



FREESTYLE MALTA



16-20
years

If students want to learn English this summer, enjoy a holiday, take part in activities, but want to have the freedom to explore this Mediterranean island, EC's Freestyle programme is ideal. Students can relax and make friends as they experience the wonderful sights of the amazing destination.

Accommodation:

Windsor/Diplomat - Students will be placed in either accommodation according to availability.

Address: Windsor Hotel, Windsor Terrace, Sliema
Diplomat - 173, Tower Road, Sliema

Available: 25 June - 28 August 2011

Staying in a hotel with other EC students is a great way for students to practice their English and experience an independent lifestyle. Students will stay at either The Windsor or The Diplomat Hotel situated in Sliema. These hotels are both within walking distance of entertainment spots including restaurants, cafes, cinemas and shops.

What students should expect from their accommodation:

- **Triple room** - students are placed in a triple room with other students of the same gender but different nationality, unless they request to stay with a friend in advance
- **Board status** - Half Board breakfast and dinner. Full Board is available at an extra charge
- Bed linen and towels are provided - students should bring their own beach towels
- Linen and towels are changed a minimum of once a week
- Student rooms include: mini-fridge, lamp, storage space, TV and air-conditioning
- **Ensuite Bathroom**
- For added security and assistance, live-in EC supervisors will stay at the hotel
- Internet is available at a charge
- Laundry facilities available at an extra charge of €13 per bag
- Average journey to school: 10 minutes by public transport (bus). Bus pass is provided

EC must be advised upon booking of any medical conditions, allergies or medications that need to be administered to students. Please ensure that the airport arrival information is received by EC at least 5 days prior to arrival. If EC does not receive this information, transfers and room availability upon arrival cannot be guaranteed.

Note: A refundable deposit of €50 will be collected by the hotel and returned on departure date less any cost for any damages caused.





Learning:

Learning Centre

Students will have lessons at a centre in St Julians, just a few minutes away from the sea. The centre provides a secure location that's conducive to English learning and that enables students to socialise freely. Students will learn in a fully air-conditioned, bright and modern centre. An EC Academic Co-ordinator is present at the centre for any academic needs. The average bus journey from the accommodation to the school is about 10 minutes

Course

Students attending the Freestyle programme will follow a General English course.

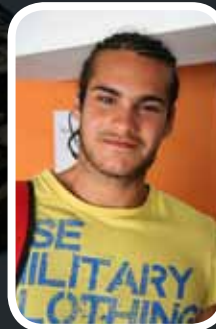
- General English – 20 lessons (45 mins each) per week for a total of 15 hours. The course will help improve English language skills by focusing on the key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening. A strong focus is placed on speech and using the language confidently and fluently
- On the first day, all students sit for 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
- Classes will alternate between morning and afternoon sessions

Attendance

All students must attend classes on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example).

Note

- Course book and educational materials are provided
- Students should bring their own notepaper and pens





After School

Meals

Students meals are served at the hotel. Meals typically consist of:-

- **Breakfast:** a pot of tea/coffee, orange juice, fresh bread, butter & jam, ham and cheese.
- **Dinner:** three-course buffet style meal with a choice of starters, main courses and deserts. One large bottle of mineral water will be served per 4 students. Students can buy additional drinks from the restaurant.
- **Full board is available at an extra charge.**

EC must be informed at the time of booking of any special dietary requirements.

Activities

- A varied activity programme is included in the Freestyle package.
- In addition students have free access to a Beach Club, & free Gym Membership.
- A private EC bus service takes students to and from all scheduled activities
- Students are provided with a free weekly public transport bus pass to travel to school, and for use during free time.



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 and Fun Water Park	Welcome Party
TUE	Free Morning	Lessons	Maltese Themed Dinner
WED	Lessons	Visit to Mdina, the Silent City	Free Evening
THU	Free Morning	Lessons	Go Karting
FRI	Lessons	Water Sports	Free Evening
SAT	Full Day Comino Trip		
SUN	Free Day (or optional Sicily Trip)		
MON	Valletta and Malta Experience	Lessons	Free Evening
TUE	Lessons	Water Sports	Night Boat Party
WED	Free Morning	Lessons	Free Evening
THU	Lessons	Paradise Bay Beach Trip	BBQ Night
FRI	Free Morning	Lessons	Themed Night
SAT	Free Day or Departures		
SUN	Departures		

This is a sample programme only and changes may occur. Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up.



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 are not allowed to invite guests into the residence
- Students who are not residing in the accommodation are not allowed to stay in the hotel room/s or use the hotel facilities/ restaurants.
- 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
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages caused to school/ hotel property. Payment for damages must be effected immediately and the residence staff will not allow the students to leave the residence unless payment has been made
- The hotel may have specific regulations that will be communicated upon the students arrival.

All students under 18 must provide signed consent forms from their parents or legal guardians to participate in this programme.

Course Certificate

Students will receive an End of Course Certificate.

Alcohol Consumption

The legal age for consumption of alcohol in Malta is 17 and hence anybody younger caught consuming alcohol is in breach of the law. Students under 17 caught consuming alcohol risk being expelled from EC and repatriated to their home country at the student's own expense.

Drugs

The consumption of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student, at their own expense and the possible intervention of the police.

Smoking

The legal age for smoking in Malta is 16 years.

Expulsion

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his/her own expense for any of the reasons below. This includes but is not limited to the following circumstances:

- Possession of any illegal drugs
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Malicious damage to school property or place of accommodation
- If the student is 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 is informed that his/ her stay will be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC informs the student's agent of the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available is booked at the student's expense and an EC staff member will accompany the student to the airport. Following such action EC will terminate all relations with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for him/her. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.