

# News Release



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## Tourism

### Cruise passengers: March 2007

*In March, cruise passenger traffic in Malta accounted for 15,441 persons, an increase of 7,381 passengers over the same month in 2006.*

#### March 2007

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta amounted to 15,441 an increase of 7,381 passengers over the same month in 2006. Embarkations from and landings in Malta during this month were practically nil.

**Theme:**  
**Industry and Services**

#### January-March 2007

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta amounted to 19,879, an increase of 1.9 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 91 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Germany, Italy and Spain.

On a gender basis, total traffic was almost on a par, although female passengers exceeded male ones by 1.5 per cent. The largest proportion of passengers - 38.3 per cent - comprised persons aged between 60 and 79 years, followed by those in the 40-59 age bracket who accounted for 34.0 per cent of the total.

Cruise liner calls in Malta increased by two in March 2007, bringing the total for the January-March period to 15 compared to 19 in 2006 ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: March 2005-2007

*persons*

	March			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC</b>	<b>7,997</b>	<b>8,060</b>	<b>15,441</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>91.6</b>
Embarked	0	44	4	-40	–
Transit	7,991	8,016	15,437	7,421	92.6
Landed	6	0	0	0	–
<b>Country of residence:</b>					
EU	7,674	6,792	13,791	6,999	103.0
France	862	439	1,012	573	–
Germany	3,410	2,879	6,061	3,182	–
Italy	1,215	1,810	2,650	840	–
Malta	0	0	1	1	–
Spain	1,800	1,326	2,179	853	–
United Kingdom	154	123	730	607	–
Non-EU	323	1,268	1,650	382	30.1
Australia	3	3	14	11	–
Canada	12	34	17	-17	–
Japan	18	33	8	-25	–
United States	109	618	63	-555	–
<b>Sex:</b>					
Men	4,024	4,144	7,633	3,489	–
Women	3,973	3,916	7,808	3,892	–
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	1,355	544	1,674	1,130	–
20-39	1,733	1,625	2,721	1,096	–
40-59	2,634	3,081	5,259	2,178	–
60-79	2,156	2,664	5,438	2,774	–
80+	119	146	349	203	–
<b>CRUISE LINER CALLS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22.2</b>

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Table 2. Cruise passengers: January-March 2005-2007

				<i>persons</i>	
	January-March			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC</b>	<b>15,675</b>	<b>19,499</b>	<b>19,879</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Embarked	0	44	4	-40	-
Transit	15,669	19,455	19,875	420	2.2
Landed	6	0	0	0	-
<b>Country of residence:</b>					
EU	15,121	17,775	18,061	286	1.6
France	1,567	1,281	1,511	230	18.0
Germany	7,829	8,879	8,561	-318	-3.6
Italy	1,859	3,927	3,321	-606	-15.4
Malta	0	2	1	-1	-
Spain	2,565	1,375	2,209	834	60.7
United Kingdom	847	1,752	1,135	-617	-35.2
Non-EU	554	1,724	1,818	94	5.5
Australia	9	100	15	-85	-
Canada	25	59	21	-38	-
Japan	71	55	28	-27	-
United States	154	687	80	-607	-
<b>Sex:</b>					
Men	7,781	9,932	9,794	-138	-1.4
Women	7,894	9,567	10,085	518	5.4
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	1,674	1,451	1,836	385	26.5
20-39	3,403	3,155	3,178	23	0.7
40-59	5,512	6,837	6,757	-80	-1.2
60-79	4,807	7,534	7,613	79	1.0
80+	279	522	495	-27	-5.2
<b>CRUISE LINER CALLS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-21.1</b>

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## **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.