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Tourism departures: April 2004

Estimates from the inbound tourism survey show that in April this year, the total tourist departures were estimated at 92,166. Departures by air were approximated at 90,875 tourists revealing a decline of 2.6 per cent over the same month last year. The remaining 1.4 per cent of the total, departed by sea and were mainly Italian tourists.

The main markets attributing to this decline were from Germany, which accounted for 12.3 per cent of the total air tourist departures and declined by 22.8 per cent, the United Kingdom, which accounted for 40.6 per cent and declined by 5.5 per cent. Other drops in tourist departures included the Austrian, Dutch, Libyan, Russian and Danish market.

On the other hand, increases in tourist departures originated from Norway, Switzerland, Belgium, France, Italy, Sweden, USA, and a group of 'other' markets were recorded.

January –April 2004

In the first four months of this year, tourist departures reached 255,614, representing a decline of 3 per cent of the same period last year. It is estimated that 44.4 per cent of all tourist departures during this period originated from the United Kingdom, a decline of 3.8 per cent when compared to the same period last year. The German market, which accounted for 12.7 per cent of all tourist departures decreased by 11.9 per cent over the same period last year. Other drops in tourist departures included the Austrian, Dutch, Swiss, Russian, Libyan and a group of 'other' markets.

On the other hand, the Italian market which accounted for 8.5 per cent of all tourist departures increased by 22.5 per cent over the same period last year. Other increases in tourist departures included the Belgian, Danish, French, Swedish, Norwegian and U.S. markets.

Accommodation

It is estimated that during the first four months of this year, the number of nights spent in the Maltese islands by tourists departing by air amounted to a total of 2,544,987, a decrease of 2.7 per cent over the same period last year. Of these, 69.2 per cent were spent in hotel accommodation establishments, with the four-star hotel category standing out as the most frequented. A total of 202,695 tourists stayed in hotels indicating a decrease of 6.2 per cent over the same period last year.

Tourist expenditure

During the period under study, total tourist expenditure approximated Lm 8.4 million- a drop of 10.1 per cent over the same period in 2003. Package tourists spent Lm 4.4 million, a decrease of 12.6 per cent over the same period last year. Non-package tourists spent Lm 10.4 million on airfares and Lm 5.9 million on accommodation thereby increasing total expenditure on non-package travel by approximately Lm 0.8 million or 4.6 per cent over the same month last year. Other expenditure decreased by Lm2.9 million or 9.2 per cent over the same period last year.

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Table 1. Distribution of tourist departures: April 2002 - 2004

Country of residence	Air					Sea
	2002	2003	2003/2002 % +/-	2004	2004/2003 % +/-	2004
Austria ^u	1,679	4,421	163.3	2,586	-41.5	31
Belgium	1,253	1,446	15.4	1,980	36.9	-
Denmark	1,509	1,641	8.7	1,549	-5.6	-
France	9,127	8,043	-11.9	8,589	6.8	-
Germany	14,684	14,488	-1.3	11,181	-22.8	-
Italy	6,452	5,871	-9.0	7,370	25.5	1,137
Netherlands	3,388	3,522	4.0	1,828	-48.1	-
Sweden	1,036	962	-7.1	1,437	49.4	-
United Kingdom	37,743	39,129	3.7	36,985	-5.5	-
Norway ^u	1,218	435	-64.3	1,579	263.0	-
Switzerland	1,978	1,987	0.5	2,161	8.8	-
Russia	567	808	42.5	642	-20.5	-
Libya	1,853	1,232	-33.5	863	-30.0	-
USA ^u	1,019	834	-18.2	1,578	89.2	123
Other	7,846	8,468	7.9	10,547	24.6	-
Total	91,352	93,287	2.1	90,875	-2.6	1,291

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Table 2. Distribution of tourist air departures: January - April 2002 - 2004

Country of residence	2002	2003	2003/2002 % +/-	2004	2004/2003 % +/-
Austria	5,151	6,780	31.6	5,770	-14.9
Belgium	3,160	3,450	9.2	4,232	22.7
Denmark	4,899	3,463	-29.3	3,761	8.6
France	19,442	16,974	-12.7	17,308	2.0
Germany	40,006	36,905	-7.8	32,525	-11.9
Italy	19,853	17,829	-10.2	21,846	22.5
Netherlands	7,832	8,031	2.5	4,970	-38.1
Sweden	1,881	2,001	6.4	3,046	52.2
United Kingdom	111,570	118,012	5.8	113,567	-3.8
Norway	3,110	2,150	-30.9	3,589	66.9
Switzerland	5,841	6,009	2.9	6,000	-0.1
Russia	2,208	2,541	15.1	2,270	-10.7
Libya	7,160	5,821	-18.7	4,058	-30.3
USA	3,437	3,661	6.5	4,159	13.6
Other	29,178	29,836	2.3	28,513	-4.4
Total	264,728	263,463	-0.5	255,614	-3.0

Table 3. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: April 2003

Country of residence	Holiday		Business (other)		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	3,667	4.6	141	2.4	-	-	613	12.0	4,421	4.7
Belgium	1,397	1.7	49	0.8	-	-	-	-	1,446	1.6
Denmark	1,456	1.8	99	1.7	36	1.7	50	1.0	1,641	1.8
France	7,400	9.2	395	6.6	49	2.4	199	3.9	8,043	8.6
Germany	12,754	15.9	702	11.8	171	8.2	861	16.8	14,488	15.5
Italy	4,432	5.5	540	9.1	135	6.5	764	14.9	5,871	6.3
Netherlands	2,791	3.5	270	4.5	244	11.8	217	4.2	3,522	3.8
Sweden	596	0.7	135	2.3	-	-	231	4.5	962	1.0
United Kingdom	35,674	44.5	1,248	21.0	1,120	54.0	1,087	21.3	39,129	41.9
Norway	399	0.5	-	-	-	-	36	0.7	435	0.5
Switzerland	1,753	2.2	135	2.3	-	-	99	1.9	1,987	2.1
Russia	514	0.6	245	4.1	-	-	49	1.0	808	0.9
Libya	517	0.6	346	5.8	49	2.4	320	6.3	1,232	1.3
USA	465	0.6	185	3.1	49	2.4	135	2.6	834	0.9
Other	6,329	7.9	1,466	24.6	221	10.7	452	8.8	8,468	9.1
Total	80,144	100.0	5,956	100.0	2,074	100.0	5,113	100.0	93,287	100.0

Table 4. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: April 2004

Country of residence	Holiday		Business (other)		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	2,263	3.0	-	-	-	-	323	8.3	2,586	2.8
Belgium	1,764	2.3	216	2.6	-	-	-	-	1,980	2.2
Denmark	1,369	1.8	72	0.9	-	-	108	2.8	1,549	1.7
France	7,871	10.3	288	3.5	71	3.4	359	9.3	8,589	9.5
Germany	9,563	12.5	863	10.4	36	1.7	719	18.5	11,181	12.3
Italy	4,348	5.7	2,303	27.8	216	10.4	503	13.0	7,370	8.1
Netherlands	1,290	1.7	323	3.9	71	3.4	144	3.7	1,828	2.0
Sweden	1,365	1.8	72	0.9	-	-	-	-	1,437	1.6
United Kingdom	33,576	43.8	1,436	17.3	1,220	58.7	753	19.4	36,985	40.7
Norway	1,363	1.8	180	2.2	-	-	36	0.9	1,579	1.7
Switzerland	1,981	2.6	72	0.9	-	-	108	2.8	2,161	2.4
Russia	464	0.6	71	0.9	36	1.7	71	1.8	642	0.7
Libya	288	0.4	360	4.3	-	-	215	5.5	863	0.9
USA	1,291	1.7	215	2.6	-	-	72	1.9	1,578	1.7
Other	7,822	10.2	1,828	22.0	430	20.7	467	12.0	10,547	11.6
Total	76,618	100.0	8,299	100.0	2,080	100.0	3,878	100.0	90,875	100.0

Table 5. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-April 2003 ...

Country of residence	Hotels											
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified		No. of nights	No. of nights
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights		
Austria	986	5,358	3,156	20,514	1,173	7,963	61	61	49	148		
Belgium	1,104	5,527	852	7,393	727	5,564	53	374	-	-		
Denmark	160	715	103	560	251	1,701	-	-	258	1,807		
France	1,988	11,425	7,359	48,629	2,797	15,845	857	4,999	295	1,981		
Germany	6,331	37,036	17,119	132,998	4,837	40,070	442	4,234	319	1,695		
Italy	4,527	17,325	5,757	26,673	2,150	11,703	429	2,917	99	198		
Netherlands	1,783	11,942	1,207	8,979	1,856	13,838	-	-	49	685		
Sweden	347	1,539	463	3,206	311	2,276	145	1,017	-	-		
United Kingdom	9,525	71,921	49,209	534,120	21,892	296,093	1,445	21,539	1,438	18,796		
Norway	805	4,532	322	2,510	103	867	-	-	39	1,341		
Switzerland	1,620	9,707	2,355	15,008	738	5,576	209	1,369	213	1,233		
Russia	612	3,542	667	5,762	378	6,615	-	-	-	-		
Libya	822	3,664	1,436	7,757	1,430	6,900	330	5,408	-	-		
USA	1,662	12,276	987	6,897	135	635	-	-	36	146		
Other	8,681	41,899	8,650	60,566	3,921	31,835	504	2,801	219	1,389		
Total	40,953	238,408	99,642	881,572	42,699	447,481	4,475	44,719	3,014	29,419		

... Table 5. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-April 2003

Country of residence	Holiday Complex		Apart-Hotel		Furnished premises		Other		Total	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
	Austria	171	1,199	259	2,500	179	3,609	746	6,089	6,780
Belgium	36	254	282	1,923	-	-	396	3,113	3,450	24,148
Denmark	656	6,278	49	346	49	346	1,937	20,600	3,463	32,353
France	527	3,947	493	3,449	247	2,372	2,411	25,335	16,974	117,982
Germany	1,250	12,279	1,708	15,941	1,025	11,407	3,874	53,000	36,905	308,660
Italy	520	2,795	466	3,218	310	3,539	3,571	35,101	17,829	103,469
Netherlands	945	7,667	983	7,707	403	2,759	805	9,243	8,031	62,820
Sweden	122	5,104	207	5,261	36	326	370	4,332	2,001	23,061
United Kingdom	8,998	126,102	10,210	120,624	3,808	50,477	11,487	146,924	118,012	1,386,596
Norway	162	3,263	263	5,940	-	-	456	13,062	2,150	31,515
Switzerland	-	-	520	5,910	49	395	305	9,061	6,009	48,259
Russia	174	1,967	259	1,815	-	-	451	10,836	2,541	30,537
Libya	202	655	543	2,444	103	1,254	965	15,796	5,821	43,878
USA	-	-	53	374	197	7,050	591	7,985	3,661	35,363
Other	1,184	8,390	1,431	17,188	493	42,028	4,753	114,978	29,836	321,074
Total	14,947	179,900	17,726	194,540	6,899	125,562	33,108	475,455	263,463	2,617,156

Table 6. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-April 2004 ...

Country of residence	Hotels													
	5-star			4-star			3-star			2-star			Unclassified	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	
Austria	1,175	7,240	15,369	2,353	12,178	6,417	994	1,299	-	-	-	36	108	
Belgium	1,688	10,435	12,178	1,643	2,752	3,224	191	448	-	-	-	-	-	
Denmark	511	3,294	59,985	306	12,243	18,907	448	330	-	-	-	-	-	
France	3,095	16,104	140,742	8,724	29,467	6,402	1,958	369	2,678	2,636	36	75	252	
Germany	4,178	24,218	11,340	17,551	4,138	1,147	4,263	336	1,422	500	36	36	108	
Italy	7,644	29,687	11,340	6,038	1,147	1,147	3,394	863	1,676	1,676	-	-	-	
Netherlands	1,123	6,553	692	1,771	4,138	406,717	179	229	5,916	5,916	-	-	-	
Sweden	1,341	66,220	7,672	49,595	554,668	31,920	371	501	2,847	2,847	147	1,238	216	
United Kingdom	10,127	7,143	13,549	931	2,225	6,471	814	377	2,022	2,022	36	216	-	
Norway	1,262	12,362	3,928	2,054	4,038	3,928	459	192	-	-	178	1,499	-	
Switzerland	1,956	2,608	805	340	11,117	2,910	448	77	730	730	-	-	-	
Russia	349	3,806	76,454	805	9,017	3,143	1,339	237	592	592	-	-	-	
Libya	749	8,746	21,178	1,401	4,609	4,609	448	679	-	-	-	-	-	
USA	1,358	41,757	540,141	9,017	540,141	540,141	3,143	679	4,609	4,609	-	-	-	
Other	8,227	246,797	945,694	103,221	103,221	50,784	3,363	25,628	544	4,004	-	-	-	
Total	44,783	246,797	103,221	103,221	945,694	50,784	3,363	25,628	544	4,004	544	4,004	4,004	

... Table 6. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-April 2004

Country of residence	Holiday Complex				Apart-Hotel		Furnished premises		Other		Total	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
	Austria	-	-	187	1,311	114	926	911	6,157	5,770	37,528	5,770
Belgium	72	756	120	678	144	1,009	374	2,893	4,232	29,248	4,232	29,248
Denmark	-	-	75	528	79	630	2,342	23,616	3,761	34,044	3,761	34,044
France	36	252	453	3,014	480	3,970	2,196	25,918	17,308	124,416	17,308	124,416
Germany	108	754	1,074	9,765	947	14,354	3,960	51,247	32,525	277,171	32,525	277,171
Italy	-	-	424	3,604	549	9,347	3,425	23,886	21,846	116,428	21,846	116,428
Netherlands	-	-	498	9,231	256	2,236	423	5,447	4,970	41,780	4,970	41,780
Sweden	-	-	115	660	148	1,801	342	3,046	3,046	18,856	3,046	18,856
United Kingdom	220	3,503	5,392	53,459	3,636	61,817	12,029	137,692	113,567	1,291,230	113,567	1,291,230
Norway	-	-	349	5,453	-	-	263	1,913	3,589	29,576	3,589	29,576
Switzerland	-	-	189	1,604	-	-	795	12,984	6,000	48,992	6,000	48,992
Russia	-	-	117	7,305	143	3,426	684	16,460	2,270	37,451	2,270	37,451
Libya	-	-	155	1,003	151	2,875	622	8,404	4,058	32,812	4,058	32,812
USA	-	-	79	550	113	1,016	683	13,106	4,159	38,175	4,159	38,175
Other	77	6,135	980	13,567	1,136	44,499	5,254	179,081	28,513	387,280	28,513	387,280
Total	513	11,400	10,207	111,732	7,896	147,906	34,303	511,685	255,614	2,544,987	255,614	2,544,987

Table 7. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package tourists

January-April 2003					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accomodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	1,326,969	126,861	135,184	512,797	2,101,811
Belgium	768,119	140,776	92,661	326,471	1,328,027
Denmark	751,768	59,302	35,153	551,840	1,398,063
France	3,475,689	434,725	305,200	1,490,789	5,706,403
Germany	7,572,304	1,248,485	695,108	3,434,952	12,950,849
Italy	2,113,040	1,019,773	587,379	1,815,191	5,535,383
Netherlands	1,548,347	119,976	114,152	879,362	2,661,837
Sweden	277,012	139,242	124,054	257,222	797,530
United Kingdom	20,853,395	3,224,271	2,193,808	15,163,562	41,435,036
Norway	425,034	164,585	58,810	473,229	1,121,658
Switzerland	1,557,025	240,171	167,648	645,856	2,610,700
Russia	470,424	100,966	37,702	258,714	867,806
Libya	415,606	607,999	335,664	1,053,680	2,412,949
USA	814,255	505,767	235,280	487,558	2,042,860
Other	5,110,312	2,556,286	1,297,424	4,210,412	13,174,434
Total	47,479,299	10,689,185	6,415,227	31,561,635	96,145,346
January-April 2004					
Austria	1,085,956	134,452	92,260	480,917	1,793,585
Belgium	665,197	162,699	132,281	354,603	1,314,780
Denmark	650,014	80,524	41,534	394,422	1,166,494
France	3,151,684	513,862	287,534	1,596,029	5,549,109
Germany	5,905,157	853,025	512,574	2,871,255	10,142,011
Italy	2,596,339	1,343,576	941,958	1,941,842	6,823,715
Netherlands	741,081	172,114	125,374	503,890	1,542,459
Sweden	468,260	155,664	78,951	289,147	992,022
United Kingdom	19,994,490	2,827,686	1,583,816	13,960,344	38,366,336
Norway	661,148	172,749	85,733	421,005	1,340,635
Switzerland	1,200,364	225,542	111,257	552,008	2,089,171
Russia	229,557	185,374	112,616	449,595	977,142
Libya	212,386	265,223	241,402	536,506	1,255,517
USA	652,114	425,162	177,119	515,359	1,769,754
Other	3,239,187	2,893,470	1,368,229	3,783,666	11,284,552
Total	41,452,934	10,411,122	5,892,638	28,650,588	86,407,282

Table 8. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package tourists

January-April 2003					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accomodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	230.1	125.1	145.5	75.6	145.1
Belgium	295.5	165.4	123.2	94.6	173.6
Denmark	245.4	148.6	117.6	159.4	193.5
France	249.5	143.0	104.6	87.8	154.8
Germany	259.9	160.6	95.7	93.1	159.7
Italy	218.3	125.2	80.1	101.8	128.7
Netherlands	218.2	128.2	122.0	109.5	156.6
Sweden	250.5	155.6	155.5	128.5	166.2
United Kingdom	231.1	116.1	103.3	128.5	161.1
Norway	310.2	211.0	87.6	220.1	225.6
Switzerland	323.7	200.5	139.9	107.5	197.6
Russia	246.9	158.8	73.6	101.8	155.1
Libya	230.0	151.5	89.2	181.0	156.7
USA	532.2	237.3	129.0	133.2	223.4
Other	301.4	198.5	110.7	141.1	184.5
Total	248.6	147.5	103.2	119.8	163.2
January-April 2004					
Austria	227.2	135.7	104.8	83.3	144.4
Belgium	227.3	124.8	107.7	83.8	135.7
Denmark	199.5	160.4	97.7	104.9	146.8
France	235.9	130.2	80.5	92.2	145.3
Germany	222.1	143.6	91.0	88.3	143.5
Italy	217.8	135.4	102.2	88.9	129.0
Netherlands	193.0	152.3	114.6	101.4	139.8
Sweden	224.0	162.8	94.2	94.9	143.1
United Kingdom	224.6	115.1	86.0	122.9	156.2
Norway	255.7	172.2	105.7	117.3	167.8
Switzerland	263.8	155.5	90.5	92.0	157.9
Russia	252.3	136.3	93.5	198.1	170.1
Libya	241.6	83.4	78.8	132.2	112.3
USA	321.7	199.4	93.0	123.9	173.1
Other	239.9	192.7	99.9	132.7	159.5
Total	227.5	141.9	93.2	112.1	150.4