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Departing tourists: September 2006

Inbound tourists declined by 8.7 per cent in September 2006, implying a drop of 4.5 per cent for the first nine months of this year. In the latter period, tourist expenditure decreased marginally as per capita expenditure rose by 4.4 per cent.

September 2006

Departures of inbound tourists in September 2006 are estimated at 121,954 implying a drop of 8.7 per cent compared to the same period last year. This was underpinned by fewer tourists mainly from the United Kingdom, France and Germany contrasted by relatively smaller increases from Italy, Russia and Denmark. The decrease in tourist arrivals registered during this month reflects primarily a drop in holiday makers.

January-September 2006

Departures of inbound tourists during the first nine months of 2006 are estimated at 889,790 implying a drop of 4.5 per cent over the comparable period of last year. This decrease mainly reflected fewer tourists from the United Kingdom, Germany and France. On the other hand, tourists from Italy, Russia and Belgium are estimated to have increased during this period.

The ongoing frontier survey of tourists departing by air indicates a 2.9 per cent decrease in total nights spent during the first nine months of 2006. Total tourist expenditure during the period under review is estimated at Lm341.6 million, a decrease of 0.4 per cent over the same period last year ■

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

Country of residence	Air				Sea	
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006
	Amount			Absolute change	Amount	
Austria	2,105	2,653	2,341	-312	-	-
Belgium	3,455	3,260	3,710	450	-	-
Denmark	1,551	2,324	3,626	1,302	-	-
France	12,671	8,137	5,277	-2,860	43	-
Germany	16,680	17,124	14,410	-2,714	43	-
Italy	6,495	6,320	8,753	2,433	1,943	2,126
Netherlands	4,667	4,247	4,570	323	-	-
Sweden	2,522	2,080	3,056	976	-	-
United Kingdom	49,359	59,969	45,054	-14,915	43	-
Norway	1,129	1,109	1,329	220	-	-
Switzerland	1,706	1,844	1,892	48	-	-
Russia	2,261	1,317	2,709	1,392	-	-
Libya	1,446	896	1,073	177	-	-
USA	1,689	1,501	1,607	106	-	-
Other	18,666	18,436	20,228	1,792	302	193
Total	126,402	131,217	119,635	-11,582	2,374	2,319

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

Country of residence	Air				Sea	
	2004	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006
	Amount			Absolute change	Amount	
Austria	18,540	20,539	19,177	-1,362	151	177
Belgium	25,604	22,497	24,457	1,960	-	76
Denmark	15,867	18,189	20,013	1,824	-	-
France	74,367	69,739	61,824	-7,915	828	330
Germany	100,168	103,250	93,965	-9,285	63	183
Italy	68,700	66,752	80,433	13,681	13,602	15,442
Netherlands	30,445	29,360	31,144	1,784	355	269
Sweden	17,699	18,408	16,367	-2,041	-	-
United Kingdom	353,430	381,368	336,833	-44,535	648	327
Norway	11,729	11,537	13,048	1,511	36	-
Switzerland	16,452	14,891	14,903	12	-	-
Russia	16,780	13,914	18,296	4,382	106	-
Libya	10,114	8,660	7,227	-1,433	-	-
USA	12,361	13,373	12,740	-633	1,290	541
Other	118,657	119,681	120,869	1,188	1,976	1,149
Total	890,913	912,158	871,296	-40,862	19,055	18,494

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

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	2,291	2.0	206	2.4	53	2.0	103	1.6	2,653	2.0
Belgium	2,996	2.6	158	1.8	53	2.0	53	0.8	3,260	2.5
Denmark	2,113	1.9	158	1.8	-	-	53	0.8	2,324	1.8
France	6,779	6.0	1,099	12.7	209	7.9	50	0.8	8,137	6.2
Germany	12,842	11.3	1,451	16.8	53	2.0	2,778	43.8	17,124	13.1
Italy	4,188	3.7	946	11.0	156	5.9	1,031	16.2	6,321	4.8
Netherlands	3,880	3.4	367	4.3	-	-	-	-	4,247	3.2
Sweden	1,871	1.6	209	2.4	-	-	-	-	2,080	1.6
United Kingdom	57,274	50.4	1,250	14.5	1,240	46.8	206	3.2	59,970	45.7
Norway	845	0.7	264	3.1	-	-	-	-	1,109	0.8
Switzerland	1,582	1.4	106	1.2	-	-	156	2.5	1,844	1.4
Russia	1,214	1.1	53	0.6	-	-	50	0.8	1,317	1.0
Libya	684	0.6	211	2.4	-	-	-	-	895	0.7
USA	1,192	1.0	256	3.0	53	2.0	-	-	1,501	1.1
Other	13,847	12.2	1,887	21.9	835	31.5	1,866	29.4	18,435	14.0
Total	113,598	100.0	8,621	100.0	2,652	100.0	6,346	100.0	131,217	100.0

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

Country of residence	Holiday		Business		Visiting friends / Family		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Austria	1,319	1.3	254	2.8	-	-	768	9.9	2,341	2.0
Belgium	3,301	3.4	358	4.0	51	1.0	-	-	3,710	3.1
Denmark	3,423	3.5	152	1.7	0	0.0	51	0.7	3,626	3.0
France	4,216	4.3	603	6.7	152	3.0	306	3.9	5,277	4.4
Germany	10,318	10.6	1,531	16.9	299	5.8	2,262	29.2	14,410	12.0
Italy	5,844	6.0	1,075	11.9	558	10.9	1,276	16.5	8,753	7.3
Netherlands	3,964	4.1	355	3.9	50	1.0	201	2.6	4,570	3.8
Sweden	2,751	2.8	203	2.2	102	2.0	-	-	3,056	2.6
United Kingdom	41,312	42.3	956	10.6	2,330	45.6	456	5.9	45,054	37.7
Norway	1,176	1.2	102	1.1	-	-	51	0.7	1,329	1.1
Switzerland	1,534	1.6	154	1.7	51	1.0	153	2.0	1,892	1.6
Russia	2,355	2.4	51	0.6	99	1.9	204	2.6	2,709	2.3
Libya	717	0.7	102	1.1	102	2.0	152	2.0	1,073	0.9
USA	1,255	1.3	99	1.1	203	4.0	50	0.6	1,607	1.3
Other	14,228	14.6	3,058	33.8	1,116	21.8	1,826	23.5	20,228	16.9
Total	97,713	100.0	9,053	100.0	5,113	100.0	7,756	100.0	119,635	100.0

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

Country of residence	Marsascalea	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	1,335	1,376	4,788	3,905	4,967	965	741	2,406	56	20,539
Belgium	881	2,449	5,223	5,370	5,257	688	476	2,103	50	22,497
Denmark	754	12,230	1,494	883	1,811	108	316	593	-	18,189
France	1,843	4,902	14,345	20,570	11,090	3,040	2,531	11,257	161	69,739
Germany	2,847	7,138	21,073	26,054	20,350	5,741	5,587	13,152	1,308	103,250
Italy	1,107	999	27,028	15,389	10,731	1,389	2,713	7,089	307	66,752
Netherlands	323	2,405	8,362	8,600	4,273	848	1,430	3,011	108	29,360
Sweden	153	574	6,746	5,319	3,597	260	215	1,544	-	18,408
United Kingdom	8,437	37,257	36,415	172,232	59,435	7,925	25,164	33,223	1,280	381,368
Norway	270	627	3,795	3,091	2,112	159	752	731	-	11,537
Switzerland	707	684	4,722	1,570	2,288	672	2,549	1,646	53	14,891
Russia	906	1,688	3,018	2,591	3,334	305	215	1,859	-	13,914
Libya	164	268	2,104	267	3,618	258	157	1,673	151	8,660
USA	264	217	3,934	1,797	2,580	1,217	1,061	1,929	374	13,373
Other	3,026	7,661	37,565	24,028	22,141	3,242	3,714	17,832	473	119,682
Total	23,017	80,475	180,612	291,666	157,584	26,817	47,621	100,048	4,321	912,159

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

Country of residence	Marsascalea	Mellieha	St. Julians	St. Paul's Bay	Sliema	Valletta	Gozo	Other	No Primary Location	Total
Austria	681	2,274	5,132	2,194	5,209	190	758	2,692	47	19,177
Belgium	238	2,473	6,089	7,470	4,321	705	815	2,346	-	24,457
Denmark	283	12,611	1,677	3,219	1,344	148	49	632	50	20,013
France	1,085	8,659	11,504	14,837	10,772	3,288	2,034	9,438	207	61,824
Germany	2,304	12,557	21,407	20,217	14,663	2,276	5,430	15,064	47	93,965
Italy	1,662	1,634	35,416	14,758	13,370	1,793	2,969	8,633	198	80,433
Netherlands	401	2,231	9,277	9,651	4,800	401	2,714	1,669	-	31,144
Sweden	195	519	3,419	7,130	2,620	300	387	1,797	-	16,367
United Kingdom	5,014	37,360	45,574	140,162	43,487	6,009	19,017	39,151	1,059	336,833
Norway	381	1,079	4,048	3,268	2,430	198	401	1,243	-	13,048
Switzerland	290	1,290	5,038	2,306	2,219	577	951	2,232	-	14,903
Russia	1,636	1,104	5,232	2,196	3,363	97	-	4,570	98	18,296
Libya	49	388	2,074	500	2,283	188	51	1,694	-	7,227
USA	343	570	4,288	630	1,948	1,082	1,673	2,206	-	12,740
Other	3,315	7,802	33,547	23,788	25,436	4,739	4,434	17,470	338	120,869
Total	17,877	92,551	193,722	252,326	138,265	21,991	41,683	110,837	2,044	871,296

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

Country of residence	Hotels											
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified		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	1,925	10,275	8,152	52,672	4,735	42,853	218	984	-	-	-	
Belgium	5,558	42,809	11,513	92,841	2,208	17,962	632	4,437	-	-	-	
Denmark	757	3,882	2,241	18,147	3,880	30,607	160	1,177	-	-	-	
France	7,028	41,322	31,582	233,681	13,688	99,999	837	5,537	907	6,642	-	
Germany	14,735	96,004	46,280	382,863	19,543	163,618	1,318	10,088	52	734	-	
Italy	16,196	102,416	21,399	153,270	11,688	84,066	1,004	9,076	-	-	-	
Netherlands	5,792	41,304	8,864	73,733	6,273	50,262	323	2,035	-	-	-	
Sweden	2,844	16,759	6,754	61,773	3,845	32,541	210	2,549	-	-	-	
United Kingdom	36,724	269,012	147,582	1,430,986	91,257	872,563	1,523	11,736	106	741	-	
Norway	2,459	19,151	2,586	18,735	3,343	38,439	166	1,545	-	-	-	
Switzerland	3,329	24,404	5,649	41,377	1,742	13,602	206	1,818	50	350	-	
Russia	1,323	9,593	6,281	70,011	2,378	24,547	370	7,396	-	-	-	
Libya	1,540	9,694	2,223	13,864	2,233	15,695	319	3,229	-	-	-	
USA	4,936	32,091	2,380	16,302	1,372	18,284	162	868	-	-	-	
Other	26,571	168,248	38,624	309,314	19,005	167,692	1,936	17,608	-	-	-	
Total	131,717	886,964	342,110	2,969,569	187,190	1,672,730	9,384	80,083	1,115	8,467	-	
Country of residence	Apart-Hotel											
	Own private residence		Furnished premises		Other		Total					
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights						
Austria	487	3,132	963	6,684	524	4,939	3,535	33,661	20,539	155,200	-	
Belgium	308	4,609	312	2,772	577	6,463	1,389	16,421	22,497	188,314	-	
Denmark	156	1,239	530	4,099	935	9,106	9,530	85,487	18,189	153,744	-	
France	318	4,057	1,829	17,440	1,966	25,123	11,584	146,835	69,739	580,636	-	
Germany	1,574	28,284	3,338	28,096	3,738	48,415	12,672	175,277	103,250	933,379	-	
Italy	1,124	14,421	1,852	16,300	3,136	39,748	10,353	120,298	66,752	539,595	-	
Netherlands	317	3,287	3,190	30,897	2,330	24,555	2,271	30,138	29,360	256,211	-	
Sweden	379	3,398	376	3,146	1,081	11,617	2,919	38,088	18,408	169,871	-	
United Kingdom	16,965	220,917	21,898	220,124	27,418	333,362	37,895	415,197	381,368	3,774,638	-	
Norway	109	2,490	369	3,864	853	7,038	1,652	20,043	11,537	111,305	-	
Switzerland	324	6,586	321	7,979	996	13,301	2,274	44,835	14,891	154,252	-	
Russia	158	2,278	689	11,229	434	3,486	2,281	44,153	13,914	172,693	-	
Libya	485	3,325	50	4,544	368	14,165	1,442	17,665	8,660	82,181	-	
USA	425	8,147	273	1,692	747	7,230	3,078	34,891	13,373	119,505	-	
Other	2,939	60,165	4,401	50,645	6,196	120,884	20,010	492,395	119,682	1,386,951	-	
Total	26,068	366,335	40,391	409,511	51,299	669,432	122,885	1,715,384	912,159	8,778,475	-	

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

Country of residence	Hotels											
	5-star		4-star		3-star		2-star		Unclassified		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	2,758	17,615	6,953	46,284	2,387	20,587	290	1,449	-	-	152,226	
Belgium	6,386	44,849	13,063	110,827	1,845	13,352	243	1,663	-	-	209,906	
Denmark	1,757	12,968	3,603	30,138	3,840	29,447	-	-	-	-	173,413	
France	9,019	53,331	26,784	204,088	10,583	97,346	2,189	21,896	-	-	543,720	
Germany	14,834	99,461	41,780	348,424	12,439	120,653	2,284	22,031	-	-	890,571	
Italy	17,738	76,338	24,537	174,637	17,921	164,879	1,541	14,779	51	715	649,700	
Netherlands	5,044	34,720	12,894	100,735	6,049	53,842	633	6,087	-	-	262,455	
Sweden	1,736	9,063	7,567	66,404	2,825	29,739	347	2,412	-	-	162,376	
United Kingdom	44,103	342,952	133,366	1,335,479	62,587	640,151	1,698	13,974	47	662	3,379,890	
Norway	3,373	20,046	4,548	43,031	2,507	26,840	303	1,785	-	-	131,237	
Switzerland	4,141	30,261	4,695	37,315	1,627	13,585	790	6,733	-	-	139,592	
Russia	3,433	29,440	5,405	71,106	3,773	47,945	340	6,406	152	2,124	303,815	
Libya	791	3,462	2,447	22,727	1,068	7,321	722	8,285	-	-	66,958	
USA	5,171	33,578	2,501	20,413	752	10,939	248	5,305	-	-	128,437	
Other	24,437	153,725	41,137	342,607	19,888	184,634	2,638	24,418	94	1,314	1,332,599	
Total	144,721	961,809	331,280	2,954,215	150,091	1,461,260	14,266	137,223	344	4,815	8,526,895	
Country of residence	Apart-Hotel											
	Own private residence		Furnished premises		Other		Total					
	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights	No. of tourists	No. of nights						
Austria	103	1,031	694	5,015	801	14,291	5,191	45,954	19,177	152,226		
Belgium	198	3,663	209	1,557	590	5,773	1,923	28,222	24,457	209,906		
Denmark	141	988	1,077	9,574	340	4,997	9,255	85,301	20,013	173,413		
France	523	7,743	2,391	21,930	2,264	29,617	8,071	107,769	61,824	543,720		
Germany	1,645	17,550	3,676	36,374	5,266	91,621	12,041	154,457	93,965	890,571		
Italy	1,308	20,295	2,937	29,684	3,012	44,726	11,388	123,647	80,433	649,700		
Netherlands	245	5,305	2,172	19,538	2,306	25,841	1,801	16,387	31,144	262,455		
Sweden	341	3,247	634	5,136	883	8,462	2,034	37,913	16,367	162,376		
United Kingdom	16,462	202,062	19,111	197,169	22,750	253,771	36,709	393,670	336,833	3,379,890		
Norway	242	13,786	641	8,487	452	5,162	982	12,100	13,048	131,237		
Switzerland	390	2,715	248	2,445	996	13,649	2,016	32,889	14,903	139,592		
Russia	404	3,799	696	8,100	444	23,688	3,649	111,207	18,296	303,815		
Libya	97	538	196	1,701	748	7,211	1,158	15,713	7,227	66,958		
USA	591	10,235	195	1,709	559	10,427	2,723	35,831	12,740	128,437		
Other	2,667	41,136	3,993	50,051	6,156	129,111	19,859	405,603	120,869	1,332,599		
Total	25,357	334,093	38,870	398,470	47,567	668,347	118,800	1,606,663	871,296	8,526,895		

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

September 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	593,175	49,857	54,328	264,487	961,847
Belgium	858,567	45,721	48,302	359,942	1,312,532
Denmark	448,556	42,407	36,714	272,809	800,486
France	1,808,383	273,762	211,868	780,318	3,074,331
Germany	3,558,238	391,580	400,138	1,782,566	6,132,522
Italy	875,781	299,725	232,125	609,078	2,016,709
Netherlands	977,838	52,750	47,532	537,807	1,615,927
Sweden	405,216	58,662	67,189	214,990	746,057
United Kingdom	11,357,002	2,147,173	1,308,994	8,502,600	23,315,769
Norway	181,548	115,466	75,918	175,555	548,487
Switzerland	399,183	90,252	54,859	217,611	761,905
Russia	267,540	57,428	45,146	162,975	533,089
Libya	-	86,691	86,499	150,053	323,243
USA	221,393	138,431	114,213	114,078	588,115
Other	3,240,435	1,234,385	721,791	2,631,000	7,827,611
Total	25,192,855	5,084,290	3,505,616	16,775,869	50,558,630
September 2006					
Austria	564,040	70,107	43,646	316,699	994,492
Belgium	948,440	63,018	39,324	386,155	1,436,937
Denmark	873,582	41,963	40,516	483,265	1,439,326
France	1,075,181	202,615	146,652	525,654	1,950,102
Germany	3,143,543	380,653	315,100	1,406,813	5,246,109
Italy	1,674,757	405,259	208,264	1,041,671	3,329,951
Netherlands	1,009,784	77,483	58,422	666,252	1,811,941
Sweden	503,801	128,728	88,802	364,543	1,085,874
United Kingdom	8,375,125	2,008,957	1,093,575	6,779,289	18,256,946
Norway	399,491	24,585	27,979	254,146	706,201
Switzerland	541,861	29,668	27,506	287,405	886,440
Russia	353,843	220,007	174,953	460,326	1,209,129
Libya	17,291	76,892	147,430	192,276	433,889
USA	67,857	364,820	107,609	248,100	788,386
Other	3,498,192	1,770,976	620,921	3,231,291	9,121,380
Total	23,046,788	5,865,731	3,140,699	16,643,885	48,697,103

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

September 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	271.7	106.1	115.6	99.7	362.6
Belgium	302.3	108.9	131.6	110.4	404.8
Denmark	223.4	133.8	115.8	117.4	344.3
France	304.2	124.8	96.6	95.9	377.8
Germany	254.1	125.6	137.3	104.1	359.8
Italy	236.9	114.3	107.8	96.4	327.1
Netherlands	258.9	112.2	101.1	126.6	380.5
Sweden	235.6	163.0	218.9	103.4	364.3
United Kingdom	279.4	111.2	89.1	141.8	395.7
Norway	312.5	218.7	143.8	158.3	494.6
Switzerland	316.1	155.3	103.9	118.0	416.2
Russia	294.0	141.1	110.9	123.7	404.8
Libya	-	96.8	102.6	167.5	366.8
USA	286.0	190.4	157.1	76.0	391.8
Other	275.5	185.0	120.3	142.7	429.0
Total	273.5	130.0	106.5	127.9	390.3
September 2006					
Austria	316.3	125.6	86.1	135.3	426.7
Belgium	296.4	123.6	85.7	104.1	388.5
Denmark	263.1	137.6	159.5	133.3	399.3
France	298.2	121.1	90.4	99.6	370.4
Germany	275.2	127.4	115.2	97.6	366.1
Italy	291.8	134.5	78.4	119.0	383.6
Netherlands	258.2	117.6	88.7	145.8	396.5
Sweden	247.4	126.2	108.7	119.3	362.5
United Kingdom	303.5	115.1	91.2	150.5	416.3
Norway	355.4	119.9	136.5	191.2	531.4
Switzerland	378.7	64.4	76.8	151.9	472.7
Russia	319.4	137.5	124.9	169.9	455.6
Libya	339.0	75.2	144.3	179.2	404.4
USA	267.2	269.6	102.1	154.4	509.6
Other	277.2	232.7	95.6	159.7	456.2
Total	291.0	145.1	97.5	139.1	413.7

* 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-September 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	4,161,176	535,293	380,458	1,886,789	6,963,716
Belgium	5,466,443	560,044	395,975	2,397,846	8,820,308
Denmark	3,541,946	363,140	209,298	2,164,663	6,279,047
France	15,530,958	2,174,345	1,565,986	6,799,764	26,071,053
Germany	21,261,629	2,904,996	2,246,869	10,736,497	37,149,991
Italy	10,175,719	3,430,338	2,664,131	6,980,604	23,250,792
Netherlands	5,634,877	852,000	622,141	3,630,269	10,739,287
Sweden	3,761,243	723,426	641,233	2,331,859	7,457,761
United Kingdom	66,283,691	13,469,181	8,590,033	51,341,701	139,684,606
Norway	2,813,239	380,411	205,786	1,788,652	5,188,088
Switzerland	3,190,666	692,782	507,779	1,915,872	6,307,099
Russia	3,451,898	352,926	303,189	1,837,657	5,945,670
Libya	252,038	715,839	686,096	1,209,915	2,863,888
USA	1,642,166	1,790,072	815,720	1,679,996	5,927,954
Other	20,062,283	9,481,081	4,727,738	15,910,612	50,181,714
Total	167,229,972	38,425,874	24,562,432	112,612,696	342,830,974
January-September 2006					
Austria	4,074,122	594,594	475,172	1,925,348	7,069,236
Belgium	5,817,425	505,699	415,298	2,334,563	9,072,985
Denmark	4,894,011	260,559	146,308	2,441,284	7,742,162
France	14,036,076	1,866,746	1,497,255	6,340,371	23,740,448
Germany	20,251,860	2,430,108	2,070,236	10,024,860	34,777,064
Italy	14,606,318	3,525,294	2,839,580	8,507,437	29,478,629
Netherlands	6,727,310	644,413	590,349	3,822,854	11,784,926
Sweden	3,769,907	557,769	346,210	2,109,203	6,783,089
United Kingdom	59,651,274	12,396,645	7,389,084	46,564,380	126,001,383
Norway	3,479,201	327,931	219,915	2,152,969	6,180,016
Switzerland	3,589,339	573,981	561,658	2,066,996	6,791,974
Russia	5,456,592	710,592	589,575	3,486,640	10,243,399
Libya	363,654	510,989	591,704	1,383,585	2,849,932
USA	1,459,108	1,647,894	820,727	1,776,836	5,704,565
Other	22,512,337	8,511,688	4,506,803	17,820,283	53,351,111
Total	170,688,534	35,064,902	23,059,874	112,757,609	341,570,919

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

January-September 2005					
Country of residence	Package Expenditure	Non-package		Other expenditure	Total *
		Airfares	Accommodation		
(Lm)					
Austria	256.4	124.2	103.8	91.9	342.3
Belgium	302.6	126.3	98.5	106.6	393.9
Denmark	225.6	145.9	85.8	119.0	345.4
France	290.2	134.0	106.3	97.5	376.1
Germany	261.1	133.1	112.8	104.0	361.9
Italy	272.8	116.5	99.8	104.6	352.5
Netherlands	255.4	116.7	97.3	123.6	368.8
Sweden	292.3	130.6	130.9	126.7	409.7
United Kingdom	255.6	110.4	95.8	134.6	374.4
Norway	315.2	145.7	82.2	155.0	450.5
Switzerland	311.6	148.9	118.8	128.7	426.6
Russia	308.9	128.9	128.0	132.1	430.7
Libya	251.8	93.5	101.5	139.7	341.2
USA	329.3	213.5	109.1	125.6	450.7
Other	283.9	193.4	107.3	132.9	423.7
Total	268.2	133.1	102.4	123.5	381.3
January-September 2006					
Austria	277.7	132.0	113.1	100.4	370.4
Belgium	288.0	118.7	109.1	95.5	373.0
Denmark	268.6	145.4	89.3	122.0	387.5
France	292.9	134.3	120.6	102.6	386.9
Germany	271.3	125.9	119.6	106.7	372.6
Italy	292.3	115.7	104.5	105.8	370.8
Netherlands	257.3	129.0	126.9	122.7	379.8
Sweden	309.9	132.7	93.4	128.9	417.2
United Kingdom	266.6	109.6	92.7	138.2	383.3
Norway	322.9	144.3	113.5	165.0	476.5
Switzerland	335.0	137.1	149.9	138.7	460.2
Russia	401.4	151.2	132.4	190.6	561.7
Libya	223.1	91.3	112.6	191.5	399.7
USA	345.6	193.4	112.3	139.5	458.4
Other	299.7	186.0	111.0	147.4	446.1
Total	282.7	131.1	105.8	129.4	398.1

* 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.

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.