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Total inbound tourists for March 2022 were estimated at 110,938, while total nights spent amounted to 739,194.

Inbound Tourism: March 2022

During the month under review, a total of 95,395 inbound tourists visited Malta for holiday purposes, followed by 8,562 tourists for business purposes. The largest share of inbound tourists were aged between 25-44 (41.3 per cent), followed by the 45-64 age bracket (30.2 per cent) (Table 1). French, German and Italian residents made up 33.6 per cent of total inbound tourists (Table 5).

The largest share of guest nights (83.9 per cent) was spent in rented accommodation establishments (Table 3). The average length of stay of total inbound tourists stood at 6.7 nights (Table 1).

Total tourist expenditure surpassed €80.1 million. The average expenditure per night was estimated at €108.4 (Table 4).

January-March 2022

Inbound tourists for the first quarter of 2022 amounted to 235,295, while the total nights spent surpassed 1.8 million nights (Tables 6, 7 and 8).

Total tourist expenditure was estimated at €167.1 million (Table 9). Total expenditure per capita stood at €710, decreasing from €916 in 2021 (Table 11) ■

Chart 1. Inbound tourists

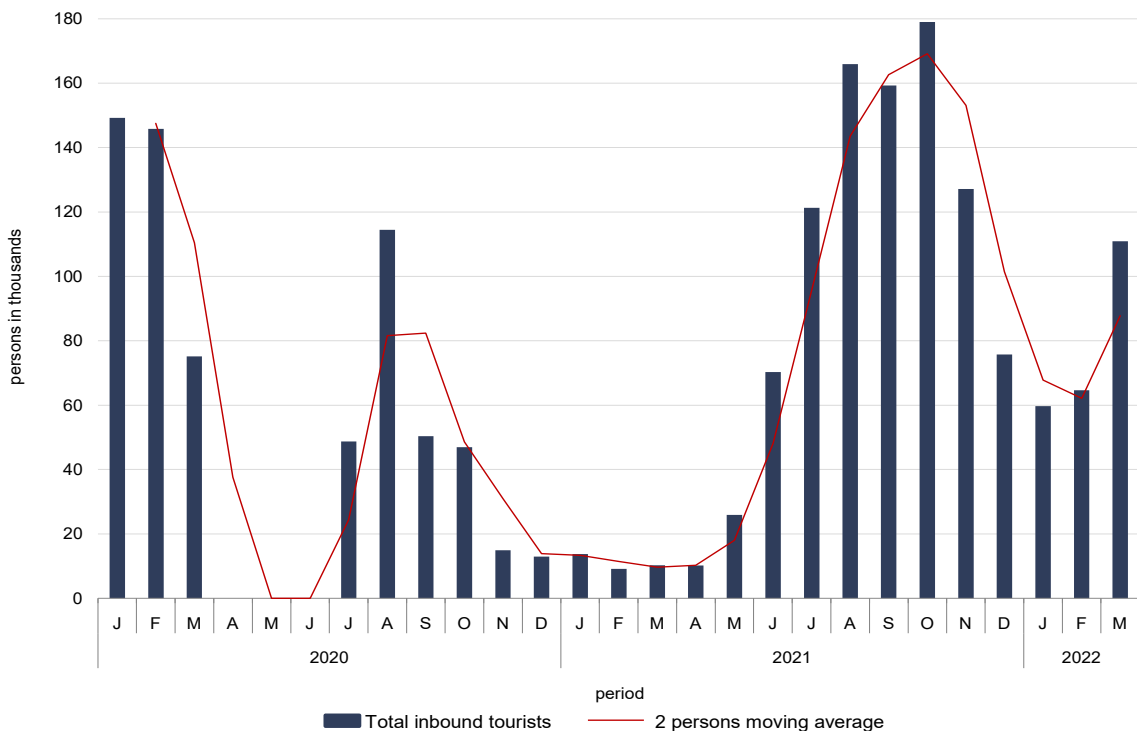


Table 1. Profile of inbound tourists by month of departure

Characteristics	March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total inbound visitors	75,157	10,291	111,946
Overnight cruise passengers	-	-	1,008
Inbound tourists	75,157	10,291	110,938
Mode of travel			
Air	74,224	8,351	108,630
Sea	933	1,941	2,308
Sex			
Males	41,990	6,776	53,416
Females	33,167	3,516	57,522
Age group			
0-24	10,863	2,037	20,570
25-44	29,302	5,035	45,831
45-64	26,118	2,777	33,457
65 or more	8,875	442 ^u	11,081
Markets			
EU	40,505	8,355	78,970
<i>of which:</i> Euro area	31,394	7,341	61,470
Non-EU	34,652	1,936	31,968
Purpose of visit			
Holiday	64,834	6,538	95,395
Business and professional	5,360	2,705	8,562
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	4,963	1,049	6,981
Organisation of stay			
Package	24,966	1,405 ^u	26,110
Non-package	50,191	8,887	84,828
Frequency			
First-time tourists	54,647	5,415	78,913
Repeat tourists	20,511	4,876	32,026
once a year or less	14,192	2,547	21,122
more than once a year	6,319	2,329	10,903
Duration of visit			
1-3 nights	26,259	2,368	34,584
4-6 nights	23,258	1,649	38,707
7 nights or more	25,640	6,275	37,648
Average length of stay (nights)	5.9	14.9	6.7

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	66,108	6,865	96,716
Collective	51,071	4,093	79,285
Other rented	15,037	2,772	17,431
Non-rented accommodation	9,049	3,426	14,222
Total tourists	75,157	10,291	110,938

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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	March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	362,568	90,664	620,302
Collective	261,697	30,160	426,588
Other rented	100,871	60,504	193,714
Non-rented accommodation	79,450	63,008	118,893
Total nights	442,018	153,672	739,194

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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	March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Package	10,531	976^u	13,948
Non-package	15,885	4,607	27,180
Air/sea fares	8,546	2,396	11,391
Accommodation	7,338	2,211	15,789
Other expenditure	17,175	4,822	38,988
Total expenditure	43,591	10,405	80,116

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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		March		
		2020 ¹	2021	2022
Tourists	EU	40,505	8,355	78,970
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	5,766	1,876	12,010
	Germany	4,982	885 ^u	9,028
	Italy	4,731	3,367	16,291
	Poland	2,709 ^u	:	8,544
	Spain	2,638 ^u	432 ^u	4,176
	Non-EU	34,652	1,936	31,968
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	23,456	:	23,900	
Total	75,157	10,291	110,938	
Nights	EU	222,158	120,452	508,896
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	33,652	26,126	76,736
	Germany	31,351	12,556 ^u	57,685
	Italy	34,429	46,416	129,231
	Poland	12,154 ^u	:	43,908
	Spain	11,183 ^u	6,569 ^u	40,091
	Non-EU	219,860	33,220	230,298
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	142,305	:	152,725	
Total	442,018	153,672	739,194	
Expenditure (€ 000)	EU	21,243	8,042	51,297
	<i>of which:</i>			
	France	3,122	2,273	8,535
	Germany	3,124	1,140 ^u	7,547
	Italy	2,018	2,166	8,631
	Poland	1,002 ^u	:	4,618
	Spain	1,307 ^u	470 ^u	3,183
	Non-EU	22,348	2,362	28,820
	<i>of which:</i>			
United Kingdom	13,568	:	18,810	
Total	43,591	10,405	80,116	

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^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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Table 6. Profile of inbound tourists by period of departure

Characteristics	January-March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total inbound visitors	371,109	33,249	236,975
Overnight cruise passengers	893	-	1,680
Inbound tourists	370,216	33,249	235,295
Mode of travel			
Air	363,343	27,599	228,741
Sea	6,873	5,649	6,554
Sex			
Males	194,089	21,488	119,187
Females	176,127	11,760	116,108
Age group			
0-24	63,415	6,335	47,766
25-44	143,399	16,521	99,101
45-64	125,780	8,761	68,620
65 or more	37,622	1,632	19,809
Markets²			
EU	222,489	27,487	172,758
<i>of which: Euro area</i>	174,523	24,468	128,193
Non-EU	147,727	5,761	62,538
Purpose of visit			
Holiday	320,897	23,638	202,922
Business and professional	34,275	6,539	17,856
Other (including educational, religious and health tourism)	15,043	3,072	14,517
Organisation of stay			
Package	108,985	3,811	51,471
Non-package	261,231	29,438	183,824
Frequency			
First-time tourists	269,022	17,268	164,193
Repeat tourists	101,194	15,981	71,102
once a year or less	69,689	7,886	45,617
more than once a year	31,505	8,095	25,486
Duration of visit			
1-3 nights	121,427	7,834	70,321
4-6 nights	121,082	5,331	73,683
7 nights or more	127,707	20,083	91,291
Average length of stay (nights)	6.0	13.8	7.8

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

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-March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	324,582	21,142	201,155
Collective	251,231	14,480	159,803
Other rented	73,351	6,662	41,352
Non-rented accommodation	45,634	12,107	34,141
Total tourists	370,216	33,249	235,295

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

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-March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Rented accommodation	1,831,284	231,415	1,477,621
Collective	1,281,560	100,528	921,475
Other rented	549,724	130,887	556,145
Non-rented accommodation	407,942	226,407	358,081
Total nights	2,239,226	457,822	1,835,702

¹ Refer to methodological note 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-March		
		2020 ¹	2021	2022
Tourists	Australia	2,433 ^u	:	757 ^u
	Austria	3,295 ^u	:	3,949
	Belgium	11,553	1,045 ^u	7,889
	France	28,266	6,439	27,089
	Germany	26,610	2,649	16,959
	Hungary	4,454	:	4,618
	Ireland	7,741	:	4,836
	Italy	44,049	10,813	29,477
	Netherlands	8,943	620 ^u	6,592
	Poland	19,627	1,070 ^u	24,486
	Scandinavia ²	13,728	852 ^u	7,195
	Spain	16,671	1,022	9,607
	Switzerland	4,699	722 ^u	1,437 ^u
	United Kingdom	88,094	1,378	46,461
	USA	7,439	389 ^u	3,283
	Other	82,613	5,450	40,662
	Total	370,216	33,249	235,295
Nights	Australia	20,572 ^u	:	9,415 ^u
	Austria	20,088 ^u	:	21,472
	Belgium	57,407	15,756 ^u	54,455
	France	168,423	69,653	202,301
	Germany	174,626	33,953	127,593
	Hungary	20,479	:	19,503
	Ireland	46,739	:	28,561
	Italy	258,722	150,445	273,020
	Netherlands	45,102	13,516 ^u	93,140
	Poland	110,006	12,269 ^u	134,300
	Scandinavia ²	87,610	11,237 ^u	61,938
	Spain	81,324	15,066	90,218
	Switzerland	23,751	7,468 ^u	8,484 ^u
	United Kingdom	546,013	34,990	313,552
	USA	45,280	4,437 ^u	42,108
	Other	533,082	79,907	355,641
	Total	2,239,226	457,822	1,835,702
Expenditure (€ 000)	Australia	2,757 ^u	:	2,061 ^u
	Austria	2,438 ^u	:	2,307
	Belgium	5,861	1,101 ^u	5,046
	France	16,964	6,122	19,205
	Germany	17,424	2,844	13,453
	Hungary	2,011	:	1,815
	Ireland	5,052	:	3,463
	Italy	20,739	7,056	16,312
	Netherlands	4,783	680 ^u	5,538
	Poland	9,371	818 ^u	11,931
	Scandinavia ²	9,858	987 ^u	7,031
	Spain	7,766	905	6,201
	Switzerland	3,466	747 ^u	1,271 ^u
	United Kingdom	51,259	1,326	35,413
	USA	7,596	554 ^u	5,728
	Other	57,241	6,451	30,278
	Total	224,582	30,460	167,053

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¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² 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-March 2022					
Australia	-	729 ^u	178 ^u	1,154 ^u	2,061 ^u
Austria	:	327	860 ^u	922	2,307
Belgium	777 ^u	760	1,136	2,373	5,046
France	4,096	2,536	3,929	8,645	19,205
Germany	2,091	2,289	3,308	5,765	13,453
Hungary	:	212	424	1,090	1,815
Ireland	:	589	670	1,660	3,463
Italy	1,420	1,982	3,609	9,301	16,312
Netherlands	:	666	1,172	3,091	5,538
Poland	2,820	1,270	2,019	5,822	11,931
Scandinavia ²	1,700	845	1,290	3,197	7,031
Spain	:	876	1,728	3,107	6,201
Switzerland	:	:	:	544 ^u	1,271 ^u
United Kingdom	8,052	4,628	6,771	15,962	35,413
USA	:	2,311	1,174	2,207	5,728
Other	3,557	4,917	7,071	14,734	30,278
Total	26,757	25,125	35,597	79,573	167,053
January-March 2021					
Australia	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	:	:	:	:	:
Belgium	:	242 ^u	305 ^u	549 ^u	1,101 ^u
France	736 ^u	1,307	1,392	2,686	6,122
Germany	:	619	580	1,291	2,844
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	602	1,377	1,091	3,986	7,056
Netherlands	:	151 ^u	135 ^u	394 ^u	680 ^u
Poland	:	146 ^u	205 ^u	425 ^u	818 ^u
Scandinavia ²	:	225 ^u	199 ^u	564 ^u	987 ^u
Spain	:	217	105 ^u	543	905
Switzerland	:	148 ^u	:	416 ^u	747 ^u
United Kingdom	:	298 ^u	:	876	1,326
USA	:	178 ^u	:	248 ^u	554 ^u
Other	744 ^u	1,768	1,334	2,604	6,451
Total	2,633	6,858	5,974	14,994	30,460
January-March 2020¹					
Australia	:	1,134 ^u	430 ^u	933 ^u	2,757 ^u
Austria	1,121 ^u	293 ^u	:	720 ^u	2,438 ^u
Belgium	955 ^u	1,153	1,243	2,511	5,861
France	4,752	2,819	3,187	6,207	16,964
Germany	6,121	2,509	2,905	5,888	17,424
Hungary	:	482	464 ^u	888	2,011
Ireland	837 ^u	899	1,083	2,232	5,052
Italy	3,166	3,696	4,029	9,848	20,739
Netherlands	786 ^u	1,019	867	2,110	4,783
Poland	2,003	1,871	2,060	3,437	9,371
Scandinavia ²	2,073	2,235	1,712	3,837	9,858
Spain	845 ^u	1,682	1,816	3,423	7,766
Switzerland	913 ^u	688	599 ^u	1,266	3,466
United Kingdom	16,706	7,246	7,390	19,916	51,259
USA	:	3,228	1,748	2,009	7,596
Other	8,963	14,914	10,356	23,007	57,241
Total	50,288	45,869	40,192	88,233	224,582

: Unreliable, less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Notes:

1. Expenditure estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand Euro.
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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-March 2022					
Australia	-	962 ^u	445 ^u	1,524 ^u	2,722 ^u
Austria	:	92	274 ^u	233	584
Belgium	559 ^u	117	214	301	640
France	549	129	219	319	709
Germany	663	165	284	340	793
Hungary	:	51	108	236	393
Ireland	:	148	202	343	716
Italy	466	75	217	316	553
Netherlands	:	120	248	469	840
Poland	345	78	129	238	487
Scandinavia ²	492	226	496	444	977
Spain	:	99	238	323	645
Switzerland	:	:	:	379 ^u	884 ^u
United Kingdom	512	150	295	344	762
USA	:	722	451	672	1,745
Other	727	137	225	362	745
Total expenditure per capita	520	136	237	338	710
January-March 2021					
Australia	:	:	:	:	:
Austria	:	:	:	:	:
Belgium	:	235 ^u	547 ^u	526 ^u	1,054 ^u
France	739 ^u	240	328	417	951
Germany	:	255	341	487	1,074
Hungary	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	402	148	251	369	653
Netherlands	:	244 ^u	366 ^u	636 ^u	1,097 ^u
Poland	:	148 ^u	300 ^u	397 ^u	764 ^u
Scandinavia ²	:	264 ^u	395 ^u	662 ^u	1,159 ^u
Spain	:	224	253 ^u	531	886
Switzerland	:	213 ^u	:	576 ^u	1,034 ^u
United Kingdom	:	225 ^u	:	635	962
USA	:	484 ^u	:	637 ^u	1,425 ^u
Other	899 ^u	381	424	478	1,184
Total expenditure per capita	691	233	340	451	916
January-March 2020¹					
Australia	:	537 ^u	261 ^u	384 ^u	1,133 ^u
Austria	631 ^u	193 ^u	:	218 ^u	740 ^u
Belgium	373 ^u	128	161	217	507
France	453	158	193	220	600
Germany	544	163	211	221	655
Hungary	:	127	130 ^u	199	451
Ireland	490 ^u	149	196	288	653
Italy	409	102	153	224	471
Netherlands	310 ^u	159	152	236	535
Poland	353	133	156	175	477
Scandinavia ²	511	231	211	279	718
Spain	324 ^u	120	147	205	466
Switzerland	616 ^u	214	222 ^u	269	737
United Kingdom	422	149	198	226	582
USA	:	465	281	270	1,021
Other	562	223	189	278	693
Total expenditure per capita	461	175	185	238	607

: Unreliable, less than 20 sample observations.

^u Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

¹ Refer to methodological note 6.

² Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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

Characteristics	March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total overnight cruise passengers	-	-	1,008
Sex			
Males	-	-	498
Females	-	-	510
Age group			
0-19	-	-	28
20-39	-	-	42
40-59	-	-	192
60-79	-	-	703
80 or more	-	-	43
Markets			
EU	-	-	9
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	-	-	9
Non-EU	-	-	999

¹ In view of the COVID-19 situation, the last cruise liner call was on 10 March 2020.

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

Characteristics	January-March		
	2020 ¹	2021	2022
Total overnight cruise passengers	893	-	1,680
Sex			
Males	426	-	708
Females	467	-	972
Age group			
0-19	1	-	368
20-39	19	-	108
40-59	31	-	265
60-79	446	-	884
80 or more	396	-	55
Markets²			
EU	14	-	25
<i>of which</i> : Euro area	11	-	19
Non-EU	879	-	1,655

¹ In view of the COVID-19 situation, the last cruise liner call was on 10 March 2020.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

Methodological Notes

1. This release focuses on Inbound Tourism, which comprises 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 data 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 2020 and the period October 2020 to June 2021, 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 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. Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation. In view of the pandemic, 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.

The following is the related chronology of events happened during 2020 in Malta:

28th February	People flying in from Italy, China (including Hong Kong), Singapore, Japan, Iran and South Korea from 26th February onwards needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
8th March	Flights from/to Milan were suspended.
10th March	Flights from/to Italy were suspended.
10th March	The last cruise liner call.
11th March	Flights from/to France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain, were suspended.
11th March	People flying in from France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain, needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
13th March	All people flying in from all destinations needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
18th March	The last Virtu' Ferries service for passengers between Malta and Sicily.
21st March	All flights from/to all destinations were suspended.
1st July	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.
15th July	Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted.
21st August	First cruise liner call since March 2020.

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

7. Owing to the UK's exit from the European Union (with effect from 1 February 2020), UK data is statistically classified as Non-EU from February 2020. Comparability between cumulative tables and also between comparative periods should be treated with caution.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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'.
11. 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://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=37#>

12. 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	110,938	1,625	110,938 ± 1,625
Total nights	739,194	58,361	739,194 ± 58361
Total expenditure (€ 000)	80,116	3,788	80,116 ± 3,788

13. 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 complexes, 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.

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

Metadata: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=37>

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

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

16. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx