



Travel Guide and Activities



Useful Information

Climate

Malta enjoys a Mediterranean climate, characterised by hot summers, making it an ideal destination for those who love sunshine and sea, and mild winters. With over 300 days of sunshine annually, it is an appealing destination for outdoor activities year-round.

Money

The official currency in Malta is the 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

Telephone Country Code

The telephone country code for Malta is +356.

Electricity

220 Volts; 50 Hz – 3-pin plug.

Tap water

Tap water in Malta is safe to drink, but it may have a slightly different taste due to the island's desalination process. Bottled water is widely available and preferred by many locals and visitors for drinking. You can use tap water safely for cooking, brushing teeth, and washing.

Top Things to Do and See While Learning English

Must-See Sights and Travel Essentials

Malta, a picturesque archipelago located in the Mediterranean Sea, is renowned for its rich history, vibrant culture, beautiful coastlines, and stunning landscapes. With English as one of its official languages, Malta offers an ideal setting for language learners seeking to immerse themselves in a unique blend of education and adventure.

[Check out the Monthly Activities Calendar](#)

5 Things to Do

- Explore the historic streets of Valletta
- Relax on the golden sands of Mellieha Bay
- Wander through the ancient city of Mdina
- Visit the impressive St John's Co-Cathedral
- Discover the prehistoric temples of Ħaġar Qim



Memberships

Gym - EC offers the students a weekly membership at Cynergi Health & Fitness Club. Membership is heavily subsidised. Students pay only €28 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, two squash courts, heated indoor pool, saunas and steam bath. The gym is open from Monday to Friday between 06.00 – 22.00. On Saturdays entrance is 06.00 – 20.00. On Sundays entrance is 08.00 – 18.00.

Transportation

Getting around Malta is relatively easy due to its compact size. The island has an extensive bus network operated by Malta Public Transport, which services most areas. Taxi services are widely available, and rental cars can be a convenient option for exploring at your own pace. Ferries connect Malta with the islands of Gozo and Comino. Walking or biking is another way to explore Malta's towns and coastline.

Public Transport Info

Public buses are the main form of public transport in Malta. The Malta Public Transport bus service runs frequently between major points of interest, and you can purchase single tickets or travel cards. An Explore Card offers unlimited travel for seven days. Buses are affordable, and schedules are frequent in busy areas, though they can be slower in rural locations.

[Bus timetable](#)

[Bus pass](#)

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Legal Driving Age

The legal driving age in Malta is 18. An international driver's license may be required if you're from outside the European Union. Renting a car is possible for those over 21, though some rental agencies may have additional age requirements or fees for younger drivers.

Alcohol Age

The legal drinking age in Malta is 17, which applies to both purchasing and consuming alcohol in bars and restaurants.

Smoking Laws

Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public spaces, including bars, restaurants, and public transport. However, designated smoking areas are often available outside these venues.

Insurance

Free hospital emergency treatment is available for European travellers on production

Maltese Public Holidays

Public holidays falling on a weekday

2026: 01 January, 10 February, 19 March, 31 March, 03 April, 01 May, 29 June, 08 September, 21 September, 08 December, 25 December

Visa Requirements

Malta is part of the Schengen Area, meaning that short-term visitors from most EU countries and certain other regions do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days. Non-EU nationals should check Malta's specific visa requirements. Please contact us for more information.

[Visa Requirements](#)

Cost of Living

Bottle of water / soda (0.33 litre)
€0.50–€1.50
Coffee/Cappuccino (Starbucks)
€1.50–€3.00
Fast-Food combo meal
€7.00–€8.00
Meal, inexpensive restaurant
€10.00–€20.00
Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)
€30.00–€60.00
Public transport (local transport)
€1.50–€2.00
(one-way)
Public transport (monthly pass)
€25.00–€30.00

of a valid European Health Insurance card (EHIC). All other nationals are advised to have a comprehensive health insurance.

