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## INBOUND TOUR OPERATORS, AUSTRALIA, 1995-96

**KEY POINTS** 

The ABS recently surveyed inbound tour operators located in Australia. Results of the survey show that, during the year 1995–96, 1.6 million overseas visitors coming to Australia on package tours paid a total of \$1.4 thousand million to Australian inbound tour operators for the Australian content of their tour. Of these visitors, 42% came from Japan and 33% from other Asian countries. Significant numbers of visitors were also recorded from Europe (8%), North America (6%) and the United Kingdom and Ireland (6%).

Passengers from Japan paid an average of \$1,110 for their tour while passengers from Europe paid \$1,070 on average and passengers from the Americas paid \$970.

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	Number of passengers	Gross amount of invoices	
Source country/region	000	\$m	
The Americas	106.8	104.0	
United Kingdom and Ireland	97.6	58.0	
Europe	126.2	135.5	
Japan	691.1	769.9	
Other Asia	547.1	292.1	
Oceania	56.8	17.9	
Africa	7.9	5.5	
Total	1 633.5	1 383.0	

As at the last pay period in June 1996 the 228 Australian inbound tour operators who were in scope of the survey employed 3,020 full-time and 720 part-time employees in Australia. They also employed 410 full-time employees overseas.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES** 

Gross amount of invoices includes all amounts received for ground content provided in Australia (e.g. coach transfers, accommodation, meals, cruises etc.).

Europe is defined as the total of Eastern and Western Europe excluding the United Kingdom and Ireland. Middle Eastern countries are not included.

Other Asia comprises the whole of the Asian region (excluding Japan), from Turkey in Southwest Asia to Indonesia in Southeast Asia.

Occania includes the whole of the South Pacific e.g. New Zealand, Tabiti, Fiji and New Caledonia.

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