Inbound Tourism: October 2025

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Total inbound tourists for October 2025 were estimated at 417,103, an increase of 17.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2024.



During the month under review, a total of 384,519 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, and 23,269 tourists came for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists consisted of persons aged between 45 and 64 (38.4 per cent), followed by the 25-44 age bracket (34.0 per cent) (Table 1). British, Italian and Polish residents made up 41.3 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 4).

Total nights spent went up by 15.7 per cent when compared to October 2024, reaching 2.6 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (89.5 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 2). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 6.1 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure stood at €437.8 million, an increase of 22.8 per cent over the corresponding month in 2024 (Table 3). The average expenditure per night was estimated at €170.7 (Chart 2b).

The number of tourists visiting Gozo and Comino, including both same-day and overnight visitors, totalled 235,351, or 56.4 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

January-October 2025

Inbound tourists for the first ten months of 2025 amounted to 3,492,586, an increase of 12.4 per cent over the same period in 2024 (Table 1). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 10.8 per cent, reaching 22.2 million nights (Table 2).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €3,467.7 million, 19.2 per cent higher than that recorded for the same period in 2024 (Table 5). Total expenditure per capita increased to €993 from €936 in 2024 (Table 7).

The number of tourists visiting Gozo and Comino, including both same-day and overnight visitors, totalled 2,059,918, or 59.0 per cent of total tourists (Table 1).

Chart 1. Total inbound tourists by month

October 2023 – October 2025

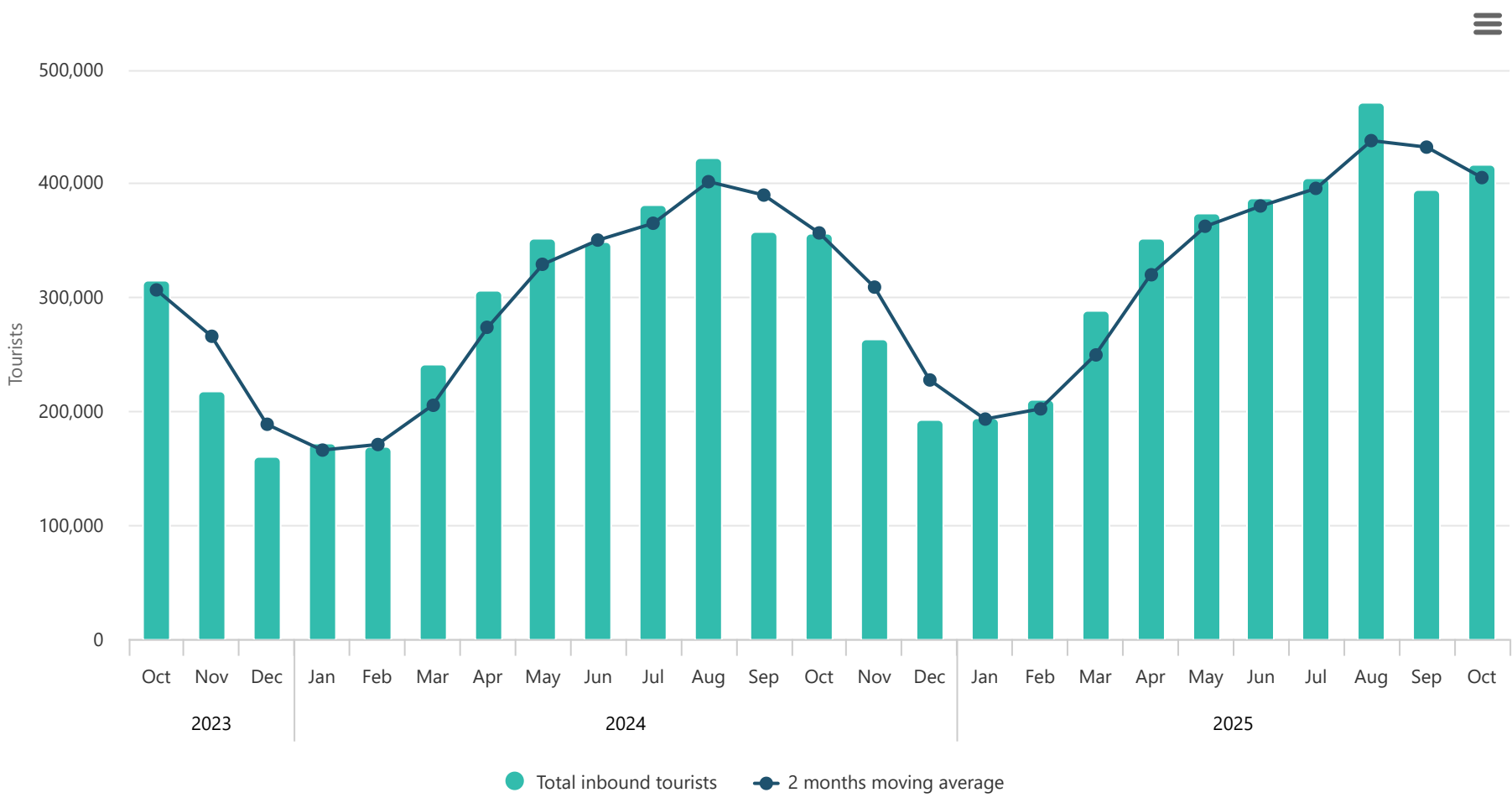


Chart 2a. Expenditure per capita by inbound tourists

Reference month: October

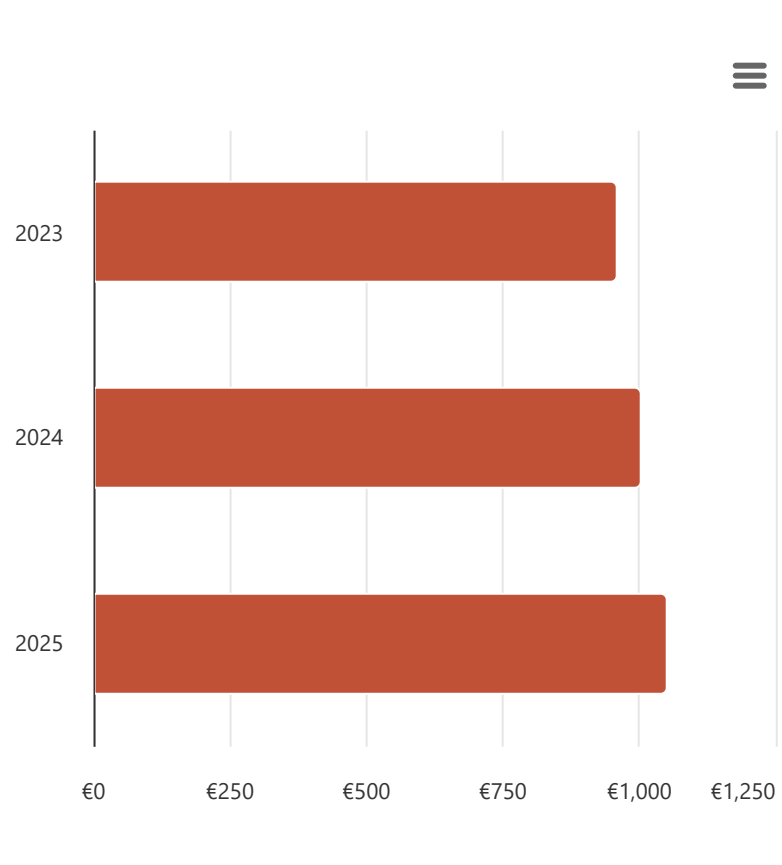


Chart 2b. Expenditure per night by inbound tourists

Reference month: October

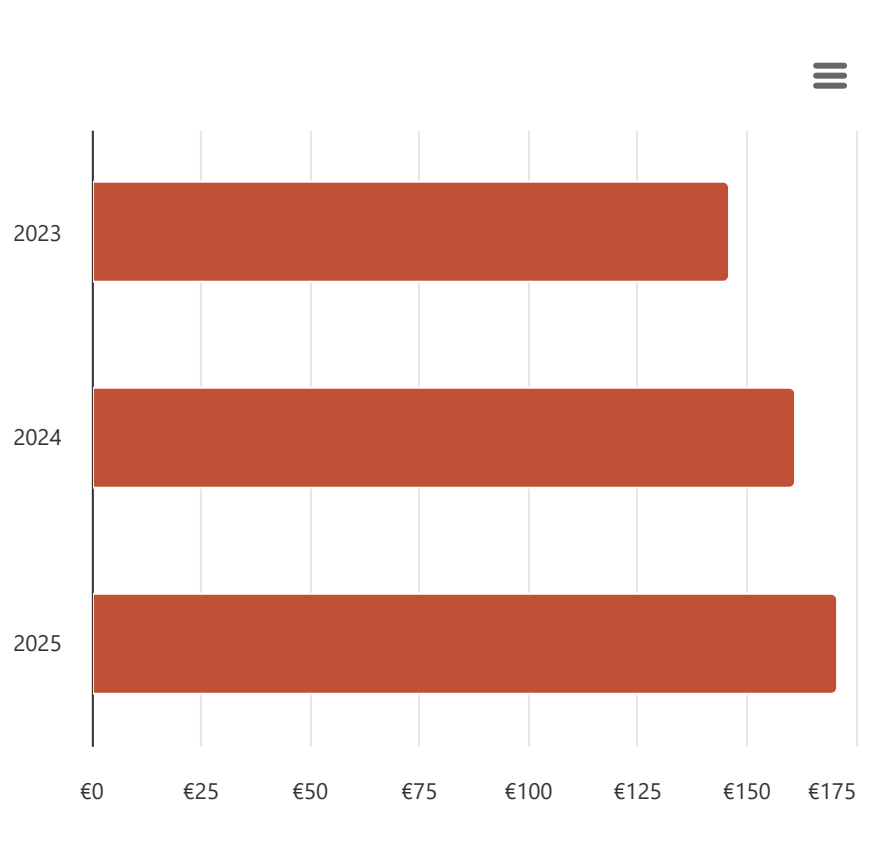




Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	October				
	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
				2025/2024	
Total inbound visitors	**319,545**	**363,420**	**421,382**	**57,962**	**15.9**
Overnight cruise passengers	5,312	7,859	4,279	-3,580	-45.6
Inbound tourists	**314,233**	**355,561**	**417,103**	**61,542**	**17.3**
Mode of travel					
Air	308,775	349,740	409,926	60,186	17.2
Sea	5,458	5,821	7,177	-	-
Sex					
Males	151,853	161,427	192,896	31,468	19.5
Females	162,380	194,133	224,207	30,074	15.5
Age group					
0-24	47,646	50,313	54,556	4,244	8.4
25-44	118,731	126,173	141,892	15,719	12.5
45-64	108,068	126,419	160,269	33,850	26.8
65 or more	39,789	52,656	60,385	7,729	14.7
Markets					
EU	**204,733**	**223,247**	**255,416**	**32,169**	**14.4**
of which: Euro area	164,510	171,097	183,128	12,031	7.0
Non-EU	**109,500**	**132,313**	**161,687**	**29,373**	**22.2**
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	284,016	329,388	384,519	55,132	16.7
Business and professional	20,446	19,118	23,269	4,152	21.7
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	9,771	7,056	9,314	2,259	32
Organisation of stay					
Package	83,595	91,927	107,233	15,306	16.7
Non-package	230,638	263,634	309,870	46,236	17.5
Frequency					
First-time tourists	**238,918**	**275,469**	**325,590**	**50,121**	**18.2**
Repeat tourists	**75,315**	**80,092**	**91,513**	**11,421**	**14.3**
once a year or less	55,020	63,284	73,604	10,320	16.3
more than once a year	20,295	16,807	17,908	-	-
Gozo and Comino visitors					
Tourists visiting Gozo and Comino	**185,681**	**203,950**	**235,351**	**31,402**	**15.4**
Same-day visitors[1]	168,132	181,282	206,651	25,370	14.0
Overnight visitors[2]	17,548	22,668	28,700	6,032	26.6
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	77,156	79,483	95,927	16,444	20.7
4-6 nights	107,293	129,519	156,815	27,296	21.1
7 nights or more	129,784	146,560	164,361	17,801	12.1
Average length of stay (nights)	**6.6**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**-0.1**	**-**

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

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

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

Notes:

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January-October				
2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
			2025/2024	
2,627,861	**3,133,100**	**3,530,970**	**397,869**	**12.7**
23,825	24,748	38,384	13,636	55.1
2,604,036	**3,108,352**	**3,492,586**	**384,233**	**12.4**
2,545,931	3,049,085	3,424,751	375,665	12.3
58,105	59,267	67,835	8,568	14.5
1,258,919	1,480,611	1,639,172	158,561	10.7
1,345,117	1,627,741	1,853,414	225,672	13.9
602,932	795,097	812,047	16,950	2.1
1,004,106	1,121,278	1,233,472	112,194	10.0
762,140	897,723	1,083,449	185,726	20.7
234,858	294,254	363,618	69,363	23.6
1,770,502	**2,088,036**	**2,284,140**	**196,105**	**9.4**
1,447,938	1,653,769	1,702,847	49,078	3.0
833,534	**1,020,317**	**1,208,446**	**188,129**	**18.4**
2,375,827	2,881,523	3,259,622	378,099	13.1
125,575	138,108	147,008	8,900	6.4
102,633	88,722	85,955	-2,766	-3.1
656,340	764,569	900,084	135,515	17.7
1,947,696	2,343,784	2,592,501	248,718	10.6
2,028,326	**2,470,215**	**2,780,493**	**310,278**	**12.6**
575,710	**638,137**	**712,092**	**73,955**	**11.6**
436,270	496,804	559,516	62,712	12.6
139,441	141,333	152,576	11,243	8.0
1,550,956	**1,831,807**	**2,059,918**	**228,110**	**12.5**
1,405,070	1,669,817[R]	1,888,531	218,713	13.1
145,885	161,990[R]	171,387	9,397	5.8
581,750	710,936	765,807	54,871	7.7
908,892	1,160,780	1,360,343	199,563	17.2
1,113,394	1,236,637	1,366,435	129,799	10.5
6.8	**6.4**	**6.3**	**-0.1**	**-**

Table 2. Inbound tourists and total nights spent by period of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Octo				
	Inbound tourists				
	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
				2025/2024	
Rented accommodation	**282,865**	**323,289**	**382,910**	**59,621**	**18.4**
Collective	197,087	213,299	240,598	27,299	12.8
Other rented	85,778	109,989	142,312	32,323	29.4
Non-rented accommodation	**31,368**	**32,272**	**34,193**	**1,921**	**6.0**
Total	**314,233**	**355,561**	**417,103**	**61,542**	**17.3**

Type of accommodation	January-				
	Inbound tourists				
	2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
				2025/2024	
Rented accommodation	2,330,969	2,832,252	**3,211,571**	**379,319**	**13.4**
Collective	1,614,581	1,867,957	2,091,872	223,914	12.0
Other rented	716,388	964,295	1,119,699	155,404	16.1
Non-rented accommodation	**273,067**	**276,101**	**281,015**	**4,914**	**1.8**
Total	**2,604,036**	**3,108,352**	**3,492,586**	**384,233**	**12.4**

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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Total nights spent				
2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
			2025/2024	
1,759,791	**1,931,966**	**2,294,304**	**362,337**	**18.8**
1,099,116	1,204,733	1,336,989	132,256	11.0
660,675	727,233	957,315	230,081	31.6
306,720	**284,953**	**270,508**	**-14,445**	**-5.1**
2,066,511	**2,216,919**	**2,564,811**	**347,892**	**15.7**

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Total nights spent				
2023	2024	2025	Change	Percentage change
			2025/2024	
15,044,286	**17,402,636**	**19,577,590**	**2,174,955**	**12.5**
9,236,732	10,438,671	11,708,869	1,270,197	12.2
5,807,554	6,963,964	7,868,722	904,758	13.0
2,793,339	**2,587,363**	**2,579,247**	**-8,116**	**-0.3**
17,837,625	**19,989,999**	**22,156,838**	**2,166,839**	**10.8**

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

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Expenditure category	October			Change	Percentage change
	2023	2024	2025	2025/2024	
Package	**74,494**	**90,334**	**109,923**	**19,589**	**21.7**
Non-package	**117,655**	**143,433**	**177,285**	**33,852**	**23.6**
Air/sea fares	56,089	63,953	74,943	10,990	17.2
Accommodation	61,566	79,481	102,342	22,862	28.8
Other expenditure	**109,013**	**122,730**	**150,564**	**27,834**	**22.7**
Total expenditure	**301,163**	**356,497**	**437,772**	**81,275**	**22.8**

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	October			Change	Percentage change
		2023	2024	2025	2025/2024	
Tourists	**EU**	**204,733**	**223,247**	**255,416**	**32,169**	**14.4**
	of which:					
	France	28,523	25,989	26,041	-	-
	Germany	29,057	31,103	33,458	2,354	7.6
	Italy	48,731	46,158	44,990	-	-
	Poland	14,750	22,468	35,460	12,992	57.8
	Spain	9,540	8,433	10,715	2,282	27.1
	Non-EU	**109,500**	**132,313**	**161,687**	**29,373**	**22.2**
	of which:					
	United Kingdom	60,902	77,537	91,611	14,074	18.2
	Total	**314,233**	**355,561**	**417,103**	**61,542**	**17.3**
Nights	**EU**	**1,191,787**	**1,292,962**	**1,452,746**	**159,784**	**12.4**
	of which:					
	France	173,089	152,354	157,784	-	-
	Germany	223,169	229,125	238,325	9,200	4.0
	Italy	217,589	222,512	219,865	-	-
	Poland	93,869	134,443	191,589	57,147	42.5
	Spain	45,377	42,215	50,854	8,639	20.5
	Non-EU	**874,724**	**923,957**	**1,112,065**	**188,108**	**20.4**
	of which:					
	United Kingdom	400,986	501,134	596,110	94,977	19.0
	Total	**2,066,511**	**2,216,919**	**2,564,811**	**347,892**	**15.7**
Expenditure (€ 000)	**EU**	**167,515**	**186,752**	**228,098**	**41,346**	**22.1**
	of which:					
	France	24,322	22,464	24,422	-	-
	Germany	31,574	34,249	39,412	5,163	15.1
	Italy	25,777	27,266	26,699	-	-
	Poland	12,248	17,393	28,546	11,152	64.1
	Spain	6,476	6,213	8,138	1,925	31.0
	Non-EU	**133,648**	**169,744**	**209,674**	**39,929**	**23.5**
	of which:					
	United Kingdom	67,318	97,888	109,341	11,453	11.7
	Total	**301,163**	**356,497**	**437,772**	**81,275**	**22.8**

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

	Country of residence	January-October			Change	Percentage change
		2023	2024	2025	2025/2024	
Tourists	Austria	44,644	56,632	55,975	-	-
	Belgium	56,876	70,006	74,657	4,651	6.6
	France	262,742	271,414	260,543	-10,871	-4.0
	Germany	187,841	217,006	226,622	9,616	4.4
	Greece	46,875	58,752	57,350	-	-
	Hungary	42,150	59,354	68,288	8,934	15.1
	Ireland	41,592	48,911	77,527	28,616	58.5
	Italy	500,319	553,717	516,838	-36,879	-6.7
	Netherlands	54,766	76,075	81,289	5,215	6.9
	Poland	130,956	209,162	315,589	106,427	50.9
	Scandinavia[1]	76,008	81,677	92,374	10,696	13.1
	Spain	101,164	114,768	127,754	12,986	11.3
	Switzerland	51,474	61,323	65,268	3,945	6.4
	United Kingdom	468,179	612,941	730,778	117,837	19.2
	USA	48,350	58,352	68,503	10,151	17.4
	Other	490,098	558,261	673,229	114,969	20.6
	Total	**2,604,036**	**3,108,352**	**3,492,586**	**384,233**	**12.4**
Nights	Austria	288,838	323,820	337,027	-	-
	Belgium	397,272	436,647	467,270	30,623	7.0
	France	1,895,802	1,919,209	1,859,127	-60,082	-3.1
	Germany	1,423,725	1,567,455	1,640,593	73,137	4.7
	Greece	209,745	235,333	235,964	-	-
	Hungary	236,277	328,649	353,367	24,718	7.5
	Ireland	273,422	348,443	502,395	153,953	44.2
	Italy	2,891,752	2,991,249	2,806,855	-184,394	-6.2
	Netherlands	416,245	518,898	542,649	23,750	4.6
	Poland	856,450	1,268,823	1,824,746	555,923	43.8
	Scandinavia[1]	575,310	596,374	639,759	43,385	7.3
	Spain	648,640	711,520	744,352	32,833	4.6
	Switzerland	383,428	399,672	444,338	44,666	11.2
	United Kingdom	3,187,843	3,954,290	4,736,287	781,997	19.8
	USA	340,086	329,443	410,266	80,824	24.5
	Other	3,812,791	4,060,174	4,611,842	551,668	13.6
	Total	**17,837,625**	**19,989,999**	**22,156,838**	**2,166,839**	**10.8**
Expenditure (€ 000)	Austria	41,898	49,752	55,985	-	-
	Belgium	55,622	66,366	73,133	6,767	10.2
	France	241,086	257,109	263,220	6,110	2.4
	Germany	192,177	228,103	253,412	25,309	11.1
	Greece	29,529	33,983	37,323	-	-
	Hungary	28,620	40,226	43,705	3,479	8.6
	Ireland	43,873	54,942	91,582	36,641	66.7
	Italy	312,261	361,830	339,905	-21,925	-6.1
	Netherlands	56,179	84,309	96,841	12,532	14.9
	Poland	103,470	162,555	246,866	84,311	51.9
	Scandinavia[1]	83,362	93,200	109,932	16,733	18.0
	Spain	77,512	91,144	102,570	11,425	12.5
	Switzerland	58,434	68,046	85,611	17,565	25.8
	United Kingdom	482,507	668,096	846,808	178,713	26.7
	USA	73,138	80,794	102,575	21,781	27.0
	Other	499,748	569,286	718,229	148,943	26.2
	Total	**2,379,417**	**2,909,741**	**3,467,697**	**557,956**	**19.2**

[1] Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
	January-October 2025				
Austria	16,146	7,782	13,641	18,415	**55,985**
Belgium	15,757	12,745	17,997	26,634	**73,133**
France	60,311	39,682	66,519	96,707	**263,220**
Germany	69,980	41,100	59,034	83,298	**253,412**
Greece	2,494[u]	6,641	10,416	17,773	**37,323**
Hungary	3,734[u]	8,408	12,954	18,609	**43,705**
Ireland	19,365	12,740	22,040	37,437	**91,582**
Italy	52,371	50,063	88,137	149,334	**339,905**
Netherlands	22,310	16,294	20,730	37,507	**96,841**
Poland	50,012	40,343	62,723	93,787	**246,866**
Scandinavia[1]	29,342	19,072	22,728	38,790	**109,932**
Spain	18,747	16,723	26,606	40,493	**102,570**
Switzerland	17,028	14,650	25,123	28,810	**85,611**
United Kingdom	344,984	91,496	137,093	273,235	**846,808**
USA	10,734	33,827	27,396	30,618	**102,575**
Other	93,051	165,175	181,919	278,084	**718,229**
Total	**826,367**	**576,742**	**795,057**	**1,269,531**	**3,467,697**
	January-October 2024				
Austria	14,028	7,346	11,881	16,497	**49,752**
Belgium	16,316	11,000	16,194	22,856	**66,366**
France	62,133	38,922	64,810	91,244	**257,109**
Germany	60,317	36,706	53,618	77,462	**228,103**
Greece	3,208	5,778	9,357	15,641	**33,983**
Hungary	4,384	7,420	12,381	16,043	**40,226**
Ireland	11,656	8,817	12,975	21,494	**54,942**
Italy	55,202	50,829	93,083	162,716	**361,830**
Netherlands	22,947	12,920	17,681	30,760	**84,309**
Poland	34,779	25,858	41,989	59,928	**162,555**
Scandinavia[1]	26,034	15,101	18,336	33,729	**93,200**
Spain	15,322	15,170	24,765	35,887	**91,144**
Switzerland	14,470	11,691	18,175	23,709	**68,046**
United Kingdom	242,900	84,725	122,376	218,095	**668,096**
USA	10,094	29,276	18,980	22,445	**80,794**
Other	74,840	141,467	144,770	208,209	**569,286**
Total	**668,631**	**503,025**	**681,370**	**1,056,715**	**2,909,741**
	January-October 2023				
Austria	13,155	6,564	9,285	12,894	**41,898**
Belgium	15,920	8,270	12,341	19,091	**55,622**
France	58,665	36,348	59,127	86,946	**241,086**
Germany	55,044	31,275	45,071	60,787	**192,177**
Greece	3,892	5,095	7,842	12,700	**29,529**
Hungary	4,047	5,754	7,633	11,186	**28,620**
Ireland	8,235	7,610	11,173	16,855	**43,873**
Italy	49,691	44,868	81,040	136,661	**312,261**
Netherlands	13,336	9,315	12,059	21,469	**56,179**
Poland	20,753	17,558	25,548	39,610	**103,470**
Scandinavia[1]	23,782	14,735	15,552	29,293	**83,362**
Spain	14,116	12,890	21,539	28,967	**77,512**
Switzerland	13,294	9,312	15,624	20,204	**58,434**
United Kingdom	169,653	66,767	87,777	158,310	**482,507**
USA	6,507	28,297	17,517	20,817	**73,138**
Other	73,820	120,247	118,873	186,808	**499,748**
Total	**543,912**	**424,904**	**548,001**	**862,600**	**2,379,417**

[u] Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.
[1] Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

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

Table 7. Per capita expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
	January-October 2025				
Austria	930	201	372	329	**1,000**
Belgium	879	223	344	357	**980**
France	953	199	351	371	**1,010**
Germany	986	262	407	368	**1,118**
Greece	515[u]	126	207	310	**651**
Hungary	628[u]	135	226	273	**640**
Ireland	824	235	450	483	**1,181**
Italy	654	114	227	289	**658**
Netherlands	939	282	396	461	**1,191**
Poland	695	164	265	297	**782**
Scandinavia[1]	959	307	412	420	**1,190**
Spain	740	162	279	317	**803**
Switzerland	1,228	280	515	441	**1,312**
United Kingdom	979	240	411	374	**1,159**
USA	1,101	567	504	447	**1,497**
Other	1,052	279	341	413	**1,067**
Total expenditure per capita	**918**	**221**	**335**	**363**	**993**
	January-October 2024				
Austria	854	181	318	291	**879**
Belgium	854	215	351	326	**948**
France	880	192	338	336	**947**
Germany	954	237	380	357	**1,051**
Greece	488	110	191	266	**578**
Hungary	788	137	248	270	**678**
Ireland	937	242	411	439	**1,123**
Italy	636	108	226	294	**653**
Netherlands	872	260	397	404	**1,108**
Poland	715	160	275	287	**777**
Scandinavia[1]	936	278	409	413	**1,141**
Spain	756	160	288	313	**794**
Switzerland	1,008	247	412	387	**1,110**
United Kingdom	940	237	407	356	**1,090**
USA	1,101	587	433	385	**1,385**
Other	951	291	344	373	**1,020**
Total expenditure per capita	**875**	**213**	**325**	**340**	**936**
	January-October 2023				
Austria	891	217	340	289	**938**
Belgium	895	210	352	336	**978**
France	847	187	325	331	**918**
Germany	939	240	386	324	**1,023**
Greece	501	130	214	271	**630**
Hungary	603	161	247	265	**679**
Ireland	736	249	407	405	**1,055**
Italy	590	107	229	273	**624**
Netherlands	754	250	371	392	**1,026**
Poland	659	176	280	302	**790**
Scandinavia[1]	813	314	395	385	**1,097**
Spain	714	158	298	286	**766**
Switzerland	1,099	232	433	393	**1,135**
United Kingdom	896	239	400	338	**1,031**
USA	1,141	664	474	431	**1,513**
Other	914	291	333	381	**1,020**
Total expenditure per capita	**829**	**217**	**323**	**331**	**914**

[u] Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

[1] Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Characteristics	October			January-October		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Total overnight cruise passengers	**5,312**	**7,859**	**4,279**	**23,825**	**24,748**	**38,384**
Sex						
Males	2,647	3,581	1,948	11,069	11,230	17,924
Females	2,665	4,278	2,331	12,756	13,518	20,460
Age group						
0-19	562	30	26	1,715	2,180	1,497
20-39	282	205	120	2,113	1,956	3,145
40-59	1,381	947	566	8,011	5,171	7,174
60-79	2,957	5,688	3,038	11,392	13,316	22,468
80 or more	130	989	529	594	2,125	4,100
Markets						
EU	**586**	**562**	**602**	**7,629**	**5,243**	**6,828**
of which : Euro area	558	503	571	7,426	5,053	6,315
Non-EU	**4,726**	**7,297**	**3,677**	**16,196**	**19,505**	**31,556**

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. Sea tourist data for the period January 2023 – September 2024 has been revised due to a revision of the figures from the source. This revision is reflected in all of the figures of 2023 and 2024.

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	417,103	3,709	417,103 ± 3,709
Total nights	2,564,811	75,532	2,564,811 ± 75,532
Total expenditure	437,772	11,478	437,772 ± 11,478

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.