

# Outbound Tourism: Q2/2024

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Total outbound tourists for the second quarter in 2024 were estimated at 189,404, a figure similar to that in the corresponding quarter of 2023. Total nights spent amounted to 1,213,539.



## April-June 2024

During the quarter under review, a total of 122,825 outbound tourist trips were undertaken for holiday purposes, followed by 37,978 trips for visiting friends and relatives. Most outbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 years (47.7 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (29.3 per cent) (Table 1).

Outbound tourists towards EU and non-EU countries decreased by 1.6 and increased by 5.5 per cent respectively, when compared to the same quarter of 2023 (Table 1). Italy remained the most popular destination, with a share of 39.3 per cent of total tourist trips (Table 6).

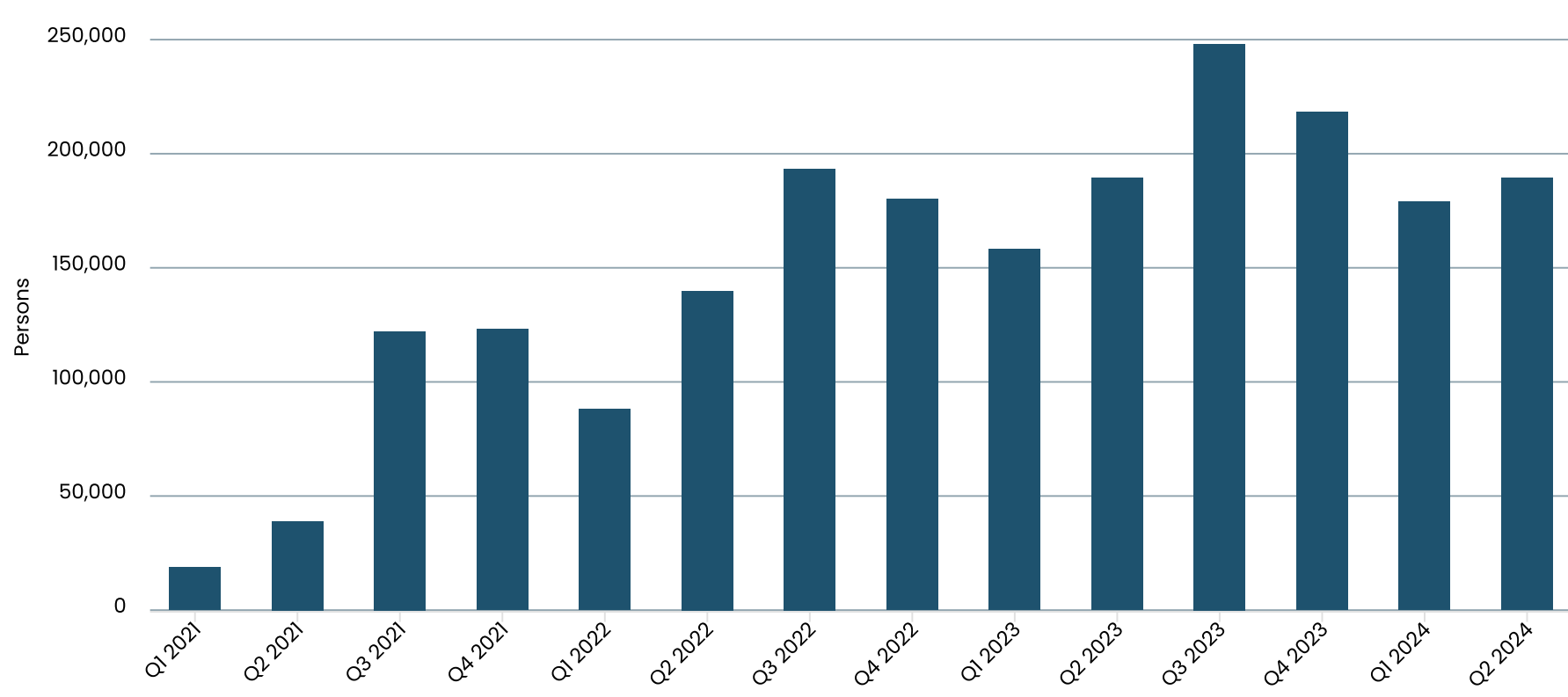
Total nights spent by outbound tourists in the second quarter of 2024 surpassed 1.2 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (51.7 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 3). The average length of stay of total outbound tourists stood at 6.4 nights (Table 1).

Total estimated expenditure by outbound tourists between April and June increased to €169.6 million, equivalent to an average of €896 per capita (Tables 4 and 5).

## January-June 2024

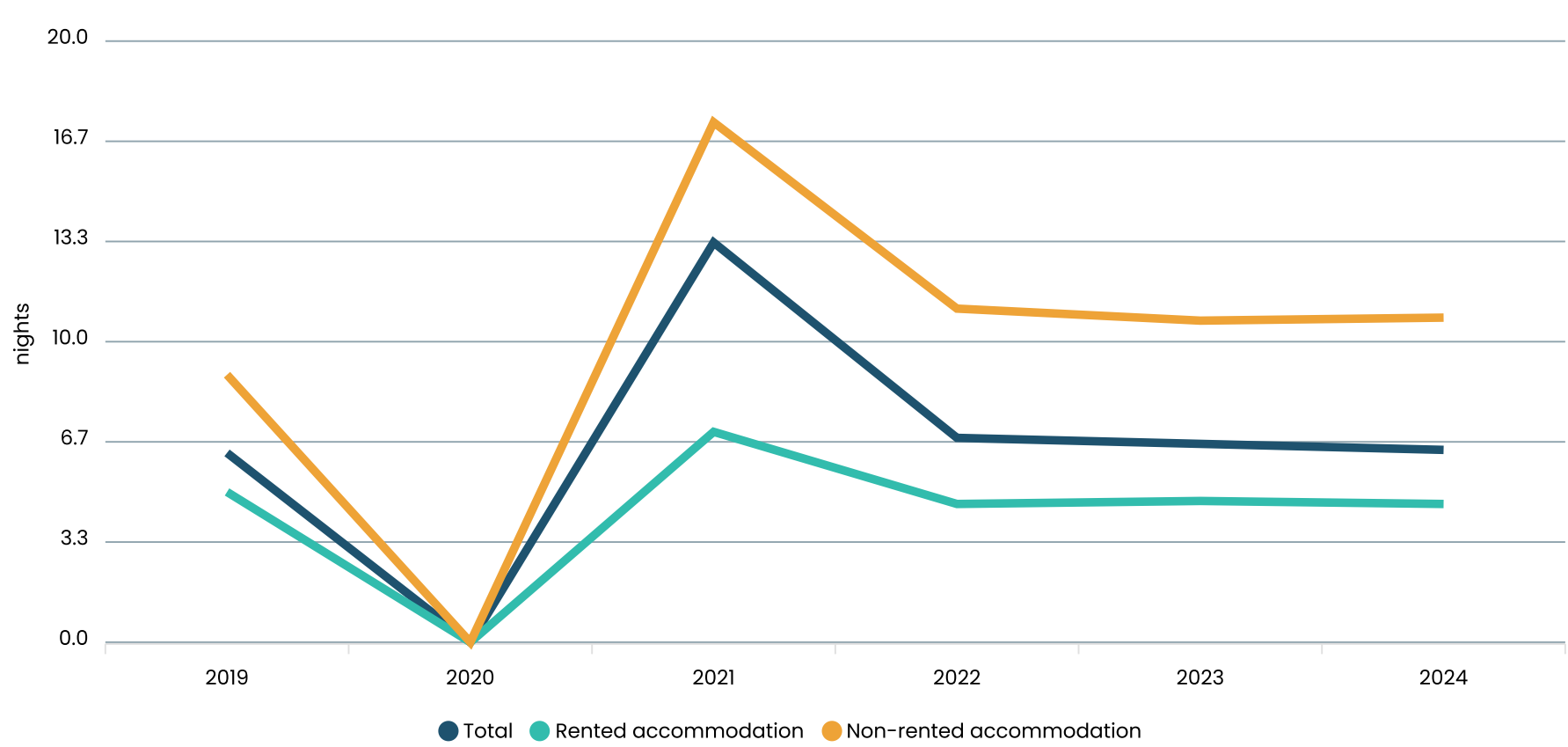
Total outbound tourist trips in the first half of 2024 numbered 368,398, an increase of 6.0 per cent over the same period in 2023 (Table 7). Total nights spent by outbound tourists went up by 3.3 per cent, surpassing 2.4 million nights (Table 9). In addition, total estimated outlay by resident tourists stood at €329.9 million, 11.0 per cent higher than that recorded for the same period in 2023 (Table 10).

### Chart 1. Total outbound tourists by period



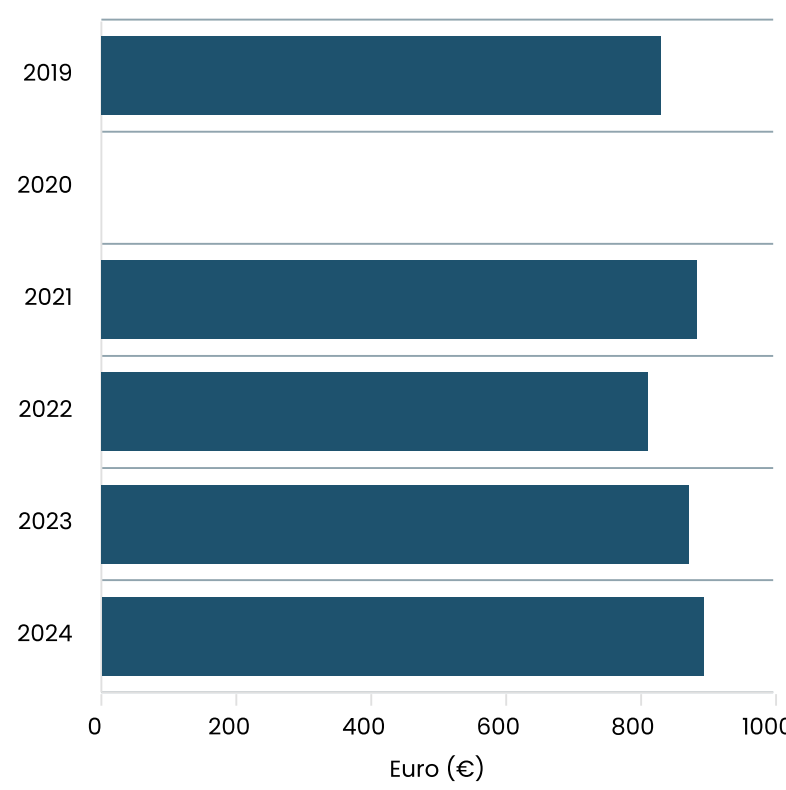
### Chart 2. Average length of stay by year and type of accommodation

April-June



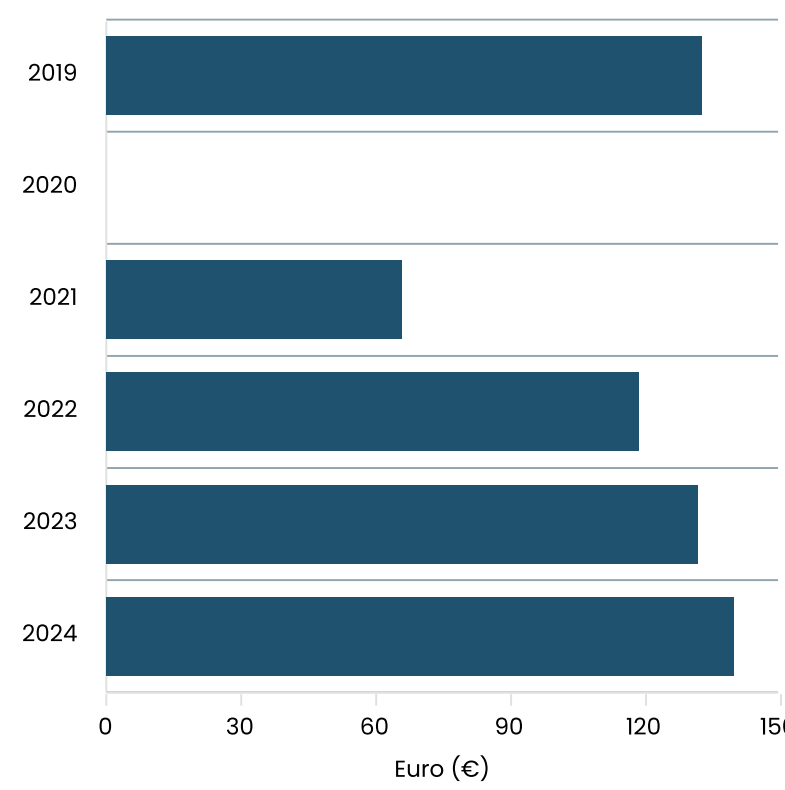
### Chart 3a. Total expenditure per capita by outbound tourists by year

April-June



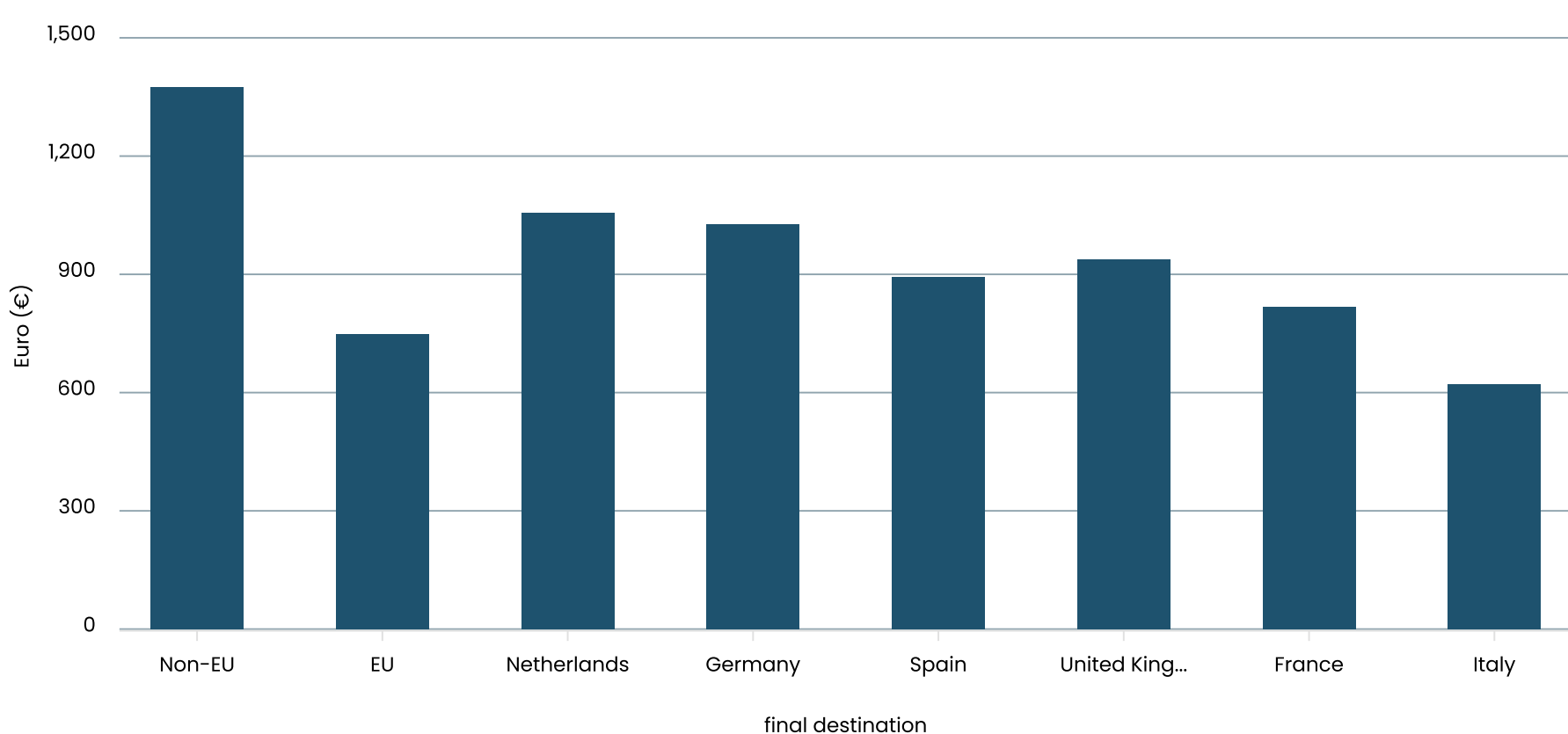
### Chart 3b. Total expenditure per night by outbound tourists by year

April-June



### Chart 4. Average expenditure per capita by final destination of outbound tourists

April-June



**Table 1. Profile of outbound tourists by period of departure**

Characteristics	April-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Outbound tourists</b>	<b>139,914</b>	<b>189,443</b>	<b>189,404</b>	-	-
<b>Mode and type of travel</b>					
<b>Air</b>	<b>131,173</b>	<b>180,394</b>	<b>175,802</b>	<b>-4,593</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Low-cost airlines	79,649	110,443	117,653	7,211	6.5
Other airlines	51,524	69,952	58,148	-11,804	-16.9
<b>Sea</b>	<b>8,741</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>13,602</b>	<b>4,553</b>	<b>50.3</b>
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	75,672	100,591	99,507	-	-
Females	64,242	88,852	89,896	-	-
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	22,648	28,555	26,750	-1,805	-6.3
25-44	70,254	89,565	90,341	-	-
45-64	37,407	56,005	55,451	-	-
65 or more	9,604	15,318	16,862	<b>1,544</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Final destination</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>106,872</b>	<b>147,174</b>	<b>144,809</b>	<b>-2,365</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
of which: Euro area <sup>1</sup>	94,463	133,661	132,095	-1,566	-1.2
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>33,042</b>	<b>42,269</b>	<b>44,595</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	76,076	114,848	122,825	7,977	6.9
Visiting relatives and friends	39,437	46,973	37,978	-8,994	-19.1
Business and professional	16,090	18,181	20,485	2,304	12.7
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	8,310	9,441	8,114	-	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	10,153	23,150	17,289	-5,861	-25.3
Non-package	129,761	166,294	172,115	5,821	3.5
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	46,991	60,708	71,259	10,551	17.4
4-6 nights	48,405	72,566	66,247	-6,319	-8.7
7 nights or more	44,518	56,169	51,897	-4,272	-7.6
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 6.

Notes:

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**Table 2. Outbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	April-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>91,447</b>	<b>130,538</b>	<b>135,042</b>	<b>4,504</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Collective	73,041	100,695	95,536	-5,160	-5.1
Other rented	18,406	29,843	39,506	9,664	32.4
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>48,467</b>	<b>58,905</b>	<b>54,362</b>	<b>-4,544</b>	<b>-7.7</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>139,914</b>	<b>189,443</b>	<b>189,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Table 3. Total nights spent by outbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	April-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>416,552</b>	<b>619,452</b>	<b>627,497</b>	<b>8,045</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Collective	320,149	459,400	420,375	-39,025	-8.5
Other rented	96,403	160,052	207,122	47,070	29.4
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>537,836</b>	<b>632,933</b>	<b>586,042</b>	<b>-46,891</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>954,388</b>	<b>1,252,385</b>	<b>1,213,539</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Table 4. Total expenditure by outbound tourists by period of departure and expenditure category**

€000

Expenditure category	April-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Package</b>	<b>7,999</b>	<b>20,085</b>	<b>15,511</b>	<b>-4,573</b>	<b>-22.8</b>
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>42,504</b>	<b>64,927</b>	<b>66,129</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Air/sea fares	22,121	32,790	33,688	899	2.7
Accommodation	20,384	32,138	32,441	303	0.9
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>63,245</b>	<b>80,628</b>	<b>88,003</b>	<b>7,375</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>113,749</b>	<b>165,640</b>	<b>169,643</b>	<b>4,003</b>	<b>2.4</b>

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
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**Table 5. Average expenditure per capita and per night by outbound tourists by period of departure and expenditure category**

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Expenditure category	April-June					
	per capita			per night		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
<b>Package</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>
Air/sea fares	170	196	195	n/a	n/a	n/a
Accommodation	245	280	275	52	55	60
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>140</b>

Note: n/a: not applicable

**Table 6. Outbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and final destination**

Final destination <sup>1</sup>	April-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Tourists</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>106,872</b>	<b>147,174</b>	<b>144,809</b>	<b>-2,365</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	6,417	9,971	7,868	-2,103	-21.1
Germany	4,561	8,094	7,042	-	-
Italy	55,562	75,539	74,503	-	-
Netherlands	2,690	3,708	3,276	-	-
Spain	10,124	12,755	12,684	-	-
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>33,042</b>	<b>42,269</b>	<b>44,595</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	16,100	19,255	20,061	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,914</b>	<b>189,443</b>	<b>189,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Nights</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>586,546</b>	<b>811,169</b>	<b>724,134</b>	<b>-87,035</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	38,571	62,881	46,415	-16,467	-26.2
Germany	27,818	48,558	39,691	-	-
Italy	242,173	333,732	311,948	-	-
Netherlands	17,286	25,566	19,609	-	-
Spain	60,212	84,523	71,262	-	-
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>367,842</b>	<b>441,216</b>	<b>489,406</b>	<b>48,189</b>	<b>10.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	110,251	125,263	138,959	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>954,388</b>	<b>1,252,385</b>	<b>1,213,539</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Expenditure (€000)</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>74,900</b>	<b>110,895</b>	<b>108,375</b>	<b>-2,520</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	5,261	8,781	6,426	-2,355	-26.8
Germany	4,394	7,556	7,233	-	-
Italy	33,745	46,788	46,187	-	-
Netherlands	2,251	4,654	3,456	-	-
Spain	8,490	11,684	11,322	-	-
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>38,848</b>	<b>54,745</b>	<b>61,268</b>	<b>6,523</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	14,572	18,146	18,824	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,749</b>	<b>165,640</b>	<b>169,643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

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Table 7. Profile of outbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Outbound tourists</b>	<b>228,109</b>	<b>347,623</b>	<b>368,398</b>	<b>20,775</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Mode and type of travel</b>					
<b>Air</b>	<b>213,501</b>	<b>331,471</b>	<b>345,195</b>	<b>13,724</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Low-cost airlines	130,968	194,778	216,734	21,955	11.3
Other airlines	82,533	136,692	128,462	-8,231	-6.0
<b>Sea</b>	<b>14,608</b>	<b>16,153</b>	<b>23,203</b>	<b>7,050</b>	<b>43.6</b>
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	126,921	189,892	197,511	7,619	4.0
Females	101,188	157,731	170,888	13,156	8.3
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	35,671	50,474	52,431	1,956	3.9
25-44	118,450	172,555	178,306	5,751	3.3
45-64	59,347	99,451	106,966	7,514	7.6
65 or more	14,642	25,143	30,696	5,554	22.1
<b>Final destination</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>172,850</b>	<b>261,045</b>	<b>270,069</b>	<b>9,024</b>	<b>3.5</b>
of which: Euro area <sup>1</sup>	152,305	235,525	242,945	7,420	3.2
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>55,259</b>	<b>86,579</b>	<b>98,329</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>13.6</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	118,111	205,699	239,149	33,450	16.3
Visiting relatives and friends	67,935	90,637	76,159	-14,478	-16.0
Business and professional	26,795	34,966	37,428	2,462	7.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	15,268	16,321	15,662	-	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	14,409	35,675	35,239	-	-
Non-package	213,700	311,949	333,159	21,210	6.8
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	79,351	120,088	139,694	19,605	16.3
4-6 nights	75,430	124,282	124,965	-	-
7 nights or more	73,328	103,254	103,739	-	-
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Table 8. Outbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>143,405</b>	<b>236,745</b>	<b>263,372</b>	<b>26,627</b>	<b>11.2</b>
Collective	114,544	186,545	191,713	5,168	2.8
Other rented	28,860	50,200	71,659	21,459	42.7
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>84,705</b>	<b>110,878</b>	<b>105,026</b>	<b>-5,852</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>228,109</b>	<b>347,623</b>	<b>368,398</b>	<b>20,775</b>	<b>6.0</b>

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 9. Total nights spent by outbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>673,954</b>	<b>1,107,887</b>	<b>1,233,766</b>	<b>125,879</b>	<b>11.4</b>
Collective	493,484	840,542	858,055	17,513	2.1
Other rented	180,470	267,345	375,711	108,366	40.5
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>934,528</b>	<b>1,226,537</b>	<b>1,177,696</b>	<b>-48,841</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,608,482</b>	<b>2,334,424</b>	<b>2,411,462</b>	<b>77,038</b>	<b>3.3</b>

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 10. Total expenditure by outbound tourists by period of departure and expenditure category**

€000

Expenditure category	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023	
<b>Package</b>	<b>12,016</b>	<b>29,554</b>	<b>30,968</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>67,051</b>	<b>115,476</b>	<b>128,549</b>	<b>13,073</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Air/sea fares	34,909	60,268	65,673	5,405	9.0
Accommodation	32,142	55,208	62,876	7,668	13.9
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>103,684</b>	<b>152,240</b>	<b>170,428</b>	<b>18,188</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>182,752</b>	<b>297,270</b>	<b>329,945</b>	<b>32,676</b>	<b>11.0</b>

Notes:

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

**Table 11. Average expenditure per capita and per night by outbound tourists by period of departure and expenditure category**

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Expenditure category	January-June					
	per capita			per night		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
<b>Package</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>
Air/sea fares	163	193	196	n/a	n/a	n/a
Accommodation	245	265	271	51	55	57
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>137</b>

Note: n/a: not applicable

Table 12. Outbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and final destination

Final destination <sup>1</sup>	January-June			Change	Percentage change	
	2022	2023	2024	2024/2023		
Tourists	Austria	3,703	6,811	6,973	-	-
	Belgium	3,981	6,128	7,133	-	-
	Bulgaria	3,298	2,814	3,526	-	-
	France	11,289	17,739	13,676	-4,063	-22.9
	Germany	6,653	13,757	12,959	-	-
	Greece	5,492	9,332	10,337	-	-
	Hungary	5,402	6,237	7,786	1,548	24.8
	Ireland	2,514	3,098	3,217	-	-
	Italy	87,931	131,586	136,333	4,747	3.6
	Netherlands	4,899	6,923	5,201	-1,723	-24.9
	Poland	4,634	6,428	8,675	2,247	35.0
	Scandinavia*	3,536	5,393	4,848	-	-
	Romania	1,624 <sup>u</sup>	3,528	2,795	-	-
	Spain	15,781	22,684	24,989	2,305	10.2
	Switzerland	2,476	3,761	4,869	-	-
	Turkey	6,690	7,011	6,930	-	-
	United Kingdom	26,348	41,074	43,945	2,871	7.0
	USA	1,271 <sup>u</sup>	1,530 <sup>u</sup>	2,834	-	-
Other	30,586	51,789	61,373	9,584	18.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>228,109</b>	<b>347,623</b>	<b>368,398</b>	<b>20,775</b>	<b>6.0</b>	
Nights	Austria	19,024	38,435	31,767	-	-
	Belgium	28,482	26,984	33,089	-	-
	Bulgaria	35,591	20,488	23,379	-	-
	France	64,686	102,053	79,559	-22,494	-22.0
	Germany	47,806	83,893	68,620	-	-
	Greece	36,853	57,511	55,672	-	-
	Hungary	34,951	36,695	40,771	4,075	11.1
	Ireland	19,680	21,764	26,640	-	-
	Italy	398,750	574,495	559,388	-15,107	-2.6
	Netherlands	30,690	48,229	29,672	-18,557	-38.5
	Poland	31,947	46,115	55,777	9,662	21.0
	Scandinavia*	31,172	44,837	40,015	-	-
	Romania	16,418 <sup>u</sup>	30,781	19,850	-	-
	Spain	89,699	141,625	137,913	-3,712	-2.6
	Switzerland	14,618	22,608	30,291	-	-
	Turkey	52,735	65,307	63,216	-	-
	United Kingdom	208,410	260,924	285,554	24,630	9.4
	USA	12,450 <sup>u</sup>	28,803 <sup>u</sup>	43,165	-	-
Other	434,519	682,877	787,126	104,249	15.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,608,482</b>	<b>2,334,424</b>	<b>2,411,462</b>	<b>77,038</b>	<b>3.3</b>	
Expenditure (€000)	Austria	2,483	5,738	5,616	-	-
	Belgium	2,934	4,040	5,234	-	-
	Bulgaria	2,002	2,174	2,508	-	-
	France	9,078	14,666	11,408	-3,258	-22.2
	Germany	6,296	12,427	12,450	-	-
	Greece	3,696	7,535	7,621	-	-
	Hungary	3,642	3,983	5,298	1,314	33.0
	Ireland	2,269	2,976	3,290	-	-
	Italy	51,912	78,579	84,597	6,018	7.7
	Netherlands	3,917	7,569	5,582	-1,987	-26.3
	Poland	2,937	4,597	7,423	2,826	61.5
	Scandinavia*	3,392	5,758	5,233	-	-
	Romania	1,052 <sup>u</sup>	2,820	2,366	-	-
	Spain	12,046	19,177	20,990	1,813	9.5
	Switzerland	2,405	3,419	4,758	-	-
	Turkey	9,698	9,941	9,844	-	-
	United Kingdom	22,700	36,001	39,820	3,819	10.6
	USA	2,626 <sup>u</sup>	3,937 <sup>u</sup>	8,641	-	-
Other	37,665	71,930	87,266	15,337	21.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>182,752</b>	<b>297,270</b>	<b>329,945</b>	<b>32,676</b>	<b>11.0</b>	

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

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.

# Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on outbound tourism, which comprises the activities of Maltese residents travelling to, and staying in places outside Malta (i.e. outside their usual environment), and staying for not more than 12 consecutive months for personal, business or other purposes.

2. Data on outbound tourism trips are collected from an ongoing frontier national survey known as Tourstat. Tourist air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of the Malta International Airport. A two-stage sampling design is used to collect data on air passengers. In the first stage, alternate days and nights are selected. In the second stage, within each shift, a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Every crossing air passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval of 1:20.

3. Tourist Sea departures survey data is supplemented by administrative data provided by ferry operators.

4. 'Tourist trips' differs from the 'number of tourists' such that the same person can undertake more than one trip during a reference period.

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 Croatia's entry into the Eurozone (with effect from 1 January 2023), Croatian data is statistically classified as being in the Euro area from January 2023. Comparability between comparative periods should be treated with caution.

7. Expenditure data in this release represent the budgeted expenditure of outbound tourists prior to their departure.

8. 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 outbound tourism figures

	Estimate	Margin of error	95% confidence interval
Outbound tourists	189,404	1,535	189,404 ± 1,535
Total nights	1,213,539	51,796	1,213,539 ± 51,796
Total expenditure (€ 000)	169,643	5,353	169,643 ± 5,353

## 9. 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 if:
  - a. S/he has lived for most of the past 12 months in Malta/Gozo;
  - b. S/he has lived in Malta/Gozo 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 12 consecutive months**, beyond which the visitor would become a resident of that place (from the statistical standpoint);
  - c. **The main purpose of the visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited**, which would exclude migratory movements for work purposes.
- **Tourist trips:** trips with at least one overnight stay in either rented or non-rented accommodation in the place/country visited.
- **Total nights spent:** nights which a guest actually spends or is registered to spend in a rented accommodation or in a non-rented accommodation.
- **Average length of stay:** the number of nights spent divided by the number of tourists 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 establishments and campsites;
  - b. **Other rented accommodation:** comprises holiday furnished premises (farmhouses, flats and villas), host families, marinas, paid-convents, rented yachts and student dormitories.
- **Non-rented accommodation:** comprises own private residence (owned dwellings, owned caravans and yachts), staying with friends or relatives (even if charged – includes also friends' private apartments) and other private accommodation (oil rig, free-convents or timeshare, etc.).
- **Total expenditure:** refers to the amount that is going to be paid for the acquisition of consumption goods and services, as well as valuables during tourism trips. It includes expenditures by visitors themselves, as well as expenses that are paid for or reimbursed by others. Maltese residents are asked to budget the expenditures which they are about to incur when travelling abroad. The total expenditure is broken down by the following expenditure categories:
  - a. **Package expenditure:** 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:** the amount of money spent on transport and accommodation reported separately;
  - c. **Other expenditure:** the amount spent on shopping, souvenirs, tickets for concerts or sport 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.

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

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

11. The Tourstat survey was suspended between 12 March and 30 June 2020.

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

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

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