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Cruise passengers: September 2006

In September 2006, total cruise passenger traffic in Malta went up by 45.7 per cent, mainly attributable to an increase in passengers in transit.

September 2006

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta rose by 18,885 persons in September 2006 compared to the same month last year, reflecting mainly passenger departures, including persons travelling in transit and those embarking from Malta.

In September 2006, there was a 41.2 per cent increase in passengers travelling in transit, with major increases attributable to passengers of Italian and Spanish residency. Embarkations from Malta increased by 1,622 persons when compared to the corresponding month a year ago.

Passenger landings increased by 1,041 persons, primarily reflecting an increase in Maltese passengers.

January-September 2006

Cruise passenger traffic in Malta rose by 35.5 per cent during the first nine months of 2006.

Passenger departures increased by 33.9 per cent, mainly reflecting an increase in passengers in transit of 68,978 persons. This was mainly accounted for by passengers residing in Italy, the United States, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom and France. Embarkations from Malta went up by 5,355 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 twelve in September 2006, bringing the total for January-September period to 249, up by 32 over the same period last year ■

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

	September			<i>persons</i>	
				Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL DEPARTURES	43,133	40,130	57,974	17,844	44.5
Embarked	3,279	798	2,420	1,622	203.3
Transit	39,854	39,332	55,554	16,222	41.2
Country of residence:					
EU	33,823	32,931	49,197	16,266	49.4
France	1,984	1,124	3,099	1,975	175.7
Germany	2,259	7,880	6,647	-1,233	-15.6
Italy	6,856	10,688	20,512	9,824	91.9
Malta	747	637	1,777	1,140	179.0
Spain	12,474	8,306	11,854	3,548	42.7
United Kingdom	7,246	2,669	1,823	-846	-31.7
Non-EU	9,310	7,199	8,777	1,578	21.9
Australia	382	183	379	196	107.1
Canada	1,268	1,115	974	-141	-12.6
Japan	135	62	126	64	103.2
United States	5,279	2,928	4,077	1,149	39.2
TOTAL LANDINGS	3,683	1,196	2,237	1,041	87.0
Country of residence:					
EU	3,462	1,133	2,071	938	82.8
France	3	0	5	5	-
Germany	9	2	4	2	-
Italy	9	5	91	86	-
Malta	911	782	1,738	956	122.3
Spain	0	0	0	0	-
United Kingdom	2,476	3	196	193	-
Non-EU	221	63	166	103	163.5
Australia	19	4	26	22	-
Canada	8	0	4	4	-
Japan	0	0	2	2	-
United States	51	59	105	46	-

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	September			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL TRAFFIC	46,816	41,326	60,211	18,885	45.7
Country of residence:					
EU	37,285	34,064	51,268	17,204	50.5
France	1,987	1,124	3,104	1,980	176.2
Germany	2,268	7,882	6,651	-1,231	-15.6
Italy	6,865	10,693	20,603	9,910	92.7
Malta	1,658	1,419	3,515	2,096	147.7
Spain	12,474	8,306	11,854	3,548	42.7
United Kingdom	9,722	2,672	2,019	-653	-24.4
Non-EU	9,531	7,262	8,943	1,681	23.1
Australia	401	187	405	218	116.6
Canada	1,276	1,115	978	-137	-12.3
Japan	135	62	128	66	106.5
United States	5,330	2,987	4,182	1,195	40.0
Sex:					
Males	22,275	20,466	30,719	10,253	50.1
Females	24,541	20,860	29,492	8,632	41.4
Age group:					
0-19	3,606	4,354	7,494	3,140	72.1
20-39	9,448	13,344	17,103	3,759	28.2
40-59	16,732	13,744	20,139	6,395	46.5
60-79	15,834	9,135	14,544	5,409	59.2
80+	1,196	749	931	182	24.3
CRUISE LINER CALLS	53	35	47	12	34.3

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

persons

	January-September			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL DEPARTURES	186,748	219,447	293,780	74,333	33.9
Embarked	16,748	4,829	10,184	5,355	110.9
Transit	170,000	214,618	283,596	68,978	32.1
Country of residence:					
EU	143,223	181,764	240,474	58,710	32.3
France	15,499	14,624	20,198	5,574	38.1
Germany	8,472	35,706	45,590	9,884	27.7
Italy	25,321	59,853	76,346	16,493	27.6
Malta	3,331	3,623	6,983	3,360	92.7
Spain	43,795	45,991	55,643	9,652	21.0
United Kingdom	34,556	11,126	18,746	7,620	68.5
Non-EU	43,525	37,683	53,306	15,623	41.5
Australia	1,144	1,579	1,896	317	20.1
Canada	5,353	4,399	4,680	281	6.4
Japan	777	281	1,003	722	–
United States	23,827	18,259	30,701	12,442	68.1
TOTAL LANDINGS	16,440	5,033	10,492	5,459	108.5
Country of residence:					
EU	15,845	4,601	9,281	4,680	101.7
France	11	14	32	18	–
Germany	401	123	70	-53	–
Italy	22	86	376	290	–
Malta	3,499	3,576	7,328	3,752	104.9
Spain	2	2	14	12	–
United Kingdom	11,655	59	1,271	1,212	–
Non-EU	595	432	1,211	779	180.3
Australia	67	59	162	103	–
Canada	26	21	40	19	–
Japan	2	0	10	10	–
United States	291	328	575	247	–

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	January-September			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
TOTAL TRAFFIC	203,188	224,480	304,272	79,792	35.5
Country of residence:					
EU	159,068	186,365	249,756	63,391	34.0
France	15,510	14,638	20,230	5,592	38.2
Germany	8,873	35,829	45,660	9,831	27.4
Italy	25,343	59,939	76,722	16,783	28.0
Malta	6,830	7,199	14,311	7,112	98.8
Spain	43,797	45,993	55,657	9,664	21.0
United Kingdom	46,211	11,185	20,017	8,832	79.0
Non-EU	44,120	38,115	54,516	16,401	43.0
Australia	1,211	1,638	2,058	420	25.6
Canada	5,379	4,420	4,720	300	6.8
Japan	779	281	1,013	732	260.5
United States	24,118	18,587	31,276	12,689	68.3
Sex:					
Males	96,623	110,055	151,741	41,686	37.9
Females	106,565	114,425	152,531	38,106	33.3
Age group:					
0-19	23,650	31,676	48,159	16,483	52.0
20-39	41,463	59,626	72,058	12,432	20.8
40-59	76,214	76,777	105,903	29,126	37.9
60-79	57,153	52,282	72,640	20,358	38.9
80+	4,708	4,119	5,512	1,393	33.8
CRUISE LINER CALLS	218	217	249	32	14.7

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.