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Departing tourists: August 2006

Inbound tourists declined by 7.9 per cent in August 2006 compared to August 2005, leading to a drop of 3.7 per cent for the first eight months of the year. In the latter period, tourist expenditure showed no significant change.

August 2006

Departures of inbound tourists in August 2006 are estimated at 164,302, implying a drop of 7.9 per cent compared to the same month of last year. This was underpinned by fewer tourists mainly from the United Kingdom and Germany contrasted by increases from Italy and Russia. The decrease in tourists during the month reflected primarily a drop in holiday makers.

January-August 2006

Departures of inbound tourists during the first eight months of 2006 are estimated at 767,836, a drop of 3.7 per cent over the comparable period of last year. In line with developments during the month of August, this decrease mainly reflected fewer tourists from the United Kingdom and Germany while there was a significant decline in tourists from France as well. Tourists from Italy, Russia and Belgium are estimated to have increased during the period.

The ongoing frontier survey of tourists departing by air indicates a 2.6 per cent decrease in total nights spent during the first eight months of 2006. Total tourist expenditure during the period under review is estimated at Lm292.9 million, an increase of 0.2 per cent over the same period last year ■

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

Country of residence	Air				Sea	
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006
	Amount			Absolute change	Amount	
Austria	2,533	2,676	2,115	-561	-	-
Belgium	5,777	4,326	4,564	238	-	-
Denmark	2,559	2,569	2,676	107	-	-
France	13,798	12,075	11,988	-87	745	254
Germany	15,121	13,247	11,337	-1,910	-	64
Italy	17,696	18,759	22,188	3,429	8,139	8,842
Netherlands	6,264	6,450	6,549	99	318	-
Sweden	2,451	2,512	2,490	-22	-	-
United Kingdom	61,686	71,209	56,168	-15,041	426	191
Norway	1,088	1,124	2,069	945	-	-
Switzerland	1,877	2,142	1,736	-406	-	-
Russia	4,391	3,781	5,238	1,457	119	-
Libya	1,355	1,178	845	-333	-	-
USA	1,134	1,864	1,178	-686	-	64
Other	25,180	23,702	23,428	-274	958	318
Total	162,910	167,614	154,569	-13,045	10,705	9,733

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

Country of residence	Air				Sea	
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006
	Amount			Absolute change	Amount	
Austria	16,436	17,886	16,836	-1,050	151	177
Belgium	22,150	19,237	20,747	1,510	-	76
Denmark	14,318	15,865	16,387	522	-	-
France	61,696	61,602	56,547	-5,055	785	330
Germany	83,491	86,124	79,555	-6,569	20	183
Italy	62,206	60,432	71,680	11,248	11,659	13,316
Netherlands	25,778	25,114	26,574	1,460	354	269
Sweden	15,178	16,328	13,311	-3,017	-	-
United Kingdom	304,071	321,397	291,779	-29,618	633	327
Norway	10,601	10,428	11,719	1,291	36	-
Switzerland	14,747	13,047	13,011	-36	-	-
Russia	14,520	12,599	15,587	2,988	119	-
Libya	8,669	7,766	6,154	-1,612	-	-
USA	10,673	11,872	11,133	-739	1,262	541
Other	99,989	101,246	100,641	-605	1,674	956
Total	764,523	780,943	751,661	-29,282	16,693	16,175

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

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	1,926	1.3	54	1.7	-	-	696	5.0	2,676	1.6
Belgium	4,112	2.8	-	-	107	2.5	107	0.8	4,326	2.6
Denmark	2,461	1.7	54	1.7	-	-	54	0.4	2,569	1.5
France	9,992	6.8	160	5.1	161	3.7	1,762	12.7	12,075	7.2
Germany	9,882	6.8	427	13.5	107	2.5	2,831	20.5	13,247	7.9
Italy	15,555	10.6	589	18.7	374	8.6	2,241	16.2	18,759	11.2
Netherlands	5,916	4.0	107	3.4	54	1.2	373	2.7	6,450	3.8
Sweden	1,765	1.2	214	6.8	-	-	533	3.9	2,512	1.5
United Kingdom	68,752	47.0	374	11.9	1,870	43.2	213	1.5	71,209	42.5
Norway	803	0.5	54	1.7	107	2.5	160	1.2	1,124	0.7
Switzerland	1,553	1.1	54	1.7	-	-	535	3.9	2,142	1.3
Russia	2,554	1.7	54	1.7	-	-	1,173	8.5	3,781	2.3
Libya	750	0.5	321	10.2	53	1.2	54	0.4	1,178	0.7
USA	1,280	0.9	53	1.7	266	6.1	265	1.9	1,864	1.1
Other	19,006	13.0	641	20.3	1,228	28.4	2,827	20.4	23,702	14.1
Total	146,307	100.0	3,156	100.0	4,327	100.0	13,824	100.0	167,614	100.0

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

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	1,552	1.2	94	2.6	47	0.8	422	2.1	2,115	1.4
Belgium	4,000	3.2	94	2.6	188	3.4	282	1.4	4,564	3.0
Denmark	2,442	1.9	188	5.2	-	-	46	0.2	2,676	1.7
France	9,260	7.4	94	2.6	94	1.7	2,540	12.8	11,988	7.8
Germany	8,141	6.5	235	6.5	329	5.9	2,632	13.3	11,337	7.3
Italy	15,657	12.5	422	11.7	235	4.2	5,874	29.7	22,188	14.4
Netherlands	6,409	5.1	94	2.6	46	0.8	-	-	6,549	4.2
Sweden	1,880	1.5	47	1.3	47	0.8	516	2.6	2,490	1.6
United Kingdom	52,218	41.6	753	20.8	2,773	50.0	424	2.1	56,168	36.3
Norway	1,786	1.4	94	2.6	-	-	189	1.0	2,069	1.3
Switzerland	1,314	1.0	47	1.3	-	-	375	1.9	1,736	1.1
Russia	2,501	2.0	47	1.3	95	1.7	2,595	13.1	5,238	3.4
Libya	516	0.4	94	2.6	94	1.7	141	0.7	845	0.5
USA	754	0.6	141	3.9	283	5.1	-	-	1,178	0.8
Other	17,171	13.7	1,175	32.5	1,317	23.7	3,765	19.0	23,428	15.2
Total	125,601	100.0	3,619	100.0	5,548	100.0	19,801	100.0	154,569	100.0

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

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	1,335	1,168	4,217	3,334	4,653	859	480	1,785	55	17,886
Belgium	722	2,137	4,483	4,582	4,470	635	371	1,786	51	19,237
Denmark	754	10,486	1,283	777	1,600	108	316	541	-	15,865
France	1,476	4,693	12,529	17,724	9,446	3,040	2,111	10,422	161	61,602
Germany	2,070	5,994	17,668	21,098	17,820	5,476	3,919	10,770	1,309	86,124
Italy	1,001	946	24,304	14,147	9,687	1,075	2,555	6,410	307	60,432
Netherlands	218	1,935	7,004	7,622	3,655	747	1,171	2,654	108	25,114
Sweden	153	468	6,130	4,529	3,235	260	215	1,338	-	16,328
United Kingdom	5,910	29,874	30,064	148,088	50,711	7,256	21,567	26,750	1,177	321,397
Norway	270	627	3,267	3,038	1,795	106	752	573	-	10,428
Switzerland	654	631	4,352	1,519	1,921	672	1,704	1,540	54	13,047
Russia	856	1,688	2,714	1,982	2,980	305	215	1,859	-	12,599
Libya	164	268	2,104	109	3,090	205	54	1,620	152	7,766
USA	211	217	3,466	1,485	2,273	905	1,061	1,879	375	11,872
Other	2,556	6,205	31,316	20,181	18,798	2,766	2,929	16,024	471	101,246
Total	18,350	67,337	154,901	250,215	136,134	24,415	39,420	85,951	4,220	780,943

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

Country of residence	Marsascala	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	528	2,223	4,674	1,840	4,496	190	555	2,283	47	16,836
Belgium	238	1,808	5,271	6,259	3,865	602	713	1,991	-	20,747
Denmark	283	10,567	1,422	2,400	887	97	49	631	51	16,387
France	1,085	8,101	9,884	13,822	10,211	2,477	1,931	8,829	207	56,547
Germany	2,001	11,336	15,890	18,054	13,443	2,074	4,368	12,343	46	79,555
Italy	1,662	1,380	32,318	13,034	11,988	1,691	2,610	6,850	147	71,680
Netherlands	401	1,828	8,125	8,043	4,397	352	2,009	1,419	-	26,574
Sweden	195	468	3,011	5,852	2,220	147	284	1,134	-	13,311
United Kingdom	4,459	32,500	39,224	123,106	37,104	5,147	15,156	34,176	907	291,779
Norway	381	1,028	3,691	2,910	2,225	198	401	885	-	11,719
Switzerland	290	1,136	4,426	2,050	1,708	577	900	1,924	-	13,011
Russia	1,636	853	4,731	1,740	3,211	97	-	3,221	98	15,587
Libya	49	388	2,022	347	1,771	188	-	1,389	-	6,154
USA	294	469	4,089	580	1,794	932	1,323	1,652	-	11,133
Other	2,806	6,338	28,529	18,728	21,625	4,181	3,721	14,375	338	100,641
Total	16,308	80,423	167,307	218,765	120,945	18,950	34,020	93,102	1,841	751,661

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Table 7. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-August 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	1,565	8,472	7,109	44,987	4,114	38,093	218	984	-	-
Belgium	4,924	30,183	9,624	77,633	2,000	16,342	527	3,856	-	-
Denmark	757	3,882	2,083	17,196	3,034	23,951	160	1,177	-	-
France	5,984	35,370	26,980	198,016	12,240	90,598	837	5,537	907	6,642
Germany	12,746	78,893	39,149	324,806	15,219	129,820	1,215	9,367	52	734
Italy	15,250	98,542	18,695	137,531	10,275	75,667	898	8,495	-	-
Netherlands	4,962	36,618	7,260	59,376	5,599	44,745	323	2,035	-	-
Sweden	2,535	14,504	5,967	55,152	3,433	29,655	210	2,549	-	-
United Kingdom	30,233	219,713	123,953	1,225,607	78,535	761,685	1,264	9,421	106	741
Norway	1,878	15,189	2,428	17,837	3,079	37,224	166	1,545	-	-
Switzerland	3,012	22,027	4,909	36,570	1,431	10,100	153	1,448	50	350
Russia	1,169	8,932	5,828	65,438	1,820	19,340	320	6,944	-	-
Libya	1,540	9,694	1,906	11,064	1,971	13,785	319	3,229	-	-
USA	4,056	28,340	2,116	14,928	1,169	17,311	162	868	-	-
Other	23,030	146,581	32,836	266,119	15,824	139,176	850	8,883	-	-
Total	113,641	756,940	290,843	2,552,260	159,743	1,447,492	7,622	66,338	1,115	8,467
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	805	5,574	418	3,301	3,170	29,963	17,886	134,506
Belgium	202	1,915	207	2,032	366	4,244	1,387	16,420	19,237	152,625
Denmark	50	499	319	2,620	882	8,367	8,580	78,091	15,865	135,783
France	318	4,057	1,776	17,070	1,813	24,156	10,747	139,067	61,602	520,513
Germany	1,371	25,306	2,873	24,890	2,596	37,273	10,903	151,789	86,124	782,878
Italy	1,021	10,734	1,432	12,065	2,980	38,445	9,881	114,698	60,432	496,177
Netherlands	317	3,287	2,728	26,562	1,862	19,372	2,063	28,465	25,114	220,460
Sweden	326	3,028	270	2,037	978	10,544	2,609	35,421	16,328	152,890
United Kingdom	15,140	188,844	18,435	186,028	22,378	270,918	31,353	348,813	321,397	3,211,770
Norway	56	2,120	369	3,864	853	7,038	1,599	19,303	10,428	104,120
Switzerland	271	5,212	268	7,820	838	10,713	2,115	43,936	13,047	138,176
Russia	105	1,908	689	11,229	434	3,486	2,234	43,097	12,599	160,374
Libya	432	3,219	50	4,544	157	10,255	1,391	17,295	7,766	73,085
USA	425	8,147	273	1,692	697	6,727	2,974	34,064	11,872	112,077
Other	2,628	56,780	3,523	44,139	5,051	105,156	17,504	435,715	101,246	1,202,549
Total	23,149	318,188	34,017	352,166	42,303	559,995	108,510	1,536,137	780,943	7,597,983

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Table 8. Tourist air departures by country of residence, type of accommodation and number of nights spent: January-August 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	2,297	14,493	6,753	45,190	2,132	18,653	290	1,449	-	-
Belgium	5,517	39,789	11,342	95,224	1,287	9,098	192	1,203	-	-
Denmark	1,349	10,622	2,685	22,688	3,225	24,892	-	-	-	-
France	7,706	42,154	24,702	188,038	9,919	91,266	1,936	20,783	-	-
Germany	12,397	85,569	37,065	310,015	9,924	101,946	1,473	13,876	-	-
Italy	16,102	69,792	21,235	152,503	16,451	153,913	1,336	12,988	51	715
Netherlands	4,347	28,559	10,877	84,390	4,949	44,048	582	5,729	-	-
Sweden	1,379	7,275	5,883	52,414	2,318	25,938	347	2,412	-	-
United Kingdom	37,090	286,168	117,104	1,185,014	54,900	564,425	1,596	12,900	47	662
Norway	2,914	15,135	3,985	38,271	2,302	25,561	252	1,426	-	-
Switzerland	3,580	27,352	4,132	33,169	1,371	11,998	790	6,733	-	-
Russia	3,133	26,494	3,801	49,518	3,572	45,257	340	6,406	152	2,124
Libya	586	2,182	2,191	18,735	864	6,300	722	8,285	-	-
USA	4,920	32,628	1,998	17,039	651	10,234	198	5,057	-	-
Other	20,938	133,635	33,068	275,177	16,384	151,437	2,285	21,542	94	1,314
Total	124,255	821,847	286,821	2,567,385	130,249	1,284,966	12,339	120,789	344	4,815
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	103	1,031	388	2,114	600	9,782	4,273	38,350	16,836	131,062
Belgium	198	3,663	209	1,557	487	4,698	1,515	24,742	20,747	179,974
Denmark	141	988	771	6,770	340	4,997	7,876	73,335	16,387	144,292
France	523	7,743	2,188	20,457	2,012	27,839	7,561	102,185	56,547	500,465
Germany	1,393	15,230	2,924	29,453	4,109	79,661	10,270	132,374	79,555	768,124
Italy	1,154	16,456	2,582	24,265	2,653	40,427	10,116	104,348	71,680	575,407
Netherlands	245	5,305	1,971	18,235	1,953	22,960	1,650	15,133	26,574	224,359
Sweden	240	1,886	585	4,789	781	7,695	1,778	35,610	13,311	138,019
United Kingdom	14,334	178,837	15,418	162,461	19,400	219,720	31,890	344,543	291,779	2,954,730
Norway	242	13,786	641	8,487	401	5,009	982	12,099	11,719	119,774
Switzerland	339	2,510	248	2,445	843	11,909	1,708	25,979	13,011	122,095
Russia	204	1,613	696	8,100	394	23,441	3,295	93,786	15,587	256,739
Libya	97	538	145	1,343	748	7,211	801	12,130	6,154	56,724
USA	491	9,632	96	1,015	508	9,761	2,271	29,361	11,133	114,727
Other	2,062	35,054	3,539	45,533	5,603	123,877	16,668	329,071	100,641	1,116,640
Total	21,766	294,272	32,401	337,024	40,832	598,987	102,654	1,373,046	751,661	7,403,131

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

August 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	692,548	55,126	66,658	282,582	1,096,914
Belgium	1,397,477	31,841	10,429	496,227	1,935,974
Denmark	603,187	6,168	5,772	279,231	894,358
France	3,173,828	437,233	361,496	1,457,913	5,430,470
Germany	3,546,996	297,192	289,678	1,673,544	5,807,410
Italy	3,525,280	767,700	654,255	2,401,246	7,348,481
Netherlands	1,470,338	173,089	152,674	906,149	2,702,250
Sweden	601,031	98,691	101,745	398,981	1,200,448
United Kingdom	13,146,374	3,188,879	1,880,394	10,527,269	28,742,916
Norway	278,363	53,877	12,720	194,183	539,143
Switzerland	439,949	186,028	182,904	387,200	1,196,081
Russia	1,200,114	54,834	50,710	628,616	1,934,274
Libya	15,711	108,204	133,854	196,403	454,172
USA	95,784	381,258	76,779	250,484	804,305
Other	5,258,008	1,701,079	727,899	3,338,641	11,025,627
Total	35,444,988	7,541,199	4,707,967	23,418,669	71,112,823
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Austria	554,044	78,211	53,783	246,211	932,249
Belgium	1,288,645	109,054	72,295	487,115	1,957,109
Denmark	717,094	11,061	7,758	300,041	1,035,954
France	3,630,447	323,948	303,460	1,429,357	5,687,212
Germany	3,476,313	253,213	180,165	1,367,597	5,277,288
Italy	5,793,874	547,662	468,690	2,876,017	9,686,243
Netherlands	1,732,874	63,923	117,091	933,728	2,847,616
Sweden	719,692	57,983	34,713	407,346	1,219,734
United Kingdom	11,793,071	2,545,746	1,739,579	8,644,863	24,723,259
Norway	555,512	8,954	12,876	377,552	954,894
Switzerland	526,119	56,245	29,197	276,813	888,374
Russia	2,103,341	67,133	62,622	933,604	3,166,700
Libya	38,313	71,462	107,906	148,817	366,498
USA	61,187	195,622	149,499	207,169	613,477
Other	5,827,424	1,314,537	785,051	4,329,502	12,256,514
Total	38,817,950	5,704,754	4,124,685	22,965,732	71,613,121

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

August 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	331.8	93.6	138.3	105.6	415.4
Belgium	344.4	118.8	48.7	114.7	448.1
Denmark	239.8	114.2	106.9	108.7	348.1
France	357.9	136.4	120.8	120.7	451.9
Germany	333.7	113.6	135.6	126.3	443.3
Italy	299.9	109.6	107.4	128.0	396.9
Netherlands	299.8	112.0	106.0	140.5	420.7
Sweden	374.9	108.6	135.8	158.8	486.5
United Kingdom	291.6	122.1	102.6	147.8	414.9
Norway	399.9	125.9	29.7	172.8	479.7
Switzerland	456.4	157.9	155.3	180.8	558.4
Russia	352.2	146.6	189.9	166.3	517.0
Libya	-	96.3	131.6	166.7	397.5
USA	256.8	255.7	60.0	134.4	438.3
Other	340.8	205.6	103.3	140.9	470.5
Total	315.3	136.7	107.7	139.7	431.6
August 2006					
Austria	336.8	166.4	127.1	116.4	443.6
Belgium	342.2	136.7	102.7	106.7	430.9
Denmark	277.7	117.7	82.5	112.1	387.1
France	371.3	146.5	153.6	119.2	477.4
Germany	369.5	131.2	119.6	120.6	470.0
Italy	326.0	124.0	133.0	129.6	441.9
Netherlands	291.8	104.4	248.6	142.6	440.1
Sweden	340.4	154.2	92.3	163.6	489.9
United Kingdom	317.6	133.7	124.6	153.9	451.4
Norway	288.1	63.5	137.0	182.5	464.6
Switzerland	361.8	200.2	103.9	159.5	511.9
Russia	432.7	178.1	166.1	178.2	604.6
Libya	271.7	101.5	164.2	176.1	442.9
USA	216.2	218.6	226.5	175.9	566.0
Other	349.9	194.0	128.4	184.8	526.8
Total	336.2	145.8	132.1	148.6	470.1

* 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-August 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	3,568,002	485,435	326,130	1,622,303	6,001,870
Belgium	4,607,876	514,323	347,673	2,037,904	7,507,776
Denmark	3,093,390	320,733	172,584	1,891,854	5,478,561
France	13,722,575	1,900,583	1,354,118	6,019,446	22,996,722
Germany	17,703,390	2,513,417	1,846,731	8,953,930	31,017,468
Italy	9,299,938	3,130,612	2,432,006	6,371,526	21,234,082
Netherlands	4,657,039	799,250	574,610	3,092,462	9,123,361
Sweden	3,356,028	664,765	574,045	2,116,869	6,711,707
United Kingdom	54,926,690	11,322,009	7,281,038	42,839,100	116,368,837
Norway	2,631,691	264,945	129,868	1,613,096	4,639,600
Switzerland	2,791,482	602,529	452,920	1,698,260	5,545,191
Russia	3,184,358	295,498	258,042	1,674,682	5,412,580
Libya	252,038	629,148	599,597	1,059,863	2,540,646
USA	1,420,772	1,651,641	701,506	1,565,918	5,339,837
Other	16,821,849	8,246,696	4,005,947	13,279,612	42,354,104
Total	142,037,118	33,341,584	21,056,815	95,836,825	292,272,342
January-August 2006					
Austria	3,510,081	524,487	431,526	1,608,650	6,074,744
Belgium	4,868,985	442,681	375,974	1,948,408	7,636,048
Denmark	4,020,429	218,597	105,792	1,958,019	6,302,837
France	12,960,895	1,664,131	1,350,602	5,814,717	21,790,345
Germany	17,108,317	2,049,455	1,755,136	8,618,047	29,530,955
Italy	12,931,561	3,120,035	2,631,316	7,465,766	26,148,678
Netherlands	5,717,526	566,930	531,926	3,156,602	9,972,984
Sweden	3,266,106	429,042	257,408	1,744,660	5,697,216
United Kingdom	51,276,149	10,387,688	6,295,509	39,785,091	107,744,437
Norway	3,079,710	303,346	191,936	1,898,823	5,473,815
Switzerland	3,047,478	544,313	534,152	1,779,591	5,905,534
Russia	5,102,749	490,585	414,622	3,026,314	9,034,270
Libya	346,363	434,097	444,274	1,191,309	2,416,043
USA	1,391,251	1,283,074	713,118	1,528,736	4,916,179
Other	19,014,145	6,740,712	3,885,883	14,588,992	44,229,732
Total	147,641,745	29,199,173	19,919,174	96,113,725	292,873,817

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

January-August 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	254.0	126.4	102.0	90.7	339.2
Belgium	302.7	128.1	95.1	105.9	392.1
Denmark	225.9	147.7	81.3	119.3	345.6
France	288.5	135.4	107.9	97.7	375.9
Germany	262.6	134.3	108.6	104.0	362.3
Italy	276.8	116.7	99.1	105.4	355.1
Netherlands	254.7	117.1	97.0	123.1	366.8
Sweden	301.1	128.3	125.0	129.6	415.6
United Kingdom	251.1	110.3	97.1	133.3	370.4
Norway	315.4	127.2	65.7	154.7	445.6
Switzerland	311.0	148.0	120.9	130.2	428.0
Russia	310.2	126.7	131.6	132.9	433.5
Libya	251.8	93.0	101.4	136.5	338.3
USA	337.3	215.6	103.9	131.9	457.7
Other	285.6	194.8	105.2	131.2	422.8
Total	267.3	133.6	101.8	122.7	379.8
January-August 2006					
Austria	272.3	132.9	116.8	95.5	362.6
Belgium	286.5	118.0	112.3	93.9	370.2
Denmark	269.8	147.1	76.4	119.5	385.1
France	292.4	136.1	125.2	102.8	388.5
Germany	270.5	125.6	120.4	108.3	373.8
Italy	292.3	113.7	107.4	104.2	369.2
Netherlands	257.1	130.8	133.2	118.8	377.0
Sweden	322.5	134.8	89.1	131.1	429.9
United Kingdom	261.4	108.6	93.0	136.4	378.2
Norway	319.1	146.7	110.8	162.0	470.2
Switzerland	328.2	146.0	157.7	136.8	458.0
Russia	408.7	158.2	135.9	194.2	580.0
Libya	219.4	94.9	105.0	193.6	398.4
USA	350.7	179.1	114.0	137.3	450.9
Other	304.3	176.7	113.9	145.0	444.1
Total	281.5	128.6	107.3	127.9	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.

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