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Cruise passengers: August 2006

In August 2006, total cruise passenger traffic in Malta almost doubled, mainly attributable to an increase in passengers in transit.

August 2006

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta rose by 98.4 per cent in August 2006 compared to the same month last year, reflecting mainly passenger departures, including persons travelling in transit and those embarking from Malta.

In August 2006, there was a 97.2 per cent increase in passengers travelling in transit, with major increases attributable to passengers of Italian and American residency. Embarkations from Malta almost doubled when compared to the same month a year ago.

Passenger landings more than double during the month, primarily reflecting an increase in Maltese passengers.

January-August 2006

Cruise passenger traffic in Malta rose by 33.3 per cent during the first eight months of 2006.

Passenger departures increased by 31.5 per cent, mainly reflecting an increase in passengers in transit of 52,756 persons. This was accounted for by passengers residing in the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, and France. Embarkations from Malta went up by 3,733 persons during the period.

Passenger landings more than doubled during the period under review. The increase in embarkations was partly reflected in higher landings by Maltese passengers, although landings by persons residing in the United Kingdom rose significantly as well.

The number of cruise liners calling in Malta increased by eleven in August 2006, bringing the total for January-August period to 202, up by twenty over the same period last year ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: August 2004-2006 ...

	August			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL DEPARTURES	37,654	33,946	66,917	32,971	97.1
Embarked	4,512	1,440	2,816	1,376	95.6
Transit	33,142	32,506	64,101	31,595	97.2
Country of residence:					
EU	31,438	31,770	50,676	18,906	59.5
France	988	1,463	1,990	527	36.0
Germany	779	3,451	3,692	241	7.0
Italy	6,156	11,211	20,355	9,144	81.6
Malta	1,180	1,021	1,999	978	95.8
Spain	11,980	11,986	15,067	3,081	25.7
United Kingdom	8,045	1,232	4,589	3,357	272.5
Non-EU	6,216	2,176	16,241	14,065	646.4
Australia	77	78	249	171	219.2
Canada	974	453	1,274	821	181.2
Japan	7	36	205	169	469.4
United States	3,070	943	10,126	9,183	973.8
TOTAL LANDINGS	4,582	1,402	3,226	1,824	130.1
Country of residence:					
EU	4,556	1,306	3,076	1,770	135.5
France	5	0	9	9	–
Germany	51	22	56	34	–
Italy	7	54	163	109	–
Malta	1,186	1,021	2,297	1,276	125.0
Spain	1	0	4	4	–
United Kingdom	3,254	21	481	460	–
Non-EU	26	96	150	54	56.3
Australia	7	15	29	14	–
Canada	2	0	2	2	–
Japan	0	0	1	1	–
United States	6	71	14	-57	–

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	August			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL TRAFFIC	42,236	35,348	70,142	34,794	98.4
Country of residence:					
EU	35,994	33,076	53,752	20,676	62.5
France	993	1,463	1,999	536	36.6
Germany	830	3,473	3,748	275	7.9
Italy	6,163	11,265	20,518	9,253	82.1
Malta	2,366	2,042	4,296	2,254	110.4
Spain	11,981	11,986	15,071	3,085	25.7
United Kingdom	11,299	1,253	5,070	3,817	304.6
Non-EU	6,242	2,272	16,390	14,118	621.4
Australia	84	93	278	185	198.9
Canada	976	453	1,276	823	181.7
Japan	7	36	206	170	472.2
United States	3,076	1,014	10,140	9,126	900.0
Sex:					
Males	20,456	18,177	34,215	16,038	88.2
Females	21,780	17,171	35,927	18,756	109.2
Age group:					
0-19	8,044	8,332	16,203	7,871	94.5
20-39	10,570	10,578	19,253	8,675	82.0
40-59	17,005	12,741	24,750	12,009	94.3
60-79	6,155	3,409	9,108	5,699	167.2
80+	462	288	828	540	187.5
CRUISE LINER CALLS	37	27	38	11	40.7

Table 2. Cruise passengers: January-August 2004-2006 ...

persons

	January-August			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL DEPARTURES	143,615	179,317	235,806	56,489	31.5
Embarked	13,469	4,031	7,764	3,733	92.6
Transit	130,146	175,286	228,042	52,756	30.1
Country of residence:					
EU	109,400	148,833	191,277	42,444	28.5
France	13,515	13,500	17,099	3,599	26.7
Germany	6,213	27,826	38,943	11,117	40.0
Italy	18,465	49,165	55,834	6,669	13.6
Malta	2,584	2,986	5,206	2,220	74.3
Spain	31,321	37,685	43,789	6,104	16.2
United Kingdom	27,310	8,457	16,923	8,466	100.1
Non-EU	34,215	30,484	44,529	14,045	46.1
Australia	762	1,396	1,517	121	8.7
Canada	4,085	3,284	3,706	422	12.9
Japan	642	219	877	658	300.5
United States	18,548	15,331	26,624	11,293	73.7
TOTAL LANDINGS	12,757	3,837	8,256	4,419	115.2
Country of residence:					
EU	12,383	3,468	7,211	3,743	107.9
France	8	14	27	13	–
Germany	392	121	66	-55	–
Italy	13	81	285	204	–
Malta	2,588	2,794	5,590	2,796	100.1
Spain	2	2	14	12	–
United Kingdom	9,179	56	1,075	1,019	–
Non-EU	374	369	1,045	676	183.2
Australia	48	55	136	81	–
Canada	18	21	36	15	–
Japan	2	0	8	8	–
United States	240	269	470	201	–

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	January-August			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL TRAFFIC	156,372	183,154	244,061	60,907	33.3
Country of residence:					
EU	121,783	152,301	198,488	46,187	30.3
France	13,523	13,514	17,126	3,612	26.7
Germany	6,605	27,947	39,009	11,062	39.6
Italy	18,478	49,246	56,119	6,873	14.0
Malta	5,172	5,780	10,796	5,016	86.8
Spain	31,323	37,687	43,803	6,116	16.2
United Kingdom	36,489	8,513	17,998	9,485	111.4
Non-EU	34,589	30,853	45,573	14,720	47.7
Australia	810	1,451	1,653	202	13.9
Canada	4,103	3,305	3,742	437	13.2
Japan	644	219	885	666	304.1
United States	18,788	15,600	27,094	11,494	73.7
Sex:					
Males	74,348	89,589	121,022	31,433	35.1
Females	82,024	93,565	123,039	29,474	31.5
Age group:					
0-19	20,044	27,322	40,665	13,343	48.8
20-39	32,015	46,282	54,955	8,673	18.7
40-59	59,482	63,033	85,764	22,731	36.1
60-79	41,319	43,147	58,096	14,949	34.6
80+	3,512	3,370	4,581	1,211	35.9
CRUISE LINER CALLS	165	182	202	20	11.0

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release are compiled on the basis of administrative records held by the Malta Maritime Authority.
2. Data should be considered as final and are not normally subject to further revisions.

Definitions:

- Landed passengers cover all cruise passengers who arrive in Malta on a cruise ship and leave Malta by other means of transport or stay in Malta.
- Embarked passengers cover all cruise passengers who are either Maltese and leave Malta on a cruise ship, or alternatively, are foreigners who come to Malta by other means of transport and leave Malta on a cruise ship.
- Transit passengers cover all cruise passengers who arrive in Malta on a cruise ship and leave Malta by the same cruise ship.