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## Tourism

### Outbound Tourism: November 2007

*Outbound Maltese tourists for November are estimated at 19,834, implying an increase of 20.3 per cent over the same month last year. Of these 93.9 per cent travelled by air.*

### November 2007

In the month under review, Maltese residents departing by air and sea are estimated at 19,834. Of these 16,316, travelled to European Union destinations, the most popular being the UK and Italy.

### January-November 2007

In the period under review, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air and sea amounted to 254,658, an increase of 9.1 per cent over the same period last year. Of these 85.3 per cent travelled to European Union destinations, the most visited countries being Italy and the UK.

During this period, male outbound passengers exceeded female ones, the former accounting for 58.4 per cent of the total.

The largest proportion of outbound passengers - 45.9 per cent - comprised passengers aged between 25 and 44 years, followed by those in the 45-64 age bracket who accounted for 39.4 per cent of the total outbound Maltese tourists ■

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**Table 1. Outbound passengers: monthly**

persons				
	November		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,488</b>	<b>19,834</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>20.3</b>
Transport:				
Air	14,880	18,629	3,749	25.2
Sea *	1,608	1,205	-403	-25.1
Destination:				
EU	13,128	16,316	3,188	24.3
Italy	4,379	5,445	1,066	24.3
UK	5,158	5,481	323	6.3
Non-EU	3,360	3,518	158	4.7
Sex:				
Males	10,748	11,533	785	7.3
Females	5,740	8,300	2,560	44.6
Age group:				
0-24	1,287	1,433	146	11.3
25-44	8,266	9,936	1,670	20.2
45-64	6,314	7,893	1,579	25.0
65+	621	572	-49	-7.9

\* Note: Outbound sea passengers include an element of same-day visitors.

**Table 2. Outbound passengers: cumulative**

	persons			
	January-November		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
<b>Total</b>	<b>233,354</b>	<b>254,658</b>	<b>21,304</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Transport:				
Air	202,215	223,171	20,956	10.4
Sea *	31,139	31,487	348	1.1
Destination:				
EU	191,816	217,138	25,322	13.2
Italy	72,261	88,150	15,889	22.0
UK	52,755	53,185	430	0.8
Non-EU	41,538	37,520	-4,018	-9.7
Sex:				
Males	140,516	148,619	8,103	5.8
Females	92,838	106,039	13,201	14.2
Age group:				
0-24	20,076	26,212	6,136	30.6
25-44	108,810	116,910	8,100	7.4
45-64	94,637	100,276	5,639	6.0
65+	9,831	11,260	1,429	14.5

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## Methodological Notes

1. Maltese air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of Malta International Airport. A two-stage sample design is used for this survey. At the first stage alternate days are selected. Then within each shift a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Personal interviews are carried out. Monthly response rates of around 90 per cent are achieved.
2. Maltese sea departures are collected through a regular survey that is carried out at the seaport. Ferry sailings on every alternate day are selected. Departing passengers are interviewed personally. On average a response rate of 93 per cent is recorded for this survey.
3. The survey which is carried out at the seaport commenced in April 2004. No data for Maltese sea departures is available for the period January - March 2004.
4. The variables with respect to Maltese departures that are collected in this survey include the following:  
Age  
Sex  
Destination
5. The surveys carried out at the airport and the seaport are grossed up using the monthly passenger departures data in respect of each port after removing the number of transit passengers from the data sets.
6. Definitions  
  
*Outbound tourism* comprises the activities of residents of a given country travelling to and staying in places outside that country and outside their usual environment.  
  
*Usual environment* consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited.
7. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.