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## Tourism

### Departing tourists: June 2008

*Inbound tourists in June 2008 are estimated to have increased by 10.2 per cent when compared to the same month in 2007. Year on year, total nights spent increased by 12.5 per cent.*

### June 2008

According to the ongoing frontier survey, tourist departures in June are estimated at 129,378, implying an increase of 10.2 per cent over the same month in 2007. The increase reflects primarily a rise in the French, Italian and Spanish markets, while tourists coming from the UK, the USA and Belgium registered decreases (see Table 5). Results also show that 85.5 per cent of inbound tourists in June came to Malta on holiday.

Meanwhile, total nights spent increased by 12.5 per cent when compared to the same month in 2007. Year on year, total nights spent in private and collective accommodation increased by 18.2 and 10.5 per cent respectively. Overall, the average length of stay is calculated at 8.4 nights, up by 0.2 nights when compared to June 2007.

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### January-June 2008

Inbound tourists for the first half of 2008 are estimated at 577,313, implying an increase of 15.0 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago. In absolute terms, the growth is mostly attributable to an increase in holiday visits, mainly from the German, Italian and Spanish markets. On the other hand, decreases were recorded in the American, Libyan, and Russian markets.

Table 6 shows that 89.1 per cent of all inbound visits comprised tourists coming from EU Member States. Although there was an increase in repeat tourism, data show that the overall increase in the period under review was mainly brought about by a rise in first-time visits, with the latter estimated to account for 68.6 per cent of total visits. The largest age bracket comprised tourists aged 45-64, albeit the strongest increase is attributable to the 25-44 age bracket.

Total nights spent increased by 7.7 per cent when compared to the same period in 2007. Nights spent in private accommodation registered an increase of 13.0 per cent, while guest nights in collective accommodation increased by 6.1 per cent. With regard to collective accommodation, the 5- and 4-star hotel categories increased respectively by 9.7 and 3.0 per cent, while the 3-star category registered a drop of 4.2 per cent. The average length of stay is calculated at 7.8 nights, down by 0.5 nights when compared to last year's level.

In the period under review, total tourist expenditure is estimated at €404.5 million, an increase of 0.6 per cent over 2007. The growth in non-package was contrasted by a reduction in package expenditure.

The survey results indicate that the per capita total expenditure is estimated at €713, down by 13.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding period last year ■

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**Table 1. Profile of departing tourists**

	June			absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
	<b>Total</b>	<b>109,037</b>	<b>117,421</b>	<b>129,378</b>	<b>11,957</b>
Mode of travel:					
Air	107,047	114,021	128,314	14,293	12.5
Sea	1,990	3,400	1,064	-2,336	-68.7
Sex:					
Males	54,362	57,936	65,544	7,608	13.1
Females	54,675	59,485	63,834	4,349	7.3
Age group:					
0-24	11,800	12,579	14,370	1,791	14.2
25-44	38,727	44,397	50,147	5,750	13.0
45-64	48,100	50,598	51,490	892	1.8
65+	10,410	9,847	13,371	3,524	35.8
Markets:					
EU	96,147	101,848	114,142	12,294	12.1
Euro area	44,302	41,639	55,449	13,810	33.2
Non-EU	12,890	15,573	15,236	-337	-2.2
Purpose of visit:					
Holiday	93,787	102,090	110,627	8,537	8.4
Business and professional	8,789	10,245	12,190	1,945	19.0
Other	6,461	5,086	6,561	1,475	29.0
Organisation of stay					
Package	76,406	63,150	57,123	-6,027	-9.5
Non-package	32,631	54,271	72,255	17,984	33.1
Frequency					
First-time tourists	72,151	78,120	90,811	12,691	16.2
Repeat tourists	36,886	39,301	38,567	-734	-1.9
less than once a year	30,045	30,549	29,753	-796	-2.6
more than twice a year	6,841	8,752	8,814	62	0.7
Duration of visit:					
1-3 nights	8,767	11,327	16,126	4,799	42.4
4-6 nights	12,889	12,974	16,007	3,033	23.4
7+ nights	87,381	93,120	97,245	4,125	4.4
Average length of stay (nights)	9.6	8.2	8.4	0.2	2.4

**Table 2. Departing tourists, by type of accommodation**

				persons	
	June			absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,037</b>	<b>117,421</b>	<b>129,378</b>	<b>11,957</b>	<b>10.2</b>
Private accommodation	21,493	24,709	26,929	2,220	9.0
Collective accommodation	87,544	92,712	102,449	9,737	10.5
Hotels	80,233	86,541	90,278	3,737	4.3
Other collective accommodation *	7,312	6,171	12,173	6,002	97.3

**Table 3. Total nights spent by departing tourists, by type of accommodation**

				nights	
	June			absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,051,454</b>	<b>960,484</b>	<b>1,080,740</b>	<b>120,256</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Private accommodation	334,249	257,662	304,470	46,808	18.2
Collective accommodation	717,205	702,822	776,270	73,448	10.5
Hotels	640,950	647,392	665,576	18,184	2.8
Other collective accommodation *	76,255	55,430	110,694	55,264	99.7

**Table 4. Total expenditure by departing tourists, by expenditure categories**

				€ 000s	
	June			absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,170</b>	<b>97,893</b>	<b>98,184</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Package	48,993	37,957	33,524	-4,434	-11.7
Non-package	14,883	24,845	29,347	4,502	18.1
Air/sea fares	9,503	14,177	15,935	1,758	12.4
Accommodation	5,380	10,668	13,412	2,744	25.7
Other expenditure	34,294	35,091	35,313	222	0.6

\* Comprises apart-hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages  
 Estimates for expenditure are rounded to the nearest thousand

**Table 5. Departing tourists, nights spent and total expenditure, by country of residence**

	June			absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>109,037</b>	<b>117,421</b>	<b>129,378</b>	<b>11,957</b>	<b>10.2</b>
Austria	2,827	2,249	2,446	197	8.8
Belgium	3,358	3,063	2,934	-129	-4.2
France	7,628	6,169	11,324	5,155	83.6
Germany	14,033	11,861	11,888	27	0.2
Ireland	1,774	2,869	3,404	535	18.6
Italy	8,171	7,334	11,624	4,290	58.5
Libya	551	858	864	6	0.7
Netherlands	3,480	3,602	3,731	129	3.6
Russia	1,965	2,095	2,478	383	18.3
Scandinavia*	7,474	9,457	9,614	157	1.7
Spain	624	1,147	3,356	2,209	192.6
Switzerland	1,932	1,718	2,260	542	31.5
United Kingdom	43,681	49,983	48,233	-1,750	-3.5
USA	1,947	2,703	2,345	-358	-13.2
Other	9,592	12,313	12,877	564	4.6
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,051,454</b>	<b>960,484</b>	<b>1,080,740</b>	<b>120,256</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Austria	19,666	17,365	16,487	-878	-5.1
Belgium	36,570	23,098	33,961	10,863	47.0
France	59,093	44,780	74,176	29,396	65.6
Germany	128,060	98,268	96,745	-1,523	-1.5
Ireland	22,916	20,325	27,427	7,102	34.9
Italy	50,216	45,647	84,042	38,395	84.1
Libya	3,767	6,198	18,580	12,382	199.8
Netherlands	25,488	30,568	28,160	-2,408	-7.9
Russia	58,674	23,651	32,692	9,041	38.2
Scandinavia*	65,505	70,958	74,223	3,265	4.6
Spain	3,743	8,172	19,200	11,028	134.9
Switzerland	18,139	13,313	17,121	3,808	28.6
United Kingdom	398,072	436,202	410,277	-25,925	-5.9
USA	18,949	21,731	19,586	-2,145	-9.9
Other	142,596	100,208	128,063	27,855	27.8
<b>Total expenditure (€ '000s)</b>	<b>98,170</b>	<b>97,893</b>	<b>98,184</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Austria	2,458	1,470	1,731	261	17.8
Belgium	2,986	2,590	2,626	36	1.4
France	6,460	4,893	8,488	3,595	73.5
Germany	12,121	10,040	8,809	-1,231	-12.3
Ireland	1,869	2,444	2,987	543	22.2
Italy	5,642	5,032	7,241	2,209	43.9
Libya	790	744	598	-146	-19.6
Netherlands	2,952	3,100	3,338	238	7.7
Russia	3,589	2,570	2,605	35	1.4
Scandinavia*	6,729	7,177	8,152	975	13.6
Spain	522	872	2,022	1,150	-
Switzerland	2,238	1,800	1,896	96	5.3
United Kingdom	37,519	41,125	34,595	-6,530	-15.9
USA	1,853	2,065	2,368	303	14.7
Other	10,442	11,971	10,728	-1,243	-10.4

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

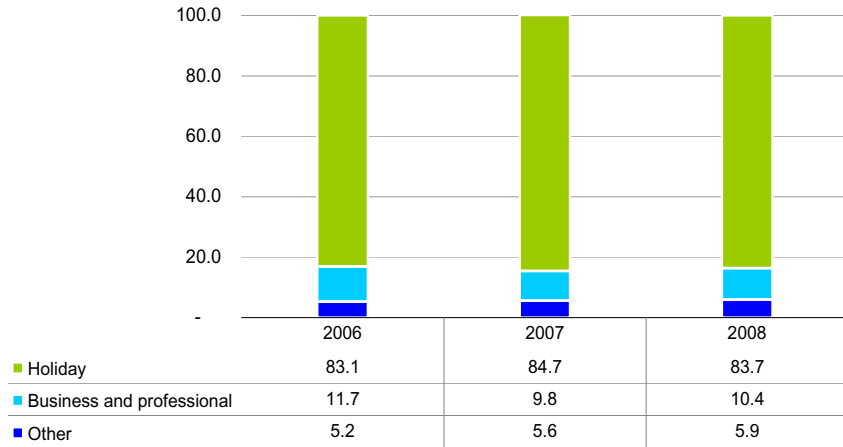
Estimates for expenditure are rounded to the nearest thousand

**Table 6. Profile of departing tourists**

	January-June			absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>471,726</b>	<b>501,802</b>	<b>577,313</b>	<b>75,511</b>	<b>15.0</b>
Mode of travel:					
Air	467,487	494,593	571,586	76,993	15.6
Sea	4,239	7,209	5,727	-1,482	-20.6
Sex:					
Males	245,727	258,314	303,795	45,481	17.6
Females	225,999	243,488	273,518	30,030	12.3
Age group:					
0-24	39,134	53,011	67,707	14,696	27.7
25-44	156,632	165,905	202,681	36,776	22.2
45-64	217,233	225,359	238,288	12,929	5.7
65+	58,727	57,527	68,637	11,110	19.3
Markets:					
EU	413,462	436,331	514,473	78,142	17.9
Euro area	193,107	193,769	269,659	75,890	39.2
Non-EU	58,264	65,471	62,840	-2,631	-4.0
Purpose of visit:					
Holiday	391,856	424,670	482,986	58,316	13.7
Business and professional	55,223	49,021	59,998	10,977	22.4
Other	24,647	28,111	34,328	6,217	22.1
Organisation of stay					
Package	318,890	278,990	259,411	-19,579	-7.0
Non-package	152,836	222,812	317,902	95,090	42.7
Frequency					
First-time tourists	309,214	331,132	396,286	65,154	19.7
Repeat tourists	162,512	170,670	181,027	10,357	6.1
less than once a year	126,483	127,527	132,015	4,488	3.5
more than twice a year	36,029	43,143	49,012	5,869	13.6
Duration of visit:					
1-3 nights	56,346	59,857	81,777	21,920	36.6
4-6 nights	66,160	80,926	122,638	41,712	51.5
7+ nights	349,220	361,019	372,898	11,879	3.3
Average length of stay (nights)	9.2	8.3	7.8	-0.5	-6.0

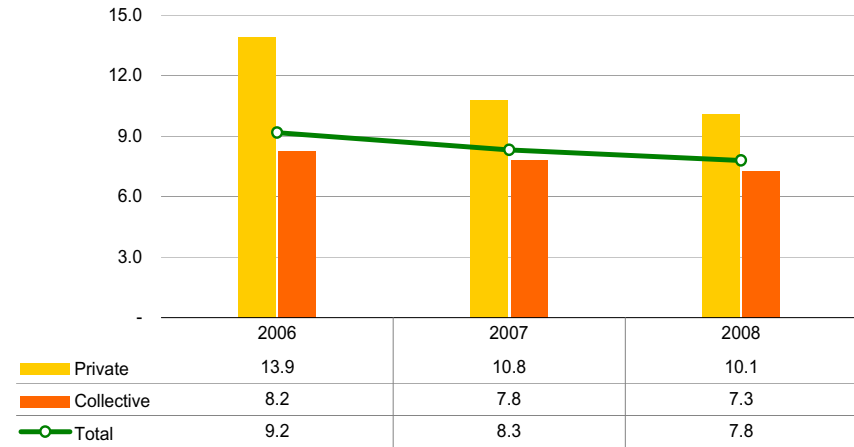
**Chart 1** Percentage distribution of departing tourists, by purpose of visit

January-June 2006-2008



**Chart 3** Average length of stay (nights), by type of accommodation

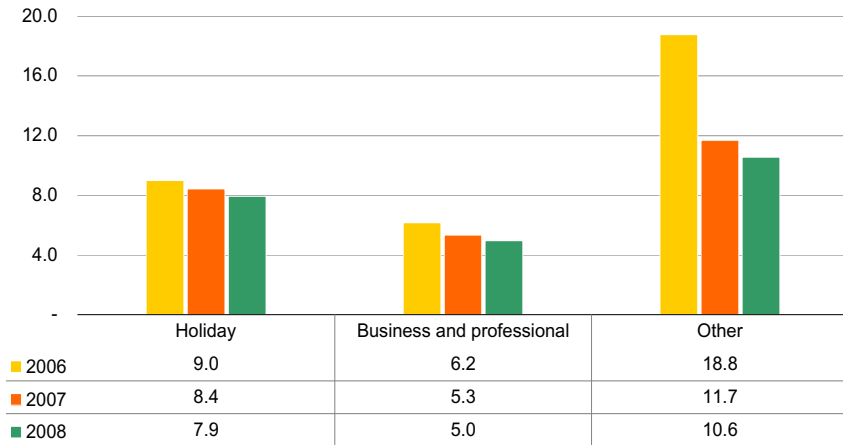
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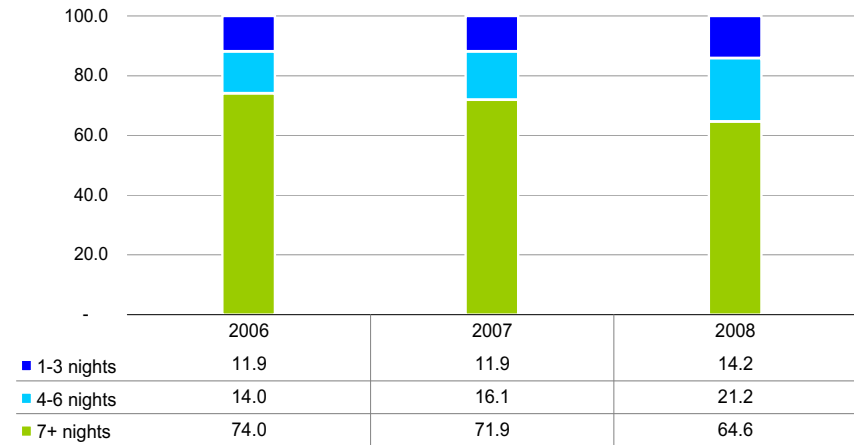
**Chart 2** Average length of stay (nights), by purpose of visit

January-June 2006-2008



**Chart 4** Departing tourists, by night bracket

January-June 2006-2008



**Table 7. Departing tourists, by type of accommodation**

	January-June			persons	
				absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>471,726</b>	<b>501,802</b>	<b>577,313</b>	<b>75,511</b>	<b>15.0</b>
Private accommodation	77,869	88,436	106,561	18,125	20.5
Rented	35,274	37,132	47,157	10,025	27.0
Staying with friends/relatives	30,318	37,777	44,230	6,453	17.1
Owner-occupied	12,277	13,527	15,174	1,647	12.2
Collective accommodation	393,857	413,366	470,752	57,386	13.9
Hotels	366,084	381,298	427,577	46,279	12.1
of which:					
5 Star	88,373	108,942	123,759	14,817	13.6
4 Star	187,538	189,662	204,213	14,551	7.7
3 Star	81,962	69,250	78,802	9,552	13.8
Other collective accommodation *	27,773	32,068	43,175	11,107	34.6

**Table 8. Total nights spent by departing tourists, by type of accommodation**

	January-June			nights	
				absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,323,695</b>	<b>4,170,969</b>	<b>4,491,997</b>	<b>321,028</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Private accommodation	1,080,659	953,024	1,077,120	124,096	13.0
Rented	556,253	428,877	493,500	64,623	15.1
Staying with friends/relatives	362,380	372,812	430,277	57,465	15.4
Owner-occupied	162,026	151,335	153,343	2,008	1.3
Collective accommodation	3,243,036	3,217,945	3,414,877	196,932	6.1
Hotels	2,962,868	2,928,686	3,049,701	121,015	4.1
of which:					
5 Star	519,565	641,821	703,811	61,990	9.7
4 Star	1,613,171	1,582,407	1,630,052	47,645	3.0
3 Star	766,866	601,647	576,232	-25,415	-4.2
Other collective accommodation *	280,168	289,259	365,176	75,917	26.2

\* Comprises apart-hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

**Table 9. Departing tourists, nights spent and total expenditure, by country of residence**

	January-June			absolute change	percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>471,726</b>	<b>501,802</b>	<b>577,313</b>	<b>75,511</b>	<b>15.0</b>
Austria	12,195	9,661	10,866	1,205	12.5
Belgium	12,010	10,329	14,299	3,970	38.4
France	35,243	30,142	39,511	9,369	31.1
Germany	58,125	55,064	76,825	21,761	39.5
Ireland	5,335	12,520	12,633	113	0.9
Italy	39,423	43,244	60,320	17,076	39.5
Libya	4,388	4,705	3,842	-863	-18.3
Netherlands	15,622	12,912	16,477	3,565	27.6
Russia	5,287	6,526	6,176	-350	-5.4
Scandinavia*	26,725	36,213	36,166	-47	-0.1
Spain	5,375	6,803	19,892	13,089	192.4
Switzerland	8,619	9,513	9,196	-317	-3.3
United Kingdom	194,210	204,666	208,183	3,517	1.7
USA	7,841	9,592	8,422	-1,170	-12.2
Other	41,328	49,912	54,505	4,593	9.2
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>4,323,695</b>	<b>4,170,969</b>	<b>4,491,997</b>	<b>321,028</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Austria	84,156	70,316	66,985	-3,331	-4.7
Belgium	96,834	75,051	99,275	24,224	32.3
France	265,624	224,323	273,081	48,758	21.7
Germany	512,097	434,293	560,677	126,384	29.1
Ireland	52,611	90,187	92,406	2,219	2.5
Italy	227,279	243,732	351,669	107,937	44.3
Libya	32,869	38,575	37,360	-1,215	-3.1
Netherlands	112,289	100,098	121,848	21,750	21.7
Russia	105,874	73,108	61,938	-11,170	-15.3
Scandinavia*	234,722	281,644	265,972	-15,672	-5.6
Spain	38,639	36,959	108,327	71,368	193.1
Switzerland	72,727	95,108	72,962	-22,146	-23.3
United Kingdom	1,967,517	1,942,141	1,874,898	-67,243	-3.5
USA	68,157	70,628	67,224	-3,404	-4.8
Other	452,300	394,806	437,375	42,569	10.8
<b>Total expenditure (€ '000s)</b>	<b>388,005</b>	<b>402,204</b>	<b>404,510</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Austria	9,471	6,544	7,266	722	11.0
Belgium	9,134	8,366	10,188	1,822	21.8
France	28,146	23,606	30,988	7,382	31.3
Germany	46,222	42,378	50,878	8,500	20.1
Ireland	5,251	10,082	10,280	198	2.0
Italy	27,117	28,545	34,535	5,990	21.0
Libya	3,983	4,098	2,862	-1,236	-30.2
Netherlands	12,317	10,104	12,594	2,490	24.6
Russia	7,091	6,828	5,978	-850	-12.4
Scandinavia*	23,833	27,976	26,709	-1,267	-4.5
Spain	4,173	4,783	10,627	5,844	122.2
Switzerland	8,622	9,882	7,350	-2,532	-25.6
United Kingdom	156,438	163,849	141,847	-22,002	-13.4
USA	7,752	8,533	6,659	-1,874	-22.0
Other	38,455	46,630	45,749	-881	-1.9

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Estimates for expenditure are rounded to the nearest thousand



Table 10. Total expenditure by departing tourists

€ 000s

	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-June 2008</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,667</b>	<b>64,499</b>	<b>51,476</b>	<b>147,868</b>	<b>404,510</b>
Austria	3,713	771	595	2,187	7,266
Belgium	4,626	1,482	1,211	2,869	10,188
France	13,565	4,250	3,755	9,418	30,988
Germany	19,302	7,983	7,308	16,285	50,878
Ireland	2,437	1,503	1,449	4,891	10,280
Italy	9,822	6,544	6,211	11,958	34,535
Libya	121	794	650	1,297	2,862
Netherlands	4,764	1,800	1,442	4,588	12,594
Russia	2,496	787	458	2,237	5,978
Scandinavia*	10,958	3,516	3,028	9,207	26,709
Spain	2,208	1,708	2,068	4,643	10,627
Switzerland	3,105	1,083	968	2,194	7,350
United Kingdom	50,592	19,352	15,247	56,656	141,847
USA	993	1,975	1,134	2,557	6,659
Other	11,965	10,951	5,952	16,881	45,749
<b>January-June 2007</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,816</b>	<b>55,851</b>	<b>34,906</b>	<b>147,631</b>	<b>402,204</b>
Austria	3,183	595	467	2,299	6,544
Belgium	4,526	821	535	2,484	8,366
France	11,240	3,122	2,133	7,111	23,606
Germany	18,259	6,294	5,130	12,695	42,378
Ireland	3,041	1,073	1,140	4,828	10,082
Italy	10,266	4,578	3,370	10,331	28,545
Libya	506	1,210	614	1,768	4,098
Netherlands	5,248	907	530	3,419	10,104
Russia	2,273	1,133	675	2,747	6,828
Scandinavia*	13,949	2,798	1,585	9,644	27,976
Spain	2,273	693	399	1,418	4,783
Switzerland	4,305	983	677	3,917	9,882
United Kingdom	68,956	19,145	11,724	64,024	163,849
USA	2,200	1,816	1,132	3,385	8,533
Other	13,591	10,683	4,795	17,561	46,630
<b>January-June 2006</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,025</b>	<b>43,154</b>	<b>28,384</b>	<b>130,442</b>	<b>388,005</b>
Austria	5,173	900	791	2,607	9,471
Belgium	5,494	623	600	2,417	9,134
France	15,718	2,627	1,961	7,840	28,146
Germany	26,035	3,536	2,924	13,727	46,222
Ireland	2,164	530	520	2,037	5,251
Italy	10,071	4,908	3,990	8,148	27,117
Libya	660	728	655	1,940	3,983
Netherlands	6,805	949	681	3,882	12,317
Russia	2,794	690	450	3,157	7,091
Scandinavia*	13,130	1,936	1,121	7,646	23,833
Spain	1,899	569	370	1,335	4,173
Switzerland	4,420	786	883	2,533	8,622
United Kingdom	75,662	14,575	8,091	58,110	156,438
USA	2,491	1,840	987	2,434	7,752
Other	13,509	7,957	4,360	12,629	38,455

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Estimates for expenditure are rounded to the nearest thousand

Table 11. Per capita expenditure by departing tourists

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	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other Expenditure	Total <sup>w</sup>
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-June 2008</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>713</b>
Austria	518	232	213	201	696
Belgium	626	248	228	201	760
France	614	221	206	238	765
Germany	559	207	199	212	690
Ireland	523	189	198	387	824
Italy	441	172	170	198	577
Libya	610	218	191	338	757
Netherlands	579	218	188	278	771
Russia	612	375	229	362	971
Scandinavia*	523	207	188	255	720
Spain	401	119	153	233	541
Switzerland	718	222	214	239	807
United Kingdom	536	170	172	272	702
USA	638	288	194	304	814
Other	543	323	186	310	832
<b>January-June 2007</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>820</b>
Austria	607	266	218	238	808
Belgium	606	288	216	240	818
France	645	270	206	236	814
Germany	600	262	224	231	780
Ireland	533	166	208	386	834
Italy	509	200	161	239	669
Libya	497	342	186	376	897
Netherlands	559	257	197	265	795
Russia	712	340	228	421	1,059
Scandinavia*	543	299	210	266	800
Spain	546	263	166	209	709
Switzerland	682	308	222	412	1,042
United Kingdom	597	215	175	313	819
USA	702	283	197	353	906
Other	564	411	198	352	939
<b>January-June 2006</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>836</b>
Austria	571	287	261	214	779
Belgium	571	261	269	201	764
France	586	311	264	223	806
Germany	566	292	268	236	801
Ireland	625	283	347	382	1,009
Italy	513	248	222	207	698
Libya	493	239	233	442	920
Netherlands	540	315	238	249	791
Russia	793	392	263	597	1,344
Scandinavia*	624	341	226	286	898
Spain	545	302	207	248	780
Switzerland	719	318	404	294	1,014
United Kingdom	572	236	187	299	824
USA	901	362	219	311	1,005
Other	641	393	239	306	942

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

<sup>w</sup> stands for weighted average - further detail can be looked up in the methodological notes - Methodological Note 6

## Methodological Notes

1. The results in this release are based on the ongoing frontier survey known as TOURSTAT. All the detailed distribution is survey-based. Administrative records are used as a supplementary source for the calibration of the survey aggregates. The exercise is in the main a bottom-up approach including a calibrating weight to re-align the survey results to the true population of total passenger departures (net of transits). Yet we advise our users to exercise caution when analysing details that involve estimates of less than 1,000 tourists since such estimates may suffer from variations attributable to low frequency in the sample frame (sampling errors). There are also limitations related to non-sampling errors, namely those linked to respondents' likelihood and willingness to provide proper information and those related to language barriers.
2. Tourist air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of Malta International Airport (MIA). A two-stage sample design is used for this survey. In 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.
3. Tourist sea departures are collected through a regular survey that is carried out at the Valletta International Seaport Terminal (VISET). 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.
4. The main variables collected in these surveys include the following:

Nationality	Number of nights stayed
Country of residence	Type of accommodation used
Flight/Sailing	Locality in Malta stayed longest
Final destination	Organisation of trip
Sex and age	Form of transport used
Purpose of visit	Expenditure (package/non-package/other)
Frequency of visit	

5. The expenditure data contained in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings. Such expenditure includes elements that are earned by enterprises outside the Maltese economic territory.
6. The total per capita expenditure is a weighted average of the 'package' and 'non-package' expenditure categories based on the respective number of tourists in each category, plus the simple average of the 'other' expenditure categories.
7. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to departing tourists because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers. As a result, the monthly tourism statistics published by the NSO are always lower than the combined passenger departures data available from the airport and seaport.

### 8. Definitions:

**Usual environment** of a person consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work or study, and other places frequently visited.

**Visitors** comprise tourists and same-day visitors. Visitors are distinguished from other travellers according to the following criteria:

- the trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment;
- the stay in the place visited should not last more than 12 consecutive months;
- the main purpose of visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

**International tourist** satisfies the criteria mentioned earlier regarding visitors. Additionally, international tourists must stay at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the country visited.

**International same-day visitor** is an international visitor who does not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.

7. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.