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Total inbound visitors for September were estimated at 287,461, an increase of 3.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Inbound Tourism: September 2019

A total of 261,696 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 16,750 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from EU Member States went up by 5.6 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (41.0 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (30.1 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 2.1 per cent when compared to September 2018, reaching nearly 2.1 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (49.5 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €257.0 million, an increase of 5.9 per cent over the corresponding month in 2018 (Table 4).

January-September 2019

Inbound tourist trips for the first nine months of 2019 amounted to 2,135,425 an increase of 4.8 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 2.9 per cent, surpassing 15.2 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at almost €1.8 billion, 4.2 per cent higher than that recorded for 2018 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €822, a decrease of 0.6 per cent when compared to 2018 (Table 11) ■

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes in inbound tourists and nights spent
(excluding overnight cruise passengers)

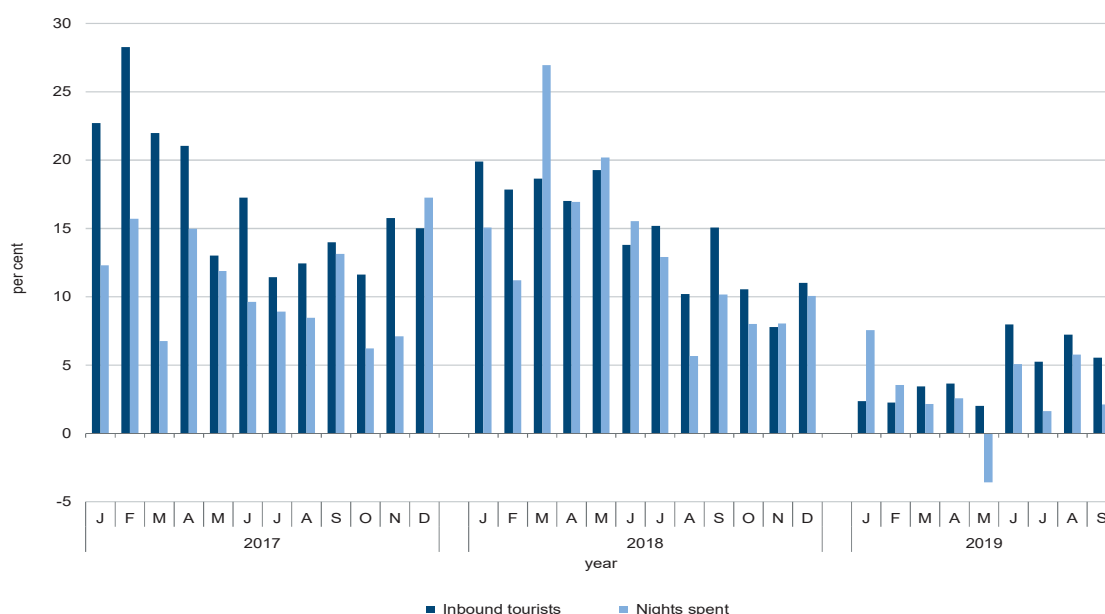


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	September			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	241,378	279,010	287,461	8,451	3.0
Overnight cruise passengers	5,497	7,571	970	-6,601	-87.2
Inbound tourists	235,881	271,439	286,491	15,052	5.5
Mode of travel					
Air	229,801	266,119	281,212	15,093	5.7
Sea	6,080	5,320	5,279	-	-
Sex					
Males	118,157	143,803	141,599	-2,204	-1.5
Females	117,724	127,636	144,892	17,256	13.5
Age group					
0-24	38,372	43,321	50,089	6,768	15.6
25-44	91,764	107,233	117,413	10,180	9.5
45-64	77,331	89,536	86,103	-3,433	-3.8
65 or more	28,414	31,348	32,885	1,537	4.9
Markets					
EU	200,509	224,405	236,954	12,548	5.6
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	109,094	123,295	135,833	12,538	10.2
Non-EU	35,371	47,033	49,537	2,504	5.3
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	208,759	239,377	261,696	22,319	9.3
Business and professional	13,419	21,416	16,750	-4,666	-21.8
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	13,702	10,646	8,045	-2,601	-24.4
Organisation of stay					
Package	82,148	86,152	80,545	-5,607	-6.5
Non-package	153,732	185,287	205,946	20,659	11.1
Frequency					
First-time tourists	173,322	200,202	213,426	13,224	6.6
Repeat tourists	62,559	71,237	73,065	1,828	2.6
once a year or less	47,230	53,950	55,763	1,813	3.4
more than once a year	15,328	17,287	17,302	-	-
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	34,787	50,292	48,007	-2,286	-4.5
4-6 nights	57,583	71,975	84,917	12,942	18.0
7 nights or more	143,511	149,172	153,567	4,396	2.9
Average length of stay (nights)	7.8	7.5	7.3	-0.2	-

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
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Table 2. Inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	September			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	206,996	236,365	252,743	16,378	6.9
Collective	148,675	159,869	167,300	7,431	4.6
Other rented	58,321	76,496	85,443	8,947	11.7
Non-rented accommodation	28,885	35,074	33,748	-	-
Total tourists	235,881	271,439	286,491	15,052	5.5

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
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	1,505,543	1,658,057	1,704,159	46,103	2.8
Collective	958,184	985,245	1,029,151	43,906	4.5
Other rented	547,359	672,811	675,008	2,196	0.3
Non-rented accommodation	343,055	378,518	375,769	-	-
Total nights	1,848,598	2,036,575	2,079,928	43,353	2.1

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	September			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Package	63,715	66,082	64,867	-1,214	-1.8
Non-package	76,265	84,717	100,339	15,622	18.4
Air/sea fares	33,576	40,548	46,520	5,972	14.7
Accommodation	42,689	44,169	53,819	9,650	21.8
Other expenditure	91,631	91,931	91,798	-132	-0.1
Total expenditure	231,611	242,729	257,005	14,275	5.9

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
		2017	2018	2019		
Tourists	EU	200,509	224,405	236,954	12,548	5.6
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	16,529	21,580	23,025	-	-
	Germany	19,201	20,454	21,864	-	-
	Italy	34,488	36,304	39,413	3,109	8.6
	United Kingdom	59,498	70,451	69,896	-	-
	Non-EU	35,371	47,033	49,537	2,504	5.3
	Total	235,881	271,439	286,491	15,052	5.5
Nights	EU	1,510,751	1,612,282	1,633,854	21,573	1.3
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	127,219	145,868	165,195	-	-
	Germany	153,307	162,089	150,824	-	-
	Italy	233,633	234,114	262,632	28,518	12.2
	United Kingdom	475,312	526,646	514,586	-	-
	Non-EU	337,846	424,293	446,073	21,780	5.1
	Total	1,848,598	2,036,575	2,079,928	43,353	2.1
Expenditure (€000)	EU	184,721	185,935	195,344	9,409	5.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	15,534	16,994	20,814	-	-
	Germany	18,822	19,276	18,721	-	-
	Italy	24,460	22,626	24,693	2,068	9.1
	United Kingdom	60,279	66,823	64,923	-	-
	Non-EU	46,891	56,794	61,660	4,866	8.6
	Total	231,611	242,729	257,005	14,275	5.9

Notes:

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Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-September			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	1,790,963	2,063,457	2,148,293	84,837	4.1
Overnight cruise passengers	28,990	26,616	12,868	-13,748	-51.7
Inbound tourists	1,761,973	2,036,841	2,135,425	98,585	4.8
Mode of travel					
Air	1,724,771	2,000,510	2,095,420	94,910	4.7
Sea	37,202	36,331	40,006	3,675	10.1
Sex					
Males	904,129	1,019,013	1,053,835	34,823	3.4
Females	857,844	1,017,828	1,081,590	63,762	6.3
Age group					
0-24	367,446	408,160	463,833	55,673	13.6
25-44	676,001	785,947	859,877	73,931	9.4
45-64	533,944	629,566	613,157	-16,410	-2.6
65 or more	184,580	213,168	198,558	-14,609	-6.9
Markets					
EU	1,516,468	1,727,072	1,785,999	58,927	3.4
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	871,160	994,894	1,046,493	51,599	5.2
Non-EU	245,504	309,769	349,427	39,658	12.8
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,493,208	1,803,961	1,916,412	112,452	6.2
Business and professional	137,783	130,980	128,283	-2,697	-2.1
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	130,982	101,901	90,730	-11,170	-11.0
Organisation of stay					
Package	602,664	704,220	636,960	-67,260	-9.6
Non-package	1,159,309	1,332,621	1,498,465	165,845	12.4
Frequency					
First-time tourists	1,288,312	1,523,122	1,613,150	90,028	5.9
Repeat tourists	473,660	513,719	522,275	8,557	1.7
once a year or less	343,500	381,591	389,618	8,026	2.1
more than once a year	130,160	132,127	132,657	-	-
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	335,013	389,438	437,385	47,947	12.3
4-6 nights	473,912	578,833	636,221	57,388	9.9
7 nights or more	953,047	1,068,570	1,061,819	-6,750	-0.6
Average length of stay (nights)	7.4	7.3	7.1	-0.2	-

Notes:

1. Data for the distribution of inbound tourism across age groups (fourth section of the table) for 2018 has been revised.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
3. Changes denoted by the dash symbol (-) should be treated with caution. For more information, please refer to methodological note 5.

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

Type of accommodation	January-September			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	1,553,396	1,784,287	1,880,258	95,971	5.4
Collective	1,163,387	1,289,381	1,322,110	32,728	2.5
Other rented	390,009	494,905	558,149	63,243	12.8
Non-rented accommodation	208,577	252,554	255,167	2,613	1.0
Total tourists	1,761,973	2,036,841	2,135,425	98,585	4.8

Notes:

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

Type of accommodation	January-September			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	10,998,824	12,407,163	12,761,128	353,965	2.9
Collective	7,304,952	8,006,056	7,889,346	-116,709	-1.5
Other rented	3,693,872	4,401,107	4,871,782	470,675	10.7
Non-rented accommodation	2,053,065	2,411,889	2,480,593	68,704	2.8
Total nights	13,051,888	14,819,052	15,241,721	422,669	2.9

Notes:

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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	
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018		
Tourists	Australia	30,116	38,344	40,181	1,837	4.8
	Austria	24,010	31,661	26,987	-4,674	-14.8
	Belgium	60,156	54,525	56,041	1,516	2.8
	France	141,608	174,683	190,769	16,087	9.2
	Germany	138,604	170,026	159,066	-10,960	-6.4
	Hungary	21,375	22,629	29,673	7,044	31.1
	Ireland	27,402	32,880	41,414	8,534	26.0
	Italy	293,384	315,054	318,200	3,147	1.0
	Netherlands	50,348	45,337	45,393	-	-
	Poland	66,817	74,614	80,209	5,594	7.5
	Scandinavia*	102,088	100,144	93,728	-6,416	-6.4
	Spain	63,388	75,464	91,667	16,202	21.5
	Switzerland	33,168	35,784	38,012	2,228	6.2
	United Kingdom	428,611	499,523	498,367	-	-
	USA	27,449	35,475	38,536	3,061	8.6
Other	253,449	330,698	387,182	56,485	17.1	
Total	1,761,973	2,036,841	2,135,425	98,585	4.8	
Nights	Australia	363,298	411,928	395,900	-16,029	-3.9
	Austria	163,526	217,894	164,655	-53,238	-24.4
	Belgium	368,859	350,174	380,338	30,164	8.6
	France	1,160,573	1,401,326	1,465,736	64,410	4.6
	Germany	1,037,209	1,268,497	1,141,940	-126,557	-10.0
	Hungary	141,618	138,733	163,799	25,066	18.1
	Ireland	198,195	249,550	279,435	29,884	12.0
	Italy	1,796,261	1,953,576	2,049,463	95,887	4.9
	Netherlands	371,519	340,854	333,287	-	-
	Poland	460,729	507,147	546,905	39,757	7.8
	Scandinavia*	731,953	726,616	666,758	-59,858	-8.2
	Spain	427,931	495,031	591,349	96,319	19.5
	Switzerland	235,855	255,348	260,892	5,544	2.2
	United Kingdom	3,309,430	3,635,626	3,452,459	-	-
	USA	191,559	224,281	233,881	9,600	4.3
Other	2,093,373	2,642,472	3,114,925	472,453	17.9	
Total	13,051,888	14,819,052	15,241,721	422,669	2.9	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	45,964	61,045	61,004	-40	-0.1
	Austria	23,256	25,943	23,042	-2,901	-11.2
	Belgium	47,656	42,335	41,744	-591	-1.4
	France	126,270	143,287	159,212	15,924	11.1
	Germany	121,240	144,687	132,085	-12,602	-8.7
	Hungary	16,326	13,401	16,945	3,544	26.4
	Ireland	25,004	29,285	37,277	7,992	27.3
	Italy	188,106	193,969	196,117	2,148	1.1
	Netherlands	44,257	38,377	36,113	-	-
	Poland	48,654	47,820	54,918	7,099	14.8
	Scandinavia*	101,376	92,662	85,615	-7,048	-7.6
	Spain	50,578	51,881	62,433	10,552	20.3
	Switzerland	37,767	37,708	39,167	1,459	3.9
	United Kingdom	368,885	414,866	402,960	-	-
	USA	31,645	42,189	43,501	1,312	3.1
Other	263,205	304,724	362,915	58,191	19.1	
Total	1,540,189	1,684,180	1,755,050	70,870	4.2	

* 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 2019					
Australia	5,877	21,650	11,552	21,926	61,004
Austria	8,293	2,870	4,529	7,350	23,042
Belgium	10,523	6,266	9,820	15,135	41,744
France	45,431	24,403	35,318	54,059	159,212
Germany	50,012	17,118	23,918	41,038	132,085
Hungary	2,141	3,524	4,625	6,656	16,945
Ireland	7,533	6,001	8,618	15,126	37,277
Italy	34,274	31,625	44,864	85,354	196,117
Netherlands	9,279	5,831	7,450	13,554	36,113
Poland	12,809	8,468	12,503	21,138	54,918
Scandinavia*	24,118	13,673	16,436	31,388	85,615
Spain	14,403	10,131	14,194	23,705	62,433
Switzerland	10,698	6,295	8,566	13,608	39,167
United Kingdom	132,001	52,240	72,788	145,931	402,960
USA	4,540	16,479	10,077	12,405	43,501
Other	71,545	84,691	75,375	131,304	362,915
Total	443,476	311,264	360,634	639,676	1,755,050
January-September 2018					
Australia	6,740	21,053	9,739	23,512	61,045
Austria	9,876	3,468	4,151	8,448	25,943
Belgium	13,517	5,341	8,692	14,786	42,335
France	46,996	20,679	28,526	47,087	143,287
Germany	61,661	16,620	22,841	43,565	144,687
Hungary	2,530	2,607	2,892	5,372	13,401
Ireland	5,726	4,954	6,682	11,923	29,285
Italy	44,653	26,066	40,511	82,740	193,969
Netherlands	11,897	4,747	6,450	15,282	38,377
Poland	8,956	7,617	11,904	19,343	47,820
Scandinavia*	29,656	14,717	15,458	32,832	92,662
Spain	10,795	7,741	12,477	20,867	51,881
Switzerland	11,075	5,620	7,335	13,678	37,708
United Kingdom	153,481	50,001	62,813	148,571	414,866
USA	6,884	14,513	8,366	12,427	42,189
Other	67,904	63,791	58,601	114,428	304,724
Total	492,346	269,537	307,437	614,859	1,684,180
January-September 2017					
Australia	2,686 ^u	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
Total	403,942	237,984	280,612	617,651	1,540,189

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

* 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 2019				
Australia	1,106	611	395	546	1,518
Austria	743	177	307	272	854
Belgium	729	150	264	270	745
France	716	191	300	283	835
Germany	711	192	311	258	830
Hungary	468	140	218	224	571
Ireland	638	203	333	365	900
Italy	527	125	222	268	616
Netherlands	647	187	282	299	796
Poland	553	148	240	264	685
Scandinavia*	723	226	329	335	913
Spain	583	150	233	259	681
Switzerland	878	242	373	358	1,030
United Kingdom	678	172	313	293	809
USA	971	486	346	322	1,129
Other	855	277	294	339	937
Total expenditure per capita	696	207	287	300	822
January-September 2018					
Australia	1,383	628	368	613	1,592
Austria	738	190	265	267	819
Belgium	721	149	279	271	776
France	736	186	283	270	820
Germany	737	191	304	256	851
Hungary	477	150	254	237	592
Ireland	582	215	345	363	891
Italy	525	113	220	263	616
Netherlands	628	180	280	337	846
Poland	486	135	240	259	641
Scandinavia*	716	250	310	328	925
Spain	545	138	250	277	687
Switzerland	817	251	384	382	1,054
United Kingdom	703	177	300	297	831
USA	1,201	484	331	350	1,189
Other	815	257	288	346	921
Total expenditure per capita	699	201	281	302	827
January-September 2017					
Australia	965 ^u	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
Total expenditure per capita	670	205	303	351	874

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

* Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	September		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	5,497	7,571	970
Sex			
Males	2,364	3,491	461
Females	3,133	4,080	509
Age group			
0-19	111	132	1
20-39	528	452	23
40-59	1,993	1,813	167
60-79	2,636	4,743	694
80 or more	229	431	85
Markets			
EU	3,301	3,697	226
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	2,480	692	51
Non-EU	2,196	3,874	744

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

Characteristics	January-September		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	28,990	26,616	12,868
Sex			
Males	13,331	12,226	5,962
Females	15,659	14,390	6,906
Age group			
0-19	1,477	1,071	867
20-39	2,515	1,742	1,104
40-59	8,223	6,485	3,284
60-79	14,972	15,750	6,637
80 or more	1,803	1,568	976
Markets			
EU	16,445	12,818	7,259
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	8,384	4,773	6,182
Non-EU	12,545	13,798	5,609

Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises of 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 data on 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 passengers.
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. Absolute and percentage changes between one survey estimate and another based on less than 1,500 tourists should be treated with caution and are represented in this news release by means of the dash symbol (-).
6. 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.
7. Data on cruise passengers who spent at least one night berthed on board their cruise ship in Malta ('Overnight Cruise Passengers') is compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
8. Arrivals and nights spent in time-share accommodation are being categorised in 'Non-rented 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'.
9. 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>).
10. **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 a 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.
 - **Rented accommodation:** Consists of the following two sub-categories:
 - a. **Collective accommodation:** comprises hotels, guesthouses, hostels, tourist villages, holiday complex, Bed & Breakfast and campsites.
 - b. **Other rented accommodation:** comprises holiday furnished premises (farmhouses, flats and villas), host families, marinas, paid-convents, rented yachts and student dormitories.
 - **Non-rented accommodation:** Comprises 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 or timeshare, etc.).
 - **Total expenditure:** Refers to the amount that is going to be paid for the acquisition of consumption goods and services, as well as valuables during tourism trips. It includes expenditures by visitors themselves, as well as expenses that are paid for or reimbursed by others. Maltese residents are asked to budget the expenditures which they are about to incur when travelling abroad. The total expenditure is broken down by the following expenditure items:

- a. **Package expenditure:** refers to the whole amount of money spent on transport, accommodation and others services such as rental of a car, activities or outings during the trip.
- b. **Non-Package expenditure:** is the amount of money spent on transport and accommodation reported separately.
- c. **Other expenditure:** is the amount spent on shopping, souvenirs, tickets for concerts or a sport event, entrance to a museum or zoo and day excursions during a tourism trip. It also includes durables and valuable goods, that is, the amount spent on cars, computers, paintings, jewellery and works of art.

11. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and Methods: https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/TOURSTAT-Survey.aspx

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>

12. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

13. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx