

# Inbound Tourism: September 2026

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## Salient Points

- Total inbound tourists for September 2026 were estimated at 438,519, an increase of 11.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2025. Total nights spent amounted to 2,727,753, and total expenditure reached €487.2 million.
- The largest share of guest nights (86.7 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments.
- Inbound tourists in the first nine months of 2026 amounted to 3,599,493, while total nights reached 21.5 million.
- Total tourist expenditure for the period January-September 2026 was estimated at €3,450.5 million, while expenditure per capita stood at €959.

## Commentary

**Total inbound tourists September 2026 were estimated at 438,519, an increase of 11.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2025.**

During the month under review, a total of 412,848 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, and 16,615 tourists came for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists consisted of persons aged between 25 and 44 (36.5 per cent), followed by the 45-64 age bracket (32.1 per cent) (Table 1). British, Italian and Polish residents made up 47.4 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 4).

Total nights spent went up by 1.5 per cent when compared to September 2025, reaching 2.7 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (86.7 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 2). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 6.2 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure stood at €487.2 million, an increase of 4.6 per cent over the corresponding month in 2025 (Table 3). The average expenditure per night was estimated at €178.6 (Chart 2b).

A total of 30,607 tourists stayed overnight in Gozo and Comino, equivalent to 7.0 per cent of all tourists. Overall, 272,910 tourists visited Gozo and Comino, including both same day and overnight visitors, representing 62.2 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

### January-September 2026

Inbound tourists for the first nine months of 2026 amounted to 3,599,493, an increase of 17.0 per cent over the same period in 2025 (Table 1). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 9.6 per cent, reaching 21.5 million nights (Table 2).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €3,450.5 million, 13.9 per cent higher than that recorded for the same period in 2025 (Table 5). Total expenditure per capita decreased to €959 from €985 in 2025 (Table 7).

A total of 179,957 tourists stayed overnight in Gozo and Comino, equivalent to 5.0 per cent of all tourists. Overall, 2,067,290 tourists visited Gozo and Comino, including both same day and overnight visitors, representing 57.4 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

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



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

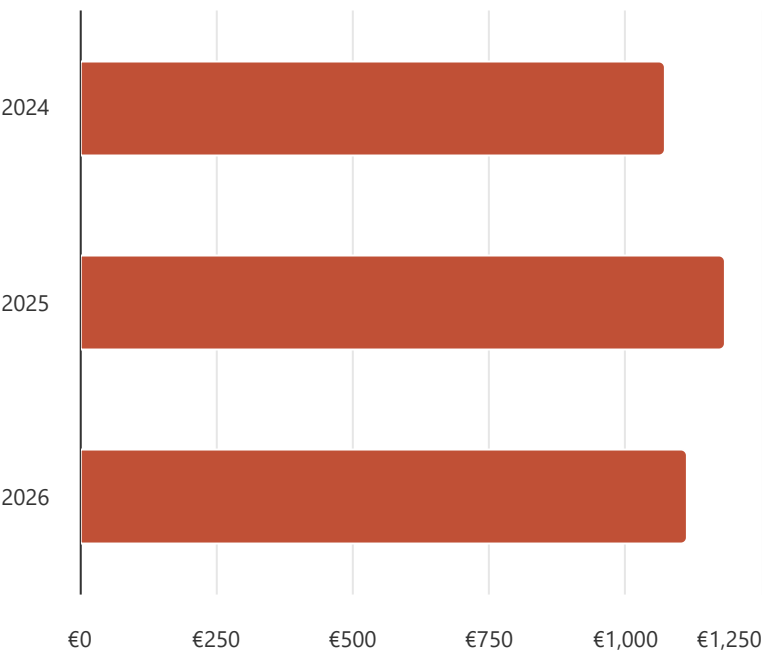


Chart 2b. Expenditure per night by inbound tourists  
Reference month: September

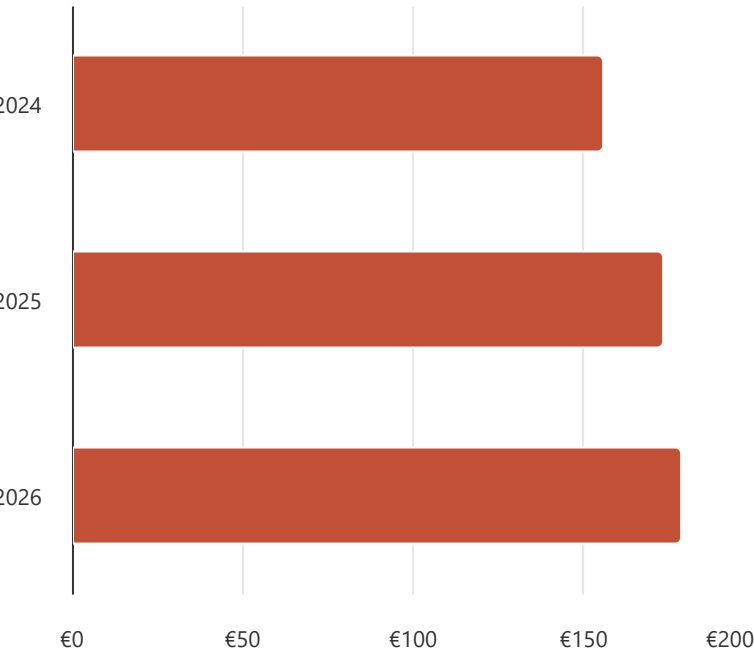


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

| Characteristics                                             | September |         |         |           |                   | January-September |           |           |           |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
|                                                             | 2024      | 2025    | 2026    | Change    | Percentage change | 2024              | 2025      | 2026      | Change    | Percentage change |
|                                                             |           |         |         | 2026/2025 |                   |                   |           |           | 2026/2025 |                   |
| Total inbound visitors                                      | 362,244   | 398,282 | 445,254 | 46,973    | 11.8              | 2,769,681         | 3,109,588 | 3,636,063 | 526,476   | 16.9              |
| Overnight cruise passengers                                 | 4,079     | 4,434   | 6,735   | 2,301     | 51.9              | 16,889            | 34,105    | 36,570    | 2,465     | 7.2               |
| Inbound tourists                                            | 358,165   | 393,848 | 438,519 | 44,672    | 11.3              | 2,752,792         | 3,075,483 | 3,599,493 | 524,011   | 17.0              |
| Mode of travel                                              |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Air                                                         | 352,101   | 386,125 | 427,043 | 40,919    | 10.6              | 2,699,346         | 3,014,825 | 3,527,955 | 513,131   | 17.0              |
| Sea                                                         | 6,064     | 7,723   | 11,476  | 3,753     | 48.6              | 53,446            | 60,658    | 71,538    | 10,880    | 17.9              |
| Sex                                                         |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Males                                                       | 169,305   | 189,827 | 214,623 | 24,796    | 13.1              | 1,319,184         | 1,446,276 | 1,765,708 | 319,432   | 22.1              |
| Females                                                     | 188,860   | 204,020 | 223,896 | 19,875    | 9.7               | 1,433,608         | 1,629,206 | 1,833,785 | 204,579   | 12.6              |
| Age group                                                   |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| 0-24                                                        | 87,706    | 90,713  | 91,229  | -         | -                 | 744,785           | 757,490   | 873,237   | 115,747   | 15.3              |
| 25-44                                                       | 130,419   | 139,563 | 160,174 | 20,611    | 14.8              | 995,105           | 1,091,580 | 1,287,896 | 196,316   | 18.0              |
| 45-64                                                       | 101,919   | 116,177 | 140,632 | 24,455    | 21.0              | 771,304           | 923,180   | 1,105,239 | 182,059   | 19.7              |
| 65 or more                                                  | 38,122    | 47,395  | 46,484  | -         | -                 | 241,599           | 303,233   | 333,122   | 29,889    | 9.9               |
| Markets                                                     |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| EU                                                          | 234,555   | 241,220 | 263,332 | 22,112    | 9.2               | 1,864,788         | 2,028,724 | 2,346,880 | 318,156   | 15.7              |
| of which: Euro area <sup>1</sup>                            | 191,470   | 178,313 | 186,834 | 8,521     | 4.8               | 1,482,672         | 1,519,719 | 1,672,861 | 153,142   | 10.1              |
| Non-EU                                                      | 123,610   | 152,627 | 175,187 | 22,559    | 14.8              | 888,004           | 1,046,759 | 1,252,614 | 205,855   | 19.7              |
| Purpose of visit                                            |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Holiday                                                     | 337,225   | 371,238 | 412,848 | 41,611    | 11.2              | 2,552,135         | 2,875,103 | 3,368,992 | 493,889   | 17.2              |
| Business and professional                                   | 14,696    | 14,679  | 16,615  | 1,936     | 13.2              | 118,990           | 123,739   | 150,884   | 27,145    | 21.9              |
| Other (including educational, religious and health tourism) | 6,244     | 7,931   | 9,055   | -         | -                 | 81,666            | 76,641    | 79,617    | 2,976     | 3.9               |
| Organisation of stay                                        |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Package                                                     | 87,077    | 100,370 | 104,911 | 4,541     | 4.5               | 672,642           | 792,851   | 900,032   | 107,181   | 13.5              |
| Non-package                                                 | 271,088   | 293,478 | 333,609 | 40,131    | 13.7              | 2,080,150         | 2,282,632 | 2,699,461 | 416,829   | 18.3              |
| Frequency                                                   |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| First-time tourists                                         | 284,760   | 310,483 | 329,676 | 19,193    | 6.2               | 2,194,746         | 2,454,903 | 2,812,113 | 357,210   | 14.6              |
| Repeat tourists                                             | 73,405    | 83,365  | 108,843 | 25,479    | 30.6              | 558,045           | 620,580   | 787,381   | 166,801   | 26.9              |
| once a year or less                                         | 58,697    | 68,249  | 87,211  | 18,963    | 27.8              | 433,520           | 485,912   | 625,040   | 139,128   | 28.6              |
| more than once a year                                       | 14,708    | 15,116  | 21,632  | 6,516     | 43.1              | 124,526           | 134,668   | 162,341   | 27,673    | 20.5              |
| Gozo and Comino visitors                                    |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| Tourists visiting Gozo and Comino                           | 223,618   | 247,355 | 272,910 | 25,555    | 10.3              | 1,627,858         | 1,824,566 | 2,067,290 | 242,724   | 13.3              |
| Same-day visitors <sup>2</sup>                              | 199,419   | 223,815 | 242,302 | 18,488    | 8.3               | 1,488,536         | 1,681,879 | 1,887,333 | 205,454   | 12.2              |
| Overnight visitors <sup>3</sup>                             | 24,199    | 23,540  | 30,607  | 7,067     | 30.0              | 139,322           | 142,687   | 179,957   | 37,270    | 26.1              |
| Duration of visit                                           |           |         |         |           |                   |                   |           |           |           |                   |
| 1-3 nights                                                  | 67,515    | 65,055  | 88,231  | 23,176    | 35.6              | 631,453           | 669,880   | 845,018   | 175,138   | 26.1              |
| 4-6 nights                                                  | 127,081   | 148,047 | 177,232 | 29,185    | 19.7              | 1,031,261         | 1,203,528 | 1,485,423 | 281,896   | 23.4              |
| 7 nights or more                                            | 163,569   | 180,746 | 173,056 | -7,690    | -4.3              | 1,090,077         | 1,202,075 | 1,269,051 | 66,977    | 5.6               |
| Average length of stay (nights)                             | 6.9       | 6.8     | 6.2     | -0.6      | -                 | 6.5               | 6.4       | 6.0       | -0.4      | -                 |

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.<sup>2</sup> Same-day visitors comprise inbound tourists who visit Gozo and Comino without spending any nights in the place visited.<sup>3</sup> 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    | September         |           |           |           |                   |                    |            |            |           |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                          | Inbound tourists  |           |           |           |                   | Total nights spent |            |            |           |                   |
|                          | 2024              | 2025      | 2026      | Change    | Percentage change | 2024               | 2025       | 2026       | Change    | Percentage change |
|                          |                   |           |           | 2026/2025 |                   |                    |            |            | 2026/2025 |                   |
| Rented accommodation     | 329,735           | 363,540   | 400,776   | 37,236    | 10.2              | 2,148,356          | 2,342,903  | 2,365,522  | 22,620    | 1.0               |
| Collective               | 209,531           | 222,608   | 249,165   | 26,558    | 11.9              | 1,238,850          | 1,332,867  | 1,402,667  | 69,799    | 5.2               |
| Other rented             | 120,204           | 140,932   | 151,611   | 10,679    | 7.6               | 909,506            | 1,010,036  | 962,856    | -47,180   | -4.7              |
| Non-rented accommodation | 28,430            | 30,308    | 37,743    | 7,435     | 24.5              | 320,562            | 345,776    | 362,230    | 16,455    | 4.8               |
| Total                    | 358,165           | 393,848   | 438,519   | 44,672    | 11.3              | 2,468,918          | 2,688,678  | 2,727,753  | 39,074    | 1.5               |
| Type of accommodation    | January-September |           |           |           |                   |                    |            |            |           |                   |
|                          | Inbound tourists  |           |           |           |                   | Total nights spent |            |            |           |                   |
|                          | 2024              | 2025      | 2026      | Change    | Percentage change | 2024               | 2025       | 2026       | Change    | Percentage change |
|                          |                   |           |           | 2026/2025 |                   |                    |            |            | 2026/2025 |                   |
| Rented accommodation     | 2,508,963         | 2,828,661 | 3,313,094 | 484,433   | 17.1              | 15,470,669         | 17,283,287 | 18,882,910 | 1,599,623 | 9.3               |
| Collective               | 1,654,658         | 1,851,274 | 2,135,883 | 284,610   | 15.4              | 9,233,939          | 10,371,880 | 11,539,905 | 1,168,025 | 11.3              |
| Other rented             | 854,305           | 977,387   | 1,177,211 | 199,824   | 20.4              | 6,236,731          | 6,911,407  | 7,343,005  | 431,598   | 6.2               |
| Non-rented accommodation | 243,828           | 246,822   | 286,399   | 39,577    | 16.0              | 2,302,410          | 2,308,740  | 2,589,222  | 280,482   | 12.1              |
| Total                    | 2,752,792         | 3,075,483 | 3,599,493 | 524,011   | 17.0              | 17,773,080         | 19,592,026 | 21,472,132 | 1,880,105 | 9.6               |

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     | September      |                |                | Change        | Percentage change |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                          | 2024           | 2025           | 2026           | 2026/2025     |                   |
| <b>Package</b>           | <b>87,025</b>  | <b>107,629</b> | <b>112,226</b> | <b>4,597</b>  | <b>4.3</b>        |
| <b>Non-package</b>       | <b>156,945</b> | <b>186,279</b> | <b>201,779</b> | <b>15,500</b> | <b>8.3</b>        |
| Air/sea fares            | 64,525         | 73,342         | 83,321         | 9,980         | 13.6              |
| Accommodation            | 92,420         | 112,937        | 118,458        | 5,520         | 4.9               |
| <b>Other expenditure</b> | <b>140,176</b> | <b>172,024</b> | <b>173,195</b> | <b>1,171</b>  | <b>0.7</b>        |
| <b>Total expenditure</b> | <b>384,146</b> | <b>465,932</b> | <b>487,200</b> | <b>21,268</b> | <b>4.6</b>        |

## Notes:

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

| Country of residence   |                  | September        |                  |                  | Change         | Percentage change |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                        |                  | 2024             | 2025             | 2026             | 2026/2025      |                   |
| Tourists               | <b>EU</b>        | <b>234,555</b>   | <b>241,220</b>   | <b>263,332</b>   | <b>22,112</b>  | <b>9.2</b>        |
|                        | <i>of which:</i> |                  |                  |                  |                |                   |
|                        | France           | 27,849           | 23,418           | 21,137           | -2,281         | -9.7              |
|                        | Germany          | 26,302           | 25,314           | 24,183           | -              | -                 |
|                        | Italy            | 66,688           | 55,087           | 56,496           | -              | -                 |
|                        | Poland           | 21,008           | 33,349           | 46,150           | 12,802         | 38.4              |
|                        | Spain            | 15,464           | 10,430           | 12,840           | 2,410          | 23.1              |
|                        | <b>Non-EU</b>    | <b>123,610</b>   | <b>152,627</b>   | <b>175,187</b>   | <b>22,559</b>  | <b>14.8</b>       |
|                        | <i>of which:</i> |                  |                  |                  |                |                   |
|                        | United Kingdom   | 73,166           | 92,702           | 105,346          | 12,644         | 13.6              |
| <b>Total</b>           |                  | <b>358,165</b>   | <b>393,848</b>   | <b>438,519</b>   | <b>44,672</b>  | <b>11.3</b>       |
| Nights                 | <b>EU</b>        | <b>1,503,582</b> | <b>1,572,043</b> | <b>1,556,638</b> | <b>-15,405</b> | <b>-1.0</b>       |
|                        | <i>of which:</i> |                  |                  |                  |                |                   |
|                        | France           | 196,994          | 156,589          | 128,922          | -27,667        | -17.7             |
|                        | Germany          | 194,435          | 194,575          | 178,591          | -              | -                 |
|                        | Italy            | 393,874          | 320,345          | 313,968          | -              | -                 |
|                        | Poland           | 139,367          | 234,105          | 281,290          | 47,185         | 20.2              |
|                        | Spain            | 96,410           | 61,191           | 62,173           | 983            | 1.6               |
|                        | <b>Non-EU</b>    | <b>965,336</b>   | <b>1,116,635</b> | <b>1,171,114</b> | <b>54,479</b>  | <b>4.9</b>        |
|                        | <i>of which:</i> |                  |                  |                  |                |                   |
|                        | United Kingdom   | 496,988          | 629,050          | 675,752          | 46,702         | 7.4               |
| <b>Total</b>           |                  | <b>2,468,918</b> | <b>2,688,678</b> | <b>2,727,753</b> | <b>39,074</b>  | <b>1.5</b>        |
| Expenditure<br>(€ 000) | <b>EU</b>        | <b>218,602</b>   | <b>238,544</b>   | <b>243,102</b>   | <b>4,558</b>   | <b>1.9</b>        |
|                        | <i>of which:</i> |                  |                  |                  |                |                   |
|                        | France           | 27,639           | 26,403           | 21,938           | -4,465         | -16.9             |
|                        | Germany          | 30,636           | 32,461           | 30,501           | -              | -                 |
|                        | Italy            | 48,629           | 38,887           | 36,798           | -              | -                 |
|                        | Poland           | 19,446           | 31,034           | 40,682           | 9,648          | 31.1              |
|                        | Spain            | 13,950           | 9,691            | 9,882            | 191            | 2.0               |
|                        | <b>Non-EU</b>    | <b>165,544</b>   | <b>227,388</b>   | <b>244,097</b>   | <b>16,710</b>  | <b>7.3</b>        |
|                        | <i>of which:</i> |                  |                  |                  |                |                   |
|                        | United Kingdom   | 98,238           | 130,915          | 144,341          | 13,427         | 10.3              |
| <b>Total</b>           |                  | <b>384,146</b>   | <b>465,932</b>   | <b>487,200</b>   | <b>21,268</b>  | <b>4.6</b>        |

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

| Country of residence <sup>1</sup> |                          | January-September |            |            | Change    | Percentage change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                                   |                          | 2024              | 2025       | 2026       | 2026/2025 |                   |
| Tourists                          | Belgium                  | 64,356            | 67,257     | 66,972     | -         | -                 |
|                                   | France                   | 245,425           | 234,502    | 217,033    | -17,469   | -7.4              |
|                                   | Germany                  | 185,903           | 193,165    | 205,805    | 12,640    | 6.5               |
|                                   | Greece                   | 52,701            | 51,226     | 56,351     | 5,125     | 10.0              |
|                                   | Hungary                  | 51,354            | 59,129     | 70,722     | 11,592    | 19.6              |
|                                   | Ireland                  | 40,816            | 68,732     | 84,434     | 15,701    | 22.8              |
|                                   | Italy                    | 507,560           | 471,848    | 513,035    | 41,187    | 8.7               |
|                                   | Netherlands              | 66,139            | 69,254     | 81,376     | 12,122    | 17.5              |
|                                   | Poland                   | 186,694           | 280,129    | 416,841    | 136,711   | 48.8              |
|                                   | Romania                  | 42,631            | 50,123     | 74,517     | 24,394    | 48.7              |
|                                   | Scandinavia <sup>2</sup> | 71,191            | 79,493     | 102,070    | 22,577    | 28.4              |
|                                   | Spain                    | 106,336           | 117,039    | 136,804    | 19,765    | 16.9              |
|                                   | Switzerland              | 51,974            | 54,618     | 63,002     | 8,383     | 15.3              |
|                                   | United Kingdom           | 535,405           | 639,168    | 749,602    | 110,435   | 17.3              |
|                                   | USA                      | 50,204            | 58,250     | 76,559     | 18,310    | 31.4              |
|                                   | Other                    | 494,104           | 581,549    | 684,370    | 102,821   | 17.7              |
| Total                             |                          | 2,752,792         | 3,075,483  | 3,599,493  | 524,011   | 17.0              |
| Nights                            | Belgium                  | 403,608           | 423,116    | 409,453    | -         | -                 |
|                                   | France                   | 1,766,854         | 1,701,343  | 1,455,790  | -245,553  | -14.4             |
|                                   | Germany                  | 1,338,330         | 1,402,267  | 1,455,508  | 53,241    | 3.8               |
|                                   | Greece                   | 212,051           | 208,378    | 239,668    | 31,290    | 15.0              |
|                                   | Hungary                  | 283,219           | 308,509    | 355,482    | 46,973    | 15.2              |
|                                   | Ireland                  | 296,027           | 449,967    | 509,817    | 59,850    | 13.3              |
|                                   | Italy                    | 2,768,737         | 2,586,990  | 2,660,586  | 73,597    | 2.8               |
|                                   | Netherlands              | 457,477           | 467,299    | 530,790    | 63,491    | 13.6              |
|                                   | Poland                   | 1,134,380         | 1,633,157  | 2,256,706  | 623,549   | 38.2              |
|                                   | Romania                  | 233,090           | 269,927    | 383,053    | 113,126   | 41.9              |
|                                   | Scandinavia <sup>2</sup> | 520,810           | 560,952    | 676,813    | 115,862   | 20.7              |
|                                   | Spain                    | 669,305           | 693,499    | 733,726    | 40,228    | 5.8               |
|                                   | Switzerland              | 336,254           | 366,354    | 418,523    | 52,169    | 14.2              |
|                                   | United Kingdom           | 3,453,157         | 4,140,177  | 4,679,179  | 539,003   | 13.0              |
|                                   | USA                      | 287,243           | 345,567    | 411,820    | 66,253    | 19.2              |
|                                   | Other                    | 3,612,538         | 4,034,526  | 4,295,216  | 260,690   | 6.5               |
| Total                             |                          | 17,773,080        | 19,592,026 | 21,472,132 | 1,880,105 | 9.6               |
| Expenditure<br>(€ 000)            | Belgium                  | 61,154            | 66,063     | 68,493     | -         | -                 |
|                                   | France                   | 234,645           | 238,798    | 217,696    | -21,102   | -8.8              |
|                                   | Germany                  | 193,854           | 214,000    | 223,841    | 9,841     | 4.6               |
|                                   | Greece                   | 30,222            | 33,032     | 36,586     | 3,554     | 10.8              |
|                                   | Hungary                  | 35,195            | 38,042     | 45,208     | 7,166     | 18.8              |
|                                   | Ireland                  | 45,946            | 80,776     | 94,869     | 14,094    | 17.4              |
|                                   | Italy                    | 334,564           | 313,206    | 330,998    | 17,792    | 5.7               |
|                                   | Netherlands              | 73,589            | 81,704     | 95,650     | 13,947    | 17.1              |
|                                   | Poland                   | 145,161           | 218,320    | 300,589    | 82,269    | 37.7              |
|                                   | Romania                  | 33,451            | 41,911     | 60,825     | 18,913    | 45.1              |
|                                   | Scandinavia <sup>2</sup> | 80,408            | 94,115     | 125,103    | 30,988    | 32.9              |
|                                   | Spain                    | 84,932            | 94,432     | 107,991    | 13,560    | 14.4              |
|                                   | Switzerland              | 57,583            | 70,780     | 77,285     | 6,505     | 9.2               |
|                                   | United Kingdom           | 570,207           | 737,467    | 848,653    | 111,186   | 15.1              |
|                                   | USA                      | 68,135            | 84,579     | 111,787    | 27,208    | 32.2              |
|                                   | Other                    | 504,199           | 622,701    | 704,933    | 82,232    | 13.2              |
| Total                             |                          | 2,553,244         | 3,029,925  | 3,450,508  | 420,584   | 13.9              |

<sup>1</sup> Top 15 countries of residence for the reference year 2025.<sup>2</sup> Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

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

Table 6. Total expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence

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| Country of residence <sup>1</sup> | Package expenditure    | Non-package expenditure |               | Other expenditure | Total     |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                   |                        | Air/sea fares           | Accommodation |                   |           |
|                                   | January-September 2026 |                         |               |                   |           |
| Belgium                           | 17,919                 | 10,826                  | 15,581        | 24,168            | 68,493    |
| France                            | 39,825                 | 35,032                  | 60,821        | 82,019            | 217,696   |
| Germany                           | 50,325                 | 39,679                  | 57,384        | 76,453            | 223,841   |
| Greece                            | 2,264 <sup>u</sup>     | 6,983                   | 10,427        | 16,911            | 36,586    |
| Hungary                           | 2,740 <sup>u</sup>     | 8,751                   | 15,030        | 18,687            | 45,208    |
| Ireland                           | 19,646                 | 13,601                  | 22,859        | 38,764            | 94,869    |
| Italy                             | 47,240                 | 47,395                  | 86,642        | 149,721           | 330,998   |
| Netherlands                       | 22,786                 | 16,929                  | 20,246        | 35,689            | 95,650    |
| Poland                            | 63,208                 | 44,699                  | 79,423        | 113,259           | 300,589   |
| Romania                           | 4,695                  | 9,525                   | 17,394        | 29,210            | 60,825    |
| Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>          | 26,102                 | 20,723                  | 28,677        | 49,600            | 125,103   |
| Spain                             | 16,287                 | 18,045                  | 29,068        | 44,592            | 107,991   |
| Switzerland                       | 18,058                 | 12,573                  | 20,184        | 26,471            | 77,285    |
| United Kingdom                    | 364,427                | 84,400                  | 128,249       | 271,577           | 848,653   |
| USA                               | 10,269                 | 39,494                  | 28,637        | 33,388            | 111,787   |
| Other                             | 88,330                 | 169,881                 | 179,302       | 267,420           | 704,933   |
| Total                             | 794,121                | 578,536                 | 799,922       | 1,277,929         | 3,450,508 |
|                                   | January-September 2025 |                         |               |                   |           |
| Belgium                           | 14,528                 | 11,358                  | 16,121        | 24,056            | 66,063    |
| France                            | 54,548                 | 35,626                  | 60,118        | 88,506            | 238,798   |
| Germany                           | 59,082                 | 34,214                  | 49,888        | 70,815            | 214,000   |
| Greece                            | 2,276 <sup>u</sup>     | 5,919                   | 9,307         | 15,530            | 33,032    |
| Hungary                           | 3,201 <sup>u</sup>     | 7,289                   | 11,177        | 16,375            | 38,042    |
| Ireland                           | 17,802                 | 11,214                  | 18,709        | 33,050            | 80,776    |
| Italy                             | 48,000                 | 46,350                  | 80,952        | 137,905           | 313,206   |
| Netherlands                       | 18,700                 | 13,476                  | 17,109        | 32,419            | 81,704    |
| Poland                            | 45,755                 | 35,475                  | 54,701        | 82,389            | 218,320   |
| Romania                           | 4,228                  | 6,564                   | 12,215        | 18,904            | 41,911    |
| Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>          | 24,940                 | 15,945                  | 19,546        | 33,683            | 94,115    |
| Spain                             | 16,893                 | 15,394                  | 24,604        | 37,541            | 94,432    |
| Switzerland                       | 13,809                 | 12,270                  | 20,755        | 23,947            | 70,780    |
| United Kingdom                    | 296,126                | 80,737                  | 119,888       | 240,716           | 737,467   |
| USA                               | 8,641                  | 29,070                  | 21,987        | 24,882            | 84,579    |
| Other                             | 87,917                 | 140,899                 | 155,637       | 238,248           | 622,701   |
| Total                             | 716,444                | 501,799                 | 692,714       | 1,118,967         | 3,029,925 |
|                                   | January-September 2024 |                         |               |                   |           |
| Belgium                           | 14,826                 | 10,092                  | 14,921        | 21,314            | 61,154    |
| France                            | 55,377                 | 35,601                  | 59,660        | 84,006            | 234,645   |
| Germany                           | 51,320                 | 31,079                  | 45,479        | 65,975            | 193,854   |
| Greece                            | 2,468                  | 5,316                   | 8,399         | 14,039            | 30,222    |
| Hungary                           | 4,244                  | 6,468                   | 10,564        | 13,918            | 35,195    |
| Ireland                           | 9,725                  | 7,382                   | 11,037        | 17,802            | 45,946    |
| Italy                             | 50,216                 | 47,594                  | 86,216        | 150,538           | 334,564   |
| Netherlands                       | 19,744                 | 10,971                  | 15,784        | 27,090            | 73,589    |
| Poland                            | 32,129                 | 22,582                  | 37,508        | 52,943            | 145,161   |
| Romania                           | 4,538                  | 5,264                   | 8,655         | 14,994            | 33,451    |
| Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>          | 22,120                 | 13,095                  | 15,589        | 29,604            | 80,408    |
| Spain                             | 13,575                 | 14,226                  | 23,569        | 33,562            | 84,932    |
| Switzerland                       | 11,598                 | 9,924                   | 15,669        | 20,392            | 57,583    |
| United Kingdom                    | 202,660                | 72,951                  | 106,014       | 188,581           | 570,207   |
| USA                               | 8,206                  | 25,168                  | 15,922        | 18,838            | 68,135    |
| Other                             | 75,551                 | 121,357                 | 126,903       | 180,389           | 504,199   |
| Total                             | 578,297                | 439,072                 | 601,889       | 933,985           | 2,553,244 |

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.<sup>1</sup> Top 15 countries of residence for the reference year 2025.<sup>2</sup> Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

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

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 <sup>1</sup> | Package expenditure    | Non-package expenditure |               | Other expenditure | Total expenditure per capita |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
|                                   |                        | Air/sea fares           | Accommodation |                   |                              |
|                                   | January-September 2026 |                         |               |                   |                              |
| Belgium                           | 1,042                  | 216                     | 356           | 361               | 1,023                        |
| France                            | 982                    | 197                     | 363           | 378               | 1,003                        |
| Germany                           | 979                    | 255                     | 410           | 371               | 1,088                        |
| Greece                            | 468 <sup>u</sup>       | 136                     | 219           | 300               | 649                          |
| Hungary                           | 697 <sup>u</sup>       | 131                     | 242           | 264               | 639                          |
| Ireland                           | 793                    | 227                     | 412           | 459               | 1,124                        |
| Italy                             | 620                    | 108                     | 230           | 292               | 645                          |
| Netherlands                       | 995                    | 290                     | 385           | 439               | 1,175                        |
| Poland                            | 619                    | 142                     | 258           | 272               | 721                          |
| Romania                           | 569                    | 144                     | 280           | 392               | 816                          |
| Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>          | 989                    | 273                     | 422           | 486               | 1,226                        |
| Spain                             | 772                    | 155                     | 274           | 326               | 789                          |
| Switzerland                       | 1,157                  | 263                     | 455           | 420               | 1,227                        |
| United Kingdom                    | 971                    | 224                     | 403           | 362               | 1,132                        |
| USA                               | 964                    | 588                     | 474           | 436               | 1,460                        |
| Other                             | 895                    | 287                     | 344           | 391               | 1,030                        |
| Total expenditure per capita      | 882                    | 213                     | 329           | 355               | 959                          |
|                                   | January-September 2025 |                         |               |                   |                              |
| Belgium                           | 877                    | 222                     | 346           | 358               | 982                          |
| France                            | 957                    | 199                     | 353           | 377               | 1,018                        |
| Germany                           | 974                    | 256                     | 406           | 367               | 1,108                        |
| Greece                            | 501 <sup>u</sup>       | 126                     | 207           | 303               | 645                          |
| Hungary                           | 617 <sup>u</sup>       | 135                     | 228           | 277               | 643                          |
| Ireland                           | 820                    | 238                     | 440           | 481               | 1,175                        |
| Italy                             | 655                    | 116                     | 229           | 292               | 664                          |
| Netherlands                       | 906                    | 277                     | 388           | 468               | 1,180                        |
| Poland                            | 688                    | 165                     | 264           | 294               | 779                          |
| Romania                           | 737                    | 148                     | 289           | 377               | 836                          |
| Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>          | 940                    | 300                     | 414           | 424               | 1,184                        |
| Spain                             | 718                    | 163                     | 283           | 321               | 807                          |
| Switzerland                       | 1,263                  | 276                     | 500           | 438               | 1,296                        |
| United Kingdom                    | 969                    | 240                     | 408           | 377               | 1,154                        |
| USA                               | 1,068                  | 569                     | 477           | 427               | 1,452                        |
| Other                             | 1,019                  | 281                     | 346           | 410               | 1,071                        |
| Total expenditure per capita      | 904                    | 218                     | 332           | 364               | 985                          |
|                                   | January-September 2024 |                         |               |                   |                              |
| Belgium                           | 846                    | 214                     | 353           | 331               | 950                          |
| France                            | 876                    | 193                     | 342           | 342               | 956                          |
| Germany                           | 953                    | 233                     | 378           | 355               | 1,043                        |
| Greece                            | 455                    | 112                     | 189           | 266               | 573                          |
| Hungary                           | 795                    | 139                     | 247           | 271               | 685                          |
| Ireland                           | 948                    | 242                     | 419           | 436               | 1,126                        |
| Italy                             | 632                    | 111                     | 228           | 297               | 659                          |
| Netherlands                       | 857                    | 255                     | 408           | 410               | 1,113                        |
| Poland                            | 703                    | 159                     | 279           | 284               | 778                          |
| Romania                           | 668                    | 146                     | 258           | 352               | 785                          |
| Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>          | 904                    | 278                     | 401           | 416               | 1,129                        |
| Spain                             | 744                    | 161                     | 293           | 316               | 799                          |
| Switzerland                       | 992                    | 244                     | 416           | 392               | 1,108                        |
| United Kingdom                    | 915                    | 231                     | 400           | 352               | 1,065                        |
| USA                               | 1,056                  | 586                     | 426           | 375               | 1,357                        |
| Other                             | 963                    | 288                     | 349           | 365               | 1,020                        |
| Total expenditure per capita      | 860                    | 209                     | 324           | 339               | 928                          |

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.<sup>1</sup> Top 15 countries of residence for the reference year 2025.<sup>2</sup> Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

| Characteristics                          | September    |              |              | January-September |               |               |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                          | 2024         | 2025         | 2026         | 2024              | 2025          | 2026          |
| <b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b> | <b>4,079</b> | <b>4,434</b> | <b>6,735</b> | <b>16,889</b>     | <b>34,105</b> | <b>36,570</b> |
| <b>Sex</b>                               |              |              |              |                   |               |               |
| Males                                    | 1,821        | 2,055        | 2,989        | 7,649             | 15,976        | 16,345        |
| Females                                  | 2,258        | 2,379        | 3,746        | 9,240             | 18,129        | 20,225        |
| <b>Age group</b>                         |              |              |              |                   |               |               |
| 0-19                                     | 68           | 58           | 93           | 2,150             | 1,471         | 2,046         |
| 20-39                                    | 275          | 421          | 489          | 1,751             | 3,025         | 2,506         |
| 40-59                                    | 844          | 905          | 1,523        | 4,224             | 6,608         | 6,875         |
| 60-79                                    | 2,568        | 2,615        | 4,219        | 7,628             | 19,430        | 21,576        |
| 80 or more                               | 324          | 435          | 411          | 1,136             | 3,571         | 3,567         |
| <b>Markets</b>                           |              |              |              |                   |               |               |
| <b>EU</b>                                | <b>354</b>   | <b>3,095</b> | <b>242</b>   | <b>4,681</b>      | <b>6,226</b>  | <b>2,632</b>  |
| <i>of which : Euro area</i> <sup>1</sup> | 320          | 3,059        | 222          | 4,550             | 5,744         | 2,451         |
| <b>Non-EU</b>                            | <b>3,725</b> | <b>1,339</b> | <b>6,493</b> | <b>12,208</b>     | <b>27,879</b> | <b>33,938</b> |

<sup>1</sup> 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 from 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          | 438,519   | 4,205           | 438,519 ± 4,205         |
| Total nights              | 2,727,753 | 75,768          | 2,727,753 ± 75,768      |
| Total expenditure (€ 000) | 487,200   | 11,480          | 487,200 ± 11,480        |

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.

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