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Cruise passengers: August 2008

In August 2008, cruise passenger traffic in Malta comprised 76,646 persons, a decrease of 4.4 per cent over the comparative month in 2007 while over the period to date, an increase of 14.4 per cent was recorded.

August 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 76,646, a decrease of 3,530 passengers over the same month in 2007. Embarkations from and landings in Malta in this month stood at 2,435 and 2,383 persons respectively.

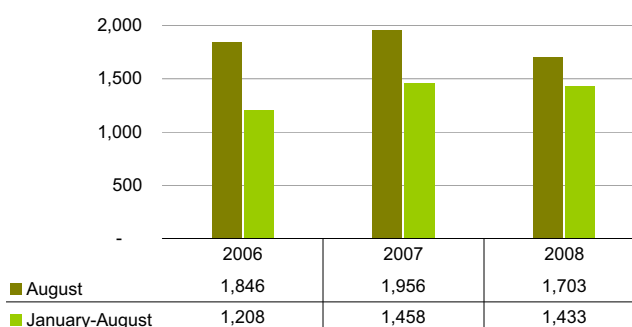
January-August 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta amounted to 346,750, an increase of 14.4 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 79.1 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Spain, Italy and Germany. On the other hand, the American market remained substantial, representing 60.6 per cent of the non-EU incoming passengers. The overall growth in cruise passenger traffic was underpinned by increases in the American, British and Spanish markets. At the same time, the cruise passenger scene was characterised by falls in the German and Italian markets, respectively by 6,725 and 4,384 passengers.

On a gender basis, male passengers slightly exceeded female ones. The largest proportion of passengers - 33.8 per cent - comprised persons aged between 40 and 59 years, followed by those in the 60-79 age bracket who accounted for 26.3 per cent of the total.

Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1
Average number of passengers per vessel



There were 45 cruise liner calls in August, bringing the total for the first eight months of the year to 242 compared to 208 in the corresponding period last year.

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Monthly 2006-2008

	persons				
	August			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
Total traffic	70,142	80,176	76,646	-3,530	-4.4
Embarked	2,816	1,615	2,435	820	50.8
Transit	64,100	76,962	71,828	-5,134	-6.7
Landed	3,226	1,599	2,383	784	49.0
Country of residence:					
EU	53,752	66,181	63,305	-2,876	-4.3
<i>of which</i>					
France	1,999	2,052	1,850	-202	-9.8
Germany	3,748	5,637	7,165	1,528	27.1
Italy	20,518	22,297	15,987	-6,310	-28.3
Malta	4,296	2,735	4,028	1,293	47.3
Spain	15,071	25,829	23,774	-2,055	-8.0
United Kingdom	5,070	3,802	5,743	1,941	51.1
Non-EU	16,390	13,995	13,341	-654	-4.7
<i>of which</i>					
Australia	278	198	643	445	-
Canada	1,276	1,199	1,760	561	46.8
Japan	206	122	137	15	12.3
United States	10,140	7,938	7,636	-302	-3.8
Sex:					
Men	34,215	41,640	39,741	-1,899	-4.6
Women	35,927	38,536	36,905	-1,631	-4.2
Age group:					
0-19	16,203	19,666	16,936	-2,730	-13.9
20-39	19,253	21,737	18,580	-3,157	-14.5
40-59	24,750	29,598	28,315	-1,283	-4.3
60-79	9,108	8,534	11,931	3,397	39.8
80+	828	641	884	243	37.9
Cruise liner calls	38	41	45	4	9.8

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2006-2008

					persons	
	January-August			Absolute change	Percentage change	
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007	
Total traffic:	244,061	303,232	346,750	43,518	14.4	
Embarked	7,764	5,734	9,488	3,754	65.5	
Transit	228,041	291,829	328,051	36,222	12.4	
Landed	8,256	5,669	9,211	3,542	62.5	
Country of residence:						
EU	198,488	252,727	274,406	21,679	8.6	
<i>of which</i>						
France	17,126	19,021	16,832	-2,189	-11.5	
Germany	39,009	43,048	36,323	-6,725	-15.6	
Italy	56,119	77,628	73,244	-4,384	-5.6	
Malta	10,796	8,012	12,498	4,486	56.0	
Spain	43,803	70,089	78,551	8,462	12.1	
United Kingdom	17,998	19,114	32,277	13,163	68.9	
Non-EU	45,573	50,505	72,344	21,839	43.2	
<i>of which</i>						
Australia	1,653	1,193	2,499	1,306	-	
Canada	3,742	4,008	6,854	2,846	71.0	
Japan	885	1,270	1,209	-61	-4.8	
United States	27,094	27,263	43,842	16,579	60.8	
Sex:						
Men	121,022	153,770	175,607	21,837	14.2	
Women	123,039	149,462	171,143	21,681	14.5	
Age group:						
0-19	40,665	53,983	59,214	5,231	9.7	
20-39	54,955	70,164	70,593	429	0.6	
40-59	85,764	105,709	117,089	11,380	10.8	
60-79	58,096	68,121	91,130	23,009	33.8	
80+	4,581	5,255	8,724	3,469	66.0	
Cruise liner calls	202	208	242	34	16.3	

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.