



Malta Travel Guide

Small and easy to explore, Malta is a charming and friendly place to learn English. Relax on the beach or visit one of the island's many places of interest. Malta never fails to put a smile on your face. Not only sunny and bright, Malta is steeped in history and has great natural beauty from neolithic temples to crystal clear sea.

5 things to see

- > Mdina
- > Grand Harbour
- > Three Cities
- > Blue Grotto
- > St Johns Cathedral

5 things to do

- > Take a boat trip
- > Visit Gozo & Comino
- > Go to a 'festa'
- > Water-sports
- > Visit prehistoric temples

Climate

The climate in Malta is typically Mediterranean - very hot, humid days and nights in July and August and cooler temperatures during the winter months. The Islands have a very sunny climate with a daily average of five to six hours sunshine in mid-winter to more than 12 hours in summer.

Currency

- > Currency - Euro (€)
- > All major credit cards are widely accepted, although some cards carry transaction charges.
- > The main banks in Malta are Bank of Valletta plc (BOV), HSBC Bank plc, Lombard and Banif **Banking hours:** Monday to Thursday 08.30 - 14.00* Friday 08.30 - 15.30* Saturday 08.30 - 12.15*

* The closing time may vary slightly from one bank to another

Public holidays

10 February, 19 March, 6 April, 1 May, 7 June, 29 June, 15 August, 21 September, 13 December

Telephone Country Code

(00356)

Electricity

220 Volts; 50 Hz - 3-pin plug

Tap water

Tap water is safe to drink throughout the Maltese Islands. Many people however drink both local and imported bottled mineral water which is easily available.

Beach Club

Between May and September EC adult students have free access to the private beach club of the 5 Star Hotel. The Beach Club is a 10 minute walk from EC Malta. Beach Club facilities include landscaped gardens, beach beds and umbrellas, swimming pool, volley ball court, showers, bar, restaurant and a lovely rocky beach. The water in the bay is beautiful and clear - ideal for swimming and snorkelling. The Beach Club is open Monday to Sunday until 5.30pm. Please note that the Beach Club is not accessible to EC students on Public Holidays and Sundays during the months of July and August.

EC Gym

EC offers the students a weekly membership at Malta's best gym - Cynergi Health & Fitness Club. Membership is heavily subsidized, students pay only Euros 12 for a full week's membership. The gym is very close to school and forms part of a 5 star hotel complex. Cynergi offers a variety of aerobic classes, a free-weights hall, resistances and cardio machines, the Rock (an indoor climbing machine), 3 squash courts, heated indoor pool, saunas and steam bath. The gym is open from Monday to Friday between 06:00 - 23:00. On Saturdays entrance is 06:00 - 21:00. On Sundays entrance is 06:00 - 18:00.

Visa

For Visa information please read [Applying for a Visa in Malta](#)

Cost of Living

Big Mac	€3.00
Sandwich	€3.50
Can of Coke	€1.00
Coffee in a café	€1.30
1 litre of milk	€0.72
2 litres of water	€0.80
A loaf of bread	€0.75
Two course meal in average restaurant	€15.00
Cost of sim card	€15
Cinema	€7.00
Entrance to clubs	Free

Other Useful Information

Driving Age

The minimum driving age is 18. The minimum age of renting a car is 21 even though some car hire companies may charge a supplement for those drivers under the age of 25 years.

Alcohol Age

The legal age for consumption of alcohol in Malta is 17.

Smoking laws

The legal age for smoking in Malta is 16 years. Smoking in enclosed public places is illegal.

Insurance

Free hospital emergency treatment is available for European travellers on production of a valid European Health Insurance card (EHIC). All other nationals are advised to have a comprehensive health insurance.

