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Living & working in Malta



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Seize the Summer with EURES



Malta in a Nutshell

- Geographical Size: Just 316 km²!
- Capital City: Valletta
- Population: Over 500,000
- National Languages: Maltese and English
- Malta & The EU: Malta joined the EU on the 1st of May 2004
- Currency: Euro (since 1st January, 2008)
- Climate: Mild winters and hot summers, with average temperatures of 23° C (daytime)
- Over 300 days of sunshine per year.
- One of the most heavily bombed places during WWII due to its strategic location. Awarded the George Cross for bravery by George VI — it still appears on Malta's flag.
- Tourism: Over 4 million tourists annually (in 2025)
- Religion: Over 90% of the population is Roman Catholic



Tourism Sector in Malta

- Malta's strategic position in the Mediterranean Sea, its rich history, and its architectural tradition have long made the island an attractive tourist destination
- There are many aquatic activities to enjoy in Malta as well as Gozo and Comino.
- Tourism is one of the cornerstones of Malta's economy, contributing approximately 27% of the country's GDP in recent years.
- The tourism sector employs more than 14% of the Maltese workforce, spanning across various industries like hotels, restaurants, transport services, and tour operators.
- Tourism is responsible for generating significant foreign exchange revenue. In 2025, tourism accounted for more than €3 billion in revenue, representing a major portion of Malta's economic income.



Key Tourist Attractions in Malta

Valletta: Malta's capital city and a UNESCO World Heritage. One can find many Baroque architecture, historical buildings, and cultural landmarks, including St. John's Co-Cathedral and the Upper Barracca Gardens.



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Mdina: Known as the Silent City, Mdina is a medieval fortified city offering visitors an enchanting atmosphere with its narrow streets, historic churches, and panoramic views of the island.



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Gozo: The second-largest island in the Maltese archipelago, Gozo is known for its rural charm, stunning beaches, and Ġgantija Temples which are older than the Pyramids of Egypt.



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Blue Lagoon: Situated on the island of Comino, the Blue Lagoon is famous for its crystal-clear turquoise waters, ideal for swimming, snorkelling, and boat trips. It's one of Malta's most sought-after natural attractions.



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Historical Sites: Malta is home to some of the oldest free-standing structures in the world, such as the prehistoric Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples, as well as the Inquisitor's Palace and the Fortifications of the Knights of St. John.



Filmed in Malta!



Game of Thrones



Gladiator

Filmed in Malta!



Assassin's Creed



Jurassic World Dominion

Staying in Malta for the Summer

- Very hot summers. 30–40°C is common. Sunscreen is not optional.
- Humidity can be high, so stay hydrated!
- Almost all buildings and apartments are air conditioned in Malta (older ones might not be)
- Card payments are widely accepted
- Cost of living is moderate: Rent (shared flat): often €500–900/month depending on area.
- Drives on the left (British influence).
- Bolt and Uber are widely used.
- Relaxed Mediterranean pace
- Punctuality matters professionally, but socially people are more flexible.
- Hospitality and tourism dominate summer jobs.



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- Must try! Pastizzi (cheap, iconic snack), Ftira (Maltese bread sandwich) & Rabbit stew (national dish)
- Must Visit! Summer = festas (village festivals with fireworks almost every weekend).
- Nightlife is centered around St. Julian's (Paceville area).
- Where to socialize:
 - ✓ Sliema – lively, modern, lots of young people.
 - ✓ St. Julian's – nightlife hub.
 - ✓ Valletta – historic and central.
 - ✓ Mellieħa – near sandy beaches.
 - ✓ Gozo – Malta's sister island is a must see.
- Crystal-clear water everywhere. Blue Lagoon in Comino (pre-booking system).
- Easy to meet international people.
- 3 months can feel like a long Mediterranean holiday if you balance work well.
- If you intend to stay in Malta for longer than 3 months, please contact us.



Working in Malta

Once you arrive in Malta and you've secured a job, there are a few steps you'll need to follow to start working.



1. Obtain a National Insurance Number which will enable you to be insured under Malta's Social Security System.



2. Employment registration. This is a legal requirement in Malta and all employment is registered with Jobsplus. Your employer will submit you engagement form to Jobsplus. Once this is processed, you will both receive an acknowledgement letter.



3. (If you decide to stay longer than 3 months) Apply for a Residence Card after three months of living in Malta with Identita' agency.



Working Conditions in Malta

- Employment contracts can be indefinite (without an end-date) or definite (with an end-date).
- A normal week consists of 40 working hours plus eight overtime hours for full-time employees.
- Full-time employees are entitled to 216 hours of paid annual leave (pro rata for definite contracts & pro-rata if you are working during Summer only).
- Malta's Wage Regulation Orders (WROs) set minimum wages, working hours, and employment conditions for various sectors, including tourism and hospitality. Contact us for more information.
- The weekly minimum wage in Malta is:

Age 18 years and over	€229.44
Age 17 years	€222.66
Under 17 years	€219.82



Living in Malta



You can find properties for rent on various Real Estate websites. Rent is normally paid in advance with one month's rent paid as a deposit when you first move in.



It is important to keep accommodation costs in mind when negotiating your salary. While this can vary depending on area, the average rental price of a 2-bedroom flat is Eur 1000/1500 per month.



On January 1st, 2020, Malta introduced new rules for the rental market to establish the minimum and maximum rental periods for long lets and short lets respectively among other subjects.

European Health Insurance Card



A European Health Insurance Card will grant you access to any emergency health services through Malta's Public Health Sector for the first three months following your arrival, so make sure that your card is valid before you leave!



Once you start working in Malta and paying social security contributions, you will be entitled to the same health services as other residents.



Finding a Job in Malta: Where to Start?

EURES Malta: Always secure a job before you move to Malta. EURES Malta's advisers are here to help. Send us your CV on eures.recruitment.jobsplus@gov.mt (job matching service)

Jobsplus: EU nationals can register on the Jobsplus website (www.jobsplus.gov.mt) and apply for jobs advertised directly through the website.

Many vacancies are available during this year's edition of Seize the Summer with EURES 2026

Live Chat during today's event, EURES Malta's Social Media Pages.



Getting Around



Residents can apply for a bus card - free access to Malta's public transport. You'll need a valid residence permit before applying for a bus card.



Buses are the cheapest way to travel in Malta. Routes operate between 5:00 and 23:00. A special night service operating between 23:00 and 04:00 on selected routes.



A ferry service operates between Sliema and Valletta, which can also be accessed using your card.



For more information, please visit the Transport Malta website or download the app <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/>



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