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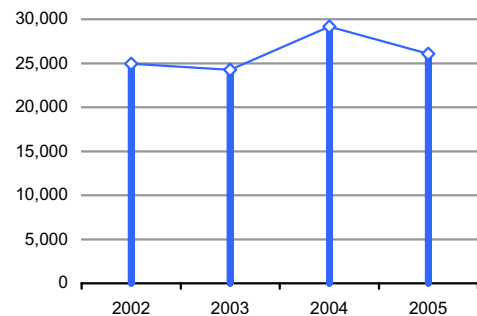
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Outbound Tourism: August 2005

August 2005

Maltese passengers during the month of August, reached a total of 30,022. Of these, 26,076 passengers departed by air - a decrease of 10.5 per cent over the same month last year. In the month under review, 98.9 per cent of Maltese air departures went abroad for less than 6 months.

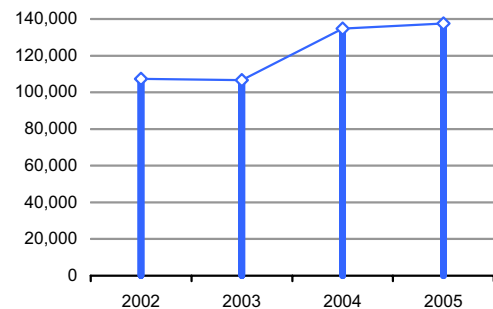
Maltese air departures: August



January - August 2005

During the January - August 2005 period, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air amounted to 137,630, an increase of 2.0 per cent over the same period last year. Of these, 98.1 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 - August



In the period under review, the most frequent destination with Maltese air passengers was the United Kingdom which accounted for 22.2 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air. This was followed by other main destinations - Italy (20.7 per cent), Tunisia (8.1 per cent), Germany (5.9 per cent), France (6.2 per cent), Netherlands (2.8 per cent) and Spain (2.3 per cent).

When compared to the same period last year, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom decreased by 0.9 per cent. Other decreases to other main destinations were as follows - France (11.7 per cent), Italy (5.8 per cent) and Spain (6.5 per cent). On the other hand, increases were also registered in departures to Germany (16.5 per cent), Tunisia (13.2 per cent), the Netherlands (28.9 per cent) and to a group of 'other' markets (6.8 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	26,076	-10.5	2,975	3,946
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	137,630			

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

Month	Under 6 months	6 and over but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2004					
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
August	25,783	-	84	209	26,076
Jan-August 2005 AIR	134,990	344	509	1,787	137,630
Jan-August 2005 SEA	18,883	133	-	94	19,110

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-August 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	302	351	1,940	2,121	109	4,823	661	572	1,453	1,854	227	4,767	9,590
Germany	192	394	1,912	1,814	321	4,633	65	475	876	853	41	2,310	6,943
Italy	812	1,559	7,338	6,499	532	16,740	637	1,631	5,735	4,901	564	13,468	30,208
Netherlands	86	195	1,182	624	43	2,130	-	109	406	390	-	905	3,035
Spain	224	160	822	645	75	1,926	34	440	606	266	106	1,452	3,378
Tunisia	703	548	2,315	1,677	150	5,393	351	746	1,970	1,271	164	4,502	9,895
United Kingdom	874	978	7,157	6,235	1,179	16,423	776	1,514	5,553	5,169	1,420	14,432	30,855
Other	702	1,648	10,320	10,708	1,161	24,539	664	1,761	7,597	5,314	1,111	16,447	40,986
Total	3,895	5,833	32,986	30,323	3,570	76,607	3,188	7,248	24,196	20,018	3,633	58,283	134,890

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Table 4. Maltese passengers by destination, age group and sex: January-August 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	251	1,906	1,715	497	4,454	125	291	1,011	2,169	415	4,011	8,465
Germany	41	418	2,782	2,036	169	5,446	85	298	1,067	1,066	127	2,643	8,089
Italy	43	1,011	7,753	6,635	511	15,953	295	1,570	5,463	4,701	466	12,495	28,448
Netherlands	-	335	1,109	1,023	126	2,593	-	167	733	419	-	1,319	3,912
Spain	42	292	974	842	42	2,192	-	250	379	295	42	966	3,158
Tunisia	42	718	2,528	1,996	386	5,670	84	600	2,418	2,181	250	5,533	11,203
United Kingdom	209	1,226	7,673	7,302	1,231	17,641	208	1,366	5,393	5,201	763	12,931	30,572
Other	374	2,206	12,602	12,605	1,366	29,153	125	1,786	6,640	5,487	592	14,630	43,783
Total	836	6,457	37,327	34,154	4,328	83,102	922	6,328	23,104	21,519	2,655	54,528	137,630

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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