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Cruise passengers: December 2007

In December 2007, cruise passenger traffic in Malta comprised 4,913 persons, a decrease of 6.9 per cent over the same month in 2006.

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Total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 4,913, a decrease of 366 passengers over the same month in 2006. There were no embarkations from and landings in Malta in this month.

Theme:
Industry and Services

January-December 2007

In 2007, total cruise passenger traffic amounted to 488,170, an increase of 19.6 per cent over 2006. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 84.0 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Italy, Spain, and Germany. The American market remained substantial, accounting for virtually half of all non-EU cruise passengers. Overall, the growth recorded in 2007 was characterised by increases in the Spanish and Italian markets. Cruise passengers residing in Malta decreased by 4,007 compared to 2006, implying a fall of 26.5 per cent.

On a gender basis, male passengers exceeded female ones by 1.8 per cent. All age groups as listed in Table 2 registered increases with the largest passenger rise being recorded in the 40-59 age group, who also made up 34.3 per cent of all cruise passengers.

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Average number of passengers per cruise liner

Chart 1

Average number of passengers per vessel



In December, cruise liner calls decreased by three when compared to the same month in 2006. On an annual basis however, these increased by 13, bringing the total of cruise liner calls in 2007 to 369. Chart 1 shows that the average number of passengers per vessel is on the increase ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Monthly 2005-2007

				persons	
	December			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic	8,636	5,279	4,913	-366	-6.9
Embarked	3	8	0	-8	-
Transit	8,633	5,269	4,913	-356	-6.8
Landed	0	2	0	-2	-
Country of residence:					
EU	7,987	4,177	4,566	389	9.3
France	1,865	797	692	-105	-13.2
Germany	2,638	1,497	2,425	928	62.0
Italy	2,280	816	720	-96	-11.8
Malta	0	1	0	-1	-
Spain	136	51	53	2	3.9
United Kingdom	854	793	375	-418	-52.7
Non-EU	649	1,102	347	-755	-68.5
Australia	11	11	23	12	-
Canada	31	6	25	19	-
Japan	26	774	16	-758	-97.9
United States	298	23	92	69	-
Sex:					
Men	4,232	2,537	2,891	354	14.0
Women	4,404	2,742	2,022	-720	-26.3
Age group:					
0-19	170	344	401	57	16.6
20-39	1,402	967	689	-278	-28.7
40-59	3,177	1,460	1,614	154	10.5
60-79	3,760	2,277	2,083	-194	-8.5
80+	127	231	126	-105	-45.5
Cruise liner calls	6	6	3	-3	-50.0

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2005-2007

	January-December			persons	
				Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
Total traffic:	320,306	408,046	488,170	80,124	19.6
Embarked	6,491	11,102	8,780	-2,322	-20.9
Transit	306,751	384,888	470,452	85,564	22.2
Landed	7,064	12,056	8,938	-3,118	-25.9
Country of residence:					
EU	263,589	336,714	410,022	73,308	21.8
France	27,895	34,069	33,607	-462	-1.4
Germany	63,342	72,904	85,343	12,439	17.1
Italy	72,142	95,978	116,732	20,754	21.6
Malta	8,050	15,106	11,099	-4,007	-26.5
Spain	56,202	63,317	97,582	34,265	54.1
United Kingdom	18,589	33,524	37,709	4,185	12.5
Non-EU	56,717	71,332	78,148	6,816	9.6
Australia	2,096	2,619	2,266	-353	-13.5
Canada	5,973	6,249	6,795	546	8.7
Japan	464	2,195	2,611	416	19.0
United States	28,639	39,801	38,915	-886	-2.2
Sex:					
Men	155,985	201,557	246,231	44,674	22.2
Women	164,321	206,489	241,939	35,450	17.2
Age group:					
0-19	37,572	56,808	74,616	17,808	31.3
20-39	76,858	90,874	110,525	19,651	21.6
40-59	108,827	140,608	167,616	27,008	19.2
60-79	90,058	111,913	126,045	14,132	12.6
80+	6,991	7,843	9,368	1,525	19.4
Cruise liner calls	327	356	369	13	3.7

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release are compiled on the basis of administrative records held by the Malta Maritime Authority.
2. Data should be considered as final and are not normally subject to further revisions.

Definitions:

- Cruise passenger traffic comprises embarkations from Malta, transit passengers and passengers landing in Malta.
- Embarkations comprise all cruise passengers who are either Maltese who leave Malta on a cruise ship, or alternatively, foreigners who come to Malta by other means of transport and leave on a cruise ship.
- Transit passengers comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in and leave Malta on the same cruise ship.
- Landings comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in Malta on a cruise ship and leave by other means of transport, or alternatively, stay in Malta.
- Same-day visitors comprise visitors to Malta who do not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.
- Overnight visitors (tourists) comprise visitors to Malta who spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.