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Maltese passengers during the month of March, approximated 19,860. Of these 18,620 passengers departed by air - an increase of 30.4 per cent over the same month last year. 98.9 per cent of Maltese departing by air went abroad for less than 6 months while only a small fraction of 0.7 per cent departed for 12 months or more.

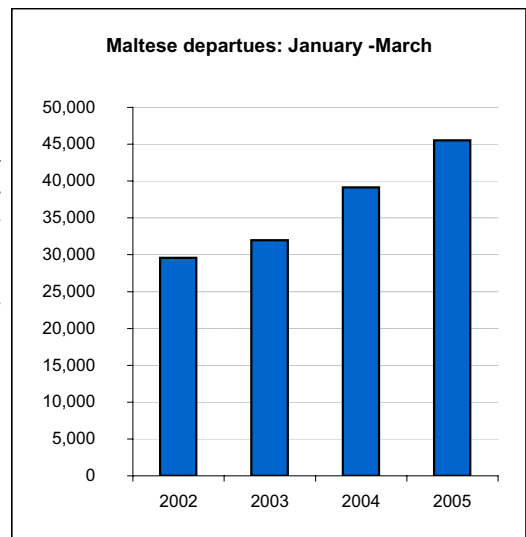
January - March 2005

During the January - March 2005 period 45,506 Maltese passengers departed by air. This compared to the January - March 2004 period shows an increase of 16.2 per cent. 98.2 per cent of the Maltese passengers departing during the January - March 2005 period spent less than six months away from the Maltese islands. On the other hand, 0.4 per cent of Maltese passengers traveling by air spent 12 months and over away from the Maltese islands.

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In the period under review; the most frequent destination with Maltese departures was the United Kingdom which accounted for 25.7 per cent of the total Maltese passengers. This type of frequency was followed by other main destinations - Italy (21.8 per cent), Tunisia (8.6 per cent), Germany (6.2 per cent), France (4.0 per cent), Netherlands (2.4 per cent) and Spain (1.0 per cent).

When compared to the same period last year, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom increased by 13.9 percent.



Substantial increases were also recorded in departures to Germany (39.8 per cent), Tunisia (27.7 per cent), Spain (27.4 per cent), United Kingdom (13.9 per cent), Italy (9.7 per cent) and to a group of 'other' markets (25.7 per cent). On the other hand decreases to other main destinations were as follows - France (-16.9 per cent) and the Netherlands (-12.6 per cent) ■

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Table 1. Distribution of Maltese departures by month: 2002-2005

						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			944 ^u	
May	10,508	13,480	28.3			2,845	
June	11,299	14,043	24.3			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				

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Table 2. Duration of Maltese passengers by month: March 2004-March 2005

Month	Under 6 months	6 but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2004					
March	13,903	68	34	274	14,279
April	16,134	126	63	408	16,731
May	13,107	83	83	207	13,480
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
<i>Jan-Dec 2004 AIR</i>	<i>198,722</i>	<i>846</i>	<i>1,222</i>	<i>2,608</i>	<i>203,398</i>
<i>Apr-Dec 2004 SEA</i>	<i>16,727</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>16,794</i>
2005					
<i>Jan-Mar 2005 AIR</i>	<i>44,675</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>572</i>	<i>45,506</i>
January	13,795	46	-	276	14,117
February	12,474	-	42	253	12,769
March	18,406	43	128	43	18,620
<i>Jan-Mar 2005 SEA</i>	<i>1,530</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,530</i>

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Table 3. Maltese passengers by destination, age-group and sex: January-March 2004

Country of destination	Males					Females					Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
France	-	136	407	711	68	34	170	373	238	34	2,171
Germany	34	34	746	679	34	34	34	169	271	-	2,035
Italy	169	508	2,713	2,208	68	135	373	1,764	1,085	34	9,057
Netherlands	-	34	476	305	-	-	68	203	169	-	1,255
Spain	34	34	136	34	-	34	34	-	34	-	340
Tunisia	136	273	849	442	34	102	170	374	646	34	3,060
United Kingdom	237	271	2,748	2,274	272	169	542	2,001	1,391	373	10,278
Other	170	373	3,462	3,226	271	-	441	1,900	1,051	67	10,961
Total	780	1,663	11,537	9,879	747	508	1,832	6,784	4,885	542	39,157

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Table 4. Maltese passengers by destination, age-group and sex: January-March 2005

Country of destination	Males					Females					Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
France	85	85	436	298	86	-	42	263	510	86	1,804
Germany	-	43	1,224	482	86	43	46	569	309	43	2,844
Italy	43	384	3,251	2,288	132	254	480	1,594	1,423	86	9,933
Netherlands	-	-	439	391	86	-	-	266	-	-	1,097
Spain	-	-	306	85	86	-	-	-	42	-	433
Tunisia	-	299	730	691	88	43	263	871	881	43	3,909
United Kingdom	127	476	2,929	2,748	478	-	527	2,578	1,671	170	11,704
Other	86	358	4,099	4,594	443	42	745	1,979	1,263	172	13,782
Total	340	1,645	13,414	11,578	1,226	382	2,102	8,119	6,100	599	45,506

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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