

Errata Corrigé: An error was detected in the statistic “Average length of stay (nights)”. This affected Table 6 and the values for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 which should read as 7.3, 7.1 and 7.0 respectively. Online documents were amended on 5 February at 12:00hrs.

Total inbound visitors for December 2019 were estimated at 144,706, an increase of 17.9 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2018.

Inbound Tourism: December 2019

During the month under review, a total of 123,721 inbound tourist trips were undertaken for holiday purposes, while a further 14,416 were made for business purposes. Inbound tourists from Non-EU Member States went up by 23.4 per cent when compared to the same period in 2018. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 years (41.1 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (32.4 per cent) (Table 1).

Total nights spent went up by 15.1 per cent when compared to December 2018, surpassing 1.0 million nights. The largest share of guest nights (47.1 per cent) was spent in collective accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €98.3 million, an increase of 25.4 per cent over the corresponding month in 2018 (Table 4).

January-December 2019

In 2019, inbound tourist trips totalled nearly 2.8 million, an increase of 5.9 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists went up by 4.1 per cent, surpassing 19.3 million nights (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure was estimated at €2.2 billion, 5.7 per cent higher than that recorded in 2018 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €807, a decrease of 0.2 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)

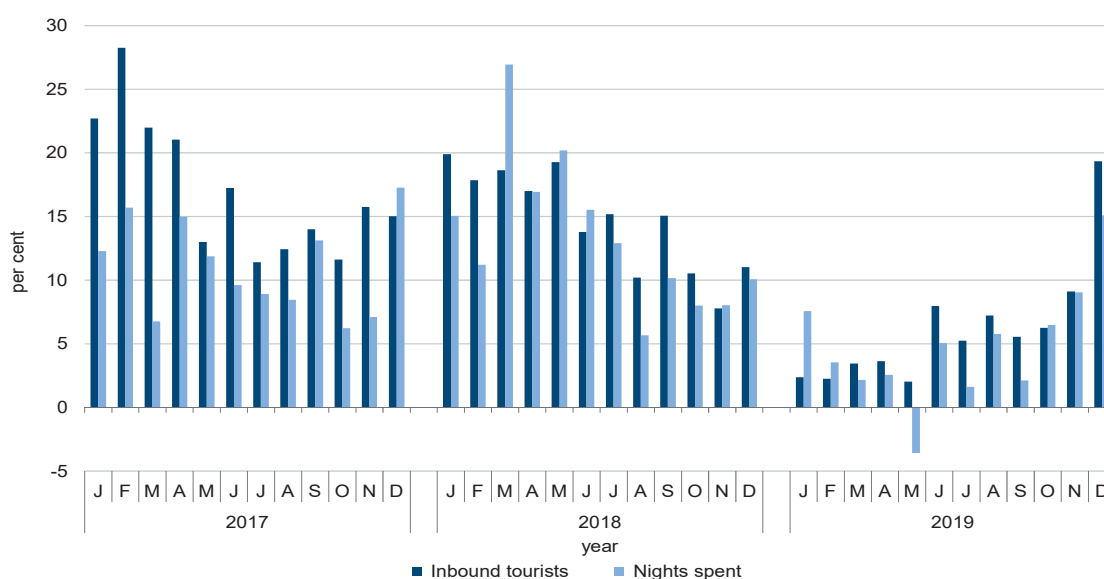


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	110,611	122,759	144,706	21,947	17.9
Overnight cruise passengers	1,389	1,500	-	-1,500	-100.0
Inbound tourists	109,222	121,259	144,706	23,447	19.3
Mode of travel					
Air	105,814	117,758	141,565	23,807	20.2
Sea	3,408	3,501	3,141	-	-
Sex					
Males	57,333	61,533	77,024	15,491	25.2
Females	51,889	59,727	67,682	7,955	13.3
Age group					
0-24	12,851	16,113	22,155	6,041	37.5
25-44	43,155	48,627	59,487	10,860	22.3
45-64	38,372	40,675	46,910	6,235	15.3
65 or more	14,843	15,843	16,154	-	-
Markets					
EU	93,435	101,792	120,689	18,897	18.6
<i>of which:</i> Euro area	51,819	60,717	70,696	9,979	16.4
Non-EU	15,787	19,467	24,017	4,550	23.4
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	96,186	105,766	123,721	17,955	17.0
Business and professional	7,768	10,332	14,416	4,084	39.5
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	5,268	5,161	6,569	-	-
Organisation of stay					
Package	39,011	35,757	38,980	3,223	9.0
Non-package	70,210	85,502	105,726	20,224	23.7
Frequency					
First-time tourists	76,308	80,534	98,492	17,959	22.3
Repeat tourists	32,914	40,726	46,214	5,488	13.5
once a year or less	19,752	22,428	28,674	6,246	27.8
more than once a year	13,162	18,298	17,540	-	-
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	33,236	39,387	49,693	10,306	26.2
4-6 nights	31,837	35,244	44,397	9,153	26.0
7 nights or more	44,149	46,629	50,616	3,987	8.6
Average length of stay (nights)	7.2	7.2	6.9	-0.3	-

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	December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	94,775	98,939	123,411	24,472	24.7
Collective	76,803	77,706	89,985	12,278	15.8
Other rented	17,972	21,233	33,426	12,193	57.4
Non-rented accommodation	14,447	22,320	21,295	-	-
Total tourists	109,222	121,259	144,706	23,447	19.3

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

Type of accommodation	December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	691,935	724,212	825,041	100,829	13.9
Collective	450,740	429,270	471,935	42,665	9.9
Other rented	241,196	294,942	353,106	58,164	19.7
Non-rented accommodation	99,012	146,326	176,822	-	-
Total nights	790,947	870,538	1,001,863	131,325	15.1

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

Expenditure category	December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Package	18,258	19,243	20,761	1,518	7.9
Non-package	24,846	28,062	39,655	11,593	41.3
Air/sea fares	10,799	13,774	20,308	6,535	47.4
Accommodation	14,047	14,288	19,346	5,058	35.4
Other expenditure	34,377	31,024	37,843	6,818	22.0
Total expenditure	77,481	78,329	98,259	19,930	25.4

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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		December			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Tourists	EU	93,435	101,792	120,689	18,897	18.6
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	5,602	8,248	11,509	3,261	39.5
	Germany	8,890	12,063	10,198	-1,865	-15.5
	Italy	19,863	19,649	21,038	-	-
	United Kingdom	28,122	29,155	32,695	3,541	12.1
	Non-EU	15,787	19,467	24,017	4,550	23.4
	Total	109,222	121,259	144,706	23,447	19.3
Nights	EU	651,974	714,660	748,850	34,190	4.8
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	47,062	68,405	81,267	12,862	18.8
	Germany	64,109	77,562	68,378	-9,184	-11.8
	Italy	119,089	142,624	126,474	-	-
	United Kingdom	196,062	201,680	200,623	-1,057	-0.5
	Non-EU	138,973	155,879	253,014	97,135	62.3
	Total	790,947	870,538	1,001,863	131,325	15.1
Expenditure (€000)	EU	59,538	60,264	72,111	11,848	19.7
	<i>of which:</i>					
	France	4,198	5,586	7,663	2,077	37.2
	Germany	6,902	8,474	7,089	-1,385	-16.3
	Italy	10,524	9,039	10,639	-	-
	United Kingdom	18,576	18,352	21,085	2,733	14.9
	Non-EU	17,943	18,065	26,147	8,082	44.7
	Total	77,481	78,329	98,259	19,930	25.4

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Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Total inbound visitors	2,314,596	2,633,919	2,771,888	137,970	5.2
Overnight cruise passengers	40,759	35,229	18,649	-16,580	-47.1
Inbound tourists	2,273,837	2,598,690	2,753,239	154,550	5.9
Mode of travel					
Air	2,226,599	2,551,685	2,702,028	150,343	5.9
Sea	47,238	47,005	51,212	4,207	8.9
Sex					
Males	1,168,929	1,300,684	1,368,550	67,867	5.2
Females	1,104,908	1,298,006	1,384,689	86,683	6.7
Age group					
0-24	430,150	475,417	544,597	69,180	14.6
25-44	860,200	1,005,901	1,101,842	95,940	9.5
45-64	728,071	826,732	826,816	-	-
65 or more	255,417	290,639	279,984	-10,655	-3.7
Markets					
EU	1,955,508	2,202,214	2,301,601	99,387	4.5
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	1,110,386	1,265,168	1,335,480	70,312	5.6
Non-EU	318,330	396,476	451,639	55,163	13.9
Purpose of visit					
Holiday	1,938,456	2,291,628	2,448,146	156,519	6.8
Business and professional	180,560	180,279	189,086	8,807	4.9
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	154,821	126,783	116,007	-10,776	-8.5
Organisation of stay					
Package	802,386	886,606	818,014	-68,592	-7.7
Non-package	1,471,452	1,712,084	1,935,226	223,142	13.0
Frequency					
First-time tourists	1,660,017	1,912,486	2,056,139	143,653	7.5
Repeat tourists	613,820	686,203	697,100	10,897	1.6
once a year or less	437,981	498,012	514,791	16,778	3.4
more than once a year	175,840	188,191	182,310	-	-
Duration of visit					
1-3 nights	449,757	537,404	600,879	63,475	11.8
4-6 nights	619,634	746,006	821,265	75,259	10.1
7 nights or more	1,204,447	1,315,280	1,331,096	15,816	1.2
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-December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	2,009,304	2,265,877	2,424,123	158,245	7.0
Collective	1,518,385	1,651,398	1,709,966	58,568	3.5
Other rented	490,919	614,480	714,157	99,677	16.2
Non-rented accommodation	264,534	332,812	329,117	-3,696	-1.1
Total tourists	2,273,837	2,598,690	2,753,239	154,550	5.9

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-December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019		
Rented accommodation	14,017,075	15,511,213	16,230,780	719,567	4.6
Collective	9,417,628	10,081,852	10,068,632	-13,220	-0.1
Other rented	4,599,447	5,429,361	6,162,148	732,786	13.5
Non-rented accommodation	2,492,066	3,058,503	3,108,080	49,578	1.6
Total nights	16,509,141	18,569,716	19,338,860	769,144	4.1

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-December			Change	Percentage change
	2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	
Tourists					
Australia	35,875	45,859	49,807	3,948	8.6
Austria	29,624	39,029	33,251	-5,778	-14.8
Belgium	73,429	70,191	70,886	-	-
France	176,371	213,299	239,140	25,841	12.1
Germany	193,033	226,962	211,546	-15,416	-6.8
Hungary	26,875	28,294	37,976	9,682	34.2
Ireland	36,177	40,721	53,089	12,368	30.4
Italy	363,668	390,607	392,955	2,348	0.6
Netherlands	64,000	57,355	59,528	2,173	3.8
Poland	89,335	96,362	104,228	7,865	8.2
Scandinavia ¹	135,273	128,320	124,411	-3,908	-3.0
Spain	75,511	99,046	116,295	17,250	17.4
Switzerland	44,065	45,572	48,954	3,382	7.4
United Kingdom	560,893	640,570	649,624	9,054	1.4
USA	35,758	47,170	50,525	3,355	7.1
Other	333,951	429,334	511,025	81,691	19.0
Total	2,273,837	2,598,690	2,753,239	154,550	5.9
Nights					
Australia	413,400	472,067	477,105	5,038	1.1
Austria	196,651	258,587	199,710	-58,876	-22.8
Belgium	436,701	431,321	458,266	-	-
France	1,400,526	1,665,788	1,768,292	102,504	6.2
Germany	1,434,054	1,672,231	1,519,440	-152,791	-9.1
Hungary	177,276	183,285	226,736	43,451	23.7
Ireland	255,471	307,559	347,940	40,382	13.1
Italy	2,167,079	2,411,465	2,524,847	113,382	4.7
Netherlands	471,066	425,436	433,665	8,230	1.9
Poland	601,461	630,548	687,924	57,376	9.1
Scandinavia ¹	961,618	941,335	881,690	-59,646	-6.3
Spain	497,551	638,030	726,039	88,009	13.8
Switzerland	324,179	324,967	352,216	27,249	8.4
United Kingdom	4,262,303	4,611,841	4,439,274	-172,567	-3.7
USA	234,773	286,258	313,337	27,079	9.5
Other	2,675,033	3,308,998	3,982,379	673,381	20.3
Total	16,509,141	18,569,716	19,338,860	769,144	4.1
Expenditure (€000)					
Australia	51,992	71,262	74,823	3,561	5.0
Austria	28,517	31,278	27,622	-3,656	-11.7
Belgium	56,616	52,044	51,517	-	-
France	154,444	172,237	192,285	20,049	11.6
Germany	168,739	191,776	175,592	-16,184	-8.4
Hungary	19,923	16,581	21,639	5,058	30.5
Ireland	32,252	35,476	46,144	10,668	30.1
Italy	225,722	233,112	236,400	3,288	1.4
Netherlands	54,524	47,455	46,880	-575	-1.2
Poland	63,513	59,504	69,433	9,929	16.7
Scandinavia ¹	133,725	118,185	112,252	-5,933	-5.0
Spain	59,054	65,048	76,015	10,967	16.9
Switzerland	50,111	47,865	50,585	2,720	5.7
United Kingdom	473,068	517,306	514,388	-2,918	-0.6
USA	39,866	56,351	58,579	2,227	4.0
Other	334,830	386,285	466,473	80,188	20.8
Total	1,946,894	2,101,765	2,220,627	118,862	5.7

¹ Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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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-December 2019					
Australia	7,635	26,698	14,264	26,226	74,823
Austria	9,577	3,539	5,592	8,913	27,622
Belgium	12,282	7,805	12,328	19,102	51,517
France	55,632	29,191	41,998	65,464	192,285
Germany	67,323	23,002	31,173	54,094	175,592
Hungary	2,704	4,254	5,854	8,827	21,639
Ireland	9,653	7,337	10,297	18,857	46,144
Italy	39,108	38,163	54,079	105,050	236,400
Netherlands	11,853	7,514	9,567	17,946	46,880
Poland	16,231	10,736	15,426	27,041	69,433
Scandinavia ¹	31,668	18,383	21,126	41,074	112,252
Spain	16,088	12,837	17,556	29,533	76,015
Switzerland	14,214	7,742	11,149	17,480	50,585
United Kingdom	168,406	67,512	92,180	186,290	514,388
USA	7,777	21,075	13,068	16,660	58,579
Other	88,591	111,162	97,689	169,031	466,473
Total	558,740	396,951	453,347	811,589	2,220,627
January-December 2018					
Australia	8,089	25,198	11,374	26,601	71,262
Austria	11,870	3,995	5,187	10,226	31,278
Belgium	15,924	6,853	10,686	18,581	52,044
France	57,291	24,470	34,211	56,265	172,237
Germany	81,252	22,050	30,760	57,714	191,776
Hungary	3,323	3,066	3,552	6,640	16,581
Ireland	7,402	5,678	7,649	14,746	35,476
Italy	51,552	31,833	48,836	100,891	233,112
Netherlands	14,833	6,023	7,821	18,777	47,455
Poland	11,807	9,331	14,120	24,246	59,504
Scandinavia ¹	37,336	19,102	19,945	41,801	118,185
Spain	14,086	9,466	15,165	26,332	65,048
Switzerland	14,429	7,364	9,249	16,824	47,865
United Kingdom	187,525	63,429	80,075	186,277	517,306
USA	8,589	20,355	11,370	16,037	56,351
Other	83,362	83,502	74,690	144,732	386,285
Total	608,671	341,715	384,690	766,688	2,101,765
January-December 2017					
Australia	3,049	17,279	8,478	23,186	51,992
Austria	9,701	3,663	4,925	10,228	28,517
Belgium	16,390	7,765	11,920	20,541	56,616
France	50,836	19,300	28,701	55,607	154,444
Germany	65,749	18,550	26,758	57,682	168,739
Hungary	2,876	3,256	4,382	9,408	19,923
Ireland	6,574	4,901	6,717	14,061	32,252
Italy	49,425	29,266	46,199	100,832	225,722
Netherlands	15,993	6,935	8,979	22,619	54,524
Poland	12,603	9,135	13,327	28,448	63,513
Scandinavia ¹	41,861	18,289	20,900	52,674	133,725
Spain	11,671	8,666	12,649	26,068	59,054
Switzerland	13,815	7,874	9,479	18,942	50,111
United Kingdom	151,863	60,017	72,931	188,257	473,068
USA	5,035	12,078	8,481	14,271	39,866
Other	64,429	66,382	62,994	141,025	334,830
Total	521,870	293,356	347,820	783,848	1,946,894

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-December 2019					
Australia	1,033	620	393	527	1,502
Austria	722	174	304	268	831
Belgium	694	146	259	269	727
France	693	183	286	274	804
Germany	712	196	306	256	830
Hungary	441	133	215	232	570
Ireland	625	195	312	355	869
Italy	515	120	215	267	602
Netherlands	634	184	274	301	788
Poland	542	144	227	259	666
Scandinavia ¹	724	228	314	330	902
Spain	567	145	219	254	654
Switzerland	895	233	377	357	1,033
United Kingdom	657	171	305	287	792
USA	1,092	485	344	330	1,159
Other	825	274	284	331	913
Total expenditure per capita	683	204	279	295	807
January-December 2018					
Australia	1,320	631	359	580	1,554
Austria	701	181	269	262	801
Belgium	696	144	263	265	741
France	724	181	282	264	807
Germany	728	190	306	254	845
Hungary	509	141	240	235	586
Ireland	586	202	329	362	871
Italy	518	109	214	258	597
Netherlands	608	183	278	327	827
Poland	479	129	222	252	618
Scandinavia ¹	715	250	314	326	921
Spain	549	128	233	266	657
Switzerland	855	254	371	369	1,050
United Kingdom	683	173	298	291	808
USA	1,145	510	334	340	1,195
Other	792	257	279	337	900
Total expenditure per capita	687	199	276	295	809
January-December 2017					
Australia	941	529	362	646	1,449
Austria	684	237	362	345	963
Belgium	693	156	276	280	771
France	710	184	305	315	876
Germany	690	190	323	299	874
Hungary	473	157	266	350	741
Ireland	610	193	337	389	892
Italy	492	111	223	277	621
Netherlands	590	188	298	353	852
Poland	525	140	229	318	711
Scandinavia ¹	722	237	329	389	989
Spain	562	158	266	345	782
Switzerland	881	277	383	430	1,137
United Kingdom	641	185	324	336	843
USA	1,010	393	340	399	1,115
Other	718	272	319	422	1,003
Total expenditure per capita	650	199	297	345	856

¹ Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

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

Characteristics	December		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	1,389	1,500	-
Sex			
Males	706	719	-
Females	683	781	-
Age group			
0-19	256	237	-
20-39	298	234	-
40-59	429	404	-
60-79	251	395	-
80 or more	155	230	-
Markets			
EU	382	624	-
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	68	54	-
Non-EU	1,007	876	-

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

Characteristics	January-December		
	2017	2018	2019
Total overnight cruise passengers	40,759	35,229	18,649
Sex			
Males	18,828	16,133	8,594
Females	21,931	19,096	10,055
Age group			
0-19	1,801	1,400	944
20-39	3,200	2,272	1,303
40-59	10,290	8,264	4,108
60-79	22,616	20,919	10,748
80 or more	2,852	2,374	1,546
Markets			
EU	19,880	17,757	10,150
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	10,118	6,684	7,077
Non-EU	20,879	17,472	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 years 2017, 2019 and January to October 2018 this counting interval was of 1:20. Due to a special circumstance this interval was changed to 1:50 for the months of November and December 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