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## Tourism

### Outbound Tourism: October 2007

*Outbound Maltese tourists for October are estimated at 17,330, implying a decrease of 10.1 per cent over the same month last year. Of these 92.8 per cent travelled by air.*

### October 2007

In the month under review, Maltese residents departing by air and sea are estimated at 17,330. Of these 14,221 travelled to European Union destinations, the most popular being Italy and the UK.

### January-October 2007

In the period under review, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air and sea amounted to 234,824, an increase of 8.3 per cent over the same period last year. Of these 85.5 per cent travelled to European Union destinations; the most visited countries being Italy and the UK.

During this period, male outbound passengers exceeded female ones, the former accounting for 58.4 per cent of the total.

The largest proportion of outbound passengers - 45.6 per cent - comprised passengers aged between 25 and 44 years, followed by those in the 45-64 age bracket who accounted for 39.3 per cent of total Maltese travellers ■

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**Table 1. Outbound passengers: monthly**

persons				
	October		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,276</b>	<b>17,330</b>	<b>-1,946</b>
Transport:				
Air	17,337	16,080	-1,257	-7.3
Sea *	1,939	1,250	-689	-35.5
Destination:				
EU	16,115	14,221	-1,894	-11.8
Italy	6,588	5,353	-1,235	-18.7
UK	4,069	4,093	24	0.6
Non-EU	3,161	3,109	-52	-1.6
Sex:				
Males	12,457	10,447	-2,010	-16.1
Females	6,819	6,883	64	0.9
Age group:				
0-24	1,440	1,209	-231	-16.0
25-44	8,614	7,973	-641	-7.4
45-64	8,175	7,666	-509	-6.2
65+	1,047	482	-565	-54.0

\* Note: Outbound sea passengers include an element of same-day visitors.

**Table 2. Outbound passengers: cumulative**

				persons	
	January-October		Absolute change	Percentage change	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006	
<b>Total</b>	<b>216,866</b>	<b>234,824</b>	<b>17,958</b>	<b>8.3</b>	
Transport:					
Air	187,335	204,542	17,207	9.2	
Sea *	29,531	30,282	751	2.5	
Destination:					
EU	178,688	200,866	22,178	12.4	
Italy	67,882	82,749	14,867	21.9	
UK	47,596	47,704	108	0.2	
Non-EU	38,178	33,958	-4,220	-11.1	
Sex:					
Males	129,769	137,085	7,316	5.6	
Females	87,097	97,739	10,642	12.2	
Age group:					
0-24	18,788	24,779	5,991	31.9	
25-44	100,545	106,974	6,429	6.4	
45-64	88,323	92,383	4,060	4.6	
65+	9,210	10,688	1,478	16.0	

\* Note: Outbound sea passengers include an element of same-day visitors.

## Methodological Notes

1. Maltese 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. Maltese 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 survey which is carried out at the seaport commenced in April 2004. No data for Maltese sea departures is available for the period January - March 2004.
4. The variables with respect to Maltese departures that are collected in this survey include the following:  
Age  
Sex  
Destination
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.
6. Definitions  
  
*Outbound tourism* comprises the activities of residents of a given country travelling to and staying in places outside that country and outside their usual environment.  
  
*Usual environment* consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited.
7. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.