



SUMMER CAMP MALTA



8-13
years

University Residence

Accommodation:

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Camp Dates: 11 June - 14 August 2011

Address: Malta University Residence,
R Mifsud Bonnici Street - Lija

The safe and secure University Residence complex and its extensive property is located within the boundaries of the old Village of Lija; approximately 6 kms from Sliema, situated in acres of picturesque property, dotted with a variety of interesting flora and fauna. Students can enjoy getting together to exercise their sporting skills on a tennis court and a full-sized basketball court. Joggers and runners have a 400 metre low-impact circuit. There is a large swimming pool with sunbeds and umbrellas just outside the rooms, other facilities include internet access (WiFi, for students who bring their own laptop 1hr: €1.60, 5hrs: €6.00. For those use the shared computers 1hr vouchers at €3 each).

What students should expect from their accommodation:

- Triple / quad rooms - students are placed in room with other students of the same gender but different nationality, unless they request to stay with a friend in advance.
- 1 bathroom per 4 students
- Board status - Full Board breakfast, hot lunch and dinner.
- Average journey to school: 15 - minutes by supervised EC transport
- Bed linen and towels are provided - students should bring their own beach towels
- EC social leaders provide 24 hour care. EC leaders undergo vigorous in-house training and are provided at a ratio of 1 social leader per 10 students.
- Linen & towels are changed once a week.
- Laundry can be provided upon request at an extra charge (€13 per 1 kg bag).

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 do not receive this information, transfers and room availability upon arrival cannot be guaranteed.





Money Transfer Arrangement

EC does not provide a pocket money service for students attending courses for less than 4 weeks. Parents should ensure their children have sufficient pocket money for the duration of their stay. Should students require pocket money during their stay, parents are asked to transfer funds through an international transfer service. If this method should fail EC will provide a pocket money service, however EC will not make a payment to a student until funds are received in our bank account. In this case we will charge an administration fee of €30 per student, which will be deducted from the sum deposited in EC's account.

Photos

All students must bring a passport photo with them from home. This enables us to prepare their student ID card on their first day of school, allowing them to make use of it immediately.

Arrivals

EC social leaders meet and greet all students arriving to join the programme in the arrival lounge at the airport. The social leaders then check that the students have collected their luggage and attend to any needs the students may have at the time. When all the students have arrived, they are accompanied to their transport and driven to the residence. Students must be prepared to wait for some time at the airport accompanied by the social leaders until their transport is ready to depart.

Arrival at the Residence

Soon after arrival at the residence students are taken for an orientation walk around the premises and the rules of the camp are explained to them. The EC leaders collect the students' deposit of €50 which will be used in the case of any damage or for medical reasons and the students' pocket money. The pocket money will be kept in previously prepared envelopes with the students name and amount of cash inside. These envelopes are kept in a safe along with an envelope containing their flight ticket, passport, and any other valuables. There will be designated times when students can collect their pocket money from the camp office. As money is taken the new balance is written on the outside of the envelope and this is verified by the students. Students are subsequently escorted to their rooms to get ready for the day's activities or for dinner. If group arrivals occur after dinner time a snack will be provided. In the case of groups most of the information is explained to the international leader who subsequently communicates it to his/her group. In the case of individual students special attention is given to ensure that they immediately integrate with the rest of the group.





Learning:

Learning Centre

Students attend lessons at Chiswick House, one of Malta's leading private schools (with the exception of the first weeks of the programme when students may attend a school in St Julian's). Here students are able to mix with students of other nationalities in a secure environment that encourages English language learning. Students are transported to lessons by a private EC school bus, the average journey time to school is 20 minutes.

- All classrooms are fully air-conditioned.
- The centre has a dedicated EC Academic Co-ordinator.

Course

Students attending the Summer Camp programme will attend a General English course.

- General English – 20 morning 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
- An Academic Co-ordinator is present during school hours. EC's Academic Co-ordinators are qualified, experienced teachers who have worked for EC for a number of years and uphold the EC academic philosophy. Students who encounter problems of an academic nature (e.g. find their class too easy or too difficult) should speak to the Academic Co-ordinator.
- International classes.

Lessons follow the following timetable:

- First Module (2 lessons)
- Break
- Second Module (2 lessons)

Note

Students receive all the necessary materials for their lessons, building up a pack of resources to take home. On the last day students are presented with a Certificate of Attendance.





After school

Meals

Accommodation is on a full board basis:

Continental breakfast: a pot of tea or coffee, orange juice, fresh bread, butter & jam, ham and cheese, cereal & fresh fruit.

Hot Lunch: Lunches include a hot snack coupled with a salad (pasta / rice / vegetable) and a dessert such as fruit or an item of confectionery.

Packed lunch: A large sandwich, fruit, a bar of chocolate and a 500ml bottle of water.

Dinner: Three-course buffet style meal with a choice of starters, main courses and desserts. Water is provided from dispensers throughout the meal.

All meals are served at the University Residence except for packed lunches, which are provided on full day activities or activities that include meals, for example Beach BBQ trip.

Activities

Students will be taken to all activities by supervised EC transport.

Departures

The camp co-ordinator checks the flight departure times for all students 72 hours before departure. On their last day, students' passports, tickets, valuables and any remaining pocket money or damage / medical deposit are returned. An EC social leader ensures that the students have taken all their belongings from their room and that they board their transport to the airport . The group is escorted to the airport and an EC social leader will help the students to check-in and ensure that they are supervised until going through departure channel. Due to security procedure passengers have to be at the airport a minimum of two hours prior to the flight departure time. Thus students' departure time takes this and the journey time / traffic conditions from the camp to the airport into account.



Sample Programme:

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
SAT	Arrivals		
SUN	Arrivals or Games & Kid Quad Bikes at Badger Karting		Welcome Party
MON	Placement Test & Lessons	Visit to Mdina, the Silent City	Sports Evening
TUE	Lessons	Armier Beach & BBQ	
WED	Lessons	Sports & Games	Karaoke Night
THU	Lessons	San Anton Gardens & Bristow Potteries	Fun & Games at Camp
FRI	Lessons	Embassy Shopping	Splash & Fun Waterpark
SAT	Day Trip to Gozo		
SUN	Sandy Beach Trip		
MON	Lessons	Cinema Afternoon & Baystreet	
TUE	Lessons	Bowling	DVD Night
WED	Lessons	Harbour Cruise	Disco Party
THU	Lessons	Valletta including Malta Experience, Shopping & Pizza Hut	
FRI	Lessons	Sandy Beach Trip	Farewell Party
SAT	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

Supervision

EC Social Leaders are responsible for the supervision of students attending the Summer Camp. Our leaders undergo vigorous in-house training and are provided at a ratio of 1 social leader per 10 students. The leaders' role is to ensure all students have an enjoyable and safe stay whilst in Malta. EC Social leaders provide international group leaders with constant support as well as supporting students traveling as individuals. In the evening, a night supervisor ensures that:

- 1) Students are in their rooms and accounted for before bedtime
- 2) Students do not make excessive noise
- 3) Any problems or emergencies which may arise are dealt with in a calm and efficient manner
- 4) Bedrooms are patrolled at regular intervals during the night
- 5) Students are awake on time for breakfast and lessons.

Student rules

Students are requested to follow a few basic rules of conduct in order to help maintain a friendly atmosphere at the summer camp:

- 1) Students must keep their room neat and tidy
- 2) Students must not be disruptive and noisy or to disturb other students
- 3) Students are expected to respect members of staff and the other children on campus
- 4) Graffiti and vandalism will not be tolerated and children will be expected to pay for any wilful damages they may cause
- 5) Bullying, hitting or hurting or repeated nastiness to another child is not acceptable behaviour whilst on camp. The parents of students who misbehave in this way will be contacted and in extreme circumstances we will move the child from their room to another or even expel them from the camp and they will be repatriated at the parents expense.
- 6) Stealing is illegal and could result in prosecution. Students who are caught stealing or disposing of belongings belonging to another student will be expected to pay for or return the property.
- 7) Alcohol and smoking is not permitted under any circumstances on or off campus and students will be warned about this on arrival at the camp

Students who do not follow the code of conduct correctly may be made to forfeit a leisure activity and stay on campus.

Health and Medical Insurance

It is imperative that agents or parents advise EC well in advance (upon booking) of any medical condition, allergies or medication to be given to students. All students must be covered by medical insurance. In case of an emergency some hospitals will refuse to treat a patient unless of a copy of the insurance policy is provided. Thus, it is very important that all students carry a copy of the insurance policy with them at all times. Should a student fall ill during their stay they may choose to see a doctor. The doctor's fee is paid from the students' deposit. Although the student may refuse to see the doctor in some cases, the camp co-coordinator may deem it necessary for a doctor's visit for the student's health and wellbeing.

Deposit

The collection of a deposit from all students occurs on the first day at camp. The deposit of €50 is used in the case of any damage caused by the student or for medical reasons. Any unused balance of the deposit will be refunded to the students on the day of departure.

Parents phone calls and visiting

Parents are able to call their child between 18:00 – 19:30 on the telephone number provided on the booking confirmation sheet. Due to activities and meal times, parents may not always be able to speak to their child at these times, however, they may consider communicating with their child regularly through email. Parents will not be able to speak to their child outside of the designated times unless it is an emergency. For the security of our students nobody other than staff and students are allowed on site.

Since this is a short programme it is important students settle and integrate with their peers as soon as possible. EC therefore does not encourage parents' or relatives' visits during the Summer Camp.