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Total inbound visitors for February were estimated at 125,198, an increase of 2.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Inbound Tourism: February 2019

A total of 103,655 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 14,776 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 1.7 per cent to 107,744 when compared to the corresponding month in 2018. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (41.1 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (31.5 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 3.5 per cent when compared to February 2018, amounting to 774,569 nights. The largest share of guest nights (58.6 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €71.2 million, a decrease of 2.8 per cent over the corresponding month in 2018 (Table 4).

January-February 2019

Inbound tourist trips for the first two months of 2019 amounted to 252,921, an increase of 2.3 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 5.7 per cent, reaching nearly 1.7 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €155.8 million, 0.2 per cent higher than that recorded for 2018 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €616, a decrease of 2.1 per cent when compared to 2018 (Table 11) ■

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

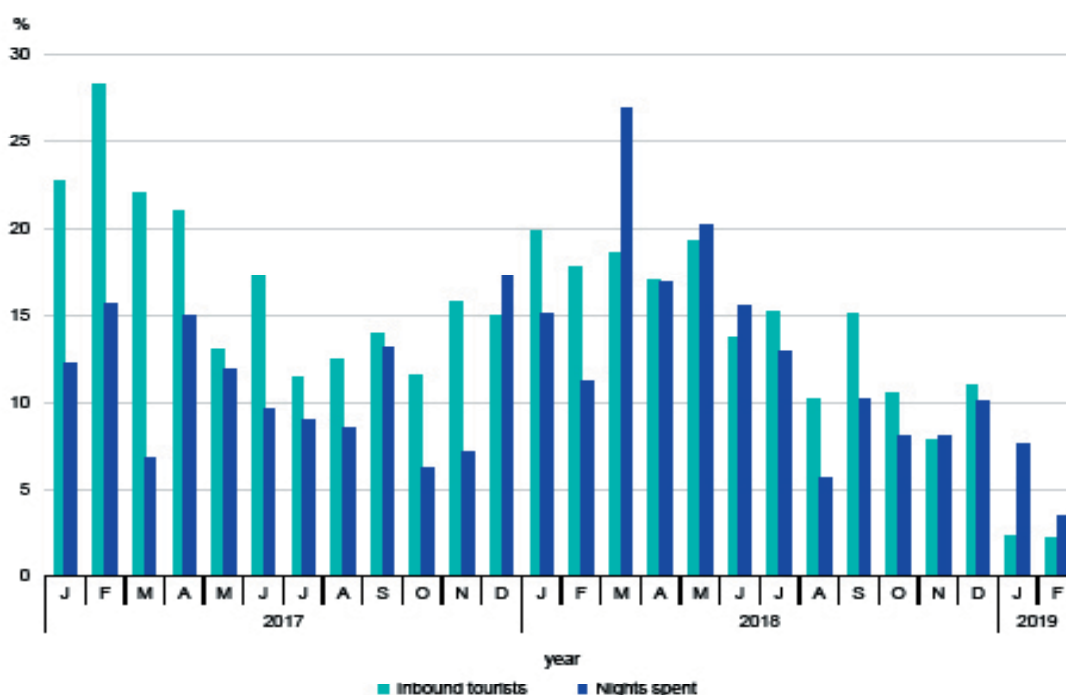


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

| Characteristics | February | | | Change | Percentage change |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019/2018 | |
| Total inbound visitors | 103,899 | 122,433 | 125,198 | 2,765 | 2.3 |
| Overnight cruise passengers | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inbound tourists | 103,899 | 122,433 | 125,198 | 2,765 | 2.3 |
| Mode of travel | | | | | |
| Air | 101,849 | 120,292 | 122,617 | 2,325 | 1.9 |
| Sea | 2,050 | 2,141 | 2,581 | - | - |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Males | 56,070 | 62,958 | 62,525 | - | - |
| Females | 47,829 | 59,475 | 62,674 | 3,198 | 5.4 |
| Age group | | | | | |
| 0-24 | 17,046 | 19,705 | 22,115 | 2,410 | 12.2 |
| 25-44 | 37,305 | 46,284 | 51,420 | 5,136 | 11.1 |
| 45-64 | 35,129 | 40,445 | 39,496 | - | - |
| 65 or more | 14,419 | 15,999 | 12,166 | -3,832 | -24.0 |
| Markets | | | | | |
| EU | 90,472 | 105,930 | 107,744 | 1,814 | 1.7 |
| <i>of which: Euro area</i> | 53,007 | 58,854 | 59,751 | - | - |
| Non-EU | 13,427 | 16,503 | 17,454 | - | - |
| Purpose of visit | | | | | |
| Holiday | 81,706 | 103,555 | 103,655 | - | - |
| Business and professional | 14,691 | 10,876 | 14,776 | 3,900 | 35.9 |
| Other (including educational, religious and health tourism) | 7,502 | 8,001 | 6,766 | - | - |
| Organisation of stay | | | | | |
| Package | 36,081 | 46,148 | 38,659 | -7,490 | -16.2 |
| Non-package | 67,818 | 76,285 | 86,540 | 10,255 | 13.4 |
| Frequency | | | | | |
| First-time tourists | 70,285 | 91,833 | 90,414 | - | - |
| Repeat tourists | 33,614 | 30,600 | 34,784 | 4,184 | 13.7 |
| once a year or less | 23,582 | 21,250 | 22,471 | - | - |
| more than once a year | 10,032 | 9,350 | 12,313 | 2,963 | 31.7 |
| Duration of visit | | | | | |
| 1-3 nights | 30,746 | 35,829 | 43,277 | 7,448 | 20.8 |
| 4-6 nights | 31,848 | 40,677 | 37,703 | -2,974 | -7.3 |
| 7 nights or more | 41,305 | 45,927 | 44,218 | -1,709 | -3.7 |
| Average length of stay (nights) | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 0.1 | - |

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 | February | | | Change | Percentage change |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | |
| Rented accommodation | 93,115 | 108,261 | 111,246 | 2,986 | 2.8 |
| Collective | 78,048 | 88,823 | 88,731 | - | - |
| Other rented | 15,066 | 19,438 | 22,516 | 3,078 | 15.8 |
| Non-rented accommodation | 10,784 | 14,173 | 13,952 | - | - |
| Total tourists | 103,899 | 122,433 | 125,198 | 2,765 | 2.3 |

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
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Table 3. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

| Type of accommodation | February | | | Change | Percentage change |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | |
| Rented accommodation | 598,599 | 646,531 | 668,043 | 21,512 | 3.3 |
| Collective | 453,755 | 487,406 | 453,689 | - | - |
| Other rented | 144,844 | 159,125 | 214,355 | 55,230 | 34.7 |
| Non-rented accommodation | 74,128 | 101,579 | 106,526 | - | - |
| Total nights | 672,727 | 748,110 | 774,569 | 26,460 | 3.5 |

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 | February | | | Change | Percentage change |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | |
| Package | 18,299 | 21,109 | 16,488 | -4,621 | -21.9 |
| Non-package | 22,714 | 24,652 | 26,338 | 1,686 | 6.8 |
| Air/sea fares | 10,601 | 12,266 | 11,913 | -353 | -2.9 |
| Accommodation | 12,113 | 12,386 | 14,425 | 2,039 | 16.5 |
| Other expenditure | 28,878 | 27,441 | 28,329 | 889 | 3.2 |
| Total expenditure | 69,891 | 73,202 | 71,156 | -2,047 | -2.8 |

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 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019/2018 | |
| Tourists | | | | | |
| EU | 90,472 | 105,930 | 107,744 | 1,814 | 1.7 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | |
| France | 8,090 | 7,704 | 10,391 | 2,687 | 34.9 |
| Germany | 10,052 | 12,749 | 9,668 | -3,081 | -24.2 |
| Italy | 17,002 | 19,478 | 18,316 | - | - |
| United Kingdom | 27,510 | 32,056 | 32,369 | - | - |
| Non-EU | 13,427 | 16,503 | 17,454 | - | - |
| Total | 103,899 | 122,433 | 125,198 | 2,765 | 2.3 |
| Nights | | | | | |
| EU | 559,588 | 613,073 | 642,038 | 28,965 | 4.7 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | |
| France | 50,137 | 49,394 | 72,765 | 23,371 | 47.3 |
| Germany | 65,374 | 84,174 | 58,879 | -25,295 | -30.1 |
| Italy | 84,926 | 96,407 | 116,280 | - | - |
| United Kingdom | 206,982 | 203,974 | 182,404 | - | - |
| Non-EU | 113,139 | 135,037 | 132,531 | - | - |
| Total | 672,727 | 748,110 | 774,569 | 26,460 | 3.5 |
| Expenditure (€000) | | | | | |
| EU | 55,278 | 58,313 | 56,120 | -2,192 | -3.8 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | |
| France | 4,670 | 4,759 | 5,535 | 776 | 16.3 |
| Germany | 7,692 | 8,138 | 5,464 | -2,673 | -32.9 |
| Italy | 9,075 | 8,477 | 8,540 | - | - |
| United Kingdom | 16,793 | 18,304 | 18,010 | - | - |
| Non-EU | 14,613 | 14,889 | 15,035 | - | - |
| Total | 69,891 | 73,202 | 71,156 | -2,047 | -2.8 |

Notes:

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

Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

| Characteristics | January-February | | | Change | Percentage change |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019/2018 | |
| Total inbound visitors | 207,968 | 247,203 | 252,921 | 5,719 | 2.3 |
| Overnight cruise passengers | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inbound tourists | 207,968 | 247,203 | 252,921 | 5,719 | 2.3 |
| Mode of travel | | | | | |
| Air | 203,865 | 242,881 | 247,775 | 4,894 | 2.0 |
| Sea | 4,103 | 4,322 | 5,146 | - | - |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Males | 112,181 | 130,957 | 129,359 | -1,598 | -1.2 |
| Females | 95,786 | 116,246 | 123,562 | 7,316 | 6.3 |
| Age group | | | | | |
| 0-24 | 33,091 | 36,167 | 42,365 | 6,199 | 17.1 |
| 25-44 | 76,270 | 95,196 | 104,208 | 9,011 | 9.5 |
| 45-64 | 70,357 | 83,466 | 79,797 | -3,669 | -4.4 |
| 65 or more | 28,250 | 32,374 | 26,551 | -5,823 | -18.0 |
| Markets | | | | | |
| EU | 181,013 | 212,561 | 214,678 | 2,117 | 1.0 |
| <i>of which:</i> Euro area | 107,970 | 123,614 | 124,982 | - | - |
| Non-EU | 26,955 | 34,642 | 38,243 | 3,601 | 10.4 |
| Purpose of visit | | | | | |
| Holiday | 173,260 | 209,670 | 218,206 | 8,537 | 4.1 |
| Business and professional | 23,426 | 25,765 | 24,237 | -1,528 | -5.9 |
| Other (including educational, religious and health tourism) | 11,282 | 11,768 | 10,478 | - | - |
| Organisation of stay | | | | | |
| Package | 68,761 | 89,177 | 76,100 | -13,077 | -14.7 |
| Non-package | 139,206 | 158,025 | 176,821 | 18,795 | 11.9 |
| Frequency | | | | | |
| First-time tourists | 139,302 | 178,983 | 179,896 | - | - |
| Repeat tourists | 68,666 | 68,220 | 73,025 | 4,806 | 7.0 |
| once a year or less | 45,828 | 45,881 | 48,107 | 2,226 | 4.9 |
| more than once a year | 22,837 | 22,339 | 24,919 | 2,580 | 11.5 |
| Duration of visit | | | | | |
| 1-3 nights | 58,457 | 70,038 | 80,217 | 10,179 | 14.5 |
| 4-6 nights | 62,524 | 77,570 | 77,925 | - | - |
| 7 nights or more | 86,987 | 99,595 | 94,780 | -4,815 | -4.8 |
| Average length of stay (nights) | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.2 | - |

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

| Type of accommodation | January-February | | | Change | Percentage change |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019/2018 | |
| Rented accommodation | 180,806 | 215,522 | 218,554 | 3,032 | 1.4 |
| Collective | 149,652 | 179,189 | 171,340 | -7,848 | -4.4 |
| Other rented | 31,155 | 36,333 | 47,213 | 10,881 | 29.9 |
| Non-rented accommodation | 27,161 | 31,681 | 34,368 | 2,686 | 8.5 |
| Total tourists | 207,968 | 247,203 | 252,921 | 5,719 | 2.3 |

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-February | | | Change | Percentage change |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019/2018 | |
| Rented accommodation | 1,162,503 | 1,292,338 | 1,342,875 | 50,537 | 3.9 |
| Collective | 877,207 | 989,003 | 903,000 | -86,003 | -8.7 |
| Other rented | 285,297 | 303,335 | 439,875 | 136,540 | 45.0 |
| Non-rented accommodation | 247,534 | 304,086 | 344,134 | 40,048 | 13.2 |
| Total nights | 1,410,037 | 1,596,423 | 1,687,009 | 90,585 | 5.7 |

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 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2019/2018 | |
| Tourists | | | | | |
| Australia | 1,328 ^u | 2,400 ^u | 2,232 ^u | - | - |
| Austria | 2,991 ^u | 4,160 | 1,968 ^u | - | - |
| Belgium | 8,823 | 8,350 | 7,620 | - | - |
| France | 14,480 | 15,552 | 18,184 | 2,632 | 16.9 |
| Germany | 19,522 | 27,004 | 21,130 | -5,874 | -21.8 |
| Hungary | 1,845 ^u | 2,208 ^u | 3,039 ^u | - | - |
| Ireland | 3,207 | 4,682 | 4,528 | - | - |
| Italy | 37,124 | 42,334 | 40,210 | -2,123 | -5.0 |
| Netherlands | 4,750 | 5,239 | 4,735 | - | - |
| Poland | 7,087 | 12,940 | 14,210 | - | - |
| Scandinavia* | 6,387 | 8,187 | 7,174 | - | - |
| Spain | 8,119 | 6,434 | 11,579 | 5,145 | 80.0 |
| Switzerland | 2,662 ^u | 3,013 ^u | 3,071 ^u | - | - |
| United Kingdom | 53,883 | 59,567 | 58,445 | - | - |
| USA | 2,916 | 3,340 | 4,680 | - | - |
| Other | 32,846 | 41,794 | 49,116 | 7,323 | 17.5 |
| Total | 207,968 | 247,203 | 252,921 | 5,719 | 2.3 |
| Nights | | | | | |
| Australia | 20,494 ^u | 49,477 ^u | 21,266 ^u | - | - |
| Austria | 19,528 ^u | 24,430 | 16,465 ^u | - | - |
| Belgium | 43,199 | 42,710 | 53,348 | - | - |
| France | 81,413 | 93,887 | 116,703 | 22,816 | 24.3 |
| Germany | 131,280 | 182,193 | 135,380 | -46,813 | -25.7 |
| Hungary | 12,663 ^u | 11,055 ^u | 14,050 ^u | - | - |
| Ireland | 22,348 | 30,480 | 28,976 | - | - |
| Italy | 196,031 | 224,347 | 250,780 | 26,433 | 11.8 |
| Netherlands | 33,181 | 29,853 | 42,121 | - | - |
| Poland | 44,133 | 76,677 | 86,377 | - | - |
| Scandinavia* | 46,447 | 59,712 | 49,893 | - | - |
| Spain | 39,699 | 29,019 | 57,602 | 28,583 | 98.5 |
| Switzerland | 18,909 ^u | 21,071 ^u | 20,552 ^u | - | - |
| United Kingdom | 419,848 | 391,952 | 371,430 | - | - |
| USA | 17,041 | 21,328 | 25,523 | - | - |
| Other | 263,823 | 308,233 | 396,542 | 88,309 | 28.6 |
| Total | 1,410,037 | 1,596,423 | 1,687,009 | 90,585 | 5.7 |
| Expenditure (€000) | | | | | |
| Australia | 2,391 ^u | 3,246 ^u | 3,020 ^u | - | - |
| Austria | 2,583 ^u | 3,180 | 2,061 ^u | - | - |
| Belgium | 4,667 | 4,321 | 4,142 | - | - |
| France | 9,179 | 9,918 | 10,511 | 592 | 6.0 |
| Germany | 13,884 | 17,396 | 12,855 | -4,540 | -26.1 |
| Hungary | 1,032 ^u | 1,007 ^u | 1,333 ^u | - | - |
| Ireland | 2,141 | 3,022 | 3,275 | - | - |
| Italy | 18,583 | 20,269 | 18,384 | -1,885 | -9.3 |
| Netherlands | 3,197 | 3,023 | 3,009 | - | - |
| Poland | 3,770 | 6,999 | 7,097 | - | - |
| Scandinavia* | 5,425 | 6,240 | 5,397 | - | - |
| Spain | 4,038 | 3,502 | 4,612 | 1,110 | 31.7 |
| Switzerland | 2,142 ^u | 2,661 ^u | 2,475 ^u | - | - |
| United Kingdom | 34,426 | 34,740 | 34,276 | - | - |
| USA | 2,612 | 2,972 | 4,067 | - | - |
| Other | 30,670 | 32,962 | 39,328 | 6,365 | 19.3 |
| Total | 140,739 | 155,460 | 155,842 | 383 | 0.2 |

^u 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.
3. Changes denoted by the dash symbol (-) should be treated with caution. For more information, please refer to methodological note 5.

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-February 2019 | | | | | |
| Australia | : | 1,342 ^u | 263 ^u | 1,043 ^u | 3,020 ^u |
| Austria | : | 341 ^u | 314 ^u | 819 ^u | 2,061 ^u |
| Belgium | 695 ^u | 631 | 1,134 | 1,683 | 4,142 |
| France | 3,077 | 1,520 | 2,167 | 3,747 | 10,511 |
| Germany | 4,866 | 1,609 | 1,893 | 4,488 | 12,855 |
| Hungary | : | 213 ^u | 256 ^u | 557 ^u | 1,333 ^u |
| Ireland | 552 ^u | 449 | 689 ^u | 1,585 | 3,275 |
| Italy | 3,085 | 2,762 | 3,695 | 8,842 | 18,384 |
| Netherlands | : | 552 | 805 | 1,146 | 3,009 |
| Poland | 1,706 | 920 | 1,282 | 3,189 | 7,097 |
| Scandinavia* | 1,410 ^u | 1,003 | 867 | 2,117 | 5,397 |
| Spain | 579 ^u | 662 | 1,075 | 2,296 | 4,612 |
| Switzerland | : | 340 ^u | 488 ^u | 1,085 ^u | 2,475 ^u |
| United Kingdom | 10,680 | 4,002 | 5,293 | 14,302 | 34,276 |
| USA | : | 1,208 | 910 | 1,457 | 4,067 |
| Other | 7,626 | 8,805 | 7,272 | 15,624 | 39,328 |
| Total | 37,102 | 26,358 | 28,402 | 63,980 | 155,842 |
| January-February 2018 | | | | | |
| Australia | : | 1,622 ^u | 287 ^u | 1,294 ^u | 3,203 ^u |
| Austria | 1,388 ^u | 429 ^u | 396 ^u | 967 | 3,180 |
| Belgium | 1,043 ^u | 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 ^u | 247 ^u | 354 ^u | 1,077 ^u |
| Ireland | 754 ^u | 402 ^u | 585 ^u | 1,281 | 3,022 |
| Italy | 4,177 | 2,985 | 4,258 | 8,849 | 20,269 |
| Netherlands | 891 ^u | 505 ^u | 472 ^u | 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 ^u | 907 | 768 | 1,284 | 3,502 |
| Switzerland | : | 551 ^u | 694 ^u | 990 ^u | 2,661 ^u |
| United Kingdom | 11,046 | 4,233 | 5,243 | 14,218 | 34,740 |
| USA | : | 1,081 | 735 ^u | 830 | 2,972 |
| Other | 7,067 | 7,835 | 5,829 | 12,232 | 32,962 |
| Total | 41,560 | 27,002 | 28,129 | 58,769 | 155,460 |
| January-February 2017 | | | | | |
| Australia | : | 1,002 ^u | 192 ^u | 1,116 ^u | 2,391 ^u |
| Austria | : | 503 ^u | 528 ^u | 833 ^u | 2,583 ^u |
| Belgium | 698 ^u | 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 ^u | 284 ^u | 501 ^u | 1,032 ^u |
| Ireland | : | 297 ^u | 328 ^u | 1,170 | 2,141 |
| Italy | 3,115 | 2,464 | 3,742 | 9,261 | 18,583 |
| Netherlands | : | 669 | 602 | 1,518 | 3,197 |
| Poland | 770 ^u | 490 | 685 | 1,825 | 3,770 |
| Scandinavia* | 1,519 ^u | 1,061 | 695 | 2,149 | 5,425 |
| Spain | 557 ^u | 534 | 888 | 2,058 | 4,038 |
| Switzerland | : | 395 ^u | 448 ^u | 942 ^u | 2,142 ^u |
| United Kingdom | 10,920 | 4,047 | 4,695 | 14,764 | 34,426 |
| USA | : | 951 | 562 ^u | 896 | 2,612 |
| Other | 6,804 | 5,919 | 4,712 | 13,234 | 30,670 |
| Total | 33,922 | 22,384 | 23,351 | 61,082 | 140,739 |

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u 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 | | |
| January-February 2019 | | | | | |
| Australia | : | 673 ^u | 200 ^u | 467 ^u | 1,353 ^u |
| Austria | : | 184 ^u | 180 ^u | 276 ^u | 694 ^u |
| Belgium | 464 ^u | 102 | 200 | 221 | 544 |
| France | 468 | 131 | 203 | 206 | 578 |
| Germany | 472 | 149 | 201 | 212 | 608 |
| Hungary | : | 96 ^u | 124 ^u | 183 ^u | 439 ^u |
| Ireland | 388 ^u | 145 | 250 ^u | 350 | 723 |
| Italy | 391 | 85 | 151 | 220 | 457 |
| Netherlands | : | 150 | 264 | 242 | 636 |
| Poland | 372 | 96 | 143 | 224 | 499 |
| Scandinavia* | 581 ^u | 211 | 240 | 295 | 752 |
| Spain | 290 ^u | 69 | 126 | 198 | 398 |
| Switzerland | : | 166 ^u | 298 ^u | 353 ^u | 806 ^u |
| United Kingdom | 457 | 114 | 204 | 245 | 586 |
| USA | : | 288 | 244 | 311 | 869 |
| Other | 675 | 231 | 234 | 318 | 801 |
| Total expenditure per capita | 488 | 148 | 196 | 253 | 616 |
| January-February 2018 | | | | | |
| Australia | : | 696 ^u | 238 ^u | 539 ^u | 1,352 ^u |
| Austria | 647 ^u | 213 ^u | 232 ^u | 233 | 765 |
| Belgium | 400 ^u | 112 | 200 | 199 | 517 |
| France | 540 | 151 | 242 | 197 | 638 |
| Germany | 487 | 152 | 268 | 206 | 644 |
| Hungary | : | 124 ^u | 173 ^u | 160 ^u | 456 ^u |
| Ireland | 358 ^u | 156 ^u | 301 ^u | 274 | 646 |
| Italy | 376 | 95 | 178 | 209 | 479 |
| Netherlands | 407 | 165 ^u | 186 ^u | 220 | 577 |
| Poland | 347 | 118 | 214 | 212 | 541 |
| Scandinavia* | 514 | 255 | 251 | 280 | 762 |
| Spain | 383 ^u | 181 | 173 | 199 | 544 |
| Switzerland | : | 243 ^u | 431 ^u | 329 ^u | 883 ^u |
| United Kingdom | 416 | 127 | 210 | 239 | 583 |
| USA | : | 417 | 333 ^u | 249 | 890 |
| Other | 683 | 248 | 226 | 293 | 789 |
| Total expenditure per capita | 466 | 169 | 220 | 238 | 629 |
| January-February 2017 | | | | | |
| Australia | : | 808 ^u | 287 ^u | 840 ^u | 1,801 ^u |
| Austria | : | 262 ^u | 319 ^u | 278 ^u | 864 ^u |
| Belgium | 361 ^u | 124 | 185 | 227 | 529 |
| France | 485 | 158 | 215 | 238 | 634 |
| Germany | 504 | 154 | 255 | 275 | 711 |
| Hungary | : | 131 ^u | 204 ^u | 271 ^u | 559 ^u |
| Ireland | : | 129 ^u | 199 ^u | 365 | 668 |
| Italy | 367 | 86 | 164 | 249 | 501 |
| Netherlands | : | 184 | 219 | 320 | 673 |
| Poland | 385 ^u | 96 | 140 | 258 | 532 |
| Scandinavia* | 647 ^u | 263 | 249 | 336 | 849 |
| Spain | 348 ^u | 82 | 150 | 253 | 497 |
| Switzerland | : | 214 ^u | 284 ^u | 354 ^u | 805 ^u |
| United Kingdom | 469 | 132 | 223 | 274 | 639 |
| USA | : | 374 | 269 ^u | 307 | 896 |
| Other | 700 | 256 | 259 | 403 | 934 |
| Total expenditure per capita | 493 | 161 | 213 | 294 | 677 |

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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 and 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