

Total inbound visitors for November were estimated at 14,936, a decrease of 92.2 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2019.

## Inbound Tourism: November 2020

During the month under review, a total of 10,940 inbound tourist trips were undertaken for holiday purposes, while a further 2,795 were made for business purposes. Most inbound tourists were aged between 25 and 44 years (50.8 per cent), followed by those within the 45-64 age bracket (25.5 per cent) (Table 1). Inbound tourists coming from Italy were the most popular, with a share of 24.7 per cent of the total inbound tourists (Table 5).

When compared to November 2019, total nights spent went down by 82.3 per cent, amounting to 213,868 nights. The largest share of guest nights (43.5 per cent) was spent in non-rented accommodation establishments (Table 3).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €13.2 million, a decrease of 90.3 per cent over the corresponding month in 2019 (Table 4).

### January-November 2020

Inbound tourist trips for the first eleven months of 2020 amounted to 645,626, a decrease of 75.2 per cent over the same period in 2019 (Table 6). Total nights spent by inbound tourists reached nearly 5.0 million, a drop of 72.7 per cent when compared to the same period of 2019 (Table 8).

Total tourism expenditure reached nearly €442.0 million, 79.2 per cent less than that recorded during the same period in 2019 (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €685, a decrease of 15.8 per cent when compared to the same period in 2019 (Table 11) ■

Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation.

During the COVID-19 situation, the following tourism-related sequence of events took place in 2020:

28-Feb	Passengers flying in from Italy, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Iran and South Korea, from 26 February onwards were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
8-Mar	Flights from/to Milan were suspended.
10-Mar	Flights from/to Italy were suspended.
10-Mar	Last cruise liner call.
11-Mar	Flights from/to France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, were suspended.
11-Mar	Passengers flying in from France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
13-Mar	All passengers flying in from all destinations were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
18-Mar	Last Virtu' Ferries service for passengers between Malta and Sicily was operated.
21-Mar	All flights from/to all destinations were suspended.
1-Jul	Re-opening of Malta International Airport. The first group of destinations that reopened for travel comprised: Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Poland, Cyprus, Switzerland, Iceland, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Greece and Croatia.
15-Jul	Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted.
21-Aug	First cruise liner call since March 2020.

Sources: Malta Tourism Authority, Virtu' Ferries, Transport Malta, Valletta Cruise Port

Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	November			Change	Percentage change
	2018	2019	2020	2020/2019	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>177,000</b>	<b>191,698</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>-176,762</b>	<b>-92.2</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	1,830	588	0 <sup>p</sup>	-588	-100.0
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>175,170</b>	<b>191,110</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>-176,174</b>	<b>-92.2</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	172,080	187,783	13,460	-174,322	-92.8
Sea	3,090	3,327	1,475	-1,852	-55.7
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	89,019	99,751	9,001	-90,751	-91.0
Females	86,151	91,359	5,935	-85,423	-93.5
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	19,744	21,543	2,854	-18,689	-86.8
25-44	70,380	77,300	7,585	-69,715	-90.2
45-64	61,956	69,091	3,813	-65,278	-94.5
65 or more	23,090	23,175	684	-22,492	-97.0
<b>Markets<sup>1</sup></b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>149,537</b>	<b>161,825</b>	<b>11,334</b>	<b>-150,492</b>	<b>-93.0</b>
<i>of which:</i> Euro area	86,695	92,173	9,136	-83,038	-90.1
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>25,634</b>	<b>29,285</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>-25,682</b>	<b>-87.7</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	145,630	158,425	10,940	-147,485	-93.1
Business and professional	20,258	24,362	2,795	-21,567	-88.5
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	9,282	8,323	1,201	-7,122	-85.6
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	57,331	57,125	1,586	-55,539	-97.2
Non-package	117,839	133,985	13,350	-120,635	-90.0
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>First-time tourists</b>	<b>118,740</b>	<b>137,772</b>	<b>8,463</b>	<b>-129,310</b>	<b>-93.9</b>
<b>Repeat tourists</b>	<b>56,430</b>	<b>53,338</b>	<b>6,473</b>	<b>-46,865</b>	<b>-87.9</b>
once a year or less	39,106	38,161	3,613	-34,547	-90.5
more than once a year	17,324	15,177	2,860	-12,317	-81.2
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	51,936	57,915	3,095	-54,820	-94.7
4-6 nights	52,129	57,039	2,157	-54,882	-96.2
7 nights or more	71,105	76,156	9,683	-66,472	-87.3
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>p</sup> Data for November 2020 is provisional.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 8 and 9.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	November			Change	Percentage change
	2018	2019	2020	2020/2019	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>151,738</b>	<b>168,938</b>	<b>10,293</b>	<b>-158,645</b>	<b>-93.9</b>
Collective	117,717	125,583	6,864	-118,719	-94.5
Other rented	34,021	43,355	3,429	-39,926	-92.1
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>23,432</b>	<b>22,172</b>	<b>4,643</b>	<b>-17,529</b>	<b>-79.1</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>175,170</b>	<b>191,110</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>-176,174</b>	<b>-92.2</b>

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	November			Change	Percentage change
	2018	2019	2020	2020/2019	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>919,234</b>	<b>1,007,665</b>	<b>120,790</b>	<b>-886,875</b>	<b>-88.0</b>
Collective	659,458	678,780	57,150	-621,631	-91.6
Other rented	259,776	328,885	63,640	-265,245	-80.6
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>189,743</b>	<b>201,627</b>	<b>93,078</b>	<b>-108,548</b>	<b>-53.8</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>1,108,977</b>	<b>1,209,292</b>	<b>213,868</b>	<b>-995,424</b>	<b>-82.3</b>

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	November			Change	Percentage change
	2018	2019	2020	2020/2019	
<b>Package</b>	<b>31,131</b>	<b>32,666</b>	<b>1,179<sup>u</sup></b>	-	-
<b>Non-package</b>	<b>45,878</b>	<b>52,052</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>-46,927</b>	<b>-90.2</b>
Air/sea fares	22,579	25,847	2,273	-23,575	-91.2
Accommodation	23,299	26,205	2,853	-23,352	-89.1
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<b>46,497</b>	<b>51,498</b>	<b>6,939</b>	<b>-44,559</b>	<b>-86.5</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>123,506</b>	<b>136,216</b>	<b>13,243</b>	<b>-122,973</b>	<b>-90.3</b>

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

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 <sup>1</sup>	November			Change	Percentage change
	2018	2019	2020	2020/2019	
<b>Tourists</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>149,537</b>	<b>161,825</b>	<b>11,334</b>	<b>-150,492</b>	<b>-93.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	9,845	14,235	1,955	-12,280	-86.3
Germany	18,258	17,710	1,177 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
Italy	24,206	22,294	3,695	-18,599	-83.4
Poland	7,410	8,142	923 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
Spain	8,210	8,137	329 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
United Kingdom	42,615	45,474	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>25,634</b>	<b>29,285</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>-25,682</b>	<b>-87.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	n/a	n/a	1,887	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,170</b>	<b>191,110</b>	<b>14,936</b>	<b>-176,174</b>	<b>-92.2</b>
<b>Nights</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>953,335</b>	<b>987,203</b>	<b>163,210</b>	<b>-823,993</b>	<b>-83.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	67,299	77,254	25,575	-51,679	-66.9
Germany	124,852	123,548	17,977 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
Italy	132,900	150,039	67,130	-82,909	-55.3
Poland	38,839	42,905	6,595 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
Spain	44,790	38,002	5,273 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
United Kingdom	294,062	288,848	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>155,642</b>	<b>222,089</b>	<b>50,658</b>	<b>-171,431</b>	<b>-77.2</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	n/a	n/a	21,952	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108,977</b>	<b>1,209,292</b>	<b>213,868</b>	<b>-995,424</b>	<b>-82.3</b>
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>95,083</b>	<b>104,690</b>	<b>9,810</b>	<b>-94,880</b>	<b>-90.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
France	6,688	8,757	1,992	-6,765	-77.2
Germany	13,781	14,669	999 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
Italy	12,865	11,909	3,097	-8,812	-74.0
Poland	3,840	4,322	588 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
Spain	4,368	4,114	302 <sup>u</sup>	-	-
United Kingdom	28,078	31,732	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>28,423</b>	<b>31,526</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>-28,093</b>	<b>-89.1</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	n/a	n/a	1,241	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,506</b>	<b>136,216</b>	<b>13,243</b>	<b>-122,973</b>	<b>-90.3</b>

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 8 and 9.

Notes:

1. n/a: not applicable.
2. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
3. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Characteristics	January-November			Change	Percentage change
	2018	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2020/2019	
<b>Total inbound visitors</b>	<b>2,511,159</b>	<b>2,627,182</b>	<b>646,519</b>	<b>-1,980,663</b>	<b>-75.4</b>
Overnight cruise passengers	33,729	18,649	893 <sup>P</sup>	-17,756	-95.2
<b>Inbound tourists</b>	<b>2,477,430</b>	<b>2,608,533</b>	<b>645,626</b>	<b>-1,962,907</b>	<b>-75.2</b>
<b>Mode of travel</b>					
Air	2,433,926	2,560,463	628,316	-1,932,146	-75.5
Sea	43,504	48,071	17,310	-30,761	-64.0
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	1,239,151	1,291,526	342,940	-948,587	-73.4
Females	1,238,279	1,317,007	302,687	-1,014,321	-77.0
<b>Age group</b>					
0-24	459,304	522,442	143,087	-379,355	-72.6
25-44	957,274	1,042,355	266,715	-775,640	-74.4
45-64	786,057	779,906	187,107	-592,799	-76.0
65 or more	274,796	263,830	48,718	-215,113	-81.5
<b>Markets<sup>2</sup></b>					
<b>EU</b>	<b>2,100,422</b>	<b>2,180,912</b>	<b>439,835</b>	<b>-1,741,077</b>	<b>-79.8</b>
<i>of which:</i> Euro area	1,204,450	1,264,784	354,835	-909,949	-71.9
<b>Non-EU</b>	<b>377,009</b>	<b>427,621</b>	<b>205,791</b>	<b>-221,831</b>	<b>-51.9</b>
<b>Purpose of visit</b>					
Holiday	2,185,861	2,324,425	573,197	-1,751,228	-75.3
Business and professional	169,947	174,670	47,393	-127,277	-72.9
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	121,622	109,438	25,036	-84,402	-77.1
<b>Organisation of stay</b>					
Package	850,849	779,034	160,027	-619,007	-79.5
Non-package	1,626,581	1,829,499	485,599	-1,343,901	-73.5
<b>Frequency</b>					
<b>First-time tourists</b>	<b>1,831,953</b>	<b>1,957,647</b>	<b>459,356</b>	<b>-1,498,291</b>	<b>-76.5</b>
<b>Repeat tourists</b>	<b>645,478</b>	<b>650,887</b>	<b>186,271</b>	<b>-464,616</b>	<b>-71.4</b>
once a year or less	475,585	486,117	125,484	-360,633	-74.2
more than once a year	169,893	164,770	60,786	-103,983	-63.1
<b>Duration of visit</b>					
1-3 nights	498,017	551,186	158,449	-392,737	-71.3
4-6 nights	710,763	776,868	187,554	-589,314	-75.9
7 nights or more	1,268,651	1,280,480	299,623	-980,857	-76.6
<b>Average length of stay (nights)</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>P</sup> Data for October and November 2020 is provisional.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological notes 8 and 9.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	January-November			Change	Percentage change
	2018	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2020/2019	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>2,166,938</b>	<b>2,300,712</b>	<b>544,948</b>	<b>-1,755,764</b>	<b>-76.3</b>
Collective	1,573,692	1,619,981	402,659	-1,217,323	-75.1
Other rented	593,247	680,730	142,289	-538,442	-79.1
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>310,492</b>	<b>307,822</b>	<b>100,678</b>	<b>-207,143</b>	<b>-67.3</b>
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>2,477,430</b>	<b>2,608,533</b>	<b>645,626</b>	<b>-1,962,907</b>	<b>-75.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

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
	2018	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2020/2019	
<b>Rented accommodation</b>	<b>14,787,001</b>	<b>15,405,738</b>	<b>3,649,853</b>	<b>-11,755,885</b>	<b>-76.3</b>
Collective	9,652,582	9,596,697	2,323,736	-7,272,962	-75.8
Other rented	5,134,419	5,809,041	1,326,118	-4,482,924	-77.2
<b>Non-rented accommodation</b>	<b>2,912,177</b>	<b>2,931,258</b>	<b>1,349,197</b>	<b>-1,582,062</b>	<b>-54.0</b>
<b>Total nights</b>	<b>17,699,177</b>	<b>18,336,997</b>	<b>4,999,050</b>	<b>-13,337,947</b>	<b>-72.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

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	
	2018	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2020/2019		
<b>Tourists</b>	Australia	44,862	48,164	2,704	-45,460	-94.4
	Austria	37,466	32,247	11,442	-20,805	-64.5
	Belgium	66,961	67,002	18,582	-48,420	-72.3
	France	205,051	227,631	68,892	-158,738	-69.7
	Germany	214,898	201,348	71,491	-129,857	-64.5
	Hungary	27,603	36,161	9,665	-26,497	-73.3
	Ireland	39,182	50,696	12,924	-37,772	-74.5
	Italy	370,958	371,917	90,566	-281,351	-75.6
	Netherlands	54,938	56,758	14,256	-42,502	-74.9
	Poland	91,242	97,226	40,326	-56,900	-58.5
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	123,910	119,221	17,904	-101,317	-85.0
	Spain	93,448	108,917	27,245	-81,671	-75.0
	Switzerland	44,606	46,696	9,613	-37,084	-79.4
	United Kingdom	611,415	616,928	134,600	-482,329	-78.2
	USA	44,379	47,283	8,367	-38,916	-82.3
	Other	406,510	480,338	107,051	-373,288	-77.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,477,430</b>	<b>2,608,533</b>	<b>645,626</b>	<b>-1,962,907</b>	<b>-75.2</b>	
<b>Nights</b>	Australia	467,509	458,674	25,571	-433,103	-94.4
	Austria	249,702	193,712	82,275	-111,436	-57.5
	Belgium	419,203	439,608	121,220	-318,388	-72.4
	France	1,597,383	1,687,025	495,429	-1,191,596	-70.6
	Germany	1,594,669	1,451,062	563,467	-887,595	-61.2
	Hungary	180,520	210,873	53,086	-157,787	-74.8
	Ireland	293,510	335,123	84,353	-250,770	-74.8
	Italy	2,268,840	2,398,372	928,200	-1,470,173	-61.3
	Netherlands	405,093	411,257	99,019	-312,238	-75.9
	Poland	601,752	651,615	266,136	-385,479	-59.2
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	897,357	837,879	150,783	-687,096	-82.0
	Spain	590,684	679,409	167,695	-511,714	-75.3
	Switzerland	314,418	332,352	77,614	-254,738	-76.6
	United Kingdom	4,410,161	4,238,651	1,011,538	-3,227,113	-76.1
	USA	273,028	285,147	65,250	-219,898	-77.1
	Other	3,135,348	3,726,237	807,413	-2,918,824	-78.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,699,177</b>	<b>18,336,997</b>	<b>4,999,050</b>	<b>-13,337,947</b>	<b>-72.7</b>	
<b>Expenditure (€000)</b>	Australia	70,451	72,079	2,951	-69,128	-95.9
	Austria	30,272	26,830	9,071	-17,759	-66.2
	Belgium	50,825	49,380	11,483	-37,897	-76.7
	France	166,651	184,623	49,529	-135,094	-73.2
	Germany	183,301	168,503	55,722	-112,782	-66.9
	Hungary	16,383	20,763	4,796	-15,968	-76.9
	Ireland	34,651	44,747	9,799	-34,948	-78.1
	Italy	224,073	225,762	50,505	-175,256	-77.6
	Netherlands	45,203	44,762	9,159	-35,603	-79.5
	Poland	57,041	65,908	22,810	-43,097	-65.4
	Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	114,588	108,196	14,774	-93,422	-86.3
	Spain	61,482	72,142	13,879	-58,263	-80.8
	Switzerland	46,796	48,720	9,979	-38,741	-79.5
	United Kingdom	498,954	493,303	90,782	-402,521	-81.6
	USA	53,091	54,652	9,090	-45,562	-83.4
	Other	369,672	441,997	77,607	-364,390	-82.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,023,436</b>	<b>2,122,368</b>	<b>441,935</b>	<b>-1,680,433</b>	<b>-79.2</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

<sup>2</sup> 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 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		
<b>January-November 2020<sup>1</sup></b>					
Australia	:	1,159	479	1,053	<b>2,951</b>
Austria	2,382	1,170	1,858	3,661	<b>9,071</b>
Belgium	1,958	1,851	2,661	5,013	<b>11,483</b>
France	11,953	7,053	10,517	20,005	<b>49,529</b>
Germany	15,305	7,762	11,085	21,570	<b>55,722</b>
Hungary	:	964	1,236	2,224	<b>4,796</b>
Ireland	1,227 <sup>u</sup>	1,518	2,573	4,481	<b>9,799</b>
Italy	6,050	7,637	11,168	25,650	<b>50,505</b>
Netherlands	1,206	1,733	1,881	4,340	<b>9,159</b>
Poland	4,289	3,924	5,284	9,313	<b>22,810</b>
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	2,841	3,055	2,859	6,019	<b>14,774</b>
Spain	1,407	2,651	3,309	6,511	<b>13,879</b>
Switzerland	1,921 <sup>u</sup>	1,273	2,158	4,627	<b>9,979</b>
United Kingdom	22,004	13,181	16,940	38,657	<b>90,782</b>
USA	:	3,649	1,967	2,838	<b>9,090</b>
Other	11,601	18,581	14,919	32,505	<b>77,607</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,412</b>	<b>77,161</b>	<b>90,895</b>	<b>188,467</b>	<b>441,935</b>
<b>January-November 2019</b>					
Australia	7,617	25,435	13,838	25,189	<b>72,079</b>
Austria	9,483	3,384	5,334	8,629	<b>26,830</b>
Belgium	12,060	7,421	11,807	18,093	<b>49,380</b>
France	53,658	28,037	40,415	62,514	<b>184,623</b>
Germany	64,682	22,065	30,113	51,643	<b>168,503</b>
Hungary	2,536	4,115	5,642	8,471	<b>20,763</b>
Ireland	9,452	6,974	10,041	18,280	<b>44,747</b>
Italy	37,833	36,211	51,718	100,000	<b>225,762</b>
Netherlands	11,517	7,092	9,133	17,020	<b>44,762</b>
Poland	15,372	10,107	14,832	25,596	<b>65,908</b>
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	30,748	17,689	20,227	39,532	<b>108,196</b>
Spain	15,551	11,928	16,790	27,873	<b>72,142</b>
Switzerland	13,860	7,532	10,621	16,706	<b>48,720</b>
United Kingdom	162,317	63,848	88,672	178,467	<b>493,303</b>
USA	6,652	20,004	12,419	15,577	<b>54,652</b>
Other	84,640	104,800	92,400	160,157	<b>441,997</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>537,979</b>	<b>376,643</b>	<b>434,000</b>	<b>773,746</b>	<b>2,122,368</b>
<b>January-November 2018</b>					
Australia	8,069	24,925	11,221	26,236	<b>70,451</b>
Austria	11,688	3,891	4,881	9,813	<b>30,272</b>
Belgium	15,732	6,636	10,452	18,005	<b>50,825</b>
France	55,350	23,811	32,957	54,534	<b>166,651</b>
Germany	78,314	21,066	29,350	54,570	<b>183,301</b>
Hungary	3,323	3,005	3,524	6,530	<b>16,383</b>
Ireland	7,276	5,528	7,568	14,279	<b>34,651</b>
Italy	50,349	30,391	46,710	96,622	<b>224,073</b>
Netherlands	13,698	5,826	7,702	17,978	<b>45,203</b>
Poland	10,989	9,073	13,784	23,195	<b>57,041</b>
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	36,491	18,266	19,516	40,315	<b>114,588</b>
Spain	12,957	9,094	14,421	25,010	<b>61,482</b>
Switzerland	13,986	7,181	9,138	16,492	<b>46,796</b>
United Kingdom	182,134	61,059	77,067	178,694	<b>498,954</b>
USA	8,413	18,707	10,672	15,300	<b>53,091</b>
Other	80,659	79,483	71,439	138,092	<b>369,672</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>589,428</b>	<b>327,941</b>	<b>370,402</b>	<b>735,664</b>	<b>2,023,436</b>

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

<sup>2</sup> 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		
<b>January-November 2020<sup>1</sup></b>					
Australia	:	486	254	389	<b>1,091</b>
Austria	623	154	267	320	<b>793</b>
Belgium	568	122	209	270	<b>618</b>
France	571	147	240	290	<b>719</b>
Germany	658	161	264	302	<b>779</b>
Hungary	:	111	163	230	<b>496</b>
Ireland	531 <sup>u</sup>	142	270	347	<b>758</b>
Italy	443	99	217	283	<b>558</b>
Netherlands	367	158	212	304	<b>642</b>
Poland	449	127	186	231	<b>566</b>
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	601	232	272	336	<b>825</b>
Spain	415	111	164	239	<b>509</b>
Switzerland	724 <sup>u</sup>	183	364	481	<b>1,038</b>
United Kingdom	461	152	267	287	<b>674</b>
USA	:	466	293	339	<b>1,086</b>
Other	602	211	211	304	<b>725</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>685</b>
<b>January-November 2019</b>					
Australia	1,032	613	397	523	<b>1,497</b>
Austria	728	173	301	268	<b>832</b>
Belgium	713	148	263	270	<b>737</b>
France	702	185	290	275	<b>811</b>
Germany	724	196	309	256	<b>837</b>
Hungary	447	134	216	234	<b>574</b>
Ireland	632	195	319	361	<b>883</b>
Italy	519	121	218	269	<b>607</b>
Netherlands	645	182	275	300	<b>789</b>
Poland	553	145	234	263	<b>678</b>
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	732	229	315	332	<b>908</b>
Spain	574	145	226	256	<b>662</b>
Switzerland	907	239	377	358	<b>1,043</b>
United Kingdom	664	171	310	289	<b>800</b>
USA	1,078	486	346	329	<b>1,156</b>
Other	830	276	288	333	<b>920</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>814</b>
<b>January-November 2018</b>					
Australia	1,321	640	361	585	<b>1,570</b>
Austria	708	186	269	262	<b>808</b>
Belgium	700	149	274	269	<b>759</b>
France	732	183	281	266	<b>813</b>
Germany	739	193	308	254	<b>853</b>
Hungary	509	143	242	237	<b>594</b>
Ireland	597	204	335	364	<b>884</b>
Italy	519	110	215	260	<b>604</b>
Netherlands	614	179	275	327	<b>823</b>
Poland	482	132	228	254	<b>625</b>
Scandinavia <sup>2</sup>	720	249	317	325	<b>925</b>
Spain	527	131	235	268	<b>658</b>
Switzerland	841	254	374	370	<b>1,049</b>
United Kingdom	691	175	299	292	<b>816</b>
USA	1,164	501	337	345	<b>1,196</b>
Other	801	259	283	340	<b>909</b>
<b>Total expenditure per capita</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>817</b>

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 6 and 7.

<sup>2</sup> Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Characteristics	November		
	2018	2019	2020 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Males	786	246	0
Females	1,044	342	0
<b>Age group</b>			
0-19	1	0	0
20-39	36	4	0
40-59	160	13	0
60-79	1,336	420	0
80 or more	297	151	0
<b>Markets<sup>1</sup></b>			
EU	1,575	517	0
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	1,568	514	0
Non-EU	255	71	0

<sup>P</sup> Data for November 2020 is provisional.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 8 and 9.

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

Characteristics	January-November		
	2018	2019	2020 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Total overnight cruise passengers</b>	<b>33,729</b>	<b>18,649</b>	<b>893</b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Males	15,414	8,594	426
Females	18,315	10,055	467
<b>Age group</b>			
0-19	1,163	944	1
20-39	2,038	1,303	19
40-59	7,860	4,108	31
60-79	20,524	10,748	446
80 or more	2,144	1,546	396
<b>Markets<sup>1</sup></b>			
EU	<b>17,133</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	6,630	7,077	11
Non-EU	<b>16,596</b>	<b>8,499</b>	<b>879</b>

<sup>P</sup> Data for October and November 2020 is provisional.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to methodological notes 8 and 9.

## 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 air passengers is selected systematically. Every crossing air passenger is counted and respondents are selected using a pre-defined interval of 1:20, with the exception of July, October and November 2020 where the pre-defined interval was 1:10.
- 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 In view of the COVID-19 situation, the Tourstat survey was suspended between 12 March and 30 June 2020. Statistical methods were applied to cover the period from 13 March to 20 March 2020, when scheduled passenger flights were still in operation.
- 7 Malta International Airport reopened on 1 July 2020. The first group of destinations that reopened for travel comprised: Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Poland, Cyprus, Switzerland, Iceland, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Greece and Croatia. Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted on 15 July 2020.
- 8 Owing to the UK's exit from the European Union (with effect from 1st February 2020), UK data is statistically classified as Non-EU from February 2020 in the tables relating to the specific month (Tables 1 and 5), and from January 2020 in the cumulative tables (Tables 6 and 12). Requests for further clarification may be directed to the Tourism and Education Statistics Unit.
- 9 Due to the UK's re-classification following exit from the European Union on 1st February 2020, comparability between monthly and cumulative tables and also between comparative periods should be treated with caution.
- 10 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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'.
- 13 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 15.4 of the NSO's metadata file ([https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources\\_and\\_Methods/Unit\\_C3/Tourism\\_Statistics/Pages/TOURSTAT-Survey.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/TOURSTAT-Survey.aspx)).
- 14 Data included in this release are based on sample data and are therefore subject to sampling error. Sampling error is measured by a quantity known as the margin of error, which in turn, expresses the variability between the true population parameters and their corresponding sample estimates. In the table below, the margin of error is used to construct a set of 95 per cent confidence intervals for the main indicators, which gives an indication of where the true population parameters lie.

**Sampling variability of inbound tourism figures**

	Estimate	Margin of error	95% confidence interval
Inbound tourists	14,936	1,181	14,936 ± 1,181
Total nights	213,868	26,985	213,868 ± 26,985
Total expenditure (€ 000)	13,243	1,304	13,243 ± 1,304

### 15 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.
- **Resident:** a person is considered to be a resident of Malta/Gozo if:
  - a. S/he has lived for most of the past 12 months in Malta/Gozo;
  - b. S/he has lived in Malta/Gozo for less than 12 months but intends to return within a year to settle here.
- **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 rented and non-rented 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 rented accommodation establishment or in a non-rented 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 sports events, entrance to museums or zoos 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.

15 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](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/TOURSTAT-Survey.aspx)

Statistical concepts: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/concepts.aspx>

Metadata: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=2173>

Statistical database: <https://statdb.nso.gov.mt/start>

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

17 A detailed news release calendar is available on:

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