

Total inbound visitors for October were estimated at 219,484, an increase of 9.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding month of 2015.

## Inbound Tourism: October 2016

A total of 185,975 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 16,488 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 10.3 per cent to 183,982 when compared to the corresponding month of 2015. The majority of inbound tourists were aged between 45 and 64, followed by those within the 25-44 age bracket (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 3.9 per cent when compared to October 2015, amounting to 1,543,665 nights. The largest share of guest nights (61.3 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

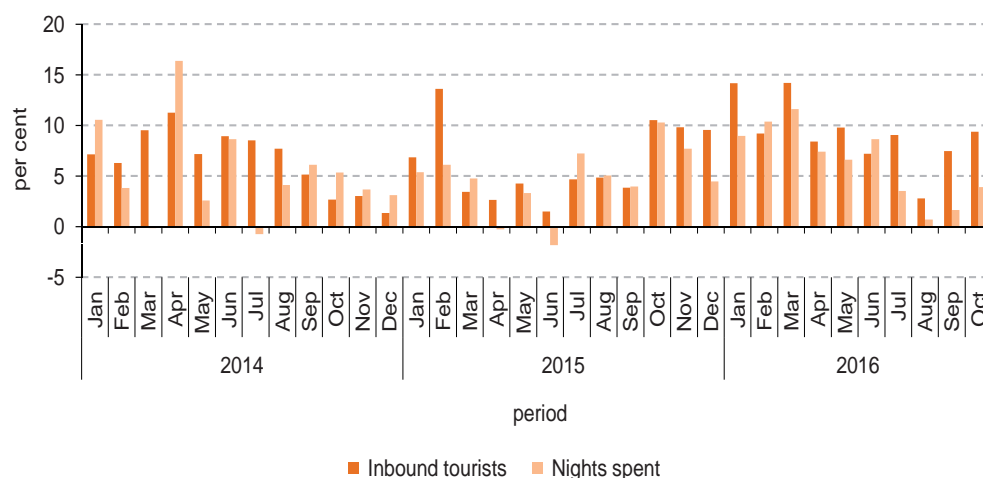
Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €189.5 million, an increase of 4.1 per cent over the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 4).

### January-October 2016

Inbound tourist trips from January to October amounted to 1,730,558, an increase of 8.3 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 4.9 per cent, surpassing 13.3 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €1,544.9 million, 3.3 per cent higher than that recorded for 2015 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €893, a decrease of 4.6 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	October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>180,620</b>	<b>199,937</b>	<b>219,484</b>	<b>19,547</b>	<b>9.8</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	2,659	3,245	4,365	1,120	34.5
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>177,961</b>	<b>196,692</b>	<b>215,119</b>	<b>18,427</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	173,730	193,063	211,055	17,992	9.3
Sea	4,231	3,629	4,064	435	12.0
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	90,631	99,392	110,505	11,113	11.2
Females	87,330	97,300	104,613	7,313	7.5
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	23,415	25,208	28,485	3,277	13.0
25-44	57,229	61,823	69,307	7,483	12.1
45-64	63,543	74,950	78,279	3,330	4.4
65 or more	33,773	34,711	39,048	4,337	12.5
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	150,722	166,770	183,982	17,212	10.3
<i>of which:</i> Euro area	76,434	81,250	94,801	13,551	16.7
Non-EU	27,239	29,922	31,137	1,215	-
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	154,047	166,813	185,975	19,162	11.5
Business and professional	13,798	16,487	16,488	1	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,116	13,393	12,656	-737	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	85,083	88,405	83,993	-4,413	-5.0
Non-package	92,878	108,287	131,126	22,840	21.1
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	120,866	134,813	143,922	9,109	6.8
Repeat tourists	57,095	61,879	71,196	9,317	15.1
once a year or less	41,200	45,269	52,293	7,024	15.5
more than once a year	15,895	16,610	18,904	2,294	13.8
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	28,835	28,224	35,151	6,927	24.5
4-6 nights	42,268	46,199	50,822	4,623	10.0
7 nights or more	106,858	122,270	129,146	6,876	5.6
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	7.6	7.6	7.2	-0.4	-

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Private accommodation	42,666	56,593	69,045	12,452	22.0
Collective accommodation*	135,295	140,099	146,073	5,974	4.3
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>177,961</b>	<b>196,692</b>	<b>215,119</b>	<b>18,427</b>	<b>9.4</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	October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Private accommodation	444,106	562,961	597,021	34,059	6.1
Collective accommodation*	903,246	922,863	946,644	23,781	2.6
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,347,352</b>	<b>1,485,824</b>	<b>1,543,665</b>	<b>57,841</b>	<b>3.9</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**

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Expenditure category	October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Package	57,485	63,658	57,543	-6,115	-9.6
Non-package	43,223	53,511	60,864	7,353	13.7
Air/sea fares	22,002	27,121	28,106	985	3.6
Accommodation	21,221	26,390	32,758	6,368	24.1
Other expenditure	59,171	64,932	71,133	6,201	9.6
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>159,879</b>	<b>182,101</b>	<b>189,540</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>4.1</b>

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	October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Tourists</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>150,722</b>	<b>166,770</b>	<b>183,982</b>	<b>17,212</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	13,426	13,862	15,091	1,229	-
Germany	18,247	18,529	22,404	3,875	20.9
Italy	21,757	21,537	27,698	6,161	28.6
United Kingdom	52,411	60,453	61,299	846	-
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>27,239</b>	<b>29,922</b>	<b>31,137</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,961</b>	<b>196,692</b>	<b>215,119</b>	<b>18,427</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Nights</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>1,109,619</b>	<b>1,224,024</b>	<b>1,293,397</b>	<b>69,373</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	95,811	92,693	101,662	8,970	-
Germany	136,641	154,370	182,748	28,378	18.4
Italy	126,988	128,625	141,839	13,214	10.3
United Kingdom	440,700	488,384	482,356	-6,028	-
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>237,733</b>	<b>261,800</b>	<b>250,267</b>	<b>-11,532</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,347,352</b>	<b>1,485,824</b>	<b>1,543,665</b>	<b>57,841</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>127,771</b>	<b>147,703</b>	<b>151,637</b>	<b>3,934</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	11,964	12,329	12,114	-215	-
Germany	17,489	18,370	21,047	2,677	14.6
Italy	12,972	12,580	15,295	2,715	21.6
United Kingdom	47,357	58,642	54,271	-4,371	-
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>32,108</b>	<b>34,399</b>	<b>37,903</b>	<b>3,505</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,879</b>	<b>182,101</b>	<b>189,540</b>	<b>7,439</b>	<b>4.1</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-October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>1,544,479</b>	<b>1,611,539</b>	<b>1,749,341</b>	<b>137,802</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	23,842	13,784	18,783	4,999	36.3
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>1,520,637</b>	<b>1,597,755</b>	<b>1,730,558</b>	<b>132,803</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	1,478,845	1,559,061	1,688,828	129,767	8.3
Sea	41,792	38,694	41,730	3,036	7.8
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	789,144	821,132	877,746	56,614	6.9
Females	731,493	776,623	852,812	76,190	9.8
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	315,600	321,519	351,268	29,749	9.3
25-44	514,968	539,064	602,875	63,810	11.8
45-64	492,401	521,861	547,890	26,029	5.0
65 or more	197,668	215,310	228,525	13,215	6.1
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	1,274,181	1,369,733	1,485,796	116,064	8.5
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	676,885	725,503	785,554	60,051	8.3
Non-EU	246,457	228,022	244,762	16,739	7.3
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	1,296,130	1,360,521	1,492,812	132,291	9.7
Business and professional	111,314	107,015	113,359	6,344	5.9
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	113,193	130,220	124,388	-5,832	-4.5
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	700,536	706,124	677,926	-28,198	-4.0
Non-package	820,101	891,631	1,052,632	161,001	18.1
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	1,051,722	1,125,631	1,218,305	92,674	8.2
Repeat tourists	468,915	472,124	512,253	40,129	8.5
once a year or less	337,181	346,499	373,226	26,726	7.7
more than once a year	131,733	125,624	139,027	13,403	10.7
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	241,450	229,491	286,874	57,383	25.0
4-6 nights	343,626	382,093	430,933	48,840	12.8
7 nights or more	935,561	986,171	1,012,751	26,580	2.7
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-</b>

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	January-October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Private accommodation	386,818	454,397	544,802	90,405	19.9
Collective accommodation*	1,133,819	1,143,358	1,185,756	42,398	3.7
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>1,520,637</b>	<b>1,597,755</b>	<b>1,730,558</b>	<b>132,803</b>	<b>8.3</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-October			Change	Percentage change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	
Private accommodation	4,180,460	4,802,411	5,429,110	626,699	13.0
Collective accommodation*	7,977,443	7,898,852	7,899,392	540	0.0
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>12,157,903</b>	<b>12,701,263</b>	<b>13,328,502</b>	<b>627,239</b>	<b>4.9</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-October			Change	Percentage change	
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015		
<b>Tourists</b>	Austria	24,871	28,123	21,892	-6,231	-22.2
	Belgium	28,234	32,334	32,628	294	-
	France	116,246	118,603	129,393	10,790	9.1
	Germany	124,033	122,950	134,178	11,228	9.1
	Ireland	27,981	31,816	28,894	-2,922	-9.2
	Italy	233,986	253,501	275,648	22,147	8.7
	Libya	29,580	6,213	2,780	-3,433	-55.3
	Netherlands	41,177	41,393	46,999	5,606	13.5
	Russia	32,066	19,356	14,576	-4,780	-24.7
	Scandinavia*	100,604	106,431	111,805	5,374	5.0
	Spain	39,346	41,628	47,406	5,778	13.9
	Switzerland	29,005	32,321	37,587	5,266	16.3
	United Kingdom	435,620	469,986	496,414	26,428	5.6
	USA	20,006	23,080	23,230	149	-
	Other	237,883	270,021	327,127	57,106	21.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,520,637</b>	<b>1,597,755</b>	<b>1,730,558</b>	<b>132,803</b>	<b>8.3</b>	
<b>Nights</b>	Austria	181,109	209,256	154,165	-55,091	-26.3
	Belgium	211,511	247,482	220,449	-27,032	-
	France	911,970	951,886	1,019,377	67,491	7.1
	Germany	1,046,122	1,049,742	1,086,526	36,784	3.5
	Ireland	226,645	245,776	218,696	-27,080	-11.0
	Italy	1,411,292	1,663,119	1,722,531	59,412	3.6
	Libya	202,480	49,198	23,206	-25,992	-52.8
	Netherlands	316,290	326,045	359,002	32,956	10.1
	Russia	404,737	228,707	160,573	-68,134	-29.8
	Scandinavia*	749,626	771,902	799,053	27,151	3.5
	Spain	295,413	316,844	343,927	27,083	8.5
	Switzerland	232,472	248,064	287,863	39,799	16.0
	United Kingdom	3,691,604	3,918,477	4,021,362	102,885	2.6
	USA	159,100	189,507	178,498	-11,009	-
	Other	2,117,532	2,285,256	2,733,274	448,018	19.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,157,903</b>	<b>12,701,263</b>	<b>13,328,502</b>	<b>627,239</b>	<b>4.9</b>	
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>	Austria	23,911	26,861	19,762	-7,099	-26.4
	Belgium	28,848	31,836	30,677	-1,159	-
	France	106,887	110,500	115,011	4,511	4.1
	Germany	122,404	120,384	121,220	836	0.7
	Ireland	24,998	30,399	27,705	-2,694	-8.9
	Italy	147,685	164,534	174,725	10,191	6.2
	Libya	30,818	8,591	3,857	-4,734	-55.1
	Netherlands	36,638	38,121	41,226	3,105	8.1
	Russia	50,368	28,146	19,630	-8,516	-30.3
	Scandinavia*	95,660	101,457	106,944	5,487	5.4
	Spain	33,391	35,711	39,212	3,501	9.8
	Switzerland	35,574	37,576	44,638	7,062	18.8
	United Kingdom	384,856	453,485	442,445	-11,040	-2.4
	USA	25,479	30,191	28,066	-2,125	-
	Other	249,046	277,418	329,764	52,346	18.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,396,561</b>	<b>1,495,210</b>	<b>1,544,882</b>	<b>49,672</b>	<b>3.3</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		
January-October 2016					
Austria	8,631	2,051	2,406	6,674	19,762
Belgium	13,101	3,454	4,181	9,941	30,677
France	44,185	13,247	18,872	38,708	115,011
Germany	50,462	13,894	18,381	38,483	121,220
Ireland	6,462	4,018	5,499	11,726	27,705
Italy	43,119	21,627	34,246	75,733	174,725
Libya	276	1,016	884	1,681	3,857
Netherlands	14,096	4,616	5,790	16,723	41,226
Russia	4,131	3,344	3,299	8,855	19,630
Scandinavia*	37,393	13,543	15,931	40,077	106,944
Spain	9,426	5,387	7,961	16,437	39,212
Switzerland	13,481	6,255	8,133	16,769	44,638
United Kingdom	152,110	58,613	64,139	167,584	442,445
USA	1,817	9,948	5,652	10,649	28,066
Other	65,016	67,703	57,891	139,153	329,764
<b>Total</b>	<b>463,707</b>	<b>228,717</b>	<b>253,265</b>	<b>599,194</b>	<b>1,544,882</b>
January-October 2015					
Austria	12,660	2,423	2,756	9,022	26,861
Belgium	14,394	3,354	3,990	10,098	31,836
France	46,345	12,378	15,988	35,789	110,500
Germany	58,506	11,607	14,799	35,473	120,384
Ireland	7,299	4,319	5,610	13,171	30,399
Italy	44,979	20,103	30,012	69,440	164,534
Libya	352	2,415	2,348	3,476	8,591
Netherlands	13,689	4,386	5,176	14,871	38,121
Russia	6,739	4,716	4,558	12,133	28,146
Scandinavia*	31,660	14,283	15,771	39,744	101,457
Spain	10,597	4,312	5,896	14,907	35,711
Switzerland	12,172	5,622	6,283	13,499	37,576
United Kingdom	173,082	61,153	56,074	163,175	453,485
USA	3,829	9,866	5,743	10,753	30,191
Other	62,133	56,349	44,400	114,535	277,418
<b>Total</b>	<b>498,436</b>	<b>217,283</b>	<b>219,405</b>	<b>560,086</b>	<b>1,495,210</b>
January-October 2014					
Austria	10,438	2,536	2,724	8,214	23,911
Belgium	12,927	2,907	3,426	9,587	28,848
France	48,158	11,542	13,319	33,868	106,887
Germany	61,064	11,052	12,949	37,339	122,404
Ireland	6,271	3,650	3,979	11,098	24,998
Italy	40,710	19,445	25,725	61,804	147,685
Libya	2,346	8,021	5,654	14,797	30,818
Netherlands	14,211	4,201	3,975	14,251	36,638
Russia	16,232	6,229	6,014	21,892	50,368
Scandinavia*	30,519	13,303	14,039	37,799	95,660
Spain	10,068	4,086	5,292	13,945	33,391
Switzerland	14,836	4,393	4,365	11,980	35,574
United Kingdom	145,028	49,112	44,823	145,893	384,856
USA	4,087	7,812	5,028	8,552	25,479
Other	57,367	49,573	38,026	104,081	249,046
<b>Total</b>	<b>474,263</b>	<b>197,861</b>	<b>189,337</b>	<b>535,101</b>	<b>1,396,561</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand.
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**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-October 2016</b>					
Austria	668	229	332	305	903
Belgium	802	212	311	305	940
France	739	190	311	299	889
Germany	743	210	330	287	903
Ireland	627	216	356	406	959
Italy	515	113	226	275	634
Libya	726	423	459	605	1,387
Netherlands	654	181	287	356	877
Russia	957	326	382	608	1,347
Scandinavia*	689	235	330	358	957
Spain	637	165	290	347	827
Switzerland	946	268	391	446	1,188
United Kingdom	687	213	336	338	891
USA	798	475	340	458	1,208
Other	693	290	311	425	1,008
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>893</b>
<b>January-October 2015</b>					
Austria	696	244	339	321	955
Belgium	863	214	347	312	985
France	732	224	340	302	932
Germany	756	255	400	289	979
Ireland	612	217	326	414	955
Italy	507	122	230	274	649
Libya	467	442	511	560	1,383
Netherlands	682	206	300	359	921
Russia	1,060	363	424	627	1,454
Scandinavia*	661	244	319	373	953
Spain	635	173	307	358	858
Switzerland	873	306	397	418	1,163
United Kingdom	754	254	354	347	965
USA	1,264	492	374	466	1,308
Other	678	316	318	424	1,027
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>936</b>
<b>January-October 2014</b>					
Austria	678	267	341	330	961
Belgium	812	236	357	340	1,022
France	743	225	308	291	919
Germany	747	261	382	301	987
Ireland	569	215	297	397	893
Italy	471	132	216	264	631
Libya	578	314	250	500	1,042
Netherlands	661	214	262	346	890
Russia	1,098	360	404	683	1,571
Scandinavia*	672	241	305	376	951
Spain	610	179	269	354	849
Switzerland	952	327	394	413	1,226
United Kingdom	674	223	318	335	884
USA	902	505	434	427	1,274
Other	655	330	325	438	1,047
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>919</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	October			Change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>1,120</b>
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	1,307	1,529	2,020	491
Females	1,352	1,716	2,345	629
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	8	185	22	-163
20-39	182	308	128	-180
40-59	485	772	825	53
60-79	1,650	1,824	3,100	1,276
80 or more	334	156	290	134
<b>Markets:</b>				
EU	2,090	2,451	1,818	-633
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	117	2,205	891	-1,314
Non-EU	569	794	2,547	1,753

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

Characteristics	January-October			Change
	2014	2015	2016	2016/2015
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>23,842</b>	<b>13,784</b>	<b>18,783</b>	<b>4,999</b>
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	11,469	6,463	8,759	2,296
Females	12,373	7,321	10,024	2,703
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	1,432	606	1,119	513
20-39	3,541	1,020	1,813	793
40-59	8,455	3,348	4,931	1,583
60-79	9,025	7,733	9,777	2,044
80 or more	1,389	1,077	1,143	66
<b>Markets:</b>				
EU	21,709	6,852	9,175	2,323
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	18,721	4,679	5,474	795
Non-EU	2,133	6,932	9,608	2,676

## 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. 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>