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Cruise passengers: July 2007

In July, cruise passenger traffic in Malta accounted for 58,237 persons, an increase of 40.0 per cent over the same month in 2006.

July 2007

Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 58,237, an increase of 16,649 passengers over the same month in 2006. Embarkations from and landings in Malta in this month stood at 1,511 and 1,518 persons respectively.

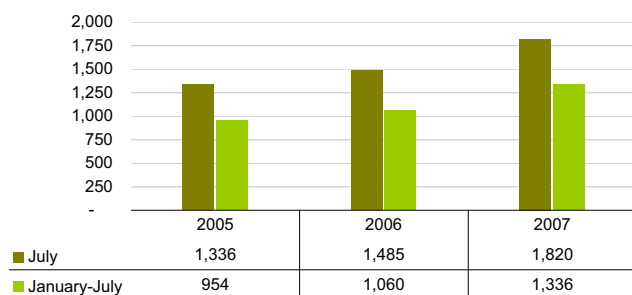
January-July 2007

During the first seven months of 2007, total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 223,056 an increase of 28.3 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 83.6 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Italy, Spain, and Germany. 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 1.1 per cent. The largest proportion of passengers - 34.1 per cent - comprised persons aged between 40 and 59 years, followed by those in the 60-79 age bracket who accounted for 26.7 per cent of the total.

Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1
Average number of passengers per vessel



In July, cruise liner calls increased by 4 when compared to the same month in 2006, bringing the total for the first seven months of the year to 167 compared to 164 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	
	July			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic	41,425	41,588	58,237	16,649	40.0
Embarked	1,212	2,680	1,511	-1,169	-43.6
Transit	38,985	36,378	55,208	18,830	51.8
Landed	1,228	2,530	1,518	-1,012	-40.0
Country of residence:					
EU	33,540	33,747	47,897	14,150	41.9
France	1,480	1,340	1,538	198	14.8
Germany	3,461	3,594	5,362	1,768	49.2
Italy	10,924	10,869	13,984	3,115	28.7
Malta	2,204	3,925	2,552	-1,373	-35.0
Spain	12,193	9,111	17,407	8,296	91.1
United Kingdom	862	2,268	2,978	710	31.3
Non-EU	7,885	7,841	10,340	2,499	31.9
Australia	226	311	254	-57	-18.3
Canada	978	517	870	353	68.3
Japan	25	16	83	67	—
United States	3,621	3,839	5,952	2,113	55.0
Sex:					
Men	20,255	20,890	29,187	8,297	39.7
Women	21,170	20,698	29,050	8,352	40.4
Age group:					
0-19	9,453	9,912	14,310	4,398	44.4
20-39	10,998	10,122	14,686	4,564	45.1
40-59	14,829	15,176	21,391	6,215	41.0
60-79	5,741	5,966	7,387	1,421	23.8
80+	404	412	463	51	12.4
Cruise liner calls	31	28	32	4	14.3

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Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2005-2007

	persons				
	January-July			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic:	147,806	173,919	223,056	49,137	28.3
Embarked	2,591	4,948	4,119	-829	-16.8
Transit	142,780	163,941	214,867	50,926	31.1
Landed	2,435	5,030	4,070	-960	-19.1
Country of residence:					
EU	119,224	144,736	186,546	41,810	28.9
France	12,051	15,127	16,969	1,842	12.2
Germany	24,474	35,261	37,411	2,150	6.1
Italy	37,981	35,601	55,331	19,730	55.4
Malta	3,738	6,500	5,277	-1,223	-18.8
Spain	25,701	28,732	44,260	15,528	54.0
United Kingdom	7,260	12,928	15,312	2,384	18.4
Non-EU	28,582	29,183	36,510	7,327	25.1
Australia	1,358	1,375	995	-380	-27.6
Canada	2,852	2,466	2,809	343	13.9
Japan	183	679	1,148	469	69.1
United States	14,586	16,954	19,325	2,371	14.0
Sex:					
Men	71,412	86,807	112,130	25,323	29.2
Women	76,394	87,112	110,926	23,814	27.3
Age group:					
0-19	18,990	24,462	34,317	9,855	40.3
20-39	35,704	35,702	48,427	12,725	35.6
40-59	50,292	61,014	76,111	15,097	24.7
60-79	39,738	48,988	59,587	10,599	21.6
80+	3,082	3,753	4,614	861	22.9
Cruise liner calls	155	164	167	3	1.8

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.