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Cruise passengers: September 2007

In September, cruise passenger traffic in Malta accounted for 64,473 persons, an increase of 7.1 per cent over the same month in 2006.

September 2007

Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 64,473, an increase of 4,262 passengers over the same month in 2006. Embarkations from and landings in Malta in this month stood at 1,564 and 1,798 persons respectively.

January-September 2007

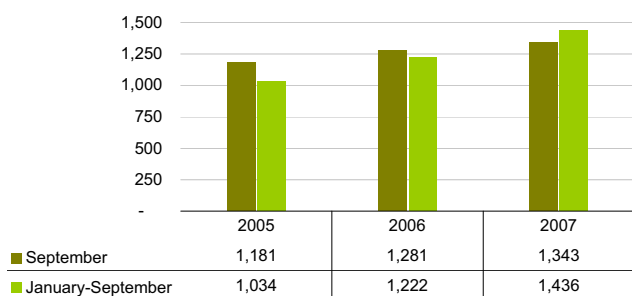
During the first nine months of 2007, total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 367,705, an increase of 20.8 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 83.9 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Italy, Spain, and Germany. The American market 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 - 34.7 per cent - comprised persons aged between 40 and 59 years, followed by those in the 60-79 age bracket who accounted for 23.3 per cent of the total.

Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1

Average number of passengers per vessel



In September, cruise liner calls increased by one when compared to the same month in 2006, bringing the total for the first nine months of the year to 256 compared to 249 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				
	September			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic	41,326	60,211	64,473	4,262	7.1
Embarked	798	2,420	1,564	-856	-35.4
Transit	39,332	55,554	61,111	5,557	10.0
Landed	1,196	2,237	1,798	-439	-19.6
Country of residence:					
EU	34,064	51,268	55,792	4,524	8.8
France	1,124	3,104	1,905	-1,199	-38.6
Germany	7,882	6,651	9,674	3,023	45.5
Italy	10,693	20,603	17,733	-2,870	-13.9
Malta	1,419	3,515	2,047	-1,468	-41.8
Spain	8,306	11,854	13,074	1,220	10.3
United Kingdom	2,672	2,019	7,367	5,348	264.9
Non-EU	7,262	8,943	8,681	-262	-2.9
Australia	187	405	362	-43	-10.6
Canada	1,115	978	1,031	53	5.4
Japan	62	128	62	-66	-51.6
United States	2,987	4,182	4,071	-111	-2.7
Sex:					
Men	20,466	30,719	32,703	1,984	6.5
Women	20,860	29,492	31,770	2,278	7.7
Age group:					
0-19	4,354	7,494	9,062	1,568	20.9
20-39	13,344	17,103	15,026	-2,077	-12.1
40-59	13,744	20,139	21,732	1,593	7.9
60-79	9,135	14,544	17,390	2,846	19.6
80+	749	931	1,263	332	35.7
Cruise liner calls	35	47	48	1	2.1

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2005-2007

	January-September			persons	
				Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic:	224,480	304,272	367,705	63,433	20.8
Embarked	4,829	10,184	7,298	-2,886	-28.3
Transit	214,618	283,595	352,940	69,345	24.5
Landed	5,033	10,493	7,467	-3,026	-28.8
Country of residence:					
EU	186,364	249,756	308,519	58,763	23.5
France	14,638	20,230	20,926	696	3.4
Germany	35,829	45,660	52,722	7,062	15.5
Italy	59,939	76,722	95,361	18,639	24.3
Malta	7,199	14,311	10,059	-4,252	-29.7
Spain	45,993	55,657	83,163	27,506	49.4
United Kingdom	11,185	20,017	26,481	6,464	32.3
Non-EU	38,116	54,516	59,186	4,670	8.6
Australia	1,638	2,058	1,555	-503	-24.4
Canada	4,420	4,720	5,039	319	6.8
Japan	281	1,013	1,332	319	31.5
United States	18,587	31,276	31,334	58	0.2
Sex:					
Men	110,055	151,741	186,473	34,732	22.9
Women	114,425	152,531	181,232	28,701	18.8
Age group:					
0-19	31,676	48,159	63,045	14,886	30.9
20-39	59,626	72,058	85,190	13,132	18.2
40-59	76,777	105,903	127,441	21,538	20.3
60-79	52,282	72,640	85,511	12,871	17.7
80+	4,119	5,512	6,518	1,006	18.3
Cruise liner calls	217	249	256	7	2.8

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.