

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW  
ABOUT IELTS AND THE MALTESE ISLANDS!

# THE IELTS MALTA GUIDE

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## WELCOME TO THE MALTESE ISLANDS!

We would like to thank you for choosing the beautiful island of Malta as your destination and we re so excited that you chose IELTS Malta as your English language school.

Please read through this guide and carry it with you, it is full of essential information about the school!

## ENJOY YOUR STAY IN MALTA,

The IELTS Team

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# TYPICAL 1<sup>st</sup> DAY SCHEDULE



Arrival at school

7:45



Welcome meeting,  
placement test &  
brief interview



1st Lesson

10:00

11:30



Break



2nd Lesson

12:00



Break

13:30

14:00



3rd Lesson  
(Intensive English only)

This is based on a morning time table.  
Morning time tables are not guaranteed  
and may vary.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY TIPS

## IF YOU NEED ANYTHING

during your stay with us, please speak to any of the staff and they will be more than happy to help you.



Like IELTS on Facebook for events, activity programs and contests!



Bring pens, pencils & a notebook with you to class.



Do not write in your book on the 1st two days in case you need to change level.



Join the welcome party on Monday night.

# SCHOOL FACILITIES



IELS OPEN  
ielsmalta



You can leave stamped postcards at reception for posting.



If you lose or find anything, please inform reception immediately!



The bookshop is on the ground floor and sells a wide range of books and postcards.



You are free to use the tablets in the lounge & read or borrow library books during school hours.



Snacks & drinks are available from the vending machines on the ground floor and at Rocca Nettuno next door.

# YOUR LESSONS

## EXPULSION

IELS reserves the right to expel students for unacceptable behaviour. If you are expelled, you will not be refunded for the remainder of your course or accommodation. The cost of the return flight will be at your own expense.



Your lessons are compulsory and you are expected to arrive on time.



The minimum attendance rate is 80%.



You will be given a certificate with your level & attendance rate on the last Friday of your stay.



Lessons are based on a combination of book-based tasks and supplementary materials.



Please fill in the welcome and goodbye questionnaires to help us improve!

# VISA EXTENSIONS

IF YOU WISH  
TO STAY  
LONGER THAN  
90 DAYS IN  
MALTA

you will need to apply for  
a Visa Extension.



Students must always be in possession of a valid VISA, and/or Visa Extension when necessary.



If you need to extend your visa, please inform the Welfare Desk.



Come to Visa information meetings, every Tuesday @ 12:30 in the Media Hall.

## TIMELINE

### VISA EXEMPT COUNTRIES



Apply within 2 weeks of arrival in Malta.

### COUNTRIES NOT EXEMPT



Apply after 6 weeks in Malta.

The whole process takes +/- 4 weeks from the moment you apply.



# HEALTH & WELFARE



The whole team at IELS Malta is dedicated to ensuring you have a happy, problem-free stay.

The Welfare Desk is situated in the leisure area and is open from 08.30 to 17.00 Monday to Friday.

They are ready to help with visas, accommodation, and health problems.



You must be at least 17 to buy alcohol and 18 to buy tobacco.

Abortion is illegal in Malta. Contraception is available from pharmacies. It's illegal to have sex with anyone under 18.

The use, possession, purchase or sale of any drug is illegal.



Pharmacies are marked on your street map.

They close on Sundays & public holidays, but one remains open in each district on a rota. Check [www.ehealth.gov.mt](http://www.ehealth.gov.mt)

The airport pharmacy is open every day from 07:30 to 22:00.





School doctor  
Dr Navarro Gera  
(+356) 9949 4115



Mater Dei Hospital  
(+356) 2545 0000  
30 minutes by taxi.

Available 24/7, he can visit you at school or your accommodation at a charge.  
Fee: € 15-30

St. James Capua Private Hospital  
(+356) 2329 1000  
15 minutes from the school.

## Safety Tips

- ➔ Keep your belongings with you at all time
- ➔ Don't leave your things unattended
- ➔ Exercise caution when using any ATM
- ➔ Do not bring an opened glass container of alcohol in the street, or walk in swim wear, it is forbidden by Maltese law

## Emergencies

If you have an emergency out of school hours and need help, you can call the welfare team on (+356) 9942 9617.

For any emergencies requiring an ambulance, the fire brigade or the police, you should dial 112 and then advise IELS staff immediately.



# THE LAW

You must obey the laws of this country. Some laws are the same as in your country but some are not.

If you break the law the Police may arrest you, and you may be sent home at your own expense.



Do not buy, sell or use drugs.



Do not drink in the street.



Do not litter.



Do not steal.



Do not buy or carry weapons.



No topless sunbathing.





## ACCOMMODATION

Our privately owned and managed Day's Inn\*\*\* and The Howard\*\*\* Student Hotels are self-catering student residences situated in the heart of Sliema, within walking distance of the adult learning centre.



Staying at an IELTS Residence is a great way to make friends and practise your English!



Free Wifi in the lobby areas.



For your own security, guests are not allowed into the rooms.



Make sure that your valuables are locked away.



Look after your keys. Do not give them to anyone and if you lose them please report this to the hotel reception immediately.



If something is not working or is broken, please inform the hotel reception or the Welfare Desk.

*Accommodation guidelines are available in all IELTS residences.  
Please familiarise yourself with these regulations.*

# HOST HOME



**Communicate!**  
Ask about house rules & inform the family of any night out or change in your schedule.



Please advise the family of any food intolerances or allergies or if you will be eating out.



Exchange contact details with the family so you can easily reach each other.



Your host will do a load of laundry and change your bed linen once a week.



If you are unhappy with the host home or have any problems, please let us know right away.

23:59

If you are under 18 you have to be back in your host home by 23:59.

# LIFE IN MALTA

Many things will be different in Malta from the way you live at home. You may find this a bit scary or you may find it exciting. You can always talk to anyone at IELTS if you're a little homesick!



Maltese traditions are a reflection of a mix of various cultures, mainly Mediterranean, and British.



The country's official languages are Maltese and English, but Italian is also widely spoken.



Malta's currency is the Euro (€). You can change money at many banks or exchange bureaus all over the islands.



Banks are usually open until the early afternoons from Monday to Friday and until midday on Saturday.



The closest ATM machine to IELTS is 5 minutes away, at the Tigne Shopping Complex.



Plugs are three pin (UK style) and 230V. You can find adaptors very easily.



We recommend bottled mineral water although tap water is safe to drink.



Ask the Leisure Desk if you need assistance getting a Maltese SIM card.



To call a Maltese number, dial +356 first. To call home from a Maltese phone, first dial your country code.

## Shopping in Malta

Sliema, St Julians and Valletta are popular locations for shopping & eating out. The main shopping areas around the school are:

- Bisazza Street and Tower Road
- The Point Shopping Complex
- Plaza Shopping Centre
- Baystreet

Shops usually open from 09.00 to 13.00 and from 16.00 to 19.00 and close on Sundays and Public Holidays.

In Sliema shops are generally open throughout the day.



WOMEN'S SIZE CONVERSIONS

EU SIZE	UK SIZE
36	3.5
37	4.5
38	5.5
39	6.5
40	7.5
41	8.5



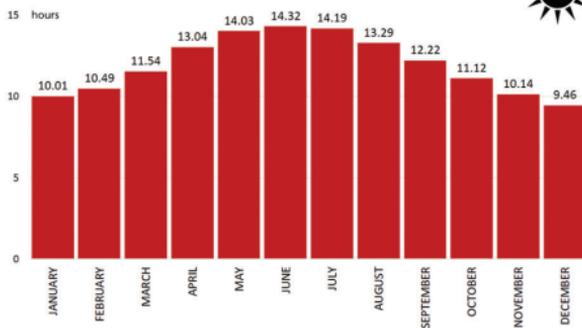
MEN'S SIZE CONVERSIONS

EU SIZE	UK SIZE
40	6.5
41	7.5
42	8.5
43	9.5
44	10.5
45	11.5

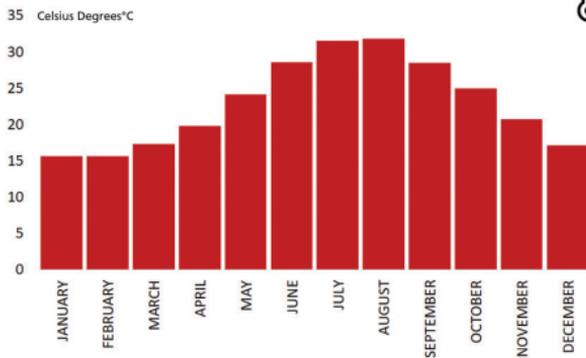


# WEATHER IN MALTA

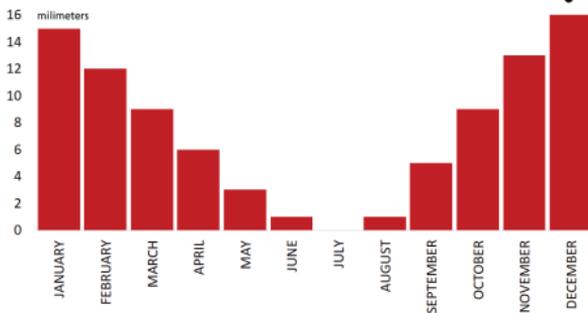
## AVERAGE DAYLIGHT PER DAY



## AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE



## AVERAGE MONTHLY RAIN



# EXPLORING MALTA

## MALTA HAS EVERYTHING YOU CAN WISH FOR

& our Leisure Team  
has crafted an amazing  
activity program!

Malta is a small independent nation state in the centre of the Mediterranean sea, just below Sicily in Southern Europe. The Maltese Archipelago consists of 3 main islands, Malta, Gozo and Comino.



Our aim is to help you explore, experience and enjoy everything our island has to offer.



Ask the Leisure Desk for the activity program.



Ask us about other activities you'd like to try, we'll be happy to help you!

# VALLETTA

With a large number of historic buildings, Malta's capital city is a World Heritage Site. In 2018, Valletta is also the European Capital of Culture.

## TO DO LIST

- Barrakka Gardens & Siege Bell
- St John's Co-Cathedral
- Grand Master's Palace
- Republic Street shopping
- Museums: Archeology, Fine Arts, War



Boat



1.5 €



15min

## TO DO LIST

- Walk through the city
- Visit St Paul's Cathedral
- Watch the Mdina Experience
- Eat amazing cake at Fontanella's rooftop terrace
- Cross to Rabat for catacombs, churches, cafes & more!

# MDINA

Malta's former capital, also known as the Silent City, consists of a combination of both baroque and medieval architecture. It is also the set used in multiple scenes from the famous TV show Game of Thrones.



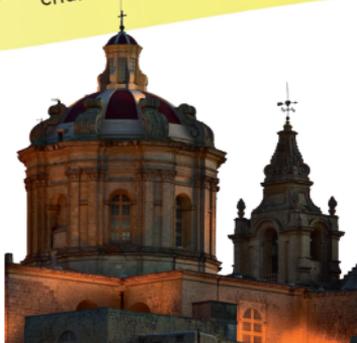
Bus 13A  
+ Bus 51



1.5 €



1h



# BEACHES

Malta and Gozo are well known for their sandy and rocky beaches with crystal clear waters typical of the Mediterranean. The beaches are perfect for beach sports, snorkelling, swimming or just sunbathing.



## TO DO LIST

- Harbour Cruise
- Best of Gozo and Comino
- Boat Party
- Round Malta Cruise
- Sunset Cruise
- Comino Day Trip

## BEST BEACHES

- Ghadira Bay, Mellieha
- Armier Bay, Mellieha
- Gnejna Beach, Mgarr
- Paradise Bay, Cirkewwa
- Golden Bay, Mellieha
- Riviera, Mellieha



Bus



1.5 €



+/- 1h

# CRUISES

The calm blue seas of the Mediterranean around Malta are perfect for cruises.

Ask at the Leisure Desk for more details on cruises!



Departure: Sliema Ferry



# DIVING

Diving is a very popular activity here in Malta and with Dwejra Bay being the third best diving spot in the world, it is a must do!

IELS offers a variety of courses, from beginner to advanced, at discounted rates.

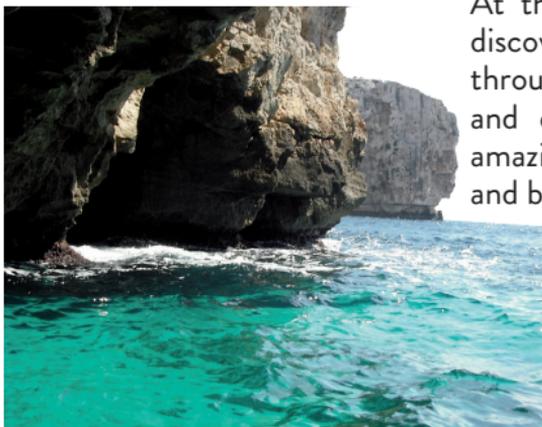
- BEST DIVING SPOTS**
- Dwejra Blue Hole
  - Santa Maria Caves
  - Reqqa Reef
  - Cirkewwa P29
  - Ghar Lapsi
  - Inland Sea and Tunnel



## BLUE GROTTO

Leap aboard one of Malta's colourful 'Luzzu' boats and delve into the clear bright waters of the Blue Grotto at Wied iz-Zurrieq in the South of Malta.

At the Blue Grotto you'll discover numerous caves through which you'll sail and experience the most amazing turquoise, emerald and blue waters.



Bus 13A 1.5 € 1h20  
+ Bus 74



# GOZO

Gozo is about 5km from Malta and is a much smaller island that feels quite different from its larger sister. It is connected to Malta by a regular ferry service. Gozo is more rural, with a simple way of life rooted in fishing and tradition.

**TO DO LIST**

- Dwejra Bay
- Picnic on the cliffs
- Victoria: Citadel, it-Tokk square, Cathedral, armoury, Gozo 360
- Museums: Folklore, Archeology, Old Prison, Natural Science



Gozo is a very peaceful, stress-free and quiet island, full of nature.



Gozo has plenty of restaurants, specially in Victoria, Mgarr, Marsalforn and Xlendi.



Throughout the year, 'festas' (feast days) are held in each village with entertainment and parades.



Bus  
222



Gozo  
Ferry



1.5 €  
4.65 €



2h



# NIGHTLIFE

Nightlife in Malta is diverse and exciting. Party in Paceville, Malta's nightclub capital, enjoy a great meal in one of the many restaurants, relax and chat with friends in a local wine bar or dance until dawn at one of the famous open air parties... the choice is yours.



Join your IELTS classmates for the welcome party (every Monday night) and the International Student party (every Friday) and party the night away!



You can find many different types of restaurants and bars in Malta. The best areas to eat out near the school include Sliema, St Julians and Valletta.



Paceville is the centre of Malta's nightlife. You'll find many pubs, bars, restaurants and club to suit every taste.



A burst of colour, music and bright fireworks illuminate the Maltese Summer nights during village festi. Ask the Leisure Desk for details!

**HAVANA COMPLEX**  
 Malta's No.1 Clubbing Destination

Monday to Sunday 21:00hrs till late  
**FREE ENTRANCE**

St. George's Road • Paceville • St. Julians  
[www.havanamalta.com](http://www.havanamalta.com)

**Havana R'nB Club** ... Main Room

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# TRANSPORT



Buses are the cheapest way to travel around Malta and Gozo.

1 ticket = Winter 1,5€ / Summer 2€ / Night 3€

Bus card = 12 Single Day Journeys 15€

Student offer = 3 month card for 55€

Download the Tallinja App to plan your bus journey!





There are many cab companies in Malta. There is a cab station just a few minutes away from the school. You can also download the taxi app “Ecabs”.



Renting a car is a great way to explore the island. You can hire a car with delivery and pick up from your accommodation or the school.



All vehicles are fully insured and available to anyone over the age of 21 (a young driver supplement applies for students aged between 21 and 25).



In Malta we drive on the left, so when you cross the road, don't forget to look left, right, and left again. Use traffic lights and zebra crossing when crossing the road.



A great way to enjoy the beauty of Malta is by cycling.

For a list of bicycle hire companies, go to [www.visitmalta.com/en/cycle-hire](http://www.visitmalta.com/en/cycle-hire)



Enquire at the Leisure Desk for information.

# DISCOUNT DIRECTORY

Show your  
IELS student  
card to get  
discounts with  
the businesses  
below.

## Accessorize

Bisazza Street, Sliema

## Agenda Bookshop

The Point, Sliema

## Claire's Accessories

St. George's Road, St. Julian's

## Embassy Cinema

St. Lucia's Street, Valletta

## Fort Fitness

Tigne Street, Sliema

## Hard Rock Cafe

Baystreet, St. Julians  
& Valletta Waterfront

## iCentre

Tagliaferro Centre, Sliema

## Klink Klink Eyelashes

St. Julian's

## McDonald's

All Outlets

## Merlin Library

Bisazza Street, Sliema

## Ronnie Photo Studio

Tower Road, Sliema

## Seacret

The Point, Sliema

## Sports Locker

Sqaq it-Torri, Sliema

## TIPS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR STAY



Speak English with  
other students as  
much as possible



Start watching your  
favourite TV shows  
in English



Try not to speak  
your native  
language with other  
students



Borrow English  
books from our  
library



Attend the school's  
movie nights

### STAYING IN A HOST HOME?



- Try to practise English as much as possible with the family especially during evening meals.
- Make your own bed and leave your room tidy.
- Ask your host family before using the phone, the kitchen or taking anything out of the fridge.
- Offer to pay if you break or damage anything.
- If your host family gives you a front door key, please do not give it to anyone else.
- Keep your student card and house key separate.

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