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Tourism

Departing tourists: May 2006

In May 2006, inbound tourism was estimated at 102,740, a decrease of 8.7 per cent over the corresponding month last year. Tourists departing by air were estimated at 101,940, recording a drop of 9.0 per cent when compared to May 2005.

The German, British and French markets, altogether making up a share of 58.0 per cent of the total, registered decreases. In total, such markets went down by 15.7 per cent when compared to the same month last year. Other decreases included those recorded from the American, Belgian and Danish, as well as from a group of 'other' markets.

Year-on-year, tourists from the Dutch and Italian markets went up by 13.6 and 13.0 per cent respectively, jointly accounting for a share of 12.8 per cent of the total. Other increases included those from the Russian, Austrian and Swedish markets.

Purpose of visit

The number of holiday tourists was estimated at 83,448, a drop of 11.7 per cent over May 2005, whereas business tourists went up to 11,129.

January-May 2006

In the period under review, total tourists reached 364,297, a decrease of 1.4 per cent over the comparable period last year. Tourists departing by air decreased by 1.7 per cent. Across air and sea, decreases were recorded in the German, French and Danish markets, at 10.6 per cent, 10.6 per cent and 23.4 per cent respectively. Other decreases included those from the Swedish, Libyan and Swiss markets.

On the other hand, Italian and Dutch tourists increased by 19.6 and 10.7 per cent respectively, together accounting for a share of 12.3 per cent of total tourists. Other increases were recorded from the Russian, Norwegian and Belgian markets.

Accommodation

In the period under review, the number of nights spent by tourists departing by air was estimated at 3,247,494, a decrease of 5.5 per cent when compared to the corresponding period in 2005. The number of nights spent in hotel accommodation establishments went down by 2.5 per cent and accounted for 71.3 per cent of the total nights spent.

Tourists opting for an overnight stay in Gozo were estimated at 11,751 - 3.3 per cent of total tourists in the first five months of the year.

Tourism expenditure

In the period under review, expenditure on package travel decreased by Lm3.5 million to an estimated Lm58.7 million, a decline of 5.7 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago. Non-package tourists spent Lm14.3 million on airfares and Lm9.8 million on accommodation thereby increasing total expenditure on non-package travel by approximately Lm0.7 million or 2.9 per cent. Other expenditure from both package and non-package tourists remained practically at the same level as a year earlier at Lm41.0 million. Overall, in the period under review total tourist expenditure decreased by Lm2.9 million or 2.3 per cent ■

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Table 1. Distribution of tourist departures: May 2004-2006

Country of residence	Air					Sea	
	2004	2005		2006		2005	2006
	Nationality distribution						
	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.
Austria	3,143	3,617	3.2	4,045	4.0	-	30
Belgium	4,115	3,021	2.7	2,734	2.7	-	-
Denmark	2,840	2,378	2.1	2,246	2.2	-	-
France	10,792	12,118	10.8	10,733	10.5	-	-
Germany	10,695	16,701	14.9	10,142	9.9	-	89
Italy	5,574	5,407	4.8	6,005	5.9	328	473
Netherlands	5,398	5,872	5.2	6,671	6.5	-	-
Sweden	3,109	2,293	2.0	2,735	2.7	-	-
United Kingdom	38,795	41,881	37.4	38,632	37.9	33	-
Norway	1,268	1,327	1.2	1,269	1.2	-	-
Switzerland	1,893	2,156	1.9	2,346	2.3	-	-
Russia	1,730	794	0.7	1,312	1.3	-	-
Libya	1,131	829	0.7	780	0.8	-	-
USA	2,018	2,095	1.9	1,607	1.6	131	30
Other	10,771	11,512	10.3	10,683	10.5	66	178
Total	103,272	112,001	100.0	101,940	100.0	558	800

Table 2. Distribution of tourist departures: January-May 2004-2006

Country of residence	Air					Sea	
	2004	2005		2006		2005	2006
	Nationality distribution						
	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.
Austria	8,913	9,162	2.5	9,308	2.6	-	30
Belgium	8,347	8,314	2.3	8,652	2.4	-	-
Denmark	6,601	8,319	2.3	6,372	1.8	-	-
France	28,100	30,898	8.4	27,615	7.7	-	-
Germany	43,221	49,267	13.4	43,973	12.2	20	109
Italy	27,420	24,812	6.8	29,694	8.2	2,472	2,945
Netherlands	10,367	10,972	3.0	12,142	3.4	-	-
Sweden	6,155	7,454	2.0	5,507	1.5	-	-
United Kingdom	152,363	150,698	41.1	150,467	41.7	100	100
Norway	4,857	4,262	1.2	4,718	1.3	-	-
Switzerland	7,895	6,942	1.9	6,687	1.9	-	-
Russia	4,000	2,529	0.7	3,322	0.9	-	-
Libya	5,190	4,412	1.2	3,838	1.1	-	-
USA	6,176	5,757	1.6	5,768	1.6	131	161
Other	39,288	42,776	11.7	42,376	11.8	335	513
Total	358,893	366,574	100.0	360,439	100.0	3,058	3,858

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Table 3. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: May 2005

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	2,869	3.0	271	2.7	55	3.0	422	7.8	3,617	3.2
Belgium	2,800	3.0	221	2.2	-	-	-	-	3,021	2.7
Denmark	1,991	2.1	221	2.2	-	-	166	3.1	2,378	2.1
France	10,767	11.4	812	8.0	-	-	539	10.0	12,118	10.8
Germany	14,600	15.4	818	8.0	105	5.6	1,178	21.8	16,701	14.9
Italy	2,994	3.2	1,542	15.1	108	5.8	763	14.1	5,407	4.8
Netherlands	5,276	5.6	541	5.3	-	-	55	1.0	5,872	5.2
Sweden	2,020	2.1	218	-	-	-	55	-	2,293	2.0
United Kingdom	38,494	40.7	1,964	19.2	879	47.3	544	10.1	41,881	37.4
Norway	1,106	1.2	111	-	-	-	110	2.0	1,327	1.2
Switzerland	1,825	1.9	166	1.6	55	3.0	110	2.0	2,156	1.9
Russia	582	0.6	108	-	-	-	104	1.9	794	0.7
Libya	332	0.4	332	3.3	111	6.0	54	1.0	829	0.7
USA	1,292	1.4	474	4.6	218	11.7	111	-	2,095	1.9
Other	7,584	8.0	2,404	23.6	329	17.7	1,195	22.1	11,512	10.3
Total	94,532	100.0	10,203	100.0	1,860	100.0	5,406	96.9	112,001	100.0

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Table 4. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: May 2006

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	2,922	3.5	293	2.6	-	-	830	18.7	4,045	4.0
Belgium	2,294	2.7	342	3.1	-	-	98	2.2	2,734	2.7
Denmark	1,856	2.2	390	3.5	-	-	-	-	2,246	2.2
France	8,976	10.8	1,366	12.3	-	-	391	8.8	10,733	10.5
Germany	8,093	9.7	1,074	9.7	146	5.0	829	18.7	10,142	9.9
Italy	3,516	4.2	1,905	17.1	195	6.7	389	8.8	6,005	5.9
Netherlands	6,037	7.2	537	4.8	-	-	97	2.2	6,671	6.5
Sweden	2,247	2.7	342	3.1	49	1.7	97	2.2	2,735	2.7
United Kingdom	34,632	41.5	1,757	15.8	1,853	63.3	390	8.8	38,632	37.9
Norway	1,220	1.5	49	0.4	-	-	-	-	1,269	1.2
Switzerland	1,906	2.3	244	2.2	-	-	196	4.4	2,346	2.3
Russia	825	1.0	146	1.3	146	5.0	195	4.4	1,312	1.3
Libya	440	0.5	146	1.3	97	3.3	97	2.2	780	0.8
USA	1,169	1.4	341	3.1	49	1.7	48	1.1	1,607	1.6
Other	7,315	8.8	2,197	19.7	391	13.4	780	17.6	10,683	10.5
Total	83,448	100.0	11,129	100.0	2,926	100.0	4,437	100.0	101,940	100.0

Table 5. Tourist air departures by country of residence and locality stayed: January-May 2005

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	428	474	2,114	2,155	2,371	697	-	923	-	9,162
Belgium	455	317	2,493	1,847	1,923	528	50	650	51	8,314
Denmark	151	6,069	316	350	1,114	-	152	167	-	8,319
France	773	2,067	7,803	9,399	4,470	2,504	668	3,214	-	30,898
Germany	729	4,327	10,366	12,478	12,932	1,595	1,514	4,871	455	49,267
Italy	254	355	12,773	2,718	3,942	807	568	3,141	254	24,812
Netherlands	55	487	4,485	2,380	1,928	215	260	1,106	56	10,972
Sweden	100	415	3,161	1,896	1,461	101	-	320	-	7,454
United Kingdom	3,532	14,617	10,751	70,221	29,804	4,146	5,595	11,071	961	150,698
Norway	217	252	1,541	794	990	106	111	251	-	4,262
Switzerland	437	307	2,618	924	845	512	679	620	-	6,942
Russia	222	-	836	421	745	200	-	105	-	2,529
Libya	110	-	1,454	-	1,516	205	-	975	152	4,412
USA	51	163	2,176	836	1,143	579	312	387	110	5,757
Other	686	2,179	16,758	6,258	9,464	1,308	901	4,913	309	42,776
Total	8,200	32,029	79,645	112,677	74,648	13,503	10,810	32,714	2,348	366,574

Table 6. Tourist air departures by country of residence and locality stayed: January-May 2006

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	389	1,414	2,451	979	2,692	143	203	989	48	9,308
Belgium	47	1,027	2,873	2,119	1,436	505	246	399	-	8,652
Denmark	149	4,150	693	443	546	97	49	194	51	6,372
France	296	3,353	5,492	7,530	5,194	1,327	641	3,728	54	27,615
Germany	987	6,655	9,348	9,133	8,108	1,321	1,947	6,474	-	43,973
Italy	448	500	15,136	4,216	5,111	1,150	397	2,637	99	29,694
Netherlands	50	825	4,485	2,928	1,757	244	1,266	587	-	12,142
Sweden	50	98	1,526	2,608	781	100	50	294	-	5,507
United Kingdom	2,168	14,837	21,895	62,240	23,197	3,099	4,823	17,508	700	150,467
Norway	101	345	2,117	786	977	198	-	194	-	4,718
Switzerland	148	597	2,518	745	1,046	394	248	991	-	6,687
Russia	147	48	1,175	351	627	97	-	829	48	3,322
Libya	49	247	1,389	104	1,201	52	-	796	-	3,838
USA	199	144	2,388	340	633	691	543	830	-	5,768
Other	1,160	1,144	15,782	6,371	9,392	2,138	1,338	5,051	-	42,376
Total	6,388	35,384	89,268	100,893	62,698	11,556	11,751	41,501	1,000	360,439

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Table 7. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-May 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	870	4,193	3,825	19,397	2,296	19,482	107	432	-	-
Belgium	2,881	16,234	3,476	23,972	664	4,694	366	2,357	-	-
Denmark	432	1,887	1,122	8,964	1,424	9,920	50	350	-	-
France	3,767	17,881	15,568	106,166	6,978	46,215	461	3,124	51	860
Germany	9,180	55,565	23,821	185,564	7,680	62,306	728	4,894	-	-
Italy	7,550	50,771	7,288	41,467	3,903	22,372	360	2,592	-	-
Netherlands	2,929	20,847	2,596	19,005	2,642	19,660	105	567	-	-
Sweden	1,187	5,679	2,525	20,037	2,362	18,402	156	1,800	-	-
United Kingdom	13,094	81,178	66,929	690,061	40,066	409,968	727	4,417	-	-
Norway	1,180	8,580	1,299	8,147	994	7,269	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	1,823	11,370	2,684	20,411	946	6,331	100	699	50	350
Russia	638	3,451	882	16,100	477	4,183	56	391	-	-
Libya	459	2,956	1,311	8,801	1,324	8,210	265	3,122	-	-
USA	2,763	20,135	1,150	8,084	414	2,527	108	597	-	-
Other	13,888	81,398	13,003	104,044	5,734	40,669	310	4,841	-	-
Total	62,641	382,125	147,479	1,280,220	77,904	682,208	3,899	30,183	101	1,210
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	101	704	150	1,003	152	964	1,661	13,215	9,162	59,390
Belgium	202	1,915	100	699	206	2,050	419	4,281	8,314	56,202
Denmark	50	499	212	1,870	558	5,721	4,471	37,594	8,319	66,805
France	156	1,141	974	7,339	366	7,227	2,577	32,828	30,898	222,781
Germany	939	18,790	1,751	14,525	998	9,447	4,170	61,972	49,267	413,063
Italy	323	2,957	523	3,464	1,317	19,989	3,548	40,788	24,812	184,400
Netherlands	157	2,057	968	8,049	688	5,556	887	8,628	10,972	84,369
Sweden	166	1,160	111	553	105	737	842	5,937	7,454	54,305
United Kingdom	6,217	73,988	7,080	74,145	4,852	70,790	11,733	122,862	150,698	1,527,409
Norway	56	2,120	101	706	50	350	582	9,154	4,262	36,326
Switzerland	216	4,440	-	-	356	3,599	767	13,879	6,942	61,079
Russia	105	1,908	56	391	55	193	260	13,358	2,529	39,975
Libya	161	1,113	50	4,544	50	9,189	792	8,242	4,412	46,177
USA	107	2,361	-	-	160	1,120	1,055	9,925	5,757	44,749
Other	1,294	42,404	1,160	13,135	1,463	42,743	5,924	208,446	42,776	537,680
Total	10,250	157,557	13,236	130,423	11,376	179,675	39,688	591,109	366,574	3,434,710

Table 8. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-May 2006

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	1,123	7,943	4,259	24,888	1,119	7,630	246	1,270	-	-
Belgium	3,169	21,424	3,783	27,437	692	4,842	100	652	-	-
Denmark	300	2,209	934	7,420	1,427	11,017	-	-	-	-
France	4,939	22,553	12,220	84,414	4,966	41,592	826	5,350	-	-
Germany	8,037	49,471	21,973	177,719	5,916	56,131	729	5,863	-	-
Italy	10,865	41,360	8,529	44,568	4,252	21,122	443	1,912	-	-
Netherlands	2,486	12,527	4,776	31,017	2,189	15,950	240	2,493	-	-
Sweden	839	4,444	2,505	17,341	1,039	10,275	148	886	-	-
United Kingdom	18,022	122,469	66,158	703,427	32,077	364,437	786	5,297	-	-
Norway	1,973	8,518	1,034	9,783	633	7,493	146	867	-	-
Switzerland	2,030	15,784	1,933	14,067	800	6,720	790	6,733	-	-
Russia	1,021	5,089	732	8,103	342	3,091	97	1,602	-	-
Libya	443	1,670	1,701	13,441	352	1,352	396	4,491	-	-
USA	3,379	21,286	1,168	11,577	147	545	52	779	-	-
Other	13,021	72,409	12,163	76,592	7,142	56,328	889	6,948	-	-
Total	71,647	409,156	143,868	1,251,794	63,093	608,525	5,888	45,143	-	-
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	52	572	344	1,802	153	4,735	2,012	15,027	9,308	63,867
Belgium	104	520	101	804	50	351	653	4,237	8,652	60,267
Denmark	52	364	152	1,065	49	922	3,458	31,500	6,372	54,497
France	245	2,401	533	3,612	792	6,216	3,094	40,396	27,615	206,534
Germany	492	4,718	1,363	12,121	1,419	28,755	4,044	48,756	43,973	383,534
Italy	443	6,696	493	2,707	645	12,367	4,024	31,283	29,694	162,015
Netherlands	151	4,320	388	2,717	1,021	10,650	891	7,128	12,142	86,802
Sweden	97	531	243	2,041	98	880	538	7,463	5,507	43,861
United Kingdom	5,723	71,275	6,100	66,325	6,907	79,232	14,694	156,684	150,467	1,569,146
Norway	144	13,104	339	4,857	99	1,524	350	4,112	4,718	50,258
Switzerland	198	1,038	99	1,044	199	3,128	638	6,074	6,687	54,588
Russia	49	196	52	312	50	702	979	28,106	3,322	47,201
Libya	52	182	-	-	503	4,058	391	3,907	3,838	29,101
USA	102	1,130	49	684	149	3,500	722	8,738	5,768	48,239
Other	699	9,250	975	15,481	1,593	35,019	5,894	115,557	42,376	387,584
Total	8,603	116,297	11,231	115,572	13,727	192,039	42,382	508,968	360,439	3,247,494

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

May 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	579,146	156,873	74,011	290,038	1,100,068
Belgium	573,749	142,176	83,540	277,985	1,077,450
Denmark	509,531	28,703	20,206	286,295	844,735
France	2,641,624	311,683	211,012	1,187,476	4,351,795
Germany	3,025,060	508,232	385,916	1,635,798	5,555,006
Italy	659,393	379,764	195,392	463,276	1,697,825
Netherlands	972,795	171,651	77,674	663,348	1,885,468
Sweden	359,729	82,475	51,118	259,634	752,956
United Kingdom	6,273,826	1,382,140	932,826	5,373,902	13,962,694
Norway	305,193	7,686	10,307	156,698	479,884
Switzerland	369,170	124,981	88,749	248,783	831,683
Russia	184,457	22,190	16,502	74,976	298,125
Libya	-	75,467	97,360	73,718	246,545
USA	289,079	315,066	195,856	240,129	1,040,130
Other	1,660,310	945,007	555,884	1,448,423	4,609,624
Total	18,403,062	4,654,094	2,996,353	12,680,479	38,733,988
May 2006					
Austria	633,649	171,555	160,147	360,648	1,325,999
Belgium	529,417	73,649	66,649	222,465	892,180
Denmark	552,033	41,689	32,894	252,397	879,013
France	2,245,935	219,113	154,513	1,082,211	3,701,772
Germany	2,024,410	316,965	223,777	1,046,908	3,612,060
Italy	594,690	391,187	259,059	493,970	1,738,906
Netherlands	1,239,622	170,466	151,937	662,601	2,224,626
Sweden	608,605	59,800	50,173	335,776	1,054,354
United Kingdom	6,386,198	1,365,940	941,351	5,122,394	13,815,883
Norway	319,047	26,183	17,457	190,980	553,667
Switzerland	507,184	85,123	86,416	320,064	998,787
Russia	351,247	52,679	10,761	210,118	624,805
Libya	11,162	72,684	84,393	117,474	285,713
USA	409,392	139,336	83,208	208,981	840,917
Other	1,625,475	876,373	494,289	1,328,144	4,324,281
Total	18,038,066	4,062,742	2,817,024	11,955,131	36,872,963

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

May 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	224.1	151.9	71.6	80.2	304.1
Belgium	299.1	128.9	75.7	92.0	356.7
Denmark	236.3	129.9	91.4	120.4	355.3
France	262.7	151.1	125.0	98.0	363.0
Germany	241.6	121.6	104.5	97.9	335.7
Italy	268.8	128.6	75.9	85.7	319.4
Netherlands	217.6	122.3	79.9	113.0	326.9
Sweden	220.7	124.2	92.4	113.2	332.8
United Kingdom	223.8	99.8	96.5	128.3	343.0
Norway	262.9	46.3	62.1	118.1	361.6
Switzerland	256.7	173.8	160.5	115.4	398.0
Russia	318.6	103.2	76.8	94.4	375.5
Libya	-	91.0	125.8	88.9	305.7
USA	337.7	254.1	157.9	114.6	496.3
Other	271.7	174.9	115.9	125.8	406.5
Total	242.2	129.2	102.4	113.2	352.0
May 2006					
Austria	224.2	140.8	136.9	89.2	329.5
Belgium	252.2	116.0	105.0	81.4	326.3
Denmark	282.7	142.8	112.7	112.4	391.5
France	248.8	128.4	102.3	100.8	346.8
Germany	266.2	124.9	97.6	103.2	358.5
Italy	217.5	119.6	91.5	82.3	296.3
Netherlands	231.5	129.5	115.5	99.3	333.5
Sweden	276.9	111.4	102.8	122.8	387.3
United Kingdom	253.2	101.8	95.1	132.6	366.3
Norway	297.1	133.6	89.1	150.5	436.1
Switzerland	296.4	134.1	147.5	136.4	428.8
Russia	361.7	154.9	36.9	160.2	477.8
Libya	227.8	99.3	133.1	150.6	382.7
USA	525.5	168.1	106.7	130.0	526.3
Other	270.9	187.1	120.6	124.3	411.4
Total	259.2	125.6	104.2	117.3	367.1

* A weighted average of the 'package' and 'non-package' expenditure categories based on the respective number of tourists in each category plus the simple average of the 'other' expenditure category.

Table 11. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

January-May 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	1,648,969	307,206	178,369	713,054	2,847,598
Belgium	1,602,474	319,238	185,660	852,347	2,959,719
Denmark	1,561,071	152,275	57,062	987,871	2,758,279
France	6,455,289	800,920	522,204	2,822,271	10,600,684
Germany	9,425,165	1,481,614	973,699	4,781,857	16,662,335
Italy	3,123,742	1,399,670	935,490	2,309,044	7,767,946
Netherlands	1,725,221	377,511	210,361	1,200,656	3,513,749
Sweden	1,343,378	299,547	226,405	887,435	2,756,765
United Kingdom	26,189,899	4,121,647	2,779,859	18,667,937	51,759,342
Norway	933,136	64,427	43,110	594,194	1,634,867
Switzerland	1,167,391	339,871	229,969	771,653	2,508,884
Russia	427,188	96,511	60,746	287,301	871,746
Libya	96,801	345,940	321,574	500,066	1,264,381
USA	1,017,562	639,977	341,203	726,252	2,724,994
Other	5,489,550	3,733,472	1,917,303	4,896,993	16,037,318
Total	62,206,836	14,479,826	8,983,014	40,998,931	126,668,607
January-May 2006					
Austria	1,647,568	277,483	248,392	820,177	2,993,620
Belgium	1,510,072	220,912	211,419	697,080	2,639,483
Denmark	1,387,719	135,674	72,612	654,941	2,250,946
France	4,987,497	949,722	721,448	2,651,270	9,309,937
Germany	8,163,281	1,226,643	1,028,010	4,196,084	14,614,018
Italy	3,270,197	1,652,789	1,336,470	2,538,885	8,798,341
Netherlands	2,174,360	347,195	256,096	1,242,268	4,019,919
Sweden	1,063,630	205,492	120,266	662,321	2,051,709
United Kingdom	24,905,353	4,645,789	2,718,352	18,768,938	51,038,432
Norway	929,697	250,396	146,332	697,631	2,024,056
Switzerland	1,346,156	256,844	317,471	820,256	2,740,727
Russia	576,097	240,830	144,065	542,369	1,503,361
Libya	238,357	279,476	236,860	615,861	1,370,554
USA	891,298	539,442	321,392	736,833	2,488,965
Other	5,580,729	3,118,613	1,923,279	5,323,000	15,945,621
Total	58,672,011	14,347,300	9,802,464	40,967,914	123,789,689

Table 12. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

January-May 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	230.5	153.1	96.1	77.8	312.4
Belgium	270.6	133.4	86.8	102.5	358.7
Denmark	212.9	154.4	60.9	118.8	332.0
France	256.0	141.1	102.4	91.3	345.0
Germany	239.2	150.3	109.4	97.1	340.3
Italy	223.9	128.9	92.4	93.1	315.8
Netherlands	217.5	124.2	87.6	109.4	325.4
Sweden	241.7	158.2	139.2	119.1	374.9
United Kingdom	235.2	104.8	98.4	123.9	350.7
Norway	253.4	111.1	90.9	139.4	385.8
Switzerland	251.3	148.0	113.5	111.1	365.8
Russia	252.5	115.3	83.0	113.6	348.2
Libya	191.3	88.6	93.6	113.3	296.5
USA	376.5	209.5	120.0	126.1	477.6
Other	246.8	181.8	103.3	114.5	379.7
Total	239.9	135.0	100.5	111.8	350.4
January-May 2006					
Austria	233.7	122.8	115.1	88.1	322.9
Belgium	228.2	108.6	112.5	80.6	307.1
Denmark	253.1	152.6	92.4	102.8	354.7
France	241.9	135.8	114.6	96.0	340.0
Germany	238.5	126.0	114.8	95.4	334.4
Italy	219.8	111.6	98.7	85.5	300.5
Netherlands	230.2	128.8	100.7	102.3	332.3
Sweden	270.0	131.0	87.8	120.2	375.7
United Kingdom	239.9	99.6	81.7	124.7	346.5
Norway	291.0	164.5	110.2	147.9	433.5
Switzerland	280.0	136.7	188.9	122.7	415.4
Russia	319.2	158.6	98.1	163.3	454.1
Libya	198.3	106.0	97.2	160.5	362.2
USA	405.9	151.0	99.6	127.7	437.4
Other	250.5	155.1	105.6	125.6	381.0
Total	242.9	120.7	98.9	113.7	348.8

* A weighted average of the 'package' and 'non-package' expenditure categories based on the respective number of tourists in each category plus the simple average of the 'other' expenditure category.

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.