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Total inbound visitors for December were estimated at 122,759, an increase of 11.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2017.

Inbound Tourism: December 2018

A total of 105,766 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 10,332 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 8.9 per cent to 101,792 when compared to the corresponding month in 2017. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (40.1 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (33.5 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 10.1 per cent when compared to December 2017, amounting to 870,538 nights. The largest share of guest nights (49.3 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €78.3 million, an increase of 1.1 per cent over the corresponding month in 2017 (Table 4).

January-December 2018

Inbound tourist trips from January to December 2018 reaching nearly 2.6 million, an increase of 14.3 per cent over the same period in 2017 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 12.5 per cent, reaching nearly 18.6 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €2.1 billion, 8.0 per cent higher than that recorded for 2017 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €809, a decrease of 5.5 per cent when compared to 2017 (Table 11) ■

Chart 1. Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes
(excluding overnight cruise passengers)

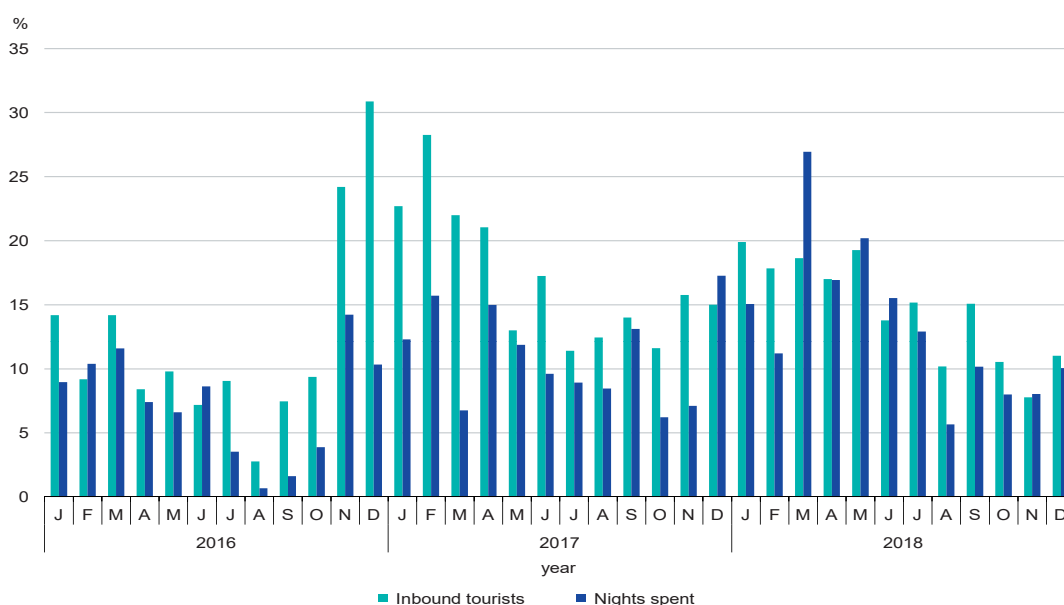


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Total inbound visitors	96,395	110,611	122,759	12,149	11.0
Overnight cruise passengers	1,429	1,389	1,500	111	8.0
Inbound tourists	94,966	109,222	121,259	12,038	11.0
Mode of travel					
Air	91,306	105,814	117,758	11,945	11.3
Sea	3,660	3,408	3,501	-	-
Sex					
Males	52,966	57,333	61,533	4,200	7.3
Females	42,000	51,889	59,727	7,838	15.1
Age group					
0-24	14,007	12,851	16,113	3,262	25.4
25-44	35,737	43,155	48,627	5,472	12.7
45-64	31,529	38,372	40,675	2,303	6.0
65 or more	13,692	14,843	15,843	-	-
Markets					
EU	82,518	93,435	101,792	8,357	8.9
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	46,948	51,819	60,717	8,898	17.2
Non-EU	12,447	15,787	19,467	3,680	23.3
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	80,443	96,186	105,766	9,580	10.0
Business and professional	8,802	7,768	10,332	2,564	33.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	5,720	5,268	5,161	-	-
Organisation of stay					
Package	29,364	39,011	35,757	-3,254	-8.3
Non-package	65,601	70,210	85,502	15,292	21.8
Frequency					
First-time tourists	62,758	76,308	80,534	4,226	5.5
Repeat tourists	32,208	32,914	40,726	7,812	23.7
once a year or less	18,538	19,752	22,428	2,676	13.5
more than once a year	13,670	13,162	18,298	5,136	39.0
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	27,500	33,236	39,387	6,151	18.5
4-6 nights	27,218	31,837	35,244	3,406	10.7
7 nights or more	40,247	44,149	46,629	2,480	5.6
Average length of stay (nights)	7.1	7.2	7.2	0.0	-

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. Changes denoted by the dash symbol (-) should be treated with caution. For more information, please refer to methodological note 5.

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

Type of accommodation	December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	81,049	94,775	98,939	4,164	4.4
Collective	66,983	76,803	77,706	-	-
Other rented	14,065	17,972	21,233	3,261	18.1
Non-rented accommodation	13,917	14,447	22,320	7,873	54.5
Total tourists	94,966	109,222	121,259	12,038	11.0

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	December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	563,546	691,935	724,212	32,277	4.7
Collective	375,551	450,740	429,270	-	-
Other rented	187,994	241,196	294,942	53,747	22.3
Non-rented accommodation	110,976	99,012	146,326	47,314	47.8
Total nights	674,521	790,947	870,538	79,591	10.1

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	December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Package	15,085	18,258	19,243	985	5.4
Non-package	20,066	24,846	28,062	3,215	12.9
Air/sea fares	9,516	10,799	13,774	2,974	27.5
Accommodation	10,551	14,047	14,288	241	1.7
Other expenditure	27,186	34,377	31,024	-3,353	-9.8
Total expenditure	62,338	77,481	78,329	848	1.1

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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	December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Tourists					
EU	82,518	93,435	101,792	8,357	8.9
<i>of which:</i>					
France	6,666	5,602	8,248	2,646	47.2
Germany	6,986	8,890	12,063	3,173	35.7
Italy	18,275	19,863	19,649	-	-
United Kingdom	26,796	28,122	29,155	-	-
Non-EU	12,447	15,787	19,467	3,680	23.3
Total	94,966	109,222	121,259	12,038	11.0
Nights					
EU	579,681	651,974	714,660	62,686	9.6
<i>of which:</i>					
France	54,343	47,062	68,405	21,344	45.4
Germany	46,126	64,109	77,562	13,453	21.0
Italy	97,076	119,089	142,624	-	-
United Kingdom	191,079	196,062	201,680	-	-
Non-EU	94,841	138,973	155,879	16,905	12.2
Total	674,521	790,947	870,538	79,591	10.1
Expenditure (€000)					
EU	50,882	59,538	60,264	725	1.2
<i>of which:</i>					
France	5,559	4,198	5,586	1,388	33.1
Germany	4,772	6,902	8,474	1,572	22.8
Italy	8,245	10,524	9,039	-	-
United Kingdom	16,556	18,576	18,352	-	-
Non-EU	11,456	17,943	18,065	123	0.7
Total	62,338	77,481	78,329	848	1.1

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Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Total inbound visitors	1,988,447	2,314,596	2,633,919	319,322	13.8
Overnight cruise passengers	22,519	40,759	35,229	-5,530	-13.6
Inbound tourists	1,965,928	2,273,837	2,598,690	324,852	14.3
Mode of travel					
Air	1,917,950	2,226,599	2,551,685	325,085	14.6
Sea	47,978	47,238	47,005	-	-
Sex					
Males	1,003,768	1,168,929	1,300,684	131,754	11.3
Females	962,160	1,104,908	1,298,006	193,098	17.5
Age group					
0-24	382,671	430,150	473,528	43,378	10.1
25-44	690,082	860,200	999,987	139,787	16.3
45-64	627,450	728,071	822,716	94,645	13.0
65 or more	265,725	255,417	302,459	47,042	18.4
Markets					
EU	1,691,055	1,955,508	2,202,214	246,706	12.6
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	903,182	1,110,386	1,265,168	154,781	13.9
Non-EU	274,873	318,330	396,476	78,147	24.5
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,691,193	1,938,456	2,291,628	353,172	18.2
Business and professional	136,770	180,560	180,279	-	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	137,965	154,821	126,783	-28,038	-18.1
Organisation of stay					
Package	755,769	802,386	886,606	84,220	10.5
Non-package	1,210,159	1,471,452	1,712,084	240,632	16.4
Frequency					
First-time tourists	1,374,317	1,660,017	1,912,486	252,469	15.2
Repeat tourists	591,611	613,820	686,203	72,383	11.8
once a year or less	421,378	437,981	498,012	60,032	13.7
more than once a year	170,233	175,840	188,191	12,351	7.0
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	349,146	449,757	537,404	87,647	19.5
4-6 nights	497,409	619,634	746,006	126,372	20.4
7 nights or more	1,119,373	1,204,447	1,315,280	110,833	9.2
Average length of stay (nights)	7.6	7.3	7.1	-0.2	-

Notes:

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

Type of accommodation	January-December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	1,733,216	2,009,304	2,265,877	256,574	12.8
Collective	1,354,122	1,518,385	1,651,398	133,013	8.8
Other rented	379,094	490,919	614,480	123,561	25.2
Non-rented accommodation	232,712	264,534	332,812	68,279	25.8
Total tourists	1,965,928	2,273,837	2,598,690	324,852	14.3

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-December			Change	Percentage change
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	
Rented accommodation	12,664,264	14,017,075	15,511,213	1,494,138	10.7
Collective	8,886,365	9,417,628	10,081,852	664,223	7.1
Other rented	3,777,900	4,599,447	5,429,361	829,915	18.0
Non-rented accommodation	2,297,101	2,492,066	3,058,503	566,437	22.7
Total nights	14,961,366	16,509,141	18,569,716	2,060,575	12.5

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-December			Change	Percentage change	
	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017		
Tourists	Australia	32,611	35,875	45,859	9,984	27.8
	Austria	24,319	29,624	39,029	9,405	31.7
	Belgium	41,759	73,429	70,191	-3,238	-4.4
	France	144,804	176,371	213,299	36,928	20.9
	Germany	156,786	193,033	226,962	33,929	17.6
	Hungary	20,988	26,875	28,294	-	-
	Ireland	33,175	36,177	40,721	4,544	12.6
	Italy	315,223	363,668	390,607	26,938	7.4
	Netherlands	52,642	64,000	57,355	-6,645	-10.4
	Poland	70,563	89,335	96,362	7,027	7.9
	Scandinavia*	123,963	135,273	128,320	-6,953	-5.1
	Spain	55,023	75,511	99,046	23,535	31.2
	Switzerland	40,504	44,065	45,572	1,507	3.4
	United Kingdom	559,987	560,893	640,570	79,677	14.2
	USA	26,454	35,758	47,170	11,412	31.9
	Other	267,126	333,951	429,334	95,384	28.6
Total	1,965,928	2,273,837	2,598,690	324,852	14.3	
Nights	Australia	370,382	413,400	472,067	58,668	14.2
	Austria	167,678	196,651	258,587	61,935	31.5
	Belgium	277,755	436,701	431,321	-5,380	-1.2
	France	1,123,591	1,400,526	1,665,788	265,262	18.9
	Germany	1,246,556	1,434,054	1,672,231	238,177	16.6
	Hungary	155,629	177,276	183,285	-	-
	Ireland	252,559	255,471	307,559	52,088	20.4
	Italy	1,921,435	2,167,079	2,411,465	244,385	11.3
	Netherlands	392,864	471,066	425,436	-45,630	-9.7
	Poland	515,367	601,461	630,548	29,087	4.8
	Scandinavia*	899,026	961,618	941,335	-20,282	-2.1
	Spain	399,720	497,551	638,030	140,479	28.2
	Switzerland	313,572	324,179	324,967	788	0.2
	United Kingdom	4,499,760	4,262,303	4,611,841	349,538	8.2
	USA	200,705	234,773	286,258	51,485	21.9
	Other	2,224,765	2,675,033	3,308,998	633,965	23.7
Total	14,961,366	16,509,141	18,569,716	2,060,575	12.5	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	49,223	51,992	71,262	19,271	37.1
	Austria	21,620	28,517	31,278	2,761	9.7
	Belgium	36,487	56,616	52,044	-4,572	-8.1
	France	126,091	154,444	172,237	17,793	11.5
	Germany	137,917	168,739	191,776	23,037	13.7
	Hungary	15,116	19,923	16,581	-	-
	Ireland	30,840	32,252	35,476	3,224	10.0
	Italy	193,065	225,722	233,112	7,390	3.3
	Netherlands	44,833	54,524	47,455	-7,070	-13.0
	Poland	49,931	63,513	59,504	-4,008	-6.3
	Scandinavia*	117,764	133,725	118,185	-15,540	-11.6
	Spain	43,485	59,054	65,048	5,994	10.2
	Switzerland	47,664	50,111	47,865	-2,246	-4.5
	United Kingdom	485,143	473,068	517,306	44,238	9.4
	USA	31,574	39,866	56,351	16,486	41.4
	Other	278,199	334,830	386,285	51,455	15.4
Total	1,708,952	1,946,894	2,101,765	154,871	8.0	

* 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		
January-December 2018					
Australia	8,089	25,198	11,374	26,601	71,262
Austria	11,870	3,995	5,187	10,226	31,278
Belgium	15,924	6,853	10,686	18,581	52,044
France	57,291	24,470	34,211	56,265	172,237
Germany	81,252	22,050	30,760	57,714	191,776
Hungary	3,323	3,066	3,552	6,640	16,581
Ireland	7,402	5,678	7,649	14,746	35,476
Italy	51,552	31,833	48,836	100,891	233,112
Netherlands	14,833	6,023	7,821	18,777	47,455
Poland	11,807	9,331	14,120	24,246	59,504
Scandinavia*	37,336	19,102	19,945	41,801	118,185
Spain	14,086	9,466	15,165	26,332	65,048
Switzerland	14,429	7,364	9,249	16,824	47,865
United Kingdom	187,525	63,429	80,075	186,277	517,306
USA	8,589	20,355	11,370	16,037	56,351
Other	83,362	83,502	74,690	144,732	386,285
Total	608,671	341,715	384,690	766,688	2,101,765
January-December 2017					
Australia	3,049	17,279	8,478	23,186	51,992
Austria	9,701	3,663	4,925	10,228	28,517
Belgium	16,390	7,765	11,920	20,541	56,616
France	50,836	19,300	28,701	55,607	154,444
Germany	65,749	18,550	26,758	57,682	168,739
Hungary	2,876	3,256	4,382	9,408	19,923
Ireland	6,574	4,901	6,717	14,061	32,252
Italy	49,425	29,266	46,199	100,832	225,722
Netherlands	15,993	6,935	8,979	22,619	54,524
Poland	12,603	9,135	13,327	28,448	63,513
Scandinavia*	41,861	18,289	20,900	52,674	133,725
Spain	11,671	8,666	12,649	26,068	59,054
Switzerland	13,815	7,874	9,479	18,942	50,111
United Kingdom	151,863	60,017	72,931	188,257	473,068
USA	5,035	12,078	8,481	14,271	39,866
Other	64,429	66,382	62,994	141,025	334,830
Total	521,870	293,356	347,820	783,848	1,946,894
January-December 2016					
Australia	3,213	15,903	8,635	21,471	49,223
Austria	9,229	2,383	2,659	7,350	21,620
Belgium	14,651	4,216	5,272	12,348	36,487
France	47,304	14,770	20,731	43,286	126,091
Germany	57,882	15,514	20,283	44,238	137,917
Hungary	3,131	2,271	2,761	6,953	15,116
Ireland	6,964	4,530	6,078	13,268	30,840
Italy	46,055	24,243	38,133	84,634	193,065
Netherlands	15,071	5,122	6,296	18,343	44,833
Poland	9,713	7,354	10,633	22,230	49,931
Scandinavia*	40,375	15,344	17,515	44,530	117,764
Spain	10,101	5,943	8,857	18,584	43,485
Switzerland	14,488	6,691	8,574	17,911	47,664
United Kingdom	165,928	64,137	70,271	184,807	485,143
USA	2,288	10,983	6,418	11,885	31,574
Other	59,425	54,759	47,816	116,198	278,199
Total	505,820	254,163	280,932	668,037	1,708,952

* 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-December 2018					
Australia	1,320	631	359	580	1,554
Austria	701	181	269	262	801
Belgium	696	144	263	265	741
France	724	181	282	264	807
Germany	728	190	306	254	845
Hungary	509	141	240	235	586
Ireland	586	202	329	362	871
Italy	518	109	214	258	597
Netherlands	608	183	278	327	827
Poland	479	129	222	252	618
Scandinavia*	715	250	314	326	921
Spain	549	128	233	266	657
Switzerland	855	254	371	369	1,050
United Kingdom	683	173	298	291	808
USA	1,145	510	334	340	1,195
Other	792	257	279	337	900
Total expenditure per capita	687	199	276	295	809
January-December 2017					
Australia	941	529	362	646	1,449
Austria	684	237	362	345	963
Belgium	693	156	276	280	771
France	710	184	305	315	876
Germany	690	190	323	299	874
Hungary	473	157	266	350	741
Ireland	610	193	337	389	874
Italy	492	111	223	277	621
Netherlands	590	188	298	353	852
Poland	525	140	229	318	711
Scandinavia*	722	237	329	389	989
Spain	562	158	266	345	782
Switzerland	881	277	383	430	1,137
United Kingdom	641	185	324	336	843
USA	1,010	393	340	399	1,115
Other	718	272	319	422	1,003
Total expenditure per capita	650	199	297	345	856
January-December 2016					
Australia	925	546	387	658	1,509
Austria	665	228	317	302	889
Belgium	750	190	292	296	874
France	724	186	300	299	871
Germany	719	203	315	282	880
Hungary	509	153	241	331	720
Ireland	608	209	343	400	930
Italy	505	108	218	268	612
Netherlands	633	178	278	348	852
Poland	534	140	233	315	708
Scandinavia*	689	235	322	359	950
Spain	616	154	272	338	790
Switzerland	937	267	388	442	1,177
United Kingdom	669	206	326	330	866
USA	802	465	337	449	1,194
Other	732	294	324	435	1,041
Total expenditure per capita	669	210	297	340	869

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	December		
	2016	2017	2018
Total overnight cruise passengers	1,429	1,389	1,500
Sex:			
Males	648	706	719
Females	781	683	781
Age group:			
0-19	6	256	237
20-39	44	298	234
40-59	135	429	404
60-79	975	251	395
80 or more	269	155	230
Markets:			
EU	562	382	624
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	10	68	54
Non-EU	867	1,007	876

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

Characteristics	January-December		
	2016	2017	2018
Total overnight cruise passengers	22,519	40,759	35,229
Sex:			
Males	10,512	18,828	16,133
Females	12,007	21,931	19,096
Age group:			
0-19	1,128	1,801	1,400
20-39	1,920	3,200	2,272
40-59	5,234	10,290	8,264
60-79	12,556	22,616	20,919
80 or more	1,681	2,852	2,374
Markets:			
EU	10,218	19,880	17,757
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	5,839	10,118	6,684
Non-EU	12,301	20,879	17,472

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 1:50 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

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