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Cruise passengers: June 2007

In June, cruise passenger traffic in Malta accounted for 55,407 persons, an increase of 69.9 per cent over the same month in 2006.

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Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 55,407, an increase of 22,790 passengers over the same month in 2006. Embarkations from and landings in Malta in this month stood at 1,184 and 1,164 persons respectively.

January-June 2007

During the first six months of 2007, total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 164,819, an increase of 24.6 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 84.1 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Italy, Germany and Spain. The American market remained substantial, representing more than half of the non-EU incoming passengers. The growth was underpinned by increases from the Italian and Spanish markets.

On a gender basis, total traffic was almost on a par, with male passengers exceeding female ones by 1.3 per cent. The largest proportion of passengers - 33.2 per cent - comprised persons aged between 40 and 59 years, followed by those in the 60-79 age bracket who accounted for 31.7 per cent of the total.

Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1
Average number of passengers per vessel



In June, cruise liner calls increased by 10 when compared to the same month in 2006, bringing the total for the first six months of the year to 135 compared to 136 in the same period of 2006. Chart 1 shows that the average number of passengers per vessel is on the increase ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Monthly 2005-2007

	persons				
	June			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic	31,956	32,617	55,407	22,790	69.9
Embarked	1,017	1,905	1,184	-721	-37.8
Transit	30,065	28,882	53,059	24,177	83.7
Landed	874	1,830	1,164	-666	-36.4
Country of residence:					
EU	26,495	26,354	44,086	17,732	67.3
France	814	1,628	1,308	-320	-19.7
Germany	3,917	4,044	6,530	2,486	61.5
Italy	10,457	6,282	18,246	11,964	190.4
Malta	1,141	2,265	1,640	-625	-27.6
Spain	6,493	6,989	13,752	6,763	96.8
United Kingdom	2,360	2,561	783	-1,778	-69.4
Non-EU	5,461	6,263	11,321	5,058	80.8
Australia	603	348	275	-73	-21.0
Canada	598	332	1,021	689	207.5
Japan	15	36	62	26	72.2
United States	3,047	4,464	7,875	3,411	76.4
Sex:					
Men	16,055	15,771	28,241	12,470	79.1
Women	15,901	16,846	27,166	10,320	61.3
Age group:					
0-19	3,761	4,347	8,805	4,458	102.6
20-39	8,898	8,257	14,369	6,112	74.0
40-59	10,749	11,592	19,133	7,541	65.1
60-79	7,896	7,818	12,381	4,563	58.4
80+	652	603	719	116	19.2
Cruise liner calls	30	30	40	10	33.3

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2005-2007

				persons	
	January-June			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic:	106,381	132,331	164,819	32,488	24.6
Embarked	1,379	2,268	2,608	340	15.0
Transit	103,795	127,563	159,659	32,096	25.2
Landed	1,207	2,500	2,552	52	2.1
Country of residence:					
EU	85,684	110,989	138,649	27,660	24.9
France	10,571	13,787	15,431	1,644	11.9
Germany	21,013	31,667	32,049	382	1.2
Italy	27,057	24,732	41,347	16,615	67.2
Malta	1,534	2,575	2,725	150	5.8
Spain	13,508	19,621	26,853	7,232	36.9
United Kingdom	6,398	10,660	12,334	1,674	15.7
Non-EU	20,697	21,342	26,170	4,828	22.6
Australia	1,132	1,064	741	-323	-30.4
Canada	1,874	1,949	1,939	-10	-0.5
Japan	158	663	1,065	402	60.6
United States	10,965	13,115	13,373	258	2.0
Sex:					
Men	51,157	65,917	82,943	17,026	25.8
Women	55,224	66,414	81,876	15,462	23.3
Age group:					
0-19	9,537	14,550	20,007	5,457	37.5
20-39	24,706	25,580	33,741	8,161	31.9
40-59	35,463	45,838	54,720	8,882	19.4
60-79	33,997	43,022	52,200	9,178	21.3
80+	2,678	3,341	4,151	810	24.2
Cruise liner calls	124	136	135	-1	-0.7

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:

- Cruise passenger traffic comprises embarkations from Malta, transit passengers and passengers landing in Malta.
- Embarkations comprise all cruise passengers who are either Maltese who leave Malta on a cruise ship, or alternatively, foreigners who come to Malta by other means of transport and leave on a cruise ship.
- Transit passengers comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in and leave Malta on the same cruise ship.
- Landings comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in Malta on a cruise ship and leave by other means of transport, or alternatively, stay in Malta.
- Same-day visitors comprise visitors to Malta who do not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.
- Overnight visitors (tourists) comprise visitors to Malta who spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.