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Information about the school, exploring Malta and Gozo, excursions, keeping safe ... and more!





Welcome

Welcome to the beautiful Maltese Islands! We would like to thank you for choosing Malta as a destination and congratulate you on choosing IELS Malta as your English language school.

IELS Malta has over 30 years' experience in combining language study with travel abroad, so we know how to create the ideal conditions for you to develop communication skills that will help your personal and professional lives.

This Guide has been written to help you with many of the questions that you may have during your stay so please read it and keep it with you at all times. It is full of essential information about the school and the various leisure activities that are on offer, as well as vouchers, discounts and a handy map to help you find your way around!

If you need anything at all during your stay with us, then please speak to any of the staff and they will be more than happy to help you.



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Your first day

On your first day you should come to the school at the time indicated on the student card. You will find the student card at the front of this handbook. Please bring pens, pencils and a notebook with you.

After a short presentation, you will sit for a placement test, followed by a brief interview. This test will help us determine your level and place you in the class best suited for you.

Please do not write in your course book for the first two days, as sometimes nerves, tiredness or other factors can affect the result of your placement test, and it may be necessary to change your level.

A welcome meeting will be held for a couple of minutes after taking your test on your first day. Information about Malta along with specific details about the leisure activities will be given during this meeting.



Facilities at IELS Malta

Reception

The Reception at IELS Malta is located on the ground floor as you walk in.

Photocopying

Reception will be happy to make photocopies at €0.30 per A4 sheet.

Sending mail

You can leave stamped postcards at Reception for posting.

Receiving mail and faxes

If we receive mail or faxes which are addressed for your attention, these will be kept at Reception. We will contact you to inform you that you have received mail

Lost Property

Any personal belongings found at the school should be returned to Reception. You need to inform Reception immediately if you lose any personal items at school.



Student Lounge

The student lounge is on the ground floor and is open till 17:00. Here you can relax and catch up with your friends.

Bookshop

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

Self-access centre

Students are free to spend time studying online, reading or borrowing library books during school hours

Wireless internet

There is free wireless internet connection available throughout the building. This

is an open network and the name is IELS_OPEN.

Snacks

You can buy snacks and drinks from the vending machines on the ground floor. Snacks are also available at Rocca Nettuno Hotel next door.

Messages

If there is a message for you, you will be contacted in class.



Your lessons

Class times

Your timetable will be given to you on your first day.

Lessons are compulsory

You should arrive on time and attend all your classes. If you are ill and cannot come to school, you need to contact the school on (+356) 2132 0381 to inform us.

If you are late for lessons you may not be able to join the class.

What to expect in your lessons

The first session during the day is course book based and concentrates on structural/ functional input. The second session concentrates on developing fluency and communication skills.

Some courses also have a third session which aims to consolidate the language covered in the morning sessions. If you have a one-to-one lesson in the afternoon you can discuss and plan the

contents of the lesson with your teacher according to your personal needs and objectives.

Our teaching style

We use the Communicative Language Teaching (CLT) method in our classes, which focuses on speaking in English and guarantees maximum use of the language, even at low levels. You will learn new vocabulary and grammar and have plenty of opportunities to practice using the language, which will help you to be more confident and develop the skills you need to communicate in English.

Certificate

A certificate of attendance will be given to you at the end of your course, indicating the type and length of course you have attended. More detailed certificates are available if required, but these must be requested from reception desk at least three days before the end of your course. You should attend all your lessons to get the most out of your course.





A daily attendance record is kept and if you miss too many sessions, we will not be able to give you a certificate.

Expulsion

IELS reserves the right to expel students for unacceptable behaviour or if you miss 20% or more of your lessons. 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.

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Questionnaires

During your stay at the school you will be given two questionnaires, one at the beginning of your stay and one at the end. These questionnaires help us to evaluate our service both academically, and with regards to your accommodation and leisure time. We continually aim to ensure that we offer the best possible service to our students and therefore your feedback is very important. We ask you to complete questionnaires honestly and with as much information as possible and hand them in at the reception desk.

Visa extensions

If you require a visa to travel to Malta and you wish to extend your stay, it may be that your entry visa will not cover the whole duration of your stay. If you do need to extend your visa whilst you are here, please inform the welfare department at least two weeks before your entry visa is due to expire. The school will give you a letter confirming that you are a student at IELS and assist you with what you need to do next.

For those students who are staying longer than 3 months (90 days) you will need to apply for a residence permit to cover the period of your studies in Malta. The Welfare team will be able to advise you on what you need to do so please contact them at least two weeks before your entry stamp expires.

Further details on all the points mentioned above can be obtained from the Welfare department or on our website – www.ielsmalta.com



Health and Welfare

The whole team at IELS Malta is dedicated to ensuring you have a happy, problem-free stay. If you do encounter problems, our specially trained Welfare Team will do all they can to solve it.

The Welfare Team

The Welfare Station is situated in the Leisure Area and is open from 08.30 to 17.00 Monday to Friday. They are ready to help with problems in residences, hotels or host families and will also advise you about your health and lost property.

Pharmacies

Pharmacies are numerous in Malta and are marked on your street map. They close on Sundays and public holidays, but one pharmacy in each district opens every Sunday on a rota. Check www.ehealth.gov.mt or in the local paper 'The Sunday Times'. A pharmacy at Malta International Airport is open every day from 07.30 to 22.00.

Doctors and hospitals

Our main hospital is Mater Dei which can be telephoned on (+356) 2545 0000. You can contact our school doctor, Dr Kevin Navarro Gera, on (+356) 9949 4115. He is available 24 hours a day, and can visit you at school or your accommodation, at a charge. He is available from 16.00 to 17.30 at his clinic at Melita Pharmacy in St Julian's, also at a charge. He charges about €15 - 30 per consultation.

Sexual health

Abortions are illegal in Malta. Contraception is available from pharmacies.

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, fire or police you should dial 112.



Day's Inn Hotel & Residence

Our privately owned and managed Day's Inn Student Residence is situated in the heart of Sliema, and is within walking distance of the adult learning centre.

If something is not working or is broken, please inform the hotel reception or the Welfare department. Look after your keys. Do not give them to anyone and if you lose them please report this to the hotel reception immediately (you may be charged for a replacement). For your own security, be careful about

inviting other hotel guests into your room and always ensure that valuables are locked away. Accommodation guidelines are available in all IELS residences. Please familiarise yourself with these regulations.





Living in a host home

Staying with a host family is an excellent way of integrating into the local culture and practicing your English.

Fitting in

It would help if you ask the family about their daily routine, as well as whether there are any house rules. Please inform your family if you will be coming home late, or if you will not be sleeping in their home.

Meals

All students are provided with a continental breakfast, which consists of toast and/ or cereal, coffee and tea. An evening meal is also provided and meal times are usually between 18.00 and 19.00 so that you can join in any evening activities organised by the school.

Please remember to advise the family of any food you do not like or are intolerant/allergic to and let them know in advance if you will be eating out.

Swap contact details

It would be a good idea to exchange mobile numbers with the family upon arrival, so that you would be able to contact each other should anything happen.

Laundry

The host family will do a load of laundry and change your bed linen once a week

If you are not satisfied

If you are unhappy with the host family or have any other problems such as allergies to their pets, please let us know right away. If you prefer, our welfare co-ordinator will help you find another host family or alternative accommodation

Curfew Times for 16 - 17 year olds

If you are under the age of 18, you must be back in your host family by 23.59 each evening. This curfew is for your safety and wellbeing. If you come home late, you may be expelled.



- Try to practise English as much as possible with the family especially during the evening meal.
- Make your own bed and leave your room tidy.
- Ask your host family before using 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 at all times.



Living 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. The following information should give you an insight into these islands and useful day-to-day advice.

Maltese culture

Maltese traditions are a reflection of a various mix of cultures which have left strong influences on our islands throughout the centuries, such as the neighbouring Mediterranean countries and other civilisations like Britain who ruled Malta for long periods prior to its independence in 1964.

Language

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

for sale at newsagents and bookstores

Climate

Located right in the centre of the Mediterranean, the Maltese islands hoast terrific weather almost all year round. The hottest months are July. August and September where the temperature often rises above 30°C (86°F), especially during August. The short spells of rain fall are typical of a Mediterranean climate and rain is generally experienced during the cooler winter months of December, January and February. You can experience some occasional rain during autumn too

Money

Malta's currency is the Euro (€), divided into 100 cents

You can change money at many banks or exchange bureaus all over the islands. Banks are usually open until the early afternoons Monday to Friday and until midday on Saturday.

The closest ATM machine to IELS is within the Tigne Shopping Complex (approx 5 mins walk away from the school)

You may read or hear people talking about Maltese 'Lira' or 'Pounds', which were replaced in 2008: one Maltese Lira was worth €2 38





Shopping

Sliema and St Julians are popular locations for shopping at reasonable prices. You can find shopping centres with music, fashion wear, perfumeries, and shoes including European, British and American brand names. You can also find many fast-food outlets, restaurants and cafes.

The main shopping streets in Sliema are Bisazza Street and Tower Road, packed with fashion, sports and shoe stores along the side streets.

The capital city Valletta is well known for designer shops, fashion, music and much more in its shopping malls and arcades. Explore Republic Street and the grid of streets to discover tiny craft shops, restorers and household shops. Shops usually open from 09.00 to 13.00 and from 16.00 to 19.00 and close on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Tigne Point shopping complex is one of Malta's largest and most recent shopping centre hosting big international names such as Guess, Reebok, Sun Lab, Hilfiger Denim, Lacoste and Springfield as well as some cool cafés serving many types of coffees and delicious snacks.

Baystreet, another large shopping centre is situated in St Julians. Shops are open here from 10.00 to 22.00 every day.

For a taste of the Mediterranean, choose the many local deli treats, from olives and sun-dried tomatoes to fine wines. If you want something to appreciate for longer, try the intricate, filigree silverware or a an original piece of artwork from one of the island's renowned artists.

Communications

Post

The nearest Post Office to the Sliema school on Mattew Pulis Sreet is on Censu Scerri Street, (turn right from school exit and left at the end of the street). This Post Office is open Monday to Friday 08.00-13.00 and 16.00-18.00, and Saturday 08.00-13.00.

Prices (first 20g):

- 37c Europe
- 51c Middle East, North America, Africa
- 63c South America, Asia
- 86c Far East

Telephones

Ask for permission before using your host family's telephone.

Depending on the length of your stay at IELS Malta, you may want to use a Maltese SIM card for your mobile telephone. Please ask at the Leisure Desk for more information.

If you are calling a Maltese number from a Maltese





telephone dial only the eightdigit telephone number. If you are calling a Maltese number from a foreign telephone or mobile phone, dial + 356 before the number

To call an overseas number from a Maltese telephone, dial 00, then the country code, area code (minus the first 0) and number. For example, for Munich (089) 2525 2400 you would dial 00 49 89 2525 2400.

E-mail and internet access

E-mail can be the simplest way to keep in touch. If you bring your own laptop, you can use the school's free wireless internet connection. If you do not have a laptop you can use the school's tablet computers.







Smoking, drinking, sex and drugs

You must obey 'No Smoking' signs. You cannot smoke in shops, restaurants, buses or any enclosed public place, except in designated smoking areas.

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

It is illegal to have sex with anyone under the age of 18.

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

Electricity

Malta's electricity supply is 230V, 50Hz (cycles) AC. Electric plugs and sockets are UK-style with three pins. You are likely to need an adaptor, which you can buy in most supermarkets and local household shops.

Water

Tap water is safe to drink, although the mineral content is probably different to what you are used to and some people find that it upsets their stomach. Bottled mineral water, which is available in most shops, is recommended.

Explore Malta

Close your eyes and imagine a place with glorious sunshine, crystal clear waters and beautiful landscapes. A place where you can take a leisurely walk, explore medieval cities or simply party the night away. Now open your eyes and look around - you're there! All

this on the tiny 'Jewel of the Mediterranean' - Malta.

Whether you wish to experience a rich history of over 7000 years, or simply party the night away in some of Europe's hottest night club, Malta has everything you can wish for.



Our aim is to help you explore, experience and enjoy everything our island has to offer. With this in mind, our Leisure Team have created a wide variety of activities which will help you to do so!

Throughout the next section of the Guide, you will find all the information that you need in order to enjoy your time in Malta, as well as useful information about the different activities available.



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.

Malta has no mountains or rivers, but a series of low hills and terraced fields that grow an abundance of vegetables.

For its size, Malta is a real treasure trove of culture and heritage. Its awe inspiring fortifications as well as its majestic palaces and churches, all contribute to make Malta a nation of rich and pleasant surprises. The coastline is surrounded with harbours, creeks, sandy beaches and rocky coves.

The country's official languages are Maltese, which is a Semitic language, and English.







Malta's landscapes stretch from limestone towns dominated by large churches to charming fishing villages.



Valletta

Valletta is Malta's capital city. It is a World Heritage Site because of the large number of historic buildings, most of which were built in just 15 years from 1566.

The fortress city is almost surrounded by the sea, and the best way to visit Valletta from Sliema is to take the ferry across the water. Once in the city, you can take in the breathtaking panorama of the natural Grand Harbour from the famous Barrakka Gardens, built on an old fort, or the view



of Marsamxett Harbour from Hastings Gardens.

Valletta is Malta's main shopping area, and the streets are full of shops and cafés to pass the time. It's worth exploring the side streets away from the main roads such as Republic Street.

The Grand Masters' Palace currently houses the Office of the President of Malta and the House of Representatives. When the parliament is not in session you can visit the palace free of charge and see the tapestries in the Council Chamber, frescoes in the Hall of the Supreme Council of the Knights, and the Armoury.

Casa Rocca Piccola is a grand private home, where you can tour many of its rooms (including its air-raid shelters) and visit its costume museum.

Other museums include the National Museum of Archaeology, the National Museum of Fine Arts and the National War Museum, which explains Malta's military role in the British Empire. Another reminder of Malta's military history is the Siege Bell, which is rung each day at noon to commemorate the siege of Malta between 1940 and 1943. Malta was awarded the George Cross by Britain for its bravery during the Second World War. The Opera House, in Republic Street, has never been rebuilt since the conflict.



St John's Co-Cathedral is full of rich decoration including a stunning ceiling and a floor of marble tombs.

St John's Co-Cathedral is a must-see, not only for its extraordinary Baroque interior, with carved walls and painted ceiling and side altars, but also for Caravaggio's painting of the murder of St John the Baptist.



Mdina

Take a walk through the Silent City of Mdina and you will experience an unusual mix of medieval and baroque architecture. Mdina, formerly Malta's capital, stands on one of Malta's highest points and at a maximum distance from the sea. It was built in this location as an overlooking fortification which protected the island from invaders. As you walk through the narrow, winding streets you will soon discover that invaders who did manage to get past the defensive walls would have

soon found themselves lost! Mdina's St Paul's Cathedral is the architectural crown of the elegant walled city of Mdina and definitely worth feasting your eyes on. Visit The Mdina Experience where you can learn about the history of Mdina and afterwards you can spoil yourself with a wide selection of mouth-watering, freshlybaked cakes at the Fontanella rooftop Terrace.

Beaches in Malta

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.

Beaches can be busy in summer, especially during weekends and if you prefer a more private beach, you may need to do some exploring.

Ghadira Bay

Located in Mellieha, Ghadira Bay is the biggest stretch of sand on the Maltese islands. 'Ghadira', which means lake in Maltese, has fine golden sand. It's a great beach for games as the sea is quite shallow and one has to walk quite far from the beach before reaching deep water. This is the most popular beach in Malta, so expect to find large crowds in the height of summer. The beach is usually dotted with colourful umbrellas. Lidos are located along the beach and you may rent umbrellas and beach chairs at reasonable prices. Show your student card to receive discounts at the 'Costa Del Sol Lido'.

Armier Bay

Armier Bay is situated in the locality of Mellieha. It consists of two beaches, the largest known as Armier and the other as Little Armier. The sea water in this bay is crystal blue, just like the sea at the Blue Lagoon in Comino, which is just opposite. Armier Bay is the perfect place for a beach

Ghadira Bay is the most popular beach in Malta.



barbecue. Watch the sun set over the island of Gozo and take a refreshing evening dip in the sea.

Gnejna Beach

Gnejna is a very pretty bay in the Western part of Malta near the town of Mgarr. The shallow waters and sandy beach make it perfect for sunbathing. Probably the biggest benefit of Gnejna is that it's usually mostly locals who bathe there. If you are looking for a quiet beach this is probably one of the best locations.

Paradise Bay

Paradise Bay is well secluded and is set in a natural cove. It is located in the northern part of Malta close to Cirkewwa. This beach is excellent for snorkelling and is popular with a younger crowd as there are often parties at the weekends. Despite being relatively isolated, there are plenty of facilities available.

Golden Bay and Riviera

These two beaches are nestled next to each other. Riviera Bay is located just east of Golden Bay and is one of three bays





Gneja Beach (top) and Ghajn Tuffieha (above) are usually quiet.

carved out of the cliffs. There are no paved roads that can take you down to the beach from the cliffs and it is only accessible on foot by steep steps. As a result, the beach does not get crowded. It is a pretty beach and well worth the effort!

Cruises

The calm blue seas of the Mediterranean that surround the Maltese islands are perfect for cruises. Whether you are looking for a relaxing cruise to top up your tan or a party cruise with a difference, IELS Malta can offer you the perfect day or night at sea! All Captain Morgan cruises are offered to our students at discounted prices. Ask at the Leisure Desk for more details

Harbour Cruise

Did you know that the Grand Harbour in Valletta is the world's third largest natural harbour? Experience this and more as you cruise around Malta's many harbours aboard the Harbour Cruise. Learn about the fascinating history of Valletta, the Three Cities and how Malta survived the Great Siege of 1565 and The Second World War. On board the Harbour Cruise you'll sail around the two natural harbours on either side of Valletta – Marsamxett Harbour and the Grand Harbour, whilst stopping at other places of interest along the way including the historical forts, battlements and creeks which can only be admired from the sea.

Spirit of Malta Sailing Cruise

Join the crew on board the 'Spirit of Malta' and spend an amazing day at sea. Jump aboard, relax and take in the most picturesque bays as the 'Spirit of Malta' sails around the blue waters of Malta,

Valletta's historic harbour.



Maltese Civil Ensign



Gozo and Comino. Forget everything but your swimming costume as vou'll eniov swimming and snorkelling in the Mediterranean's clearest of waters at breathtaking bays and the highly acclaimed Blue Lagoon in Comino, Fancy a nibble? A delicious buffet lunch will be served during one of your swimming stops and a variety of cool drinks are available from the well stocked 'Free Bar'. There's no need to bring your wallet! Following lunch let vour hair down as the music and dancing begins. Dance, swim, get a tan, and just have the time of your life! There is no better way to treat yourself than to spend the whole day aboard the 'Spirit of Malta'I

IELS Malta Boat Party

Our most famous Boat Party is by far the most 'in demand' party in Malta during the summer months. Come and ioin our Leisure Team and enjoy an unforgettable evening. Four free drinks and free sandwiches to keep the hunger away are included! Watch the sun set as the crazy party atmosphere continues into the early hours of the morning and don't forget to bring your swimwear along as you party, swim, dance and make new friends at this party of a lifetime!

Enjoy the IELS Malta Boat Party





Sicily

Sicily is not only the largest island in the Mediterranean, but it is also home to the largest, most active volcano in Europe - Mount Etna. Just a 90 minute boat ride from Malta, you can enjoy a full day tour which includes a visit to the typical Sicilian fishing village of Pozzallo as well as crossing the second and third highest bridges in Europe which pass over the Baroque town of Modica. Then you'll pass through the Iblei Mountain



Range with views of quaint villages among the canyons. The highlight of this day trip is the drive up to the Sylvester Craters of Mount Etna before enjoying free time in the city centre of Modica/Taormina.





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 beginners to advanced, at discounted rates. Ask for more information at the Leisure desk

Try Dive

Discover the underwater world and get a taste of the wonders of scuba diving. Included is a lesson in the basics of



scuba diving and equipment, followed by a confined water session.

You will then head off on an open water diving adventure at an inviting shallow reef. Experience the feeling of weightlessness in a new environment and enjoy the vibrant colours and amazing variety of Malta's marine life. A really nice and gentle way to introduce yourself into the world of diving.

PADI Scuba Diver

The PADI Scuba Diver programme is a pre-entry level certification that is perfect for holiday makers or people who only plan to dive a couple of times a year. Credit earned in this programme can be used as part of the Open Water Diver certification. The Open Water Diver course uses the same materials as the Scuba Diver course, so you are already on your way to further dive adventures



Comino Day Trip

This cruise is especially designed to make the best of your time in Comino in the crystal clear waters of this magical Blue Lagoon. You will cruise past Sliema, St Julians, the Casino, St.Andrews, Salina Bay, St Paul's Bay and the island where St Paul was shipwrecked in 60 AD, Mellieha Bay and Comino's famous Blue Lagoon. Optional boat rides visiting the caves

of Comino are available. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure sun bathing or swimming off the boat or going ashore to the small white sandy beach.



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, complemented by the beautiful colours of the rock formations surrounding the caves.





Splash & Fun Waterpark

With the breathtaking rides. relaxing atmosphere and funfilled activities. Splash and Fun Water Park offers a unique and thrilling experience for fun-lovers of all ages. Take a ride on the Lazy River or have a go on the Family Slides, or the Superbowl Slide. Splash & Fun Water Park has one of the largest wave pools in Europe with heart-pounding waves for an exciting experience. Once you are there, why not have a go on the awesome Sidewinder Slide and the latest attraction The Black Hole Your Day at Splash & Fun Water Park will be a truly unforgettable experience with rides, fun and activities



Badger Karting

Badger Karting provides a fun, exciting, competitive and safe activity. Badger Karting is the latest expression of Go karting in the Mediterranean and the local raceway has a fleet of 30 petrol powered karts. These can reach speeds of up to 80km/h, which when combined with the twists and

turns of the 17 different track layouts, deliver a perfect blend of thrill and adrenaline. You can also relax and watch other people race on the track from the viewing gallery, or enjoy hot and cold snacks and a variety of drinks from the club house har



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, fast ferry service. Gozo is more rural, with a simple way of life rooted in fishing and tradition.

The people who live on Gozo, known as Gozitans, are wellknown for their friendliness and their welcome to vistors. Their accent, language and lifestyle are surprisingly distinct from their Maltese neighbours.

Religion still plays a strong part in island life: not only are there

many churches, but also bars open early to cater for people going to morning mass.

Gozo's coast is stunning, with the World Heritage Site of Dwerja Bay as one of the highlights. This has some of the most famous cliffs on the island, with the Fungus Rock and Azure Window arch.

Away from the coast, beautiful countryside is filled with a patchwork of small fields and punctuated by small villages. Here you will find peace and tranquility that is carefully guarded by the villagers.





At the heart of Gozo is the capital: officially known as Victoria, the town is widely called Rabat. On the top of the hill stands the fortified Citadel, which was once the last defence against invaders. It is said that anyone who managed to get inside would soon have got lost in its streets.

Victoria is the main hub of the island, with shops, a market in the it-Tokk square, cafés and band clubs, as well as a theatre, cinema and opera house.



The cathedral, armoury and Gozo 360 audio-visual experience are also in Victoria. The Citadel includes the Folklore Museum, the Gozo Archaeology Museum, the Old Prison, and the Natural Science Museum

Throughout the year 'festas' (feast days) are held in each village with entertainment and parades. Each has a unique feel, and Nadur's festas are particularly unusual.

Gozo has plenty of restaurants, particularly in Victoria, Mgarr and fishing villages such as Marsalforn and Xlendi.

For a taste of Gozo, speak to the Leisure Team to organise a day (or longer) stay on Malta's sister island.



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. Over the next few pages we will be giving you some ideas of how you can enjoy your evenings in Malta, but if you would like more information, please ask a member of the

Leisure Team who will be happy to let you know which are the best places to visit!

Welcome Party

Your first few days in a new place can be daunting and this is why we have organised IELS's welcome party! The party gives you the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere whilst enjoying special offers and promotions.



Paceville

Paceville is the centre of Malta's nightlife. Bright colourful lights, booming music and lively partygoers will greet you as you arrive at one of Europe's top nightspots. In Paceville you'll find many pubs, bars, restaurants and clubs to suit every taste.



Maltese Folklore Evening Enjoy an evening of Maltese cuisine and entertainment. Dressed up in period costume, service is rustic family style making Razzett L-Antik the ideal venue to relax and appreciate traditional Maltese hospitality and culinary delights.





St. George's Road Paceville • St. Julians • Malta www.havanalcom.mt







MALTA'S OFFICIAL FUN BAR

FANTASTIC DRINK OFFERS GREAT MUSIC AND MUCH MUCH MORE

SITUATED IN THE HEART OF PACEVILLE

Transport

Taxis

If you would like to order a taxi, we recommend you use:

Cabs+

Tel. 800 73 770 free from a public telephone or landline, or (+ 356) 2138 9575 from a mobile. Address: 4a, New Street, Elia Zammit Street, St Julian's.

We also recommend that you first ask for the price before using a taxi, in order to avoid being overcharged.

Car Hire

One of the easiest ways to explore the island is by car. IELS have a special deal with Active Car Rental. You can hire a car with delivery and pick up from your accommodation or 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). Special discounts and prices apply at various times of the year. Speak to the Leisure Team for details and prices

Cycling

If you enjoy cycling, it is possible to rent a bicycle. Contact the leisure team for more information.

Buses

Buses are the cheapest way to travel around Malta. Prices are cheap and very low starting from €1.50. You can also opt for weekly tickets or more.

You can enquire at the Leisure Desk for information.



BAR | GRILL | LIDO | NIGHT CLUB

20% discount plus free sunbeds and umbrellas for students!

Surfside Bar & Grill, Tower Road, Sliema | + 356 7982 0340 / +356 2134 5384 www.surfsidemalta.com | surfsidemalta@gmail.com









Going home

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and we would like to ensure your journey home is problem free! Please visit the front reception desk three days before your departure date to check your flight details and to find out the time of your departure transfer

IMPORTANT - Please bring your flight ticket with you.

Discount directory

These services may offer a discount if you show them your IELS student card

Shops

Claire's Accessories
All outlets

Accessorize Bisazza Street, Sliema

Amici Clothing Triq Tigné, Sliema

Trend Mobile Phones Triq Bizazza, Sliema

Sterling Jewellers
All outlets

Solid Gold Jewellers
All outlets

Bars & Clubs

Havana & Flashback
Triq San Gorg, Paceville

Footloose Triq San Gorg, Paceville

Sports & Beauty

Holistic Therapist Feelgood Spa, Sliema

Divesystems Tower Road, Sliema

Mark Navarro Hair Dresser Trig Tigné, Sliema

SALON 15 15 St Anthony Street,

Sliema

Gabriels Hairdressers Tower Road, Sliema

Firststar Healthcare Ltd Massage & Wellbeing Gorg Borg Oliver Str, Sliema

Marsa Sports Club Marsa

Facilities

MedArea Foreign Exchange Triq Tigné, Sliema

Cabs+

Elia Zammit Street, St Julian's

Dry Cleaning & LaundrySub Post Office, Sliema

Photocopying Service Ask at Reception

Ronnie Photo Studio Triq It-Torri, Sliema

Rielés Flower Shop Tower Road, Sliema

Ice Cream & Food

Tanti Ice Cream Sliema Main Bus Station

Spiaggia D'Oro Golden Bay

Wagamama Spinola Bay, St Julians

School Doctor

Dr Kevin Navarro Gera + 356 9949 4115



Potter's Pharmacy

Wilga Street Paceville, St Julian's

(along the road from Burger King & Barcelona Lounge)

Doctor's Visiting Hours

09.00 - 10.30

12.00 - 13.00

16.30 - 18.00

Medical Assistance



IELS Malta Institute of English Language Studies Mattew Pulis Street Sliema SLM 3052 Tel. (+356) 2132 0381 info@ielsmalta.com





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, fire brigade or police you should dial 112.





