

Total inbound tourist trips for August were estimated at 239,343, an increase of 9.4 per cent when compared to the corresponding month last year. Excluding the passengers who stayed overnight on board their berthed cruise ship, this increase amounted to 7.7 per cent.

Inbound Tourism: August 2014

A total of 210,916 inbound visits were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 5,846 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 10.0 per cent, reaching 203,435. The largest proportion of inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44, followed by those within the 0-24 age bracket (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 4.1 per cent when compared to August 2013, reaching 2,246,282 nights. The largest share of guest nights was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

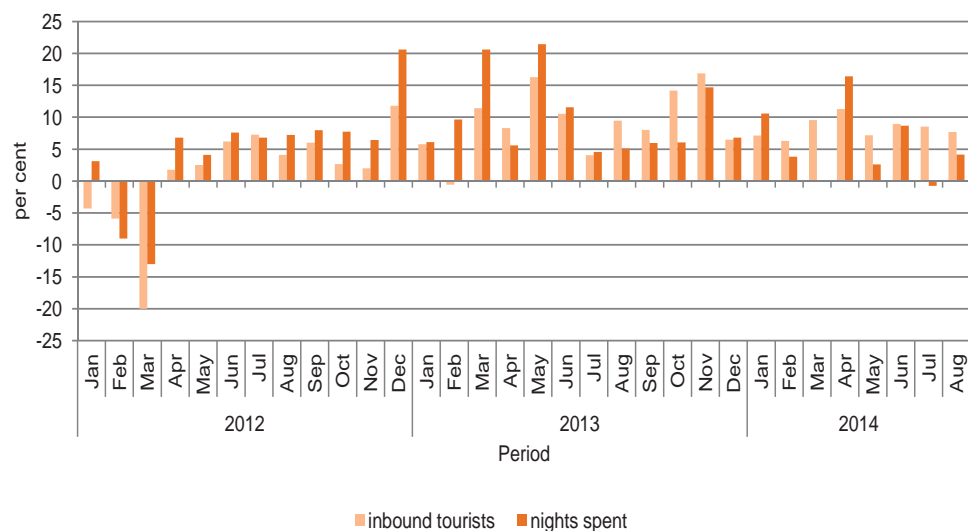
Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €257.5 million, an increase of 4.6 per cent over the corresponding month last year (Table 4).

January-August 2014

Inbound tourism from January to August amounted to 1,170,721, an increase of 9.0 per cent over the same period in 2013 (Table 7). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 4.9 per cent, reaching 9.3 million (Table 9).

During the period under review, total tourism expenditure was estimated at €1.1 billion, 6.5 per cent higher than that recorded for the corresponding period in 2013 (Table 10). Total per capita expenditure stood at €908, a decrease of 1.7 per cent when compared to last year's levels (Table 12) ■

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes*



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Box 1: Effect of Unrest in Libya on August Tourist Departures

Between 1 and 31 August, 3,750 passengers, including 97 Maltese citizens, arrived in Malta due to the unrest in Libya. A total of 2,227 passengers arrived by sea and a further 1,523 came by air. The table below gives further details on sea and air passenger arrivals by nationality as a result of the unrest in Libya.

Sea passenger arrivals by nationality		Air passenger arrivals by nationality	
Total	2,227	Total	1,523
EU citizens	263	EU citizens	247
<i>Of which:</i>		<i>Of which:</i>	
United Kingdom	199	United Kingdom	69
Malta	33	Malta	64
Italy	17	Ireland	19
Non-EU citizens	1,964	Non-EU citizens	1,276
<i>Of which:</i>		<i>Of which:</i>	
Philippines	1,046	Libya	770
India	620	Philippines	205
Korea South	149	Thailand	141

Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists

	Excluding persons involved in Libya unrest							
	August			Change	Percentage change	August	Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013	2014	2014	2014/2013
Total (including Overnight Cruise Passengers*)	200,101	218,799	239,343	20,544	9.4	237,809	19,010	8.7
Overnight Cruise Passengers	671	528	4,249	3,721	704.7	4,249	3,721	704.7
Inbound Tourists	199,430	218,271	235,094	16,823	7.7	233,560	15,289	7.0
Mode of travel:								
Air	192,555	213,069	228,454	15,385	7.2	226,920	13,851	6.5
Sea	6,875	5,202	6,640	1,438	27.6	6,640	1,438	27.6
Sex:								
Males	101,468	113,356	120,420	7,064	6.2	118,975	5,619	5.0
Females	97,962	104,915	114,674	9,759	9.3	114,585	9,670	9.2
Age group:								
0-24	70,145	78,487	80,531	2,044	2.6	80,090	1,603	2.0
25-44	68,071	76,184	89,737	13,553	17.8	88,946	12,762	16.8
45-64	52,293	54,665	55,651	986	-	55,354	689	-
65+	8,921	8,936	9,175	240	-	9,170	235	-
Markets:								
EU	171,295	184,979	203,435	18,456	10.0	203,435	18,456	10.0
of which: Euro area	100,136	109,676	119,187	9,510	8.7	119,187	9,510	8.7
Non-EU	28,135	33,292	31,658	-1,634	-	30,124	-3,168	-9.5
Purpose of visit:								
Holiday	174,914	196,917	210,916	13,999	7.1	210,916	13,999	7.1
Business and professional	6,525	5,135	5,846	711	-	5,846	711	-
Other	17,991	16,219	18,331	2,113	13.0	16,797	579	-
Organisation of stay:								
Package	88,829	97,913	108,867	10,955	11.2	108,867	10,955	11.2
Non-package	110,601	120,359	126,226	5,868	4.9	124,692	4,334	3.6
Frequency:								
First-time tourists	144,285	162,230	175,947	13,717	8.5	174,549	12,319	7.6
Repeat tourists	55,145	56,041	59,147	3,106	5.5	59,011	2,970	5.3
less than or equal to once a year	44,095	43,033	46,801	3,768	8.8	46,665	3,632	8.4
more than twice a year	11,050	13,008	12,346	-663	-	12,346	-663	-
Duration of visit:								
1-3 nights	13,122	13,147	16,505	3,358	25.5	14,975	1,828	13.9
4-6 nights	30,034	33,419	41,395	7,976	23.9	41,391	7,972	23.9
7+ nights	156,274	171,705	177,194	5,489	3.2	177,194	5,489	3.2
Average length of stay (nights)	10.3	9.9	9.6	-0.3	-3.0	9.6	-0.3	-3.0

* Figures in Tables 1 to 5 refer to Inbound Tourists. For details on overnight cruise passengers refer to Table 6. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2. Inbound tourists, by type of accommodation

	Excluding persons involved in Libya unrest						
	August		Change 2014/2013	Percentage change 2014/2013	August 2014	Change 2014/2013	Percentage change 2014/2013
	2012	2013					
Total	199,430	218,271	235,094	16,823	233,560	15,289	7.0
Private accommodation	62,228	65,885	68,662	2,776	68,661	2,775	4.2
Collective accommodation*	137,202	152,386	166,432	14,046	164,899	12,513	8.2

* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

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

	Excluding persons involved in Libya unrest						
	August		Change 2014/2013	Percentage change 2014/2013	August 2014	Change 2014/2013	Percentage change 2014/2013
	2012	2013					
Total	2,053,501	2,157,339	2,246,282	88,943	2,244,363	87,024	4.0
Private accommodation	872,866	849,043	883,097	34,054	883,096	34,053	4.0
Collective accommodation*	1,180,635	1,308,297	1,363,185	54,889	1,361,267	52,971	4.0

* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

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

€000s

	August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total	225,272	246,243	257,504	11,261
Package	74,488	81,142	88,056	6,914	8.5
Non-package	61,825	67,454	71,216	3,762	5.6
Air/sea fares	33,308	34,414	35,274	860	2.5
Accommodation	28,517	33,040	35,941	2,902	8.8
Other expenditure	88,960	97,647	98,233	585	0.6

Estimates for expenditure are rounded to the nearest thousand

Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 5. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure, by country of residence

	August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total tourists	199,430	218,271	235,094	16,823
EU	171,295	184,979	203,435	18,456	10.0
<i>of which:</i>					
France	18,423	19,686	20,672	986	-
Germany	14,136	16,629	17,951	1,321	-
Italy	36,351	42,387	47,858	5,471	12.9
United Kingdom	53,369	55,028	59,983	4,955	9.0
Non-EU	28,135	33,292	31,658	-1,634	-4.9
Total nights	2,053,501	2,157,339	2,246,282	88,943	4.1
EU	1,615,173	1,758,760	1,850,262	91,502	5.2
<i>of which:</i>					
France	183,705	198,006	209,250	11,244	-
Germany	153,449	181,036	189,296	8,260	-
Italy	296,290	353,916	388,087	34,171	9.7
United Kingdom	527,949	555,203	565,091	9,888	1.8
Non-EU	438,328	398,580	396,020	-2,559	-0.6
Total expenditure (€000s)	225,272	246,243	257,504	11,261	4.6
EU	172,893	194,799	208,231	13,432	6.9
<i>of which:</i>					
France	21,531	24,207	25,071	864	-
Germany	16,676	20,174	21,296	1,122	-
Italy	29,174	36,812	38,922	2,110	5.7
United Kingdom	54,245	59,492	64,350	4,857	8.2
Non-EU	52,380	51,444	49,273	-2,171	-4.2

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Table 6. Profile of overnight cruise passengers

	August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total Overnight Cruise Passengers	671	528	4,249	3,721
Sex:					
Males	306	252	2,027	1,775	704.4
Females	365	276	2,222	1,946	705.1
Age group:					
0-19	21	28	688	660	2357.1
20-39	29	35	613	578	1651.4
40-59	192	174	1,637	1,463	840.8
60-79	352	249	1,180	931	373.9
80+	77	42	131	89	211.9
Markets:					
EU	400	254	4,012	3,758	1479.5
of which: Euro area	79	175	3,939	3,764	2150.9
Non-EU	271	274	237	-37	-13.5

Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 7. Profile of inbound tourists

	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total (including Overnight Cruise Passengers*)	986,123	1,073,949	1,170,721	96,772
Overnight Cruise Passengers	4,618	6,745	13,483	6,738	99.9
Inbound Tourists	981,505	1,067,204	1,157,238	90,034	8.4
Mode of travel:					
Air	954,371	1,039,502	1,125,713	86,211	8.3
Sea	27,134	27,702	31,525	3,823	13.8
Sex:					
Males	506,809	553,908	602,418	48,510	8.8
Females	474,696	513,295	554,819	41,524	8.1
Age group:					
0-24	224,961	242,662	260,332	17,670	7.3
25-44	308,949	330,638	394,255	63,617	19.2
45-64	329,718	346,198	365,542	19,344	5.6
65+	117,878	147,705	137,108	-10,597	-7.2
Markets:					
EU	834,236	894,204	964,913	70,709	7.9
of which: Euro area	454,645	489,864	518,414	28,550	5.8
Non-EU	147,269	172,999	192,324	19,325	11.2
Purpose of visit:					
Holiday	830,598	905,897	977,504	71,607	7.9
Business and professional	69,803	70,850	84,777	13,928	19.7
Other	81,104	90,456	94,956	4,499	5.0
Organisation of stay:					
Package	471,601	501,283	526,441	25,158	5.0
Non-package	509,905	565,920	630,797	64,876	11.5
Frequency:					
First-time tourists	686,349	737,854	800,953	63,099	8.6
Repeat tourists	295,156	329,350	356,285	26,935	8.2
less than or equal to once a year	219,797	236,230	254,064	17,833	7.5
at least twice a year	75,359	93,120	102,221	9,102	9.8
Duration of visit:					
1-3 nights	143,314	155,581	187,831	32,250	20.7
4-6 nights	209,047	223,376	262,238	38,862	17.4
7+ nights	629,144	688,246	707,168	18,922	2.7
Average length of stay (nights)	8.2	8.3	8.0	-0.3	-3.6

* Figures in Tables 7 to 12 refer to Inbound Tourists. For details on overnight cruise passengers refer to Table 13.

Table 8. Inbound tourists, by type of accommodation

persons

	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total	981,505	1,067,204	1,157,238	90,034
Private accommodation	234,943	267,831	295,739	27,908	10.4
Collective accommodation*	746,562	799,372	861,499	62,126	7.8

* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

Table 9. Total nights spent by inbound tourists, by type of accommodation

nights

	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total	8,091,903	8,834,919	9,263,802	428,883
Private accommodation	2,570,821	2,889,642	3,181,698	292,056	10.1
Collective accommodation*	5,521,082	5,945,277	6,082,104	136,826	2.3

* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

Table 10. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure, by country of residence

	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total tourists	981,505	1,067,204	1,157,238	90,034
Austria	12,627	18,225	18,786	562	-
Belgium	18,612	20,251	22,386	2,135	10.5
France	78,062	83,991	91,867	7,876	9.4
Germany	88,112	93,342	88,246	-5,096	-5.5
Ireland	18,281	20,537	21,037	500	-
Italy	143,535	163,756	183,955	20,199	12.3
Libya	10,451	19,975	27,517	7,542	37.8
Netherlands	27,247	29,504	31,705	2,200	7.5
Russia	22,047	26,418	25,781	-637	-
Scandinavia*	68,369	70,416	76,605	6,189	8.8
Spain	46,703	40,050	29,819	-10,231	-25.5
Switzerland	17,081	18,505	20,584	2,080	11.2
United Kingdom	289,821	304,128	327,705	23,577	7.8
USA	13,212	13,381	15,115	1,734	13.0
Other	127,345	144,727	176,130	31,403	21.7
Total nights	8,091,903	8,834,919	9,263,802	428,883	4.9
Austria	90,700	139,966	137,983	-1,984	-
Belgium	133,687	163,089	174,074	10,985	6.7
France	602,518	664,485	730,043	65,557	9.9
Germany	761,003	803,666	766,681	-36,986	-4.6
Ireland	140,236	168,448	173,821	5,373	-
Italy	863,017	988,371	1,103,328	114,956	11.6
Libya	66,984	110,805	178,578	67,773	61.2
Netherlands	219,890	253,628	248,367	-5,262	-2.1
Russia	318,078	354,431	328,359	-26,072	-
Scandinavia*	557,132	571,171	595,407	24,236	4.2
Spain	349,190	302,349	228,749	-73,600	-24.3
Switzerland	161,073	176,450	169,649	-6,801	-3.9
United Kingdom	2,565,826	2,730,238	2,775,410	45,172	1.7
USA	99,227	107,011	118,064	11,053	10.3
Other	1,163,342	1,300,809	1,535,290	234,482	18.0
Total expenditure (€000s)	901,777	986,542	1,050,605	64,063	6.5
Austria	11,801	17,739	17,874	135	-
Belgium	17,829	20,307	22,919	2,612	12.9
France	72,050	79,226	84,930	5,704	7.2
Germany	85,551	90,002	86,803	-3,198	-3.6
Ireland	15,961	18,924	18,409	-515	-
Italy	95,056	105,658	115,822	10,164	9.6
Libya	12,773	22,035	28,315	6,279	28.5
Netherlands	25,105	27,922	28,049	127	0.5
Russia	40,723	45,404	41,486	-3,918	-
Scandinavia*	65,462	69,146	73,822	4,676	6.8
Spain	36,705	33,300	26,189	-7,111	-21.4
Switzerland	22,190	23,980	25,662	1,681	7.0
United Kingdom	239,525	256,574	280,193	23,619	9.2
USA	16,375	18,033	18,639	606	3.4
Other	144,671	158,292	181,493	23,202	14.7

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Estimates for expenditure are rounded to the nearest thousand

Table 11. Total expenditure by inbound tourists

€000s

	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
		January-August 2014			
Total	351,394	149,420	143,523	406,269	1,050,605
Austria	8,149	1,807	1,925	5,991	17,874
Belgium	10,035	2,363	2,840	7,681	22,919
France	37,023	9,651	11,068	27,188	84,930
Germany	42,705	7,802	9,161	27,135	86,803
Ireland	4,566	2,764	3,023	8,056	18,409
Italy	31,912	15,418	19,837	48,655	115,822
Libya	2,109	7,215	5,170	13,820	28,315
Netherlands	10,574	3,334	3,213	10,927	28,049
Russia	13,814	4,930	4,978	17,764	41,486
Scandinavia*	23,319	9,999	10,964	29,539	73,822
Spain	8,356	3,167	3,974	10,692	26,189
Switzerland	10,110	3,285	3,420	8,847	25,662
United Kingdom	102,620	36,886	32,629	108,057	280,193
USA	3,109	5,606	3,683	6,242	18,639
Other	42,992	35,192	27,636	75,673	181,493
January-August 2013					
Total	337,304	143,719	124,986	380,533	986,542
Austria	8,198	2,003	2,047	5,491	17,739
Belgium	9,821	2,131	1,867	6,488	20,307
France	35,262	8,838	9,514	25,612	79,226
Germany	47,264	8,025	8,177	26,536	90,002
Ireland	4,724	2,606	2,893	8,700	18,924
Italy	30,358	13,644	18,579	43,077	105,658
Libya	2,515	5,358	3,428	10,733	22,035
Netherlands	11,928	2,576	2,683	10,736	27,922
Russia	14,595	5,589	4,958	20,262	45,404
Scandinavia*	20,986	9,703	10,170	28,286	69,146
Spain	9,800	3,663	4,951	14,886	33,300
Switzerland	9,664	3,023	2,524	8,770	23,980
United Kingdom	94,096	34,942	28,516	99,021	256,574
USA	2,100	7,114	3,264	5,556	18,033
Other	35,993	34,503	21,416	66,379	158,292
January-August 2012					
Total	317,439	131,704	105,110	347,524	901,776
Austria	5,418	1,381	998	4,003	11,801
Belgium	9,045	1,865	1,310	5,609	17,829
France	32,818	7,618	7,876	23,738	72,050
Germany	42,724	8,705	7,436	26,687	85,551
Ireland	2,955	2,837	2,867	7,302	15,961
Italy	28,873	11,760	15,258	39,166	95,056
Libya	1,622	3,514	1,833	5,804	12,773
Netherlands	10,444	2,368	2,314	9,979	25,105
Russia	14,641	4,352	3,460	18,270	40,723
Scandinavia*	21,626	8,880	8,916	26,041	65,462
Spain	8,862	4,462	6,529	16,852	36,705
Switzerland	8,966	2,621	2,170	8,433	22,190
United Kingdom	88,344	33,293	26,419	91,470	239,525
USA	3,223	5,504	2,335	5,314	16,375
Other	37,880	32,546	15,390	58,855	144,671

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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Table 12. Per capita expenditure by inbound tourists

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	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other Expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
		January-August 2014			
Total	667	237	296	351	908
Austria	674	270	333	319	951
Belgium	805	238	365	343	1,024
France	744	229	312	296	924
Germany	741	255	375	307	984
Ireland	554	216	298	383	875
Italy	467	133	211	264	630
Libya	568	303	246	502	1,029
Netherlands	663	212	262	345	885
Russia	1,153	357	409	689	1,609
Scandinavia*	680	236	309	386	964
Spain	655	186	271	359	878
Switzerland	961	326	416	430	1,247
United Kingdom	642	220	301	330	855
USA	940	475	414	413	1,233
Other	657	318	323	430	1,030
January-August 2013					
Total	673	254	289	357	924
Austria	703	305	379	301	973
Belgium	807	264	309	320	1,003
France	768	232	297	305	943
Germany	748	266	341	284	964
Ireland	550	218	297	424	921
Italy	496	133	215	263	645
Libya	566	345	242	537	1,103
Netherlands	662	224	285	364	946
Russia	1,086	431	434	767	1,719
Scandinavia*	665	250	315	402	982
Spain	589	156	252	372	831
Switzerland	927	374	391	474	1,296
United Kingdom	634	225	300	326	844
USA	995	631	382	415	1,348
Other	674	378	299	459	1,094
January-August 2012					
Total	673	258	283	354	919
Austria	679	297	278	317	935
Belgium	751	284	294	301	958
France	756	220	293	304	923
Germany	748	281	303	303	971
Ireland	529	224	288	399	873
Italy	502	137	216	273	662
Libya	566	463	305	555	1,222
Netherlands	637	218	299	366	921
Russia	1,097	500	526	829	1,847
Scandinavia*	714	233	293	381	957
Spain	565	144	260	361	786
Switzerland	913	361	391	494	1,299
United Kingdom	634	221	284	316	826
USA	1,062	541	316	402	1,239
Other	662	464	313	462	1,136

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Table 13. Profile of overnight cruise passengers

	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
	Total Overnight Cruise Passengers	4,618	6,745	13,483	6,738
Sex:					
Males	2,111	3,026	6,285	3,259	107.7
Females	2,507	3,719	7,198	3,479	93.5
Age group:					
0-19	145	327	1,368	1,041	318.3
20-39	229	904	1,375	471	52.1
40-59	842	1,687	4,123	2,436	144.4
60-79	2,725	3,383	5,907	2,524	74.6
80+	677	444	710	266	59.9
Markets:					
EU	2,803	4,633	12,169	7,536	162.7
of which: Euro area	1,385	3,736	11,838	8,102	216.9
Non-EU	1,815	2,112	1,314	-798	-37.8

Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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. 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.
2. Administrative records are used as a supplementary source for the calibration of the survey aggregates. The exercise is mainly 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).
3. Tourist sea departures are collected through a regular survey carried out at the Valletta Cruise Port. Survey data is supplemented by administrative data provided by ferry operators.
4. Under-represented figures are indicated for each table and should be treated with caution. NSO advises users to exercise caution when analysing estimates of less than 1,500 tourists since such estimates are subject to variations attributable to low frequency in the sampling 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.
5. Absolute changes between one survey and another must be treated with caution since minor changes (ie, less than 1,500 persons) might be the result of sampling error. Consequently, the percentage change for minor year-on-year shifts (less than 1,500 persons) are not presented so as not to give a misleading picture of the numbers involved.
6. 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	
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. **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.
10. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruiseship are compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta. These data are found in Tables 6 and 13.
11. Arrivals and nights spent in time-share accommodation are being categorised in 'Private Accommodation' instead of 'Collective Accommodation' as per Eurostat recommendation. In this regard, one should note that there might be minor differences in these statistics and statistics published in tourism supply due to the fact that hotels report time-share under 'Collective Accommodation'.
12. The 822 Libyan nationals who have been evacuated due to unrest during the month under review are not included in the figures presented in all tables in this release. A number of these evacuees have been transported directly to hospitals to receive medical treatment, while others have applied for protection with the Office of the Refugee Commissioner. The remaining evacuees are either temporarily residing in Malta or have opted to travel to other countries, thus being transit passengers. In the former case, Libyan nationals and any nights they spend in Malta will be accounted for in the coming surveying periods when their stay in Malta comes to an end.