



Classic Malta Homestay

Staying with a Maltese family is a great way for students to practice their English outside of school whilst learning about the culture of this interesting island. All of our host families are licensed by the Malta Tourism Authority and approved by EC's Accommodation staff who also visit all host families regularly.

What's Included

- › English course
- › Airport transfers (arrival and departure)
- › Accommodation on full board
- › EC bus for school and all excursions
- › Air-conditioned classrooms
- › Supervised activity programme:
 - › 5 half day activities and 3 evening activities per week
 - › 1 full day activity for students staying minimum 2 weeks

Dates available

- › Spring: 24 March - 15 April
- › Summer: 16 June - 2 September
- › Winter: 6 October - 4 November

Ages

- › 13 - 17 years

Emergency Number

- › +356 9946 7078

Phone	All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to accept incoming calls. If students want to make phone calls they must use a calling card. Calling cards can be purchased from many local stores.
	Host families 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.
Travel time from airport	Malta Intentional Airport: approx. 40 minutes
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

Meals

Breakfast

Tea / coffee, toast, jam and cereal.

Lunch

Packed lunch: A large sandwich, fruit, a bar of chocolate and a 500ml bottle of water. During the week packed lunches are collected at school, at the weekend packed lunches are collected from the host family.

Hot Lunch: Every other day during summer at school. Lunches include a hot snack coupled with a salad (pasta / rice / green) and a dessert such as fruit or an item of confectionery.

Dinner

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

Dietary Requirements

EC must be informed at the time of booking of any special dietary requirements.

Medical

EC must be advised upon booking of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be administered to students.

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.

Accommodation

Room Type

Students are placed in a twin/triple room with other students of the same gender, normally different nationality, unless they request to stay with a friend.

Bathrooms

Shared bathroom

Board status

Full board accommodation (breakfast, hot or packed lunch and dinner)

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

Laundry facilities will be provided by the family once a week.

Learning centre

Spring & Autumn Programmes: Students attend lessons at a learning centre in St Julian's.

Summer Programme:

Address: St Martin's College, Swatar Road Swatar

Students attend lessons at St. Martin's College (with the exception of the first weeks of the programme when students may attend a school in St Julian's). St Martin's College provides a safe and comfortable environment which is highly conducive to English language learning.

Course

- › Students will learn in a fully air-conditioned centre.
- › Each centre has a dedicated EC Academic Co-ordinator.
- › Students are transported to school and activities by a private EC bus service, with a maximum journey time of 45 minutes to school. Course Students attending this programme will attend a General English course.
- › General English – 20 morning / afternoon lessons (45 mins each) per week for a total of 15 hours. The course will help improve English language skills by focusing on the key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening. A strong focus is placed on speech and using the language confidently and fluently.
- › Our dedicated and professional teaching staff provide feedback and support and help students build confidence to speak English.
- › Lessons will alternate between morning and afternoon sessions on a daily basis
- › Students are transported to school and activities by a private EC bus service, average journey to school: 30 minutes
- › International classes.

First Day

On the first day, all students sit a placement test - The placement test assesses students in listening, reading, writing and use of English allowing academic staff to place students in the relevant group for their ability.

Maximum Class Size

Students study in classes of a maximum of 15 students

Attendance

Attendance to class is compulsory unless there is a justified reason for absence. In case of a student falling ill, an EC staff member will provide assistance.

Educational materials

Educational materials are provided. Students should bring their own notepaper and pens.

Extra Activity

> Adventure Activity Package

Sports including snorkelling, abseiling, horse riding, swimming with tuna, Splash & Fun Waterpark and other water sports

> 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)

Sample programme

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Saturday	Arrivals		
Sunday	Arrivals / Free Day for Orientation		
Monday	Placement Test & Lessons	Splash & Fun Waterpark	Beach Party
Tuesday	Harbour Cruise	Lessons	Free Evening
Wednesday	Lessons	Sports	International Night
Thursday	Go-Karting & Crafts Village	Lessons	EC Party
Friday	Lessons	EC Beach Club	Free Evening
Saturday	Paradise Bay Beach Trip	Saturday Night Party	
Sunday	Free Day for Shopping or Optional Sicily at an extra charge		
Monday	Mdina	Lessons	Foam Party
Tuesday	Lessons	Comino Visit	Free Evening
Wednesday	Valletta	Lessons	International Night
Thursday	Lessons	Golden Bay Beach Trip	BBQ Night
Friday	Mediterraneo Marine Park	Lessons	Free Evening
Saturday	EC Beach Club / Departures		
Sunday	Departures / Free Day for Shopping / Optional Sicily for students staying 3+ weeks		

> This is a sample programme only and changes may occur

> Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up

Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

Curfew times

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

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.

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.

Smoking

The legal age for smoking in Malta is 16 years.

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.

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.
- › Girls are not allowed to stay in the boys' rooms and vice versa.
- › EC must be advised well in advance (upon booking) of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that need to be administered to students. The student must then reconfirm this with the EC social leader upon arrival.
- › 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.

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.

Course Certificate

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

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Money Transfer Arrangement

EC does not provide a pocket money service for students attending courses for less than 4 weeks. 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. If this method should fail EC will provide a pocket money service, however EC will not make a payment to a student until funds are received in our bank account. In this case we will charge an administration fee of €30 per student, which will be deducted from the sum deposited in EC's account.

Unaccompanied Minors

- Passengers who have reached their 7th birthday but not their 14th and who undertake to travel on an Air Malta flight unaccompanied by a guardian, i.e. an adult aged 16 and over, are classified as unaccompanied minors (UM)
- A non-refundable and non-transferable service fee of €70 per UM per flight segment shall be collected on booking.
- UM's holding Italian passports who have not yet reached their 14th birthday and are travelling unaccompanied to/from/within Italy, including Sicily, are required to obtain, in addition to the Air Malta UM policy, a Dichiarazione Di Affidato (Statement of Custody), signed by both parents and authorized by the Italian police before departure.

