

Inbound Tourism: May 2026

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Total inbound tourists in May 2026 were estimated at 457,636, an increase of 22.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2025.



During the month under review, a total of 424,926 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, and 23,791 tourists came for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists consisted of persons aged between 25 and 44 (37.4 per cent), followed by the 45-64 age bracket (34.2 per cent) (Table 1). British, Italian and Polish residents made up 44.8 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 4).

Total nights spent went up by 17.5 per cent when compared to May 2025, reaching 2.6 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (88.0 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 2). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 5.7 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure stood at €419.9 million, an increase of 15.5 per cent over the corresponding month in 2025 (Table 3). The average expenditure per night was estimated at €162.1 (Chart 2b).

The number of tourists visiting Gozo and Comino, including both same-day and overnight visitors, totalled 268,229, or 58.6 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

January-May 2026

Inbound tourists for the first five months of 2026 amounted to 1,673,602, an increase of 17.9 per cent over the same period in 2025 (Table 1). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 12.0 per cent, reaching 9.2 million nights (Table 2).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €1,339.6 million, 14.7 per cent higher than that recorded for the same period in 2025 (Table 5). Total expenditure per capita decreased to €800 from €823 in 2025 (Table 7).

The number of tourists visiting Gozo and Comino, including both same-day and overnight visitors, totalled 845,587, or 50.5 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

Chart 1. Total inbound tourists by month
Reference period: May 2024–May 2026

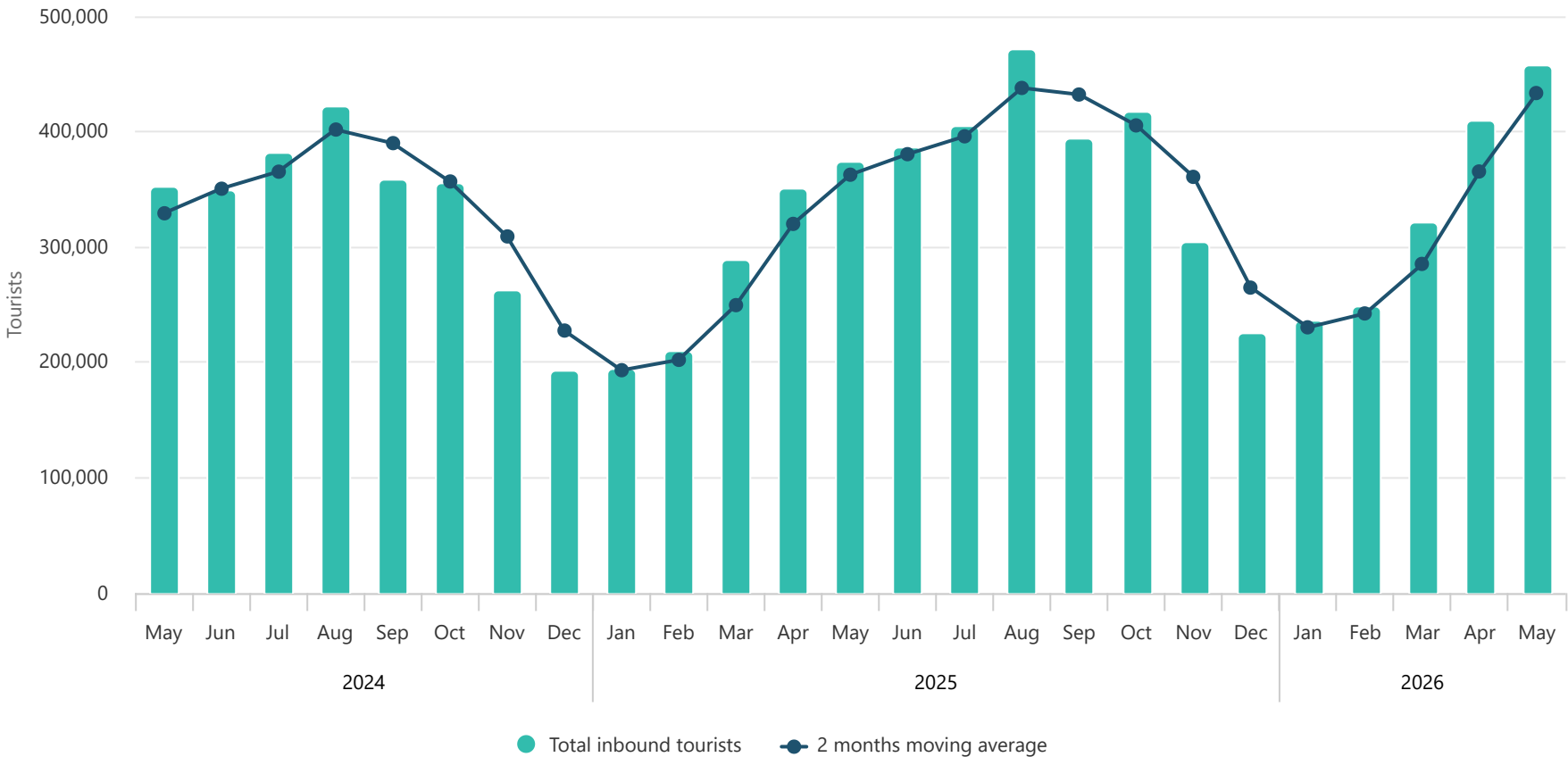


Chart 2a. Expenditure per capita by inbound tourists
Reference month: May

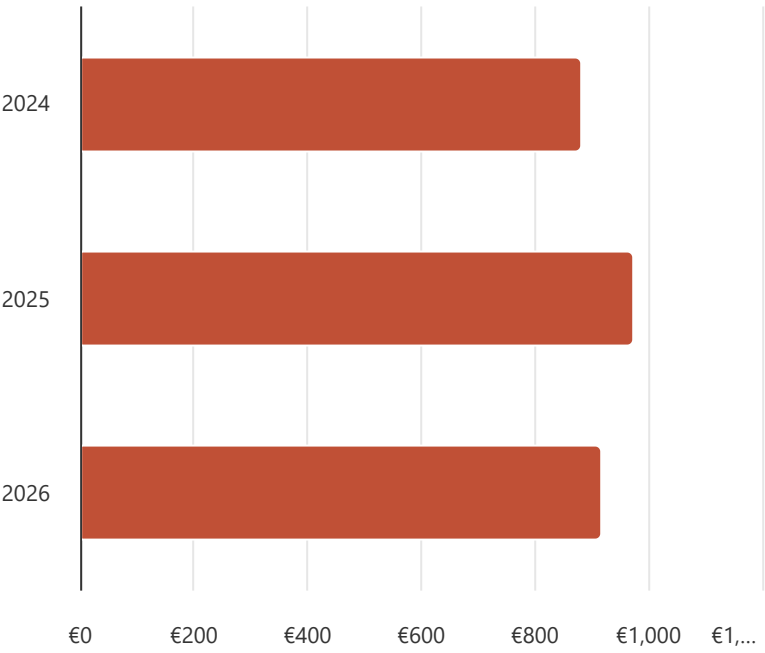
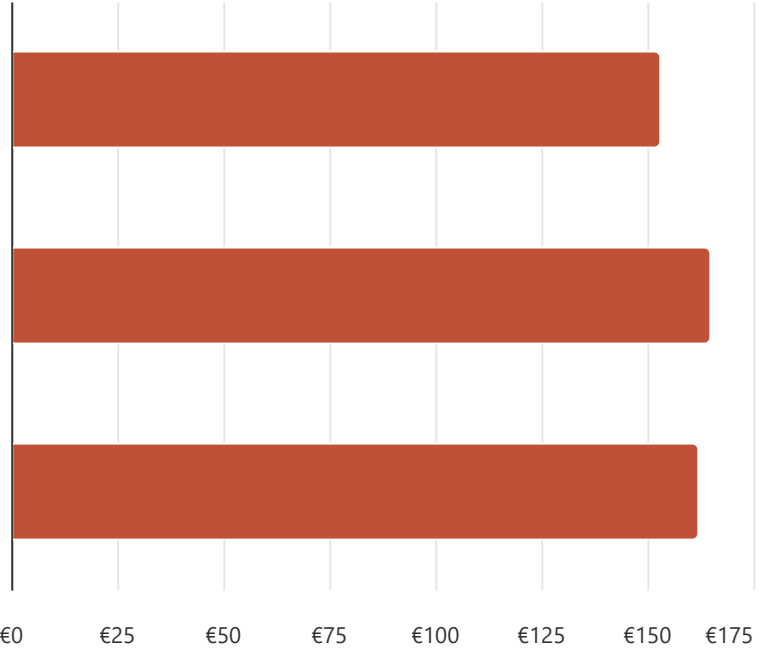


Chart 2b. Expenditure per night by inbound tourists
Reference month: May



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Main tourism indicators

Total inbound tourists 457,636

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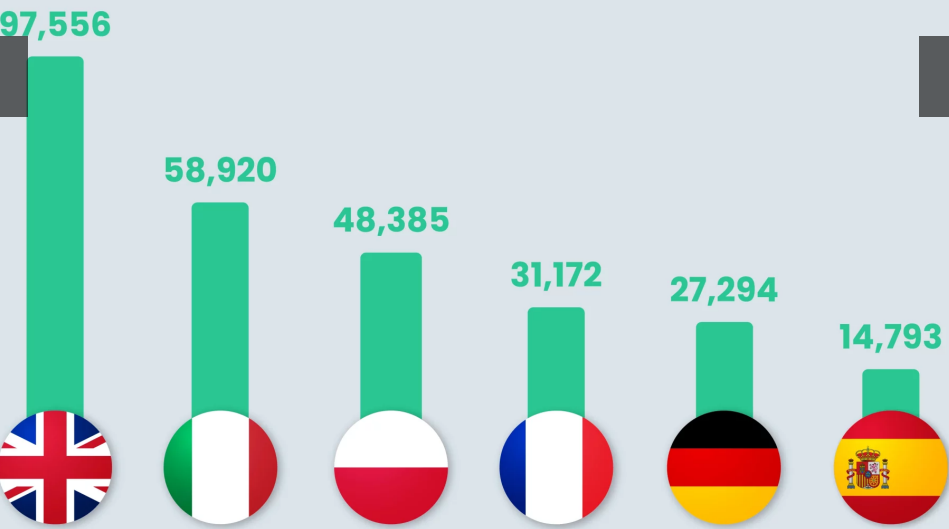


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	May					January-May				
	2024	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change	2024	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change
				2026/2025					2026/2025	
Total inbound visitors	352,587	382,085	458,119	76,034	19.9	1,242,603	1,444,698	1,696,157	251,459	17.4
Overnight cruise passengers	432	7,788	483	-7,305	-93.8	757	25,744	22,555	-3,189	-12.4
Inbound tourists	352,155	374,297	457,636	83,339	22.3	1,241,846	1,418,954	1,673,602	254,648	17.9
Mode of travel										
Air	346,466	367,601	449,902	82,301	22.4	1,217,064	1,393,617	1,644,694	251,077	18.0
Sea	5,689	6,696	7,734	-	-	24,782	25,337	28,908	3,571	14.1
Sex										
Males	162,106	167,310	224,999	57,689	34.5	592,995	656,879	806,031	149,152	22.7
Females	190,048	206,987	232,637	25,650	12.4	648,851	762,074	867,571	105,496	13.8
Age group										
0-24	59,886	61,521	72,586	11,065	18.0	245,444	249,908	301,053	51,145	20.5
25-44	135,176	136,020	170,938	34,918	25.7	457,174	524,889	605,988	81,100	15.5
45-64	113,215	119,511	156,309	36,798	30.8	399,054	477,299	575,186	97,888	20.5
65 or more	43,877	57,245	57,804	-	-	140,174	166,858	191,374	24,515	14.7
Markets										
EU	239,916	239,575	295,241	55,666	23.2	851,273	955,912	1,108,549	152,637	16.0
of which: Euro area ¹	193,004	180,673	212,996	32,323	17.9	653,533	690,062	762,025	71,963	10.4
Non-EU	112,239	134,722	162,395	27,673	20.5	390,573	463,042	565,053	102,011	22.0
Purpose of visit										
Holiday	318,617	347,317	424,926	77,609	22.3	1,128,032	1,314,066	1,547,952	233,887	17.8
Business and professional	23,285	17,910	23,791	5,881	32.8	73,404	67,143	88,605	21,462	32.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,252	9,070	8,919	-	-	40,410	37,745	37,044	-	-
Organisation of stay										
Package	85,557	97,289	112,467	15,178	15.6	320,197	380,374	443,324	62,950	16.5
Non-package	266,598	277,008	345,169	68,161	24.6	921,650	1,038,579	1,230,278	191,698	18.5
Frequency										
First-time tourists	280,255	297,699	359,677	61,978	20.8	974,939	1,121,007	1,302,867	181,860	16.2
Repeat tourists	71,899	76,598	97,959	21,361	27.9	266,907	297,947	370,735	72,788	24.4
once a year or less	53,860	60,002	78,721	18,719	31.2	199,344	225,712	289,982	64,270	28.5
more than once a year	18,039	16,596	19,239	2,643	15.9	67,563	72,235	80,753	8,518	11.8
Gozo and Comino visitors										
Tourists visiting Gozo and Comino	202,866	222,002	268,229	46,227	20.8	634,969	748,755	845,587	96,832	12.9
Same-day visitors ²	184,244	202,861	242,929	40,068	19.8	587,219	695,575	782,368	86,793	12.5
Overnight visitors ³	18,622	19,141	25,300	6,159	32.2	47,750	53,180	63,219	10,040	18.9
Duration of visit										
1-3 nights	101,991	100,052	117,309	17,257	17.2	374,113	402,482	483,362	80,880	20.1
4-6 nights	133,892	148,792	193,871	45,079	30.3	488,927	582,820	708,856	126,036	21.6
7 nights or more	116,272	125,453	146,456	21,003	16.7	378,807	433,651	481,383	47,732	11.0
Average length of stay (nights)	5.8	5.9	5.7	-0.2	-	5.7	5.8	5.5	-0.3	-

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.² Same-day visitors comprise inbound tourists who visit Gozo and Comino without spending any nights in the place visited.³ Overnight visitors comprise inbound tourists who spend at least one night in rented or non-rented accommodation in Gozo and Comino.

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	May									
	Inbound tourists					Total nights spent				
	2024	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change	2024	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change
				2026/2025					2026/2025	
Rented accommodation	321,531	346,578	420,404	73,826	21.3	1,804,091	1,998,041	2,279,708	281,667	14.1
Collective	217,455	225,913	262,755	36,842	16.3	1,117,182	1,214,060	1,374,141	160,081	13.2
Other rented	104,076	120,665	157,649	36,984	30.7	686,909	783,981	905,567	121,586	15.5
Non-rented accommodation	30,624	27,719	37,232	9,513	34.3	225,104	205,901	310,700	104,799	50.9
Total	352,155	374,297	457,636	83,339	22.3	2,029,195	2,203,942	2,590,408	386,465	17.5
Type of accommodation	January-May									
	Inbound tourists					Total nights spent				
	2024	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change	2024	2025	2026	Change	Percentage change
				2026/2025					2026/2025	
Rented accommodation	1,129,121	1,308,073	1,546,655	238,582	18.2	6,194,545	7,310,450	8,096,484	786,034	10.8
Collective	819,653	930,962	1,055,104	124,142	13.3	4,128,977	4,802,378	5,266,757	464,379	9.7
Other rented	309,468	377,111	491,552	114,441	30.3	2,065,568	2,508,072	2,829,727	321,655	12.8
Non-rented accommodation	112,725	110,881	126,946	16,066	14.5	944,171	878,750	1,076,109	197,359	22.5
Total	1,241,846	1,418,954	1,673,602	254,648	17.9	7,138,716	8,189,200	9,172,593	983,393	12.0

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

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Expenditure category	May			Change	Percentage change
	2024	2025	2026	2026/2025	
Package	72,584	93,287	101,240	7,952	8.5
Non-package	125,681	140,019	163,886	23,867	17.0
Air/sea fares	53,113	59,521	70,326	10,805	18.2
Accommodation	72,567	80,498	93,560	13,062	16.2
Other expenditure	112,648	130,244	154,732	24,488	18.8
Total expenditure	310,913	363,551	419,857	56,307	15.5

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 4. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by month of departure and country of residence

Country of residence		May			Change	Percentage change
		2024	2025	2026	2026/2025	
Tourists	EU	239,916	239,575	295,241	55,666	23.2
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	36,434	31,477	31,172	-	-
	Germany	25,777	19,080	27,294	8,214	43.0
	Italy	59,359	55,912	58,920	3,009	5.4
	Poland	23,249	30,689	48,385	17,696	57.7
	Spain	12,342	13,352	14,793	-	-
	Non-EU	112,239	134,722	162,395	27,673	20.5
	<i>of which:</i>					
	United Kingdom	67,166	79,978	97,556	17,578	22.0
Total		352,155	374,297	457,636	83,339	22.3
Nights	EU	1,333,848	1,324,932	1,591,915	266,983	20.2
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	211,793	204,678	177,906	-	-
	Germany	181,007	146,190	183,481	37,291	25.5
	Italy	260,026	251,204	287,112	35,908	14.3
	Poland	138,644	167,599	253,352	85,753	51.2
	Spain	86,990	88,095	75,222	-	-
	Non-EU	695,347	879,011	998,493	119,482	13.6
	<i>of which:</i>					
	United Kingdom	397,588	486,405	600,860	114,454	23.5
Total		2,029,195	2,203,942	2,590,408	386,465	17.5
Expenditure (€ 000)	EU	187,336	194,933	232,468	37,536	19.3
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	30,479	30,067	27,872	-	-
	Germany	28,193	22,442	28,620	6,178	27.5
	Italy	31,463	31,412	32,579	1,167	3.7
	Poland	19,090	23,902	33,554	9,651	40.4
	Spain	9,680	11,152	11,007	-	-
	Non-EU	123,577	168,618	187,389	18,771	11.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
	United Kingdom	70,094	93,366	111,823	18,458	19.8
Total		310,913	363,551	419,857	56,307	15.5

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

Country of residence ¹		January-May			Change	Percentage change
		2024	2025	2026	2026/2025	
Tourists	Belgium	30,622	33,388	32,820	-	-
	France	105,943	106,109	96,147	-9,962	-9.4
	Germany	91,084	90,992	103,164	12,172	13.4
	Greece	27,429	26,771	27,716	-	-
	Hungary	24,769	27,976	32,938	4,963	17.7
	Ireland	17,668	34,125	40,523	6,397	18.7
	Italy	205,722	203,603	217,822	14,219	7.0
	Netherlands	27,256	25,668	34,030	8,362	32.6
	Poland	104,361	154,528	227,347	72,819	47.1
	Romania	23,690	24,090	31,806	7,715	32.0
	Scandinavia ²	30,612	35,527	45,394	9,867	27.8
	Spain	45,294	50,961	54,834	3,872	7.6
	Switzerland	19,381	21,164	27,505	6,341	30.0
	United Kingdom	239,252	288,662	346,025	57,363	19.9
	USA	23,794	28,475	37,247	8,772	30.8
	Other	224,968	266,913	318,284	51,371	19.2
Total		1,241,846	1,418,954	1,673,602	254,648	17.9
Nights	Belgium	175,879	191,714	186,687	-	-
	France	652,155	693,583	579,758	-113,825	-16.4
	Germany	621,513	653,303	683,978	30,675	4.7
	Greece	104,027	100,978	120,497	-	-
	Hungary	115,660	117,485	134,095	16,611	14.1
	Ireland	110,462	194,618	222,008	27,390	14.1
	Italy	971,262	977,182	1,065,203	88,020	9.0
	Netherlands	176,075	156,493	201,372	44,880	28.7
	Poland	590,128	815,854	1,147,561	331,707	40.7
	Romania	120,001	117,354	146,588	29,234	24.9
	Scandinavia ²	218,680	238,248	290,126	51,877	21.8
	Spain	249,373	278,885	254,455	-24,430	-8.8
	Switzerland	119,620	130,882	168,618	37,736	28.8
	United Kingdom	1,416,387	1,734,926	1,997,838	262,912	15.2
	USA	117,470	152,769	190,371	37,602	24.6
	Other	1,380,025	1,634,926	1,783,438	148,512	9.1
Total		7,138,716	8,189,200	9,172,593	983,393	12.0
Expenditure (€ 000)	Belgium	24,114	28,357	30,089	-	-
	France	83,464	90,708	81,713	-8,995	-9.9
	Germany	83,778	92,394	99,589	7,194	7.8
	Greece	14,066	14,345	16,144	-	-
	Hungary	13,371	13,476	16,500	3,024	22.4
	Ireland	16,947	31,152	36,359	5,207	16.7
	Italy	105,329	108,325	118,256	9,931	9.2
	Netherlands	25,340	23,740	33,717	9,977	42.0
	Poland	69,087	100,564	140,148	39,584	39.4
	Romania	15,785	17,192	21,023	3,831	22.3
	Scandinavia ²	27,407	36,333	44,954	8,621	23.7
	Spain	28,575	34,135	34,055	-80	-0.2
	Switzerland	19,360	25,800	29,323	3,523	13.7
	United Kingdom	206,615	275,537	319,895	44,358	16.1
	USA	29,601	36,000	46,967	10,967	30.5
	Other	195,804	240,195	270,870	30,675	12.8
Total		958,643	1,168,252	1,339,601	171,349	14.7

¹ Top 15 countries of residence for the reference year 2025.² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

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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 ¹	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
	January-May 2026				
Belgium	8,426	4,926	6,117	10,619	30,089
France	17,747	13,547	21,184	29,235	81,713
Germany	22,918	18,613	24,241	33,816	99,589
Greece	1,266 ^u	3,023	4,094	7,761	16,144
Hungary	:	3,406	4,932	7,170	16,500
Ireland	6,316	5,379	8,995	15,669	36,359
Italy	19,582	17,690	27,490	53,494	118,256
Netherlands	7,990	6,617	6,809	12,301	33,717
Poland	34,487	21,056	30,468	54,137	140,148
Romania	1,670 ^u	3,490	5,270	10,594	21,023
Scandinavia ²	9,028	8,223	9,512	18,191	44,954
Spain	3,491	5,954	8,903	15,708	34,055
Switzerland	7,912	4,877	6,574	9,960	29,323
United Kingdom	133,376	32,069	46,697	107,753	319,895
USA	5,623	15,421	11,699	14,223	46,967
Other	36,353	67,376	63,690	103,451	270,870
Total	317,178	231,667	286,676	504,080	1,339,601
	January-May 2025				
Belgium	7,196	4,839	6,202	10,120	28,357
France	24,160	13,652	21,260	31,636	90,708
Germany	27,413	14,404	20,451	30,127	92,394
Greece	936 ^u	2,770	3,675	6,963	14,345
Hungary	967 ^u	2,638	3,627	6,244	13,476
Ireland	6,136	4,479	6,911	13,625	31,152
Italy	17,836	16,728	26,726	47,036	108,325
Netherlands	4,232	4,948	5,404	9,155	23,740
Poland	23,318	16,699	21,074	39,473	100,564
Romania	1,711 ^u	2,797	4,721	7,963	17,192
Scandinavia ²	9,539	6,608	7,158	13,027	36,333
Spain	6,970	5,015	8,240	13,910	34,135
Switzerland	5,758 ^u	4,452	7,141	8,450	25,800
United Kingdom	104,546	32,382	44,561	94,047	275,537
USA	4,028 ^u	12,239	8,890	10,843	36,000
Other	42,220	55,006	53,207	89,761	240,195
Total	286,967	199,656	249,249	432,380	1,168,252
	January-May 2024				
Belgium	6,580	3,991	4,851	8,692	24,114
France	24,116	12,720	18,380	28,247	83,464
Germany	23,258	13,419	18,688	28,414	83,778
Greece	1,685 ^u	2,386	3,503	6,492	14,066
Hungary	1,704 ^u	2,475	3,868	5,325	13,371
Ireland	4,274	2,401	3,250	7,022	16,947
Italy	19,443	14,703	24,419	46,763	105,329
Netherlands	6,554	4,229	5,296	9,261	25,340
Poland	16,802	11,299	15,846	25,140	69,087
Romania	1,844 ^u	2,614	3,818	7,508	15,785
Scandinavia ²	6,850	4,684	4,805	11,067	27,407
Spain	4,529	4,774	7,291	11,981	28,575
Switzerland	4,879	3,149	4,647	6,686	19,360
United Kingdom	67,144	26,966	39,285	73,219	206,615
USA	3,236	10,547	7,007	8,812	29,601
Other	28,990	49,803	47,472	69,539	195,804
Total	221,887	170,159	212,428	354,168	958,643

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.¹ Top 15 countries of residence for the reference year 2025.² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.

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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 ¹	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
	January-May 2026				
Belgium	985	203	285	324	917
France	836	179	294	304	850
Germany	877	240	346	328	965
Greece	418 ^u	122	185	280	582
Hungary	:	109	170	218	501
Ireland	570	181	324	387	897
Italy	608	95	178	246	543
Netherlands	858	268	311	361	991
Poland	524	130	191	238	616
Romania	423 ^u	125	204	333	661
Scandinavia ²	770	244	314	401	990
Spain	595	122	206	286	621
Switzerland	973	247	362	362	1,066
United Kingdom	756	189	320	311	924
USA	922	481	399	382	1,261
Other	704	250	266	325	851
Total expenditure per capita	715	187	258	301	800
	January-May 2025				
Belgium	735	204	287	303	849
France	813	177	293	298	855
Germany	913	233	361	331	1,015
Greece	382 ^u	114	161	260	536
Hungary	404 ^u	103	161	223	482
Ireland	593	188	324	399	913
Italy	537	98	182	231	532
Netherlands	684	254	321	357	925
Poland	536	150	197	255	651
Romania	559 ^u	133	236	331	714
Scandinavia ²	804	276	339	367	1,023
Spain	686	123	223	273	670
Switzerland	1,188 ^u	269	466	399	1,219
United Kingdom	786	207	325	326	955
USA	1,071 ^u	488	392	381	1,264
Other	917	246	266	336	900
Total expenditure per capita	754	191	265	305	823
	January-May 2024				
Belgium	685	188	260	284	787
France	737	173	267	267	788
Germany	832	210	325	312	920
Greece	432 ^u	101	159	237	513
Hungary	606 ^u	112	188	215	540
Ireland	828	192	306	397	959
Italy	521	87	169	227	512
Netherlands	687	239	350	340	930
Poland	574	150	221	241	662
Romania	543 ^u	127	197	317	666
Scandinavia ²	743	217	294	362	895
Spain	736	121	209	265	631
Switzerland	868	227	363	345	999
United Kingdom	709	186	317	306	864
USA	816	527	397	370	1,244
Other	747	264	289	309	870
Total expenditure per capita	693	183	260	285	772

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.¹ Top 15 countries of residence for the reference year 2025.² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Characteristics	May			January-May		
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
Total overnight cruise passengers	432	7,788	483	757	25,744	22,555
Sex						
Males	193	3,430	218	330	12,064	10,086
Females	239	4,358	265	427	13,680	12,469
Age group						
0-19	1	320	1	2	1,230	715
20-39	17	870	24	34	2,249	1,231
40-59	50	1,774	66	68	5,031	3,479
60-79	277	4,265	304	480	14,611	14,449
80 or more	87	559	88	173	2,623	2,681
Markets						
EU	141	550	11	290	2,458	1,660
<i>of which</i> : Euro area ¹	139	487	11	287	2,056	1,531
Non-EU	291	7,238	472	467	23,286	20,895

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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. Owing to Bulgaria’s entry into the Eurozone (with effect from 1 January 2026), Bulgarian data is statistically classified as being in the Euro area from January 2026. Comparability between comparative periods should be treated with caution.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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’.
10. 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](#).
11. 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	457,636	4,764	457,636 ± 4,764
Total nights	2,590,408	75,958	2,590,408 ± 75,958
Total expenditure (€ 000)	419,857	9,414	419,857 ± 9,414

12. 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.

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

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

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

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

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