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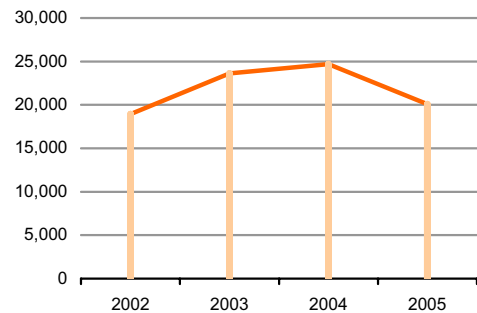
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Outbound Tourism: September 2005

September 2005

Maltese passengers during the month of September, reached a total of 22,828. Of these, 20,089 passengers departed by air - a decrease of 18.6 per cent over the same month last year. In the month under review, 97.3 per cent of Maltese air departures went abroad for less than 6 months.

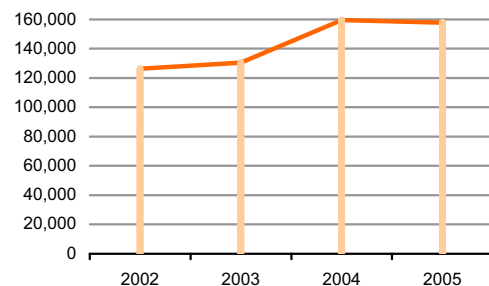
Maltese air departures: September



January - September 2005

During the January - September 2005 period, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air amounted to 157,719, a decrease of 1.2 per cent over the same period last year. Of these, 98.0 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 - September



In the period under review, the most frequent destination with Maltese air passengers was the United Kingdom which accounted for 22.3 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air. This was followed by other main destinations - Italy (21.0 per cent), Tunisia (8.4 per cent), Germany (5.7 per cent), France (6.5 per cent), Netherlands (2.6 per cent) and Spain (2.5 per cent).

When compared to the same period last year, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom increased by 0.6 per cent. Other increases to other main destinations were as follows - Germany (7.4 per cent), the Netherlands (23.6 per cent), Tunisia (4.2 per cent) and a group of 'other' markets (3.0 per cent). On the other hand, decreases were also registered in departures to France (20.8 per cent), Italy (-7.6 per cent) and Spain (0.7 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	20,089	-18.6	2,459	2,739
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	157,719		16,794	21,849

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

Month	Under 6 months	6 and over but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2004					
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
September	19,554	82	123	330	20,089
Jan-Sep 2005 AIR	154,544	426	632	2,117	157,719
Jan-Sep 2005 SEA	21,622	133	-	94	21,849

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-September 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	387	393	2,530	2,669	193	6,172	746	741	2,212	2,697	354	6,750	12,922
Germany	192	478	2,419	2,362	363	5,814	65	560	1,002	853	41	2,521	8,335
Italy	938	1,812	8,814	7,765	574	19,903	847	2,053	6,958	5,491	648	15,997	35,900
Netherlands	86	280	1,224	666	43	2,299	-	152	448	432	-	1,032	3,331
Spain	224	244	1,033	729	75	2,305	34	440	733	308	106	1,621	3,926
Tunisia	788	758	2,695	2,099	192	6,532	520	873	2,476	2,157	205	6,231	12,763
United Kingdom	1,085	1,189	8,380	7,331	1,263	19,248	818	1,598	6,228	5,591	1,419	15,654	34,902
Other	829	1,901	12,219	11,931	1,288	28,168	875	2,057	8,778	6,411	1,198	19,319	47,487
Total	4,529	7,055	39,314	35,552	3,991	90,441	3,905	8,474	28,835	23,940	3,971	69,125	159,566

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Table 4. Maltese passengers by destination, age group and sex: January-September 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	293	2,400	2,250	538	5,566	125	414	1,135	2,580	416	4,670	10,236
Germany	41	418	3,111	2,406	210	6,186	85	298	1,109	1,148	128	2,768	8,954
Italy	166	1,258	8,823	7,870	593	18,710	295	1,776	6,368	5,524	508	14,471	33,181
Netherlands	-	376	1,191	1,064	126	2,757	-	167	774	419	-	1,360	4,117
Spain	42	292	1,180	1,089	83	2,686	-	291	585	295	42	1,213	3,899
Tunisia	42	882	3,063	2,449	386	6,822	84	765	2,706	2,675	251	6,481	13,303
United Kingdom	250	1,597	8,784	8,167	1,519	20,317	208	1,449	6,340	5,942	847	14,786	35,103
Other	374	2,700	14,001	13,799	1,530	32,404	125	2,116	7,381	6,269	631	16,522	48,926
Total	1,000	7,816	42,553	39,094	4,985	95,448	922	7,276	26,398	24,852	2,823	62,271	157,719

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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