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Departing tourists: December 2006

Inbound tourists during December 2006 increased by 15.0 per cent when compared to December 2005. However for the period January-December 2006, a drop of 4.0 per cent was registered. In the latter period, total tourist expenditure decreased by 1.2 per cent in spite of the 3.0 per cent increase in per capita expenditure.

December 2006

Tourist departures in December 2006 are estimated at 46,483, implying an increase of 15.0 per cent over the same month in 2005. The increase reflects primarily a rise in holiday makers, mainly from the British, Italian and Dutch markets, contrasted with a decline in tourists from France, Austria and Norway.

January-December 2006

Departures of inbound tourists in 2006 are estimated at 1,124,233 compared to 1,170,610 in 2005. This decrease mainly reflected fewer tourists from the United Kingdom, Germany and France, while tourists from Italy, Russia and Denmark are estimated to have increased during the year.

The ongoing frontier survey of tourists departing by air indicates a 3.9 per cent decrease in total nights spent during the period January-December 2006. During the period under review, total tourist expenditure is estimated at Lm422.4 million, a decrease of 1.2 per cent over the same period in 2005 ■

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Table 1. Distribution of tourist departures: December 2004-2006

Country of residence	Air				Sea	
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006
	Amount			Absolute change	Amount	
Austria	379	546	251	-295	-	-
Belgium	929	982	855	-127	-	-
Denmark	595	764	603	-161	-	-
France	1,900	2,193	1,617	-576	-	-
Germany	3,814	6,255	6,060	-195	-	-
Italy	2,826	2,403	4,765	2,362	80	280
Netherlands	773	606	963	357	-	-
Sweden	1,413	275	553	278	-	-
United Kingdom	19,450	15,950	19,741	3,791	-	-
Norway	220	386	102	-284	-	-
Switzerland	759	764	956	192	-	-
Russia	390	444	414	-30	-	-
Libya	1,352	982	704	-278	-	-
USA	941	658	563	-95	-	40
Other	5,249	7,072	7,936	864	53	80
Total	40,990	40,280	46,083	5,803	133	400

Table 2. Distribution of tourist departures: January-December 2004-2006

Country of residence	Air				Sea	
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006
	Amount			Absolute change	Amount	
Austria	23,928	26,242	23,363	-2,879	151	177
Belgium	31,245	28,730	29,001	271	-	76
Denmark	20,039	22,665	23,947	1,282	-	-
France	86,061	81,779	73,070	-8,709	828	330
Germany	134,758	138,127	125,595	-12,532	90	215
Italy	80,991	78,392	96,056	17,664	14,014	16,492
Netherlands	38,341	36,747	37,564	817	355	269
Sweden	25,628	26,112	23,931	-2,181	-	33
United Kingdom	451,997	481,968	431,012	-50,956	647	327
Norway	16,309	15,479	15,167	-312	36	-
Switzerland	22,778	20,274	21,403	1,129	-	-
Russia	19,242	16,461	21,770	5,309	186	-
Libya	12,831	10,662	9,198	-1,464	-	-
USA	17,001	16,820	16,322	-498	1,316	648
Other	146,258	150,311	156,870	6,559	2,218	1,397
Total	1,127,407	1,150,769	1,104,269	-46,500	19,841	19,964

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Table 3. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: December 2005

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	327	1.1	109	1.7	55	3.3	55	2.3	546	1.4
Belgium	709	2.4	273	4.3	-	-	-	-	982	2.4
Denmark	709	2.4	55	0.9	-	-	-	-	764	1.9
France	1,098	3.7	875	13.7	55	3.3	165	7.0	2,193	5.4
Germany	4,831	16.2	1,039	16.2	109	6.6	276	11.7	6,255	15.5
Italy	985	3.3	1,200	18.8	109	6.6	109	4.6	2,403	6.0
Netherlands	277	0.9	275	4.3	0	0.0	54	2.3	606	1.5
Sweden	111	0.4	55	0.9	55	3.3	54	2.3	275	0.7
United Kingdom	13,866	46.4	766	12.0	876	53.3	442	18.7	15,950	39.6
Norway	332	1.1	54	0.8	-	-	-	-	386	1.0
Switzerland	600	2.0	55	0.9	-	-	109	4.6	764	1.9
Russia	277	0.9	55	0.9	-	-	112	4.7	444	1.1
Libya	491	1.6	327	5.1	-	-	164	6.9	982	2.4
USA	437	1.5	110	1.7	55	3.3	56	2.4	658	1.6
Other	4,825	16.2	1,151	18.0	329	20.0	767	32.5	7,072	17.6
Total	29,875	100.0	6,399	100.0	1,643	100.0	2,363	100.0	40,280	100.0

Table 4. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: December 2006

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	101	0.3	50	0.7	-	-	101	4.1	252	0.5
Belgium	654	1.9	-	-	151	5.0	50	2.1	855	1.9
Denmark	603	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	603	1.3
France	1,215	3.6	402	5.7	-	-	-	-	1,617	3.5
Germany	4,590	13.7	808	11.5	203	6.7	458	18.8	6,059	13.1
Italy	2,487	7.4	1,516	21.6	304	10.0	458	18.8	4,765	10.3
Netherlands	559	1.7	203	2.9	151	5.0	50	2.1	963	2.1
Sweden	302	0.9	101	1.4	0	0.0	151	6.2	554	1.2
United Kingdom	15,779	47.0	2,127	30.3	1,682	55.2	153	6.3	19,741	42.8
Norway	50	0.1	-	-	-	-	52	2.1	102	0.2
Switzerland	654	1.9	101	1.4	-	-	201	8.2	956	2.1
Russia	311	0.9	102	1.5	-	-	-	-	413	0.9
Libya	302	0.9	251	3.6	50	1.6	101	4.1	704	1.5
USA	460	1.4	-	-	102	3.3	-	-	562	1.2
Other	5,507	16.4	1,364	19.4	404	13.3	662	27.2	7,937	17.2
Total	33,574	100.0	7,025	100.0	3,047	100.0	2,437	100.0	46,083	100.0

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Table 5. Tourist air departures by country of residence and locality stayed: January-December 2005

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valetta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	1,437	2,659	6,158	4,660	6,105	1,119	1,445	2,604	55	26,242
Belgium	881	2,449	7,504	7,010	6,698	994	527	2,617	50	28,730
Denmark	754	14,969	2,414	1,033	2,218	162	316	744	55	22,665
France	1,894	5,881	17,403	23,541	12,782	4,119	3,499	12,500	160	81,779
Germany	3,712	10,490	28,924	33,999	25,206	6,316	7,522	20,651	1,307	138,127
Italy	1,312	1,050	31,765	17,213	13,184	1,700	3,032	8,778	358	78,392
Netherlands	323	2,814	10,542	9,968	6,281	1,205	1,677	3,827	110	36,747
Sweden	205	725	9,831	7,806	4,966	363	215	1,952	49	26,112
United Kingdom	11,101	44,901	47,949	213,351	75,944	9,917	32,431	44,937	1,437	481,968
Norway	321	732	5,226	4,049	2,993	159	1,061	938	-	15,479
Switzerland	756	940	6,365	2,240	2,966	928	3,665	2,360	54	20,274
Russia	906	1,791	3,697	3,412	3,640	305	215	2,448	47	16,461
Libya	164	268	2,210	421	4,568	258	157	2,466	150	10,662
USA	313	372	5,315	2,057	3,090	1,736	1,325	2,237	375	16,820
Other	3,922	8,572	47,639	28,049	28,606	5,523	5,026	22,502	472	150,311
Total	28,001	98,613	232,942	358,809	199,247	34,804	62,113	131,561	4,679	1,150,769

Table 6. Tourist air departures by country of residence and locality stayed: January-December 2006

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valetta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	681	2,730	6,135	3,003	6,015	390	962	3,401	47	23,364
Belgium	238	2,879	7,202	7,970	5,232	755	1,017	3,708	-	29,001
Denmark	283	14,929	2,133	3,672	1,546	199	49	1,086	51	23,948
France	1,639	10,076	12,811	17,358	12,895	4,794	2,441	10,701	356	73,071
Germany	2,457	18,827	28,188	24,000	21,128	3,138	7,629	20,130	47	125,544
Italy	1,713	1,991	42,407	16,314	17,264	2,501	3,166	10,453	247	96,056
Netherlands	503	3,030	11,587	10,695	6,013	651	2,966	2,118	-	37,563
Sweden	397	619	5,887	10,212	3,329	349	437	2,702	-	23,932
United Kingdom	6,830	45,908	64,103	174,977	55,864	7,979	24,286	49,901	1,160	431,008
Norway	381	1,130	4,504	3,973	3,085	198	501	1,395	-	15,167
Switzerland	441	1,798	7,155	2,913	3,579	1,080	1,654	2,782	-	21,402
Russia	1,687	1,308	6,655	3,094	4,107	97	-	4,621	201	21,770
Libya	49	388	2,682	551	2,791	289	102	2,347	-	9,199
USA	392	622	5,946	730	2,609	1,281	1,725	3,016	-	16,321
Other	4,691	10,366	45,125	28,595	31,326	6,442	6,090	23,900	388	156,923
Total	22,382	116,601	252,520	308,057	176,783	30,143	53,025	142,261	2,497	1,104,269

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Table 7. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-December 2005

Country of residence	Hotels									
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	2,793	19,253	10,811	71,797	5,140	45,641	218	984	-	-
Belgium	7,639	53,392	14,481	114,058	2,670	21,125	632	4,437	-	-
Denmark	1,226	7,620	2,745	22,789	4,394	33,731	313	2,244	-	-
France	9,350	52,841	36,417	273,844	16,965	120,458	1,038	6,755	907	6,642
Germany	19,690	130,596	64,156	527,268	24,760	206,780	1,466	11,822	108	1,565
Italy	20,438	119,535	24,610	168,934	13,304	91,644	1,164	9,763	-	-
Netherlands	7,040	48,092	11,225	93,417	8,227	65,005	628	4,119	-	-
Sweden	4,366	26,892	10,552	87,937	5,458	47,672	258	2,792	-	-
United Kingdom	49,412	356,012	189,076	1,820,899	112,764	1,095,670	1,728	13,073	208	2,073
Norway	3,379	26,341	3,858	28,110	4,422	47,379	216	1,901	-	-
Switzerland	4,868	35,443	7,350	55,633	2,310	27,934	461	3,598	50	350
Russia	1,935	13,802	6,998	74,601	3,088	32,384	370	7,396	-	-
Libya	1,861	12,085	2,736	19,573	2,823	22,011	373	3,992	-	-
USA	6,821	41,310	3,264	22,916	1,423	18,437	213	919	-	-
Other	34,266	213,536	47,625	375,511	24,918	212,039	2,908	24,773	201	2,453
Total	175,084	1,156,750	435,904	3,757,287	232,666	2,087,910	11,986	98,568	1,474	13,083
Country of residence	Own private residence		Apart-Hotel		Furnished premises		Other		Total	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	538	3,851	1,168	7,845	832	7,194	4,742	42,342	26,242	198,907
Belgium	362	4,773	312	2,772	731	7,615	1,903	20,329	28,730	228,501
Denmark	206	1,595	784	5,877	986	9,466	12,011	105,360	22,665	188,682
France	519	6,405	1,829	17,440	2,228	29,599	12,526	158,118	81,779	672,102
Germany	2,281	35,601	4,618	39,263	5,570	67,881	15,478	213,613	138,127	1,234,389
Italy	1,795	20,157	1,904	16,659	3,491	42,889	11,686	132,129	78,392	601,710
Netherlands	366	3,628	3,854	35,995	2,780	28,487	2,627	32,407	36,747	311,150
Sweden	485	4,363	529	4,576	1,081	11,617	3,383	41,775	26,112	227,624
United Kingdom	21,934	306,016	26,522	266,211	33,084	405,737	47,240	522,364	481,968	4,788,055
Norway	259	5,797	575	5,203	959	10,813	1,811	23,783	15,479	149,327
Switzerland	425	7,653	321	7,979	1,249	15,410	3,240	61,153	20,274	215,153
Russia	158	2,278	741	11,589	434	3,486	2,737	50,775	16,461	196,311
Libya	536	3,680	101	5,459	368	14,165	1,864	21,795	10,662	102,760
USA	532	8,669	324	3,247	747	7,230	3,496	40,856	16,820	143,584
Other	3,511	70,849	5,221	58,885	7,382	146,420	24,279	570,448	150,311	1,674,914
Total	33,907	485,315	48,803	489,000	61,922	808,009	149,023	2,037,247	1,150,769	10,933,169

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Table 8. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-December 2006

Country of residence	Hotels									
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	3,464	21,544	8,969	61,291	2,942	24,473	339	1,791	-	-
Belgium	7,800	52,616	15,334	128,998	1,996	14,056	597	3,588	-	-
Denmark	1,857	13,270	4,363	35,144	5,146	40,701	-	-	-	-
France	11,077	65,588	32,735	246,356	12,349	108,644	2,342	22,971	-	-
Germany	18,321	119,931	57,071	481,865	15,404	146,154	5,671	46,556	-	-
Italy	22,754	94,012	28,533	194,089	20,351	181,687	2,048	16,859	51	715
Netherlands	6,612	42,842	14,996	117,045	6,699	59,003	836	7,408	-	-
Sweden	3,696	20,483	11,001	90,391	3,833	38,053	347	2,412	-	-
United Kingdom	60,768	452,798	172,960	1,719,992	78,205	783,121	2,504	20,051	47	662
Norway	3,676	21,709	5,506	51,251	2,809	29,060	505	3,501	-	-
Switzerland	6,011	46,110	6,261	50,092	2,128	18,065	1,348	11,507	-	-
Russia	5,045	39,862	6,410	78,333	4,080	50,460	340	6,406	152	2,124
Libya	1,196	5,181	3,056	27,184	1,369	8,931	773	8,335	-	-
USA	6,828	44,200	3,416	27,860	803	11,297	399	6,261	-	-
Other	32,407	201,680	53,343	422,546	24,983	219,424	4,649	38,290	94	1,314
Total	191,512	1,241,826	423,954	3,732,437	183,097	1,733,129	22,698	195,936	344	4,815
Country of residence	Own private residence		Apart-Hotel		Furnished premises		Other		Total	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	103	1,031	694	5,015	1,004	15,609	5,847	50,042	23,362	180,796
Belgium	198	3,663	209	1,557	641	5,978	2,226	31,646	29,001	242,102
Denmark	141	988	1,228	10,637	390	5,350	10,821	97,669	23,946	203,759
France	523	7,743	2,645	23,558	2,570	32,207	8,828	114,292	73,069	621,359
Germany	2,003	20,616	5,332	52,426	6,966	115,424	14,826	181,734	125,594	1,164,706
Italy	1,608	21,901	2,987	30,037	3,811	60,991	13,912	146,800	96,055	747,091
Netherlands	397	7,029	2,473	21,845	2,655	28,232	2,897	28,649	37,565	312,053
Sweden	391	3,448	1,191	9,344	1,136	18,385	2,335	40,365	23,930	222,881
United Kingdom	20,279	255,967	22,840	234,226	28,230	309,801	45,179	464,450	431,012	4,241,068
Norway	242	13,786	691	8,840	655	6,428	1,083	12,804	15,167	147,379
Switzerland	590	4,356	248	2,445	1,551	19,667	3,267	50,060	21,404	202,302
Russia	456	4,060	696	8,100	595	25,653	3,996	114,275	21,770	329,273
Libya	247	1,896	196	1,701	950	9,027	1,411	20,744	9,198	82,999
USA	691	11,576	295	2,409	759	15,460	3,130	40,480	16,321	159,543
Other	3,317	45,968	4,648	56,767	8,035	158,926	25,399	500,762	156,875	1,645,677
Total	31,186	404,028	46,373	468,907	59,948	827,138	145,157	1,894,772	1,104,269	10,502,988

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Table 9. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

December 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	81,595	4,115	3,459	36,727	125,896
Belgium	155,471	37,531	23,568	100,051	316,621
Denmark	91,139	18,166	4,364	68,742	182,411
France	267,004	136,880	55,687	248,814	708,385
Germany	944,398	154,156	92,815	557,421	1,748,790
Italy	107,705	204,966	151,377	178,453	642,501
Netherlands	58,677	37,222	20,158	36,154	152,211
Sweden	18,990	21,222	3,581	39,488	83,281
United Kingdom	2,452,393	445,799	179,412	2,085,406	5,163,010
Norway	35,064	27,339	39,984	69,552	171,939
Switzerland	144,996	29,703	10,192	231,555	416,446
Russia	78,954	12,475	-	46,909	138,338
Libya	-	92,527	47,934	91,456	231,917
USA	16,271	67,021	28,569	82,456	194,317
Other	716,218	481,950	187,599	1,047,499	2,433,266
Total	5,168,875	1,771,072	848,699	4,920,683	12,709,329
December 2006					
Austria	11,923	52,026	9,502	14,413	87,864
Belgium	85,550	60,914	39,682	86,165	272,311
Denmark	93,915	-	-	80,033	173,948
France	258,079	40,212	23,815	158,854	480,960
Germany	651,043	219,437	220,118	584,657	1,675,255
Italy	185,943	346,349	204,121	469,586	1,205,999
Netherlands	52,418	40,915	20,628	93,878	207,839
Sweden	8,768	58,659	55,590	117,907	240,924
United Kingdom	2,522,292	741,311	475,613	2,335,176	6,074,392
Norway	-	9,630	884	6,625	17,139
Switzerland	123,125	34,260	9,594	112,475	279,454
Russia	34,886	25,513	13,540	53,276	127,215
Libya	-	88,262	53,948	162,941	305,151
USA	10,465	76,535	26,387	77,693	191,080
Other	781,154	531,513	242,108	1,207,568	2,762,343
Total	4,819,561	2,325,536	1,395,530	5,561,247	14,101,874

Table 10. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

December 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	166.2	74.8	62.9	67.3	230.6
Belgium	237.4	114.8	86.3	101.9	327.2
Denmark	151.9	110.8	79.3	90.0	250.1
France	211.6	147.0	63.6	113.5	324.6
Germany	187.0	127.8	80.6	89.1	280.3
Italy	163.9	117.4	95.7	74.3	273.9
Netherlands	176.7	135.4	91.6	59.7	259.2
Sweden	172.6	128.6	32.6	143.6	309.4
United Kingdom	220.4	92.5	50.4	130.7	327.7
Norway	315.9	99.4	181.7	180.2	471.3
Switzerland	241.7	181.1	62.1	303.1	545.1
Russia	203.5	226.8	-	105.7	312.0
Libya	-	94.2	51.7	93.1	239.1
USA	149.3	122.1	65.2	125.3	306.3
Other	189.3	146.6	65.8	148.1	348.2
Total	204.5	118.0	68.0	122.2	319.8
December 2006					
Austria	118.0	344.5	94.1	57.4	367.6
Belgium	243.0	121.1	78.9	100.8	318.5
Denmark	155.7	-	-	132.7	288.5
France	196.3	133.2	78.9	98.2	297.4
Germany	187.9	98.1	100.7	96.5	288.7
Italy	165.3	95.2	58.5	98.5	255.0
Netherlands	172.4	101.8	58.6	97.5	263.1
Sweden	175.4	116.6	157.9	213.2	478.8
United Kingdom	221.2	91.2	74.9	118.3	316.5
Norway	-	94.4	8.7	65.0	168.0
Switzerland	204.2	97.3	38.2	117.7	296.5
Russia	225.1	98.5	65.4	128.7	315.5
Libya	-	125.4	89.5	231.5	446.3
USA	201.3	150.1	73.3	138.0	359.3
Other	209.4	131.2	70.3	152.2	357.5
Total	207.2	106.5	75.0	120.7	315.4

* A weighted average of the 'package' and 'non-package' expenditure categories based on the respective number of tourists in each category plus the simple average of the 'other' expenditure category.

Table 11. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

January-December 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	5,251,713	655,096	484,384	2,455,217	8,846,410
Belgium	6,724,612	755,139	549,303	2,961,920	10,990,974
Denmark	4,530,177	408,022	241,607	2,721,696	7,901,502
France	17,700,232	2,915,007	1,922,497	7,941,557	30,479,293
Germany	26,971,657	4,315,974	3,476,535	14,153,188	48,917,354
Italy	10,961,624	4,304,168	3,417,002	8,071,045	26,753,839
Netherlands	7,010,681	1,011,612	737,811	4,387,776	13,147,880
Sweden	5,091,916	989,072	872,462	3,218,871	10,172,321
United Kingdom	81,932,393	17,280,811	10,938,485	64,532,994	174,684,683
Norway	3,469,662	649,578	478,995	2,385,588	6,983,823
Switzerland	4,294,306	945,144	703,962	2,698,753	8,642,165
Russia	3,797,089	520,754	398,518	2,139,626	6,855,987
Libya	264,740	886,594	829,876	1,412,001	3,393,211
USA	2,009,103	2,186,441	995,245	2,062,033	7,252,822
Other	23,659,070	12,294,931	6,291,382	20,298,364	62,543,747
Total	203,668,975	50,118,343	32,338,064	141,440,629	427,566,011
January-December 2006					
Austria	4,868,564	783,915	561,248	2,345,335	8,559,062
Belgium	6,686,409	664,310	518,136	2,746,400	10,615,255
Denmark	5,470,113	341,888	196,145	2,913,326	8,921,472
France	16,107,605	2,339,649	1,760,461	7,272,158	27,479,873
Germany	25,650,604	3,645,515	2,993,709	13,292,734	45,582,562
Italy	15,840,685	4,485,536	3,400,211	10,046,191	33,772,623
Netherlands	7,614,931	945,178	705,794	4,479,415	13,745,318
Sweden	5,096,654	879,090	558,462	3,175,598	9,709,804
United Kingdom	73,751,241	16,172,742	9,362,040	58,986,349	158,272,372
Norway	3,878,917	486,836	299,904	2,422,565	7,088,222
Switzerland	4,844,398	915,900	727,627	2,811,838	9,299,763
Russia	5,926,928	889,732	716,334	3,906,847	11,439,841
Libya	413,150	697,619	725,494	1,729,372	3,565,635
USA	1,805,934	1,984,705	949,486	2,248,331	6,988,456
Other	27,188,770	11,377,696	5,541,995	23,300,190	67,408,651
Total	205,144,903	46,610,311	29,017,046	141,676,649	422,448,909

Table 12. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

January-December 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	251.7	121.8	104.6	93.6	340.1
Belgium	297.7	122.9	96.8	103.1	384.2
Denmark	229.3	140.3	87.9	120.1	349.2
France	287.9	143.7	104.2	97.1	375.1
Germany	257.2	129.8	113.5	102.5	356.3
Italy	267.0	115.3	102.3	103.0	346.4
Netherlands	248.9	118.0	97.5	119.4	360.5
Sweden	276.2	128.9	126.0	123.3	393.2
United Kingdom	254.1	108.3	94.4	133.9	371.0
Norway	312.0	149.0	120.0	154.1	454.0
Switzerland	312.7	144.5	118.2	133.1	429.7
Russia	303.6	131.7	123.8	130.0	422.0
Libya	251.9	92.2	96.4	132.4	327.3
USA	320.6	207.2	106.1	122.6	438.6
Other	278.4	188.2	106.7	135.0	420.6
Total	264.8	131.4	102.3	122.9	377.4
January-December 2006					
Austria	275.1	142.2	108.7	100.4	369.7
Belgium	283.6	122.5	104.3	94.7	367.6
Denmark	263.2	136.5	85.2	121.7	380.4
France	289.4	135.1	112.3	99.5	379.0
Germany	268.1	124.4	111.3	105.8	366.3
Italy	284.9	110.9	93.4	104.6	355.5
Netherlands	255.9	125.2	111.8	119.3	371.3
Sweden	297.8	129.0	93.6	132.7	409.1
United Kingdom	263.4	107.3	87.0	136.9	376.0
Norway	323.6	153.0	107.3	159.7	470.0
Switzerland	329.5	136.6	121.1	131.4	438.4
Russia	378.5	145.6	123.3	179.5	527.2
Libya	219.3	95.4	106.4	188.0	393.4
USA	329.6	183.0	102.9	137.8	438.3
Other	289.2	181.7	99.5	148.5	434.6
Total	277.4	128.6	97.5	128.3	388.8

* A weighted average of the 'package' and 'non-package' expenditure categories based on the respective number of tourists in each category plus the simple average of the 'other' expenditure category.

Methodological Notes

1. Tourist 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. Tourist 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 variables collected in these surveys include the following:

Nationality	Number of nights stayed
Country of residence	Locality in Malta stayed longest
Flight/Sailing	Organisation of trip
Final destination	Form of transport used
Purpose of visit	Expenditure (package/non-package/other)
Frequency of visit	Age
Gender	
4. The expenditure data contained in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings. Such expenditure includes elements that are earned by enterprises outside the Maltese economic territory.
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. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to tourism statistics because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers. As a result, the monthly tourism statistics published by the NSO are always lower than the combined passenger departures data available from the airport and seaport.
6. Definitions

Usual Environment consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited

Visitors comprise tourists and same-day visitors. Visitors are distinguished from other travellers according to the following criteria:

- The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment.
- The stay in the place visited should not last more than 12 consecutive months.
- The main purpose of visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

International tourist satisfies the criteria mentioned earlier regarding visitors. Additionally, international tourists must stay at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the country visited.

International same-day visitor is an international visitor who does not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.

7. The data in this release are not normally subject revision.