



Freestyle Malta

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.

What's Included

- English course
- Airport transfers (arrival and departures)
- Accommodation on half board
- Beach club membership
- Activity programme:
 - 3 half day activities and 3 evening activities per week
 - 1 full day excursion for students staying minimum 2 weeks

Dates available

- 23 June - 2 September

Ages

- 16 - 20 years

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The Windsor Hotel is situated in Sliema, within easy reach of one of Malta's main shopping centres and only 50 meters away from the sea and the Sliema and St. Julian's promenade.

Address

The Windsor Hotel, Windsor Terrace, Sliema, SLM 1854

Travel time from airport

Malta International Airport: approx. 30 minutes

Arrival day Saturday or Sunday*

Departure day Saturday or Sunday*

*Please note, packages include accommodation for 7 nights per week, thus arrival on a Saturday and departure on a Sunday will incur an extra night's fee

Getting to school & activities

- A private EC bus service takes students to and from scheduled activities that are not held in venues within walking distance from the hotel.



Meals

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.

Dietary Requirements

EC must be informed at the time of booking of any special dietary requirements. Missed meals will not be made up.

Medical

EC must be advised upon booking of any medical conditions, allergies or medications that need to be administered to students.

Transfer details

If the students' flights arrive after 22:00 please ensure that the airport transfer information is received by EC at least 2 days prior to arrival to ensure that rooms are available upon arrival. In the case of a late night arrival an extra night fee will be charged. If a late check out is required, this may incur an additional charge.

Accommodation

Room Type

Triple room - students are placed in a triple room with other students of the same gender of a different nationality, where possible, unless they request to stay with a friend in advance. Students may be asked to move room during their stay to ensure they are always sharing in a triple room.

Bathrooms

Ensuite Bathroom

Board status

Half Board breakfast and dinner. Full Board is available at an extra charge. Lunch is not served at the hotel.

Rooms include

- mini-fridge,
- storage space,
- TV
- air-conditioning

Wifi

Free WiFi service is available in the lobby/bar areas for students who bring their own laptops/WiFi devices. Fixed internet and computer access is available at the rate of €1 per 20 minutes. (Charges are subject to change.)

What to expect from the residence

- Open air swimming pool surrounded by a sun deck
- Indoor heated splash pool and Jacuzzi
- Safe-deposit box (at a nominal extra charge)
- 24-hour front desk
- Free WiFi access in communal areas.

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.

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

Supervision

For added security and assistance, live-in EC supervisors will stay at the hotel.

Linen/towels

Bed linen and towels are provided - students should bring their own beach towels. Linen and towels are changed a minimum of once a week.

Laundry

Laundry facilities available at an extra charge of €13 per bag

Learning centre

Students will have lessons in the heart of St. Julians. The centre provides a secure location that's conducive to English learning and that enables students to socialise freely.

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.

First Day

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Maximum Class Size 15

Attendance

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

Educational materials

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

Extra Activity

- **Adventure Activity Package:**

Sports including snorkelling, abseiling, horse riding, swimming with tuna and other water sports

- **Diving:**

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

- **Sicily Trip:**

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

- Participation in one of the above packages may replace an activity from the standard programme.
 - Above packages available at an additional charge.
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Sample programme

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Saturday	Arrivals		
Sunday	Arrivals / Free Day for Orientation		
Monday	Placement Test & Lessons	Splash & Fun Waterpark	Welcome Party
Tuesday	Free Morning	Lessons	Maltese Themed Dinner
Wednesday	Lessons	Visit to Mdina, The Silent City	Free Evening
Thursday	Free Morning	Lessons	Go Karting
Friday	Lessons	Water Sports	Free Evening
Saturday	Full Day Comino Trip		
Sunday	Free Day or Optional Sicily at an extra charge		
Monday	Valletta & Malta Experience	Lessons	Free Evening
Tuesday	Lessons	Water Sports	Night Boat Party
Wednesday	Free Morning	Lessons	Free Evening
Thursday	Lessons	Paradise Bay Beach Trip	BBQ Night
Friday	Free Morning	Lessons	Themed Night
Saturday	Departures/Free Day		
Sunday	Departures/Jeep Safari for students staying 3 weeks+		

- This is a sample programme only and changes may occur
 - Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up
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Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

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. Any students drinking in excess and irresponsibly also risk being expelled from the programme.

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.

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.

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 is going to 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 and an EC staff member accompanies the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country. Following such action, EC will terminate all relations with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.

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

