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Total inbound visitors for August were estimated at 248,284, an increase of 3.7 per cent when compared to the corresponding month of 2014. Excluding passengers who stayed overnight on board their berthed cruise ship, total inbound tourist trips amounted to 246,485.

## Inbound Tourism: August 2015

A total of 220,776 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 5,682 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 6.0 per cent to 215,716 when compared to the corresponding month of 2014. 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 5.1 per cent when compared to August 2014, reaching nearly 2.4 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (54.1 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €276.2 million, an increase of 7.3 per cent over the corresponding month of 2014 (Table 4).

### January-August 2015

Inbound tourist trips from January to August amounted to 1,216,569, an increase of 5.1 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 4.4 per cent, reaching nearly 9.7 million nights (Table 8).

During January-August, total tourism expenditure was estimated at €1,122.1 million, 6.8 per cent higher than that recorded for 2014 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €922, an increase of 1.5 per cent when compared to 2014 (Table 11) ■

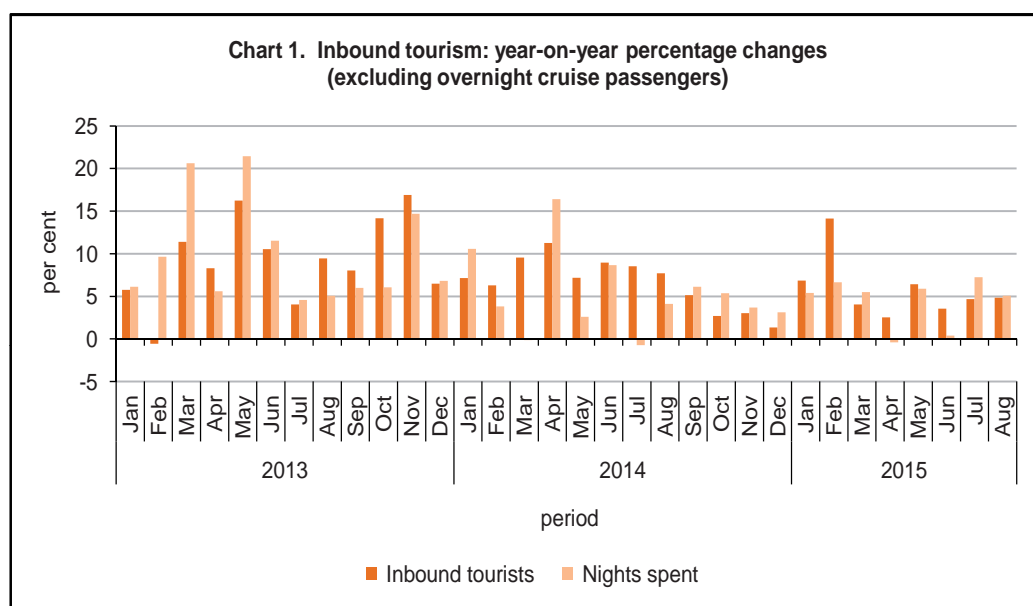
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**Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure**

Characteristics	August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>218,799</b>	<b>239,343</b>	<b>248,284</b>	<b>8,941</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	528	4,249	1,799	-2,450	-57.7
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>218,271</b>	<b>235,094</b>	<b>246,485</b>	<b>11,391</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Mode of travel:</b>					
Air	213,069	228,454	240,775	12,321	5.4
Sea (see note 2)	5,202	6,640	5,710	-930	-14.0
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	113,356	120,420	125,966	5,547	4.6
Females	104,915	114,674	120,519	5,845	5.1
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-24	78,487	80,531	82,169	1,638	2.0
25-44	76,184	89,737	94,119	4,382	4.9
45-64	54,665	55,651	60,407	4,757	8.5
65 or more	8,936	9,175	9,790	615	-
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	184,979	203,435	215,716	12,281	6.0
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	109,676	119,187	124,052	4,865	4.1
Non-EU	33,292	31,658	30,769	-890	-
<b>Purpose of visit:</b>					
Holiday	196,917	210,916	220,776	9,860	4.7
Business and professional	5,135	5,846	5,682	-164	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	16,219	18,331	20,027	1,696	9.3
<b>Organisation of stay:</b>					
Package	97,913	108,867	103,092	-5,775	-5.3
Non-package	120,359	126,226	143,393	17,166	13.6
<b>Frequency:</b>					
First-time tourists	162,230	175,947	183,559	7,613	4.3
Repeat tourists	56,041	59,147	62,926	3,779	6.4
once a year or less	43,033	46,801	48,651	1,850	4.0
more than once a year	13,008	12,346	14,274	1,929	15.6
<b>Duration of visit:</b>					
1-3 nights	13,147	16,505	15,045	-1,460	-
4-6 nights	33,419	41,395	45,131	3,736	9.0
7 nights or more	171,705	177,194	186,310	9,116	5.1
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. Data on sea passengers is provisional.

**Table 2. Inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
Private accommodation	65,885	68,662	88,897	20,236	29.5
Collective accommodation*	152,386	166,432	157,588	-8,844	-5.3
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>218,271</b>	<b>235,094</b>	<b>246,485</b>	<b>11,391</b>	<b>4.8</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 3. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
Private accommodation	849,043	883,097	1,082,217	199,120	22.5
Collective accommodation*	1,308,297	1,363,185	1,277,504	-85,681	-6.3
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>2,157,339</b>	<b>2,246,282</b>	<b>2,359,721</b>	<b>113,438</b>	<b>5.1</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 4. Total expenditure by inbound tourists by month of departure and expenditure category**

Expenditure category	August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015		
Package	81,142	88,077	88,603	527	0.6
Non-package	67,454	71,216	83,533	12,318	17.3
Air/sea fares	34,414	35,274	38,858	3,583	10.2
Accommodation	33,040	35,941	44,676	8,734	24.3
Other expenditure	97,647	98,233	104,091	5,858	6.0
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>246,243</b>	<b>257,525</b>	<b>276,228</b>	<b>18,703</b>	<b>7.3</b>

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Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Country of residence	August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Tourists</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>184,979</b>	<b>203,435</b>	<b>215,716</b>	<b>12,281</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	19,686	20,672	20,331	-341	-
Germany	16,629	17,951	15,892	-2,059	-11.5
Italy	42,387	47,858	51,171	3,313	6.9
United Kingdom	55,028	59,983	65,680	5,697	9.5
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>33,292</b>	<b>31,658</b>	<b>30,769</b>	<b>-890</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>218,271</b>	<b>235,094</b>	<b>246,485</b>	<b>11,391</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Nights</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>1,758,760</b>	<b>1,850,262</b>	<b>1,998,191</b>	<b>147,929</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	198,006	209,250	223,961	14,711	-
Germany	181,036	189,296	162,788	-26,508	-14.0
Italy	353,916	388,087	412,289	24,202	6.2
United Kingdom	555,203	565,091	637,232	72,141	12.8
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>398,580</b>	<b>396,020</b>	<b>361,530</b>	<b>-34,490</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,157,339</b>	<b>2,246,282</b>	<b>2,359,721</b>	<b>113,438</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>194,799</b>	<b>208,252</b>	<b>229,858</b>	<b>21,605</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	24,207	25,071	24,464	-607	-
Germany	20,174	21,296	18,245	-3,051	-14.3
Italy	36,812	38,943	43,381	4,439	11.4
United Kingdom	59,492	64,350	78,380	14,031	21.8
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>51,444</b>	<b>49,273</b>	<b>46,370</b>	<b>-2,903</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>246,243</b>	<b>257,525</b>	<b>276,228</b>	<b>18,703</b>	<b>7.3</b>

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure**

Characteristics	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>1,073,949</b>	<b>1,170,721</b>	<b>1,225,469</b>	<b>54,748</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	6,745	13,483	8,900	-4,583	-34.0
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>1,067,204</b>	<b>1,157,238</b>	<b>1,216,569</b>	<b>59,331</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Mode of travel:</b>					
Air	1,039,502	1,125,713	1,179,127	53,414	4.7
Sea (see note 2)	27,702	31,525	37,442	5,917	18.8
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	553,908	602,418	628,206	25,788	4.3
Females	513,295	554,819	588,363	33,544	6.0
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-24	242,662	260,332	265,505	5,173	2.0
25-44	330,638	394,255	413,338	19,082	4.8
45-64	346,198	365,542	383,525	17,983	4.9
65 or more	147,705	137,108	154,202	17,094	12.5
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	894,204	964,913	1,047,541	82,628	8.6
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	489,864	518,414	570,419	52,004	10.0
Non-EU	172,999	192,324	169,028	-23,296	-12.1
<b>Purpose of visit:</b>					
Holiday	905,897	977,504	1,031,020	53,516	5.5
Business and professional	70,850	84,777	79,741	-5,037	-5.9
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	90,456	94,956	105,808	10,852	11.4
<b>Organisation of stay:</b>					
Package	501,283	526,441	539,217	12,776	2.4
Non-package	565,920	630,797	677,352	46,556	7.4
<b>Frequency:</b>					
First-time tourists	737,854	800,953	862,065	61,112	7.6
Repeat tourists	329,350	356,285	354,504	-1,781	-0.5
once a year or less	236,230	254,064	258,273	4,209	1.7
more than once a year	93,120	102,221	96,232	-5,990	-5.9
<b>Duration of visit:</b>					
1-3 nights	155,581	187,831	181,181	-6,651	-3.5
4-6 nights	223,376	262,238	296,200	33,962	13.0
7 nights or more	688,246	707,168	739,189	32,021	4.5
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-</b>

Notes:

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**Table 7. Inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	267,831	295,739	339,217	43,478	14.7
Collective accommodation*	799,372	861,499	877,352	15,853	1.8
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>1,067,204</b>	<b>1,157,238</b>	<b>1,216,569</b>	<b>59,331</b>	<b>5.1</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 8. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by period of departure and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
Private accommodation	2,889,642	3,181,698	3,601,923	420,225	13.2
Collective accommodation*	5,945,277	6,082,104	6,071,176	-10,928	-0.2
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>8,834,919</b>	<b>9,263,802</b>	<b>9,673,099</b>	<b>409,297</b>	<b>4.4</b>

\* Comprises hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages, hostels, B&Bs and campsites

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 9. Inbound tourists, nights spent and total expenditure by period of departure and country of residence**

Country of residence	January-August			Change	Percentage change	
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014		
<b>Tourists</b>	Austria	18,225	18,786	21,131	2,344	12.5
	Belgium	20,251	22,386	25,825	3,440	15.4
	France	83,991	91,867	94,390	2,523	2.7
	Germany	93,342	88,246	90,207	1,960	2.2
	Ireland	20,537	21,037	24,454	3,417	16.2
	Italy	163,756	183,955	209,184	25,229	13.7
	Libya	19,975	27,517	5,302	-22,215	-80.7
	Netherlands	29,504	31,705	31,823	119	-
	Russia	26,418	25,781	15,485	-10,296	-39.9
	Scandinavia*	70,416	76,605	77,197	592	-
	Spain	40,050	29,819	32,953	3,134	10.5
	Switzerland	18,505	20,584	23,020	2,436	11.8
	United Kingdom	304,128	327,705	349,628	21,922	6.7
	USA	13,381	15,115	15,139	24	-
	Other	144,727	176,130	200,831	24,701	14.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,067,204</b>	<b>1,157,238</b>	<b>1,216,569</b>	<b>59,331</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Nights</b>	Austria	139,966	137,983	157,951	19,968	14.5
	Belgium	163,089	174,074	200,219	26,145	15.0
	France	664,485	730,043	772,372	42,329	5.8
	Germany	803,666	766,681	761,503	-5,178	-0.7
	Ireland	168,448	173,821	189,738	15,917	9.2
	Italy	988,371	1,103,328	1,379,412	276,084	25.0
	Libya	110,805	178,578	42,083	-136,495	-76.4
	Netherlands	253,628	248,367	251,653	3,286	-
	Russia	354,431	328,359	183,540	-144,819	-44.1
	Scandinavia*	571,171	595,407	582,414	-12,993	-
	Spain	302,349	228,749	258,835	30,086	13.2
	Switzerland	176,450	169,649	175,133	5,484	3.2
	United Kingdom	2,730,238	2,775,410	2,912,881	137,471	5.0
	USA	107,011	118,064	124,054	5,990	-
	Other	1,300,809	1,535,290	1,681,312	146,022	9.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,834,919</b>	<b>9,263,802</b>	<b>9,673,099</b>	<b>409,297</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>	Austria	17,739	17,874	19,979	2,105	11.8
	Belgium	20,307	22,919	25,051	2,131	9.3
	France	79,226	84,930	87,680	2,750	3.2
	Germany	90,002	86,803	86,583	-220	-0.3
	Ireland	18,924	18,409	22,999	4,590	24.9
	Italy	105,658	115,822	135,814	19,992	17.3
	Libya	22,035	28,315	7,250	-21,064	-74.4
	Netherlands	27,922	28,049	29,269	1,220	-
	Russia	45,404	41,486	23,437	-18,049	-43.5
	Scandinavia*	69,146	73,822	73,853	30	-
	Spain	33,300	26,189	28,713	2,524	9.6
	Switzerland	23,980	25,662	27,080	1,419	5.5
	United Kingdom	256,574	280,193	328,113	47,920	17.1
	USA	18,033	18,639	20,355	1,716	-
	Other	158,292	181,493	205,892	24,399	13.4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>986,542</b>	<b>1,050,605</b>	<b>1,122,068</b>	<b>71,464</b>	<b>6.8</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand euro.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 10. Total expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence**

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-August 2015</b>					
Austria	9,573	1,774	2,019	6,612	19,978
Belgium	11,003	2,826	3,254	7,968	25,051
France	36,259	10,125	12,943	28,353	87,680
Germany	42,275	8,169	10,569	25,570	86,583
Ireland	5,419	3,197	4,257	10,125	22,999
Italy	37,686	16,604	24,763	56,761	135,814
Libya	294	2,059	1,826	3,072	7,250
Netherlands	10,558	3,398	3,940	11,373	29,269
Russia	6,010	3,742	3,797	9,888	23,437
Scandinavia*	22,891	10,340	11,441	29,179	73,853
Spain	8,787	3,471	4,726	11,729	28,713
Switzerland	9,151	4,057	4,027	9,846	27,080
United Kingdom	124,130	44,130	40,744	119,110	328,113
USA	2,416	6,927	3,818	7,193	20,355
Other	47,714	41,456	32,350	84,372	205,892
<b>Total</b>	<b>374,165</b>	<b>162,275</b>	<b>164,475</b>	<b>421,153</b>	<b>1,122,068</b>
<b>January-August 2014</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>351,394</b>	<b>149,420</b>	<b>143,523</b>	<b>406,269</b>	<b>1,050,605</b>
<b>January-August 2013</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>337,304</b>	<b>143,719</b>	<b>124,986</b>	<b>380,533</b>	<b>986,542</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden



**Table 11. Per capita expenditure of inbound tourists by expenditure category, period of departure and country of residence**

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Country of residence	Package expenditure	Non-package expenditure		Other expenditure	Total expenditure per capita
		Air/sea fares	Accommodation		
<b>January-August 2015</b>					
Austria	690	244	346	313	945
Belgium	864	216	349	309	970
France	722	229	344	300	929
Germany	744	245	393	283	960
Ireland	580	212	326	414	940
Italy	510	123	232	271	649
Libya	461	441	472	579	1,367
Netherlands	673	211	304	357	920
Russia	1,099	374	450	639	1,514
Scandinavia*	668	241	318	378	957
Spain	653	178	311	356	871
Switzerland	896	317	373	428	1,176
United Kingdom	724	248	342	341	938
USA	1,328	520	381	475	1,345
Other	686	316	315	420	1,025
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>922</b>
<b>January-August 2014</b>					
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
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>908</b>
<b>January-August 2013</b>					
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
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>924</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Table 12. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by month of departure

Characteristics	August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>4,249</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>-2,450</b>	<b>-57.7</b>
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	252	2,027	855	-1,172	-57.8
Females	276	2,222	944	-1,278	-57.5
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	28	688	80	-608	-88.4
20-39	35	613	84	-529	-86.3
40-59	174	1,637	419	-1,218	-74.4
60-79	249	1,180	1,045	-135	-11.4
80 or more	42	131	171	40	30.5
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	254	4,012	979	-3,033	-75.6
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	175	3,939	549	-3,390	-86.1
Non-EU	274	237	820	583	246.0

Table 13. Profile of overnight cruise passengers by period of departure

Characteristics	January-August			Change	Percentage change
	2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>6,745</b>	<b>13,483</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>-4,583</b>	<b>-34.0</b>
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	3,026	6,285	4,158	-2,127	-33.8
Females	3,719	7,198	4,742	-2,456	-34.1
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	327	1,368	411	-957	-70.0
20-39	904	1,375	534	-841	-61.2
40-59	1,687	4,123	2,197	-1,926	-46.7
60-79	3,383	5,907	4,982	-925	-15.7
80 or more	444	710	776	66	9.3
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	4,633	12,169	4,154	-8,015	-65.9
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	3,736	11,838	2,408	-9,430	-79.7
Non-EU	2,112	1,314	4,746	3,432	261.2

## Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises the activities of non-resident visitors travelling to Malta (i.e. outside their usual environment), and staying for not more than 12 consecutive months for leisure, business or other (corresponding) purposes.
2. The results in this release are based on the ongoing frontier survey known as Tourstat. Data for tourist air departures is collected by means of personal interviews through a continuous survey at the departure lounge of the Malta International Airport (MIA). Personal interviews are carried out. A two-stage sampling design is used to survey air passengers. In the first stage alternate days are selected, whereby a sample of passengers is selected systematically within each shift.
3. Tourstat measures the number of tourist trips carried out during a particular reference month. These differ from the number of tourists in that the same person can make more than one trip during the same period.
4. Tourist sea departures are collected through a regular survey, conducted during three separate months every year at the Valletta Cruise Port. A quota sample is used to conduct sea passenger departures in which survey interviewers are guided to select people according to some fixed quota. Survey data is supplemented by administrative data provided by ferry operators.
5. Under-represented figures are indicated where applicable for each table and should be treated with caution. Users should also exercise caution when analysing figures that involve estimates relating to less than 1,500 tourists. Such estimates may be subject to variations attributable to low frequency in the sample (sampling errors). Other limitations may involve non-sampling errors, namely those linked to respondents' willingness to provide proper information and those related to language barriers.
6. Percentage changes for tourists based on counts of less than 1,500 are not presented due to sampling errors.
7. The expenditure data in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings.
8. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to the number of inbound tourists because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers.
9. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruiseship is compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
10. 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, there may be minor differences in these statistics and statistics published in tourism supply due to the fact that hotels report time-share under 'Collective Accommodation'.
11. **Definitions:**
  - **Traveller:** A person who moves between different geographic locations, for any purpose and any duration.
  - **Visitor:** The three fundamental criteria used to distinguish visitors from travellers are:
    - a. **The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment**, which would exclude short-distance local transport and commuting, i.e. more or less regular trips between the place of work/study and the place of residence;
    - b. **The stay in the place visited should not last more than twelve consecutive months**, beyond which the visitor would become a resident of that place (from the statistical standpoint);
    - c. **The main purpose of the visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited**, which would exclude migratory movements for work purposes.

Visitors (domestic/international) comprise tourists and same-day visitors.

  - **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
  - **Same-day visitor:** A visitor who does not spend the night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
12. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:  
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>  
Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>  
Statistical Database: <http://nso.gov.mt/statdb/start>