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Total inbound visitors for May were estimated at 265,701, an increase of 1.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Inbound Tourism: May 2019

A total of 233,139 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 18,204 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from Non-EU countries went up by 21.5 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (42.7 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (29.5 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went down by 3.6 per cent when compared to May 2018, surpassing 1.6 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (54.4 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €203.5 million, an increase of 3.3 per cent over the corresponding month in 2018 (Table 4).

January-May 2019

Inbound tourist trips for the first five months of 2019 amounted to 929,979, an increase of 2.8 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 1.6 per cent, surpassing 5.9 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €648.1 million, 3.2 per cent higher than that recorded for 2018 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €697, an increase of 0.4 per cent when compared to 2018 (Table 11) ■

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes in inbound tourists and nights spent
(excluding overnight cruise passengers)

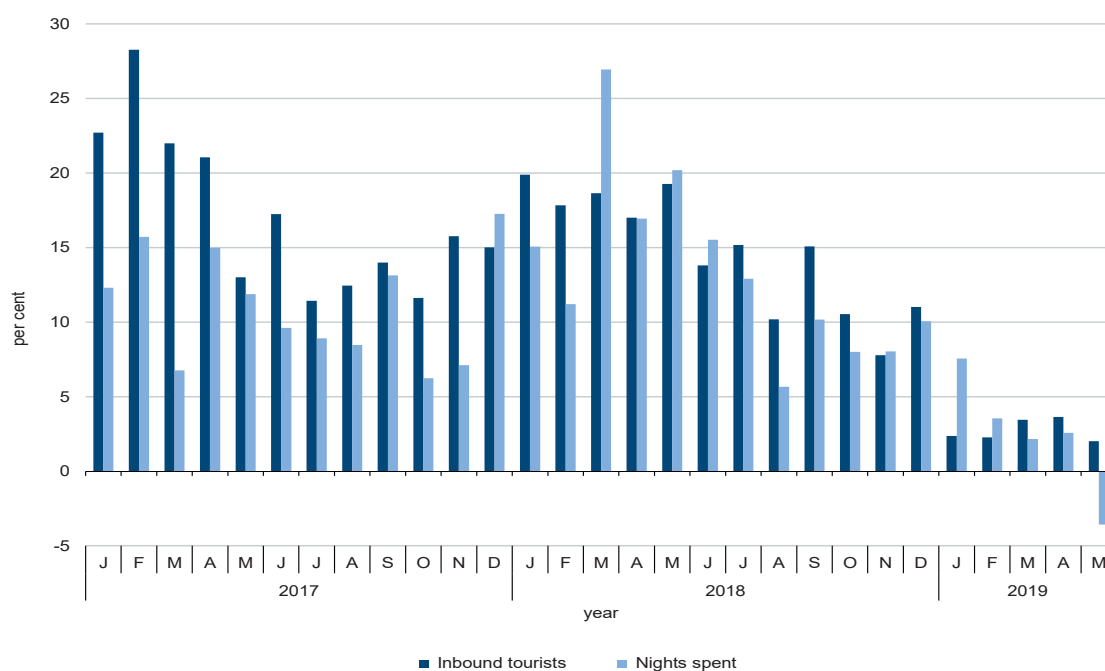


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	May			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	220,918	262,205	265,701	3,496	1.3
Overnight cruise passengers	5,545	5,326	3,627	-1,699	-31.9
Inbound tourists	215,373	256,879	262,074	5,195	2.0
Mode of travel					
Air	211,252	252,281	257,387	5,106	2.0
Sea	4,121	4,598	4,687	-	-
Sex					
Males	110,733	122,491	129,739	7,248	5.9
Females	104,640	134,388	132,335	-2,052	-1.5
Age group					
0-24	29,610	39,193	39,495	-	-
25-44	86,365	98,264	112,027	13,763	14.0
45-64	68,710	85,693	77,229	-8,464	-9.9
65 or more	30,688	33,729	33,323	-	-
Markets					
EU	187,315	222,153	219,890	-2,263	-1.0
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	106,683	126,858	125,633	-	-
Non-EU	28,058	34,726	42,184	7,458	21.5
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	177,527	230,960	233,139	2,179	0.9
Business and professional	21,984	17,276	18,204	-	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	15,863	8,644	10,732	2,088	24.2
Organisation of stay					
Package	73,679	88,286	76,310	-11,976	-13.6
Non-package	141,694	168,593	185,764	17,172	10.2
Frequency					
First-time tourists	158,771	189,994	195,753	5,760	3.0
Repeat tourists	56,602	66,885	66,321	-	-
once a year or less	40,430	49,048	51,531	2,483	5.1
more than once a year	16,172	17,838	14,790	-3,048	-17.1
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	53,696	54,499	66,839	12,340	22.6
4-6 nights	64,679	78,821	86,997	8,176	10.4
7 nights or more	96,998	123,559	108,239	-15,320	-12.4
Average length of stay (nights)	6.6	6.6	6.3	-0.3	-

Notes:

1. Data for the distribution of inbound tourism across age groups (fourth section of the table) has been revised. This also affects the corresponding distribution in the year to date in Table 6.
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 2. Inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	May			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	191,040	226,577	229,163	2,586	1.1
Collective	148,569	166,372	166,251	-	-
Other rented	42,471	60,204	62,912	2,707	4.5
Non-rented accommodation	24,333	30,302	32,912	2,609	8.6
Total tourists	215,373	256,879	262,074	5,195	2.0

Notes:

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Table 3. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	May			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	1,217,403	1,459,173	1,385,809	-73,364	-5.0
Collective	836,122	995,269	892,449	-	-
Other rented	381,281	463,905	493,360	29,455	6.3
Non-rented accommodation	197,967	241,919	254,449	12,529	5.2
Total nights	1,415,370	1,701,093	1,640,258	-60,835	-3.6

Notes:

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

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Expenditure category	May			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Package	45,636	59,210	47,830	-11,380	-19.2
Non-package	58,581	64,804	80,230	15,426	23.8
Air/sea fares	26,840	32,713	40,360	7,647	23.4
Accommodation	31,741	32,091	39,870	7,779	24.2
Other expenditure	64,812	72,993	75,481	2,488	3.4
Total expenditure	169,029	197,007	203,541	6,534	3.3

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		May			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Tourists	EU	187,315	222,153	219,890	-2,263	-1.0
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	19,707	28,311	26,286	-2,025	-7.2
	Germany	16,285	21,829	18,408	-3,421	-15.7
	Italy	33,595	33,669	34,406	-	-
	United Kingdom	51,197	66,117	64,620	-	-
	Non-EU	28,058	34,726	42,184	7,458	21.5
	Total	215,373	256,879	262,074	5,195	2.0
Nights	EU	1,191,532	1,431,759	1,331,626	-100,133	-7.0
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	134,849	182,341	165,535	-16,806	-9.2
	Germany	111,516	159,189	117,061	-42,127	-26.5
	Italy	177,507	179,729	193,372	-	-
	United Kingdom	357,973	468,959	409,107	-	-
	Non-EU	223,838	269,334	308,632	39,298	14.6
	Total	1,415,370	1,701,093	1,640,258	-60,835	-3.6
Expenditure (€000)	EU	137,471	160,176	159,461	-715	-0.4
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	15,866	21,342	19,850	-1,492	-7.0
	Germany	13,877	18,545	15,047	-3,498	-18.9
	Italy	16,973	16,880	19,057	-	-
	United Kingdom	41,268	53,406	52,350	-	-
	Non-EU	31,558	36,831	44,080	7,249	19.7
	Total	169,029	197,007	203,541	6,534	3.3

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Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-May			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	772,850	911,093	935,965	24,872	2.7
Overnight cruise passengers	9,001	6,294	5,986	-	-
Inbound tourists	763,849	904,799	929,979	25,180	2.8
Mode of travel					
Air	747,700	888,742	911,901	23,158	2.6
Sea	16,149	16,057	18,079	2,022	12.6
Sex					
Males	403,060	450,832	458,150	7,318	1.6
Females	360,789	453,968	471,830	17,862	3.9
Age group					
0-24	123,102	147,056	155,301	8,244	5.6
25-44	282,033	333,953	371,983	38,030	11.4
45-64	252,808	303,491	293,257	-10,233	-3.4
65 or more	105,905	120,300	109,438	-10,862	-9.0
Markets					
EU	668,105	785,856	790,375	4,519	0.6
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	388,762	457,242	458,711	-	-
Non-EU	95,744	118,944	139,604	20,660	17.4
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	617,933	788,219	813,796	25,577	3.2
Business and professional	85,568	71,056	74,022	2,967	4.2
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	60,348	45,525	42,162	-3,364	-7.4
Organisation of stay					
Package	268,650	328,675	291,281	-37,395	-11.4
Non-package	495,199	576,124	638,699	62,574	10.9
Frequency					
First-time tourists	542,907	674,663	689,240	14,577	2.2
Repeat tourists	220,942	230,136	240,739	10,603	4.6
once a year or less	153,230	160,252	171,514	11,262	7.0
more than once a year	67,712	69,884	69,226	-	-
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	200,633	219,324	251,875	32,552	14.8
4-6 nights	232,594	292,184	304,416	12,232	4.2
7 nights or more	330,622	393,292	373,688	-19,603	-5.0
Average length of stay (nights)	6.5	6.5	6.4	-0.1	-

Notes:

1. See Note 1 in Table 1.
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Table 7. Inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January-May			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	678,701	794,097	817,869	23,773	3.0
Collective	544,687	619,655	619,200	-	-
Other rented	134,014	174,441	198,669	24,228	13.9
Non-rented accommodation	85,147	110,703	112,110	-	-
Total tourists	763,849	904,799	929,979	25,180	2.8

Notes:

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Table 8. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January-May			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	4,239,764	4,916,376	4,988,468	72,091	1.5
Collective	3,096,934	3,541,612	3,355,275	-	-
Other rented	1,142,829	1,374,765	1,633,193	258,428	18.8
Non-rented accommodation	702,487	942,281	961,142	-	-
Total nights	4,942,251	5,858,657	5,949,610	90,953	1.6

Notes:

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Table 9. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and country of residence

Country of residence	January-May			Change	Percentage change	
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018		
Tourists	Australia	6,680	7,944	9,253	-	-
	Austria	10,849	14,739	12,993	-1,746	-11.8
	Belgium	30,916	26,680	26,679	-	-
	France	59,873	77,741	82,106	4,365	5.6
	Germany	67,994	92,795	76,948	-15,848	-17.1
	Hungary	7,038	7,823	10,814	2,991	38.2
	Ireland	12,068	14,347	16,939	2,592	18.1
	Italy	128,078	139,159	134,000	-5,159	-3.7
	Netherlands	21,585	22,283	19,407	-2,876	-12.9
	Poland	30,492	37,442	39,102	1,660	4.4
	Scandinavia*	36,717	41,031	39,389	-1,642	-4.0
	Spain	24,263	28,615	36,958	8,343	29.2
	Switzerland	12,977	14,010	15,001	-	-
	United Kingdom	191,218	224,490	223,088	-	-
	USA	12,043	15,241	17,031	1,790	11.7
Other	111,057	140,459	170,271	29,812	21.2	
Total	763,849	904,799	929,979	25,180	2.8	
Nights	Australia	65,142	104,738	81,667	-	-
	Austria	65,855	86,823	73,981	-12,842	-14.8
	Belgium	165,479	148,951	159,985	-	-
	France	374,934	490,373	515,819	25,446	5.2
	Germany	465,161	643,073	503,789	-139,284	-21.7
	Hungary	39,474	41,049	53,309	12,259	29.9
	Ireland	79,505	92,762	108,778	16,017	17.3
	Italy	653,670	745,021	764,084	19,063	2.6
	Netherlands	138,471	140,808	131,762	-9,046	-6.4
	Poland	180,357	225,451	235,568	10,117	4.5
	Scandinavia*	235,812	273,744	264,524	-9,220	-3.4
	Spain	135,585	155,526	180,637	25,111	16.1
	Switzerland	82,537	95,550	100,255	-	-
	United Kingdom	1,377,960	1,522,471	1,417,783	-	-
	USA	68,917	89,376	93,145	3,769	4.2
Other	813,391	1,002,942	1,264,524	261,582	26.1	
Total	4,942,251	5,858,657	5,949,610	90,953	1.6	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	8,800	10,909	12,918	-	-
	Austria	9,276	11,280	10,213	-1,067	-9.5
	Belgium	20,734	17,498	17,074	-	-
	France	44,806	53,959	55,932	1,973	3.7
	Germany	53,235	69,563	56,062	-13,501	-19.4
	Hungary	4,204	4,261	5,453	1,192	28.0
	Ireland	9,202	10,454	12,709	2,255	21.6
	Italy	65,481	69,045	67,184	-1,862	-2.7
	Netherlands	15,832	15,398	13,185	-2,213	-14.4
	Poland	18,814	21,102	22,101	999	4.7
	Scandinavia*	30,923	32,811	30,535	-2,276	-6.9
	Spain	15,049	16,168	18,349	2,181	13.5
	Switzerland	13,055	13,324	14,512	-	-
	United Kingdom	137,017	154,654	152,307	-	-
	USA	12,584	15,470	17,970	2,500	16.2
Other	100,979	112,361	141,569	29,208	26.0	
Total	559,990	628,258	648,073	19,814	3.2	

* 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-May 2019					
Australia	1,784 ^u	4,653	2,034	4,447	12,918
Austria	3,397	1,341	1,820	3,655	10,213
Belgium	4,751	2,576	3,616	6,131	17,074
France	17,085	8,992	10,787	19,067	55,932
Germany	21,625	7,240	9,237	17,960	56,062
Hungary	641 ^u	1,261	1,315	2,236	5,453
Ireland	2,214	2,189	2,634	5,672	12,709
Italy	11,882	11,363	13,753	30,186	67,184
Netherlands	2,967	2,435	2,662	5,121	13,185
Poland	5,193	3,433	4,196	9,280	22,101
Scandinavia*	8,175	5,208	5,116	12,036	30,535
Spain	3,384	3,256	3,954	7,754	18,349
Switzerland	4,253	2,175	3,067	5,016	14,512
United Kingdom	48,611	19,603	25,093	59,000	152,307
USA	1,703 ^u	6,912	4,198	5,156	17,970
Other	24,658	36,168	28,774	51,969	141,569
Total	162,323	118,805	122,257	244,688	648,073
January-May 2018					
Australia	:	4,153	1,616	3,862	10,909
Austria	4,910	1,514	1,362	3,493	11,280
Belgium	6,190	2,214	3,002	6,092	17,498
France	18,985	8,116	9,755	17,104	53,959
Germany	28,811	8,445	10,541	21,765	69,563
Hungary	724 ^u	930	898	1,710	4,261
Ireland	2,335	1,627	2,045	4,447	10,454
Italy	15,721	10,143	13,718	29,463	69,045
Netherlands	4,247	2,476	2,586	6,089	15,398
Poland	4,470	3,196	4,972	8,464	21,102
Scandinavia*	10,757	5,482	4,978	11,594	32,811
Spain	3,400	2,738	3,243	6,787	16,168
Switzerland	3,947	2,144	2,814	4,420	13,324
United Kingdom	54,926	18,401	22,450	58,877	154,654
USA	1,858 ^u	6,082	3,229	4,302	15,470
Other	23,655	26,439	20,096	42,170	112,361
Total	186,215	104,100	107,303	230,640	628,258
January-May 2017					
Australia	:	3,050	1,338	3,650	8,800
Austria	3,154	1,460	1,691	2,972	9,276
Belgium	5,050	3,566	4,918	7,199	20,734
France	14,698	6,475	7,895	15,737	44,806
Germany	20,730	6,221	8,216	18,067	53,235
Hungary	:	869	1,036	1,922	4,204
Ireland	1,465	1,517	2,002	4,218	9,202
Italy	15,765	8,282	12,062	29,371	65,481
Netherlands	3,931	2,697	2,782	6,422	15,832
Poland	3,999	2,785	3,776	8,254	18,814
Scandinavia*	9,365	5,123	4,702	11,733	30,923
Spain	3,123	2,205	3,052	6,669	15,049
Switzerland	3,237	2,349	2,703	4,766	13,055
United Kingdom	43,485	17,193	20,715	55,624	137,017
USA	2,161 ^u	3,766	2,860	3,796	12,584
Other	19,406	22,192	18,386	40,996	100,979
Total	150,708	89,751	98,134	221,397	559,990

: 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-May 2019					
Australia	1,266 ^u	579	304	481	1,396
Austria	620	172	250	281	786
Belgium	605	135	212	230	640
France	565	173	226	232	681
Germany	586	180	261	233	729
Hungary	351 ^u	140	171	207	504
Ireland	488	177	245	335	750
Italy	422	107	170	225	501
Netherlands	538	174	233	264	679
Poland	425	127	170	237	565
Scandinavia*	547	213	261	306	775
Spain	382	116	157	210	496
Switzerland	831	220	354	334	967
United Kingdom	541	147	247	264	683
USA	922 ^u	455	311	303	1,055
Other	675	268	253	305	831
Total expenditure per capita	557	185	230	263	697
January-May 2018					
Australia	:	623	327	486	1,373
Austria	655	209	217	237	765
Belgium	601	135	212	228	656
France	618	172	229	220	694
Germany	603	187	269	235	750
Hungary	349 ^u	162	217	219	545
Ireland	457	176	276	310	729
Italy	425	99	175	212	496
Netherlands	516	176	212	273	691
Poland	418	119	208	226	564
Scandinavia*	592	240	258	283	800
Spain	451	130	185	237	565
Switzerland	675	258	398	315	951
United Kingdom	549	147	239	262	689
USA	885 ^u	460	279	282	1,015
Other	689	248	230	300	800
Total expenditure per capita	567	180	228	255	694
January-May 2017					
Australia	:	517	325	546	1,317
Austria	643	246	327	274	855
Belgium	596	159	247	233	671
France	608	181	247	263	748
Germany	621	180	284	266	783
Hungary	:	147	204	273	597
Ireland	460	171	289	350	763
Italy	406	93	172	229	511
Netherlands	524	191	241	298	733
Poland	447	129	185	271	617
Scandinavia*	641	232	264	320	842
Spain	461	126	198	275	620
Switzerland	732	274	363	367	1,006
United Kingdom	538	156	265	291	717
USA	1,250 ^u	365	328	315	1,045
Other	671	270	270	369	909
Total expenditure per capita	561	181	245	290	733

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u 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	May		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	5,545	5,326	3,627
Sex			
Males	2,501	2,435	1,628
Females	3,044	2,891	1,999
Age group			
0-19	115	53	53
20-39	415	297	254
40-59	1,522	1,053	939
60-79	3,085	3,556	1,962
80 or more	408	367	419
Markets			
EU	5,085	2,626	3,436
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	3,029	466	3,420
Non-EU	460	2,700	191

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

Characteristics	January-May		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	9,001	6,294	5,986
Sex			
Males	4,170	2,885	2,699
Females	4,831	3,409	3,287
Age group			
0-19	131	53	486
20-39	550	315	572
40-59	1,896	1,111	1,792
60-79	5,503	4,368	2,626
80 or more	921	447	510
Markets			
EU	7,048	2,678	5,456
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	4,235	480	5,416
Non-EU	1,953	3,616	530

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 data on 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 passengers.
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 ('Overnight Cruise Passengers') 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 'Non-rented 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 on 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 on 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