

Economy Bella Vista Hotel



Our Economy Residence is located in a prominent position very close to the centre of bustling Bugibba, Qawra and the beautiful St. Paul's Bay. Students can easily discover all the charms of these tourist villages which are within walking distance of one another.



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 3 evening activities
 - 1 full-day activity (for students staying 2 weeks minimum)
- EC bus to all activities and school

DATES AVAILABLE

13 June - 30 August 2015

AGES

13 - 17 years

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

ACCOMMODATION ADDRESS

BellaVista Hotel,
Qawra Coast Road,
Qawra SPB 08,
Malta

Staying in a hotel with other EC students is a great way for students to practise their English and experience an independent lifestyle. Students will stay at the Bella Vista Hotel. This hotel is situated in St Paul's Bay within walking distance of entertainment spots including restaurants, cafes and shops.

GETTING TO SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

Students are transported to school and activities on a private EC bus, with an average journey time of 30 minutes to school.

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

TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT

Malta International Airport: 40 minutes



Accommodation

BOARD STATUS

Full board consisting of breakfast, hot / packed lunch and dinner.

TYPE OF ROOM

Students are placed in triple or quad rooms with other students of the same gender (and usually of a different nationality).

ROOMS INCLUDE

- storage space
- TV
- air-conditioning

BATHROOMS

Ensuite bathrooms.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION

- Swimming pool with sunbathing area.
- Live-in EC leaders.
- International leaders are accommodated in triple/twin rooms shared with other international leaders. If international leaders book a single room, a supplement will be charged at the time of booking and rooms are reserved based on availability.
- Safe deposit boxes can be hired on request at reception.
- Internet access available at a charge.

SUPERVISION

For added security and assistance, live-in EC supervisors will stay at the hotel. There is 1 leader per 15 students.

LINEN/TOWELS

Bed linen and towels are provided. (Students should bring their own beach towels).

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are available, the price for a 3kg bundle is approximately €12 (subject to change)

CLEANING

Rooms are cleaned every other day, linen and towels are changed at least once a week.

TRANSFER DETAILS

If the student's flight arrives after 22:00 please ensure that the airport transfer information is sent to EC at least 2 days prior to arrival to ensure that rooms are available upon arrival. 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.

Please note that a €50 damage deposit will be requested by the hotel at check-in. This will be returned upon student departure unless any damages have been made.

Any additional charges incurred after arrival have to be paid by the students.



Meals

BREAKFAST

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

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, on the weekend packed lunches are collected from the accommodation.

Hot lunch:

Every other day 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

Three-course style meal with a choice of starters, main courses and desserts. Water will be available with dinner.

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 medication that needs to be administered to students.

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes, and this 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.

Should a student require medical attention, the doctor's certificate and payment receipt will be given to the student, who must ensure that the documents are kept safe.



ACCOMMODATION RULES

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy.
- Students must not be noisy or disturb other guests staying in the residence.
- Curfew times must be respected by all students.
- Students who are not residing in the accommodation are not allowed to stay in the hotel room/s or use any hotel facilities or restaurants.
- Girls are not allowed to stay in the boys' rooms and vice versa.
- Students are liable for any damages / breakages of the hotel's property. Payment must be paid immediately and in full.
- The hotel may have specific regulations that will be communicated upon the students arrival.

Learning Centre

Address:

- EC Malta, St. Julian's
- St. Martin's College, Swatar Road, Swatar

Students attend lessons in St. Julian's or at St. Martin's College. Both schools provide a safe and comfortable environment which is highly conducive to English language learning. Both schools are fully airconditioned with free Wi-Fi available.

Course: General English

20 lessons per week (a total of 15 hours)

1 lesson = 45 minutes

- Each centre has a dedicated EC Academic Co-ordinator.
- Lessons will alternate daily between morning and afternoon.
- 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.

FIRST DAY

On their first day, students will be picked up at 7.15am to go to school. All students sit a placement test which assesses them in listening, reading, writing and use of English. This will allow academic staff to place students in the relevant group for their ability.

Welcome Pack

Students will receive a Welcome Pack at their hotel. This contains a map, a programme of events, a handbook with general information about Malta, and a student card.

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE

Max. 15 students per class

MINIMUM COURSE DURATION

1 week

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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

ATTENDANCE

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

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



SAMPLE PROGRAMME

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Arrivals		
Sunday	Arrivals / Free Day for Orientation		
Monday	Placement Test or Lessons	Baystreet/Beach	Welcome Party
Tuesday	Harbour Cruise including Lunch	Lessons	Free evening
Wednesday	Lessons	Visit to Wied iz-Zurrieq	International Night
Thursday	Mdina	Lessons	BBQ Night
Friday	Lessons	Splash & Fun Water Park	Free Evening / Optional Go Karting
Saturday	Free day		
Sunday	Free Day / Optional Sicily or Gozo, at extra charge		
Monday	Go karting & Crafts Village	Lessons	Foam Party
Tuesday	Lessons	Comino	Free Evening
Wednesday	Valletta inc. Audio Visual Show	Lessons	International Night
Thursday	Lessons	Sandy Beach, Mellieha	Night with the EC Stars
Friday	Sliema Shopping & Rocky Beach	Lessons	Optional Horse Riding / Free Evening
Saturday	Departures / Full day excursion		

ADDITIONAL DISCLAIMERS

- 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



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 18 years. Smoking is NOT allowed at any time during this programme.

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.

End of Course Certificate

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

Pocket Money

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.

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.

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.