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Departing tourists: April 2008

Inbound tourists in April 2008 are estimated to have increased by 3.0 per cent when compared to the same month in 2007. Year on year, total nights spent decreased by 14.9 per cent.

April 2008

According to the ongoing frontier survey, tourist departures by air and sea in April 2008 are estimated at 104,892, implying an increase of 3.0 per cent over the same month in 2007. The increase reflects primarily a rise in the Italian, French and Spanish markets, while tourists coming from Scandinavia, Ireland and Switzerland registered decreases (see Table 5). Results also show that 80.2 per cent of inbound tourists come to Malta on holiday.

Meanwhile, total nights spent decreased by 14.9 per cent when compared to the same month in 2007. Overall, the average length of stay is calculated at 7.2 nights, shorter by 1.6 nights when compared to April 2007.

January-April 2008

Inbound tourists for the first four months of 2008 are estimated at 316,581, 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 British, Libyan and Swiss markets.

Table 6 shows that 88.7 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 67.4 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 2.7 per cent when compared to the same period in 2007. Nights spent in private accommodation registered an increase of 11.9 per cent, while guest nights in collective accommodation increased marginally by 0.1 per cent. More specifically, tourist nights in rented and owner-occupied accommodation and in lodgings with family and friends all registered increases. Regarding collective accommodation, the increase in total guest-nights registered in the 5-star hotel category was contrasted with a decline in the 3- and 4- star categories. Nights spent in establishments classified as 'other collective' also registered an increase. The average length of stay is calculated at 7.8 nights, down by 0.9 nights when compared to last year's level.

In the period under review, total tourist expenditure is estimated at €210.2 million, a decrease of 4.2 per cent over 2007 mainly the result of a shift from collective to private accommodation.

The survey results indicate that the per capita total expenditure is estimated at €674, compared to €812 during the corresponding period last year ■

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Table 1. Profile of departing tourists

| | April | | | absolute change | percentage change |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total | 97,785 | 101,792 | 104,892 | 3,100 | 3.0 |
| Mode of travel: | | | | | |
| Air | 97,125 | 99,755 | 104,146 | 4,391 | 4.4 |
| Sea | 660 | 2,037 | 746 | -1,291 | -63.4 |
| Sex: | | | | | |
| Males | 50,353 | 52,212 | 54,875 | 2,663 | 5.1 |
| Females | 47,432 | 49,580 | 50,017 | 437 | 0.9 |
| Age group: | | | | | |
| 0-24 | 12,612 | 16,739 | 16,631 | -108 | -0.6 |
| 25-44 | 34,137 | 30,132 | 36,365 | 6,233 | 20.7 |
| 45-64 | 40,833 | 43,783 | 39,291 | -4,492 | -10.3 |
| 65+ | 10,203 | 11,138 | 12,605 | 1,467 | 13.2 |
| Markets: | | | | | |
| EU | 88,119 | 90,488 | 94,705 | 4,217 | 4.7 |
| Euro area | 46,841 | 44,409 | 51,620 | 7,211 | 16.2 |
| Non-EU | 9,666 | 11,304 | 10,187 | -1,117 | -9.9 |
| Purpose of visit: | | | | | |
| Holiday | 80,915 | 86,735 | 84,160 | -2,575 | -3.0 |
| Business and professional | 10,468 | 7,531 | 11,454 | 3,923 | 52.1 |
| Other | 6,402 | 7,526 | 9,278 | 1,752 | 23.3 |
| Organisation of stay | | | | | |
| Package | 69,106 | 58,247 | 45,101 | -13,146 | -22.6 |
| Non-package | 28,679 | 43,545 | 59,791 | 16,246 | 37.3 |
| Frequency | | | | | |
| First-time tourists | 67,100 | 70,579 | 74,345 | 3,766 | 5.3 |
| Repeat tourists | 30,685 | 31,213 | 30,547 | -666 | -2.1 |
| less than once a year | 24,888 | 23,076 | 22,727 | -349 | -1.5 |
| more than twice a year | 5,797 | 8,137 | 7,820 | -317 | -3.9 |
| Duration of visit: | | | | | |
| 1-3 nights | 12,058 | 9,422 | 15,684 | 6,262 | 66.5 |
| 4-6 nights | 15,364 | 16,578 | 23,013 | 6,435 | 38.8 |
| 7+ nights | 70,363 | 75,792 | 66,195 | -9,597 | -12.7 |
| Average length of stay (nights) | 8.8 | 8.8 | 7.2 | -1.6 | -18.2 |

Table 2. Departing tourists, by type of accommodation

| | | | | persons | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | April | | | absolute change | percentage change |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total | 97,785 | 101,792 | 104,892 | 3,100 | 3.0 |
| Private accommodation | 16,760 | 17,452 | 18,987 | 1,535 | 8.8 |
| Collective accommodation | 81,025 | 84,340 | 85,905 | 1,565 | 1.9 |
| Hotels | 75,583 | 75,188 | 78,763 | 3,575 | 4.8 |
| Other collective accommodation * | 5,442 | 9,152 | 7,142 | -2,010 | -22.0 |

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

| | | | | nights | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | April | | | absolute change | percentage change |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total | 859,853 | 890,784 | 758,389 | -132,395 | -14.9 |
| Private accommodation | 217,322 | 226,073 | 178,975 | -47,098 | -20.8 |
| Collective accommodation | 642,531 | 664,711 | 579,414 | -85,297 | -12.8 |
| Hotels | 590,645 | 576,090 | 527,222 | -48,868 | -8.5 |
| Other collective accommodation * | 51,886 | 88,621 | 52,192 | -36,429 | -41.1 |

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

| | | | | € 000s | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | April | | | absolute change | percentage change |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total | 79,664 | 83,441 | 67,554 | -15,888 | -19.0 |
| Package | 40,310 | 36,066 | 23,062 | -13,005 | -36.1 |
| Non-package | 14,241 | 17,157 | 20,925 | 3,768 | 22.0 |
| Air/sea fares | 8,481 | 11,087 | 11,829 | 742 | 6.7 |
| Accommodation | 5,760 | 6,070 | 9,096 | 3,026 | 49.9 |
| Other expenditure | 25,113 | 30,218 | 23,567 | -6,651 | -22.0 |

* 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

| | April | | | absolute change | percentage change |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| | Total tourists | 97,785 | 101,792 | 104,892 | 3,100 |
| Austria | 2,442 | 2,237 | 2,157 | -80 | -3.6 |
| Belgium | 2,869 | 2,414 | 2,589 | 175 | 7.2 |
| France | 8,480 | 7,026 | 9,058 | 2,032 | 28.9 |
| Germany | 12,854 | 11,947 | 12,605 | 658 | 5.5 |
| Ireland | 811 | 2,869 | 1,438 | -1,431 | -49.9 |
| Italy | 12,061 | 10,507 | 12,892 | 2,385 | 22.7 |
| Libya | 548 | 957 | 336 | -621 | -64.9 |
| Netherlands | 2,244 | 1,598 | 2,828 | 1,230 | 77.0 |
| Russia | 684 | 919 | 958 | 39 | 4.2 |
| Scandinavia* | 6,801 | 10,266 | 8,197 | -2,069 | -20.2 |
| Spain | 2,324 | 2,700 | 4,650 | 1,950 | 72.2 |
| Switzerland | 1,804 | 2,228 | 1,247 | -981 | -44.0 |
| United Kingdom | 36,322 | 36,557 | 36,326 | -231 | -0.6 |
| USA | 1,378 | 1,189 | 1,342 | 153 | 12.9 |
| Other | 6,163 | 8,378 | 8,269 | -109 | -1.3 |
| Total nights | 859,853 | 890,784 | 758,389 | -132,395 | -14.9 |
| Austria | 17,556 | 21,934 | 13,420 | -8,514 | -38.8 |
| Belgium | 19,041 | 16,398 | 16,251 | -147 | -0.9 |
| France | 60,704 | 63,316 | 65,181 | 1,865 | 2.9 |
| Germany | 104,984 | 99,032 | 93,746 | -5,286 | -5.3 |
| Ireland | 8,794 | 21,639 | 8,821 | -12,818 | -59.2 |
| Italy | 78,076 | 66,278 | 72,109 | 5,831 | 8.8 |
| Libya | 3,405 | 14,447 | 3,068 | -11,379 | -78.8 |
| Netherlands | 15,405 | 14,306 | 22,667 | 8,361 | 58.4 |
| Russia | 14,898 | 10,705 | 7,904 | -2,801 | -26.2 |
| Scandinavia* | 55,105 | 79,392 | 58,136 | -21,256 | -26.8 |
| Spain | 18,619 | 13,810 | 21,284 | 7,474 | 54.1 |
| Switzerland | 12,680 | 34,540 | 8,678 | -25,862 | -74.9 |
| United Kingdom | 360,432 | 356,273 | 300,926 | -55,347 | -15.5 |
| USA | 13,355 | 9,473 | 8,913 | -560 | -5.9 |
| Other | 76,799 | 69,241 | 57,285 | -11,956 | -17.3 |
| Total expenditure (€ '000s) | 79,664 | 83,441 | 67,554 | -15,887 | -19.0 |
| Austria | 1,941 | 1,495 | 1,441 | -54 | -3.6 |
| Belgium | 2,008 | 1,952 | 1,895 | -57 | -2.9 |
| France | 6,698 | 5,901 | 6,640 | 739 | 12.5 |
| Germany | 10,573 | 9,660 | 8,475 | -1,185 | -12.3 |
| Ireland | 909 | 2,575 | 1,110 | -1,465 | -56.9 |
| Italy | 9,076 | 7,321 | 7,289 | -32 | -0.4 |
| Libya | 583 | 761 | 179 | -582 | -76.5 |
| Netherlands | 1,664 | 1,109 | 2,225 | 1,116 | 100.6 |
| Russia | 716 | 850 | 842 | -8 | -0.9 |
| Scandinavia* | 6,047 | 7,890 | 5,048 | -2,842 | -36.0 |
| Spain | 1,717 | 1,912 | 1,987 | 75 | - |
| Switzerland | 1,864 | 3,027 | 983 | -2,044 | -67.5 |
| United Kingdom | 28,299 | 29,776 | 22,470 | -7,306 | -24.5 |
| USA | 1,379 | 1,204 | 928 | -276 | -22.9 |
| Other | 6,190 | 8,008 | 6,042 | -1,966 | -24.6 |

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Estimates for expenditure are rounded to the nearest thousand

Table 6. Profile of departing tourists

| | January-April | | | absolute change | percentage change |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total | 259,951 | 275,354 | 316,581 | 41,227 | 15.0 |
| Mode of travel: | | | | | |
| Air | 258,499 | 272,404 | 312,981 | 40,577 | 14.9 |
| Sea | 1,452 | 2,950 | 3,600 | 650 | 22.0 |
| Sex: | | | | | |
| Males | 139,581 | 144,704 | 170,095 | 25,391 | 17.5 |
| Females | 120,370 | 130,650 | 146,486 | 15,836 | 12.1 |
| Age group: | | | | | |
| 0-24 | 20,322 | 31,603 | 39,412 | 7,809 | 24.7 |
| 25-44 | 84,052 | 85,085 | 109,192 | 24,107 | 28.3 |
| 45-64 | 121,500 | 123,851 | 128,549 | 4,698 | 3.8 |
| 65+ | 34,077 | 34,815 | 39,428 | 4,613 | 13.3 |
| Markets: | | | | | |
| EU | 226,600 | 240,209 | 280,751 | 40,542 | 16.9 |
| Euro area | 104,001 | 108,241 | 148,360 | 40,119 | 37.1 |
| Non-EU | 33,351 | 35,145 | 35,830 | 685 | 1.9 |
| Purpose of visit: | | | | | |
| Holiday | 211,017 | 228,529 | 257,666 | 29,137 | 12.7 |
| Business and professional | 35,216 | 28,901 | 36,634 | 7,733 | 26.8 |
| Other | 13,718 | 17,924 | 22,281 | 4,357 | 24.3 |
| Organisation of stay | | | | | |
| Package | 172,411 | 155,822 | 142,570 | -13,252 | -8.5 |
| Non-package | 87,540 | 119,532 | 174,011 | 54,479 | 45.6 |
| Frequency | | | | | |
| First-time tourists | 167,565 | 179,003 | 213,308 | 34,305 | 19.2 |
| Repeat tourists | 92,386 | 96,351 | 103,273 | 6,922 | 7.2 |
| less than once a year | 71,100 | 70,299 | 72,619 | 2,320 | 3.3 |
| more than twice a year | 21,286 | 26,052 | 30,654 | 4,602 | 17.7 |
| Duration of visit: | | | | | |
| 1-3 nights | 36,712 | 34,899 | 48,359 | 13,460 | 38.6 |
| 4-6 nights | 39,228 | 49,295 | 76,312 | 27,017 | 54.8 |
| 7+ nights | 184,011 | 191,160 | 191,910 | 750 | 0.4 |
| Average length of stay (nights) | 9.3 | 8.7 | 7.8 | -0.9 | -10.3 |

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

January-April 2006-2008

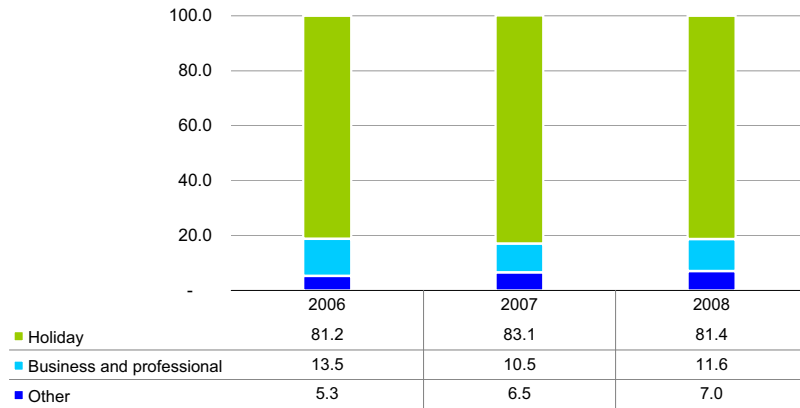


Chart 3 Average length of stay (nights), by type of accommodation

January-April 2006-2008

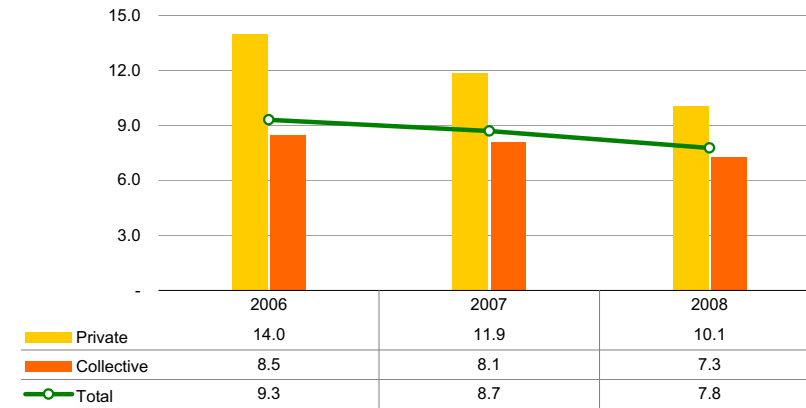


Chart 2 Average length of stay (nights), by purpose of visit

January-April 2006-2008

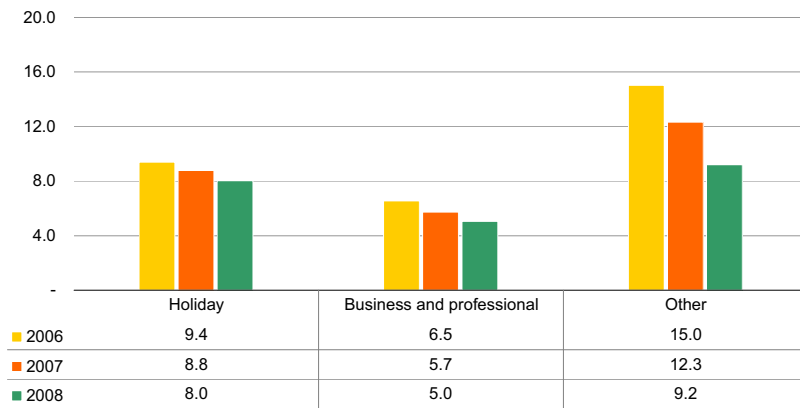


Chart 4 Departing tourists, by night bracket

January-April 2006-2008

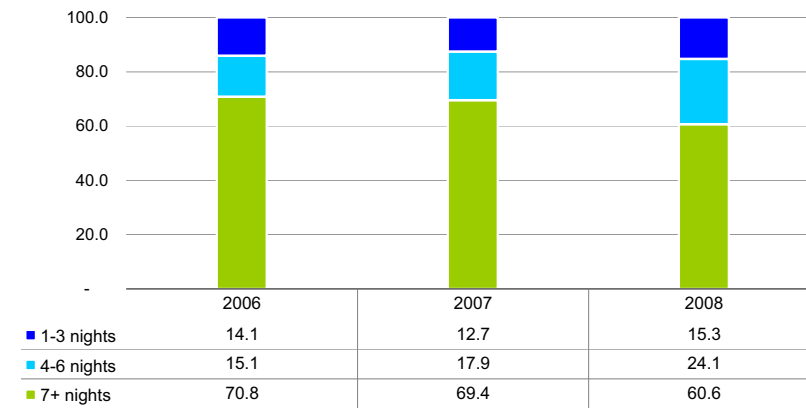


Table 7. Departing tourists, by type of accommodation

| | January-April | | | persons | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | | absolute change | percentage change |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total | 259,951 | 275,354 | 316,581 | 41,227 | 15.0 |
| Private accommodation | 38,567 | 43,328 | 57,131 | 13,803 | 31.9 |
| Rented | 16,326 | 16,897 | 22,947 | 6,050 | 35.8 |
| Staying with friends/relatives | 15,821 | 19,451 | 25,217 | 5,766 | 29.6 |
| Owner-occupied | 6,420 | 6,980 | 8,967 | 1,987 | 28.5 |
| Collective accommodation | 221,384 | 232,026 | 259,450 | 27,424 | 11.8 |
| Hotels | 208,493 | 213,384 | 238,442 | 25,058 | 11.7 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| 5 Star | 54,009 | 57,750 | 68,703 | 10,953 | 19.0 |
| 4 Star | 104,524 | 108,717 | 114,898 | 6,181 | 5.7 |
| 3 Star | 46,141 | 39,864 | 41,988 | 2,124 | 5.3 |
| Other collective accommodation * | 12,891 | 18,642 | 21,008 | 2,366 | 12.7 |

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

| | January-April | | | nights | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | | absolute change | percentage change |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total | 2,417,790 | 2,394,822 | 2,458,493 | 63,671 | 2.7 |
| Private accommodation | 538,939 | 513,674 | 574,591 | 60,917 | 11.9 |
| Rented | 261,515 | 239,921 | 242,103 | 2,182 | 0.9 |
| Staying with friends/relatives | 192,571 | 192,121 | 244,320 | 52,199 | 27.2 |
| Owner-occupied | 84,853 | 81,632 | 88,168 | 6,536 | 8.0 |
| Collective accommodation | 1,878,851 | 1,881,148 | 1,883,902 | 2,754 | 0.1 |
| Hotels | 1,742,462 | 1,706,440 | 1,707,076 | 636 | 0.0 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| 5 Star | 307,704 | 332,881 | 367,819 | 34,938 | 10.5 |
| 4 Star | 939,241 | 955,337 | 949,636 | -5,701 | -0.6 |
| 3 Star | 468,185 | 364,596 | 303,228 | -61,368 | -16.8 |
| Other collective accommodation * | 136,389 | 174,708 | 176,826 | 2,118 | 1.2 |

* Comprises aparthotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

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

| | January-April | | | absolute change | percentage change |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2008/2007 |
| Total tourists | 259,951 | 275,354 | 316,581 | 41,227 | 15.0 |
| Austria | 5,293 | 4,556 | 4,804 | 248 | 5.4 |
| Belgium | 5,918 | 4,766 | 6,949 | 2,183 | 45.8 |
| France | 16,882 | 15,349 | 20,170 | 4,821 | 31.4 |
| Germany | 33,861 | 32,647 | 44,930 | 12,283 | 37.6 |
| Ireland | 2,297 | 7,104 | 6,623 | -481 | -6.8 |
| Italy | 24,774 | 27,461 | 37,386 | 9,925 | 36.1 |
| Libya | 3,057 | 3,120 | 2,182 | -938 | -30.1 |
| Netherlands | 5,471 | 5,206 | 6,432 | 1,226 | 23.5 |
| Russia | 2,010 | 2,904 | 2,544 | -360 | -12.4 |
| Scandinavia* | 11,896 | 17,200 | 17,315 | 115 | 0.7 |
| Spain | 4,360 | 4,701 | 12,418 | 7,717 | 164.2 |
| Switzerland | 4,341 | 5,522 | 4,771 | -751 | -13.6 |
| United Kingdom | 111,896 | 113,403 | 112,406 | -997 | -0.9 |
| USA | 4,257 | 3,768 | 4,211 | 443 | 11.8 |
| Other | 23,638 | 27,647 | 33,440 | 5,793 | 21.0 |
| Total nights | 2,417,790 | 2,394,822 | 2,458,493 | 63,671 | 2.7 |
| Austria | 35,800 | 36,499 | 29,623 | -6,876 | -18.8 |
| Belgium | 41,617 | 36,135 | 43,715 | 7,580 | 21.0 |
| France | 130,148 | 125,022 | 137,030 | 12,008 | 9.6 |
| Germany | 298,656 | 259,356 | 336,938 | 77,582 | 29.9 |
| Ireland | 20,700 | 53,258 | 47,115 | -6,143 | -11.5 |
| Italy | 142,046 | 155,077 | 208,811 | 53,734 | 34.6 |
| Libya | 21,245 | 27,653 | 12,494 | -15,159 | -54.8 |
| Netherlands | 40,888 | 39,347 | 47,483 | 8,136 | 20.7 |
| Russia | 29,413 | 36,527 | 20,168 | -16,359 | -44.8 |
| Scandinavia* | 106,032 | 143,564 | 122,716 | -20,848 | -14.5 |
| Spain | 32,330 | 23,555 | 68,615 | 45,060 | 191.3 |
| Switzerland | 34,432 | 63,418 | 38,680 | -24,738 | -39.0 |
| United Kingdom | 1,204,133 | 1,140,560 | 1,074,087 | -66,473 | -5.8 |
| USA | 34,365 | 29,900 | 33,025 | 3,125 | 10.5 |
| Other | 245,985 | 224,951 | 237,993 | 13,042 | 5.8 |
| Total expenditure (€ '000s) | 203,457 | 219,475 | 210,204 | -9,271 | -4.2 |
| Austria | 3,907 | 3,023 | 3,304 | 281 | 9.3 |
| Belgium | 4,070 | 3,816 | 4,857 | 1,041 | 27.3 |
| France | 13,064 | 12,091 | 13,917 | 1,826 | 15.1 |
| Germany | 25,638 | 24,447 | 29,388 | 4,941 | 20.2 |
| Ireland | 2,288 | 5,758 | 4,805 | -953 | -16.6 |
| Italy | 17,122 | 18,244 | 20,432 | 2,188 | 12.0 |
| Libya | 2,527 | 2,660 | 1,438 | -1,222 | -45.9 |
| Netherlands | 4,182 | 3,700 | 4,925 | 1,225 | 33.1 |
| Russia | 2,047 | 2,784 | 2,157 | -627 | -22.5 |
| Scandinavia* | 10,352 | 13,443 | 11,028 | -2,415 | -18.0 |
| Spain | 3,315 | 3,202 | 6,367 | 3,165 | 98.8 |
| Switzerland | 4,057 | 6,039 | 3,571 | -2,468 | -40.9 |
| United Kingdom | 86,734 | 89,731 | 75,017 | -14,714 | -16.4 |
| USA | 3,924 | 3,804 | 2,838 | -966 | -25.4 |
| Other | 20,230 | 26,733 | 26,160 | -573 | -2.1 |

* 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 | | |
| January-April 2008 | | | | | |
| Total | 74,374 | 33,684 | 24,282 | 77,864 | 210,204 |
| Austria | 1,403 | 540 | 432 | 929 | 3,304 |
| Belgium | 1,888 | 916 | 604 | 1,449 | 4,857 |
| France | 5,890 | 2,310 | 1,854 | 3,863 | 13,917 |
| Germany | 11,874 | 4,384 | 3,819 | 9,311 | 29,388 |
| Ireland | 1,236 | 672 | 664 | 2,233 | 4,805 |
| Italy | 6,636 | 3,618 | 3,132 | 7,046 | 20,432 |
| Libya | 40 | 498 | 281 | 619 | 1,438 |
| Netherlands | 1,466 | 858 | 629 | 1,972 | 4,925 |
| Russia | 823 | 399 | 255 | 680 | 2,157 |
| Scandinavia* | 4,029 | 1,748 | 1,281 | 3,970 | 11,028 |
| Spain | 1,331 | 961 | 1,238 | 2,837 | 6,367 |
| Switzerland | 1,459 | 592 | 428 | 1,092 | 3,571 |
| United Kingdom | 28,222 | 9,823 | 6,512 | 30,460 | 75,017 |
| USA | 435 | 833 | 460 | 1,110 | 2,838 |
| Other | 7,642 | 5,532 | 2,693 | 10,293 | 26,160 |
| January-April 2007 | | | | | |
| Total | 90,343 | 30,426 | 17,690 | 81,016 | 219,475 |
| Austria | 1,489 | 299 | 149 | 1,086 | 3,023 |
| Belgium | 2,168 | 313 | 204 | 1,131 | 3,816 |
| France | 4,954 | 2,051 | 1,215 | 3,871 | 12,091 |
| Germany | 10,827 | 3,640 | 2,673 | 7,307 | 24,447 |
| Ireland | 1,660 | 661 | 638 | 2,799 | 5,758 |
| Italy | 6,336 | 2,920 | 2,044 | 6,944 | 18,244 |
| Libya | 290 | 807 | 388 | 1,175 | 2,660 |
| Netherlands | 1,460 | 617 | 372 | 1,251 | 3,700 |
| Russia | 997 | 517 | 215 | 1,055 | 2,784 |
| Scandinavia* | 6,965 | 1,298 | 689 | 4,491 | 13,443 |
| Spain | 1,567 | 471 | 229 | 935 | 3,202 |
| Switzerland | 2,428 | 631 | 380 | 2,600 | 6,039 |
| United Kingdom | 40,371 | 9,767 | 5,622 | 33,971 | 89,731 |
| USA | 644 | 798 | 555 | 1,807 | 3,804 |
| Other | 8,187 | 5,636 | 2,317 | 10,593 | 26,733 |
| January-April 2006 | | | | | |
| Total | 94,815 | 24,135 | 16,392 | 68,115 | 203,457 |
| Austria | 2,378 | 247 | 206 | 1,076 | 3,907 |
| Belgium | 2,284 | 343 | 337 | 1,106 | 4,070 |
| France | 6,386 | 1,702 | 1,321 | 3,655 | 13,064 |
| Germany | 14,306 | 2,119 | 1,873 | 7,340 | 25,638 |
| Ireland | 749 | 313 | 420 | 806 | 2,288 |
| Italy | 6,344 | 3,058 | 2,603 | 5,117 | 17,122 |
| Libya | 529 | 482 | 355 | 1,161 | 2,527 |
| Netherlands | 2,177 | 412 | 243 | 1,350 | 4,182 |
| Russia | 524 | 438 | 311 | 774 | 2,047 |
| Scandinavia* | 5,169 | 1,271 | 646 | 3,266 | 10,352 |
| Spain | 1,642 | 392 | 229 | 1,052 | 3,315 |
| Switzerland | 1,954 | 400 | 538 | 1,165 | 4,057 |
| United Kingdom | 43,153 | 7,643 | 4,141 | 31,797 | 86,734 |
| USA | 1,123 | 968 | 565 | 1,268 | 3,924 |
| Other | 6,097 | 4,347 | 2,604 | 7,182 | 20,230 |

* 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 ^w |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | Air/sea fares | Accommodation | | |
| January-April 2008 | | | | | |
| Total | 522 | 194 | 159 | 246 | 674 |
| Austria | 535 | 248 | 247 | 193 | 710 |
| Belgium | 607 | 239 | 188 | 209 | 716 |
| France | 589 | 227 | 194 | 192 | 696 |
| Germany | 540 | 191 | 174 | 207 | 658 |
| Ireland | 504 | 161 | 175 | 337 | 736 |
| Italy | 418 | 168 | 150 | 189 | 549 |
| Libya | 400 | 239 | 145 | 284 | 669 |
| Netherlands | 574 | 221 | 180 | 307 | 777 |
| Russia | 605 | 336 | 235 | 267 | 857 |
| Scandinavia* | 462 | 204 | 157 | 229 | 641 |
| Spain | 372 | 109 | 141 | 229 | 513 |
| Switzerland | 718 | 216 | 175 | 229 | 759 |
| United Kingdom | 531 | 166 | 144 | 271 | 685 |
| USA | 603 | 239 | 153 | 264 | 692 |
| Other | 533 | 290 | 151 | 308 | 788 |
| January-April 2007 | | | | | |
| Total | 580 | 259 | 175 | 294 | 812 |
| Austria | 621 | 279 | 140 | 238 | 797 |
| Belgium | 589 | 289 | 196 | 237 | 802 |
| France | 622 | 283 | 190 | 252 | 803 |
| Germany | 578 | 270 | 205 | 224 | 758 |
| Ireland | 507 | 173 | 195 | 394 | 826 |
| Italy | 496 | 198 | 151 | 253 | 670 |
| Libya | 480 | 341 | 174 | 377 | 885 |
| Netherlands | 506 | 266 | 221 | 240 | 738 |
| Russia | 633 | 389 | 168 | 363 | 961 |
| Scandinavia* | 558 | 329 | 206 | 261 | 814 |
| Spain | 522 | 277 | 142 | 199 | 684 |
| Switzerland | 680 | 323 | 210 | 471 | 1,099 |
| United Kingdom | 597 | 213 | 159 | 300 | 806 |
| USA | 748 | 279 | 219 | 480 | 1,036 |
| Other | 568 | 417 | 182 | 383 | 966 |
| January-April 2006 | | | | | |
| Total | 550 | 276 | 224 | 262 | 795 |
| Austria | 559 | 237 | 208 | 203 | 740 |
| Belgium | 506 | 245 | 271 | 187 | 695 |
| France | 551 | 322 | 276 | 217 | 782 |
| Germany | 537 | 294 | 281 | 217 | 762 |
| Ireland | 610 | 293 | 431 | 351 | 1,014 |
| Italy | 510 | 248 | 228 | 207 | 699 |
| Libya | 459 | 253 | 197 | 380 | 833 |
| Netherlands | 532 | 299 | 198 | 247 | 770 |
| Russia | 629 | 372 | 264 | 385 | 1,018 |
| Scandinavia* | 605 | 379 | 230 | 275 | 881 |
| Spain | 542 | 294 | 185 | 241 | 765 |
| Switzerland | 631 | 321 | 492 | 268 | 952 |
| United Kingdom | 549 | 230 | 177 | 284 | 791 |
| USA | 792 | 341 | 222 | 298 | 937 |
| Other | 560 | 341 | 222 | 304 | 866 |

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

^w stands for weighted average - further detail can be looked up in the methodological notes - 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.