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Total inbound visitors for November 2019 were estimated at 191,698, an increase of 8.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Inbound Tourism: November 2019

During the month under review, a total of 158,425 inbound tourist trips were undertaken for holiday purposes, while a further 24,362 were made for business purposes. Inbound tourists from Non-EU Member States went up by 14.2 per cent when compared to the same period in 2018. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 years (40.4 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (36.2 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 9.0 per cent when compared to November 2018, surpassing 1.2 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (56.1 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €136.2 million, an increase of 10.3 per cent over the corresponding month in 2018 (Table 4).

January-November 2019

Inbound tourist trips for the first eleven months of 2019 surpassed the 2.6 million mark, an increase of 5.3 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 3.6 per cent, surpassing 18.3 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €2.1 billion, 4.9 per cent higher than that recorded in 2018 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €814, 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)

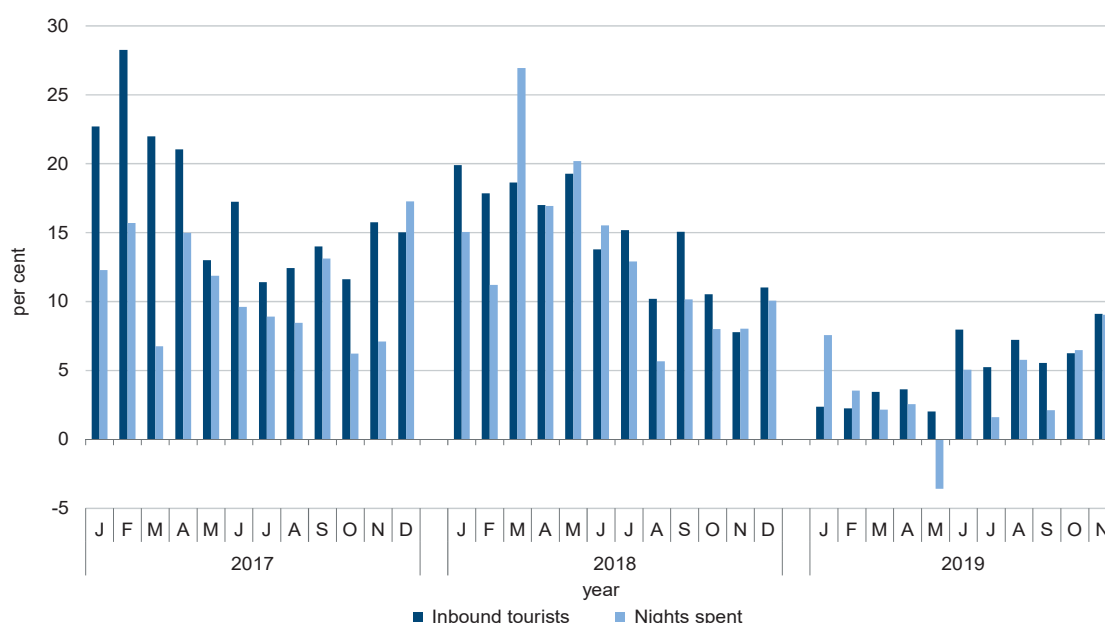


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	November			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	167,101	177,000	191,698	14,698	8.3
Overnight cruise passengers	4,571	1,830	588	-1,242	-67.9
Inbound tourists	162,530	175,170	191,110	15,940	9.1
Mode of travel					
Air	159,364	172,080	187,783	15,702	9.1
Sea	3,166	3,090	3,327	-	-
Sex					
Males	87,147	89,019	99,751	10,732	12.1
Females	75,383	86,151	91,359	5,208	6.0
Age group					
0-24	18,979	19,744	21,543	1,799	9.1
25-44	59,379	70,380	77,300	6,920	9.8
45-64	62,216	61,956	69,091	7,135	11.5
65 or more	21,956	23,090	23,175	-	-
Markets					
EU	140,825	149,537	161,825	12,289	8.2
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	78,747	86,695	92,173	5,478	6.3
Non-EU	21,705	25,634	29,285	3,651	14.2
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	139,230	145,630	158,425	12,795	8.8
Business and professional	15,297	20,258	24,362	4,104	20.3
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	8,003	9,282	8,323	-	-
Organisation of stay					
Package	63,973	57,331	57,125	-	-
Non-package	98,558	117,839	133,985	16,146	13.7
Frequency					
First-time tourists	118,765	118,740	137,772	19,032	16.0
Repeat tourists	43,765	56,430	53,338	-3,092	-5.5
once a year or less	28,874	39,106	38,161	-	-
more than once a year	14,891	17,324	15,177	-2,147	-12.4
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	38,331	51,936	57,915	5,979	11.5
4-6 nights	50,315	52,129	57,039	4,910	9.4
7 nights or more	73,883	71,105	76,156	5,050	7.1
Average length of stay (nights)	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	-

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
2. Changes denoted by the dash symbol (-) should be treated with caution. For more information, please refer to methodological note 5.

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

Type of accommodation	November			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	145,804	151,738	168,938	17,200	11.3
Collective	118,384	117,717	125,583	7,866	6.7
Other rented	27,420	34,021	43,355	9,334	27.4
Non-rented accommodation	16,726	23,432	22,172	-	-
Total tourists	162,530	175,170	191,110	15,940	9.1

Notes:

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Table 3. Total nights spent by inbound tourists by month of departure and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	November			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	899,127	919,234	1,007,665	88,431	9.6
Collective	686,495	659,458	678,780	19,323	2.9
Other rented	212,633	259,776	328,885	69,109	26.6
Non-rented accommodation	127,347	189,743	201,627	-	-
Total nights	1,026,474	1,108,977	1,209,292	100,315	9.0

Notes:

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Table 4. Total expenditure by inbound tourists by month of departure and expenditure category

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Expenditure category	November			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Package	33,495	31,131	32,666	1,535	4.9
Non-package	36,643	45,878	52,052	6,175	13.5
Air/sea fares	17,040	22,579	25,847	3,268	14.5
Accommodation	19,602	23,299	26,205	2,906	12.5
Other expenditure	50,192	46,497	51,498	5,001	10.8
Total expenditure	120,331	123,506	136,216	12,710	10.3

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		November			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Tourists	EU	140,825	149,537	161,825	12,289	8.2
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	9,957	9,845	14,235	4,391	44.6
	Germany	20,752	18,258	17,710	-	-
	Italy	22,355	24,206	22,294	-1,912	-7.9
	United Kingdom	41,493	42,615	45,474	2,859	6.7
	Non-EU	21,705	25,634	29,285	3,651	14.2
	Total	162,530	175,170	191,110	15,940	9.1
Nights	EU	877,051	953,335	987,203	33,868	3.6
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	68,107	67,299	77,254	9,956	14.8
	Germany	147,414	124,852	123,548	-	-
	Italy	97,502	132,900	150,039	17,139	12.9
	United Kingdom	285,157	294,062	288,848	-5,214	-1.8
	Non-EU	149,424	155,642	222,089	66,447	42.7
	Total	1,026,474	1,108,977	1,209,292	100,315	9.0
Expenditure (€000)	EU	98,752	95,083	104,690	9,607	10.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	7,366	6,688	8,757	2,069	30.9
	Germany	16,815	13,781	14,669	-	-
	Italy	11,262	12,865	11,909	-956	-7.4
	United Kingdom	30,082	28,078	31,732	3,653	13.0
	Non-EU	21,579	28,423	31,526	3,103	10.9
	Total	120,331	123,506	136,216	12,710	10.3

Notes:

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2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
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4. In this table only the top four countries of residence of inbound tourists are shown.

Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-November			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	2,203,986	2,511,159	2,627,182	116,023	4.6
Overnight cruise passengers	39,370	33,729	18,649	-15,080	-44.7
Inbound tourists	2,164,616	2,477,430	2,608,533	131,103	5.3
Mode of travel					
Air	2,120,786	2,433,926	2,560,463	126,536	5.2
Sea	43,830	43,504	48,071	4,567	10.5
Sex					
Males	1,111,596	1,239,151	1,291,526	52,375	4.2
Females	1,053,019	1,238,279	1,317,007	78,728	6.4
Age group					
0-24	417,298	459,304	522,442	63,139	13.7
25-44	817,045	957,274	1,042,355	85,081	8.9
45-64	689,698	786,057	779,906	-6,151	-0.8
65 or more	240,574	274,796	263,830	-10,965	-4.0
Markets					
EU	1,862,073	2,100,422	2,180,912	80,490	3.8
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	1,058,567	1,204,450	1,264,784	60,334	5.0
Non-EU	302,543	377,009	427,621	50,613	13.4
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,842,270	2,185,861	2,324,425	138,564	6.3
Business and professional	172,792	169,947	174,670	4,723	2.8
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	149,554	121,622	109,438	-12,184	-10.0
Organisation of stay					
Package	763,374	850,849	779,034	-71,815	-8.4
Non-package	1,401,241	1,626,581	1,829,499	202,918	12.5
Frequency					
First-time tourists	1,583,709	1,831,953	1,957,647	125,694	6.9
Repeat tourists	580,906	645,478	650,887	5,409	0.8
once a year or less	418,229	475,585	486,117	10,532	2.2
more than once a year	162,677	169,893	164,770	-5,123	-3.0
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	416,521	498,017	551,186	53,169	10.7
4-6 nights	587,797	710,763	776,868	66,105	9.3
7 nights or more	1,160,298	1,268,651	1,280,480	11,829	0.9
Average length of stay (nights)	7.3	7.1	7.0	-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.

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

Type of accommodation	January-November			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	1,914,529	2,166,938	2,300,712	133,774	6.2
Collective	1,441,582	1,573,692	1,619,981	46,290	2.9
Other rented	472,946	593,247	680,730	87,484	14.7
Non-rented accommodation	250,087	310,492	307,822	-2,671	-0.9
Total tourists	2,164,616	2,477,430	2,608,533	131,103	5.3

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-November			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	13,325,140	14,787,001	15,405,738	618,738	4.2
Collective	8,966,889	9,652,582	9,596,697	-55,885	-0.6
Other rented	4,358,251	5,134,419	5,809,041	674,622	13.1
Non-rented accommodation	2,393,054	2,912,177	2,931,258	19,082	0.7
Total nights	15,718,194	17,699,177	18,336,997	637,819	3.6

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-November			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Tourists	Australia	34,456	44,862	48,164	3,303	7.4
	Austria	28,698	37,466	32,247	-5,220	-13.9
	Belgium	70,495	66,961	67,002	-	-
	France	170,769	205,051	227,631	22,580	11.0
	Germany	184,143	214,898	201,348	-13,551	-6.3
	Hungary	26,016	27,603	36,161	8,559	31.0
	Ireland	34,402	39,182	50,696	11,514	29.4
	Italy	343,805	370,958	371,917	-	-
	Netherlands	61,238	54,938	56,758	1,820	3.3
	Poland	84,058	91,242	97,226	5,984	6.6
	Scandinavia ¹	130,966	123,910	119,221	-4,689	-3.8
	Spain	72,126	93,448	108,917	15,469	16.6
	Switzerland	42,608	44,606	46,696	2,090	4.7
	United Kingdom	532,771	611,415	616,928	5,513	0.9
	USA	34,298	44,379	47,283	2,904	6.5
	Other	313,766	406,510	480,338	73,828	18.2
Total	2,164,616	2,477,430	2,608,533	131,103	5.3	
Nights	Australia	400,136	467,509	458,674	-8,836	-1.9
	Austria	191,242	249,702	193,712	-55,990	-22.4
	Belgium	421,595	419,203	439,608	-	-
	France	1,353,465	1,597,383	1,687,025	89,642	5.6
	Germany	1,369,944	1,594,669	1,451,062	-143,607	-9.0
	Hungary	173,014	180,520	210,873	30,353	16.8
	Ireland	245,417	293,510	335,123	41,613	14.2
	Italy	2,047,990	2,268,840	2,398,372	-	-
	Netherlands	436,519	405,093	411,257	6,164	1.5
	Poland	572,122	601,752	651,615	49,863	8.3
	Scandinavia ¹	928,357	897,357	837,879	-59,478	-6.6
	Spain	475,095	590,684	679,409	88,725	15.0
	Switzerland	307,774	314,418	332,352	17,934	5.7
	United Kingdom	4,066,241	4,410,161	4,238,651	-171,510	-3.9
	USA	226,908	273,028	285,147	12,119	4.4
	Other	2,502,376	3,135,348	3,726,237	590,890	18.8
Total	15,718,194	17,699,177	18,336,997	637,819	3.6	
Expenditure (€000)	Australia	50,637	70,451	72,079	1,628	2.3
	Austria	27,865	30,272	26,830	-3,442	-11.4
	Belgium	55,078	50,825	49,380	-	-
	France	150,246	166,651	184,623	17,972	10.8
	Germany	161,837	183,301	168,503	-14,798	-8.1
	Hungary	19,545	16,383	20,763	4,380	26.7
	Ireland	31,123	34,651	44,747	10,096	29.1
	Italy	215,198	224,073	225,762	-	-
	Netherlands	52,468	45,203	44,762	-441	-1.0
	Poland	60,936	57,041	65,908	8,866	15.5
	Scandinavia ¹	129,113	114,588	108,196	-6,392	-5.6
	Spain	56,981	61,482	72,142	10,660	17.3
	Switzerland	48,090	46,796	48,720	1,924	4.1
	United Kingdom	454,491	498,954	493,303	-5,651	-1.1
	USA	38,459	53,091	54,652	1,561	2.9
	Other	317,347	369,672	441,997	72,325	19.6
Total	1,869,413	2,023,436	2,122,368	98,932	4.9	

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-November 2019					
Australia	7,617	25,435	13,838	25,189	72,079
Austria	9,483	3,384	5,334	8,629	26,830
Belgium	12,060	7,421	11,807	18,093	49,380
France	53,658	28,037	40,415	62,514	184,623
Germany	64,682	22,065	30,113	51,643	168,503
Hungary	2,536	4,115	5,642	8,471	20,763
Ireland	9,452	6,974	10,041	18,280	44,747
Italy	37,833	36,211	51,718	100,000	225,762
Netherlands	11,517	7,092	9,133	17,020	44,762
Poland	15,372	10,107	14,832	25,596	65,908
Scandinavia ¹	30,748	17,689	20,227	39,532	108,196
Spain	15,551	11,928	16,790	27,873	72,142
Switzerland	13,860	7,532	10,621	16,706	48,720
United Kingdom	162,317	63,848	88,672	178,467	493,303
USA	6,652	20,004	12,419	15,577	54,652
Other	84,640	104,800	92,400	160,157	441,997
Total	537,979	376,643	434,000	773,746	2,122,368
January-November 2018					
Australia	8,069	24,925	11,221	26,236	70,451
Austria	11,688	3,891	4,881	9,813	30,272
Belgium	15,732	6,636	10,452	18,005	50,825
France	55,350	23,811	32,957	54,534	166,651
Germany	78,314	21,066	29,350	54,570	183,301
Hungary	3,323	3,005	3,524	6,530	16,383
Ireland	7,276	5,528	7,568	14,279	34,651
Italy	50,349	30,391	46,710	96,622	224,073
Netherlands	13,698	5,826	7,702	17,978	45,203
Poland	10,989	9,073	13,784	23,195	57,041
Scandinavia ¹	36,491	18,266	19,516	40,315	114,588
Spain	12,957	9,094	14,421	25,010	61,482
Switzerland	13,986	7,181	9,138	16,492	46,796
United Kingdom	182,134	61,059	77,067	178,694	498,954
USA	8,413	18,707	10,672	15,300	53,091
Other	80,659	79,483	71,439	138,092	369,672
Total	589,428	327,941	370,402	735,664	2,023,436
January-November 2017					
Australia	3,029	16,802	8,314	22,492	50,637
Austria	9,406	3,592	4,873	9,994	27,865
Belgium	15,968	7,559	11,753	19,797	55,078
France	49,604	18,786	27,909	53,946	150,246
Germany	63,022	18,031	25,931	54,854	161,837
Hungary	2,869	3,188	4,282	9,205	19,545
Ireland	6,281	4,757	6,556	13,529	31,123
Italy	48,292	27,984	43,389	95,532	215,198
Netherlands	15,581	6,583	8,454	21,850	52,468
Poland	12,171	8,809	12,814	27,141	60,936
Scandinavia ¹	40,813	17,732	20,246	50,322	129,113
Spain	11,197	8,325	12,274	25,186	56,981
Switzerland	13,700	7,469	8,728	18,193	48,090
United Kingdom	146,053	57,874	70,366	180,198	454,491
USA	4,971	11,623	8,121	13,744	38,459
Other	60,655	63,442	59,762	133,488	317,347
Total	503,612	282,557	333,773	749,471	1,869,413

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-November 2019					
Australia	1,032	613	397	523	1,497
Austria	728	173	301	268	832
Belgium	713	148	263	270	737
France	702	185	290	275	811
Germany	724	196	309	256	837
Hungary	447	134	216	234	574
Ireland	632	195	319	361	883
Italy	519	121	218	269	607
Netherlands	645	182	275	300	789
Poland	553	145	234	263	678
Scandinavia ¹	732	229	315	332	908
Spain	574	145	226	256	662
Switzerland	907	239	377	358	1,043
United Kingdom	664	171	310	289	800
USA	1,078	486	346	329	1,156
Other	830	276	288	333	920
Total expenditure per capita	691	205	283	297	814
January-November 2018					
Australia	1,321	640	361	585	1,570
Austria	708	186	269	262	808
Belgium	700	149	274	269	759
France	732	183	281	266	813
Germany	739	193	308	254	853
Hungary	509	143	242	237	594
Ireland	597	204	335	364	884
Italy	519	110	215	260	604
Netherlands	614	179	275	327	823
Poland	482	132	228	254	625
Scandinavia ¹	720	249	317	325	925
Spain	527	131	235	268	658
Switzerland	841	254	374	370	1,049
United Kingdom	691	175	299	292	816
USA	1,164	501	337	345	1,196
Other	801	259	283	340	909
Total expenditure per capita	693	201	278	297	817
January-November 2017					
Australia	939	538	370	653	1,470
Austria	688	239	366	348	971
Belgium	712	157	279	281	781
France	717	185	306	316	880
Germany	704	191	323	298	879
Hungary	476	159	270	354	751
Ireland	623	196	343	393	905
Italy	500	113	222	278	626
Netherlands	594	188	293	357	857
Poland	536	144	235	323	725
Scandinavia ¹	727	237	328	384	986
Spain	568	159	269	349	790
Switzerland	884	276	369	427	1,129
United Kingdom	651	188	328	338	853
USA	1,024	395	341	401	1,121
Other	729	275	320	425	1,011
Total expenditure per capita	660	202	298	346	864

¹ Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	November		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	4,571	1,830	588
Sex			
Males	2,144	786	246
Females	2,427	1,044	342
Age group			
0-19	17	1	-
20-39	152	36	4
40-59	644	160	13
60-79	3,382	1,336	420
80 or more	376	297	151
Markets			
EU	1,587	1,575	517
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	1,212	1,568	514
Non-EU	2,984	255	71

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

Characteristics	January-November		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	39,370	33,729	18,649
Sex			
Males	18,122	15,414	8,594
Females	21,248	18,315	10,055
Age group			
0-19	1,545	1,163	944
20-39	2,902	2,038	1,303
40-59	9,861	7,860	4,108
60-79	22,365	20,524	10,748
80 or more	2,697	2,144	1,546
Markets			
EU	19,498	17,133	10,150
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	10,050	6,630	7,077
Non-EU	19,872	16,596	8,499

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 air passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval. For the months November 2017 and November 2019 this counting interval was of 1:20. Due to a special circumstance this interval was changed to 1:50 for the month of November 2018.
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 supplied 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. 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