

A combination of supervised activities, stimulating English lessons and free time gives teenagers both the guidance and independence needed to make the most out of this beautiful island destination.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- General English course - 20 lessons per week (1 lesson = 45 minutes)
- Course materials
- End of course certificate
- Half board accommodation (with breakfast & dinner)
- Return airport transfers
- Supervised activity programme (per week):
 - 3 half-day activities and 3 evening activities
 - 1 full-day excursion (for students staying 2 weeks minimum)
- EC beach club membership
- Welcome pack

TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT

Malta International Airport: approx. 40 minutes

ACCOMMODATION ADDRESS

TRANSFER DETAILS

Please ensure that the airport arrival information is received by EC at least 7 days prior to arrival. If EC do not receive this information, transfers and room availability upon arrival cannot be guaranteed.

In the case of a late night arrival an extra night fee will be charged. If a late check out is required, this may incur an additional charge.

Staying in a hotel with other EC students is a great way for students to practice their English and experience an independent lifestyle. Students will stay at a hotel in Sliema. It is located within walking distance of entertainment spots including restaurants, cafes, cinemas and shops, and right next to the sea.

GETTING TO SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

- The best way for students to get to school is by public transport. Students need to purchase a bus pass upon arrival, which costs around €12 a week (subject to change). The journey is approximately a 10-25 minute bus ride from your Freestyle Hotel to the classrooms in the St. Julian's area, just a 10-15 minute walk from EC's Corinthia Hotel Beach Club.
- A private EC bus service takes students to and from scheduled activities that are not held in venues within walking distance from the hotel.

DATES AVAILABLE

20 June - 30 August 2015

AGES

16 - 20 years

MINIMUM COURSE DURATION

1 week

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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



Accommodation

BOARD STATUS

Half Board breakfast and dinner. Full Board is available at an extra charge. Lunch is not served at the hotel.

TYPE OF ROOM

Triple room - students are placed in a triple room with other students of the same gender of a different nationality. Students may be asked to move room during their stay to ensure they are always sharing in a triple room.

BATHROOMS

Ensuite Bathroom

ROOMS INCLUDE

- storage space,
- TV
- Air-conditioning

LINEN/TOWELS

Bed linen and towels are provided - students should bring their own beach towels. Linen and towels are changed a minimum of once a week.

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are available at a charge of €12 per 3kg bundle. (price is subject to change)

WIFI

Free WiFi service is available in the lobby/bar areas for students who bring their own laptops/WiFi devices. Fixed internet and computer access is available at the rate of €1 per 20 minutes. (Charges are subject to change.)

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION

- Small, open air swimming pool surrounded by a sun deck
- Safe-deposit box (at a nominal extra charge)
- 24-hour front desk

SUPERVISION

For added security and assistance, live-in EC supervisors will stay at the hotel.

Note: A refundable damage deposit of €50 will be collected by the hotel and returned on departure day at check-out. Costs of any damages caused by the student will be deducted from this deposit.

Meals

BREAKFAST

Continental breakfast consisting of tea or coffee, orange juice, fresh bread, butter, jam, ham and cheese.

DINNER

Three-course buffet style meal with a choice of starters, main courses and deserts. One large bottle of water will be served per 4 students. Students can buy additional drinks from the restaurant.

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.

Please note: For gluten-free meals a supplement may apply.

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

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

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.

Learning Centre

Lessons are held in our bright, air-conditioned classrooms in the St Julian's area, just a 10-15 minute walk from EC's Corinthia Hotel Beach Club.

Course: General English

20 lessons per week (a total of 15 hours)

1 lesson = 45 minutes

- 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.

FIRST DAY

Welcome Pack - Students will receive a Welcome Pack at their hotel. This contains a handbook, containing general information about Malta, a map, EC emergency numbers, timetable, safety instructions, an activity programme, school rules, and a student card.

First day - The programme (given with the handbook), clearly states the date and time that the student has to be at school for the placement test – this may vary according to the number of students starting their course on that day. The test time is earlier than the starting time of lessons on any other school day. Students must be *punctual* to ensure that the allocation process of students to classrooms/levels runs smoothly.

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
- Participation in one of the above packages may replace an activity from the standard programme.



MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE

15

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Course book and educational materials are provided. Students should bring their own notepaper and pens.

ATTENDANCE

All students must attend classes on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example).



SAMPLE PROGRAMME

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Arrivals		
Sunday	Arrivals / Free Day / Orientation		
Monday	Placement Test & Lessons	Splash & Fun Waterpark	Welcome Party
Tuesday	Free Morning	Lessons	BBQ & Beach Games
Wednesday	Lessons	Comino	Free Evening
Thursday	Valletta & Malta 5D Show	Lessons	Free Evening
Friday	Lessons	Golden Bay	Badger Karting Grand Prix & Mdina by Night
Saturday	Baystreet Poolside		
Sunday	Free Day or Optional Sicily (at an extra charge)		
Monday	Free Morning	Lessons	Drinks at Surfside
Tuesday	Lessons	Water Sports	Night Boat Party
Wednesday	Mdina Walkaround & Dingli Cliffs	Lessons	Free Evening
Thursday	Lessons	Splash & Fun	BBQ Night
Friday	Free Morning	Lessons	Free Evening / Optional Horse Riding
Saturday	Departures/Free Day		
Sunday	Departures/Sandy Beach Trip for students staying 3 weeks+		

- This is a sample programme only and changes may occur
- Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up
- Lessons will alternate daily between morning and afternoon
- Social leaders supervise students during activities, with a ratio of 1 leader per 25 students.



Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

CURFEW TIMES

- **16-17 years:** Sunday to Thursday – 01:00 hours
Friday & Saturday – 02:00 hours
- There is no enforced curfew for Freestyle students aged 18+

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The legal age for consumption of alcohol in Malta is 17 and hence anybody younger caught consuming alcohol is in breach of the law. Students under 17 caught consuming alcohol risk being expelled from EC and repatriated to their home country at the student's own expense. Any students drinking in excess and irresponsibly also risk being expelled from the programme.

DRUGS

The consumption of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student, at their own expense and the possible intervention of the police.

SMOKING

The legal age for smoking in Malta is 18 years. Smoking is NOT accepted at any time (at the residence, at school, nor during activities)

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 sent an Initial Course Evaluation via e-mail. 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 via e-mail 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 are not allowed to invite guests into the residence
- Students who are not residing in the accommodation are not allowed to stay in the hotel room/s or use the hotel facilities/restaurants.
- Girls are not allowed to stay in the boys rooms and vice versa
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages caused to school/ hotel property. Payment for damages must be effected immediately and the residence staff will not allow the students to leave the residence unless payment has been made
- The hotel may have specific regulations that will be communicated upon the students arrival.

End of Course Certificate

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

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.

All students under 18 must provide signed consent forms from their parents or legal guardians to participate in this programme.

EXPULSION

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his/her own expense for any of the reasons below. This includes but is not limited to the following circumstances:

- Possession of any illegal drugs
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Malicious damage to school property or place of accommodation
- If the student is a danger to his/her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking Maltese law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons

In any of the above circumstances the student is informed that his/her stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC informs the student's agent of the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available is booked and an EC staff member accompanies the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country. Following such action, EC will terminate all relations with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.