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Below is a list of information that you may find useful before your visit to Malta or whilst you are here:

Useful Information

Timezone GMT+1

Electricity 240v, 50hz. Three-pin square plugs are used, as in the UK.

Shop opening hours

<i>Monday – Friday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
9am – 1pm and 4pm – 7pm	Closed

Pharmacies All pharmacies keep normal shopping hours. Should you require a pharmacy on a Sunday there is a list printed in the Maltese Sunday Times each week of pharmacies that are open.

Doctors There are a number of poly-clinics dotted around the island should you need a doctor. Most hotels provide their own doctor too so ask at your hotel reception for more information.

Internet Cafes They have become increasingly popular over recent years and can be found in most tourist areas. Expect to pay about Lm1 for 60 minutes.

Pet Travel With a pet passport it is possible to bring an animal into the country depending on where you are coming from, for a list of countries please go to www.maltakennelclub.org . Pets being brought into the country must follow strict rules and guidelines in order to do so.

Money

Currency The currency in Malta is the Euro(€)

Exchanging money Travellers Cheques,ATMs, Banks and Local tourist offices

Getting around

Buses Buses run regular throughout the island, bus stops are scattered across the island and vary from town to town. They range from small stone rooms to green shelters and the more modern stainless steel, you may also find a red 'fare stage' sign which is also serves as a bus stop. Bus drivers are friendly and will assist you with your ticket when boarding ,however please have the correct change ready for your journey.The main bus terminal is just outside the city gate of Valletta, here you can get a bus to almost anywhere on the island. The buses run until 10pm. The average trip on any bus is approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

Taxis White taxis should charge government-controlled prices with a meter but it is advised to agree on a price before your journey. Black taxis cannot be hailed, they need to be pre-booked and it is advisable to get a fixed price or quote. Please find below some examples of prices of taxis from the airport to a few primary destinations inclusive of 4 people + luggage:

Airport to :

Valletta	€13.98	Mellieha	€27.95
Paceville	€18.63	Cirkewwa	€30.23
Bugibba	€23.29		

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Ferries Why not take a break to the lovely island of Gozo which is a mere 25 minutes away by passenger/car ferry which runs on a tight schedule, roughly every 45 minutes. Car and driver €15.72 additional passengers @ €4.66, children under 12 @ €1.16. Your tickets are presented on your return from Gozo, but can be purchased on both islands. For further information please call +356 21 556 114 or +356 21 580 435.

<http://www.gozochannel.com>

Why not make your way to Valletta from Sliema by ferry which takes about 10 minutes. It runs at half hour intervals between 8am and 6pm @ €0.90 one way.

Driving Driving is the best way to explore the island and its beauty, so choose a little adventure and rent a car. The Maltese roads are not 1st class but they do lead to exciting and exotic places. Driving is on the left hand side of the road and foreign licenses are accepted.

Experience filling up petrol the old way...drive along side, give them your keys and sit back and relax whilst they do the filling for you. Turning up after hours or on weekends means self-service, there is a machine that only accepts €10.00 and €20.00 notes.

Should you be involved in a traffic accident, it is important to call your hire car company as well as the police. The vehicle should not be moved regardless of the damage. Please call: for assistance.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Ambulance, Fire and Police	112	Traffic Accident	21 320 202
Rescue by Helicopter	21 244 371	St. James Hospital Malta	21 33 5235
Rescue by Patrol Boat	21 238 797	St. James Hospital Gozo	2156 4781

Public Holidays

Jan 01 – New Year's Day	Jun 29 – Feast of St Peter and St Paul
Feb 10 – St. Paul's Shipwreck	Aug 15 – Feast of the Assumption
Mar 19 – Feast of St. Joseph	Sep 08 – Feast of Our Lady of Victories
Mar 31 – Freedom Day	Sep 21 – Independence Day
Apr 09 – Good Friday	Dec 08 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
May 01 – Worker's Day	Dec 13 – Republic Day
Jun 07 – Commemoration of June 7, 1919	Dec 25 – Christmas Day