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### Outbound Tourism: April 2005

#### April 2005

Maltese passengers during the month of April, approximated 14,937. Of these 13,314 passengers departed by air - a decrease of 20.4 per cent over the same month last year. 96.6 per cent of Maltese departing by air went abroad for less than 6 months.

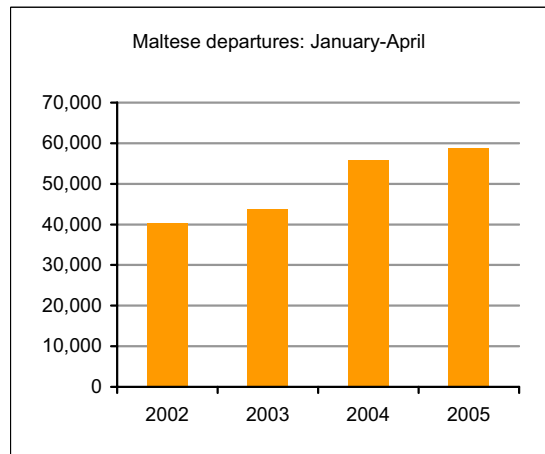
#### January - April 2005

During the January - April 2005 period 58,820 Maltese passengers departed by air. This compared to the January - April 2004 period shows an increase of 5.2 per cent. 97.8 per cent of the Maltese passengers departing during the January - April 2005 period spent less than six months away from the Maltese islands. On the other hand, 0.3 per cent of Maltese passengers traveling by air spent 12 months and over away from the Maltese islands.

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In the period under review; the most frequent destination with Maltese departures was the United Kingdom which accounted for 24.9 per cent of the total Maltese passengers. This type of frequency was followed by other main destinations - Italy (22.6 per cent), Tunisia (8.1 per cent), Germany (6.4 per cent), France (4.3 per cent), Netherlands (3.1 per cent) and Spain (1.0 per cent).



When compared to the same period last year, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom increased by 3.6 percent. Substantial increases were also recorded in departures to Germany (29.0 per cent), Tunisia (17.5 per cent), Italy (5.0 per cent), the Netherlands (10.6 per cent) and to a group of 'other' markets (11.6 per cent). On the other hand decreases to other main destinations were as follows - France (-29.9 per cent) and Spain (-55.3 per cent) ■



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**Table 1. Distribution of Maltese departures by month: 2003 - 2005**

	Air					Sea	
	2003	2004	% change	2005	% change	2004	2005
January	10,208	12,006	17.6	14,117	17.6	-	31 <sup>u</sup>
February	9,911	12,872	29.9	12,769	-0.8	-	259 <sup>u</sup>
March	11,871	14,279	20.3	18,620	30.4	-	1,240
April	11,694	16,731	43.1	13,314	-20.4	944 <sup>u</sup>	1,623
May	10,508	13,480	28.3			2,845	
June	11,299	14,043	24.3			2,845	
July	17,021	22,329	31.2			2,040	
August	24,240	29,150	20.3			2,975	
September	23,613	24,676	4.5			2,459	
October	13,344	13,623	2.1			1,562	
November	12,723	12,774	0.4			508 <sup>u</sup>	
December	18,010	17,435	-3.2			616 <sup>u</sup>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>174,442</b>	<b>203,398</b>	<b>16.6</b>				

<sup>u</sup> underestimated

Figures for February 2005 have been revised

**Table 2. Duration of Maltese passengers by month: April 2004 - April 2005**

Month	Under 6 months	6 but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
<b>2004</b>					
April	16,134	126	63	408	16,731
May	13,107	83	83	207	13,480
June	13,914	86	-	43	14,043
July	22,121	42	125	41	22,329
August	28,715	43	130	262	29,150
September	24,085	127	211	253	24,676
October	13,150	86	129	258	13,623
November	12,508	44	88	134	12,774
December	17,087	40	88	220	17,435
<i>Jan-Dec 2004 AIR</i>	<i>198,722</i>	<i>846</i>	<i>1,222</i>	<i>2,608</i>	<i>203,398</i>
<i>Apr-Dec 2004 SEA</i>	<i>16,727</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>16,794</i>
<b>2005</b>					
<i>Jan-Apr 2005 AIR</i>	<i>57,530</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>989</i>	<i>58,820</i>
January	13,795	46	-	276	14,117
February	12,474	-	42	253	12,769
March	18,406	43	128	43	18,620
April	12,855	42	-	417	13,314
<i>Jan-Apr 2005 SEA</i>	<i>3,124</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>3,153</i>

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**Table 3. Maltese passengers by destination, age group and sex: January-April 2004**

Country of destination	Males					Females					Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
France		136	753	931	68	65	359	562	615	97	3,586
Germany	65	97	935	836	66	65	97	327	429	-	2,917
Italy	264	634	3,185	3,120	68	261	530	2,739	1,777	97	12,675
Netherlands	-	66	633	368	-	-	68	235	263	-	1,633
Spain	97	34	230	348	31	34	97	94	223	63	1,251
Tunisia	199	336	1,132	568	66	102	233	563	804	34	4,037
United Kingdom	363	303	3,660	2,997	461	263	794	2,630	2,114	530	14,115
Other	233	499	4,531	4,672	397	157	693	2,718	1,523	251	15,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>15,059</b>	<b>13,840</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>9,868</b>	<b>7,748</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>55,888</b>

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**Table 4. Maltese passengers by destination, age group and sex: January-April 2005**

Country of destination	Males					Females					Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
France	85	127	519	632	42	42	42	346	594	86	2,515
Germany	-	85	1,558	816	86	43	88	652	393	43	3,764
Italy	43	551	3,961	3,164	173	254	521	2,512	2,049	86	13,314
Netherlands	-	167	565	517	-	-	125	307	125	-	1,806
Spain	-	42	306	127	-	-	-	-	42	42	559
Tunisia	-	341	939	816	88	43	263	996	1,048	210	4,744
United Kingdom	127	518	3,680	3,333	645	42	610	3,037	2,380	253	14,625
Other	86	525	5,518	5,679	443	42	870	2,313	1,764	253	17,493
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>17,046</b>	<b>15,084</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>8,395</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>58,820</b>

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## Methodological Notes

1. Maltese air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of Malta International Airport. A two-stage sample design is used for this survey. At the first stage alternate days are selected. Then within each shift a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Personal interviews are carried out. Monthly response rates of around 90 per cent are achieved.
2. Maltese sea departures are collected through a regular survey that is carried out at the seaport. Ferry sailings on every alternate day are selected. Departing passengers are interviewed personally. On average a response rate of 93 per cent is recorded for this survey.
3. The survey which is carried out at the seaport commenced in April 2004. No data for Maltese sea departures is available for the period January - March 2004.
4. The variables with respect to Maltese departures that are collected in this survey include the following:  
Age  
Sex  
Destination
5. The surveys carried out at the airport and the seaport are grossed up using the monthly passenger departures data in respect of each port after removing the number of transit passengers from the data sets.
6. Definitions  
  
*Outbound tourism* comprises the activities of residents of a given country traveling to and staying in places outside that country and outside their usual environment.  
  
*Usual environment* consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited.
7. The data in this release are not normally subject revision.
8. Further methodological notes are available at [www.nso.gov.mt/publications/Tourstat/Tourstat2003.pdf](http://www.nso.gov.mt/publications/Tourstat/Tourstat2003.pdf)