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Tourism Statistics

Tourism departures: December 2004

Tourist departures by air during the month of December were estimated at 40,990, a decrease of 0.5 per cent when compared to the same month last year. Sea departures were estimated at 195 tourists. As a result, total tourist departures amounted to 41,185

Tourists from the United Kingdom were 47.5 per cent of the market and increased by 1.3 per cent when compared to the same month last year. Other markets which recorded increases in departures included those from Belgium, France, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, Libya and the USA.

On the other hand, departing tourists from Germany which accounted for 9.3 per cent of the market declined by 28.1 per cent. Other drops in tourist departures by air included those from Italy, Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and a group of 'other' markets.

Tourism Departures: January-December 2004

In the period under review, tourist departures by air increased by 3.5 per cent over the same period in year 2003 and reached 1,127,407. The German market which accounted for approximately 12.0 per cent of all tourist departures, increased by 8.0 per cent. Other markets recording increases in tourist departures included the French, Italian, Belgian, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Swiss, Russian and US markets.

On the other hand, tourists from the British market which accounted for 40.1 per cent decreased by 4.2 per cent. Other declining markets included the Netherlands, Libya and Austria.

Accommodation

It is estimated that during the year 2004, the number of nights spent in the Maltese islands by tourists departing by air amounted to a total of 10,973,396, a drop of 1.3 per cent over the same period in year 2004. The number of nights spent in hotel accommodation establishments accounted for 65.2 per cent of the total nights spent. A total of 850,627 tourists or 75.4 per cent of all tourists stayed in hotels, an increase of 14.2 per cent.

Tourism expenditure

During this year, expenditure on package tours for visits to the Maltese islands was estimated at Lm219.5 million, an increase of Lm 5.6 million or 2.6 per cent over year 2003. Non-package tourists spent Lm43 million on airfares and Lm 26.2 million on accommodation thereby decreasing total expenditure on non-package travel by approximately Lm 4.4 million or 5.9 per cent over year 2003.

Other expenditure from both package and non-package tourists altogether increased by Lm 1.3 million to Lm 143,531,170 in year 2004 from Lm142,224,340 in year 2004. In the period under review total expenditure increased by Lm2.5 million or 0.6 per cent. As a result, per capita expenditure decreased to Lm191.7 from Lm197.3 ■

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

Country of residence	Air					Sea	
	2002	2003	2003/2002 % +/-	2004	2004/2003 % +/-	2003 *	2004
Austria	296 ^u	581 ^u	96.3	379 ^u	-34.8	1	-
Belgium	711 ^u	619 ^u	-12.9	929 ^u	50.1	6	-
Denmark	1,182	890 ^u	-24.7	595 ^u	-33.1	1	-
France	1,882	1,394	-25.9	1,900	36.3	5	-
Germany	5,636	5,304	-5.9	3,814	-28.1	15	-
Italy	3,065	2,861	-6.7	2,826	-1.2	417	130
Netherlands	387 ^u	930 ^u	140.3	773 ^u	-16.9	3	-
Sweden	778 ^u	732 ^u	-5.9	1,413	93.0	4	-
United Kingdom	21,800	19,207	-11.9	19,450	1.3	76	-
Norway	267 ^u	271 ^u	1.5	220 ^u	-18.8	3	-
Switzerland	1,035	619 ^u	-40.2	759 ^u	22.6	8	-
Russia	239 ^u	310 ^u	29.7	390 ^u	25.8	17	-
Libya	1,295	929 ^u	-28.3	1,352	45.5	-	-
USA	767 ^u	658 ^u	-14.2	941 ^u	43.0	47	65
Other	7,663	5,874	-23.3	5,249	-10.6	348	-
Total	47,003	41,179	-12.4	40,990	-0.5	951	195

^u underestimated

* Sea arrivals data are not strictly comparable to the sea departures data in 2004.

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

Country of residence	Air					Sea	
	2002	2003	2003/2002 % +/-	2004	2004/2003 % +/-	2003	2004
Austria	18,789	24,423	30.0	23,928	-2.0	173	102
Belgium	24,495	26,268	7.2	31,245	18.9	131	189
Denmark	16,684	19,909	19.3	20,039	0.7	39	-
France	79,770	77,029	-3.4	86,061	11.7	353	1,068
Germany	147,765	124,773	-15.6	134,758	8.0	642	380
Italy	69,885	78,366	12.1	80,991	3.3	14,312	21,178
Netherlands	42,173	39,807	-5.6	38,341	-3.7	237	105
Sweden	9,588	10,433	8.8	25,628	145.6	123	77
United Kingdom	466,005	471,898	1.3	451,997	-4.2	1,199	883
Norway	9,714	11,027	13.5	16,309	47.9	203	42
Switzerland	22,109	21,669	-2.0	22,778	5.1	341	68
Russia	22,327	16,601	-25.6	19,242	15.9	3,747	455
Libya	25,024	17,455	-30.2	12,831	-26.5	9	-
USA	11,389	13,896	22.0	17,001	22.3	1,278	1,719
Other	131,110	135,535	3.4	146,258	7.9	6,361	2,355
Total	1,096,827	1,089,089	-0.7	1,127,407	3.5	29,148	28,621

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

Country of residence	Holiday		Business (other)		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	310	1.0	271	5.1	-	-	-	-	581	1.4
Belgium	503	1.6	77	1.4	-	-	39	1.9	619	1.5
Denmark	813	2.5	77	1.4	-	-	-	-	890	2.2
France	1,045	3.2	194	3.6	-	-	155	7.7	1,394	3.4
Germany	3,949	12.2	1,084	20.4	77	5.1	194	9.6	5,304	12.9
Italy	1,278	4.0	1,041	19.6	232	15.4	310	15.4	2,861	6.9
Netherlands	659	2.0	155	2.9	39	2.6	77	3.8	930	2.3
Sweden	465	1.4	151	2.8	39	2.6	77	3.8	732	1.8
United Kingdom	17,813	55.1	620	11.6	658	43.6	116	5.8	19,207	46.6
Norway	271	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	271	0.7
Switzerland	542	1.7	39	0.7	-	-	38	1.9	619	1.5
Russia	155	0.5	77	1.4	-	-	78	3.9	310	0.8
Libya	387	1.2	271	5.1	77	5.1	194	9.6	929	2.3
USA	581	1.8	39	0.7	38	2.6	-	-	658	1.6
Other	3,562	11.0	1,228	23.1	347	23.1	737	36.5	5,874	14.3
Total	32,333	100.0	5,324	100.0	1,507	100.0	2,015	100.0	41,179	100.0

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

Country of residence	Holiday		Business (other)		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	270	0.8	109	2.0	-	-	-	-	379	0.9
Belgium	603	1.8	270	4.9	56	5.7	-	-	929	2.3
Denmark	595	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	595	1.5
France	1,629	5.0	162	2.9	-	-	109	6.4	1,900	4.6
Germany	2,940	9.0	434	7.8	-	-	440	26.0	3,814	9.3
Italy	1,198	3.7	1,247	22.5	164	16.6	217	12.8	2,826	6.9
Netherlands	663	2.0	110	2.0	-	-	-	-	773	1.9
Sweden	1,303	4.0	110	2.0	-	-	-	-	1,413	3.4
United Kingdom	17,759	54.2	874	15.8	547	55.5	270	16.0	19,450	47.5
Norway	220	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	220	0.5
Switzerland	379	1.2	218	3.9	-	-	162	9.6	759	1.9
Russia	334	1.0	-	-	-	-	56	3.3	390	1.0
Libya	649	2.0	703	12.7	-	-	-	-	1,352	3.3
USA	665	2.0	166	3.0	110	11.2	-	-	941	2.3
Other	3,564	10.9	1,141	20.6	108	11.0	436	25.8	5,249	12.8
Total	32,771	100.0	5,544	100.0	985	100.0	1,690	100.0	40,990	100.0

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

Country of residence	Hotels									
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified	
	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	3,239	20,169	10,740	79,114	3,823	28,366	61	61	50	148
Belgium	7,586	63,532	11,224	95,509	2,876	22,360	302	2,260	51	205
Denmark	1,865	12,249	1,925	14,988	884	6,758	53	473	257	1,807
France	7,815	42,971	34,591	257,053	9,298	61,814	3,431	22,252	445	2,876
Germany	16,608	108,104	54,856	465,290	16,307	152,372	2,679	24,379	366	2,361
Italy	17,119	90,939	23,212	151,669	10,894	92,468	1,314	10,944	424	3,193
Netherlands	5,880	39,872	10,015	82,974	7,444	64,659	245	1,726	99	1,030
Sweden	1,963	9,634	3,149	22,337	1,104	8,775	841	7,451	46	381
United Kingdom	42,365	331,616	164,209	1,698,833	105,071	1,137,355	4,634	53,090	2,063	25,042
Norway	2,337	16,331	3,510	27,129	1,871	16,790	246	2,322	92	1,545
Switzerland	5,898	38,458	6,842	52,932	2,447	19,840	457	3,556	213	1,233
Russia	2,561	21,975	6,226	64,101	2,314	30,416	643	7,514	-	-
Libya	2,674	19,269	4,383	21,613	4,000	25,655	1,214	9,304	39	39
USA	4,623	27,691	3,798	27,087	712	5,447	392	2,681	36	145
Other	26,415	162,915	43,585	341,393	20,177	176,960	2,603	21,497	540	3,374
Total	148,948	1,005,725	382,265	3,402,022	189,222	1,850,035	19,115	169,510	4,721	43,379
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	816	7,841	644	5,351	885	18,916	4,165	38,442	24,423	198,408
Belgium	584	4,641	954	7,954	875	9,727	1,816	18,193	26,268	224,381
Denmark	2,649	23,675	752	6,365	493	3,809	11,031	100,187	19,909	170,311
France	1,705	14,404	2,759	23,733	1,797	27,686	15,188	171,330	77,029	624,119
Germany	4,431	45,054	5,326	48,780	6,132	80,384	18,068	256,133	124,773	1,182,857
Italy	4,517	39,063	2,400	20,189	3,281	34,698	15,205	183,946	78,366	627,109
Netherlands	4,311	36,655	4,768	51,257	3,254	35,627	3,791	43,493	39,807	357,293
Sweden	544	9,768	742	9,165	280	4,842	1,764	50,668	10,433	123,021
United Kingdom	23,332	282,850	39,359	417,273	32,851	454,136	58,014	764,673	471,898	5,164,868
Norway	392	5,171	801	11,746	684	7,173	1,094	22,513	11,027	110,720
Switzerland	271	1,861	1,177	12,475	788	6,999	3,576	55,957	21,669	193,311
Russia	776	7,476	840	7,590	567	4,757	2,674	57,634	16,601	201,463
Libya	304	1,574	1,064	5,186	768	16,998	3,009	44,753	17,455	144,391
USA	244	5,040	427	3,000	723	22,758	2,941	78,762	13,896	172,611
Other	4,456	48,714	7,277	77,198	6,301	196,399	24,181	591,890	135,535	1,620,340
Total	49,332	533,787	69,290	707,262	59,679	924,909	166,517	2,478,574	1,089,089	11,115,203

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

Country of residence	Hotels									
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified	
	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	3,196	22,576	10,824	78,725	3,514	25,731	51	716	36	108
Belgium	7,485	46,370	16,745	136,054	2,772	23,407	249	1,888	-	-
Denmark	1,239	8,323	3,578	29,255	2,313	16,928	364	2,547	-	-
France	12,406	63,993	42,262	306,082	11,219	81,650	2,324	16,987	140	823
Germany	17,075	120,626	62,518	525,062	21,092	173,070	2,689	24,560	122	915
Italy	22,264	103,242	25,606	177,514	13,897	92,841	1,730	10,948	36	108
Netherlands	6,249	40,501	13,223	113,074	8,280	75,436	649	4,420	-	-
Sweden	5,285	33,847	9,371	75,789	5,095	39,181	1,123	9,431	-	-
United Kingdom	38,218	276,080	176,846	1,756,138	122,524	1,290,975	2,353	25,341	255	1,898
Norway	3,411	21,157	6,994	61,256	2,001	17,790	882	7,303	36	216
Switzerland	5,454	34,789	9,217	68,360	2,127	15,725	345	2,884	106	739
Russia	5,498	48,320	5,083	49,066	2,712	33,933	141	2,790	178	1,499
Libya	3,440	25,150	2,107	9,124	3,239	22,721	486	1,778	-	-
USA	6,849	46,698	4,067	31,025	1,496	10,729	286	3,460	-	-
Other	32,461	195,349	50,360	405,247	20,574	176,535	3,429	24,755	431	1,826
Total	170,530	1,087,021	438,801	3,821,771	222,855	2,096,652	17,101	139,808	1,340	8,132
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	-	-	547	4,552	878	8,011	4,882	54,947	23,928	195,366
Belgium	125	1,126	858	7,469	562	3,654	2,449	25,540	31,245	245,508
Denmark	459	3,216	1,163	10,031	741	6,094	10,182	89,748	20,039	166,142
France	88	614	2,156	17,046	2,928	44,599	12,538	137,581	86,061	669,375
Germany	258	2,173	5,540	52,738	6,924	103,989	18,540	240,667	134,758	1,243,800
Italy	203	6,903	3,158	26,788	2,491	30,519	11,606	126,130	80,991	574,993
Netherlands	99	830	3,723	41,301	2,422	23,316	3,696	36,991	38,341	335,869
Sweden	-	-	884	8,704	1,274	26,212	2,596	27,782	25,628	220,946
United Kingdom	950	11,396	26,401	260,752	25,225	303,943	59,225	684,401	451,997	4,610,924
Norway	-	-	1,133	13,743	497	4,757	1,355	15,757	16,309	141,979
Switzerland	-	-	830	13,346	969	12,988	3,730	80,775	22,778	229,606
Russia	-	-	661	13,139	796	29,717	4,173	81,227	19,242	259,691
Libya	52	731	155	1,003	1,072	30,509	2,280	41,158	12,831	132,174
USA	-	-	715	7,574	614	12,159	2,974	56,572	17,001	168,217
Other	225	11,280	5,216	93,241	6,445	164,242	27,117	706,331	146,258	1,778,806
Total	2,459	38,269	53,140	571,427	53,838	804,709	167,343	2,405,607	1,127,407	10,973,396

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

January-December 2003					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	5,599,833	535,227	505,801	2,306,752	8,947,613
Belgium	6,741,991	899,727	843,630	2,972,249	11,457,597
Denmark	4,260,157	381,922	330,968	2,338,301	7,311,348
France	18,613,042	2,143,497	1,579,528	8,329,848	30,665,915
Germany	28,000,132	3,513,506	2,647,145	12,599,179	46,759,962
Italy	13,571,640	4,193,449	3,075,230	8,997,939	29,838,258
Netherlands	8,068,867	899,917	761,639	4,935,858	14,666,281
Sweden	2,008,150	601,344	509,326	1,545,715	4,664,535
United Kingdom	84,131,065	15,289,658	10,308,222	64,223,121	173,952,066
Norway	3,238,869	559,645	364,074	1,850,523	6,013,111
Switzerland	5,401,929	904,298	646,089	2,643,323	9,595,639
Russia	4,032,784	538,791	513,000	2,475,853	7,560,428
Libya	1,168,319	1,510,908	1,289,863	3,084,754	7,053,844
USA	2,251,653	2,078,158	1,213,395	2,408,732	7,951,938
Other	26,845,382	9,585,142	5,410,179	21,512,193	63,352,896
Total	213,933,813	43,635,189	29,998,089	142,224,340	429,791,431
January-December 2004					
Austria	5,116,954	552,512	591,016	2,323,787	8,584,269
Belgium	7,129,306	706,630	659,484	3,298,563	11,793,983
Denmark	4,173,138	283,693	221,705	2,322,404	7,000,940
France	19,062,349	2,341,488	1,924,965	8,665,196	31,993,998
Germany	29,489,511	2,966,690	2,211,260	14,122,761	48,790,222
Italy	13,063,529	4,435,512	3,258,013	8,202,943	28,959,997
Netherlands	7,609,967	873,223	753,138	4,644,926	13,881,254
Sweden	4,999,523	807,438	691,423	3,307,957	9,806,341
United Kingdom	85,596,816	14,375,112	7,206,698	62,343,547	169,522,173
Norway	3,432,421	447,032	254,179	2,231,789	6,365,421
Switzerland	5,731,721	766,775	521,583	2,736,907	9,756,986
Russia	5,002,236	554,703	460,211	3,353,985	9,371,135
Libya	713,042	987,308	882,665	2,068,853	4,651,868
USA	2,601,503	2,179,075	1,080,469	2,425,423	8,286,470
Other	25,809,737	10,758,297	5,514,416	21,482,129	63,564,579
Total	219,531,753	43,035,488	26,231,225	143,531,170	432,329,636

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

January-December 2003					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	271.3	141.4	140.0	94.4	183.2
Belgium	329.2	155.4	157.9	113.2	218.1
Denmark	242.5	162.9	147.5	117.4	183.6
France	295.7	152.3	121.5	108.1	199.1
Germany	275.9	150.8	128.7	101.0	187.4
Italy	287.1	134.8	114.3	114.8	190.4
Netherlands	240.8	142.9	129.9	124.0	184.2
Sweden	306.6	154.8	141.5	148.2	223.5
United Kingdom	244.4	119.8	109.3	136.1	184.3
Norway	415.7	173.0	124.9	167.8	272.7
Switzerland	327.5	174.7	137.8	122.0	221.4
Russia	314.0	143.4	146.8	149.1	227.7
Libya	279.3	113.8	102.7	176.7	202.1
USA	496.2	222.1	154.7	173.3	286.1
Other	308.2	197.9	124.9	158.7	233.7
Total	271.6	144.7	119.9	130.6	197.3
January-December 2004					
Austria	258.9	132.8	153.2	97.1	179.4
Belgium	274.8	133.2	133.8	105.6	188.7
Denmark	231.7	139.8	119.9	115.9	174.7
France	276.7	136.3	121.9	100.7	185.9
Germany	261.4	135.1	109.8	104.8	181.0
Italy	271.2	135.2	108.8	101.3	178.8
Netherlands	238.0	137.2	130.7	121.1	181.0
Sweden	256.9	131.0	121.5	129.1	191.3
United Kingdom	255.2	123.3	83.6	137.9	187.5
Norway	253.8	160.5	113.0	136.8	195.2
Switzerland	321.4	155.1	123.5	120.2	214.2
Russia	327.2	140.3	126.1	174.3	243.5
Libya	241.8	99.9	94.3	161.2	181.2
USA	390.1	210.9	118.7	142.7	243.7
Other	284.6	193.6	108.9	146.9	217.3
Total	265.3	143.4	103.5	127.3	191.7

* Weighted average

Table 9. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package tourists

December 2003					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	63,508	33,756	21,790	37,638	156,692
Belgium	78,309	25,249	19,100	48,416	171,074
Denmark	170,694	19,028	5,798	76,484	272,004
France	208,610	53,667	98,037	133,000	493,314
Germany	791,624	128,494	194,442	570,469	1,685,029
Italy	175,448	256,482	184,386	310,198	926,514
Netherlands	148,090	47,891	48,631	106,513	351,125
Sweden	85,583	37,797	35,237	129,401	288,018
United Kingdom	3,036,987	520,886	422,392	2,388,875	6,369,140
Norway	54,688	7,812	-	33,332	95,832
Switzerland	80,770	23,022	31,350	57,238	192,380
Russia	26,652	34,684	83,072	165,332	309,740
Libya	-	95,481	122,029	88,055	305,565
USA	133,473	40,637	14,039	105,611	293,760
Other	718,109	369,552	279,456	778,941	2,146,058
Total	5,772,545	1,694,438	1,559,759	5,029,503	14,056,245
December 2004					
Austria	43,718	16,127	8,111	25,214	93,170
Belgium	131,041	53,387	31,677	97,258	313,363
Denmark	115,891	-	-	92,301	208,192
France	343,572	76,205	48,318	162,554	630,649
Germany	676,358	99,493	60,879	385,678	1,222,408
Italy	193,953	235,537	180,715	379,136	989,341
Netherlands	91,513	20,411	21,533	76,162	209,619
Sweden	252,451	37,129	58,865	257,340	605,785
United Kingdom	3,264,614	476,254	182,400	2,510,017	6,433,285
Norway	43,243	-	-	41,366	84,609
Switzerland	100,428	51,615	38,859	152,487	343,389
Russia	41,827	23,137	9,466	126,965	201,395
Libya	134,339	65,648	57,668	150,793	408,448
USA	167,620	112,838	41,539	100,421	422,418
Other	681,132	297,643	195,425	866,679	2,040,879
Total	6,281,700	1,565,424	935,455	5,424,371	14,206,950

Table 10. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package tourists

December 2003					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	149.1	217.8	187.8	64.8	134.8
Belgium	183.8	130.1	98.5	78.2	138.1
Denmark	210.0	247.1	75.3	85.9	152.8
France	215.5	126.0	253.3	95.4	176.9
Germany	192.9	107.1	167.5	107.6	158.8
Italy	197.1	130.2	95.4	108.4	161.9
Netherlands	238.9	154.5	156.9	114.5	188.8
Sweden	171.2	162.9	181.6	176.8	196.7
United Kingdom	210.8	108.5	121.2	124.4	165.8
Norway	235.7	200.3	-	123.0	176.8
Switzerland	189.6	118.7	161.6	92.5	155.3
Russia	229.8	178.8	535.9	533.3	499.6
Libya	-	102.8	143.2	94.8	164.5
USA	382.4	131.1	90.6	160.5	223.1
Other	199.4	162.6	134.2	132.6	182.7
Total	207.1	127.4	138.1	122.1	170.7
December 2004					
Austria	161.9	149.3	75.1	66.5	123.1
Belgium	217.3	163.8	97.2	104.7	168.7
Denmark	194.8	-	-	155.1	175.0
France	226.2	200.5	148.7	85.6	166.0
Germany	217.7	140.9	86.2	101.1	160.3
Italy	197.5	127.7	111.1	134.2	175.0
Netherlands	150.5	123.0	195.8	98.5	135.5
Sweden	221.6	135.5	214.8	182.1	214.4
United Kingdom	214.8	112.0	61.9	129.0	165.4
Norway	196.6	-	-	188.0	192.3
Switzerland	231.9	158.3	119.2	200.9	226.2
Russia	187.6	138.5	56.7	325.6	258.2
Libya	191.1	101.2	96.9	111.5	151.1
USA	429.8	204.8	75.4	106.7	224.5
Other	206.9	152.1	119.7	165.1	194.4
Total	214.5	133.7	96.5	132.3	173.3

* Weighted average

Methodological Notes

1. Tourist 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. Tourist 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 variables collected in these surveys include the following:

Nationality	Number of nights stayed
Country of residence	Locality in Malta stayed longest
Flight/Sailing	Organisation of trip
Final destination	Form of transport used
Purpose of visit	Expenditure (package/non-package/other)
Frequency of visit	Age
Gender	
4. The expenditure data contained in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings. Such expenditure includes elements that are earned by enterprises outside the Maltese economic territory.
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. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to tourism statistics because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers. As a result, the monthly tourism statistics published by the NSO are always lower than the combined passenger departures data available from the airport and seaport.
6. Definitions

Usual Environment consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited

Visitors comprise tourists and same-day visitors. Visitors are distinguished from other travelers according to the following criteria:

- The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment.
- The stay in the place visited should not last more than 12 consecutive months.
- The main purpose of visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

International tourist satisfies the criteria mentioned earlier regarding visitors. Additionally, international tourists must stay at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the country visited.

International same-day visitor is an international visitor who does not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.

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