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Cruise passengers: August 2007

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Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 80,176, an increase of 10,034 passengers over the same month in 2006. Embarkations from and landings in Malta in this month stood at 1,615 and 1,599 persons respectively.

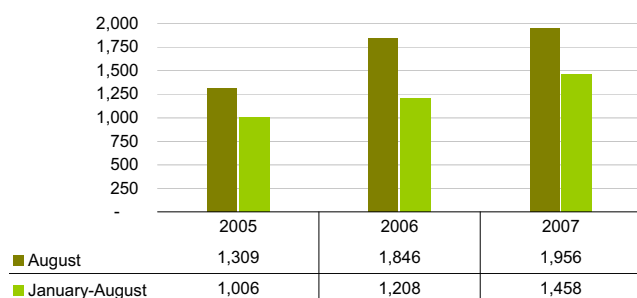
January-August 2007

During the first eight months of 2007, total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 303,232, an increase of 24.2 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 83.3 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 Spanish and Italian markets.

On a gender basis, male passengers exceeding female ones by 2.9 per cent. The largest proportion of passengers - 34.9 per cent - comprised persons aged between 40 and 59 years, followed by those in the 20-39 age bracket who accounted for 23.1 per cent of the total.

Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1
Average number of passengers per vessel



In August, cruise liner calls increased by 3 when compared to the same month in 2006, bringing the total for the first eight months of the year to 208 compared to 202 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				
	August			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic	35,348	70,142	80,176	10,034	14.3
Embarked	1,440	2,816	1,615	-1,201	-42.6
Transit	32,506	64,100	76,962	12,862	20.1
Landed	1,402	3,226	1,599	-1,627	-50.4
Country of residence:					
EU	33,076	53,752	66,181	12,429	23.1
France	1,463	1,999	2,052	53	2.7
Germany	3,473	3,748	5,637	1,889	50.4
Italy	11,265	20,518	22,297	1,779	8.7
Malta	2,042	4,296	2,735	-1,561	-36.3
Spain	11,986	15,071	25,829	10,758	71.4
United Kingdom	1,253	5,070	3,802	-1,268	-25.0
Non-EU	2,272	16,390	13,995	-2,395	-14.6
Australia	93	278	198	-80	-28.8
Canada	453	1,276	1,199	-77	-6.0
Japan	36	206	122	-84	-40.8
United States	1,014	10,140	7,938	-2,202	-21.7
Sex:					
Men	18,177	34,215	41,640	7,425	21.7
Women	17,171	35,927	38,536	2,609	7.3
Age group:					
0-19	8,332	16,203	19,666	3,463	21.4
20-39	10,578	19,253	21,737	2,484	12.9
40-59	12,741	24,750	29,598	4,848	19.6
60-79	3,409	9,108	8,534	-574	-6.3
80+	288	828	641	-187	-22.6
Cruise liner calls	27	38	41	3	7.9

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2005-2007

	January-August			persons	
				Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic:	183,154	244,061	303,232	59,171	24.2
Embarked	4,031	7,764	5,734	-2,030	-26.1
Transit	175,286	228,041	291,829	63,788	28.0
Landed	3,837	8,256	5,669	-2,587	-31.3
Country of residence:					
EU	152,300	198,488	252,727	54,239	27.3
France	13,514	17,126	19,021	1,895	11.1
Germany	27,947	39,009	43,048	4,039	10.4
Italy	49,246	56,119	77,628	21,509	38.3
Malta	5,780	10,796	8,012	-2,784	-25.8
Spain	37,687	43,803	70,089	26,286	60.0
United Kingdom	8,513	17,998	19,114	1,116	6.2
Non-EU	30,854	45,573	50,505	4,932	10.8
Australia	1,451	1,653	1,193	-460	-27.8
Canada	3,305	3,742	4,008	266	7.1
Japan	219	885	1,270	385	43.5
United States	15,600	27,094	27,263	169	0.6
Sex:					
Men	89,589	121,022	153,770	32,748	27.1
Women	93,565	123,039	149,462	26,423	21.5
Age group:					
0-19	27,322	40,665	53,983	13,318	32.8
20-39	46,282	54,955	70,164	15,209	27.7
40-59	63,033	85,764	105,709	19,945	23.3
60-79	43,147	58,096	68,121	10,025	17.3
80+	3,370	4,581	5,255	674	14.7
Cruise liner calls	182	202	208	6	3.0

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.