

Inbound Tourism: December 2025

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Total inbound tourists for December 2025 were estimated at 225,104, an increase of 17.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2024.



During the month under review, a total of 208,204 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, and 11,940 tourists came for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists consisted of persons aged between 45 and 64 (36.3 per cent), followed by the 25-44 age bracket (36.2 per cent) (Table 1). British, Italian and Polish residents made up 49.0 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 4).

Total nights spent went up by 13.6 per cent when compared to December 2024, reaching 1.4 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (85.4 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 2). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 6.1 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure stood at €162.9 million, an increase of 15.8 per cent over the corresponding month in 2024 (Table 3). The average expenditure per night was estimated at €117.7 (Chart 2b).

The number of tourists visiting Gozo and Comino, including both same-day and overnight visitors, totalled 94,251, or 41.9 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

January-December 2025

Inbound tourists for 2025 amounted to 4,022,310, an increase of 12.9 per cent over the same period in 2024 (Table 1). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 11.0 per cent, reaching 25.4 million nights (Table 2).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €3,904.4 million, 18.6 per cent higher than that recorded for the same period in 2024 (Table 5). Total expenditure per capita increased to €971 from €924 in 2024 (Table 7).

The number of tourists visiting Gozo and Comino, including both same-day and overnight visitors, totalled 2,305,968, or 57.3 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

Chart 1. Total inbound tourists by month
December 2023–December 2025

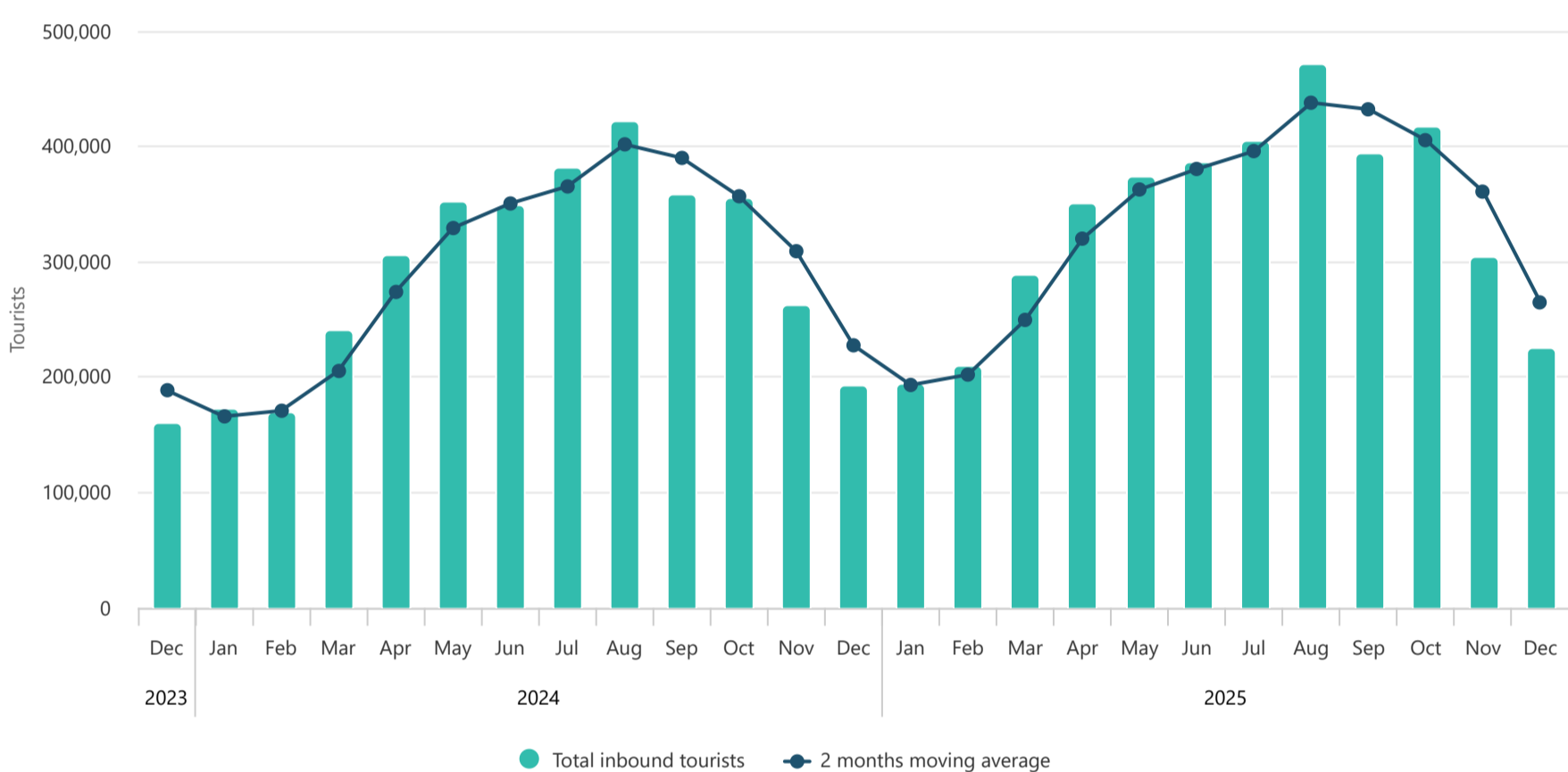


Chart 2a. Expenditure per capita by inbound tourists
Reference month: December

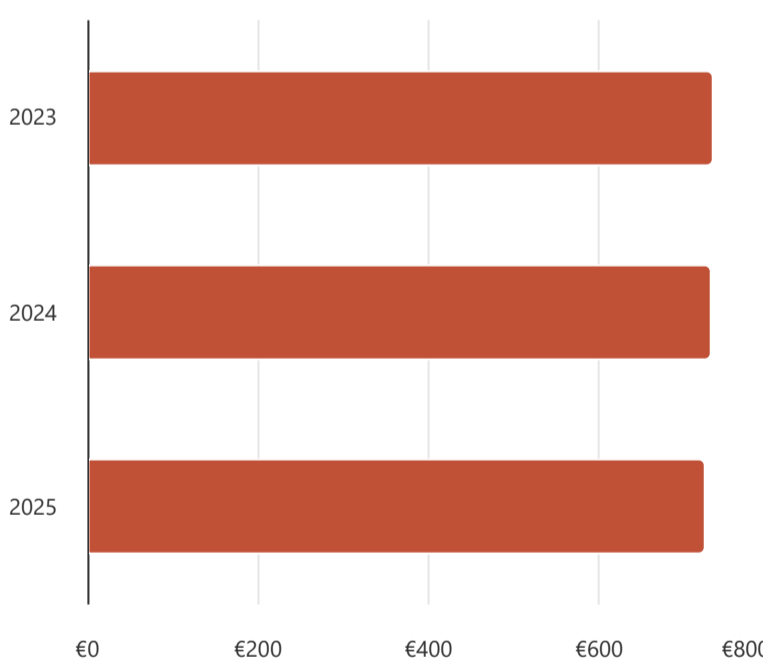
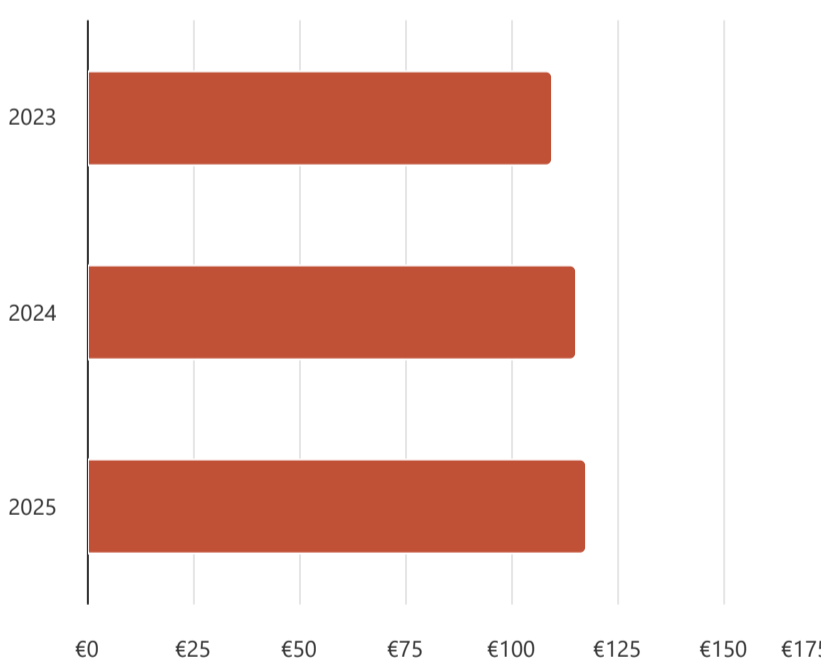


Chart 2b. Expenditure per night by inbound tourists
Reference month: December



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Main tourism indicators

Total inbound tourists 225,104

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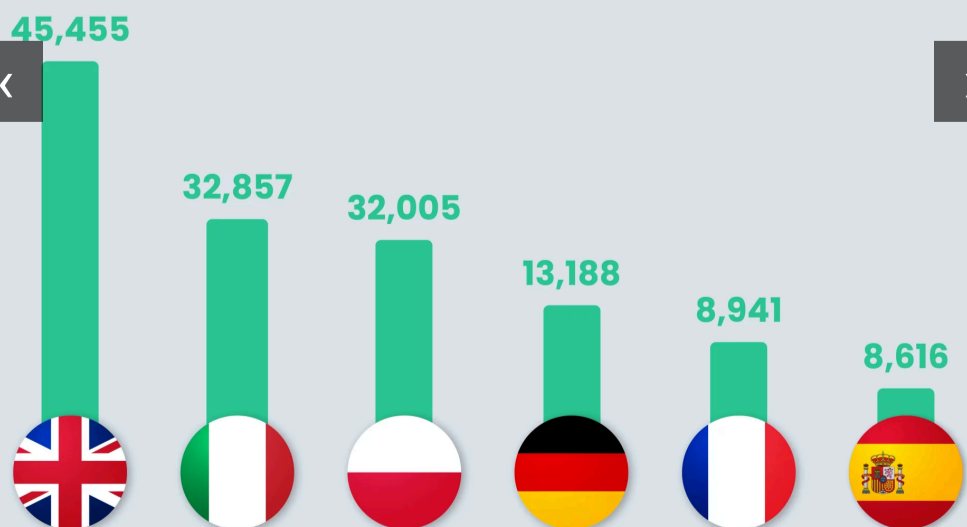


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	December					January-December				
	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
				2025/2024					2025/2024	
Total inbound visitors	161,615	194,589	227,821	33,233	17.1	3,008,629	3,593,788	4,067,979	474,190	13.2
Overnight cruise passengers	2,035	2,219	2,717	498	22.4	27,153	30,170	45,669	15,499	51.4
Inbound tourists	159,580	192,370	225,104	32,735	17.0	2,981,476	3,563,618	4,022,310	458,691	12.9
Mode of travel										
Air	155,243	188,086	219,077	30,992	16.5	2,915,053	3,495,024	3,942,822	447,797	12.8
Sea	4,337	4,284	6,027	1,743	40.7	66,423	68,594	79,488	10,894	15.9
Sex										
Males	84,012	93,502	112,326	18,823	20.1	1,452,669	1,704,651	1,896,686	192,035	11.3
Females	75,567	98,867	112,779	13,911	14.1	1,528,807	1,858,967	2,125,624	266,657	14.3
Age group										
0-24	25,733	33,052	37,441	4,390	13.3	659,631	861,724	888,460	26,737	3.1
25-44	67,249	79,218	81,584	2,366	3.0	1,162,091	1,304,187	1,427,263	123,075	9.4
45-64	51,153	61,772	81,785	20,012	32.4	888,348	1,052,794	1,279,693	226,899	21.6
65 or more	15,444	18,328	24,295	5,967	32.6	271,406	344,914	426,894	81,981	23.8
Markets										
EU	106,838	133,138	150,513	17,375	13.1	2,022,367	2,394,318	2,631,478	237,160	9.9
of which: Euro area	74,191	91,937	98,397	6,460	7.0	1,630,628	1,870,607	1,932,260	61,653	3.3
Non-EU	52,741	59,232	74,592	15,360	25.9	959,109	1,169,301	1,390,832	221,531	18.9
Purpose of visit										
Holiday	144,740	176,824	208,204	31,380	17.7	2,710,472	3,290,522	3,744,773	454,251	13.8
Business and professional	9,229	10,702	11,940	-	-	156,808	172,463	176,328	3,866	2.2
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	5,610	4,844	4,961	-	-	114,196	100,634	101,208	-	-
Organisation of stay										
Package	37,742	50,099	56,931	6,832	13.6	751,553	887,778	1,043,988	156,211	17.6
Non-package	121,837	142,270	168,173	25,903	18.2	2,229,923	2,675,841	2,978,321	302,481	11.3
Frequency										
First-time tourists	116,686	144,043	163,818	19,775	13.7	2,308,903	2,818,115	3,172,783	354,668	12.6
Repeat tourists	42,894	48,327	61,286	12,959	26.8	672,573	745,503	849,527	104,023	14.0
once a year or less	28,579	33,171	44,293	11,122	33.5	502,780	572,968	660,847	87,879	15.3
more than once a year	14,315	15,156	16,993	1,837	12.1	169,793	172,535	188,679	16,144	9.4
Gozo and Comino visitors										
Tourists visiting Gozo and Comino	61,751	75,757	94,251	18,494	24.4	1,717,172	2,035,607	2,305,968	270,361	13.3
Same-day visitors ¹	58,144	70,570	86,706	16,136	22.9	1,558,415	1,855,932 ^R	2,113,947	258,015	13.9
Overnight visitors ²	3,607	5,188	7,545	2,358	45.5	158,757	179,675 ^R	192,021	12,346	6.9
Duration of visit										
1-3 nights	53,636	64,554	79,595	15,040	23.3	694,188	846,789	932,784	85,995	10.2
4-6 nights	57,409	73,322	87,269	13,948	19.0	1,046,748	1,334,998	1,563,475	228,478	17.1
7 nights or more	48,535	54,493	58,240	3,747	6.9	1,240,540	1,381,832	1,526,051	144,218	10.4
Average length of stay (nights)	6.7	6.3	6.1	-0.2	-	6.8	6.4	6.3	-0.1	-

¹ Same-day visitors comprise inbound tourists who visit Gozo and Comino without spending any nights in the place visited.

² Overnight visitors comprise inbound tourists who spend at least one night in rented or non-rented accommodation in Gozo and Comino.

^R Cumulative figures for the Gozo and Comino visitors breakdowns have been revised due to a minor revision in 2024 April data.

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 and total nights spent by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	December									
	Inbound tourists					Total nights spent				
	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
				2025/2024					2025/2024	
Rented accommodation	140,505	171,986	201,375	29,389	17.1	903,911	1,033,754	1,181,374	147,620	14.3
Collective	109,193	133,477	149,185	15,708	11.8	558,332	659,840	721,897	62,056	9.4
Other rented	31,312	38,510	52,190	13,681	35.5	345,579	373,913	459,477	85,564	22.9
Non-rented accommodation	19,074	20,383	23,729	3,346	16.4	163,456	184,094	202,437	18,342	10.0
Total	159,580	192,370	225,104	32,735	17.0	1,067,366	1,217,848	1,383,810	165,962	13.6
Type of accommodation	January-December									
	Inbound tourists					Total nights spent				
	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
				2025/2024					2025/2024	
Rented accommodation	2,667,173	3,245,037	3,692,987	447,949	13.8	17,150,286	19,970,884	22,451,035	2,480,150	12.4
Collective	1,867,997	2,174,146	2,441,757	267,612	12.3	10,584,586	12,050,272	13,493,899	1,443,627	12.0
Other rented	799,176	1,070,892	1,251,229	180,338	16.8	6,565,700	7,920,612	8,957,136	1,036,523	13.1
Non-rented accommodation	314,303	318,581	329,323	10,742	3.4	3,138,766	2,945,732	2,987,388	41,656	1.4
Total	2,981,476	3,563,618	4,022,310	458,691	12.9	20,289,051	22,916,616	25,438,423	2,521,807	11.0

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Total expenditure by inbound tourists by month of departure and expenditure category

€ 000

Expenditure category	December			Change	Percentage change
	2023	2024	2025	2025/2024	
Package	24,281	32,333	31,859	-474	-1.5
Non-package	45,983	53,118	63,289	10,171	19.1
Air/sea fares	20,573	25,785	30,321	4,536	17.6
Accommodation	25,410	27,333	32,968	5,635	20.6
Other expenditure	46,755	55,263	67,792	12,529	22.7
Total expenditure	117,018	140,714	162,941	22,226	15.8

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
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Table 4. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by month of departure and country of residence

Country of residence		December			Change	Percentage change
		2023	2024	2025	2025/2024	
Tourists	EU	106,838	133,138	150,513	17,375	13.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	8,713	9,803	8,941	-	-
	Germany	11,226	12,043	13,188	-	-
	Italy	23,930	29,168	32,857	3,689	12.6
	Poland	18,118	27,292	32,005	4,713	17.3
	Spain	6,050	9,162	8,616	-	-
	Non-EU	52,741	59,232	74,592	15,360	25.9
<i>of which:</i>						
United Kingdom	30,598	37,283	45,455	8,173	21.9	
Total	159,580	192,370	225,104	32,735	17.0	
Nights	EU	660,718	813,671	879,954	66,283	8.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	83,579	97,310	76,596	-	-
	Germany	82,533	93,701	101,598	-	-
	Italy	123,052	172,118	195,432	23,315	13.5
	Poland	96,442	134,817	154,656	19,839	14.7
	Spain	36,416	62,424	43,705	-	-
	Non-EU	406,648	404,177	503,856	99,679	24.7
<i>of which:</i>						
United Kingdom	202,837	236,576	248,697	12,121	5.1	
Total	1,067,366	1,217,848	1,383,810	165,962	13.6	
Expenditure (€ 000)	EU	68,803	88,092	96,720	8,628	9.8
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	8,457	9,627	8,770	-	-
	Germany	9,235	10,654	12,626	-	-
	Italy	11,785	14,209	16,525	2,316	16.3
	Poland	10,392	16,547	18,145	1,598	9.7
	Spain	3,954	6,942	4,343	-	-
	Non-EU	48,215	52,622	66,221	13,599	25.8
<i>of which:</i>						
United Kingdom	24,047	29,836	33,665	3,829	12.8	
Total	117,018	140,714	162,941	22,226	15.8	

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Table 5. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and country of residence

Country of residence	January-December			Change	Percentage change	
	2023	2024	2025	2025/2024		
Tourists	Austria	51,902	63,199	62,266	-	-
	Belgium	65,558	82,232	85,882	3,650	4.4
	France	286,133	295,396	284,834	-10,562	-3.6
	Germany	218,651	248,778	261,939	13,161	5.3
	Greece	54,273	68,087	67,037	-	-
	Hungary	49,870	67,631	79,770	12,139	17.9
	Ireland	46,764	59,612	88,707	29,095	48.8
	Italy	552,462	616,326	583,323	-33,004	-5.4
	Netherlands	62,464	83,683	89,872	6,189	7.4
	Poland	167,113	264,479	386,654	122,175	46.2
	Scandinavia ¹	88,552	96,486	109,017	12,531	13.0
	Spain	114,691	132,081	145,600	13,519	10.2
	Switzerland	57,791	67,857	72,560	4,703	6.9
	United Kingdom	539,198	704,302	841,397	137,095	19.5
	USA	55,230	66,432	81,218	14,786	22.3
	Other	570,823	647,036	782,234	135,198	20.9
Total	2,981,476	3,563,618	4,022,310	458,691	12.9	
Nights	Austria	325,225	361,091	369,672	-	-
	Belgium	443,783	502,072	530,834	28,762	5.7
	France	2,082,630	2,121,639	2,033,572	-88,067	-4.2
	Germany	1,659,506	1,798,161	1,905,013	106,852	5.9
	Greece	238,050	279,933	270,781	-	-
	Hungary	271,519	362,695	404,170	41,475	11.4
	Ireland	305,195	414,638	570,919	156,280	37.7
	Italy	3,163,753	3,337,695	3,170,424	-167,271	-5.0
	Netherlands	500,493	572,413	632,673	60,260	10.5
	Poland	1,058,300	1,561,852	2,172,784	610,932	39.1
	Scandinavia ¹	665,885	712,647	747,339	34,693	4.9
	Spain	722,142	808,215	827,750	19,535	2.4
	Switzerland	444,728	440,257	490,997	50,740	11.5
	United Kingdom	3,646,554	4,522,849	5,382,002	859,153	19.0
	USA	384,121	372,221	487,997	115,777	31.1
	Other	4,377,165	4,748,239	5,441,495	693,256	14.6
Total	20,289,051	22,916,616	25,438,423	2,521,807	11.0	
Expenditure (€ 000)	Austria	47,032	55,120	60,972	-	-
	Belgium	61,459	75,972	82,672	6,700	8.8
	France	261,581	281,066	285,529	4,463	1.6
	Germany	220,609	258,797	289,511	30,714	11.9
	Greece	33,096	38,684	42,241	-	-
	Hungary	32,582	44,166	49,729	5,563	12.6
	Ireland	48,778	65,084	102,812	37,728	58.0
	Italy	338,114	394,599	374,793	-19,806	-5.0
	Netherlands	64,927	91,456	105,659	14,203	15.5
	Poland	126,611	199,602	290,702	91,100	45.6
	Scandinavia ¹	95,623	108,916	126,510	17,594	16.2
	Spain	86,847	102,545	112,562	10,017	9.8
	Switzerland	67,025	76,181	93,791	17,610	23.1
	United Kingdom	541,095	748,149	942,076	193,927	25.9
	USA	80,527	91,266	121,379	30,114	33.0
	Other	568,970	659,888	823,417	163,530	24.8
Total	2,674,877	3,291,490	3,904,356	612,866	18.6	

¹Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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Table 6. 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 2025					
Austria	17,024	8,614	14,923	20,411	60,972
Belgium	18,009	14,314	20,080	30,269	82,672
France	65,192	43,132	72,210	104,995	285,529
Germany	80,392	46,845	66,965	95,309	289,511
Greece	2,921	7,637	11,623	20,061	42,241
Hungary	4,372	9,422	14,626	21,309	49,729
Ireland	21,897	14,196	24,328	42,391	102,812
Italy	57,004	55,616	96,232	165,941	374,793
Netherlands	23,939	18,036	22,648	41,036	105,659
Poland	59,572	47,056	72,197	111,877	290,702
Scandinavia ¹	32,826	21,851	26,332	45,501	126,510
Spain	19,712	18,305	28,811	45,734	112,562
Switzerland	18,218	16,053	27,634	31,886	93,791
United Kingdom	383,323	101,358	150,781	306,615	942,076
USA	13,337	40,285	31,897	35,861	121,379
Other	108,921	190,418	203,214	320,864	823,417
Total	926,660	653,136	884,500	1,440,060	3,904,356
January-December 2024					
Austria	15,914	8,098	12,728	18,381	55,120
Belgium	18,895	12,460	18,266	26,351	75,972
France	69,282	41,866	70,543	99,376	281,066
Germany	68,293	42,097	60,920	87,486	258,797
Greece	3,581	6,525	10,837	17,741	38,684
Hungary	5,070	8,062	13,183	17,850	44,166
Ireland	14,159	9,923	14,874	26,128	65,084
Italy	60,040	55,857	100,687	178,014	394,599
Netherlands	24,106	14,269	19,351	33,730	91,456
Poland	43,914	31,155	49,646	74,888	199,602
Scandinavia ¹	30,137	17,801	20,729	40,249	108,916
Spain	17,860	16,867	27,526	40,293	102,545
Switzerland	16,778	12,783	19,667	26,954	76,181
United Kingdom	271,516	94,354	135,029	247,250	748,149
USA	11,852	33,143	20,979	25,292	91,266
Other	87,296	162,875	163,918	245,799	659,888
Total	758,693	568,136	758,881	1,205,780	3,291,490
January-December 2023					
Austria	14,235	7,556	10,520	14,721	47,032
Belgium	16,687	9,337	13,873	21,563	61,459
France	64,541	39,237	63,835	93,968	261,581
Germany	61,796	36,040	51,740	71,031	220,609
Greece	4,112	5,897	8,709	14,378	33,096
Hungary	4,429	6,626	8,777	12,750	32,582
Ireland	9,050	8,503	12,153	19,072	48,778
Italy	53,215	48,864	87,296	148,739	338,114
Netherlands	14,622	10,556	13,983	25,766	64,927
Poland	25,516	21,431	30,987	48,677	126,611
Scandinavia ¹	26,556	16,764	18,084	34,219	95,623
Spain	15,509	14,595	23,905	32,838	86,847
Switzerland	14,905	10,531	18,432	23,156	67,025
United Kingdom	190,432	73,567	97,784	179,312	541,095
USA	7,751	29,955	19,336	23,485	80,527
Other	83,966	137,241	135,759	212,005	568,970
Total	607,322	476,700	615,173	975,682	2,674,877

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Notes:

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Table 7. 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 2025					
Austria	923	195	358	328	979
Belgium	852	220	339	352	963
France	940	198	350	369	1,002
Germany	978	258	402	364	1,105
Greece	494	125	201	299	630
Hungary	588	130	220	267	623
Ireland	802	230	437	478	1,159
Italy	639	112	222	284	643
Netherlands	911	283	394	457	1,176
Poland	649	159	253	289	752
Scandinavia ¹	937	294	396	417	1,160
Spain	691	155	268	314	773
Switzerland	1,204	275	506	439	1,293
United Kingdom	939	232	398	364	1,120
USA	1,124	572	499	442	1,494
Other	1,025	278	330	410	1,053
Total expenditure per capita	888	217	325	358	971
January-December 2024					
Austria	835	182	310	291	872
Belgium	843	207	340	320	924
France	891	190	340	336	951
Germany	943	236	374	352	1,040
Greece	461	108	190	261	568
Hungary	725	132	236	264	653
Ireland	873	229	392	438	1,092
Italy	630	107	222	289	640
Netherlands	852	258	389	403	1,093
Poland	666	156	262	283	755
Scandinavia ¹	919	277	392	417	1,129
Spain	805	153	275	305	776
Switzerland	1,047	245	407	397	1,123
United Kingdom	898	233	397	351	1,062
USA	1,040	595	429	381	1,374
Other	961	289	336	380	1,020
Total expenditure per capita	855	211	318	338	924
January-December 2023					
Austria	862	211	324	284	906
Belgium	861	201	338	329	937
France	851	185	323	328	914
Germany	907	238	381	325	1,009
Greece	489	129	204	265	610
Hungary	571	156	239	256	653
Ireland	737	246	395	408	1,043
Italy	576	106	224	269	612
Netherlands	737	247	374	412	1,039
Poland	633	168	264	291	758
Scandinavia ¹	794	301	384	386	1,080
Spain	710	156	292	286	757
Switzerland	1,140	231	448	401	1,160
United Kingdom	860	231	392	333	1,004
USA	1,136	618	458	425	1,458
Other	893	285	327	371	997
Total expenditure per capita	808	212	317	327	897

¹ Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Table 8. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by period of departure

Characteristics	December			January-December		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Total overnight cruise passengers	2,035	2,219	2,717	27,153	30,170	45,669
Sex						
Males	944	1,020	1,241	12,619	13,738	21,259
Females	1,091	1,199	1,476	14,534	16,432	24,410
Age group						
0-19	8	9	1	1,724	2,199	1,499
20-39	55	55	62	2,196	2,074	3,288
40-59	368	98	243	8,592	5,565	7,726
60-79	1,542	1,621	2,058	13,923	17,275	27,920
80 or more	62	436	353	718	3,057	5,236
Markets						
EU	21	28	19	7,884	5,934	8,596
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	13	21	18	7,662	5,709	8,054
Non-EU	2,014	2,191	2,698	19,269	24,236	37,073

Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises 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 data 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 air passengers is selected systematically. Every crossing air passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval of 1:20.

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 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 supplied by Transport Malta.

8. Arrivals and nights spent in time-share accommodation are being categorised as 'Non-rented Accommodation' instead of 'Collective Accommodation' as per Eurostat's recommendation. In this regard, there may be minor differences between 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 15.4 of the NSO's [metadata file](#).

10. Data included in this release are based on sample data and are therefore subject to sampling error. Sampling error is measured by a quantity known as the margin of error, which in turn, expresses the variability between the true population parameters and their corresponding sample estimates. In the table below, the margin of error is used to construct a set of 95 per cent confidence intervals for the main indicators, which gives an indication of where the true population parameters lie.

Sampling variability of inbound tourism figures

Category	Estimate	Margin of Error	95% confidence interval
Inbound Tourists	225,104	3,086	225,104 ± 3,086
Total nights	1,383,810	97,265	1,383,810 ± 97,265
Total expenditure	162,941	6,733	162,941 ± 6,733

11. 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, and the purpose of visit.
- **Resident:** A person is considered to be a resident of Malta/Gozo and Comino if:
 - a. S/he has lived for most of the past 12 months in Malta/Gozo and Comino;
 - b. S/he has lived in Malta/Gozo and Comino for less than 12 months but intends to return within a year to settle here.
- **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.
- **Same-day visitor:** A visitor who does not spend the night in rented or non-rented accommodation in the country/place visited.
- **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in a rented or non-rented 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 rented accommodation establishment or in a non-rented 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 complexes, 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. 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 other 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 sports events, entrance to museums or zoos 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.

12. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

- [Sources and methods](#)
- [Statistical concepts](#)
- [Metadata](#)
- [Statistical database](#)

13. A detailed news release calendar is available [online](#).

14. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately. For guidance on access and re-use of data please visit our [dedicated webpage](#).

15. For further assistance send your request through our [online request form](#).