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Tourism

Departing tourists: June 2006

In June 2006, inbound tourism was estimated at 109,038, a decrease of 4.3 per cent over the corresponding month last year. Tourists departing by air were estimated at 107,048, recording a drop of 4.6 per cent when compared to June 2005.

The British market registered a decrease of 16.3 per cent reaching a share of 40.8 per cent of the total market. Other decreases included those recorded from the Russian, Libyan and Swedish, as well as from a group of 'other' markets.

Year-on-year, air tourists from the German and French markets went up by 24.2 and 22.8 per cent respectively, jointly accounting for a share of 20.2 per cent of the total. Other increases in tourist air departures included those from the Danish, Italian and Belgian markets.

Purpose of visit

The number of holiday tourists was estimated at 89,264, a drop of 5.1 per cent over June 2005, whereas business tourists went down to 8,320.

January-June 2006

In the period under review, total tourists reached 471,728, a decrease of 2.4 per cent over the comparable period last year. Tourists departing by air decreased by 2.4 per cent. The British, German and French tourists decreases by 4.3, 4.2 and 5.0 per cent respectively; altogether accounting for 61.4 per cent of the total. Other drops included those from the Swedish, Libyan and Danish markets.

On the other hand, Italian tourists increased by 18.9 per cent, accounting for 7.8 per cent of the total. Other increases included those from the Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian markets.

Accommodation

In the period under review, the number of nights spent by tourists departing by air was estimated at 4,284,014, a decrease of 3.6 per cent when compared to the same period in 2005. The number of nights spent in hotel accommodation establishments went down by 2.8 per cent and accounted for 68.9 per cent of the total nights spent.

Tourists opting for an overnight stay in Gozo were estimated at 17,528 - 3.7 per cent of total tourists in the first half of the year.

Tourism expenditure

In the period under review, expenditure on package travel decreased by Lm1.0 million to an estimated Lm79.5 million, a decline of 1.2 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago. Non-package tourists spent Lm18.4 million on airfares and Lm12.1 million on accommodation thereby decreasing total expenditure on non-package travel by approximately Lm1.6 million or 4.9 per cent. Other expenditure from both package and non-package tourists increased by Lm0.5 million, to Lm55.5 million. Overall, in the period under review total tourist expenditure decreased by Lm2.1 million or 1.2 per cent ■

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Table 1. Distribution of tourist departures: June 2004-2006

Country of residence	Air					Sea	
	2004	2005		2006		2005	2006
	Nationality distribution						
	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.
Austria	2,880	2,747	2.4	2,710	2.5	80	117
Belgium	3,502	2,645	2.4	3,358	3.1	-	-
Denmark	1,940	2,041	1.8	3,058	2.9	-	-
France	10,815	6,211	5.5	7,628	7.1	40	-
Germany	12,134	11,303	10.1	14,033	13.1	-	-
Italy	6,272	6,054	5.4	7,000	6.5	478	1,171
Netherlands	4,743	3,402	3.0	3,363	3.1	-	117
Sweden	2,681	2,749	2.5	2,463	2.3	-	-
United Kingdom	47,020	52,173	46.5	43,682	40.8	-	-
Norway	925	993	0.9	1,017	1.0	-	-
Switzerland	2,377	1,931	1.7	1,932	1.8	-	-
Russia	1,912	3,283	2.9	1,965	1.8	-	-
Libya	731	1,157	1.0	551	0.5	-	-
USA	879	1,864	1.7	1,596	1.5	917	351
Other	13,703	13,624	12.1	12,692	11.9	239	234
Total	112,514	112,177	100.0	107,048	100.0	1,754	1,990

Table 2. Distribution of tourist departures: January-June 2004-2006

Country of residence	Air					Sea	
	2004	2005		2006		2005	2006
	Nationality distribution						
	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	No.
Austria	11,793	11,908	2.5	12,018	2.6	80	177
Belgium	11,849	10,959	2.3	12,010	2.6	-	-
Denmark	8,541	10,360	2.2	9,430	2.0	-	-
France	38,915	37,108	7.8	35,243	7.5	40	-
Germany	55,355	60,571	12.7	58,006	12.4	20	119
Italy	33,692	30,866	6.4	36,694	7.8	2,950	2,729
Netherlands	15,110	14,374	3.0	15,505	3.3	-	117
Sweden	8,836	10,203	2.1	7,970	1.7	-	-
United Kingdom	199,383	202,871	42.4	194,149	41.5	100	60
Norway	5,782	5,254	1.1	5,735	1.2	-	-
Switzerland	10,272	8,873	1.9	8,619	1.8	-	-
Russia	5,912	5,812	1.2	5,287	1.1	-	-
Libya	5,921	5,570	1.2	4,389	0.9	-	-
USA	7,055	7,621	1.6	7,364	1.6	1,048	477
Other	52,991	56,401	11.8	55,068	11.8	574	562
Total	471,407	478,751	100.0	467,487	100.0	4,812	4,241

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Table 3. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: June 2005

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	1,811	1.9	166	1.6	-	-	770	14.6	2,747	2.4
Belgium	2,259	2.4	331	3.2	-	-	55	1.0	2,645	2.4
Denmark	1,877	2.0	110	1.1	-	-	54	1.0	2,041	1.8
France	5,387	5.7	549	5.3	110	4.4	165	3.1	6,211	5.5
Germany	8,886	9.4	1,431	13.9	55	2.2	931	17.6	11,303	10.1
Italy	3,796	4.0	1,433	13.9	166	6.6	659	12.5	6,054	5.4
Netherlands	2,856	3.0	436	4.2	110	4.4	-	-	3,402	3.0
Sweden	2,035	2.2	494	4.8	55	2.2	165	3.1	2,749	2.5
United Kingdom	49,040	52.1	1,320	12.8	1,208	47.8	605	11.5	52,173	46.5
Norway	882	0.9	111	1.1	-	-	-	-	993	0.9
Switzerland	1,434	1.5	221	2.1	55	2.2	221	4.2	1,931	1.7
Russia	2,074	2.2	825	8.0	54	2.1	330	6.3	3,283	2.9
Libya	937	1.0	110	1.1	-	-	110	2.1	1,157	1.0
USA	1,315	1.4	273	2.7	110	4.4	166	3.1	1,864	1.7
Other	9,499	10.1	2,474	24.1	605	23.9	1,046	19.8	13,624	12.1
Total	94,088	100.0	10,284	100.0	2,528	100.0	5,277	100.0	112,177	100.0

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Table 4. Tourist air departures by country of residence and purpose of visit: June 2006

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	1,373	1.5	223	2.7	89	-	1,025	15.9	2,710	2.5
Belgium	3,002	3.4	267	3.2	-	-	89	1.4	3,358	3.1
Denmark	3,014	3.4	44	0.5	-	-	-	-	3,058	2.9
France	6,076	6.8	766	9.2	61	2.0	725	11.2	7,628	7.1
Germany	11,708	13.1	806	9.7	166	5.5	1,353	20.9	14,033	13.1
Italy	4,893	5.5	1,402	16.9	195	6.5	510	7.9	7,000	6.5
Netherlands	2,970	3.3	393	4.7	-	-	-	-	3,363	3.1
Sweden	1,880	2.1	433	5.2	-	-	150	2.3	2,463	2.3
United Kingdom	40,287	45.1	1,418	17.0	1,483	49.4	494	7.6	43,682	40.8
Norway	867	1.0	150	1.8	-	-	-	-	1,017	1.0
Switzerland	1,649	1.8	105	1.3	-	-	178	2.8	1,932	1.8
Russia	1,224	1.4	45	0.5	61	2.0	635	9.8	1,965	1.8
Libya	267	0.3	284	3.4	-	-	-	-	551	0.5
USA	1,175	1.3	194	2.3	227	7.6	-	-	1,596	1.5
Other	8,879	9.9	1,790	21.5	721	24.0	1,302	20.2	12,692	11.9
Total	89,264	100.0	8,320	100.0	3,003	100.0	6,461	100.0	107,048	100.0

Table 5. Tourist air departures by country of residence and locality stayed: January - June 2005

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	428	474	2,830	2,374	3,799	752	-	1,196	55	11,908
Belgium	455	483	2,934	2,232	3,135	528	50	1,091	51	10,959
Denmark	648	7,007	481	406	1,280	55	262	221	-	10,360
France	1,156	2,342	8,738	10,995	5,241	2,558	722	5,356	-	37,108
Germany	1,113	4,821	12,345	14,070	14,357	4,995	1,843	6,572	455	60,571
Italy	254	465	16,406	3,267	4,934	807	899	3,580	254	30,866
Netherlands	110	819	5,251	3,532	2,695	215	425	1,271	56	14,374
Sweden	100	415	4,591	2,447	2,064	101	55	430	-	10,203
United Kingdom	4,521	18,403	20,310	93,457	35,727	4,696	9,615	15,071	1,071	202,871
Norway	217	252	2,203	904	1,155	106	111	306	-	5,254
Switzerland	547	417	3,335	1,145	1,065	512	954	898	-	8,873
Russia	222	1,475	1,441	1,187	1,127	200	55	105	-	5,812
Libya	110	-	1,730	55	2,233	205	-	1,085	152	5,570
USA	105	163	2,615	1,220	1,581	745	531	551	110	7,621
Other	962	3,167	20,877	9,001	11,498	1,914	1,121	7,441	420	56,401
Total	10,948	40,703	106,087	146,292	91,891	18,389	16,643	45,174	2,624	478,751

Table 6. Tourist air departures by country of residence and locality stayed: January - June 2006

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	434	1,669	3,180	1,307	3,226	143	308	1,702	49	12,018
Belgium	136	1,072	3,845	3,046	2,270	505	379	757	-	12,010
Denmark	283	5,989	916	1,216	546	97	49	283	51	9,430
France	491	4,755	7,039	9,122	6,616	1,704	1,014	4,450	52	35,243
Germany	1,469	8,980	11,681	12,216	10,904	1,593	2,936	8,227	-	58,006
Italy	659	694	17,376	5,945	6,107	1,150	770	3,895	98	36,694
Netherlands	155	947	5,461	3,913	2,600	305	1,476	648	-	15,505
Sweden	50	276	1,886	3,454	1,575	100	139	490	-	7,970
United Kingdom	2,780	19,298	27,882	81,417	28,213	3,488	7,639	22,628	804	194,149
Norway	145	435	2,372	1,174	1,127	198	45	239	-	5,735
Switzerland	192	642	3,275	1,207	1,269	483	248	1,303	-	8,619
Russia	269	364	2,414	351	854	97	-	890	48	5,287
Libya	49	247	1,434	104	1,379	141	-	1,035	-	4,389
USA	199	371	2,899	384	844	780	725	1,162	-	7,364
Other	1,443	2,299	19,311	9,020	11,705	2,915	1,800	6,530	45	55,068
Total	8,754	48,038	110,971	133,876	79,235	13,699	17,528	54,239	1,147	467,487

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Table 7. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-June 2005

Country of residence	Hotels									
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	924	4,519	4,867	26,032	2,515	21,291	218	984	-	-
Belgium	3,323	18,331	5,405	39,123	773	5,516	366	2,357	-	-
Denmark	543	2,384	1,177	9,737	1,645	12,459	160	1,177	-	-
France	4,756	27,291	18,703	126,393	8,023	53,640	570	3,674	160	1,681
Germany	10,773	63,858	28,600	225,816	10,801	86,722	948	6,433	-	-
Italy	9,973	63,058	8,775	49,125	4,617	26,596	470	3,140	-	-
Netherlands	3,365	24,063	3,914	29,228	3,849	28,997	269	1,610	-	-
Sweden	1,682	8,541	3,460	27,731	2,636	20,702	156	1,800	-	-
United Kingdom	19,354	127,335	84,238	847,668	52,467	514,699	890	6,211	-	-
Norway	1,290	10,125	1,519	10,459	1,325	12,457	166	1,545	-	-
Switzerland	2,264	13,787	3,678	27,200	1,056	7,049	100	699	50	350
Russia	638	3,451	3,180	33,922	915	6,919	56	391	-	-
Libya	790	4,446	1,531	10,181	1,489	10,197	265	3,122	-	-
USA	3,366	23,522	1,369	9,067	690	14,173	162	868	-	-
Other	16,745	101,292	17,338	140,129	8,262	63,842	530	6,324	-	-
Total	79,786	496,003	187,754	1,611,811	101,063	885,259	5,326	40,335	210	2,031
Country of residence	Own private residence		Apart-Hotel		Furnished premises		Other		Total	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	487	3,132	591	3,757	152	964	2,154	17,055	11,908	77,734
Belgium	202	1,915	100	699	206	2,050	584	5,605	10,959	75,596
Denmark	50	499	212	1,870	668	6,494	5,905	55,636	10,360	90,256
France	211	1,914	1,029	7,725	476	8,165	3,180	39,728	37,108	270,211
Germany	1,049	19,949	2,024	16,717	1,107	10,643	5,269	70,585	60,571	500,723
Italy	433	4,050	523	3,464	1,538	22,583	4,537	50,039	30,866	222,055
Netherlands	157	2,057	1,078	9,208	743	6,108	999	9,677	14,374	110,948
Sweden	166	1,160	111	553	711	4,975	1,281	14,794	10,203	80,256
United Kingdom	8,306	98,590	10,596	107,624	9,745	117,887	17,275	174,560	202,871	1,994,574
Norway	56	2,120	101	706	50	350	747	10,313	5,254	48,075
Switzerland	271	5,212	-	-	356	3,599	1,098	24,696	8,873	82,592
Russia	105	1,908	56	391	273	1,612	589	16,207	5,812	64,801
Libya	271	1,720	50	4,544	50	9,189	1,124	14,885	5,570	58,284
USA	161	3,502	219	1,478	325	2,709	1,329	15,354	7,621	70,673
Other	1,405	43,066	1,653	17,025	2,179	53,107	8,289	271,259	56,401	696,044
Total	13,330	190,794	18,343	175,761	18,579	250,435	54,360	790,393	478,751	4,442,822

Table 8. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-June 2006

Country of residence	Hotels									
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	1,496	9,660	5,093	29,927	1,297	9,145	290	1,449	-	-
Belgium	4,048	27,180	5,768	42,717	903	6,183	145	874	-	-
Denmark	345	2,521	1,485	11,681	2,500	19,111	-	-	-	-
France	6,021	28,297	15,975	109,076	6,161	50,536	1,219	7,919	-	-
Germany	9,877	62,624	29,123	233,774	7,269	71,769	1,179	9,951	-	-
Italy	12,432	48,964	11,243	59,462	5,475	29,576	698	3,565	-	-
Netherlands	2,907	14,828	6,177	42,032	3,064	22,185	285	2,805	-	-
Sweden	989	4,983	3,591	26,500	1,578	18,507	253	1,380	-	-
United Kingdom	23,981	166,334	82,702	855,565	40,098	431,854	964	7,480	-	-
Norway	2,123	9,129	1,423	12,266	961	9,700	252	1,426	-	-
Switzerland	2,520	18,591	2,913	21,151	890	7,344	790	6,733	-	-
Russia	1,503	8,224	1,413	16,724	509	5,295	97	1,602	-	-
Libya	488	1,982	1,701	13,441	664	3,446	440	4,669	-	-
USA	3,890	24,304	1,395	12,970	252	1,282	97	869	-	-
Other	15,335	89,516	16,121	120,627	9,386	76,104	1,416	12,132	-	-
Total	87,955	517,137	186,123	1,607,913	81,007	762,037	8,125	62,854	-	-
Country of residence	Own private residence		Apart-Hotel		Furnished premises		Other		Total	
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights
Austria	52	572	388	2,114	408	8,081	2,994	22,468	12,018	83,416
Belgium	104	520	162	1,229	95	663	785	17,470	12,010	96,836
Denmark	141	988	286	2,001	93	1,234	4,580	41,341	9,430	78,877
France	379	3,292	893	6,447	958	13,536	3,637	46,520	35,243	265,623
Germany	913	8,883	1,707	14,799	2,379	44,141	5,559	65,653	58,006	511,594
Italy	488	8,078	732	4,514	840	15,677	4,786	37,828	36,694	207,664
Netherlands	151	4,320	615	4,305	1,188	12,461	1,118	8,534	15,505	111,470
Sweden	142	843	287	2,353	381	4,602	749	10,469	7,970	69,637
United Kingdom	7,858	97,911	8,595	90,199	10,439	114,115	19,512	203,760	194,149	1,967,218
Norway	144	13,104	339	4,857	99	1,524	394	4,290	5,735	56,296
Switzerland	287	2,152	99	1,044	348	4,469	772	11,243	8,619	72,727
Russia	110	621	174	1,163	155	18,970	1,326	53,275	5,287	105,874
Libya	97	538	-	-	547	4,459	452	4,333	4,389	32,868
USA	252	5,445	49	684	210	6,052	1,219	14,410	7,364	66,016
Other	983	13,487	1,258	21,653	2,449	66,125	8,120	158,254	55,068	557,898
Total	12,101	160,754	15,584	157,362	20,589	316,109	56,003	699,848	467,487	4,284,014

Table 9. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

June 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	503,772	58,336	24,792	249,792	836,692
Belgium	551,846	75,733	87,996	260,285	975,860
Denmark	350,980	44,109	35,682	259,551	690,322
France	1,187,080	133,938	142,921	584,457	2,048,396
Germany	2,253,337	237,125	258,222	1,136,438	3,885,122
Italy	472,106	408,858	418,397	592,808	1,892,169
Netherlands	764,175	52,340	52,216	435,655	1,304,386
Sweden	393,962	104,927	127,837	318,341	945,067
United Kingdom	8,073,577	2,122,248	1,519,961	6,983,319	18,699,105
Norway	166,667	36,391	28,059	131,503	362,620
Switzerland	609,043	38,390	16,196	329,790	993,419
Russia	638,982	49,667	40,156	338,639	1,067,444
Libya	139,526	84,030	85,470	162,838	471,864
USA	141,009	232,328	148,801	242,752	764,890
Other	2,007,315	1,162,174	723,706	1,993,265	5,886,460
Total	18,253,377	4,840,594	3,710,412	14,019,433	40,823,816
June 2006					
Austria	561,460	106,038	85,092	284,707	1,037,297
Belgium	848,297	46,669	46,181	340,680	1,281,827
Denmark	736,406	5,903	-	362,140	1,104,449
France	1,760,356	177,979	120,602	714,382	2,773,319
Germany	3,005,783	287,595	224,868	1,685,331	5,203,577
Italy	812,584	372,373	299,647	665,842	2,150,446
Netherlands	716,632	60,243	36,098	417,939	1,230,912
Sweden	417,084	109,247	71,512	321,404	919,247
United Kingdom	7,569,676	1,609,642	754,319	6,173,443	16,107,080
Norway	322,951	7,895	10,720	117,915	459,481
Switzerland	551,532	80,583	61,437	267,034	960,586
Russia	623,496	55,344	49,014	813,114	1,540,968
Libya	44,795	33,220	44,162	217,060	339,237
USA	147,560	223,706	72,393	247,308	690,967
Other	2,695,782	862,729	381,632	1,903,771	5,843,914
Total	20,814,394	4,039,166	2,257,677	14,532,070	41,643,307

Table 10. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

June 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	229.5	105.7	149.3	90.9	325.6
Belgium	270.6	125.0	159.7	98.4	372.3
Denmark	212.1	114.3	92.4	127.2	338.2
France	237.3	111.0	137.2	94.1	333.5
Germany	243.1	116.6	138.2	100.5	345.7
Italy	214.4	106.1	118.8	97.9	319.0
Netherlands	257.7	119.8	119.5	128.1	383.4
Sweden	238.8	95.4	129.1	115.8	348.9
United Kingdom	245.9	109.7	106.8	133.8	368.9
Norway	274.6	94.3	72.7	132.4	365.2
Switzerland	368.0	139.1	73.3	170.8	516.5
Russia	224.5	113.9	92.1	103.1	325.2
Libya	316.4	117.2	141.0	140.7	421.1
USA	256.8	176.7	150.6	130.2	436.8
Other	257.4	199.5	130.4	146.3	434.7
Total	247.6	125.8	118.3	125.0	371.4
June 2006					
Austria	287.6	140.1	112.4	105.1	382.9
Belgium	282.6	131.1	129.7	101.5	381.7
Denmark	244.3	131.2	-	118.4	361.1
France	284.6	123.4	105.6	93.7	367.7
Germany	256.4	124.6	116.4	120.1	373.9
Italy	236.8	104.3	93.3	95.1	312.0
Netherlands	235.2	190.6	114.2	124.3	366.0
Sweden	264.0	123.7	85.2	130.5	374.7
United Kingdom	266.1	105.6	76.3	141.3	378.1
Norway	372.5	52.6	102.1	115.9	456.3
Switzerland	412.5	135.4	121.4	138.2	502.8
Russia	362.1	227.8	201.7	413.8	784.2
Libya	334.3	79.7	118.4	393.9	625.1
USA	350.5	190.4	76.4	155.0	443.8
Other	317.5	205.4	108.7	150.0	466.3
Total	276.2	127.4	93.4	135.8	395.6

* A weighted average of the 'package' and 'non-package' expenditure categories based on the respective number of tourists in each category plus the simple average of the 'other' expenditure category.

Table 11. Breakdown of expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

January-June 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	2,152,741	365,542	203,161	962,846	3,684,290
Belgium	2,154,320	394,971	273,655	1,112,632	3,935,578
Denmark	1,912,051	196,384	92,745	1,247,421	3,448,601
France	7,642,369	934,858	665,125	3,406,728	12,649,080
Germany	11,678,501	1,718,739	1,231,921	5,918,295	20,547,456
Italy	3,595,848	1,808,529	1,353,887	2,901,852	9,660,116
Netherlands	2,489,396	429,851	262,577	1,636,310	4,818,134
Sweden	1,737,340	404,474	354,242	1,205,776	3,701,832
United Kingdom	34,263,477	6,243,895	4,299,820	25,651,256	70,458,448
Norway	1,099,803	100,818	71,169	725,696	1,997,486
Switzerland	1,776,434	378,261	246,165	1,101,443	3,502,303
Russia	1,066,170	146,178	100,902	625,940	1,939,190
Libya	236,327	429,969	407,044	662,904	1,736,244
USA	1,158,571	872,305	490,004	969,004	3,489,884
Other	7,496,865	4,895,647	2,641,009	6,890,257	21,923,778
Total	80,460,213	19,320,421	12,693,426	55,018,360	167,492,420
January-June 2006					
Austria	2,209,029	383,521	333,483	1,104,885	4,030,918
Belgium	2,358,370	267,581	257,600	1,037,760	3,921,311
Denmark	2,124,126	141,577	72,612	1,017,081	3,355,396
France	6,747,854	1,127,701	842,050	3,365,652	12,083,257
Germany	11,169,064	1,514,238	1,252,878	5,881,415	19,817,595
Italy	4,082,781	2,025,163	1,636,116	3,204,728	10,948,788
Netherlands	2,890,992	407,438	292,194	1,660,207	5,250,831
Sweden	1,480,714	314,740	191,779	983,726	2,970,959
United Kingdom	32,475,030	6,255,430	3,472,671	24,942,381	67,145,512
Norway	1,252,648	258,292	157,052	815,547	2,483,539
Switzerland	1,897,688	337,426	378,907	1,087,290	3,701,311
Russia	1,199,594	296,174	193,078	1,355,484	3,044,330
Libya	283,152	312,695	281,022	832,922	1,709,791
USA	1,038,859	763,148	393,785	984,141	3,179,933
Other	8,276,512	3,981,341	2,304,911	7,226,771	21,789,535
Total	79,486,413	18,386,465	12,060,138	55,499,990	165,433,006

Table 12. Per capita expenditure by package and non-package air tourists

January-June 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	230.2	142.8	100.5	80.9	313.9
Belgium	270.7	131.7	101.7	101.5	362.0
Denmark	212.8	143.0	70.1	120.4	333.2
France	252.9	135.8	108.3	91.8	343.0
Germany	239.9	144.5	114.4	97.7	341.4
Italy	222.6	122.9	99.2	94.0	316.4
Netherlands	228.4	123.6	92.5	113.8	339.3
Sweden	241.0	135.1	135.4	118.2	367.8
United Kingdom	237.6	106.4	101.2	126.4	355.4
Norway	256.4	104.4	82.9	138.1	381.8
Switzerland	281.9	147.0	109.6	124.1	398.7
Russia	234.9	114.8	86.4	107.7	335.3
Libya	249.6	93.0	100.7	119.0	322.2
USA	356.4	199.6	127.9	127.1	466.8
Other	249.6	185.7	109.6	122.2	393.1
Total	241.6	132.6	105.1	114.9	355.3
January-June 2006					
Austria	245.4	127.1	114.4	91.9	336.4
Belgium	245.2	111.9	115.3	86.4	328.0
Denmark	250.0	151.7	87.4	107.9	356.7
France	251.7	133.7	113.2	95.5	346.1
Germany	243.0	125.7	115.1	101.4	344.0
Italy	223.0	110.2	97.7	87.3	302.7
Netherlands	231.4	135.3	102.2	107.1	339.6
Sweden	268.3	128.4	86.8	123.4	375.4
United Kingdom	245.5	101.1	80.5	128.5	353.6
Norway	308.4	154.5	109.6	142.2	437.6
Switzerland	308.9	136.3	173.3	126.2	435.2
Russia	340.2	168.2	112.8	256.4	576.9
Libya	211.9	102.4	100.0	189.8	395.1
USA	397.0	160.7	94.3	133.6	439.1
Other	269.0	163.8	106.1	131.2	400.6
Total	250.8	122.1	97.8	118.7	359.6

* A weighted average of the 'package' and 'non-package' expenditure categories based on the respective number of tourists in each category plus the simple average of the 'other' expenditure category.

Methodological Notes

1. Tourist 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. Tourist 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 variables collected in these surveys include the following:

Nationality	Number of nights stayed
Country of residence	Locality in Malta stayed longest
Flight/Sailing	Organisation of trip
Final destination	Form of transport used
Purpose of visit	Expenditure (package/non-package/other)
Frequency of visit	Age
Gender	
4. The expenditure data contained in this release should not be equated to national tourism earnings. Such expenditure includes elements that are earned by enterprises outside the Maltese economic territory.
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. The monthly passenger departures data published by the Malta International Airport cannot be equated to tourism statistics because the former is inclusive of departing Maltese and transit passengers. As a result, the monthly tourism statistics published by the NSO are always lower than the combined passenger departures data available from the airport and seaport.
6. Definitions

Usual Environment consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited

Visitors comprise tourists and same-day visitors. Visitors are distinguished from other travelers according to the following criteria:

- The trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment.
- The stay in the place visited should not last more than 12 consecutive months.
- The main purpose of visit should be other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

International tourist satisfies the criteria mentioned earlier regarding visitors. Additionally, international tourists must stay at least one night in a collective or private accommodation in the country visited.

International same-day visitor is an international visitor who does not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.

7. The data in this release are not normally subject revision.
8. Further methodological notes are available at www.nso.gov.mt/publications/Tourstat/Tourstat2003.pdf