



CLASSIC MALTA Homestay



13-17
years

Accommodation:

Homestay

Available: Spring: 16 April - 1 May 2011

Summer: 11 June - 28 August 2011

Autumn: 8 October - 6 November 2011

Staying with a Maltese family is a great way for students to practice their English outside of school whilst learning about the culture of this interesting island. All of our host families are licensed by the Malta Tourism Authority and approved by EC's Accommodation staff who also visit all host families regularly. Host families locations include but are not limited to; St Julian's, Sliema, Sweiqi, San Gwann, St Andrew's, Ta' Xbiex, Gzira, Msida and Pembroke.

What students should expect from their host family:

- Twin / triple room - students are placed in a twin room with other students of the same sex
- Shared bathroom
- Full board accommodation
- Bed linen and towels are provided by the family. Students must bring their own beach towel. Linen and towels will be cleaned once a week.
- Laundry facilities will be provided by the family once a week
- Student rooms include a bed, desk/table where students can do their homework (if not in the room, a place for studying will be provided in a common area) and storage space.
- All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to accept incoming calls. If students want to make phone calls they must use a calling card. Calling cards can be found in many local stores.
- International leaders are accommodated in triple/twin rooms shared with other international leaders. If international leaders book a single room, a supplement will be charged at the time of booking and reserved based on availability.

With advanced notice EC can accommodate any special requests that students may consider necessary for their well being eg. non smoking family, no pets, allergies, special dietary requirements etc. However students should bear in mind that this may not always be possible especially in the summer.

EC must be advised upon booking of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be administered to students. EC will ensure that the chosen host family can accept students with medical conditions. If we are not advised of special requests in advance, EC cannot guarantee that the host family will be prepared to take this responsibility. EC is happy to assist students with arrangements for any justifiable accommodation change. Additional charges relating to the move must be paid for by the student prior to the move.





Learning

Learning Centres:

Spring & Autumn Programmes: Students attend lessons at a learning centre in St Julian's.

Summer Programme: Students attend lessons at St. Martin's College (with the exception of the first weeks of the programme when students may attend a school in St Julian's). St Martin's College provides a safe and comfortable environment which is highly conducive to English language learning.

- Students will learn in a fully air-conditioned centre
- Each centre has a dedicated EC Academic Co-ordinator.
- Students are transported to school and activities by a private EC bus service, average journey to school: 30 minutes.

Course

Students attending this programme will attend a General English course.

- General English – 20 morning / afternoon lessons (45 mins each) per week for a total of 15 hours. The course will help improve English language skills by focusing on the key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening. A strong focus is placed on speech and using the language confidently and fluently.
- On the first day, all students sit a placement test - The placement test assesses students in listening, reading, writing and use of English allowing academic staff to place students in the relevant group for their ability.
- Students study in classes of a maximum of 15 students
- Our dedicated and professional teaching staff provide feedback and support and help students build confidence to speak English.
- International classes.

Attendance

Attendance to class is compulsory unless there is a justified reason for absence. In case of a student falling ill, an EC staff member will provide assistance. European students travelling with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to free public healthcare. Students requesting private medical treatment must be prepared to pay approximately €25 to see a doctor; this must be paid at the time of their visit.

Note

- Educational materials are provided
- Students should bring their own notepaper and pens





After School

Meals

Students staying in a host family are entitled to meals as follows:
 Spring & Autumn: Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner.
 Summer: Breakfast, a combination of hot and packed lunches & dinner. Upon arrival, host families will advise students of the time dinner will be served and students must try and respect this time. It's very difficult to generalise on the food content of the meals as all families have different habits and preferences.

Normally meals are as follows:

Breakfast: tea / coffee, toast, jam and cereal.

Packed lunch: A large sandwich, fruit, a bar of chocolate and a 500ml bottle of water. During the week packed lunches are collected at school, on the weekend packed lunches are collected from the host family.

Hot Lunch: Every other day during summer at school. Lunches include a hot snack coupled with a salad (pasta / rice / green) and a dessert such as fruit or an item of confectionery.

Dinner: a hot meal, for example pasta / chicken / beef / pork / pizza / hamburgers, mineral water and dessert / fruit.

If students have any special dietary requirements EC must be informed prior to the students.

Activities

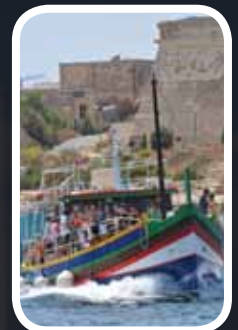
A full varied activity programme is included. A private EC bus service takes students to and from activities.

Extra Activities

Diving: 4 half day lessons of PADI Open Water for beginners and PADI Advanced for experienced divers.

Sailing: 4 half day lessons, leading to an internationally recognised qualification.

Sicily Trip: Full day trip with a guided tour including a visit to Mount Etna, the largest and most active volcano in Europe!



Sample Programme:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
SAT	Arrivals		
SUN	Arrivals or free day for orientation		
MON	Placement Test & Lessons	Splash & Fun Waterpark	Beach Party
TUE	Harbour Cruise	Lessons	Free Evening
WED	Lessons	Sports	International Night
THU	Go-Karting Grand Prix	Lessons	EC Party
FRI	Lessons	EC Beach Club	Free Evening
SAT	Paradise Bay Beach Trip		Saturday Night Party
SUN	Free Day for Shopping / Optional Sicily (available at an extra charge)		
MON	Cinema	Lessons	Foam Party
TUE	Lessons	Comino cruise	Free Evening
WED	Valletta	Lessons	International Night
THU	Lessons	Golden Bay Beach Trip	BBQ Night
FRI	Mediterraneo Marine Park	Lessons	Free Evening
SAT	EC Beach Club / Departures		
SUN	Departures / Free day for shopping / Optional Sicily for students staying 3 weeks+		





Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

Customer Complaints

At EC, we endeavour to provide our students with the highest possible level of service. If, however, a student is unsatisfied with any aspect of their programme with EC, we ask that they inform us immediately. Most problems are small and can be quickly resolved by our staff members. During the first week of school, all students are given an Initial Course Evaluation form, in which they are asked to evaluate various aspects of their stay, such as tuition, accommodation and leisure. The form also allows students the opportunity to bring to our attention anything that is not to their satisfaction should they feel unable to speak to us directly. Solutions to any issues will be provided and all necessary parties will be notified when applicable. Students are also requested to complete an End of Course Evaluation form at the end of their stay such that they have the opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home country.

Accommodation Rules

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy.
- Students must not be noisy or disturb other members of the household.
- Curfew times must be respected by all students.
- The host family must be told well in advance if students are not going to be there for dinner or if they have an activity which conflicts with their dinner.
- Students who are not residing at the host family are not allowed to stay overnight. Students must ask the host family for permission to have a friend visit them at the family home.
- Girls are not allowed to stay in the boys' rooms and vice versa.
- EC must be advised well in advance (upon booking) of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that need to be administered to students. The student must then reconfirm this with the EC social leader upon arrival.
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages caused whilst staying at the host family. The School will advise of any payments due, no money should be given directly to the host family.
- The host family may have specific house rules that will be communicated on arrival and must be abided by.

Course Certificate

Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to receive their End of Course Certificate

Smoking

The legal age for smoking in Malta is 16 years.

Curfew Times

Age: 13 and Under

ALL NIGHTS – 22:00 hours

Age: 14 – 16

Sunday – Thursday – 23:00 hours

Friday & Saturday – 00:00 hours

Age: 17 and Over

Sunday – Thursday – 00:00 hours

Friday & Saturday – 01:00 hours

Alcohol Consumption

The consumption of alcohol by Junior students is not allowed. Students who consume alcohol risk being expelled from EC and repatriated to their home country at their own expense.

Drugs

The consumption and / or possession of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student at their own expense. The intervention of the police may also be necessary in such an event.

Expulsion

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his / her own expense for any of the reasons including but not limited to the circumstances listed below:

- Possession and / or use of any illegal drugs
- Consumption of alcohol
- Malicious damage to school property and/or place of accommodation
- Being a danger to his / her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking Maltese law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons

In any of the above circumstances the student will be informed that their stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC will inform the student's agent about the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available will be booked and an EC staff member will accompany the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country safely. Following such action EC will terminate all relationships with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any student who has been expelled.