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## Tourism

### Cruise passengers: March 2008

*In March 2008, cruise passenger traffic in Malta comprised 6,166 persons, a decrease of 60.1 per cent over the same month in 2007.*

#### March 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 6,166, a decrease of 9,275 passengers over the same month in 2007. Embarkations from and landings in Malta during this month were practically nil.

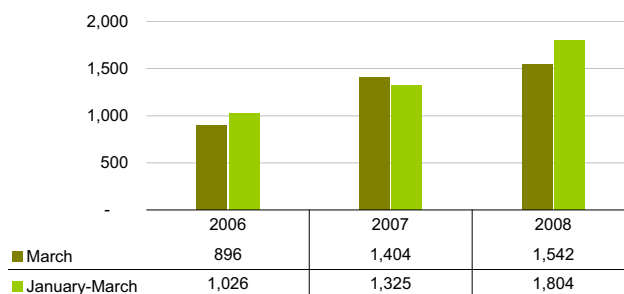
#### January-March 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta amounted to 10,823, a decrease of 45.6 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 91.1 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Germany, Spain and Italy.

On a gender basis, male passengers exceeded female ones by 26.0 per cent. The largest proportion of passengers - 38.4 per cent - comprised persons aged between 60 and 79 years, followed by those in the 40-59 age bracket who accounted for 31.6 per cent of the total.

#### Average number of passengers per cruise liner

**Chart 1**  
Average number of passengers per vessel



There were four cruise liner calls in March, bringing the total of the first three months of 2008 to six. Chart 1 shows that the average number of passengers per vessel is on the increase ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Monthly 2006-2008

	persons				
	March			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total traffic</b>	<b>8,060</b>	<b>15,441</b>	<b>6,166</b>	<b>-9,275</b>	<b>-60.1</b>
Embarked	44	4	0	-4	-
Transit	8,016	15,437	6,165	-9,272	-60.1
Landed	0	0	1	1	-
<b>Country of residence:</b>					
EU	6,792	13,791	5,518	-8,273	-60.0
France	439	1,012	29	-983	-97.1
Germany	2,879	6,061	1,897	-4,164	-68.7
Italy	1,810	2,650	524	-2,126	-80.2
Malta	0	1	0	-1	-
Spain	1,326	2,179	2,742	563	25.8
United Kingdom	123	730	99	-631	-86.4
Non-EU	1,268	1,650	648	-1,002	-60.7
Australia	3	14	16	2	14.3
Canada	34	17	33	16	94.1
Japan	33	8	2	-6	-75.0
United States	618	63	106	43	68.3
<b>Sex:</b>					
Men	4,144	7,633	2,830	-4,803	-62.9
Women	3,916	7,808	3,336	-4,472	-57.3
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	544	1,674	1,651	-23	-1.4
20-39	1,625	2,721	1,023	-1,698	-62.4
40-59	3,081	5,259	2,160	-3,099	-58.9
60-79	2,664	5,438	1,250	-4,188	-77.0
80+	146	349	82	-267	-76.5
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-</b>

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2006-2008

	persons				
	January-March			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total traffic:</b>	<b>19,499</b>	<b>19,879</b>	<b>10,823</b>	<b>-9,056</b>	<b>-45.6</b>
Embarked	44	4	0	-4	-
Transit	19,455	19,875	10,822	-9,053	-45.5
Landed	0	0	1	1	-
<b>Country of residence:</b>					
EU	17,775	18,061	9,858	-8,203	-45.4
France	1,281	1,511	424	-1,087	-71.9
Germany	8,879	8,561	5,117	-3,444	-40.2
Italy	3,927	3,321	807	-2,514	-75.7
Malta	2	1		-1	-
Spain	1,375	2,209	2,762	553	25.0
United Kingdom	1,752	1,135	201	-934	-82.3
Non-EU	1,724	1,818	965	-853	-46.9
Australia	100	15	32	17	-
Canada	59	21	38	17	81.0
Japan	55	28	54	26	92.9
United States	687	80	132	52	65.0
<b>Sex:</b>					
Men	9,932	9,794	6,034	-3,760	-38.4
Women	9,567	10,085	4,789	-5,296	-52.5
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	1,451	1,836	1,779	-57	-3.1
20-39	3,155	3,178	1,232	-1,946	-61.2
40-59	6,837	6,757	3,419	-3,338	-49.4
60-79	7,534	7,613	4,160	-3,453	-45.4
80+	522	495	233	-262	-52.9
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-</b>

## **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.