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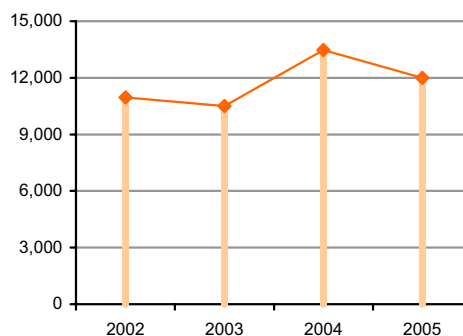
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Outbound Tourism: May 2005

May 2005

Maltese passengers during the month of May, approximated 15,700. Of these, 12,000 passengers departed by air - a decrease of 11.0 per cent over the same month last year. In the month under review, 97.1 per cent of Maltese air departures by air went abroad for less than 6 months.

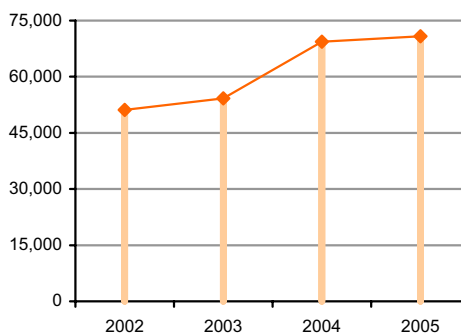
Maltese Departures: May



January - May 2005

During the January - May 2005 period, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air amounted to 70,820, an increase of 2.1 per cent over the same period last year. Of these, 97.7 per cent spent less than 6 months away from Malta. On the other hand, 0.4 per cent of Maltese passengers travelling by air spent 12 months and over away from the Maltese Islands.

Maltese Departures: January - May



In the period under review, the most frequent destination with Maltese air passengers was the United Kingdom which accounted for 25.4 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air. This was followed by other main destinations - Italy (22.8 per cent), Tunisia (7.8 per cent), Germany (6.0 per cent), France (3.9 per cent), Netherlands (3.1 per cent) and Spain (1.1 per cent).

When compared to the same period last year, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom increased by 2.7 per cent. Substantial increases were also recorded in departures to Germany (8.6 per cent), Tunisia (21.9 per cent), the Netherlands (22.3 per cent) and to a group of 'other' markets (8.4 per cent). On the other hand, decreases to other main destinations were as follows - Italy (0.7 per cent), France (33.3 per cent) and Spain (53.3 per cent) ■

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Table 1. Monthly distribution of Maltese departures: 2003 - 2005

	Air					Sea	
	2003	2004	% change	2005	% change	2004	2005
January	10,208	12,006	17.6	14,117	17.6	-	31 ^u
February	9,911	12,872	29.9	12,769	-0.8	-	259 ^u
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 ^u	1,623
May	10,508	13,480	28.3	12,000	-11.0	2,845	3,770
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 ^u	
December	18,010	17,435	-3.2			616 ^u	
Total	174,442	203,398	16.6				

^uunderestimated

Table 2. Duration of overseas stay of Maltese passengers by month: May 2004 - May 2005

Month	Under 6 months	6 and over but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2004					
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
Jan-Dec 2004 AIR	198,722	846	1,222	2,608	203,398
Apr-Dec 2004 SEA*	16,727	29	38	-	16,794
2005					
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
May	11,650	88	88	174	12,000
Jan-May 2005 AIR	69,180	219	258	1,163	70,820
Jan-May 2005 SEA	6,796	33	-	95	6,924

Note: Values below 1,000 should be treated with caution.

* Data for January to March not available.

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

Country of destination	Males						Females						Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	
France	-	136	1,002	1,138	109	2,385	65	359	645	615	97	1,781	4,166
Germany	107	221	1,183	1,085	66	2,662	65	221	410	512	41	1,249	3,911
Italy	347	800	4,181	3,908	109	9,345	261	696	3,444	2,399	137	6,937	16,282
Netherlands	-	66	674	451	-	1,191	-	68	235	305	-	608	1,799
Spain	97	75	437	390	31	1,030	34	138	177	223	63	635	1,665
Tunisia	199	419	1,215	651	107	2,591	144	233	646	887	34	1,944	4,535
United Kingdom	363	344	4,697	3,578	626	9,608	263	876	3,128	2,820	778	7,865	17,473
Other	233	665	5,527	5,668	480	12,573	157	776	3,714	1,979	338	6,964	19,537
Total	1,346	2,726	18,916	16,869	1,528	41,385	989	3,367	12,399	9,740	1,488	27,983	69,368

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

Country of destination	Males						Females						Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	
France	85	127	738	632	42	1,624	42	42	390	594	86	1,154	2,778
Germany	-	85	1,777	904	86	2,852	43	132	696	436	87	1,394	4,246
Italy	43	595	4,705	3,953	217	9,513	254	565	3,126	2,487	216	6,648	16,161
Netherlands	-	211	608	648	44	1,511	-	125	439	125	-	689	2,200
Spain	-	42	306	258	-	606	-	-	44	86	42	172	778
Tunisia	-	341	1,158	1,123	132	2,754	43	306	1,084	1,136	209	2,778	5,532
United Kingdom	127	518	5,082	4,033	732	10,492	42	786	3,256	2,906	471	7,461	17,953
Other	86	656	6,876	6,555	487	14,660	42	870	3,058	2,202	340	6,512	21,172
Total	341	2,575	21,250	18,106	1,740	44,012	466	2,826	12,093	9,972	1,451	26,808	70,820

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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