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Cruise passengers: April 2008

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April 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 45,924, an increase of 8,137 passengers over the same month in 2007. Embarkations from and landings in Malta in this month stood at 844 and 758 persons respectively.

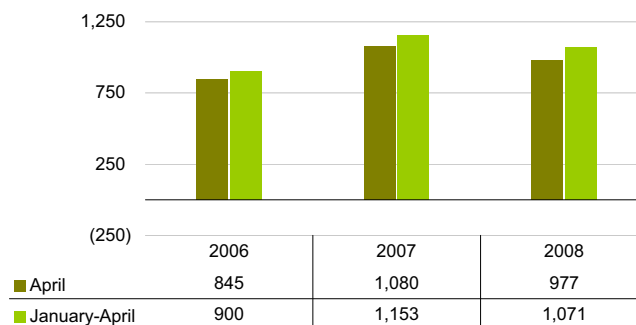
January-April 2008

Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta amounted to 56,747, a decrease of 1.6 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 84.6 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Italy, Germany and Spain.

On a gender basis, male passengers exceeded female ones by 11.7 per cent. The largest proportion of passengers - 39.7 per cent - comprised persons aged between 60 and 79 years, followed by those in the 40-59 age bracket who accounted for 26.5 per cent of the total.

Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1
Average number of passengers per vessel



There were 47 cruise liner calls in April, bringing the total of the first four months of 2008 to 53 ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Monthly 2006-2008

	persons				
	April			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
Total traffic	37,182	37,787	45,924	8,137	21.5
Embarked	250	575	844	269	46.8
Transit	36,488	36,653	44,322	7,669	20.9
Landed	444	559	758	199	35.6
Country of residence:					
EU	30,490	34,336	38,169	3,833	11.2
<i>of which</i>					
France	3,226	8,631	6,863	-1,768	-20.5
Germany	10,496	8,565	4,490	-4,075	-47.6
Italy	6,093	6,311	10,576	4,265	67.6
Malta	163	459	334	-125	-27.2
Spain	6,290	4,728	6,632	1,904	40.3
United Kingdom	1,634	3,960	7,164	3,204	80.9
Non-EU	6,692	3,451	7,755	4,304	-
<i>of which</i>					
Australia	329	127	258	131	-
Canada	736	239	720	481	-
Japan	87	56	107	51	91.1
United States	4,062	1,927	4,617	2,690	-
Sex:					
Men	19,217	19,178	23,911	4,733	24.7
Women	17,965	18,609	22,013	3,404	18.3
Age group:					
0-19	5,880	5,294	6,425	1,131	21.4
20-39	6,456	6,292	6,571	279	4.4
40-59	12,434	11,815	11,617	-198	-1.7
60-79	11,366	13,049	18,375	5,326	40.8
80+	1,046	1,337	2,936	1,599	-
Cruise liner calls	44	35	47	12	34.3

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2006-2008

	persons				
	January-April			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
Total traffic:	56,681	57,666	56,747	-919	-1.6
Embarked	294	579	844	265	45.8
Transit	55,943	56,528	55,144	-1,384	-2.4
Landed	444	559	759	200	35.8
Country of residence:					
EU	48,265	52,397	48,027	-4,370	-8.3
<i>of which</i>					
France	4,507	10,142	7,287	-2,855	-28.2
Germany	19,375	17,126	9,607	-7,519	-43.9
Italy	10,020	9,632	11,383	1,751	18.2
Malta	165	460	334	-126	-27.4
Spain	7,665	6,937	9,394	2,457	35.4
United Kingdom	3,386	5,095	7,365	2,270	44.6
Non-EU	8,416	5,269	8,720	3,451	65.5
<i>of which</i>					
Australia	429	142	290	148	-
Canada	795	260	758	498	-
Japan	142	84	161	77	91.7
United States	4,749	2,007	4,749	2,742	-
Sex:					
Men	29,149	28,972	29,945	973	3.4
Women	27,532	28,694	26,802	-1,892	-6.6
Age group:					
0-19	7,331	7,130	8,204	1,074	15.1
20-39	9,611	9,470	7,803	-1,667	-17.6
40-59	19,271	18,572	15,036	-3,536	-19.0
60-79	18,900	20,662	22,535	1,873	9.1
80+	1,568	1,832	3,169	1,337	73.0
Cruise liner calls	63	50	53	3	6.0

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.