	7.9
	Netherlands	46,999	57,437	51,946	-5,492	-9.6
	Poland	62,886	76,919	83,833	6,913	9.0
	Scandinavia*	111,805	121,123	115,124	-5,999	-5.0
	Spain	47,406	68,807	85,237	16,431	23.9
	Switzerland	37,587	40,240	42,361	2,122	5.3
	United Kingdom	496,414	491,278	568,800	77,522	15.8
	USA	23,230	31,305	40,965	9,660	30.9
	Other	231,270	288,257	373,744	85,487	29.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,730,558</b>	<b>2,002,085</b>	<b>2,302,260</b>	<b>300,175</b>	<b>15.0</b>	
<b>Nights</b>	Australia	354,500	392,695	461,404	68,709	17.5
	Austria	154,165	177,956	237,505	59,548	33.5
	Belgium	220,449	395,125	383,741	-11,384	-2.9
	France	1,019,377	1,285,358	1,530,084	244,726	19.0
	Germany	1,086,526	1,222,531	1,469,817	247,287	20.2
	Hungary	145,256	165,014	158,938	-6,076	-3.7
	Ireland	218,696	222,282	276,057	53,776	24.2
	Italy	1,722,531	1,950,488	2,135,940	185,452	9.5
	Netherlands	359,002	415,837	378,567	-37,270	-9.0
	Poland	462,784	529,669	562,913	33,243	6.3
	Scandinavia*	799,053	857,948	827,535	-30,413	-3.5
	Spain	343,927	458,625	545,895	87,270	19.0
	Switzerland	287,863	292,907	300,594	7,688	2.6
	United Kingdom	4,021,362	3,781,084	4,116,099	335,015	8.9
	USA	178,498	211,102	254,826	43,724	20.7
	Other	1,954,512	2,333,098	2,950,285	617,187	26.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,328,502</b>	<b>14,691,720</b>	<b>16,590,200</b>	<b>1,898,481</b>	<b>12.9</b>	
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>	Australia	47,197	49,651	68,886	19,235	38.7
	Austria	19,762	25,864	28,694	2,830	10.9
	Belgium	30,677	51,561	46,850	-4,711	-9.1
	France	115,011	142,879	159,963	17,083	12.0
	Germany	121,220	145,022	169,520	24,498	16.9
	Hungary	14,111	18,667	15,417	-3,250	-17.4
	Ireland	27,705	28,535	32,907	4,372	15.3
	Italy	174,725	203,935	211,208	7,273	3.6
	Netherlands	41,226	49,914	43,063	-6,851	-13.7
	Poland	45,546	56,452	53,201	-3,251	-5.8
	Scandinavia*	106,944	120,461	106,770	-13,691	-11.4
	Spain	39,212	54,848	57,114	2,266	4.1
	Switzerland	44,638	45,790	44,140	-1,651	-3.6
	United Kingdom	442,445	424,409	470,876	46,466	10.9
	USA	28,066	35,145	49,310	14,165	40.3
	Other	246,397	295,949	342,013	46,064	15.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,544,882</b>	<b>1,749,082</b>	<b>1,899,929</b>	<b>150,847</b>	<b>8.6</b>	

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-October 2018</b>					
Australia	7,978	23,999	11,061	25,848	<b>68,886</b>
Austria	10,886	3,794	4,802	9,212	<b>28,694</b>
Belgium	14,959	5,879	9,714	16,298	<b>46,850</b>
France	54,058	22,550	31,418	51,937	<b>159,963</b>
Germany	73,321	19,192	26,678	50,329	<b>169,520</b>
Hungary	3,014	2,905	3,293	6,205	<b>15,417</b>
Ireland	6,660	5,373	7,338	13,535	<b>32,907</b>
Italy	48,614	28,282	43,975	90,338	<b>211,208</b>
Netherlands	13,370	5,492	7,203	16,998	<b>43,063</b>
Poland	10,400	8,290	13,016	21,496	<b>53,201</b>
Scandinavia*	34,070	17,057	18,006	37,637	<b>106,770</b>
Spain	11,809	8,558	13,612	23,134	<b>57,114</b>
Switzerland	13,305	6,676	8,494	15,664	<b>44,140</b>
United Kingdom	173,024	57,273	72,645	167,932	<b>470,876</b>
USA	8,136	17,059	9,778	14,337	<b>49,310</b>
Other	74,693	72,984	66,070	128,265	<b>342,013</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>558,297</b>	<b>305,363</b>	<b>347,104</b>	<b>689,167</b>	<b>1,899,929</b>
<b>January-October 2017</b>					
Australia	2,897	16,530	8,123	22,101	<b>49,651</b>
Austria	8,872	3,291	4,476	9,225	<b>25,864</b>
Belgium	14,966	7,100	11,141	18,354	<b>51,561</b>
France	47,826	17,719	26,361	50,972	<b>142,879</b>
Germany	55,016	16,523	24,123	49,360	<b>145,022</b>
Hungary	2,731	3,081	4,120	8,735	<b>18,667</b>
Ireland	5,660	4,438	6,069	12,368	<b>28,535</b>
Italy	45,971	26,472	41,389	90,103	<b>203,935</b>
Netherlands	14,814	6,310	8,099	20,692	<b>49,914</b>
Poland	11,248	8,260	11,976	24,968	<b>56,452</b>
Scandinavia*	38,629	16,338	18,835	46,659	<b>120,461</b>
Spain	10,798	8,013	11,825	24,212	<b>54,848</b>
Switzerland	13,119	7,033	8,420	17,218	<b>45,790</b>
United Kingdom	136,342	54,499	65,974	167,594	<b>424,409</b>
USA	4,140	10,766	7,653	12,586	<b>35,145</b>
Other	57,087	59,144	55,588	124,131	<b>295,949</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>470,117</b>	<b>265,516</b>	<b>314,171</b>	<b>699,279</b>	<b>1,749,082</b>
<b>January-October 2016</b>					
Australia	3,069	15,383	8,295	20,450	<b>47,197</b>
Austria	8,631	2,051	2,406	6,674	<b>19,762</b>
Belgium	13,101	3,454	4,181	9,941	<b>30,677</b>
France	44,185	13,247	18,872	38,708	<b>115,011</b>
Germany	50,462	13,894	18,381	38,483	<b>121,220</b>
Hungary	3,090	2,064	2,487	6,471	<b>14,111</b>
Ireland	6,462	4,018	5,499	11,726	<b>27,705</b>
Italy	43,119	21,627	34,246	75,733	<b>174,725</b>
Netherlands	14,096	4,616	5,790	16,723	<b>41,226</b>
Poland	9,276	6,569	9,652	20,049	<b>45,546</b>
Scandinavia*	37,393	13,543	15,931	40,077	<b>106,944</b>
Spain	9,426	5,387	7,961	16,437	<b>39,212</b>
Switzerland	13,481	6,255	8,133	16,769	<b>44,638</b>
United Kingdom	152,110	58,613	64,139	167,584	<b>442,445</b>
USA	1,817 <sup>u</sup>	9,948	5,652	10,649	<b>28,066</b>
Other	53,989	48,048	41,640	102,719	<b>246,397</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>463,707</b>	<b>228,717</b>	<b>253,265</b>	<b>599,194</b>	<b>1,544,882</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 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-October 2018</b>					
Australia	1,396	632	367	594	<b>1,584</b>
Austria	736	187	274	263	<b>818</b>
Belgium	721	149	282	271	<b>779</b>
France	740	184	283	266	<b>819</b>
Germany	754	192	307	256	<b>862</b>
Hungary	475	146	247	237	<b>589</b>
Ireland	592	210	344	368	<b>896</b>
Italy	527	111	217	261	<b>609</b>
Netherlands	624	180	274	327	<b>829</b>
Poland	491	132	236	256	<b>635</b>
Scandinavia*	724	250	313	327	<b>927</b>
Spain	537	134	242	271	<b>670</b>
Switzerland	837	251	370	370	<b>1,042</b>
United Kingdom	703	177	302	295	<b>828</b>
USA	1,175	498	337	350	<b>1,204</b>
Other	815	258	285	343	<b>915</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>825</b>
<b>January-October 2017</b>					
Australia	936	543	371	659	<b>1,481</b>
Austria	700	241	370	350	<b>982</b>
Belgium	734	158	284	281	<b>789</b>
France	728	186	308	317	<b>888</b>
Germany	720	190	328	302	<b>888</b>
Hungary	494	161	272	354	<b>756</b>
Ireland	638	199	348	397	<b>915</b>
Italy	510	114	225	280	<b>634</b>
Netherlands	607	191	297	360	<b>869</b>
Poland	553	146	239	325	<b>734</b>
Scandinavia*	739	237	331	385	<b>995</b>
Spain	581	160	271	352	<b>797</b>
Switzerland	889	276	379	428	<b>1,138</b>
United Kingdom	664	191	332	341	<b>864</b>
USA	1,075	392	346	402	<b>1,123</b>
Other	741	280	326	431	<b>1,027</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>874</b>
<b>January-October 2016</b>					
Australia	922	559	397	663	<b>1,531</b>
Austria	668	229	332	305	<b>903</b>
Belgium	802	212	311	305	<b>940</b>
France	739	190	311	299	<b>889</b>
Germany	743	210	330	287	<b>903</b>
Hungary	523	152	241	332	<b>724</b>
Ireland	627	216	356	406	<b>959</b>
Italy	515	113	226	275	<b>634</b>
Netherlands	654	181	287	356	<b>877</b>
Poland	557	142	239	319	<b>724</b>
Scandinavia*	689	235	330	358	<b>957</b>
Spain	637	165	290	347	<b>827</b>
Switzerland	946	268	391	446	<b>1,188</b>
United Kingdom	687	213	336	338	<b>891</b>
USA	798 <sup>u</sup>	475	340	458	<b>1,208</b>
Other	743	303	333	444	<b>1,065</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>893</b>

<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	October		
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>5,809</b>	<b>5,283</b>
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	2,020	2,647	2,402
Females	2,345	3,162	2,881
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	22	51	91
20-39	128	235	260
40-59	825	994	1,215
60-79	3,100	4,011	3,438
80 or more	290	518	279
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	1,818	1,466	2,740
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	891	454	289
Non-EU	2,547	4,343	2,543

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

Characteristics	January-October		
	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>18,783</b>	<b>34,799</b>	<b>31,899</b>
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	8,759	15,978	14,628
Females	10,024	18,821	17,271
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	1,119	1,528	1,162
20-39	1,813	2,750	2,002
40-59	4,931	9,217	7,700
60-79	9,777	18,983	19,188
80 or more	1,143	2,321	1,847
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	9,175	17,911	15,558
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	5,474	8,838	5,062
Non-EU	9,608	16,888	16,341

## 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 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.
7. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruise ship in Malta is compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
8. 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'.
9. 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> ).
10. **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.
  - **Rented accommodation:** consists of the following two sub-categories:
    - a. **Collective accommodation:** comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels, tourist villages, holiday complex, Bed & Breakfast and campsites.
    - b. **Other rented accommodation:** comprises holiday furnished premises (farmhouses, flats and villas), host families, marinas, paid-convents, rented yachts and student dormitories.
  - **Non-rented accommodation:** comprises 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 or timeshare, etc.).
  - **Total expenditure:** refers to the amount that is going to be paid for the acquisition of consumption goods and services, as well as valuables during tourism trips. It includes expenditures by visitors themselves, as well as expenses that are paid for or reimbursed by others. Maltese residents are asked to budget the expenditures which they are about to incur when travelling abroad. The total expenditure is broken down by the following expenditure items:

- a. **Package expenditure:** refers to the whole amount of money spent in transport, accommodation and others services such as rental of a car, activities or outings during the trip.
- b. **Non-Package expenditure:** is the amount of money spent in transport and accommodation reported separately.
- c. **Other expenditure:** is the amount spent on shopping, souvenirs, tickets for concerts or a sport event, entrance to a museum or zoo, day excursions during a tourism trip. It also includes durables and valuable goods, that is, the amount spent on cars, computers paintings, jewellery and works of art.

11. 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>

12. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

13. 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)