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Cruise passengers: December 2006

Cruise passenger traffic amounted to 5,279 in December 2006, bringing the total for the year to 408,046.

December 2006

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta decreased by 3,357 persons in December 2006 when compared to the same month a year earlier, reflecting passenger departures (persons travelling in transit and those embarking from Malta) and passenger landings in Malta.

In December 2006, there was a 39.0 per cent drop in passengers travelling in transit, with major decreases attributable to passengers of Italian, German and French residency. Embarkations from and landings in Malta were negligible during this month.

January-December 2006

Cruise passenger traffic in Malta increased by 27.4 per cent in 2006.

Passenger departures increased by 26.4 per cent, mainly reflecting an increase in passengers in transit of 78,137 persons. For the most part, this increase was reflected in passengers residing in Italy, Germany, Spain, the United States, France and the United Kingdom. Embarkations from Malta went up by 4,611 persons during the year.

Passenger landings increased by 70.7 per cent 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 remained unchanged in December 2006, bringing the total for the year to 356, up by 29 over 2005 ■

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

| | | | | <i>persons</i> | |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | December | | | Absolute change | Percentage change |
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2006/2005 | 2006/2005 |
| TOTAL DEPARTURES | 10,767 | 8,636 | 5,277 | -3,359 | -38.9 |
| Embarked | 0 | 3 | 8 | 5 | - |
| Transit | 10,767 | 8,633 | 5,269 | -3,364 | -39.0 |
| Country of residence: | | | | | |
| EU | 10,056 | 7,987 | 4,176 | -3,811 | -47.7 |
| France | 1,747 | 1,865 | 797 | -1,068 | -57.3 |
| Germany | 2,104 | 2,638 | 1,497 | -1,141 | -43.3 |
| Italy | 1,386 | 2,280 | 816 | -1,464 | -64.2 |
| Malta | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Spain | 3,660 | 136 | 51 | -85 | -62.5 |
| United Kingdom | 822 | 854 | 793 | -61 | -7.1 |
| Non-EU | 711 | 649 | 1,101 | 452 | 69.6 |
| Australia | 6 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Canada | 26 | 31 | 6 | -25 | -80.6 |
| Japan | 22 | 26 | 773 | 747 | - |
| United States | 165 | 298 | 23 | -275 | -92.3 |
| TOTAL LANDINGS | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Country of residence: | | | | | |
| EU | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - |
| France | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Germany | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Italy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Malta | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Spain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| United Kingdom | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Non-EU | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Australia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Canada | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Japan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - |
| United States | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |

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| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2006/2005 | 2006/2005 |
| TOTAL TRAFFIC | 10,768 | 8,636 | 5,279 | -3,357 | -38.9 |
| Country of residence: | | | | | |
| EU | 10,057 | 7,987 | 4,177 | -3,810 | -47.7 |
| France | 1,747 | 1,865 | 797 | -1,068 | -57.3 |
| Germany | 2,104 | 2,638 | 1,497 | -1,141 | -43.3 |
| Italy | 1,386 | 2,280 | 816 | -1,464 | -64.2 |
| Malta | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Spain | 3,660 | 136 | 51 | -85 | -62.5 |
| United Kingdom | 822 | 854 | 793 | -61 | -7.1 |
| Non-EU | 711 | 649 | 1,102 | 453 | 69.8 |
| Australia | 6 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Canada | 26 | 31 | 6 | -25 | -80.6 |
| Japan | 22 | 26 | 774 | 748 | - |
| United States | 165 | 298 | 23 | -275 | -92.3 |
| Sex: | | | | | |
| Men | 5,081 | 4,232 | 2,537 | -1,695 | -40.1 |
| Women | 5,687 | 4,404 | 2,742 | -1,662 | -37.7 |
| Age group: | | | | | |
| 0-19 | 1,819 | 170 | 344 | 174 | 102.4 |
| 20-39 | 2,787 | 1,402 | 967 | -435 | -31.0 |
| 40-59 | 3,717 | 3,177 | 1,460 | -1,717 | -54.0 |
| 60-79 | 2,260 | 3,760 | 2,277 | -1,483 | -39.4 |
| 80+ | 185 | 127 | 231 | 104 | 81.9 |
| CRUISE LINER CALLS | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0.0 |

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

| | January-December | | | <i>persons</i> | |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Absolute change | Percentage change |
| | | | | 2006/2005 | 2006/2005 |
| TOTAL DEPARTURES | 271,337 | 313,243 | 395,991 | 82,748 | 26.4 |
| Embarked | 19,893 | 6,491 | 11,102 | 4,611 | 71.0 |
| Transit | 251,444 | 306,752 | 384,889 | 78,137 | 25.5 |
| Country of residence: | | | | | |
| EU | 209,147 | 258,021 | 326,332 | 68,311 | 26.5 |
| France | 23,103 | 27,828 | 34,024 | 6,196 | 22.3 |
| Germany | 24,151 | 63,004 | 72,666 | 9,662 | 15.3 |
| Italy | 32,121 | 72,049 | 95,569 | 23,520 | 32.6 |
| Malta | 3,351 | 4,037 | 7,244 | 3,207 | 79.4 |
| Spain | 60,934 | 56,193 | 63,303 | 7,110 | 12.7 |
| United Kingdom | 46,978 | 18,450 | 31,967 | 13,517 | 73.3 |
| Non-EU | 62,190 | 55,222 | 69,659 | 14,437 | 26.1 |
| Australia | 1,657 | 1,987 | 2,429 | 442 | 22.2 |
| Canada | 7,343 | 5,898 | 6,202 | 304 | 5.2 |
| Japan | 1,003 | 463 | 2,184 | 1,721 | – |
| United States | 35,947 | 27,596 | 38,953 | 11,357 | 41.2 |
| TOTAL LANDINGS | 20,484 | 7,064 | 12,056 | 4,992 | 70.7 |
| Country of residence: | | | | | |
| EU | 19,532 | 5,568 | 10,382 | 4,814 | 86.5 |
| France | 11 | 67 | 45 | -22 | -32.8 |
| Germany | 422 | 338 | 238 | -100 | -29.6 |
| Italy | 25 | 93 | 409 | 316 | – |
| Malta | 3,518 | 4,013 | 7,862 | 3,849 | 95.9 |
| Spain | 9 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 55.6 |
| United Kingdom | 15,206 | 139 | 1,557 | 1,418 | – |
| Non-EU | 952 | 1,496 | 1,674 | 178 | 11.9 |
| Australia | 73 | 109 | 190 | 81 | 74.3 |
| Canada | 62 | 75 | 47 | -28 | -37.3 |
| Japan | 2 | 1 | 11 | 10 | – |
| United States | 602 | 1,043 | 848 | -195 | -18.7 |

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| | January-December | | | Absolute change | Percentage change |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2006/2005 | 2006/2005 |
| TOTAL TRAFFIC | 291,821 | 320,306 | 408,046 | 87,740 | 27.4 |
| Country of residence: | | | | | |
| EU | 228,679 | 263,589 | 336,714 | 73,125 | 27.7 |
| France | 23,114 | 27,895 | 34,069 | 6,174 | 22.1 |
| Germany | 24,573 | 63,342 | 72,904 | 9,562 | 15.1 |
| Italy | 32,146 | 72,142 | 95,978 | 23,836 | 33.0 |
| Malta | 6,869 | 8,050 | 15,106 | 7,056 | 87.7 |
| Spain | 60,943 | 56,202 | 63,317 | 7,115 | 12.7 |
| United Kingdom | 62,184 | 18,589 | 33,524 | 14,935 | 80.3 |
| Non-EU | 63,142 | 56,717 | 71,332 | 14,615 | 25.8 |
| Australia | 1,730 | 2,096 | 2,619 | 523 | 25.0 |
| Canada | 7,405 | 5,973 | 6,249 | 276 | 4.6 |
| Japan | 1,005 | 464 | 2,195 | 1,731 | – |
| United States | 36,549 | 28,639 | 39,801 | 11,162 | 39.0 |
| Sex: | | | | | |
| Men | 138,448 | 155,985 | 201,557 | 45,572 | 29.2 |
| Women | 153,373 | 164,321 | 206,489 | 42,168 | 25.7 |
| Age group: | | | | | |
| 0-19 | 28,737 | 37,572 | 56,808 | 19,236 | 51.2 |
| 20-39 | 55,878 | 76,858 | 90,874 | 14,016 | 18.2 |
| 40-59 | 105,931 | 108,827 | 140,608 | 31,781 | 29.2 |
| 60-79 | 93,794 | 90,058 | 111,913 | 21,855 | 24.3 |
| 80+ | 7,481 | 6,991 | 7,843 | 852 | 12.2 |
| CRUISE LINER CALLS | 332 | 327 | 356 | 29 | 8.9 |

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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.
- Same-day visitors cover visitors who do not spend at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
- Overnight visitors (Tourists) cover visitors who spend at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.