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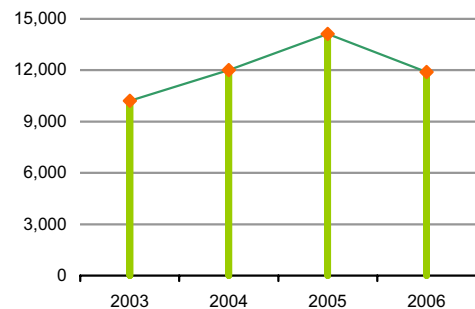
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Outbound Tourism: January 2006

January 2006

Maltese passengers during the month under review reached a total of 12,162. Of these, 11,895 passengers departed by air - a decrease of 15.7 per cent over the same month a year ago. The overseas stay of the majority of Maltese air passengers -96.6 per cent - did not exceed six months.

Maltese air departures: January 2006



In the month under review, the most frequent destinations with Maltese air passengers were the United Kingdom (31.9 per cent), Italy (17.9 per cent) and Germany (6.9 per cent).

When compared to the same month last year, Maltese air departures to the United Kingdom and Germany decreased by 7.2 and 15.3 per cent respectively, while those departing to Italy went up by 7.5 per cent. Other drops were registered in Maltese air passengers departing to the Netherlands, Spain, Tunisia and a group of 'other' markets. Meanwhile an increase was recorded in outbound passengers travelling to France ■

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Table 1. Monthly distribution of Maltese departures: 2004-2006

	Air					Sea	
	2004	2005	% change	2006	% change	2005	2006
January	12,006	14,117	17.6	11,895	-15.7	31	267
February	12,872	12,769	-0.8			259	
March	14,279	18,620	30.4			1,240	
April	16,731	13,314	-20.4			1,623	
May	13,480	12,000	-11.0			3,770	
June	14,043	16,280	15.9			3,984	
July	22,329	24,454	9.5			4,257	
August	29,150	26,076	-10.5			3,946	
September	24,676	20,089	-18.6			2,739	
October	13,623	12,365	-9.2			1,304	
November	12,774	12,030	-5.8			504	
December	17,435	18,630	6.9			528	
Total	203,398	200,744	-1.3			22,655	267

Table 2. Duration of overseas stay of Maltese passengers by month: January 2005-January 2006

Month	Under 6 months	6 months and over but less than 12 months	12 months and over	Unknown	Total
2005					
January	13,795	46	-	276	14,117
February	12,474	-	42	253	12,769
March	18,406	43	128	43	18,620
April	12,855	42	-	417	13,314
May	11,650	88	88	174	12,000
June	16,024	43	85	128	16,280
July	24,003	82	82	287	24,454
August	25,783	-	84	209	26,076
September	19,554	82	123	330	20,089
October	11,995	82	82	206	12,365
November	11,399	168	169	294	12,030
December	18,339	-	83	208	18,630
Jan-Dec 2005 Air	196,277	676	966	2,825	200,744
Jan-Dec 2005 Sea	23,925	133	-	127	24,185
2006					
January 2006 Air	11,486	82	-	327	11,895
January 2006 Sea	267	-	-	-	267

Note: Values below 1,000 should be treated with caution.

Table 3. Maltese air passengers by destination, age group and sex: January 2005

Country of destination	Males						Females						Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	
France	-	-	138	-	-	138	-	-	92	-	-	92	230
Germany	-	-	414	184	-	598	-	46	184	138	-	368	966
Italy	-	-	782	506	46	1,334	-	138	276	230	-	644	1,978
Netherlands	-	-	184	138	-	322	-	-	138	-	-	138	460
Spain	-	-	92	-	-	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	92
Tunisia	-	46	138	138	46	368	-	92	276	414	-	782	1,150
United Kingdom	-	138	1,058	966	138	2,300	-	230	874	690	-	1,794	4,094
Other	-	230	1,380	1,701	230	3,541	-	276	874	414	42	1,606	5,147
Total	-	414	4,186	3,633	460	8,693	-	782	2,714	1,886	42	5,424	14,117

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Table 4. Maltese air passengers by destination, age group and sex: January 2006

Country of destination	Males						Females						Total
	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total	
France	-	-	164	123	-	287	-	-	41	-	-	41	328
Germany	-	-	245	368	-	613	-	-	123	41	41	205	818
Italy	-	82	531	654	41	1,308	82	123	491	123	-	819	2,127
Netherlands	-	41	82	164	-	287	-	-	-	41	-	41	328
Spain	-	-	41	-	-	41	-	-	123	-	-	123	164
Tunisia	-	-	-	82	-	82	-	-	41	41	-	82	164
United Kingdom	-	82	1,022	1,104	164	2,372	-	243	694	450	41	1,428	3,800
Other	-	82	1,308	1,553	123	3,066	-	-	530	450	120	1,100	4,166
Total	-	287	3,393	4,048	328	8,056	82	366	2,043	1,146	202	3,839	11,895

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Methodological Notes

1. Maltese 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. Maltese 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 survey which is carried out at the seaport commenced in April 2004. No data for Maltese sea departures is available for the period January - March 2004.
4. The variables with respect to Maltese departures that are collected in this survey include the following:
Age
Sex
Destination
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.
6. Definitions

Outbound tourism comprises the activities of residents of a given country traveling to and staying in places outside that country and outside their usual environment.

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