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Total inbound visitors for October were estimated at 287,191, an increase of 6.1 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Inbound Tourism: October 2019

A total of 249,588 inbound tourist trips were carried out for holiday purposes, while a further 22,026 were undertaken for business purposes. Inbound tourists from Non-EU countries went up by 17.6 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 (37.3 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (34.6 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 6.5 per cent when compared to October 2018, reaching nearly 1.9 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (54.5 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €231.1 million, an increase of 7.1 per cent over the corresponding month in 2018 (Table 4).

January-October 2019

Inbound tourist trips for the first ten months of 2019 surpassed 2.4 million an increase of 5.0 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 3.2 per cent, surpassing 17.1 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at almost €2.0 billion, 4.5 per cent higher than that recorded in 2018 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €822, a decrease of 0.4 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)

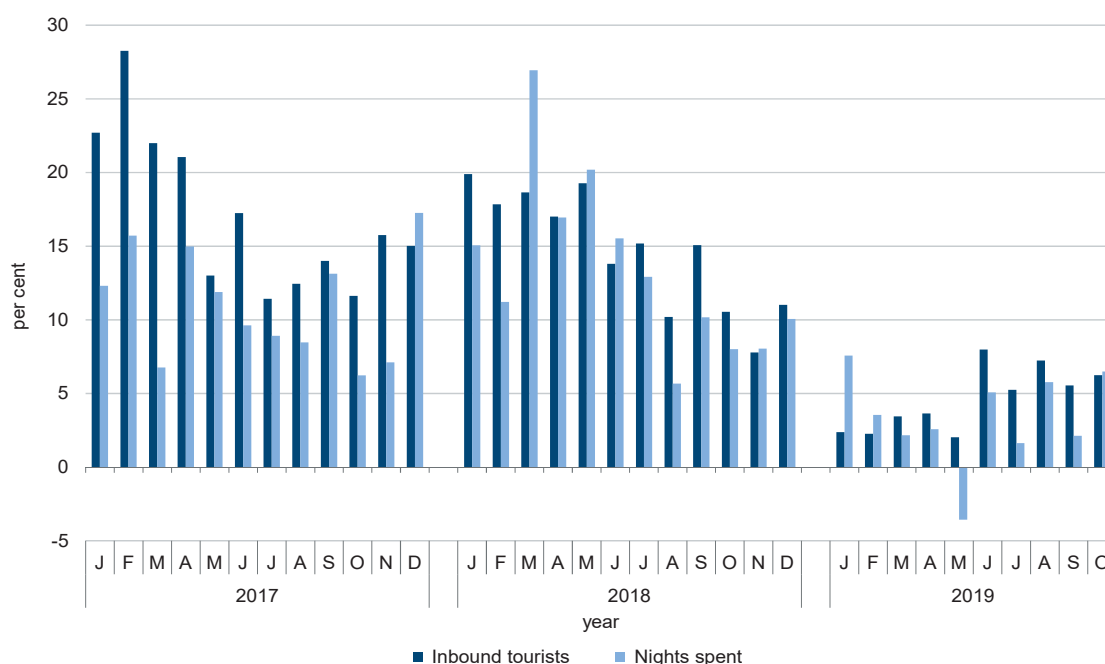


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	October			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	245,922	270,702	287,191	16,489	6.1
Overnight cruise passengers	5,809	5,283	5,193	-	-
Inbound tourists	240,113	265,419	281,998	16,579	6.2
Mode of travel					
Air	236,651	261,336	277,260	15,924	6.1
Sea	3,462	4,083	4,738	655	16.0
Sex					
Males	120,320	131,119	137,939	6,820	5.2
Females	119,792	134,300	144,059	9,758	7.3
Age group					
0-24	30,873	31,399	37,066	5,666	18.0
25-44	81,664	100,947	105,177	4,230	4.2
45-64	93,538	94,535	97,659	3,124	3.3
65 or more	34,038	38,538	42,096	3,559	9.2
Markets					
EU	204,779	223,813	233,088	9,275	4.1
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	108,660	122,861	126,117	3,256	2.7
Non-EU	35,333	41,606	48,910	7,304	17.6
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	209,832	236,271	249,588	13,317	5.6
Business and professional	19,712	18,709	22,026	3,317	17.7
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	10,569	10,440	10,385	-	-
Organisation of stay					
Package	96,738	89,298	84,949	-4,349	-4.9
Non-package	143,375	176,122	197,049	20,927	11.9
Frequency					
First-time tourists	176,632	190,090	206,724	16,634	8.8
Repeat tourists	63,481	75,329	75,274	-	-
once a year or less	45,855	54,888	58,339	3,451	6.3
more than once a year	17,626	20,442	16,935	-3,506	-17.2
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	43,177	56,643	55,886	-	-
4-6 nights	63,569	79,800	83,607	3,807	4.8
7 nights or more	133,367	128,976	142,505	13,529	10.5
Average length of stay (nights)	6.8	6.7	6.7	0.0	-

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	October			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	215,329	230,914	251,516	20,602	8.9
Collective	159,811	166,593	172,289	5,695	3.4
Other rented	55,518	64,320	79,227	14,907	23.2
Non-rented accommodation	24,784	34,506	30,482	-4,023	-11.7
Total tourists	240,113	265,419	281,998	16,579	6.2

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
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	1,427,189	1,460,604	1,636,945	176,341	12.1
Collective	975,443	987,069	1,028,571	41,502	4.2
Other rented	451,746	473,535	608,374	134,838	28.5
Non-rented accommodation	212,642	310,544	249,039	-61,506	-19.8
Total nights	1,639,831	1,771,148	1,885,983	114,835	6.5

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
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Package	66,175	65,950	61,836	-4,114	-6.2
Non-package	61,091	75,492	86,693	11,202	14.8
Air/sea fares	27,533	35,825	39,532	3,707	10.3
Accommodation	33,558	39,667	47,161	7,495	18.9
Other expenditure	81,628	74,308	82,573	8,265	11.1
Total expenditure	208,894	215,749	231,102	15,353	7.1

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
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Tourists					
EU	204,779	223,813	233,088	9,275	4.1
<i>of which:</i>					
France	19,204	20,523	22,626	2,103	10.2
Germany	24,787	26,614	24,572	-2,042	-7.7
Italy	28,066	31,698	31,423	-	-
United Kingdom	62,667	69,277	73,087	3,810	5.5
Non-EU	35,333	41,606	48,910	7,304	17.6
Total	240,113	265,419	281,998	16,579	6.2
Nights					
EU	1,385,237	1,456,212	1,523,313	67,101	4.6
<i>of which:</i>					
France	124,784	128,759	144,035	15,276	11.9
Germany	185,322	201,320	185,574	-15,746	-7.8
Italy	154,227	182,364	198,870	-	-
United Kingdom	471,655	480,473	497,344	16,871	3.5
Non-EU	254,594	314,937	362,670	47,734	15.2
Total	1,639,831	1,771,148	1,885,983	114,835	6.5
Expenditure (€000)					
EU	171,611	169,341	175,600	6,259	3.7
<i>of which:</i>					
France	16,609	16,675	16,654	-22	-0.1
Germany	23,782	24,833	21,749	-3,084	-12.4
Italy	15,830	17,239	17,735	-	-
United Kingdom	55,524	56,009	58,611	2,601	4.6
Non-EU	37,283	46,409	55,502	9,094	19.6
Total	208,894	215,749	231,102	15,353	7.1

Notes:

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Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-October			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	2,036,884	2,334,159	2,435,485	101,325	4.3
Overnight cruise passengers	34,799	31,899	18,061	-13,838	-43.4
Inbound tourists	2,002,085	2,302,260	2,417,424	115,163	5.0
Mode of travel					
Air	1,961,421	2,261,846	2,372,680	110,834	4.9
Sea	40,664	40,414	44,744	4,330	10.7
Sex					
Males	1,024,449	1,150,132	1,191,775	41,643	3.6
Females	977,636	1,152,128	1,225,649	73,520	6.4
Age group					
0-24	398,320	439,559	500,899	61,340	14.0
25-44	757,665	886,894	965,054	78,160	8.8
45-64	627,482	724,101	710,815	-13,286	-1.8
65 or more	218,618	251,706	240,655	-11,051	-4.4
Markets					
EU	1,721,248	1,950,885	2,019,087	68,202	3.5
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	979,820	1,117,755	1,172,610	54,855	4.9
Non-EU	280,837	351,375	398,337	46,962	13.4
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,703,040	2,040,231	2,166,000	125,769	6.2
Business and professional	157,495	149,689	150,308	-	-
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	141,551	112,340	101,115	-11,225	-10.0
Organisation of stay					
Package	699,402	793,518	721,909	-71,609	-9.0
Non-package	1,302,684	1,508,742	1,695,514	186,772	12.4
Frequency					
First-time tourists	1,464,944	1,713,212	1,819,874	106,662	6.2
Repeat tourists	537,141	589,048	597,549	8,502	1.4
once a year or less	389,355	436,479	447,956	11,477	2.6
more than once a year	147,787	152,569	149,593	-2,976	-2.0
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	378,190	446,081	493,271	47,190	10.6
4-6 nights	537,481	658,634	719,828	61,195	9.3
7 nights or more	1,086,414	1,197,546	1,204,324	6,778	0.6
Average length of stay (nights)	7.3	7.2	7.1	-0.1	-

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-October			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	1,768,725	2,015,200	2,131,774	116,574	5.8
Collective	1,323,199	1,455,974	1,494,398	38,424	2.6
Other rented	445,526	559,226	637,376	78,150	14.0
Non-rented accommodation	233,361	287,060	285,650	-	-
Total tourists	2,002,085	2,302,260	2,417,424	115,163	5.0

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-October			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Rented accommodation	12,426,013	13,867,767	14,398,073	530,306	3.8
Collective	8,280,394	8,993,124	8,917,917	-75,207	-0.8
Other rented	4,145,618	4,874,643	5,480,156	605,513	12.4
Non-rented accommodation	2,265,707	2,722,433	2,729,631	-	-
Total nights	14,691,720	16,590,200	17,127,705	537,504	3.2

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-October			Change	Percentage change	
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018		
Tourists	Australia	33,535	43,488	46,773	3,285	7.6
	Austria	26,343	35,092	29,764	-5,328	-15.2
	Belgium	65,315	60,139	61,626	-	-
	France	160,812	195,206	213,396	18,189	9.3
	Germany	163,391	196,640	183,638	-13,002	-6.6
	Hungary	24,686	26,186	33,190	7,004	26.7
	Ireland	31,186	36,747	47,403	10,656	29.0
	Italy	321,450	346,751	349,623	2,871	0.8
	Netherlands	57,437	51,946	51,953	-	-
	Poland	76,919	83,833	89,084	5,252	6.3
	Scandinavia ¹	121,123	115,124	109,914	-5,211	-4.5
	Spain	68,807	85,237	100,780	15,542	18.2
	Switzerland	40,240	42,361	44,526	2,165	5.1
	United Kingdom	491,278	568,800	571,454	2,654	0.5
	USA	31,305	40,965	44,315	3,349	8.2
	Other	288,257	373,744	439,987	66,243	17.7
Total	2,002,085	2,302,260	2,417,424	115,163	5.0	
Nights	Australia	392,695	461,404	446,626	-14,778	-3.2
	Austria	177,956	237,505	181,107	-56,398	-23.7
	Belgium	395,125	383,741	413,243	-	-
	France	1,285,358	1,530,084	1,609,771	79,686	5.2
	Germany	1,222,531	1,469,817	1,327,514	-142,304	-9.7
	Hungary	165,014	158,938	191,728	32,790	20.6
	Ireland	222,282	276,057	317,494	41,437	15.0
	Italy	1,950,488	2,135,940	2,248,333	112,394	5.3
	Netherlands	415,837	378,567	376,640	-	-
	Poland	529,669	562,913	608,710	45,797	8.1
	Scandinavia ¹	857,948	827,535	771,246	-56,290	-6.8
	Spain	458,625	545,895	641,408	95,513	17.5
	Switzerland	292,907	300,594	306,628	6,034	2.0
	United Kingdom	3,781,084	4,116,099	3,949,803	-166,296	-4.0
	USA	211,102	254,826	268,841	14,015	5.5
	Other	2,333,098	2,950,285	3,468,611	518,326	17.6
Total	14,691,720	16,590,200	17,127,705	537,504	3.2	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	49,651	68,886	70,003	1,117	1.6
	Austria	25,864	28,694	25,280	-3,413	-11.9
	Belgium	51,561	46,850	46,237	-	-
	France	142,879	159,963	175,865	15,903	9.9
	Germany	145,022	169,520	153,835	-15,685	-9.3
	Hungary	18,667	15,417	19,336	3,918	25.4
	Ireland	28,535	32,907	42,082	9,175	27.9
	Italy	203,935	211,208	213,853	2,644	1.3
	Netherlands	49,914	43,063	41,284	-	-
	Poland	56,452	53,201	61,586	8,385	15.8
	Scandinavia ¹	120,461	106,770	100,554	-6,216	-5.8
	Spain	54,848	57,114	68,028	10,914	19.1
	Switzerland	45,790	44,140	46,050	1,910	4.3
	United Kingdom	424,409	470,876	461,571	-9,305	-2.0
	USA	35,145	49,310	51,244	1,934	3.9
	Other	295,949	342,013	409,345	67,332	19.7
Total	1,749,082	1,899,929	1,986,152	86,222	4.5	

¹ 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-October 2019					
Australia	7,577	24,505	13,364	24,558	70,003
Austria	9,037	3,173	4,964	8,107	25,280
Belgium	11,344	6,897	11,123	16,874	46,237
France	50,839	26,696	39,024	59,306	175,865
Germany	58,725	20,173	27,750	47,186	153,835
Hungary	2,361	3,889	5,319	7,766	19,336
Ireland	8,757	6,637	9,586	17,102	42,082
Italy	36,583	34,298	49,118	93,854	213,853
Netherlands	10,634	6,593	8,423	15,634	41,284
Poland	14,447	9,423	13,953	23,763	61,586
Scandinavia ¹	29,131	16,054	18,705	36,663	100,554
Spain	15,194	10,967	15,751	26,115	68,028
Switzerland	12,551	7,307	10,183	16,010	46,050
United Kingdom	152,701	59,367	83,053	166,450	461,571
USA	6,125	18,797	11,711	14,611	51,244
Other	79,307	96,019	85,767	148,252	409,345
Total	505,313	350,795	407,795	722,248	1,986,152
January-October 2018					
Australia	7,978	23,999	11,061	25,848	68,886
Austria	10,886	3,794	4,802	9,212	28,694
Belgium	14,959	5,879	9,714	16,298	46,850
France	54,058	22,550	31,418	51,937	159,963
Germany	73,321	19,192	26,678	50,329	169,520
Hungary	3,014	2,905	3,293	6,205	15,417
Ireland	6,660	5,373	7,338	13,535	32,907
Italy	48,614	28,282	43,975	90,338	211,208
Netherlands	13,370	5,492	7,203	16,998	43,063
Poland	10,400	8,290	13,016	21,496	53,201
Scandinavia ¹	34,070	17,057	18,006	37,637	106,770
Spain	11,809	8,558	13,612	23,134	57,114
Switzerland	13,305	6,676	8,494	15,664	44,140
United Kingdom	173,024	57,273	72,645	167,932	470,876
USA	8,136	17,059	9,778	14,337	49,310
Other	74,693	72,984	66,070	128,265	342,013
Total	558,297	305,363	347,104	689,167	1,899,929
January-October 2017					
Australia	2,897	16,530	8,123	22,101	49,651
Austria	8,872	3,291	4,476	9,225	25,864
Belgium	14,966	7,100	11,141	18,354	51,561
France	47,826	17,719	26,361	50,972	142,879
Germany	55,016	16,523	24,123	49,360	145,022
Hungary	2,731	3,081	4,120	8,735	18,667
Ireland	5,660	4,438	6,069	12,368	28,535
Italy	45,971	26,472	41,389	90,103	203,935
Netherlands	14,814	6,310	8,099	20,692	49,914
Poland	11,248	8,260	11,976	24,968	56,452
Scandinavia ¹	38,629	16,338	18,835	46,659	120,461
Spain	10,798	8,013	11,825	24,212	54,848
Switzerland	13,119	7,033	8,420	17,218	45,790
United Kingdom	136,342	54,499	65,974	167,594	424,409
USA	4,140	10,766	7,653	12,586	35,145
Other	57,087	59,144	55,588	124,131	295,949
Total	470,117	265,516	314,171	699,279	1,749,082

¹ 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-October 2019				
Australia	1,037	610	396	525	1,497
Austria	743	177	306	272	849
Belgium	737	149	268	274	750
France	715	187	297	278	824
Germany	729	195	310	257	838
Hungary	469	138	223	234	583
Ireland	633	198	325	361	888
Italy	522	122	220	268	612
Netherlands	650	185	279	301	795
Poland	569	147	240	267	691
Scandinavia ¹	736	228	319	334	915
Spain	585	146	231	259	675
Switzerland	872	241	378	360	1,034
United Kingdom	678	171	313	291	808
USA	1,092	485	348	330	1,156
Other	845	276	293	337	930
Total expenditure per capita	700	206	287	299	822
January-October 2018					
Australia	1,396	632	367	594	1,584
Austria	736	187	274	263	818
Belgium	721	149	282	271	779
France	740	184	283	266	819
Germany	754	192	307	256	862
Hungary	475	146	247	237	589
Ireland	592	210	344	368	896
Italy	527	111	217	261	609
Netherlands	624	180	274	327	829
Poland	491	132	236	256	635
Scandinavia ¹	724	250	313	327	927
Spain	537	134	242	271	670
Switzerland	837	251	370	370	1,042
United Kingdom	703	177	302	295	828
USA	1,175	498	337	350	1,204
Other	815	258	285	343	915
Total expenditure per capita	704	202	281	299	825
January-October 2017					
Australia	936	543	371	659	1,481
Austria	700	241	370	350	982
Belgium	734	158	284	281	789
France	728	186	308	317	888
Germany	720	190	328	302	888
Hungary	494	161	272	354	756
Ireland	638	199	348	397	915
Italy	510	114	225	280	634
Netherlands	607	191	297	360	869
Poland	553	146	239	325	734
Scandinavia ¹	739	237	331	385	995
Spain	581	160	271	352	797
Switzerland	889	276	379	428	1,138
United Kingdom	664	191	332	341	864
USA	1,075	392	346	402	1,123
Other	741	280	326	431	1,027
Total expenditure per capita	672	204	302	349	874

¹ Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	October		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	5,809	5,283	5,193
Sex			
Males	2,647	2,402	2,386
Females	3,162	2,881	2,807
Age group			
0-19	51	91	77
20-39	235	260	195
40-59	994	1,215	811
60-79	4,011	3,438	3,691
80 or more	518	279	419
Markets			
EU	1,466	2,740	2,374
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	454	289	381
Non-EU	4,343	2,543	2,819

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

Characteristics	January-October		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	34,799	31,899	18,061
Sex			
Males	15,978	14,628	8,348
Females	18,821	17,271	9,713
Age group			
0-19	1,528	1,162	944
20-39	2,750	2,002	1,299
40-59	9,217	7,700	4,095
60-79	18,983	19,188	10,328
80 or more	2,321	1,847	1,395
Markets			
EU	17,911	15,558	9,633
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	8,838	5,062	6,563
Non-EU	16,888	16,341	8,428

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 other 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