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## Tourism

### Tourism departures: March 2005

In the month of March, tourist departures by air were estimated at 70,562, an increase of 8.5 per cent when compared to the same month last year. Sea departures were estimated at 715 tourists. As a result, total tourist departures amounted to 71,277, an increase of 5,278 tourists or 8.0 per cent over last year.

British tourists departing by air were 46.6 per cent of the market and increased by 4.7 per cent when compared to the same month last year. Increases in tourist departures by air were also recorded from Italy, Norway, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, and from a group of 'other' markets.

On the other hand, departing tourists from Germany accounted for 12.6 per cent of the market and decreased by 12.6 per cent when compared to same month last year. Other drops in tourist departures included those from France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Russia, Libya and the USA.

### Purpose of visit

In the month of March, holiday tourists accounted for 82.8 per cent of the market while 9.5 per cent were business tourists. When compared to same period last year, holiday tourists increased by 10.2 per cent and business tourists increased by 5.0 per cent.

### Tourism Departures: January-March 2005

In the first quarter of this year, tourist departures by air reached 167,140 and increased by 1.5 per cent over the same period last year.

Tourists from the British market which accounted for 46.1 per cent increased by 0.6 per cent. Other increases included those from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden and a group of 'other' markets.

On the other hand, the German market accounted for 12.5 per cent of all tourist departures and decreased by 2.4 per cent. French tourists accounted for 4.6 per cent of the total and decreased by 11.2 per cent. Other drops were recorded from Italy, Switzerland, Libya, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia and the USA.

### Accommodation

In the first quarter of this year, the number of nights spent by tourists departing by air were estimated at a total of 1,716,170, a drop of 0.2 per cent. Nights spent in hotel accommodation establishments increased by 3.9 per cent and accounted for 72.8 per cent of the total nights spent.

### Tourism expenditure

In the first quarter this year, expenditure on package tours for visits to the Maltese islands was estimated at Lm27.5 million, a decrease of Lm 1.7 million or 6.6 per cent when compared to last year. Non-package tourists spent Lm6.6 million on airfares and Lm 3.8 million on accommodation thereby decreasing total expenditure on non-package travel by approximately Lm 1.3 million or 11.4 per cent.

Other expenditure from both package and non-package tourists altogether decreased by Lm 0.2 million to Lm 18,394,759 from Lm18,545,844. As a result, total expenditure increased by Lm0.2 million or 0.4 per cent. Per capita expenditure decreased to Lm168.4 from Lm170.2 ■

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**Table 1. Distribution of tourist departures: March 2003 - 2005**

| Country of residence | Air           |               |                 |               |                 | Sea        |            |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
|                      | 2003          | 2004          | 2004/2003 % +/- | 2005          | 2005/2004 % +/- | 2004 *     | 2005       |
| Austria              | 885           | 1,330         | 50.3            | 1,775         | 33.5            | 42         | -          |
| Belgium              | 1,082         | 823           | -23.9           | 1,316         | 59.9            | 3          | -          |
| Denmark              | 1,034         | 1,140         | 10.3            | 1,721         | 51.0            | 1          | -          |
| France               | 4,158         | 3,253         | -21.8           | 3,193         | -1.8            | 8          | -          |
| Germany              | 12,474        | 10,159        | -18.6           | 8,875         | -12.6           | 32         | 20         |
| Italy                | 4,330         | 4,312         | -0.4            | 5,117         | 18.7            | 310        | 552        |
| Netherlands          | 2,812         | 1,361         | -51.6           | 1,270         | -6.7            | 5          | -          |
| Sweden               | 587           | 586           | -0.2            | 1,215         | 107.3           | 2          | -          |
| United Kingdom       | 30,467        | 31,369        | 3.0             | 32,859        | 4.7             | 84         | 20         |
| Norway               | 735           | 858           | 16.7            | 1,067         | 24.4            | -          | -          |
| Switzerland          | 1,860         | 1,417         | -23.8           | 1,367         | -3.5            | 15         | -          |
| Russia               | 735           | 577           | -21.5           | 255           | -55.8           | -          | -          |
| Libya                | 1,340         | 1,099         | -18.0           | 607           | -44.8           | 1          | -          |
| USA                  | 1,223         | 971           | -20.6           | 862           | -11.2           | 108        | -          |
| Other                | 7,956         | 5,764         | -27.6           | 9,063         | 57.2            | 369        | 123        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>71,678</b> | <b>65,019</b> | <b>-9.3</b>     | <b>70,562</b> | <b>8.5</b>      | <b>980</b> | <b>715</b> |

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\* Sea arrivals data are not strictly comparable to the sea departures data in 2004.

**Table 2. Distribution of tourist air departures: January - March 2003 - 2005**

| Country of residence | Air            |                |                 |                |                  | Sea          |              |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                      | 2003           | 2004           | 2004/2003 % +/- | 2005           | 2005//2004 % +/- | 2004 *       | 2005         |
| Austria              | 2,359          | 3,185          | 35.0            | 3,298          | 3.5              | 47           | -            |
| Belgium              | 2,003          | 2,252          | 12.4            | 2,696          | 19.7             | -            | -            |
| Denmark              | 1,823          | 2,210          | 21.2            | 3,144          | 42.3             | -            | -            |
| France               | 8,931          | 8,717          | -2.4            | 7,745          | -11.2            | 14           | -            |
| Germany              | 22,417         | 21,343         | -4.8            | 20,832         | -2.4             | 50           | 20           |
| Italy                | 11,958         | 14,476         | 21.1            | 13,613         | -6.0             | 394          | 1,379        |
| Netherlands          | 4,509          | 3,141          | -30.3           | 2,653          | -15.5            | 12           | -            |
| Sweden               | 1,038          | 1,609          | 55.0            | 2,714          | 68.7             | 4            | -            |
| United Kingdom       | 78,883         | 76,583         | -2.9            | 77,010         | 0.6              | 122          | 67           |
| Norway               | 1,715          | 2,010          | 17.2            | 1,687          | -16.1            | 3            | -            |
| Switzerland          | 4,022          | 3,839          | -4.5            | 2,689          | -30.0            | 24           | -            |
| Russia               | 1,733          | 1,628          | -6.1            | 1,485          | -8.8             | 49           | -            |
| Libya                | 4,588          | 3,194          | -30.4           | 2,484          | -22.2            | 1            | -            |
| USA                  | 2,828          | 2,582          | -8.7            | 2,364          | -8.4             | 159          | -            |
| Other                | 21,369         | 17,970         | -15.9           | 22,726         | 26.5             | 538          | 188          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>170,176</b> | <b>164,739</b> | <b>-3.2</b>     | <b>167,140</b> | <b>1.5</b>       | <b>1,421</b> | <b>1,654</b> |

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\* Sea arrivals data are not strictly comparable to the sea departures data in 2004.

Figures for February 2005 have been revised.

**Table 3. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: March 2004**

| Country of residence | Holiday       |              | Business (other) |              | Visiting friends / Family |              | Other        |              | Total         |              |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                      | No.           | %            | No.              | %            | No.                       | %            | No.          | %            | No.           | %            |
| Austria              | 1,097         | 2.1          | 118              | 1.9          | 38                        | 2.5          | 77           | 1.9          | 1,330         | 2.0          |
| Belgium              | 626           | 1.2          | 118              | 1.9          | 79                        | 5.2          | -            | -            | 823           | 1.3          |
| Denmark              | 708           | 1.3          | 118              | 1.9          | 39                        | 2.6          | 275          | 6.6          | 1,140         | 1.8          |
| France               | 2,587         | 4.9          | 510              | 8.0          | 38                        | 2.5          | 118          | 2.8          | 3,253         | 5.0          |
| Germany              | 8,319         | 15.7         | 784              | 12.3         | 118                       | 7.7          | 938          | 22.6         | 10,159        | 15.6         |
| Italy                | 2,387         | 4.5          | 944              | 14.9         | 155                       | 10.2         | 826          | 19.9         | 4,312         | 6.6          |
| Netherlands          | 1,166         | 2.2          | 118              | 1.9          | 39                        | 2.6          | 38           | 0.9          | 1,361         | 2.1          |
| Sweden               | 273           | 0.5          | 313              | 4.9          | -                         | -            | -            | -            | 586           | 0.9          |
| United Kingdom       | 29,142        | 55.0         | 1,135            | 17.9         | 587                       | 38.5         | 505          | 12.2         | 31,369        | 48.2         |
| Norway               | 507           | 1.0          | 235              | 3.7          | -                         | -            | 116          | 2.8          | 858           | 1.3          |
| Switzerland          | 1,102         | 2.1          | 79               | 1.2          | 79                        | 5.2          | 157          | 3.8          | 1,417         | 2.2          |
| Russia               | 383           | 0.7          | 78               | 1.2          | -                         | -            | 116          | 2.8          | 577           | 0.9          |
| Libya                | 589           | 1.1          | 275              | 4.3          | 79                        | 5.2          | 156          | 3.8          | 1,099         | 1.7          |
| USA                  | 737           | 1.4          | 156              | 2.5          | 78                        | 5.1          | -            | -            | 971           | 1.5          |
| Other                | 3,374         | 6.4          | 1,372            | 21.6         | 196                       | 12.9         | 822          | 19.8         | 5,764         | 8.9          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>52,997</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>6,353</b>     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1,525</b>              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,144</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>65,019</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

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**Table 4. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: March 2005**

| Country of residence | Holiday       |              | Business (other) |              | Visiting friends / Family |              | Other        |              | Total         |              |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                      | No.           | %            | No.              | %            | No.                       | %            | No.          | %            | No.           | %            |
| Austria              | 1,370         | 2.3          | 152              | 2.3          | 51                        | 4.2          | 202          | 4.7          | 1,775         | 2.5          |
| Belgium              | 1,164         | 2.0          | 101              | 1.5          | 51                        | 4.2          | -            | -            | 1,316         | 1.9          |
| Denmark              | 1,468         | 2.5          | 51               | 0.8          | 51                        | 4.2          | 151          | 3.5          | 1,721         | 2.4          |
| France               | 2,635         | 4.5          | 101              | 1.5          | 51                        | 4.2          | 406          | 9.5          | 3,193         | 4.5          |
| Germany              | 7,252         | 12.4         | 709              | 10.6         | 101                       | 8.3          | 813          | 19.1         | 8,875         | 12.6         |
| Italy                | 3,193         | 5.5          | 1,215            | 18.2         | 51                        | 4.2          | 658          | 15.5         | 5,117         | 7.3          |
| Netherlands          | 966           | 1.7          | 203              | 3.0          | 51                        | 4.2          | 50           | 1.2          | 1,270         | 1.8          |
| Sweden               | 1,013         | 1.7          | 152              | 2.3          | -                         | -            | 50           | 1.2          | 1,215         | 1.7          |
| United Kingdom       | 30,022        | 51.4         | 1,517            | 22.7         | 660                       | 54.1         | 660          | 15.5         | 32,859        | 46.6         |
| Norway               | 812           | 1.4          | -                | -            | -                         | -            | 255          | 6.0          | 1,067         | 1.5          |
| Switzerland          | 911           | 1.6          | 153              | 2.3          | -                         | -            | 303          | 7.1          | 1,367         | 1.9          |
| Russia               | 255           | 0.4          | -                | -            | -                         | -            | -            | -            | 255           | 0.4          |
| Libya                | 304           | 0.5          | 253              | 3.8          | -                         | -            | 50           | 1.2          | 607           | 0.9          |
| USA                  | 659           | 1.1          | 102              | 1.5          | 51                        | 4.2          | 50           | 1.2          | 862           | 1.2          |
| Other                | 6,390         | 10.9         | 1,963            | 29.4         | 101                       | 8.3          | 609          | 14.3         | 9,063         | 12.8         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>58,414</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>6,672</b>     | <b>100.0</b> | <b>1,219</b>              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>4,257</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>70,562</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Table 5. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-March 2004 ...

| Country of residence | Hotels                |                |                 |                |                    |                |                 |                |                 |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                      | 5-star                |                | 4-star          |                | 3-star             |                | 2-star          |                | Unclassified    |                  |
|                      | No. of tourists       | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists    | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights    |
| Austria              | 707                   | 4,403          | 1,132           | 7,389          | 670                | 4,404          | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| Belgium              | 1,148                 | 6,905          | 707             | 5,449          | 119                | 794            | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| Denmark              | 475                   | 3,150          | 198             | 1,924          | 196                | 1,351          | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| France               | 2,591                 | 11,964         | 3,800           | 25,149         | 1,023              | 6,131          | 79              | 1,063          | -               | -                |
| Germany              | 2,632                 | 15,047         | 11,943          | 95,951         | 2,861              | 21,551         | 118             | 1,094          | 39              | 79               |
| Italy                | 5,883                 | 22,567         | 3,341           | 17,692         | 2,100              | 12,219         | 156             | 668            | -               | -                |
| Netherlands          | 586                   | 2,906          | 1,377           | 8,722          | 469                | 3,856          | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| Sweden               | 982                   | 4,470          | 117             | 544            | -                  | -              | 193             | 1,426          | -               | -                |
| United Kingdom       | 6,679                 | 42,519         | 34,471          | 398,425        | 21,946             | 294,113        | 429             | 5,414          | 39              | 270              |
| Norway               | 831                   | 3,914          | 429             | 4,641          | 156                | 2,719          | 161             | 1,409          | -               | -                |
| Switzerland          | 1,308                 | 7,211          | 1,297           | 8,398          | 598                | 4,850          | 156             | 1,013          | -               | -                |
| Russia               | 313                   | 2,501          | 304             | 1,975          | 352                | 3,178          | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| Libya                | 713                   | 3,626          | 662             | 3,072          | 871                | 9,212          | 237             | 592            | -               | -                |
| USA                  | 821                   | 5,383          | 826             | 6,661          | 232                | 1,510          | 77              | 730            | -               | -                |
| Other                | 5,964                 | 29,691         | 5,322           | 54,729         | 1,780              | 12,539         | 391             | 2,988          | -               | -                |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>31,633</b>         | <b>166,257</b> | <b>65,926</b>   | <b>640,721</b> | <b>33,373</b>      | <b>378,427</b> | <b>1,997</b>    | <b>16,397</b>  | <b>78</b>       | <b>349</b>       |
| Country of residence | Own private residence |                | Apart-Hotel     |                | Furnished premises |                | Other           |                | Total           |                  |
|                      | No. of tourists       | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists    | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights    |
| Austria              | -                     | -              | 80              | 557            | 78                 | 818            | 518             | 3,546          | 3,185           | 21,117           |
| Belgium              | 40                    | 281            | 120             | 678            | -                  | -              | 118             | 1,244          | 2,252           | 15,351           |
| Denmark              | -                     | -              | 39              | 275            | 79                 | 630            | 1,223           | 12,161         | 2,210           | 19,491           |
| France               | 117                   | 851            | 202             | 1,254          | 157                | 781            | 748             | 12,688         | 8,717           | 59,881           |
| Germany              | 275                   | 2,467          | 678             | 5,270          | 551                | 10,538         | 2,246           | 33,453         | 21,343          | 185,450          |
| Italy                | 438                   | 2,504          | 280             | 2,848          | 117                | 6,825          | 2,161           | 16,440         | 14,476          | 81,763           |
| Netherlands          | -                     | -              | 318             | 7,862          | 77                 | 805            | 314             | 4,696          | 3,141           | 28,847           |
| Sweden               | 79                    | 277            | 79              | 516            | 40                 | 1,044          | 119             | 1,491          | 1,609           | 9,768            |
| United Kingdom       | 2,204                 | 24,222         | 3,668           | 37,981         | 1,766              | 39,686         | 5,381           | 60,349         | 76,583          | 902,979          |
| Norway               | 79                    | 236            | 277             | 4,949          | -                  | -              | 77              | 820            | 2,010           | 18,688           |
| Switzerland          | 41                    | 284            | 81              | 811            | -                  | -              | 358             | 9,890          | 3,839           | 32,457           |
| Russia               | 39                    | 540            | 117             | 7,305          | -                  | -              | 503             | 8,175          | 1,628           | 23,674           |
| Libya                | 80                    | 402            | 119             | 754            | 79                 | 1,615          | 433             | 7,428          | 3,194           | 26,701           |
| USA                  | 38                    | 614            | 79              | 550            | 78                 | 695            | 431             | 8,452          | 2,582           | 24,595           |
| Other                | 350                   | 14,804         | 549             | 10,233         | 705                | 33,991         | 2,909           | 109,355        | 17,970          | 268,330          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>3,780</b>          | <b>47,482</b>  | <b>6,686</b>    | <b>81,843</b>  | <b>3,727</b>       | <b>97,428</b>  | <b>17,539</b>   | <b>290,188</b> | <b>164,739</b>  | <b>1,719,092</b> |

Table 6. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-March 2005 ...

| Country of residence | Hotels                |                |                 |                |                    |                |                 |                |                 |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                      | 5-star                |                | 4-star          |                | 3-star             |                | 2-star          |                | Unclassified    |                  |
|                      | No. of tourists       | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists    | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights    |
| Austria              | 152                   | 558            | 1,502           | 8,367          | 916                | 9,591          | 55              | 275            | -               | -                |
| Belgium              | 787                   | 4,317          | 976             | 7,498          | 359                | 2,409          | 106             | 740            | -               | -                |
| Denmark              | 106                   | 466            | 368             | 3,234          | 814                | 5,700          | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| France               | 1,419                 | 6,426          | 2,850           | 20,131         | 2,288              | 15,083         | 51              | 253            | 51              | 860              |
| Germany              | 3,673                 | 23,168         | 10,521          | 83,968         | 2,945              | 24,218         | 513             | 3,386          | -               | -                |
| Italy                | 4,126                 | 35,698         | 4,816           | 31,373         | 2,295              | 13,539         | 55              | 220            | -               | -                |
| Netherlands          | 995                   | 10,157         | 978             | 6,706          | 307                | 2,943          | 49              | 346            | -               | -                |
| Sweden               | 664                   | 3,517          | 1,273           | 10,756         | 464                | 4,633          | 51              | 714            | -               | -                |
| United Kingdom       | 5,613                 | 39,161         | 37,641          | 421,795        | 21,529             | 240,041        | 314             | 2,310          | -               | -                |
| Norway               | 665                   | 6,010          | 507             | 3,017          | 152                | 860            | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| Switzerland          | 820                   | 5,083          | 884             | 7,898          | 519                | 3,686          | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| Russia               | 368                   | 2,220          | 473             | 12,886         | 268                | 2,611          | 56              | 391            | -               | -                |
| Libya                | 254                   | 2,230          | 740             | 4,456          | 792                | 5,535          | 165             | 2,423          | -               | -                |
| USA                  | 946                   | 10,081         | 788             | 4,998          | 202                | 1,261          | -               | -              | -               | -                |
| Other                | 7,987                 | 52,426         | 7,197           | 55,090         | 2,841              | 20,712         | 55              | 220            | -               | -                |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>28,575</b>         | <b>201,518</b> | <b>71,514</b>   | <b>682,173</b> | <b>36,691</b>      | <b>352,822</b> | <b>1,470</b>    | <b>11,278</b>  | <b>51</b>       | <b>860</b>       |
| Country of residence | Own private residence |                | Apart-Hotel     |                | Furnished premises |                | Other           |                | Total           |                  |
|                      | No. of tourists       | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists    | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights  | No. of tourists | No. of nights    |
| Austria              | 51                    | 354            | 51              | 354            | 152                | 964            | 419             | 3,091          | 3,298           | 23,554           |
| Belgium              | 152                   | 1,216          | -               | -              | 106                | 652            | 210             | 2,529          | 2,696           | 19,361           |
| Denmark              | -                     | -              | 101             | 708            | 203                | 2,338          | 1,552           | 15,804         | 3,144           | 28,250           |
| France               | 51                    | 405            | 359             | 2,816          | 106                | 5,498          | 570             | 16,306         | 7,745           | 67,778           |
| Germany              | 621                   | 6,727          | 633             | 4,940          | 257                | 2,182          | 1,669           | 34,760         | 20,832          | 183,349          |
| Italy                | 160                   | 1,042          | 155             | 1,087          | 424                | 3,579          | 1,582           | 14,484         | 13,613          | 101,022          |
| Netherlands          | 102                   | 509            | 167             | 1,722          | 55                 | 440            | -               | -              | 2,653           | 22,823           |
| Sweden               | 55                    | 385            | -               | -              | -                  | -              | 207             | 1,362          | 2,714           | 21,367           |
| United Kingdom       | 2,374                 | 27,127         | 2,507           | 32,913         | 1,976              | 27,100         | 5,056           | 61,577         | 77,010          | 852,024          |
| Norway               | 56                    | 2,120          | 51              | 357            | -                  | -              | 256             | 7,119          | 1,687           | 19,483           |
| Switzerland          | 55                    | 385            | -               | -              | 101                | 1,214          | 310             | 3,736          | 2,689           | 22,002           |
| Russia               | 105                   | 1,908          | 56              | 391            | 55                 | 193            | 104             | 2,166          | 1,485           | 22,766           |
| Libya                | 106                   | 726            | -               | -              | -                  | -              | 427             | 5,945          | 2,484           | 21,315           |
| USA                  | 107                   | 2,361          | -               | -              | -                  | -              | 321             | 3,645          | 2,364           | 22,346           |
| Other                | 871                   | 31,888         | 429             | 2,891          | 572                | 17,450         | 2,774           | 108,053        | 22,726          | 288,730          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>4,866</b>          | <b>77,153</b>  | <b>4,509</b>    | <b>48,179</b>  | <b>4,007</b>       | <b>61,610</b>  | <b>15,457</b>   | <b>280,577</b> | <b>167,140</b>  | <b>1,716,170</b> |

Figures for February 2005 have been revised.

**Table 7. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package tourists**

| January-March 2004   |                     |                  |                  |                   |                   |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Country of residence | Package Expenditure | Non-package      |                  | Other expenditure | Total             |
|                      |                     | Airfares         | Accommodation    |                   |                   |
| (Lm)                 |                     |                  |                  |                   |                   |
| Austria              | 570,865             | 83,628           | 78,770           | 282,488           | 1,015,751         |
| Belgium              | 282,344             | 128,403          | 111,977          | 201,732           | 724,456           |
| Denmark              | 360,049             | 64,313           | 27,981           | 235,942           | 688,285           |
| France               | 1,366,423           | 334,150          | 218,930          | 770,973           | 2,690,476         |
| Germany              | 3,759,757           | 621,453          | 377,638          | 1,931,093         | 6,689,941         |
| Italy                | 1,749,265           | 917,597          | 658,454          | 1,219,917         | 4,545,233         |
| Netherlands          | 473,076             | 111,364          | 86,799           | 311,338           | 982,577           |
| Sweden               | 200,772             | 116,662          | 71,829           | 156,801           | 546,064           |
| United Kingdom       | 13,458,904          | 1,745,172        | 1,136,134        | 9,475,760         | 25,815,970        |
| Norway               | 343,343             | 132,551          | 71,670           | 200,438           | 748,002           |
| Switzerland          | 745,750             | 141,367          | 84,009           | 332,798           | 1,303,924         |
| Russia               | 141,855             | 132,134          | 86,278           | 347,794           | 708,061           |
| Libya                | 184,692             | 217,372          | 201,975          | 444,798           | 1,048,837         |
| USA                  | 385,355             | 284,678          | 141,010          | 357,153           | 1,168,196         |
| Other                | 1,788,511           | 2,232,827        | 1,116,579        | 2,276,819         | 7,414,736         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>25,810,961</b>   | <b>7,263,671</b> | <b>4,470,033</b> | <b>18,545,844</b> | <b>56,090,509</b> |
| January-March 2005   |                     |                  |                  |                   |                   |
| Austria              | 603,232             | 121,066          | 66,724           | 265,420           | 1,056,442         |
| Belgium              | 436,591             | 99,713           | 44,005           | 350,711           | 931,020           |
| Denmark              | 530,888             | 69,403           | 21,391           | 347,743           | 969,425           |
| France               | 1,440,234           | 243,280          | 168,883          | 726,669           | 2,579,066         |
| Germany              | 3,788,201           | 632,438          | 430,999          | 1,957,214         | 6,808,852         |
| Italy                | 1,817,794           | 753,873          | 435,507          | 1,132,081         | 4,139,255         |
| Netherlands          | 351,982             | 131,365          | 83,196           | 289,673           | 856,216           |
| Sweden               | 414,353             | 110,377          | 67,147           | 224,690           | 816,567           |
| United Kingdom       | 14,146,558          | 1,806,858        | 1,201,680        | 9,353,281         | 26,508,377        |
| Norway               | 323,284             | 44,858           | 26,861           | 249,756           | 644,759           |
| Switzerland          | 378,836             | 138,033          | 104,022          | 301,188           | 922,079           |
| Russia               | 235,558             | 51,571           | 21,282           | 194,670           | 503,081           |
| Libya                | 20,951              | 200,418          | 145,277          | 277,369           | 644,015           |
| USA                  | 388,051             | 190,709          | 67,886           | 276,497           | 923,143           |
| Other                | 2,629,572           | 2,005,328        | 912,962          | 2,447,797         | 7,995,659         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>27,506,085</b>   | <b>6,599,290</b> | <b>3,797,822</b> | <b>18,394,759</b> | <b>56,297,956</b> |

Figures for February 2005 have been revised.

**Table 8. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package tourists**

| January-March 2004   |                     |              |               |                   |              |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Country of residence | Package Expenditure | Non-package  |               | Other expenditure | Total *      |
|                      |                     | Airfares     | Accommodation |                   |              |
| (Lm)                 |                     |              |               |                   |              |
| Austria              | 226.8               | 125.2        | 125.4         | 88.7              | 159.5        |
| Belgium              | 210.2               | 141.4        | 129.0         | 89.6              | 160.9        |
| Denmark              | 194.2               | 179.6        | 88.3          | 106.7             | 155.6        |
| France               | 221.4               | 131.2        | 94.7          | 88.4              | 154.3        |
| Germany              | 216.8               | 155.4        | 100.4         | 90.5              | 156.7        |
| Italy                | 222.6               | 138.7        | 110.0         | 84.3              | 157.0        |
| Netherlands          | 185.6               | 188.1        | 146.6         | 99.1              | 156.4        |
| Sweden               | 221.8               | 165.5        | 122.4         | 97.4              | 169.6        |
| United Kingdom       | 221.6               | 110.2        | 93.9          | 123.7             | 168.5        |
| Norway               | 272.9               | 176.3        | 120.5         | 99.7              | 186.1        |
| Switzerland          | 251.4               | 161.9        | 100.9         | 86.7              | 169.8        |
| Russia               | 227.0               | 131.7        | 101.9         | 213.6             | 217.5        |
| Libya                | 264.2               | 87.1         | 83.6          | 139.2             | 164.1        |
| USA                  | 363.9               | 187.0        | 103.2         | 138.3             | 226.3        |
| Other                | 245.1               | 209.2        | 112.0         | 126.7             | 206.3        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>224.1</b>        | <b>146.6</b> | <b>103.5</b>  | <b>112.6</b>      | <b>170.2</b> |
| January-March 2005   |                     |              |               |                   |              |
| Austria              | 234.4               | 167.2        | 99.1          | 80.5              | 160.2        |
| Belgium              | 229.2               | 126.1        | 74.8          | 130.1             | 172.7        |
| Denmark              | 202.0               | 134.5        | 41.5          | 110.6             | 154.2        |
| France               | 245.0               | 130.4        | 93.0          | 93.8              | 166.5        |
| Germany              | 227.5               | 151.2        | 114.6         | 94.0              | 163.4        |
| Italy                | 227.2               | 134.4        | 79.1          | 83.2              | 152.0        |
| Netherlands          | 211.5               | 133.0        | 100.1         | 109.2             | 161.4        |
| Sweden               | 209.1               | 150.8        | 116.8         | 82.8              | 150.4        |
| United Kingdom       | 235.4               | 106.9        | 94.7          | 121.5             | 172.1        |
| Norway               | 235.6               | 142.4        | 129.1         | 148.0             | 191.1        |
| Switzerland          | 235.3               | 127.9        | 101.6         | 112.0             | 171.5        |
| Russia               | 221.6               | 122.2        | 67.1          | 131.1             | 169.4        |
| Libya                | 133.4               | 86.1         | 75.9          | 111.7             | 129.6        |
| USA                  | 338.0               | 156.8        | 67.5          | 117.0             | 195.3        |
| Other                | 226.0               | 180.8        | 91.2          | 107.7             | 175.9        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>232.4</b>        | <b>135.3</b> | <b>91.6</b>   | <b>110.1</b>      | <b>168.4</b> |

\* Weighted average

Figures for February 2005 have been revised.

**Table 9. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package tourists**

| <b>March 2004</b>           |                            |                    |                      |                          |                   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Country of residence</b> | <b>Package Expenditure</b> | <b>Non-package</b> |                      | <b>Other expenditure</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|                             |                            | <b>Airfares</b>    | <b>Accommodation</b> |                          |                   |
| <b>(Lm)</b>                 |                            |                    |                      |                          |                   |
| Austria                     | 242,358                    | 44,719             | 39,669               | 138,850                  | 465,596           |
| Belgium                     | 127,706                    | 33,425             | 25,117               | 61,020                   | 247,268           |
| Denmark                     | 188,546                    | 34,846             | 21,940               | 150,429                  | 395,761           |
| France                      | 525,192                    | 89,087             | 55,447               | 328,470                  | 998,196           |
| Germany                     | 1,735,638                  | 283,500            | 171,626              | 942,043                  | 3,132,807         |
| Italy                       | 455,529                    | 299,015            | 232,137              | 386,703                  | 1,373,384         |
| Netherlands                 | 226,035                    | 25,293             | 28,554               | 145,215                  | 425,097           |
| Sweden                      | 37,044                     | 43,743             | 36,892               | 47,986                   | 165,665           |
| United Kingdom              | 5,405,752                  | 641,329            | 500,960              | 3,627,794                | 10,175,835        |
| Norway                      | 104,872                    | 47,650             | 29,311               | 88,014                   | 269,847           |
| Switzerland                 | 296,149                    | 30,360             | 18,605               | 139,182                  | 484,296           |
| Russia                      | 34,703                     | 60,928             | 50,761               | 57,267                   | 203,659           |
| Libya                       | 52,353                     | 76,634             | 65,272               | 217,740                  | 411,999           |
| USA                         | 111,901                    | 111,923            | 62,740               | 156,198                  | 442,762           |
| Other                       | 522,549                    | 621,450            | 409,276              | 667,599                  | 2,220,874         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>10,066,327</b>          | <b>2,443,902</b>   | <b>1,748,307</b>     | <b>7,154,510</b>         | <b>21,413,046</b> |
| <b>March 2005</b>           |                            |                    |                      |                          |                   |
| Austria                     | 382,012                    | 60,413             | 43,213               | 139,304                  | 624,942           |
| Belgium                     | 261,265                    | 32,201             | 20,478               | 140,974                  | 454,918           |
| Denmark                     | 319,597                    | 39,759             | 14,132               | 217,189                  | 590,677           |
| France                      | 695,746                    | 85,015             | 85,281               | 328,501                  | 1,194,543         |
| Germany                     | 1,561,185                  | 281,065            | 310,284              | 817,995                  | 2,970,529         |
| Italy                       | 820,656                    | 207,918            | 205,618              | 396,541                  | 1,630,733         |
| Netherlands                 | 179,455                    | 46,382             | 45,669               | 108,893                  | 380,399           |
| Sweden                      | 228,299                    | 19,825             | 15,808               | 106,091                  | 370,023           |
| United Kingdom              | 5,708,301                  | 806,133            | 630,333              | 3,905,317                | 11,050,084        |
| Norway                      | 244,516                    | 28,025             | 25,736               | 152,750                  | 451,027           |
| Switzerland                 | 222,092                    | 67,076             | 48,221               | 165,733                  | 503,122           |
| Russia                      | 38,355                     | 5,996              | 8,328                | 33,673                   | 86,352            |
| Libya                       | -                          | 52,345             | 47,130               | 90,814                   | 190,289           |
| USA                         | 283,519                    | 15,911             | 9,167                | 83,887                   | 392,484           |
| Other                       | 1,087,479                  | 665,950            | 410,112              | 1,013,431                | 3,176,972         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>12,032,477</b>          | <b>2,414,014</b>   | <b>1,919,510</b>     | <b>7,701,093</b>         | <b>24,067,094</b> |



**Table 10. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package tourists**

| March 2004           |                     |              |               |                   |              |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Country of residence | Package Expenditure | Non-package  |               | Other expenditure | Total *      |
|                      |                     | Airfares     | Accommodation |                   |              |
| (Lm)                 |                     |              |               |                   |              |
| Austria              | 258.7               | 113.8        | 112.4         | 104.4             | 175.0        |
| Belgium              | 217.9               | 141.6        | 106.4         | 74.2              | 150.4        |
| Denmark              | 208.3               | 147.7        | 93.0          | 131.8             | 173.4        |
| France               | 202.9               | 134.0        | 94.3          | 101.0             | 153.4        |
| Germany              | 218.0               | 129.0        | 84.1          | 92.7              | 154.2        |
| Italy                | 181.7               | 165.7        | 140.9         | 89.7              | 159.3        |
| Netherlands          | 187.7               | 161.1        | 181.9         | 106.7             | 156.2        |
| Sweden               | 159.0               | 123.9        | 117.5         | 81.9              | 141.4        |
| United Kingdom       | 214.3               | 104.4        | 104.9         | 115.6             | 162.2        |
| Norway               | 224.6               | 121.9        | 107.8         | 102.6             | 157.3        |
| Switzerland          | 242.7               | 154.1        | 94.4          | 98.2              | 170.9        |
| Russia               | 301.8               | 131.9        | 109.9         | 99.2              | 176.5        |
| Libya                | 333.5               | 81.3         | 72.3          | 197.9             | 187.3        |
| USA                  | 321.6               | 179.7        | 114.9         | 160.9             | 228.0        |
| Other                | 229.7               | 178.1        | 124.2         | 115.8             | 192.6        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>215.4</b>        | <b>133.6</b> | <b>109.1</b>  | <b>110.0</b>      | <b>164.7</b> |
| March 2005           |                     |              |               |                   |              |
| Austria              | 259.9               | 198.1        | 170.1         | 78.5              | 176.0        |
| Belgium              | 245.8               | 127.3        | 134.7         | 107.1             | 172.8        |
| Denmark              | 217.7               | 157.2        | 55.9          | 126.2             | 171.6        |
| France               | 263.9               | 152.6        | 168.5         | 102.9             | 187.1        |
| Germany              | 226.3               | 142.3        | 161.3         | 92.2              | 167.4        |
| Italy                | 238.1               | 124.4        | 126.9         | 77.5              | 159.3        |
| Netherlands          | 207.7               | 114.2        | 128.6         | 85.7              | 149.8        |
| Sweden               | 204.9               | 196.3        | 156.5         | 87.3              | 152.3        |
| United Kingdom       | 226.5               | 105.3        | 113.0         | 118.9             | 168.1        |
| Norway               | 267.5               | 184.4        | 169.3         | 143.2             | 211.5        |
| Switzerland          | 243.8               | 147.1        | 105.7         | 121.2             | 184.0        |
| Russia               | 188.0               | 117.6        | 163.3         | 132.1             | 169.3        |
| Libya                | -                   | 86.2         | 133.1         | 149.6             | 156.7        |
| USA                  | 399.3               | 104.0        | 89.9          | 97.3              | 227.5        |
| Other                | 204.2               | 178.1        | 128.4         | 111.8             | 175.3        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>230.4</b>        | <b>131.7</b> | <b>127.5</b>  | <b>109.1</b>      | <b>170.5</b> |

\* Weighted average

## Methodological Notes

1. Tourist 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. Tourist 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 variables collected in these surveys include the following:

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Nationality          | Number of nights stayed                 |
| Country of residence | Locality in Malta stayed longest        |
| Flight/Sailing       | Organisation of trip                    |
| Final destination    | Form of transport used                  |
| Purpose of visit     | Expenditure (package/non-package/other) |
| Frequency of visit   | Age                                     |
| Gender               |   |
4. The expenditure data contained in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings. Such expenditure includes elements that are earned by enterprises outside the Maltese economic territory.
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. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to tourism statistics because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers. As a result, the monthly tourism statistics published by the NSO are always lower than the combined passenger departures data available from the airport and seaport.
6. Definitions

**Usual Environment** consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited

**Visitors** comprise tourists and same-day visitors. Visitors are distinguished from other travelers according to the following criteria:

- The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment.
- The stay in the place visited should not last more than 12 consecutive months.
- The main purpose of visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

**International tourist** satisfies the criteria mentioned earlier regarding visitors. Additionally, international tourists must stay at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the country visited.

**International same-day visitor** is an international visitor who does not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.

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](http://www.nso.gov.mt/publications/Tourstat/Tourstat2003.pdf)