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TOURISM STATISTICS

Tourist Arrivals: January 2004

In January this year, tourist arrivals reached 41,075, an increase of 223 tourists or 0.5 per cent over the same month last year.

Tourist arriving from the United Kingdom amounted to a total of 17,622 and accounted for 43.0 per cent of all tourist arrivals during this month, thereby showing a decrease of 14.5 per cent over the same month last year. German tourists decreased by 4.0 per cent and reached 3,670. Other drops in tourist arrivals were registered from the Swiss (-300), the Belgian (-85) and the Finnish (-132) markets.

The number of Italian tourists increased to 4,102 from the 2,439 recorded last year. The Danish market increased by 192 tourists over the same period last year. Other increases in tourist arrivals included the Libyan (+211), the Norwegian (+183), the Swedish (+109), the U.S. (+46) and a group of 'other' (+1,186) markets.

Gross Earnings from Tourism

The January – December 2003 period amounted to a total of Lm260.9 million; an increase of Lm14.7 million or 6.0 per cent over the same period last year.

Tourism Earnings per capita

During the January – December 2003 period, per capita expenditure increased by Lm 14.4 to Lm231.6 from Lm217.2 per capita recorded during the previous year.

Table 1. Tourist Arrivals: January 1999 - 2004

Country of Origin	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 ^P	% Change 2004/2003
Austria	1,422	734	641	639	591	734	24.2
Belgium	556	576	370	562	499	414	-17.0
Denmark	611	655	652	666	751	943	25.6
Finland	125	134	84	133	249	117	-53.0
France	1,535	1,704	2,186	2,226	1,350	1,368	1.3
Germany	8,000	10,976	6,635	3,412	3,821	3,670	-4.0
Italy	2,976	2,623	2,838	3,134	2,439	4,102	68.2
Libya	1,979	3,596	2,614	2,114	1,231	1,442	17.1
Netherlands	1,371	1,612	952	731	805	907	12.7
Norway	426	413	363	348	482	665	38.0
Russia	421	318	622	528	676	694	2.7
Sweden	284	551	298	282	334	443	32.6
Switzerland	747	381	631	426	775	475	-38.7
U.K.	17,937	14,674	18,983	16,029	20,602	17,622	-14.5
U.S.A	1,031	994	1,142	1,146	1,266	1,312	3.6
Other	5,270	4,776	5,042	4,949	4,981	6,167	23.8
Total	44,691	44,717	44,053	37,325	40,852	41,075	0.5

^P Provisional

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Table 2. Tourists arrivals by sea: January 2003 - 2004

Country	2003	2004
Austria	1	5
Belgium	1	-
Denmark	2	-
Finland	2	-
France	1	6
Germany	13	18
Italy	130	84
Libya	-	-
Netherlands	4	7
Norway	16	3
Russia	59	49
Sweden	5	2
Switzerland	4	9
U.K.	41	38
U.S.A.	39	51
Other	204	169
Total	522	441

Table 3. Tourist arrivals by air and sea: January 2003 - 2004

	2003	2004	% change
By air	40,330	40,634	0.8
By sea	522	441	-15.5
Total	40,852	41,075	0.5

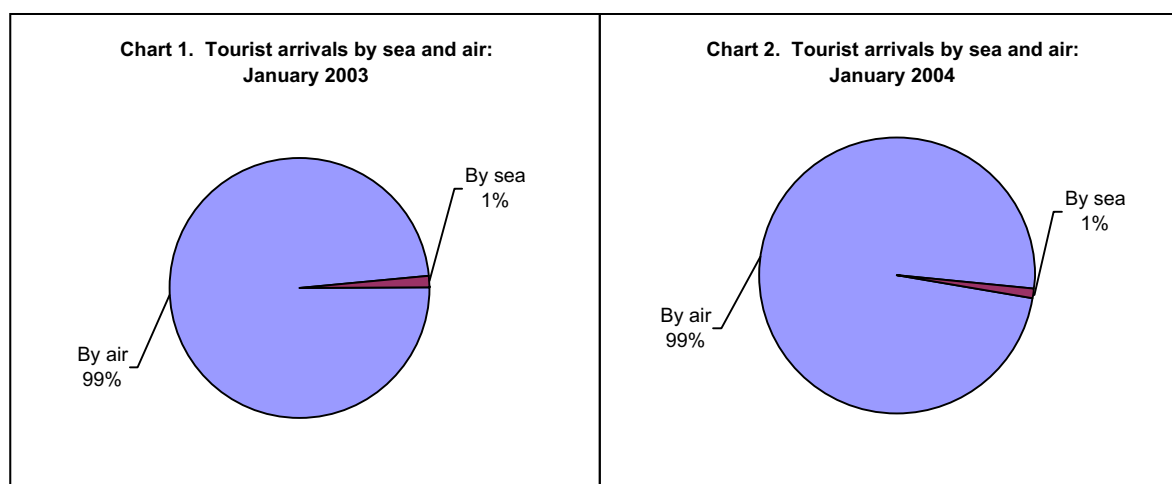


Table 4. Gross Earnings from Tourism

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	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003^P
January	12,804	16,503	16,041	17,363	13,460	14,223
February	13,203	12,501	11,576	14,717	11,924	13,894
March	15,699	17,233	15,271	14,249	16,110	15,401
January - March	41,706	46,236	42,888	46,328	41,494	43,518
April	20,460	20,505	22,370	22,486	18,477	20,574
May	20,064	21,218	22,515	21,212	21,615	24,214
June	24,786	25,387	27,315	26,723	22,603	24,680
April - June	65,310	67,109	72,199	70,420	62,695	69,468
July	29,253	30,337	29,688	29,215	25,113	26,039
August	31,466	36,066	34,985	34,431	29,900	29,887
September	25,784	28,736	26,462	25,083	24,799	27,311
July - September	86,503	95,140	91,135	88,728	79,811	83,237
October	24,671	25,193	26,689	21,518	25,653	27,429
November	20,361	21,234	19,831	17,145	18,875	18,491
December	16,067	16,471	15,450	16,606	17,731	18,803
October - December	61,099	62,898	61,970	55,269	62,259	64,723
Total	254,618	271,383	268,192	260,745	246,259	260,946

Table 5. Tourism earnings per capita

Lm

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003^P
January	335.24	369.27	358.72	394.14	360.62	348.16
February	236.58	211.14	208.62	263.31	223.55	249.27
March	199.87	188.06	186.08	167.42	189.09	209.30
April	187.51	195.50	190.16	208.59	202.73	200.25
May	173.50	181.48	199.60	183.42	203.80	222.66
June	218.62	214.73	226.30	221.81	207.14	213.93
July	201.68	202.95	194.34	194.11	176.25	178.53
August	198.34	226.59	225.24	225.12	196.60	200.54
September	203.15	222.22	199.67	191.16	197.89	228.17
October	221.65	218.35	238.83	201.38	224.70	269.28
November	285.13	289.33	291.35	283.40	302.02	316.34
December	275.89	317.16	249.71	337.88	321.92	343.87

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