



# Classic Island Homestay

## MALTA

### TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT

**Malta International Airport:** Approx. 40 min

### GETTING TO SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

- Students are transported to school and activities on a private EC bus.
- The average journey time to school is 30 minutes.



### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- General English course - 20 lessons per week (1 lesson = 45 minutes)
- Course materials
- Welcome Pack
- End of course certificate
- Return airport transfers
- Full board accommodation
- Supervised activity programme (per week):
  - 5 half-day activities and 4 evening activities
  - 1 full-day excursion (for students staying minimum 2 weeks)
- EC bus to all activities and school

### DATES AVAILABLE

- 01 April - 23 April 2017
- 17 June - 27 August 2017
- 07 October - 05 November 2017

Homestay locations include (but are not limited to): St Julian's, Sliema, Swieqi, San Gwann, St Andrew's, Ta' Xbiex, Gzira, Msida, Bahar ic-Caghaq and Pembroke.

### AGES

13 - 17 years

### ARRIVAL DAY

Saturday or Sunday\*

### DEPARTURE DAY

Saturday or Sunday\*

\*Please note, packages include accommodation for 7 nights per week, thus arrival on a Saturday and departure on a Sunday will incur an extra night's fee

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

(+356) 9946 7078

### EXTRA ACTIVITY

- **Diving** 4 half-day lessons of PADI Open Water for beginners and PADI Advanced for experienced divers
- **Sicily Trip** Full day trip with a guided tour including a visit to Mount Etna, the largest and most active volcano in Europe
- All extra options substitute other activities

## Accommodation

### BOARD STATUS

Full board

### TYPE OF ROOM

Students are placed in a twin/triple room with other students of the same gender, usually of a different nationality.

### BATHROOMS

Shared bathroom

### ROOMS INCLUDE

- a bed
- desk/table where students can do their homework (if not in the room, a place for studying will be provided in a common area)
- storage space

### LINEN/TOWELS

Bed linen and towels are provided by the family. Students must bring their own beach towel. Linen and towels will be cleaned once a week.

### LAUNDRY

Students can use the homestay's laundry facilities once a week.

### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION

- Students will have access to living areas during acceptable hours.
- All students will have access to the phone. To make a call, students must use a calling card, which can be purchased in many local shops. Students will also be able to receive incoming calls, from their parents, for example.
- International leaders are accommodated in twin rooms. If international leaders book a single room, a single room supplement will be charged at the time of booking and reserved based on availability.
- Valid reasons must accompany a request for change of accommodation and each request is considered on its own merits. Such changes are also subject to availability. Students must pay for any transport costs, additional accommodation charges and cancellation fees (where applicable). These additional charges must be paid in full prior to the move. EC is happy to assist students with arrangements for any justifiable accommodation changes.

## Meals

### BREAKFAST

Tea / coffee, toast, jam and cereal.

### LUNCH

Lunch is served at St. Martin's College from Monday to Friday. Different food stalls will be set up so that students will have a choice of dishes, and each day students can choose to eat from whichever stall they prefer. The options could include fresh salads, pizza, pasta, soup, sushi, and more. Vegetarian, gluten free and dairy free options will be available every day.

### DINNER

A hot meal, for example: pasta / chicken / beef / pork / pizza / hamburgers, mineral water and dessert / fruit.

### DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If students have specific diet requirements (e.g. Gluten free / vegetarian / Halal), EC must be informed of this prior to the student's arrival.

### Water

Temperatures in Malta during summer are quite high and students therefore, need to drink plenty of water. Whilst water is provided during meals, students will be expected to buy bottled water at other times, during activities and school. It is important to take this into account when evaluating the amount of pocket money needed.

### MEDICAL

At the time of booking EC must be advised of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be taken by the student. EC will endeavour to find a homestay provider that can accept students with medical conditions. However if we are not advised of this in advance, EC cannot take responsibility should the homestay provider refuses to accept the student in their home.

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes which must be acquired prior to their arrival.

European students travelling with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to free public healthcare. Non EU nationals will be charged for public health care, provided their E111 card is presented upon admittance. They will be asked to leave a deposit of €70 upon admittance, with any additional amounts due to be paid prior to departure.

Students requesting private medical treatment must be prepared to pay approximately €25 to see a doctor; this must be paid at the time of their visit.



## EXPULSION









EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his / her own expense for any of the reasons including but not limited to the circumstances listed below:

- Possession and / or use of any illegal drugs
- Consumption of alcohol
- Malicious damage to school property and/or place of accommodation
- Being a danger to his / her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking Maltese law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons and/or activities

In any of the above circumstances the student will be informed that their stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC will inform the student's agent about the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available will be booked and an EC staff member will accompany the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country safely. Following such action EC will terminate all relationships with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any student who has been expelled.

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	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>S</b>	<b>Arrivals</b>		
<b>S</b>	<b>Arrival / Free Day</b>	<b>Evening Orientation walk</b>	
<b>M</b>	Placement Test & Lessons	 Splash and Fun Waterpark	Welcome Party
<b>T</b>	Harbour Cruise	 Themed Lessons	Free Evening* / Optional Activity
<b>W</b>	Themed Lessons	 Rocky Beach	International Night
<b>T</b>	Valletta Visual Show	 Themed Lessons	Free Evening* / Optional Activity
<b>F</b>	Themed Lessons	Sandy Beach & BBQ	
<b>S</b>	<b>Free Morning</b>	<b>Sandy Beach</b>	<b>Sports Festival</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Free day / Optional Sicily or Gozo (at extra charge)</b>		<b>Free Evening*</b>
<b>M</b>	Interactive Science Centre and Vittoriosa	 Themed Lessons	Foam Party
<b>T</b>	Themed Lessons	 Boat Trip to Comino	
<b>W</b>	Mdina & Badger Karting	 Themed Lessons	International Night
<b>T</b>	Themed Lessons	 Water Park	Free Evening* / Optional Activity
<b>F</b>	Baystreet & Lunch	 Themed Lessons	BBQ
<b>S</b>	<b>Departures / Full day excursion for students staying 3+ weeks</b>		

Please note: This is a sample programme and changes may occur.

\*Homestay students may spend their free evening with their hosts

 Indicates linked activity which allows students to practise what they learnt in class that day

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- Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up
- Lessons will alternate daily between morning and afternoon

# Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

## CURFEW TIMES

- Age:13 and Under  
ALL NIGHTS – 22:00 hours
- Age: 14 – 16  
Sunday – Thursday – 23:00 hours  
Friday & Saturday – 00:00 hours
- Age: 17  
Sunday – Thursday – 00:00 hours  
Friday & Saturday – 01:00 hours
- Please note: Curfew times are set for students' free evenings, not when attending EC activities

## ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The consumption of alcohol by Junior students is not allowed. Students who consume alcohol risk being expelled from EC and repatriated to their home country at their own expense.

## SMOKING

The legal age for smoking in Malta is 18 years. Smoking is NOT allowed at any time.

## DRUGS

The consumption and / or possession of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student at their own expense. The intervention of the police may also be necessary in such an event.

## Course Certificate

Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to receive their End of Course Certificate.

## Money Transfer Arrangement

EC does not provide a pocket money service for students. Parents should ensure their children have sufficient pocket money for the duration of their stay. Should students require pocket money during their stay, parents are asked to transfer funds through an international transfer service.

## Discipline

In order to manage student behaviour, EC staff may issue a formal warning, notify parents, ban students from an activity or withhold the End of Course certificate, if the student misbehaves.

## ACCOMMODATION RULES

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy.
- Students must not be noisy or disturb other members of the household.
- Curfew times must be respected by all students.
- The host family must be told well in advance if students are not going to be there for dinner or if they have an activity which conflicts with their dinner.
- Students who are not residing at the host family are not allowed to stay overnight. Students must ask the host family for permission to have a friend visit them at the family home.
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages caused whilst staying at the host family. The School will advise of any payments due, no money should be given directly to the host family.
- The host family may have specific house rules that will be communicated on arrival and must be abided by.

## CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

At EC, we endeavour to provide our students with the highest possible level of service. If, however, a student is unsatisfied with any aspect of their programme with EC, we ask that they inform us immediately. Most problems are small and can be quickly resolved by our staff members. During the first week of school, all students are given an Initial Course Evaluation form, in which they are asked to evaluate various aspects of their stay, such as tuition, accommodation and leisure. The form also allows students the opportunity to bring to our attention anything that is not to their satisfaction should they feel unable to speak to us directly. Solutions to any issues will be provided and all necessary parties will be notified when applicable. Students are also requested to complete an End of Course Evaluation form at the end of their stay such that they have the opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home country.