

Total inbound visitors for September were estimated at 241,378, an increase of 15.9 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2016.

## Inbound Tourism: September 2017

A total of 208,759 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 13,419 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 14.1 per cent to 200,509 when compared to the corresponding month in 2016. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44, followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 13.1 per cent when compared to September 2016, surpassing 1.8 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (51.8 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments. Tourist nights in private accommodation increased by 23.8 per cent when compared to September 2016 (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €231.6 million, an increase of 16.7 per cent over the corresponding month in 2016 (Table 4).

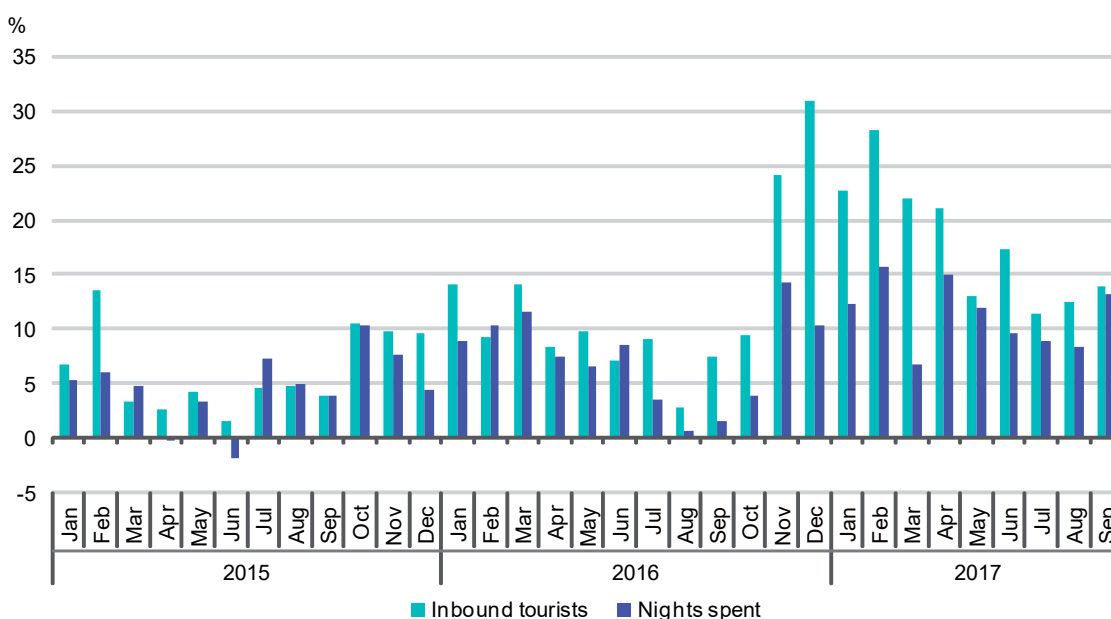
### January-September 2017

Inbound tourist trips from January to September 2017 reached 1,761,973, an increase of 16.3 per cent over the same period in 2016 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 10.8 per cent, surpassing 13.0 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure surpassed €1.5 billion, 13.6 per cent higher than that recorded for 2016 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €874, a decrease of 2.2 per cent when compared to 2016 (Table 11) ■

### Inbound tourism: year-on-year percentage changes

(excluding overnight cruise passengers)



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

Characteristics	September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>194,189</b>	<b>208,321</b>	<b>241,378</b>	<b>33,056</b>	<b>15.9</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	1,639	1,401	5,497	4,096	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>192,550</b>	<b>206,920</b>	<b>235,881</b>	<b>28,960</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	186,871	201,594	229,801	28,206	14.0
Sea	5,679	5,326	6,080	754	14.2
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	98,288	108,900	118,157	9,257	8.5
Females	94,262	98,020	117,724	19,704	20.1
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	32,041	38,118	38,372	254	-
25-44	67,175	74,340	91,764	17,423	23.4
45-64	66,041	66,548	77,331	10,783	16.2
65 or more	27,292	27,914	28,414	500	-
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	162,429	175,793	200,509	24,717	14.1
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	80,655	86,493	109,094	22,601	26.1
Non-EU	30,121	31,128	35,371	4,244	13.6
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	169,108	180,734	208,759	28,025	15.5
Business and professional	11,867	11,509	13,419	1,910	16.6
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	11,574	14,677	13,702	-974	-
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	80,508	78,519	82,148	3,629	4.6
Non-package	112,042	128,401	153,732	25,331	19.7
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	133,816	146,647	173,322	26,675	18.2
Repeat tourists	58,734	60,273	62,559	2,286	3.8
once a year or less	44,994	44,091	47,230	3,140	7.1
more than once a year	13,740	16,182	15,328	-854	-
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	23,821	30,843	34,787	3,944	12.8
4-6 nights	41,639	50,246	57,583	7,337	14.6
7 nights or more	127,089	125,832	143,511	17,679	14.1
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	8.4	7.9	7.8	-0.1	-

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Private accommodation	61,765	70,985	87,206	16,220	22.9
Collective accommodation	130,784	135,935	148,675	12,740	9.4
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>192,550</b>	<b>206,920</b>	<b>235,881</b>	<b>28,960</b>	<b>14.0</b>

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	September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Private accommodation	677,343	719,102	890,414	171,312	23.8
Collective accommodation	930,555	915,053	958,184	43,131	4.7
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,607,898</b>	<b>1,634,155</b>	<b>1,848,598</b>	<b>214,443</b>	<b>13.1</b>

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	September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Package	61,388	57,718	63,715	5,997	10.4
Non-package	57,931	62,937	76,265	13,329	21.2
Air/sea fares	28,396	30,240	33,576	3,336	11.0
Accommodation	29,535	32,697	42,689	9,993	30.6
Other expenditure	76,599	77,778	91,631	13,853	17.8
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>195,918</b>	<b>198,432</b>	<b>231,611</b>	<b>33,180</b>	<b>16.7</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	September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
<b>Tourists</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>162,429</b>	<b>175,793</b>	<b>200,509</b>	<b>24,717</b>	<b>14.1</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	10,412	13,489	16,529	3,040	22.5
Germany	14,368	14,298	19,201	4,903	34.3
Italy	28,984	32,047	34,488	2,440	7.6
United Kingdom	59,998	64,071	59,498	-4,573	-7.1
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>30,121</b>	<b>31,128</b>	<b>35,371</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>13.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,550</b>	<b>206,920</b>	<b>235,881</b>	<b>28,960</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>Nights</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>1,312,055</b>	<b>1,340,861</b>	<b>1,510,751</b>	<b>169,890</b>	<b>12.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	88,395	93,564	127,219	33,655	36.0
Germany	135,814	130,642	153,307	22,665	17.3
Italy	205,672	204,759	233,633	28,874	14.1
United Kingdom	519,527	529,527	475,312	-54,215	-10.2
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>295,843</b>	<b>293,294</b>	<b>337,846</b>	<b>44,552</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,607,898</b>	<b>1,634,155</b>	<b>1,848,598</b>	<b>214,443</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>158,118</b>	<b>157,428</b>	<b>184,721</b>	<b>27,293</b>	<b>17.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	10,649	11,638	15,534	3,895	33.5
Germany	15,525	14,068	18,822	4,754	33.8
Italy	19,657	21,243	24,460	3,217	15.1
United Kingdom	66,837	65,151	60,279	-4,872	-7.5
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>41,004</b>	<b>46,891</b>	<b>5,887</b>	<b>14.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>195,918</b>	<b>198,432</b>	<b>231,611</b>	<b>33,180</b>	<b>16.7</b>

Notes:

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

Characteristics	January-September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>1,411,602</b>	<b>1,529,857</b>	<b>1,790,963</b>	<b>261,105</b>	<b>17.1</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	10,539	14,418	28,990	14,572	-
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>1,401,063</b>	<b>1,515,439</b>	<b>1,761,973</b>	<b>246,533</b>	<b>16.3</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	1,365,998	1,477,773	1,724,771	246,997	16.7
Sea	35,065	37,666	37,202	-464	-1.2
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	721,740	767,241	904,129	136,888	17.8
Females	679,323	748,199	857,844	109,645	14.7
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	296,312	322,784	367,446	44,663	13.8
25-44	477,241	533,568	676,001	142,434	26.7
45-64	446,912	469,611	533,944	64,334	13.7
65 or more	180,599	189,477	184,580	-4,897	-2.6
<b>Markets</b>					
EU	1,202,963	1,301,815	1,516,468	214,654	16.5
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	644,253	690,753	871,160	180,407	26.1
Non-EU	198,100	213,625	245,504	31,879	14.9
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	1,193,708	1,306,837	1,493,208	186,371	14.3
Business and professional	90,528	96,871	137,783	40,913	42.2
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	116,827	111,732	130,982	19,250	17.2
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	617,719	593,933	602,664	8,730	1.5
Non-package	783,344	921,506	1,159,309	237,803	25.8
<b>Frequency</b>					
First-time tourists	990,818	1,074,383	1,288,312	213,930	19.9
Repeat tourists	410,245	441,057	473,660	32,604	7.4
once a year or less	301,230	320,933	343,500	22,567	7.0
more than once a year	109,015	120,124	130,160	10,037	8.4
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	201,267	251,724	335,013	83,289	33.1
4-6 nights	335,894	380,111	473,912	93,801	24.7
7 nights or more	863,901	883,605	953,047	69,442	7.9
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	8.0	7.8	7.4	-0.4	-

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-September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Private accommodation	397,803	475,756	598,585	122,829	25.8
Collective accommodation	1,003,260	1,039,683	1,163,387	123,704	11.9
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>1,401,063</b>	<b>1,515,439</b>	<b>1,761,973</b>	<b>246,533</b>	<b>16.3</b>

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-September			Change	Percentage change
	2015	2016	2017		
Private accommodation	4,239,450	4,832,089	5,746,937	914,847	18.9
Collective accommodation	6,975,989	6,952,748	7,304,952	352,204	5.1
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>11,215,439</b>	<b>11,784,837</b>	<b>13,051,888</b>	<b>1,267,051</b>	<b>10.8</b>

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-September			Change	Percentage change	
	2015	2016	2017	2017/2016		
<b>Tourists</b>	Australia	23,525	27,457	30,116	2,658	9.7
	Austria	24,746	19,647	24,010	4,363	22.2
	Belgium	29,258	29,389	60,156	30,767	104.7
	France	104,741	114,302	141,608	27,306	23.9
	Germany	104,421	111,774	138,604	26,829	24.0
	Hungary	14,334	17,288	21,375	4,087	23.6
	Ireland	28,221	25,526	27,402	1,877	7.4
	Italy	231,964	247,950	293,384	45,434	18.3
	Netherlands	36,202	40,575	50,348	9,772	24.1
	Poland	36,832	53,827	66,817	12,990	24.1
	Scandinavia*	89,249	94,672	102,088	7,417	7.8
	Spain	38,242	43,698	63,388	19,690	45.1
	Switzerland	26,766	29,563	33,168	3,605	12.2
	United Kingdom	409,533	435,115	428,611	-6,504	-1.5
	USA	18,207	21,287	27,449	6,161	28.9
Other	184,821	203,367	253,449	50,082	24.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,401,063</b>	<b>1,515,439</b>	<b>1,761,973</b>	<b>246,533</b>	<b>16.3</b>	
<b>Nights</b>	Australia	292,461	323,454	363,298	39,844	12.3
	Austria	184,286	139,910	163,526	23,616	16.9
	Belgium	227,644	201,117	368,859	167,742	83.4
	France	859,193	917,714	1,160,573	242,859	26.5
	Germany	895,372	903,778	1,037,209	133,431	14.8
	Hungary	99,952	130,171	141,618	11,448	8.8
	Ireland	218,575	195,441	198,195	2,753	1.4
	Italy	1,534,494	1,580,692	1,796,261	215,569	13.6
	Netherlands	289,463	315,180	371,519	56,339	17.9
	Poland	289,192	398,821	460,729	61,908	15.5
	Scandinavia*	660,650	684,941	731,953	47,012	6.9
	Spain	296,202	317,210	427,931	110,721	34.9
	Switzerland	200,481	220,631	235,855	15,224	6.9
	United Kingdom	3,430,093	3,539,006	3,309,430	-229,576	-6.5
	USA	153,599	163,780	191,559	27,779	17.0
Other	1,583,782	1,752,989	2,093,373	340,385	19.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,215,439</b>	<b>11,784,837</b>	<b>13,051,888</b>	<b>1,267,051</b>	<b>10.8</b>	
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>	Australia	37,033	42,838	45,964	3,125	7.3
	Austria	23,615	17,747	23,256	5,509	31.0
	Belgium	28,712	27,625	47,656	20,032	72.5
	France	98,171	102,898	126,270	23,373	22.7
	Germany	102,015	100,174	121,240	21,066	21.0
	Hungary	11,066	12,291	16,326	4,035	32.8
	Ireland	26,999	24,373	25,004	631	2.6
	Italy	151,954	159,430	188,106	28,676	18.0
	Netherlands	33,800	36,223	44,257	8,035	22.2
	Poland	28,589	38,800	48,654	9,853	25.4
	Scandinavia*	85,320	90,350	101,376	11,026	12.2
	Spain	33,068	36,736	50,578	13,842	37.7
	Switzerland	31,354	35,195	37,767	2,572	7.3
	United Kingdom	394,842	388,174	368,885	-19,289	-5.0
	USA	24,283	25,611	31,645	6,034	23.6
Other	202,288	216,879	263,205	46,326	21.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,313,109</b>	<b>1,355,342</b>	<b>1,540,189</b>	<b>184,847</b>	<b>13.6</b>	

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Notes:

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**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-September 2017				
Australia	2,686	15,507	7,248	20,523	45,964
Austria	7,906	2,970	4,085	8,296	23,256
Belgium	13,585	6,711	10,488	16,873	47,656
France	40,187	16,356	24,233	45,495	126,270
Germany	45,160	13,939	20,591	41,550	121,240
Hungary	2,420	2,731	3,585	7,590	16,326
Ireland	4,734	3,953	5,486	10,831	25,004
Italy	42,807	24,578	38,104	82,617	188,106
Netherlands	12,921	5,594	7,306	18,438	44,257
Poland	9,290	7,211	10,637	21,516	48,654
Scandinavia*	32,049	13,762	15,933	39,631	101,376
Spain	9,643	7,361	11,201	22,373	50,578
Switzerland	10,361	5,991	7,188	14,227	37,767
United Kingdom	116,929	47,956	57,952	146,048	368,885
USA	3,605	9,878	6,886	11,276	31,645
Other	49,660	53,486	49,691	110,368	263,205
<b>Total</b>	<b>403,942</b>	<b>237,984</b>	<b>280,612</b>	<b>617,651</b>	<b>1,540,189</b>
	January-September 2016				
Australia	2,639	14,304	7,365	18,530	42,838
Austria	7,761	1,855	2,189	5,942	17,747
Belgium	11,687	3,150	3,832	8,956	27,625
France	38,699	11,977	17,164	35,058	102,898
Germany	43,028	10,841	14,567	31,736	100,174
Hungary	2,789	1,733	2,151	5,618	12,291
Ireland	5,642	3,540	4,813	10,378	24,373
Italy	39,265	19,828	31,246	69,091	159,430
Netherlands	12,621	3,968	4,930	14,704	36,223
Poland	7,861	5,607	8,214	17,119	38,800
Scandinavia*	31,794	10,949	13,477	34,130	90,350
Spain	9,060	5,036	7,382	15,258	36,736
Switzerland	11,075	4,824	5,985	13,311	35,195
United Kingdom	132,723	51,662	56,206	147,582	388,174
USA	1,751	9,025	5,247	9,587	25,611
Other	47,770	42,313	35,738	91,058	216,879
<b>Total</b>	<b>406,164</b>	<b>200,611</b>	<b>220,507</b>	<b>528,060</b>	<b>1,355,342</b>
	January-September 2015				
Australia	1,951	12,775	6,266	16,041	37,033
Austria	11,031	2,157	2,509	7,919	23,615
Belgium	12,821	3,083	3,637	9,172	28,712
France	40,404	11,185	14,469	32,113	98,171
Germany	49,693	9,551	12,591	30,179	102,015
Hungary	2,958	1,616	1,506	4,986	11,066
Ireland	6,384	3,812	5,059	11,744	26,999
Italy	41,916	18,655	27,656	63,727	151,954
Netherlands	12,517	3,678	4,429	13,176	33,800
Poland	6,230	4,201	5,761	12,396	28,589
Scandinavia*	26,330	11,817	13,210	33,963	85,320
Spain	9,896	3,994	5,463	13,715	33,068
Switzerland	10,288	4,701	4,908	11,457	31,354
United Kingdom	149,512	53,285	49,248	142,798	394,842
USA	2,574	8,159	4,599	8,951	24,283
Other	50,274	37,493	31,703	82,817	202,288
<b>Total</b>	<b>434,778</b>	<b>190,162</b>	<b>193,015</b>	<b>495,153</b>	<b>1,313,109</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 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		
	January-September 2017				
Australia	965	567	372	681	1,526
Austria	689	237	371	346	969
Belgium	745	160	285	280	792
France	728	189	312	321	892
Germany	712	186	327	300	875
Hungary	500	165	271	355	764
Ireland	624	199	353	395	912
Italy	515	117	228	282	641
Netherlands	612	191	302	366	879
Poland	538	146	240	322	728
Scandinavia*	733	236	332	388	993
Spain	578	158	274	353	798
Switzerland	879	280	380	429	1,139
United Kingdom	663	190	331	341	861
USA	1,161	406	351	411	1,153
Other	756	285	329	435	1,038
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>874</b>
January-September 2016					
Australia	893	584	400	675	1,560
Austria	673	229	332	302	903
Belgium	807	211	313	305	940
France	743	193	316	307	900
Germany	740	202	324	284	896
Hungary	522	145	231	325	711
Ireland	623	215	352	407	955
Italy	522	115	228	279	643
Netherlands	666	184	285	362	893
Poland	564	141	235	318	721
Scandinavia*	676	230	338	361	954
Spain	644	170	296	349	841
Switzerland	944	270	375	450	1,190
United Kingdom	687	214	333	339	892
USA	823	471	341	450	1,203
Other	747	304	325	448	1,066
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>894</b>
January-September 2015					
Australia	788	607	409	682	1,574
Austria	693	244	347	320	954
Belgium	868	213	347	313	981
France	732	226	345	307	937
Germany	754	248	407	289	977
Hungary	546	181	242	348	772
Ireland	600	217	330	416	957
Italy	514	124	233	275	655
Netherlands	686	205	307	364	934
Poland	614	157	239	337	776
Scandinavia*	661	239	317	381	956
Spain	646	174	305	359	865
Switzerland	896	308	374	428	1,171
United Kingdom	749	254	353	349	964
USA	1,267	504	385	492	1,334
Other	729	324	355	448	1,095
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>937</b>

\* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	September		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>5,497</b>
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	776	641	2,364
Females	863	760	3,133
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	10	4	111
20-39	178	52	528
40-59	379	203	1,993
60-79	927	960	2,636
80 or more	145	182	229
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	247	787	3,301
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	66	331	2,480
Non-EU	1,392	614	2,196

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

Characteristics	January-September		
	2015	2016	2017
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>10,539</b>	<b>14,418</b>	<b>28,990</b>
<b>Sex:</b>			
Males	4,934	6,739	13,331
Females	5,605	7,679	15,659
<b>Age group:</b>			
0-19	421	1,097	1,477
20-39	712	1,685	2,515
40-59	2,576	4,106	8,223
60-79	5,909	6,677	14,972
80 or more	921	853	1,803
<b>Markets:</b>			
EU	4,401	7,357	16,445
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	2,474	4,583	8,384
Non-EU	6,138	7,061	12,545

## 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. Inbound tourism trips are collected from an ongoing frontier national survey known as Tourstat. Tourist air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of the Malta International Airport. A two-stage sampling design is used to collect air passengers. In the first stage, alternate days and nights are selected. In the second stage, within each shift, a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Every crossing passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval of 1:20 for air.
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:**
  - **Usual Environment:** The geographical area, though not necessarily a contiguous one, within which an individual conducts his regular life routines and shall be determined on the basis of the following criteria: the crossing of administrative borders or the distance from the place of usual residence, the duration of visit, the frequency of visit, the purpose of visit.
  - **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.
  - **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.
  - **Inbound tourism:** 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 personal, business or other purposes.
  - **Total nights spent:** nights which a guest actually spends or is registered to spend in a collective accommodation establishment or in a private accommodation.
  - **Average length of stay:** the number of nights spent divided by the number of trips during a specified reference period.
  - **Collective accommodation:** comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels, tourist villages, holiday complex, Bed & Breakfast and campsites.
  - **Private accommodation:** comprises holiday furnished premises (farmhouses, flats and villas), rented accommodation (host families, marinas, paid-convents, rented yachts, student dormitories), own private residence (owned dwellings, owned caravans and yachts), staying with friends or relatives (even if charged - includes also friends' private apartments) and other private accommodation (oil rig, free-convents, timeshare, dockyards (Palumbo), ship (used for work)).

- **Total expenditure:** comprises the total consumption expenditure made by a visitor or on behalf of a visitor for and during the trip and stay at destination. It is broken down by the following expenditure items: Transport, Accommodation and Other (including shopping, food and drinks and excursions during a tourism trip).

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>

14. Any quotations from this news release are to be cited and/or referenced.

15. A detailed news release calendar is available on: [https://nso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/Release\\_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx).