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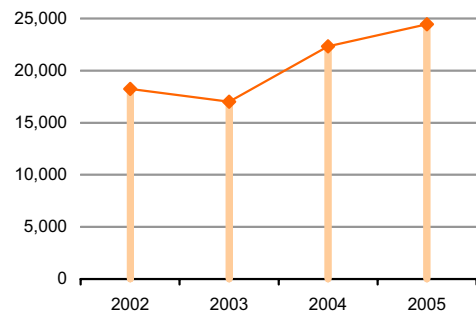
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Outbound Tourism: July 2005

July 2005

Maltese passengers during the month of July, reached a total of 28,711. Of these, 24,454 passengers departed by air - an increase of 9.5 per cent over the same month last year. In the month under review, 98.2 per cent of Maltese air departures went abroad for less than 6 months.

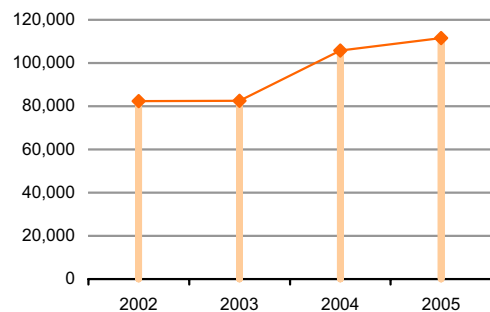
Maltese air departures: July



January - July 2005

During the January - July 2005 period, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air amounted to 111,554, an increase of 5.5 per cent over the same period last year. Of these, 97.9 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 - July



In the period under review, the most frequent destination with Maltese air passengers was the United Kingdom which accounted for 23.2 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air. This was followed by other main destinations - Italy (22.1 per cent), Tunisia (8.7 per cent), Germany (5.8 per cent), France (5.4 per cent), Netherlands (2.9 per cent) and Spain (1.5 per cent).

When compared to the same period last year, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom increased by 2.2 per cent. Other increases were also registered in departures to Germany (14.4 per cent), Tunisia (26.9 per cent), the Netherlands (30.5 per cent) and to a group of 'other' markets (12.9 per cent). On the other hand, decreases to other main destinations were as follows - France (7.8 per cent), Italy (3.8 per cent) and Spain (31.4 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
February	9,911	12,872	29.9	12,769	-0.8	-	259
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	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	3,984
July	17,021	22,329	31.2	24,454	9.5	2,040	4,257
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	
December	18,010	17,435	-3.2			616	
Total	174,442	203,398	16.6				

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

Month	Under 6 months	6 and over but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2004					
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
July	24,003	82	82	287	24,454
Jan-July 2005 AIR	109,207	344	425	1,578	111,554
Jan-July 2005 SEA	15,013	57	-	94	15,164

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-July 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	42	177	1,505	1,643	109	3,476	357	485	1,018	1,072	97	3,029	6,505
Germany	148	307	1,565	1,466	234	3,720	65	388	746	723	41	1,963	5,683
Italy	681	1,429	6,165	5,761	358	14,394	593	1,240	4,996	4,032	390	11,251	25,645
Netherlands	43	108	1,052	494	-	1,697	-	109	362	346	-	817	2,514
Spain	181	160	692	514	31	1,578	34	180	389	223	63	889	2,467
Tunisia	616	461	1,924	1,199	150	4,350	351	529	1,275	1,054	76	3,285	7,635
United Kingdom	613	848	6,505	4,975	918	13,859	472	1,297	4,598	3,909	1,202	11,478	25,337
Other	441	1,171	7,975	8,362	770	18,719	491	1,153	5,642	3,359	590	11,235	29,954
Total	2,765	4,661	27,383	24,414	2,570	61,793	2,363	5,381	19,026	14,718	2,459	43,947	105,740

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Table 4. Maltese passengers by destination, age group and sex: January-July 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	168	1,404	1,129	455	3,241	83	249	718	1,373	332	2,755	5,996
Germany	41	250	2,489	1,533	86	4,399	43	173	1,026	773	87	2,102	6,501
Italy	43	969	7,041	5,630	343	14,026	295	1,277	4,668	4,073	342	10,655	24,681
Netherlands	-	293	941	897	126	2,257	-	125	565	335	-	1,025	3,282
Spain	-	166	639	465	-	1,270	-	41	170	170	42	423	1,693
Tunisia	-	509	2,026	1,828	386	4,749	84	516	2,083	2,013	251	4,947	9,696
United Kingdom	209	1,101	6,417	6,088	1,147	14,962	166	1,283	4,514	4,364	597	10,924	25,886
Other	332	1,410	10,509	9,759	989	22,999	83	1,326	5,300	3,687	424	10,820	33,819
Total	710	4,866	31,466	27,329	3,532	67,903	754	4,990	19,044	16,788	2,075	43,651	111,554

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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