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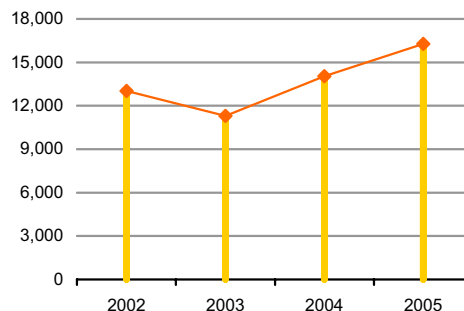
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Outbound Tourism: June 2005

June 2005

Maltese passengers during the month of June, reached a total 19,125. Of these, 16,280 passengers departed by air - an increase of 15.9 per cent over the same month last year. In the month under review, 98.4 per cent of Maltese air departures went abroad for less than 6 months.

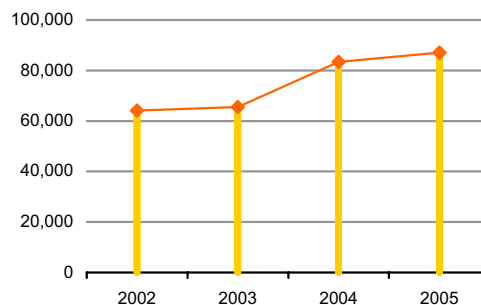
Maltese air departures: June



January - June 2005

During the January - June 2005 period, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air amounted to 87,100, an increase of 4.4 per cent over the same period last year. Of these, 97.8 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 air departures: January - June



In the period under review, the most frequent destination with Maltese air passengers was the United Kingdom which accounted for 24.8 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air. This was followed by other main destinations - Italy (23.2 per cent), Tunisia (8.2 per cent), Germany (6.1 per cent), France (3.8 per cent), Netherlands (3.0 per cent) and Spain (1.3 per cent).

When compared to the same period last year, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom increased by 4.1 per cent. Other increases were also registered in departures to Germany (8.5 per cent), Italy (1.7 per cent), Tunisia (29.6 per cent), the Netherlands (22.6 per cent) and to a group of 'other' markets (9.6 per cent). On the other hand, decreases to other main destinations were as follows - France (29.1 per cent) and Spain (45.5 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	16,280	15.9	2,845	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: June 2004 - June 2005

Month	Under 6 months	6 and over but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2004					
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
June	16,024	43	85	128	16,280
Jan-June 2005 AIR	85,204	262	343	1,291	87,100
Jan-June 2005 SEA	2,845	-	-	-	2,845

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-June 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	1,173	1,352	109	2,770	108	402	645	615	96	1,866	4,636
Germany	107	307	1,440	1,342	151	3,347	65	264	538	640	40	1,547	4,894
Italy	432	1,014	5,294	4,765	109	11,614	261	867	4,000	2,870	223	8,221	19,835
Netherlands	43	108	803	494	-	1,448	-	68	321	305	-	694	2,142
Spain	140	118	609	390	31	1,288	34	138	306	223	63	764	2,052
Tunisia	284	419	1,343	950	150	3,146	144	405	860	929	34	2,372	5,518
United Kingdom	406	516	5,468	4,477	669	11,536	306	1,048	3,685	3,162	1,036	9,237	20,773
Other	275	922	6,854	6,909	480	15,440	200	904	4,356	2,322	339	8,121	23,561
Total	1,687	3,540	22,984	20,679	1,699	50,589	1,118	4,096	14,711	11,066	1,831	32,822	83,411

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Table 4. Maltese passengers by destination, age group and sex: January-June 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	994	759	127	2,092	42	85	390	594	86	1,197	3,289
Germany	-	127	2,160	1,287	86	3,660	43	132	738	650	87	1,650	5,310
Italy	43	723	5,728	4,933	302	11,729	254	949	3,765	3,211	259	8,438	20,167
Netherlands	-	211	736	733	44	1,724	-	125	524	253	-	902	2,626
Spain	-	84	434	301	-	819	-	-	129	129	41	299	1,118
Tunisia	-	426	1,328	1,336	345	3,435	43	434	1,468	1,562	209	3,716	7,151
United Kingdom	127	731	5,679	5,227	860	12,624	84	913	3,981	3,503	514	8,995	21,619
Other	86	1,082	8,581	7,749	743	18,241	42	998	3,782	2,415	342	7,579	25,820
Total	341	3,511	25,640	22,325	2,507	54,324	508	3,636	14,777	12,317	1,538	32,776	87,100

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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