

Total inbound visitors for June were estimated at 194,520, an increase of 5.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

## Inbound Tourism: June 2016

A total of 166,607 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 14,207 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 7.2 per cent to 166,266 when compared to the corresponding month of 2015. The largest proportion of inbound tourists was aged between 25 and 44, followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 8.6 per cent when compared to June 2015, amounting to 1,444,104 nights. The largest share of guest nights (60.5 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

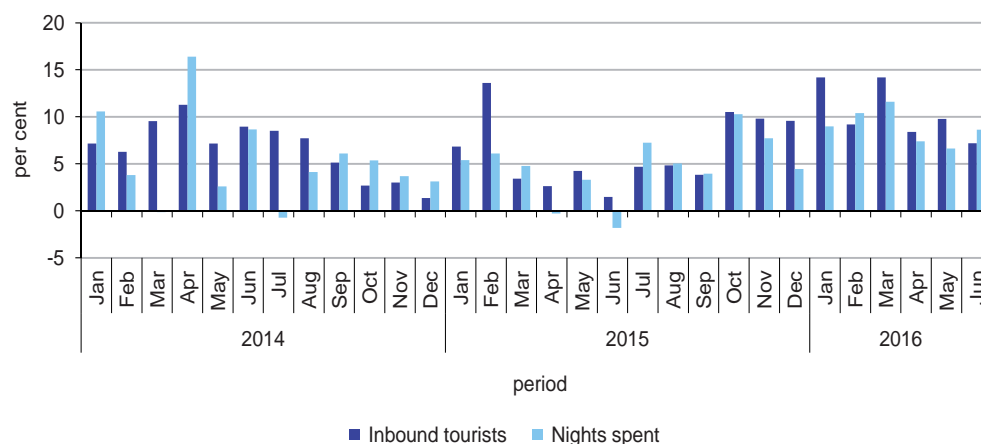
Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €169.5 million, an increase of 4.0 per cent over the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 4).

### January-June 2016

Inbound tourist trips from January to June amounted to 829,850, an increase of 9.9 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 8.6 per cent, surpassing 5.8 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €656.4 million, 5.7 per cent higher than that recorded for 2015 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €791, a decrease of 3.7 per cent when compared to 2015 (Table 11) ■

**Chart 1. Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes**  
(excluding overnight cruise passengers)



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

Characteristics	June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>179,610</b>	<b>183,934</b>	<b>194,520</b>	<b>10,586</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	2,164	3,852	1,482	-2,370	-61.5
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>177,446</b>	<b>180,082</b>	<b>193,038</b>	<b>12,956</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	173,722	176,127	188,578	12,451	7.1
Sea (see note 1)	3,724	3,955	4,460	505	12.8
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	91,924	90,947	98,288	7,341	8.1
Females	85,522	89,135	94,751	5,616	6.3
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	29,941	27,576	33,913	6,337	23.0
25-44	61,629	65,243	69,899	4,656	7.1
45-64	61,151	61,778	62,132	354	-
65 or more	24,725	25,486	27,094	1,608	6.3
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	146,717	155,068	166,266	11,198	7.2
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	76,296	78,988	82,550	3,562	4.5
Non-EU	30,729	25,014	26,772	1,758	7.0
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	152,991	155,263	166,607	11,344	7.3
Business and professional	14,562	12,952	14,207	1,255	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	9,893	11,868	12,224	357	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	75,501	82,078	71,437	-10,641	-13.0
Non-package	101,946	98,004	121,602	23,597	24.1
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	118,248	126,408	136,540	10,132	8.0
Repeat tourists	59,198	53,674	56,499	2,825	5.3
once a year or less	44,491	41,382	42,625	1,242	-
more than once a year	14,707	12,292	13,874	1,582	12.9
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	31,768	29,740	35,249	5,510	18.5
4-6 nights	38,742	43,995	47,400	3,405	7.7
7 nights or more	106,936	106,348	110,389	4,041	3.8
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.6	7.4	7.5	0.1	-

Notes:

1. Data on sea passengers for June 2015 has been revised. For more information refer to methodological note 13.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Private accommodation	43,990	47,513	59,054	11,541	24.3
Collective accommodation*	133,457	132,569	133,984	1,415	-
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>177,446</b>	<b>180,082</b>	<b>193,038</b>	<b>12,956</b>	<b>7.2</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	June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Private accommodation	451,267	451,586	569,964	118,378	26.2
Collective accommodation*	902,793	877,772	874,140	-3,633	-
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,354,060</b>	<b>1,329,358</b>	<b>1,444,104</b>	<b>114,746</b>	<b>8.6</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	June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016		
Package	49,069	56,455	50,869	-5,586	-9.9
Non-package	47,211	46,186	54,339	8,152	17.7
Air/sea fares	23,413	21,980	25,144	3,164	14.4
Accommodation	23,798	24,207	29,195	4,988	20.6
Other expenditure	64,473	60,350	64,309	3,959	6.6
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>160,753</b>	<b>162,992</b>	<b>169,517</b>	<b>6,525</b>	<b>4.0</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		June			Change	Percentage change
		2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Tourists	<b>EU</b>	<b>146,717</b>	<b>155,068</b>	<b>166,266</b>	<b>11,198</b>	<b>7.2</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	13,910	12,954	14,947	1,992	15.4
	Germany	14,492	12,339	12,007	-332	-
	Italy	23,842	25,876	28,338	2,462	9.5
	United Kingdom	51,356	56,414	58,609	2,195	3.9
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>30,729</b>	<b>25,014</b>	<b>26,772</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>7.0</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>177,446</b>	<b>180,082</b>	<b>193,038</b>	<b>12,956</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Nights	<b>EU</b>	<b>1,079,078</b>	<b>1,112,942</b>	<b>1,185,958</b>	<b>73,016</b>	<b>6.6</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	101,724	92,272	107,764	15,492	16.8
	Germany	127,690	98,058	89,626	-8,432	-
	Italy	112,485	150,271	155,686	5,415	3.6
	United Kingdom	425,019	434,250	459,119	24,869	5.7
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>274,982</b>	<b>216,416</b>	<b>258,146</b>	<b>41,730</b>	<b>19.3</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,354,060</b>	<b>1,329,358</b>	<b>1,444,104</b>	<b>114,746</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Expenditure (€000)	<b>EU</b>	<b>122,429</b>	<b>132,661</b>	<b>135,363</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>2.0</b>
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	12,219	11,519	12,175	655	5.7
	Germany	14,428	11,708	10,259	-1,448	-
	Italy	12,415	14,588	16,198	1,610	11.0
	United Kingdom	45,699	53,730	53,745	15	0.0
	<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>38,324</b>	<b>30,331</b>	<b>34,154</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>12.6</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>160,753</b>	<b>162,992</b>	<b>169,517</b>	<b>6,525</b>	<b>4.0</b>

Notes:

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

Characteristics	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>730,938</b>	<b>761,588</b>	<b>835,083</b>	<b>73,495</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	6,183	6,186	5,233	-953	-15.4
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>724,755</b>	<b>755,402</b>	<b>829,850</b>	<b>74,448</b>	<b>9.9</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	704,632	736,457	808,184	71,727	9.7
Sea (see note 1)	20,123	18,945	21,666	2,721	14.4
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	379,558	392,716	423,449	30,734	7.8
Females	345,196	362,686	406,401	43,715	12.1
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	118,819	117,658	133,572	15,914	13.5
25-44	237,388	246,121	281,832	35,711	14.5
45-64	254,072	262,666	278,420	15,754	6.0
65 or more	114,476	128,957	136,026	7,069	5.5
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	599,298	654,147	718,855	64,708	9.9
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	317,069	352,043	380,196	28,152	8.0
Non-EU	125,457	101,255	110,995	9,740	9.6
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	596,604	627,017	700,907	73,889	11.8
Business and professional	69,543	63,806	68,904	5,097	8.0
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	58,608	64,578	60,040	-4,538	-7.0
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	331,840	349,089	335,462	-13,627	-3.9
Non-package	392,915	406,313	494,388	88,075	21.7
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	483,121	522,791	576,417	53,626	10.3
Repeat tourists	241,634	232,612	253,434	20,822	9.0
once a year or less	165,955	164,426	178,778	14,352	8.7
more than once a year	75,679	68,186	74,656	6,470	9.5
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	149,088	143,304	173,873	30,569	21.3
4-6 nights	183,806	208,101	232,385	24,284	11.7
7 nights or more	391,861	403,997	423,592	19,595	4.9
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.0</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-June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Private accommodation	166,685	181,451	227,470	46,019	25.4
Collective accommodation*	558,070	573,951	602,380	28,429	5.0
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>724,755</b>	<b>755,402</b>	<b>829,850</b>	<b>74,448</b>	<b>9.9</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-June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Private accommodation	1,623,861	1,700,102	2,062,020	361,918	21.3
Collective accommodation*	3,656,355	3,684,548	3,783,632	99,084	2.7
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>5,280,216</b>	<b>5,384,649</b>	<b>5,845,652</b>	<b>461,003</b>	<b>8.6</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-June			Change	Percentage change	
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015		
<b>Tourists</b>	Austria	13,154	14,436	11,088	-3,348	-23.2
	Belgium	14,001	16,875	16,519	-356	-
	France	57,730	60,436	64,397	3,961	6.6
	Germany	60,942	64,010	69,961	5,951	9.3
	Ireland	14,487	16,941	15,636	-1,305	-
	Italy	105,925	118,811	129,259	10,448	8.8
	Libya	24,662	3,827	1,607	-2,220	-58.0
	Netherlands	18,915	18,610	20,722	2,112	11.3
	Russia	13,798	7,615	7,072	-543	-
	Scandinavia*	44,308	44,759	52,121	7,361	16.4
	Spain	13,800	16,829	20,057	3,228	19.2
	Switzerland	12,709	13,404	13,688	284	-
	United Kingdom	217,002	228,066	244,132	16,067	7.0
	USA	10,772	9,576	11,468	1,892	19.8
	Other	102,550	121,207	152,124	30,918	25.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>724,755</b>	<b>755,402</b>	<b>829,850</b>	<b>74,448</b>	<b>9.9</b>	
<b>Nights</b>	Austria	90,870	96,351	72,704	-23,647	-24.5
	Belgium	100,992	116,169	99,941	-16,228	-
	France	385,878	397,140	431,961	34,821	8.8
	Germany	497,695	503,733	527,975	24,241	4.8
	Ireland	114,704	120,872	109,032	-11,840	-
	Italy	511,436	662,690	710,499	47,809	7.2
	Libya	168,011	33,329	12,662	-20,668	-62.0
	Netherlands	128,686	128,670	139,733	11,063	8.6
	Russia	147,161	70,335	67,474	-2,861	-
	Scandinavia*	301,206	320,317	351,019	30,702	9.6
	Spain	88,113	103,407	122,251	18,843	18.2
	Switzerland	90,026	84,822	94,404	9,582	-
	United Kingdom	1,782,994	1,792,442	1,876,776	84,335	4.7
	USA	71,066	65,031	74,677	9,646	14.8
	Other	801,377	889,339	1,154,544	265,205	29.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,280,216</b>	<b>5,384,649</b>	<b>5,845,652</b>	<b>461,003</b>	<b>8.6</b>	
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>	Austria	11,891	12,361	8,796	-3,565	-28.8
	Belgium	13,057	15,048	14,482	-566	-
	France	46,310	48,513	49,725	1,212	2.5
	Germany	55,617	57,869	58,739	870	1.5
	Ireland	11,728	14,341	12,990	-1,351	-
	Italy	55,579	63,967	68,581	4,614	7.2
	Libya	25,859	5,240	2,381	-2,859	-54.6
	Netherlands	14,487	15,086	15,473	387	2.6
	Russia	17,810	9,339	8,402	-937	-
	Scandinavia*	36,692	38,562	44,608	6,047	15.7
	Spain	10,092	11,610	14,428	2,818	24.3
	Switzerland	14,096	14,098	15,095	997	-
	United Kingdom	168,531	192,312	194,061	1,749	0.9
	USA	12,265	12,103	12,273	171	1.4
	Other	96,132	110,292	136,359	26,067	23.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>590,147</b>	<b>620,740</b>	<b>656,392</b>	<b>35,652</b>	<b>5.7</b>	

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

u - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution.

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		
January-June 2016					
Austria	4,056	919	806	3,014	8,796
Belgium	6,281	1,803	1,900	4,498	14,482
France	20,544	5,697	7,502	15,982	49,725
Germany	26,686	6,127	7,806	18,120	58,739
Ireland	2,916	1,941	2,426	5,706	12,990
Italy	15,975	8,857	13,185	30,564	68,581
Libya	193	550	624	1,014	2,381
Netherlands	4,835	2,008	2,288	6,342	15,473
Russia	1,787	1,523	1,442	3,650	8,402
Scandinavia*	15,463	5,889	6,271	16,985	44,608
Spain	3,780	1,995	2,554	6,099	14,428
Switzerland	5,010	1,949	2,455	5,681	15,095
United Kingdom	67,556	25,537	26,490	74,477	194,061
USA	936	3,844	3,084	4,409	12,273
Other	27,209	28,652	24,028	56,471	136,359
<b>Total</b>	<b>203,228</b>	<b>97,291</b>	<b>102,861</b>	<b>253,012</b>	<b>656,392</b>
January-June 2015					
Austria	6,480	1,074	897	3,909	12,361
Belgium	7,062	1,755	1,483	4,748	15,048
France	23,135	5,056	5,697	14,626	48,513
Germany	28,424	5,473	6,644	17,327	57,869
Ireland	3,406	1,889	2,544	6,502	14,341
Italy	17,725	8,188	11,151	26,903	63,967
Libya	227	1,477	1,372	2,164	5,240
Netherlands	5,446	1,907	1,955	5,778	15,086
Russia	1,875	1,929	1,484	4,051	9,339
Scandinavia*	11,724	5,707	5,552	15,578	38,562
Spain	3,248	1,508	1,658	5,196	11,610
Switzerland	5,458	2,038	1,529	5,074	14,098
United Kingdom	74,250	24,670	22,876	70,516	192,312
USA	1,592	3,978	2,509	4,023	12,103
Other	25,106	22,769	17,633	44,784	110,292
<b>Total</b>	<b>215,158</b>	<b>89,420</b>	<b>84,984</b>	<b>231,179</b>	<b>620,740</b>
January-June 2014					
Austria	5,333	1,205	1,222	4,131	11,891
Belgium	5,497	1,534	1,635	4,392	13,057
France	21,329	5,343	5,439	14,198	46,310
Germany	27,726	4,818	5,413	17,660	55,617
Ireland	2,603	1,804	1,968	5,352	11,728
Italy	14,607	7,902	9,314	23,757	55,579
Libya	1,980	6,120	4,735	13,024	25,859
Netherlands	4,512	2,183	2,018	5,774	14,487
Russia	3,990	2,833	2,688	8,299	17,810
Scandinavia*	11,015	5,545	5,208	14,924	36,692
Spain	2,255	1,566	1,817	4,455	10,092
Switzerland	5,722	1,865	1,708	4,801	14,096
United Kingdom	63,065	21,559	18,762	65,145	168,531
USA	2,465	3,405	2,474	3,921	12,265
Other	22,779	18,881	14,945	39,527	96,132
<b>Total</b>	<b>194,875</b>	<b>86,566</b>	<b>79,346</b>	<b>229,360</b>	<b>590,147</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

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



**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-June 2016</b>					
Austria	590	218	242	272	<b>793</b>
Belgium	755	220	290	272	<b>877</b>
France	646	175	263	248	<b>772</b>
Germany	681	199	300	259	<b>840</b>
Ireland	521	193	292	365	<b>831</b>
Italy	423	97	185	236	<b>531</b>
Libya	1,093	384	513	631	<b>1,481</b>
Netherlands	563	165	231	306	<b>747</b>
Russia	868	304	329	516	<b>1,188</b>
Scandinavia*	591	227	289	326	<b>856</b>
Spain	539	153	252	304	<b>719</b>
Switzerland	918	237	326	415	<b>1,103</b>
United Kingdom	609	192	284	305	<b>795</b>
USA	1,079	363	349	384	<b>1,070</b>
Other	609	267	269	371	<b>896</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>791</b>
<b>January-June 2015</b>					
Austria	631	258	291	271	<b>856</b>
Belgium	827	210	258	281	<b>892</b>
France	641	208	275	242	<b>803</b>
Germany	680	247	366	271	<b>904</b>
Ireland	496	187	290	384	<b>847</b>
Italy	427	106	186	226	<b>538</b>
Libya	435	447	497	565	<b>1,369</b>
Netherlands	594	202	260	310	<b>811</b>
Russia	923	346	318	532	<b>1,226</b>
Scandinavia*	583	232	273	348	<b>862</b>
Spain	470	152	226	309	<b>690</b>
Switzerland	810	306	280	379	<b>1,052</b>
United Kingdom	647	218	296	309	<b>843</b>
USA	1,286	477	377	420	<b>1,264</b>
Other	590	289	279	369	<b>910</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>822</b>
<b>January-June 2014</b>					
Austria	623	262	310	314	<b>904</b>
Belgium	731	237	326	314	<b>933</b>
France	656	212	256	246	<b>802</b>
Germany	677	241	344	290	<b>913</b>
Ireland	473	201	277	369	<b>810</b>
Italy	373	118	173	224	<b>525</b>
Libya	552	290	257	528	<b>1,049</b>
Netherlands	550	204	231	305	<b>766</b>
Russia	779	327	351	601	<b>1,291</b>
Scandinavia*	546	230	259	337	<b>828</b>
Spain	459	176	238	323	<b>731</b>
Switzerland	874	303	346	378	<b>1,109</b>
United Kingdom	583	198	268	300	<b>777</b>
USA	918	421	385	364	<b>1,139</b>
Other	597	293	294	385	<b>939</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>815</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>-2,370</b>	<b>-61.5</b>
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	990	1,761	738	-1,023	-58.1
Females	1,174	2,091	744	-1,347	-64.4
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	68	235	32	-203	-86.4
20-39	118	315	106	-209	-66.3
40-59	473	1,194	392	-802	-67.2
60-79	1,337	1,911	850	-1,061	-55.5
80 or more	168	197	102	-95	-48.2
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	2,019	1,417	434	-983	-69.4
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	1,995	329	163	-166	-50.5
Non-EU	145	2,435	1,048	-1,387	-57.0

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

Characteristics	January-June			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>6,183</b>	<b>6,186</b>	<b>5,233</b>	<b>-953</b>	<b>-15.4</b>
<b>Sex:</b>					
Males	2,861	2,858	2,478	-380	-13.3
Females	3,322	3,328	2,755	-573	-17.2
<b>Age group:</b>					
0-19	217	268	225	-43	-16.0
20-39	413	400	398	-2	-0.5
40-59	1,446	1,516	1,219	-297	-19.6
60-79	3,649	3,475	2,997	-478	-13.8
80 or more	458	527	394	-133	-25.2
<b>Markets:</b>					
EU	5,380	2,734	3,324	590	21.6
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	5,168	1,511	2,873	1,362	90.1
Non-EU	803	3,452	1,909	-1,543	-44.7

## 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). 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 fixed quotas. 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 accommodation under 'Collective Accommodation'.
11. Prior to comparing and interpreting differences between demand-side (based on Tourstat) and supply-side (based on Accomstat) tourism statistics, users are strongly advised to consult concept 8.3 of the NSO's metadata file (<http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=37>).
12. **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.
13. Administrative data on sea passengers are provided on a monthly basis by ferry operators. Due to a system overhaul, sea passenger data for June 2015 were provided as provisional. Following the final data received from the source, the data have been revised and can be considered as final.
14. 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>