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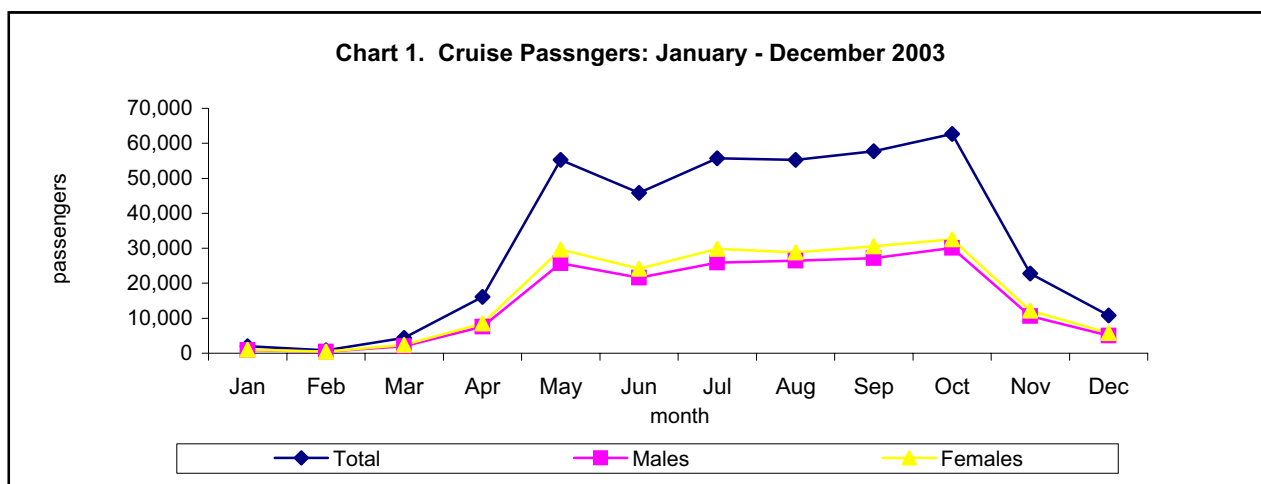
Tourism Statistics

Cruise Passengers: December 2003

In December last year, the number of cruise passengers went up by 4,177 over 2002 to 10,828 from 6,651.

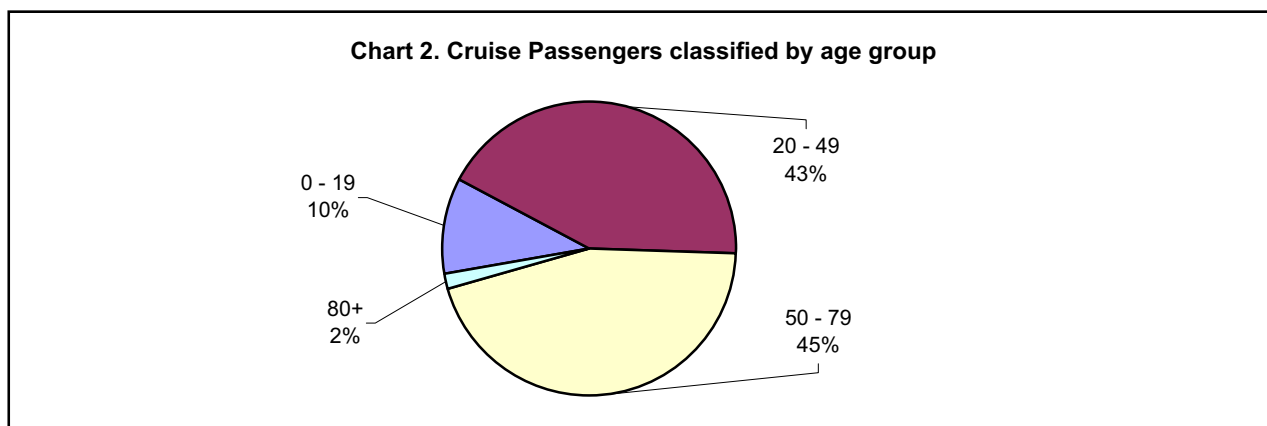
Arrivals from the German market rose by 1,242 to 1,914 from 672 in 2002. Other increases in arrivals were recorded from, amongst other, the Spanish (+1,090), the British (+336) and the Italian (+378) markets.

In the month under review, drops in arrivals were recorded from the Canadian (-3), and the Norwegian (-7) markets.



In the first twelve months last year, the number of cruise passengers that visited the Maltese islands went up by 40,410 over the previous year to 389,456 from 349,046 in 2002. In the period under review, the highest amount of cruise passengers were those coming from the British market (112,336) followed by the Spanish (109,478) and the U.S (42,396) markets.

The greatest proportion of cruise passengers, 44 per cent were aged 50 – 79 years, followed by passengers aged 20-49 years (42 per cent) and 0-19 years (10 per cent) respectively. The majority of the cruise passengers for the month of December were females, which accounted for 53.2 per cent of passengers.



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Table 1. Cruise Passengers: 2003

Country	Number of passengers			Sex		
	Landed	Embarked	Transit	Males	Females	Total
	December					
Austria	-	-	61	29	32	61
Belgium	-	-	37	15	22	37
Canada	-	-	9	5	4	9
Denmark	-	-	5	3	2	5
France	7	-	701	362	346	708
Germany	5	1	1,908	866	1,048	1,914
Greece	-	-	1	1	-	1
Italy	5	-	1,872	962	915	1,877
Netherlands	-	-	52	21	31	52
Norway	-	-	3	3	0	3
Republic of Ireland	-	-	10	6	4	10
Russia	1	-	8	3	6	9
Spain	-	-	4,331	1,947	2,384	4,331
Sweden	-	-	6	3	3	6
Switzerland	-	-	50	26	24	50
Turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.K.	2	-	528	258	272	530
U.S.A.	-	2	157	71	88	159
Yugoslavia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	220	33	813	489	577	1,066
Total	240	36	10,552	5,070	5,758	10,828

Table 2. Cruise Passengers arriving in Malta classified by age group and month 2003

	0 to 4 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 19 years	20 to 29 years	30 to 39 years	40 to 49 years	50 to 59 years
January	44	102	248	187	325	386	335
February	11	24	63	19	50	104	156
March	48	47	59	1,087	703	568	642
April	252	396	915	3,050	2,386	2,358	2,482
May	608	635	1,505	5,421	6,664	8,085	11,601
June	615	779	2,178	5,903	6,361	8,134	10,147
July	804	1,915	6,612	7,257	7,429	11,875	10,938
August	843	2,283	6,649	6,941	8,354	12,016	10,658
September	658	1,420	4,093	6,917	7,095	10,847	12,032
October	507	940	2,644	5,980	6,635	10,032	14,200
November	225	144	312	1,651	1,945	2,452	4,290
December	278	433	863	1,159	1,583	2,000	1,969
Total	4,893	9,118	26,141	45,572	49,530	68,857	79,450
	60 to 69 years	70 to 79 years	80 to 89 years	90 to 99 years	100 to 109 years	Total	
January	227	103	15	5	-	1,977	
February	264	132	29	2	-	854	
March	719	410	62	2	-	4,347	
April	2,546	1,430	254	36	-	16,105	
May	11,848	7,483	1,228	218	5	55,301	
June	7,570	3,455	565	102	-	45,809	
July	5,634	2,661	475	146	-	55,746	
August	5,158	1,941	310	112	-	55,265	
September	9,020	4,837	736	80	-	57,735	
October	12,974	7,515	1,183	96	2	62,708	
November	654	4,454	722	32	-	22,781	
December	1,753	674	102	14	-	10,828	
Total	58,367	35,095	5,681	845	7	389,456	

Table 3. Cruise Passengers

Country	December		January - December	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Austria	8	61	1,849	1,589
Belgium	37	37	2,031	1,264
Canada	12	9	10,464	8,481
Denmark	6	5	1,275	1,660
France	214	708	21,097	14,581
Germany	672	1,914	20,942	27,803
Greece	13	1	1,229	672
Italy	1,499	1,877	19,490	20,727
Netherlands	45	52	2,241	2,568
Norway	10	3	2,755	3,447
Republic of Ireland	7	10	2,767	3,805
Russia	9	9	1,372	654
Spain	3,241	4,331	94,141	109,478
Sweden	1	6	2,229	3,013
Switzerland	34	50	3,558	5,004
Turkey	1	0	202	316
U.K.	194	530	73,914	112,336
U.S.A.	103	159	55,427	42,396
Yugoslavia	0	0	18	12
Others	545	1,066	32,045	29,650
Total	6,651	10,828	349,046	389,456

Methodological Notes

Definitions:

Landed passengers covers all cruise passengers that arrived in Malta with a cruise ship and left Malta with other means of transport or stayed in Malta.

Embarked passengers covers all cruise passengers that are either Maltese and left Malta with a cruise ship or else are foreigners that came to Malta by other means of transport and left Malta by a cruise ship.

Transit passengers' covers all cruise passengers that arrived in Malta by a cruise ship and left Malta by the same cruise ship.