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Total inbound visitors for August were estimated at 338,758, an increase of 6.7 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Inbound Tourism: August 2019

A total of 313,506 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 9,656 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from Non-EU countries went up by 8.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (40.6 per cent), followed by those within the 0-24 age bracket (33.3 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 5.8 per cent when compared to August 2018, reaching nearly 2.9 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (45.7 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €329.6 million, an increase of 2.8 per cent over the corresponding month in 2018 (Table 4).

January-August 2019

Inbound tourist trips for the first eight months of 2019 amounted to 1,848,935 an increase of 4.7 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 3.0 per cent, reaching nearly 13.2 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at almost €1.5 billion, 3.9 per cent higher than that recorded for 2018 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €810, a decrease of 0.9 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)

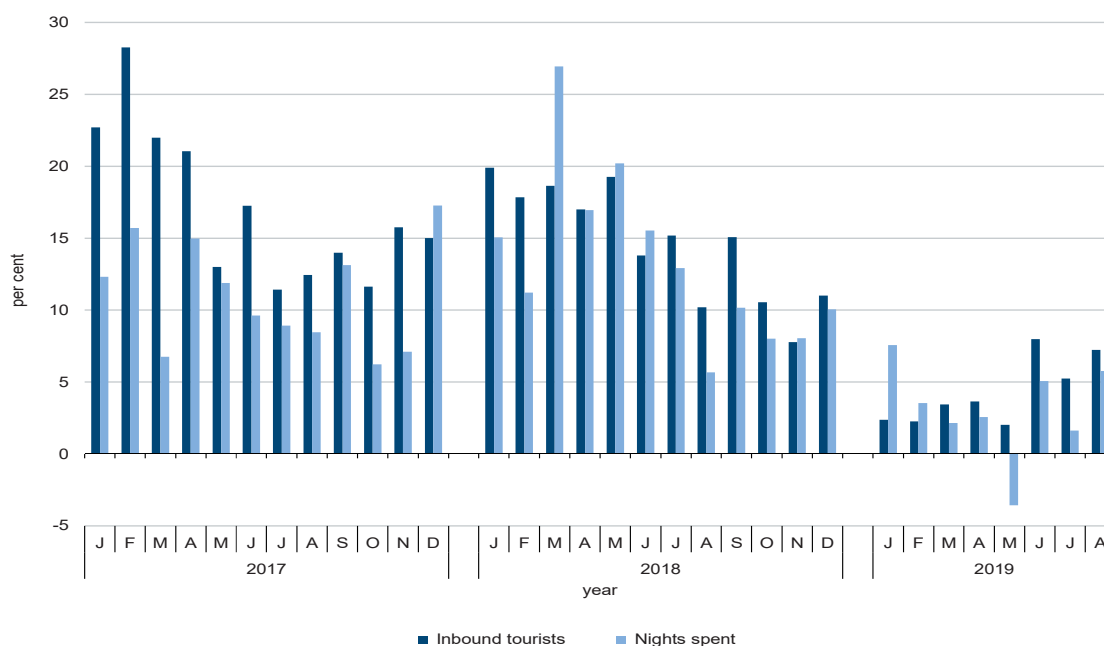


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	August			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	288,033	317,490	338,758	21,268	6.7
Overnight cruise passengers	3,189	3,615	2,211	-1,404	-38.8
Inbound tourists	284,844	313,875	336,547	22,672	7.2
Mode of travel					
Air	279,059	308,507	330,023	21,516	7.0
Sea	5,785	5,368	6,524	-	-
Sex					
Males	143,812	159,696	168,600	8,904	5.6
Females	141,032	154,179	167,947	13,768	8.9
Age group					
0-24	89,433	88,560	112,223	23,664	26.7
25-44	116,554	138,002	136,518	-	-
45-64	68,099	73,478	75,847	2,369	3.2
65 or more	10,759	13,836	11,958	-1,878	-13.6
Markets					
EU	245,390	266,492	285,247	18,754	7.0
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	150,035	161,057	177,066	16,009	9.9
Non-EU	39,454	47,383	51,300	3,918	8.3
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	259,392	290,734	313,506	22,773	7.8
Business and professional	7,839	8,980	9,656	-	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	17,613	14,162	13,385	-	-
Organisation of stay					
Package	89,332	102,119	94,426	-7,693	-7.5
Non-package	195,511	211,756	242,121	30,365	14.3
Frequency					
First-time tourists	220,639	243,017	264,677	21,660	8.9
Repeat tourists	64,204	70,859	71,870	-	-
once a year or less	49,512	56,827	59,479	2,652	4.7
more than once a year	14,692	14,032	12,391	-1,640	-11.7
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	24,094	29,121	31,703	2,581	8.9
4-6 nights	62,282	70,308	85,705	15,397	21.9
7 nights or more	198,467	214,446	219,139	4,694	2.2
Average length of stay (nights)	9.0	8.7	8.6	-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	August			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	248,719	275,042	298,198	23,155	8.4
Collective	165,591	175,840	187,165	11,325	6.4
Other rented	83,128	99,202	111,033	11,830	11.9
Non-rented accommodation	36,125	38,833	38,349	-	-
Total tourists	284,844	313,875	336,547	22,672	7.2

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	August			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	2,126,041	2,245,358	2,412,129	166,771	7.4
Collective	1,201,124	1,276,776	1,317,321	40,544	3.2
Other rented	924,916	968,582	1,094,808	126,226	13.0
Non-rented accommodation	450,898	477,495	467,938	-	-
Total nights	2,576,938	2,722,853	2,880,066	157,213	5.8

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	August			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Package	72,452	90,840	81,621	-9,219	-10.1
Non-package	102,749	113,934	131,092	17,158	15.1
Air/sea fares	46,241	48,632	55,740	7,108	14.6
Accommodation	56,509	65,301	75,352	10,051	15.4
Other expenditure	123,917	115,873	116,878	1,004	0.9
Total expenditure	299,118	320,647	329,591	8,944	2.8

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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		August			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Tourists	EU	245,390	266,492	285,247	18,754	7.0
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	28,758	31,818	38,129	6,311	19.8
	Germany	19,308	19,505	19,598	-	-
	Italy	56,878	60,027	62,537	2,510	4.2
	United Kingdom	63,797	72,163	74,186	2,023	2.8
	Non-EU	39,454	47,383	51,300	3,918	8.3
	Total	284,844	313,875	336,547	22,672	7.2
Nights	EU	2,107,746	2,237,043	2,372,955	135,912	6.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	338,242	354,910	402,299	47,389	13.4
	Germany	178,690	165,369	177,076	-	-
	Italy	422,068	442,778	486,003	43,225	9.8
	United Kingdom	558,904	613,988	600,873	-13,116	-2.1
	Non-EU	469,192	485,810	507,111	21,302	4.4
	Total	2,576,938	2,722,853	2,880,066	157,213	5.8
Expenditure (€000)	EU	242,395	256,061	261,501	5,440	2.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	30,508	33,326	40,768	7,443	22.3
	Germany	20,465	19,631	19,564	-	-
	Italy	47,962	50,648	49,648	-999	-2.0
	United Kingdom	66,691	75,984	71,103	-4,881	-6.4
	Non-EU	56,723	64,586	68,090	3,504	5.4
	Total	299,118	320,647	329,591	8,944	2.8

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Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	1,549,585	1,784,447	1,860,833	76,386	4.3
Overnight cruise passengers	23,493	19,045	11,898	-7,147	-37.5
Inbound tourists	1,526,092	1,765,402	1,848,935	83,533	4.7
Mode of travel					
Air	1,494,970	1,734,391	1,814,208	79,817	4.6
Sea	31,122	31,011	34,727	3,716	12.0
Sex					
Males	785,972	875,209	912,236	37,027	4.2
Females	740,120	890,192	936,698	46,506	5.2
Age group					
0-24	329,075	364,838	413,744	48,905	13.4
25-44	584,238	678,714	742,464	63,751	9.4
45-64	456,613	540,030	527,053	-12,977	-2.4
65 or more	156,166	181,820	165,673	-16,147	-8.9
Markets					
EU	1,315,959	1,502,667	1,549,045	46,379	3.1
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	762,066	871,599	910,660	39,061	4.5
Non-EU	210,133	262,735	299,890	37,154	14.1
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,284,449	1,564,584	1,654,716	90,133	5.8
Business and professional	124,364	109,564	111,533	1,969	1.8
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	117,279	91,254	82,685	-8,569	-9.4
Organisation of stay					
Package	520,516	618,068	556,415	-61,653	-10.0
Non-package	1,005,576	1,147,334	1,292,520	145,186	12.7
Frequency					
First-time tourists	1,114,991	1,322,920	1,399,725	76,804	5.8
Repeat tourists	411,101	442,482	449,210	6,729	1.5
once a year or less	296,269	327,641	333,855	6,213	1.9
more than once a year	114,832	114,840	115,355	-	-
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	300,226	339,146	389,378	50,233	14.8
4-6 nights	416,329	506,858	551,304	44,446	8.8
7 nights or more	809,536	919,398	908,252	-11,146	-1.2
Average length of stay (nights)	7.3	7.2	7.1	-0.1	-

Notes:

1. Data for the distribution of inbound tourism across age groups (fourth section of the table) for 2018 has been revised.
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 7. Inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	1,346,400	1,547,922	1,627,515	79,593	5.1
Collective	1,014,712	1,129,512	1,154,810	25,297	2.2
Other rented	331,687	418,410	472,705	54,296	13.0
Non-rented accommodation	179,692	217,480	221,419	3,940	1.8
Total tourists	1,526,092	1,765,402	1,848,935	83,533	4.7

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-August			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	9,493,281	10,749,106	11,056,969	307,863	2.9
Collective	6,346,768	7,020,810	6,860,195	-160,615	-2.3
Other rented	3,146,513	3,728,296	4,196,774	468,478	12.6
Non-rented accommodation	1,710,010	2,033,371	2,104,824	71,454	3.5
Total nights	11,203,291	12,782,477	13,161,794	379,316	3.0

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-August			Change	Percentage change	
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018		
Tourists	Australia	24,609	30,304	33,271	2,967	9.8
	Austria	20,444	27,579	23,200	-4,380	-15.9
	Belgium	51,606	46,142	47,647	1,505	3.3
	France	125,079	153,103	167,744	14,642	9.6
	Germany	119,403	149,572	137,202	-12,370	-8.3
	Hungary	17,470	19,678	25,067	5,389	27.4
	Ireland	23,994	28,704	34,879	6,175	21.5
	Italy	258,896	278,749	278,787	-	-
	Netherlands	45,246	40,762	39,608	-	-
	Poland	57,941	65,047	70,399	5,352	8.2
	Scandinavia*	87,157	86,660	82,319	-4,342	-5.0
	Spain	54,684	64,485	80,871	16,386	25.4
	Switzerland	29,135	30,765	33,408	2,644	8.6
	United Kingdom	369,113	429,072	428,471	-	-
	USA	23,521	29,714	33,359	3,645	12.3
Other	217,793	285,065	332,702	47,637	16.7	
Total	1,526,092	1,765,402	1,848,935	83,533	4.7	
Nights	Australia	298,459	316,974	317,628	653	0.2
	Austria	135,121	184,745	142,909	-41,836	-22.6
	Belgium	310,106	291,846	325,397	33,551	11.5
	France	1,033,355	1,255,458	1,300,541	45,083	3.6
	Germany	883,902	1,106,408	991,116	-115,291	-10.4
	Hungary	112,073	120,547	136,897	16,349	13.6
	Ireland	172,709	209,114	234,774	25,660	12.3
	Italy	1,562,628	1,719,462	1,786,831	-	-
	Netherlands	326,834	298,406	295,846	-	-
	Poland	392,660	437,878	481,819	43,940	10.0
	Scandinavia*	632,052	633,876	583,933	-49,943	-7.9
	Spain	358,639	423,727	521,018	97,291	23.0
	Switzerland	211,122	220,169	234,186	14,016	6.4
	United Kingdom	2,834,118	3,108,980	2,937,873	-	-
	USA	163,989	181,812	201,290	19,478	10.7
Other	1,775,526	2,273,073	2,669,734	396,661	17.5	
Total	11,203,291	12,782,477	13,161,794	379,316	3.0	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	37,422	46,512	49,062	2,550	5.5
	Austria	19,324	22,761	19,769	-2,992	-13.1
	Belgium	39,788	35,369	35,071	-298	-0.8
	France	110,737	126,294	138,397	12,104	9.6
	Germany	102,418	125,410	113,365	-12,046	-9.6
	Hungary	13,041	11,600	14,081	2,480	21.4
	Ireland	21,451	25,041	30,766	5,724	22.9
	Italy	163,646	171,344	171,424	-	-
	Netherlands	39,033	33,728	31,203	-	-
	Poland	41,468	41,404	47,683	6,280	15.2
	Scandinavia*	85,218	79,461	74,363	-5,098	-6.4
	Spain	43,066	44,536	54,344	9,808	22.0
	Switzerland	33,147	33,012	34,327	1,315	4.0
	United Kingdom	308,606	348,043	338,038	-	-
	USA	26,402	35,006	37,933	2,928	8.4
Other	223,813	261,930	308,221	46,291	17.7	
Total	1,308,577	1,441,451	1,498,045	56,594	3.9	

* 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-August 2019					
Australia	4,573	17,561	9,364	17,563	49,062
Austria	7,346	2,319	3,718	6,385	19,769
Belgium	9,385	5,176	7,809	12,701	35,071
France	39,301	21,254	30,594	47,248	138,397
Germany	43,763	14,263	20,024	35,314	113,365
Hungary	1,763 ^u	2,972	3,844	5,502	14,081
Ireland	5,603	5,223	7,261	12,678	30,766
Italy	30,751	27,442	39,044	74,187	171,424
Netherlands	7,642	5,158	6,668	11,735	31,203
Poland	11,664	7,172	10,689	18,158	47,683
Scandinavia*	20,807	11,948	14,181	27,427	74,363
Spain	12,391	8,793	12,305	20,854	54,344
Switzerland	9,014	5,471	7,701	12,141	34,327
United Kingdom	109,496	44,578	60,543	123,421	338,038
USA	4,312	14,238	8,751	10,632	37,933
Other	60,796	71,174	64,320	111,931	308,221
Total	378,609	264,743	306,815	547,878	1,498,045
January-August 2018					
Australia	5,721	15,784	7,534	17,473	46,512
Austria	8,872	3,023	3,554	7,311	22,761
Belgium	11,457	4,331	7,294	12,287	35,369
France	42,011	17,989	25,057	41,236	126,294
Germany	53,711	14,497	19,721	37,482	125,410
Hungary	2,377	2,260	2,315	4,649	11,600
Ireland	4,922	4,216	5,684	10,219	25,041
Italy	39,714	23,309	35,813	72,509	171,344
Netherlands	9,989	4,422	5,882	13,434	33,728
Poland	7,856	6,372	10,571	16,605	41,404
Scandinavia*	25,527	12,591	13,296	28,047	79,461
Spain	9,420	6,585	10,674	17,857	44,536
Switzerland	9,907	4,734	6,524	11,846	33,012
United Kingdom	128,762	41,956	52,578	124,747	348,043
USA	5,904	12,496	6,890	9,716	35,006
Other	60,112	54,425	49,882	97,511	261,930
Total	426,265	228,989	263,268	522,929	1,441,451
January-August 2017					
Australia	2,189 ^u	12,739	5,685	16,808	37,422
Austria	6,451	2,625	3,393	6,855	19,324
Belgium	10,751	6,000	9,029	14,008	39,788
France	34,543	14,654	21,298	40,242	110,737
Germany	39,055	11,759	16,786	34,818	102,418
Hungary	1,576 ^u	2,331	3,002	6,132	13,041
Ireland	4,013	3,410	4,672	9,356	21,451
Italy	37,113	21,543	33,081	71,909	163,646
Netherlands	11,123	5,213	6,355	16,342	39,033
Poland	8,389	6,033	8,857	18,188	41,468
Scandinavia*	25,533	12,163	13,857	33,665	85,218
Spain	8,028	6,328	9,569	19,141	43,066
Switzerland	8,892	5,391	6,287	12,577	33,147
United Kingdom	97,725	39,742	48,085	123,054	308,606
USA	2,978 ^u	8,316	5,756	9,351	26,402
Other	41,867	46,161	42,211	93,574	223,813
Total	340,227	204,407	237,923	526,020	1,308,577

^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-August 2019					
Australia	1,076	597	383	528	1,475
Austria	748	169	298	275	852
Belgium	723	148	255	267	736
France	696	190	297	282	825
Germany	705	188	306	257	826
Hungary	455 ^u	140	214	219	562
Ireland	616	203	323	363	882
Italy	534	124	221	266	615
Netherlands	637	186	284	296	788
Poland	545	146	240	258	677
Scandinavia*	704	226	326	333	903
Spain	555	149	231	258	672
Switzerland	850	238	378	363	1,028
United Kingdom	658	170	303	288	789
USA	1,002	489	346	319	1,137
Other	826	273	294	336	926
Total expenditure per capita	680	204	284	296	810
January-August 2018					
Australia	1,300	608	371	577	1,535
Austria	739	194	260	265	825
Belgium	708	144	279	266	767
France	731	187	289	269	825
Germany	722	192	302	251	838
Hungary	487	153	239	236	590
Ireland	556	212	339	356	872
Italy	533	114	220	260	615
Netherlands	609	182	276	330	827
Poland	481	130	244	255	637
Scandinavia*	709	248	305	324	917
Spain	545	138	254	277	691
Switzerland	806	254	404	385	1,073
United Kingdom	683	174	293	291	811
USA	1,215	498	325	327	1,178
Other	816	256	288	342	919
Total expenditure per capita	690	199	279	296	817
January-August 2017					
Australia	978 ^u	569	357	683	1,521
Austria	686	238	356	335	945
Belgium	731	163	280	271	771
France	717	190	308	322	885
Germany	697	185	319	292	858
Hungary	481 ^u	164	263	351	746
Ireland	607	196	340	390	894
Italy	506	116	223	278	632
Netherlands	601	195	290	361	863
Poland	531	143	233	314	716
Scandinavia*	719	236	328	386	978
Spain	556	157	270	350	788
Switzerland	860	287	383	432	1,138
United Kingdom	640	184	320	333	836
USA	1,153 ^u	397	341	398	1,122
Other	735	287	326	430	1,028
Total expenditure per capita	654	203	296	345	857

^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	August		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	3,189	3,615	2,211
Sex			
Males	1,528	1,683	1,044
Females	1,661	1,932	1,167
Age group			
0-19	198	361	202
20-39	252	299	210
40-59	845	981	558
60-79	1,735	1,769	1,104
80 or more	159	205	137
Markets			
EU	857	1,212	626
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	430	828	335
Non-EU	2,332	2,403	1,585

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

Characteristics	January-August		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	23,493	19,045	11,898
Sex			
Males	10,967	8,735	5,501
Females	12,526	10,310	6,397
Age group			
0-19	1,366	939	866
20-39	1,987	1,290	1,081
40-59	6,230	4,672	3,117
60-79	12,336	11,007	5,943
80 or more	1,574	1,137	891
Markets			
EU	13,144	9,121	7,033
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	5,904	4,081	6,131
Non-EU	10,349	9,924	4,865

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