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Cruise passengers: November 2008

In November 2008, cruise passenger traffic in Malta comprised 44,441 persons, a decrease of 22.5 per cent over the comparative month in 2007.

November 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 44,441, a decrease of 12,925 passengers over the corresponding month in 2007. Embarkations from and landings in Malta stood at 445 and 550 persons respectively.

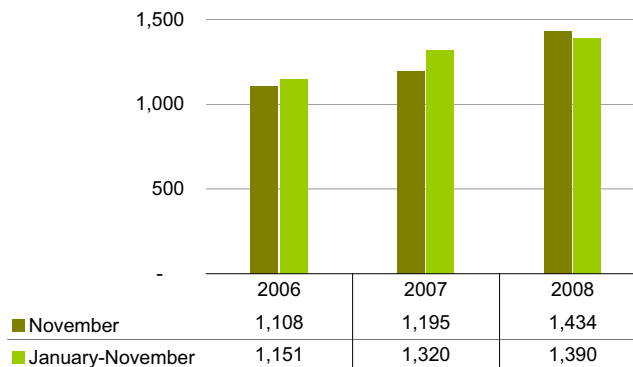
January-November 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta amounted to 540,724, an increase of 11.9 per cent over the comparative period last year. Passengers from EU countries accounted for 77.0 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Spain, Italy, the United Kingdom and Germany. On the other hand, the American market remained substantial, representing 57.6 per cent of 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, of 27,743 and 13,437 passengers respectively.

On a gender basis, female passengers exceeded male ones by 1.2 per cent. The largest proportion of passengers - 33.2 per cent - comprised persons aged between 40 and 59, followed by those in the 60 to 79 age bracket who accounted for 30.7 per cent of the total.

Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1
Average number of passengers per vessel



The average number of passengers per cruise liner, which is defined as the number of cruise passengers divided by the number of cruise liner calls, increased to 1,434 passengers per vessel for of November. There were 31 cruise liner calls in November, bringing the total for the first eleven months of the year to 389 compared to 366 in the corresponding period last year ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Monthly 2006-2008

				persons	
	November			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
Total traffic	38,779	57,366	44,441	-12,925	-22.5
Embarked	110	183	445	262	143.2
Transit	38,502	56,935	43,446	-13,489	-23.7
Landed	167	248	550	302	121.8
Country of residence:					
EU	34,273	49,015	30,026	-18,989	-38.7
<i>of which</i>					
France	7,619	7,504	3,435	-4,069	-54.2
Germany	8,949	17,584	6,017	-11,567	-65.8
Italy	8,346	9,816	5,113	-4,703	-47.9
Malta	45	315	439	124	39.4
Spain	2,852	4,380	4,139	-241	-5.5
United Kingdom	4,560	5,470	7,714	2,244	41.0
Non-EU	4,506	8,351	14,415	6,064	72.6
<i>of which</i>					
Australia	88	398	618	220	55.3
Canada	373	708	1,197	489	69.1
Japan	148	164	1,088	924	563.4
United States	2,815	3,864	7,705	3,841	99.4
Sex:					
Men	18,189	28,546	20,584	-7,962	-27.9
Women	20,590	28,820	23,857	-4,963	-17.2
Age group:					
0-19	2,933	5,136	1,958	-3,178	-61.9
20-39	6,795	11,850	6,153	-5,697	-48.1
40-59	13,276	18,800	13,803	-4,997	-26.6
60-79	14,899	20,326	20,892	566	2.8
80+	876	1,254	1,635	381	30.4
Cruise liner calls	35	48	31	-17	-35.4

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2006-2008

	January-November			persons	
				Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
Total traffic:	402,767	483,257	540,724	57,467	11.9
Embarked	11,094	8,780	14,227	5,447	62.0
Transit	379,619	465,539	512,048	46,509	10.0
Landed	12,054	8,938	14,449	5,511	61.7
Country of residence:					
EU	332,537	405,456	416,382	10,926	2.7
<i>of which</i>					
France	33,272	32,915	29,275	-3,640	-11.1
Germany	71,407	82,918	55,175	-27,743	-33.5
Italy	95,162	116,012	102,575	-13,437	-11.6
Malta	15,105	11,099	18,127	7,028	63.3
Spain	63,266	97,529	109,789	12,260	12.6
United Kingdom	32,731	37,334	59,872	22,538	60.4
Non-EU	70,230	77,801	124,342	46,541	59.8
<i>of which</i>					
Australia	2,608	2,243	4,301	2,058	91.8
Canada	6,243	6,770	13,570	6,800	100.4
Japan	1,421	2,595	2,781	186	7.2
United States	39,778	38,823	71,567	32,744	84.3
Sex:					
Men	199,020	243,340	268,726	25,386	10.4
Women	203,747	239,917	271,998	32,081	13.4
Age group:					
0-19	56,464	74,215	74,391	176	0.2
20-39	89,907	109,836	105,949	-3,887	-3.5
40-59	139,148	166,002	179,272	13,270	8.0
60-79	109,636	123,962	166,268	42,306	34.1
80+	7,612	9,242	14,844	5,602	60.6
Cruise liner calls	350	366	389	23	6.3

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.