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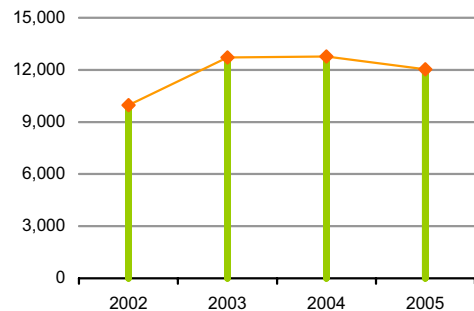
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Outbound Tourism: November 2005

November 2005

Maltese passengers during the month of November, reached a total of 12,534. Of these, 12,030 passengers departed by air - a decrease of 5.8 per cent over the same month a year ago. In the month under review, 94.8 per cent of Maltese air departures went abroad for less than 6 months.

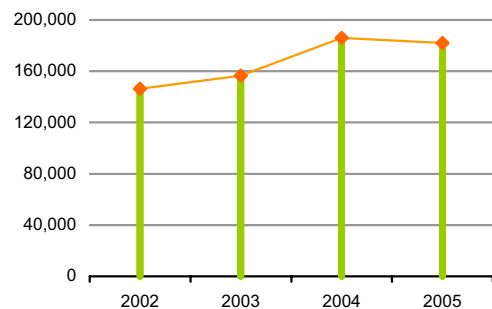
Maltese air departures: November



January - November 2005

During the January-November 2005 period, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air amounted to 182,114, a decrease of 2.1 per cent over the same period a year earlier. Of these, 97.7 per cent spent less than 6 months away from Malta. On the other hand, 0.5 per cent of Maltese passengers travelling by air spent 12 months and over away from the Maltese Islands.

Maltese air departures: January - November



In the period under review, the most frequent destination was the United Kingdom accounting for 22.8 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air. This was followed by other main destinations - Italy (21.5 per cent), Tunisia (7.6 per cent), France (6.3 per cent), Germany (5.9 per cent), Netherlands (2.6 per cent) and Spain (2.5 per cent).

When compared to the same period in 2004, Maltese departures to the United Kingdom decreased by 0.9 per cent. Other decreases were registered in Maltese air passengers departing to France (15.6 per cent) and Italy (11.2 per cent). On the other hand, increases to other main destinations were as follows - Germany (13.7 per cent), the Netherlands (16.3 per cent), Spain (8.9 per cent), Tunisia (4.9 per cent) and a group of 'other' markets (1.2 per cent) ■

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Table 1. Monthly distribution of Maltese departures: 2003 - 2005

	Air					Sea	
	2003	2004	% change	2005	% change	2004	2005
January	10,208	12,006	17.6	14,117	17.6	-	31
February	9,911	12,872	29.9	12,769	-0.8	-	259
March	11,871	14,279	20.3	18,620	30.4	-	1,240
April	11,694	16,731	43.1	13,314	-20.4	944	1,623
May	10,508	13,480	28.3	12,000	-11.0	2,845	3,770
June	11,299	14,043	24.3	16,280	15.9	2,845	3,984
July	17,021	22,329	31.2	24,454	9.5	2,040	4,257
August	24,240	29,150	20.3	26,076	-10.5	2,975	3,946
September	23,613	24,676	4.5	20,089	-18.6	2,459	2,739
October	13,344	13,623	2.1	12,365	-9.2	1,562	1,304
November	12,723	12,774	0.4	12,030	-5.8	508	504
December	18,010	17,435	-3.2			616	
Total	174,442	203,398	16.6	182,114		16,794	23,657

Table 2. Duration of overseas stay of Maltese passengers by month: November 2004-November 2005

Month	Under 6 months	6 and over but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2004					
November	12,508	44	88	134	12,774
December	17,087	40	88	220	17,435
Jan-Dec 2004 AIR	198,722	846	1,222	2,608	203,398
Apr-Dec 2004 SEA*	16,727	29	38	-	16,794
2005					
January	13,795	46	-	276	14,117
February	12,474	-	42	253	12,769
March	18,406	43	128	43	18,620
April	12,855	42	-	417	13,314
May	11,650	88	88	174	12,000
June	16,024	43	85	128	16,280
July	24,003	82	82	287	24,454
August	25,783	-	84	209	26,076
September	19,554	82	123	330	20,089
October	11,995	82	82	206	12,365
November	11,399	168	169	294	12,030
Jan-Nov 2005 AIR	177,938	676	883	2,617	182,114
Jan-Nov 2005 SEA	23,430	133	-	94	23,657

Note: Values below 1,000 should be treated with caution.

* Data for January to March not available.

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

Country of destination	Males						Females						Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	
France	387	393	2,790	2,888	193	6,651	746	785	2,384	2,740	354	7,009	13,660
Germany	192	521	2,809	2,624	363	6,509	65	648	1,221	853	84	2,871	9,380
Italy	938	2,158	10,597	9,685	703	24,081	1,110	2,487	8,781	6,967	778	20,123	44,204
Netherlands	86	324	1,442	971	43	2,866	43	152	535	519	-	1,249	4,115
Spain	224	244	1,120	773	119	2,480	34	483	777	308	106	1,708	4,188
Tunisia	788	803	2,695	2,272	192	6,750	520	873	2,609	2,243	205	6,450	13,200
United Kingdom	1,172	1,448	10,389	8,822	1,393	23,224	904	1,728	7,630	6,675	1,681	18,618	41,842
Other	873	2,164	14,575	14,108	1,332	33,052	962	2,317	10,300	7,330	1,413	22,322	55,374
Total	4,660	8,055	46,417	42,143	4,338	105,613	4,384	9,473	34,237	27,635	4,621	80,350	185,963

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

Country of destination	Males						Females						Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	
France	85	376	2,607	2,541	580	6,189	125	456	1,468	2,830	457	5,336	11,525
Germany	41	459	3,484	3,031	253	7,268	85	382	1,483	1,273	170	3,393	10,661
Italy	166	1,383	10,106	9,283	717	21,655	337	2,191	8,113	6,354	593	17,588	39,243
Netherlands	-	459	1,525	1,230	126	3,340	-	209	816	419	-	1,444	4,784
Spain	42	292	1,595	1,172	83	3,184	-	291	667	377	42	1,377	4,561
Tunisia	42	924	3,146	2,491	428	7,031	84	765	2,789	2,882	293	6,813	13,844
United Kingdom	250	1,889	10,780	9,748	1,686	24,353	208	1,739	7,338	6,898	929	17,112	41,465
Other	374	2,826	16,116	15,960	1,740	37,016	125	2,322	8,709	7,101	758	19,015	56,031
Total	1,000	8,608	49,359	45,456	5,613	110,036	964	8,355	31,383	28,134	3,242	72,078	182,114

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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