





The capital city is Valletta but most of the 5 star hotels and nightlife is located in St. Julian's (10 minutes away).



The official languages are English and Maltese, which sounds a bit Arabic



The British ruled Malta until 1964 when it became independent. We still drive on the left hand side of the road.



Malta became an EU member in 2004 and began using the euro as currency in 2008



The climate is typically Mediterranean, with hot, dry summers, warm and sporadically wet autumns, and short, cool winters with dequate rainfall.



Malta has a total surface of 316 sq km



May is the first reliably dry and sunny month of the year in Malta, although it does lack the higher temperatures that come with summer. At this time of year, the average temperature for the island rises from 17.5°C at the start of the month up to 21°C in the final few days. Daily highs increase from 21°C to 25°C and daily lows also rise from 14°C up to 17°C as the month develops.

PRECIPITATION IN MAY

In May, Malta receives an average of 6mm of rainfall divided between six rainy days throughout the month. With rainfall occurring on so few days, there is a good chance you won't get any of the wet stuff at all during your stay.

SUNSHINE IN MAY

Malta enjoys around 12 hours of sunshine each day in May, which is considerably higher than many other parts of central and northern Europe at this time of year. The average cloud coverage on any given day in May falls from 39% (mostly clear) down to 26% (mostly clear) as the month develops.



24°C Avg. day temperature



12 hrs
Avg. sunshine



6 days Avg. rainy days



19°C Avg. sea temperature



Built in the 16th century by the Knights of St John, Valletta bears the name of its founder, the French Grand Master Jean Parisot de Valette. Valletta is widely considered as the first planned city in Europe and is a fine example of Baroque architecture. Occupying a surface area of 0.8 km², Valletta is the smallest capital city in the European Union and the second southernmost capital of the EU member states.

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The entire city of Valletta and the spectacular Grand Harbour are two of the nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites to be found in Malta. Strolling through the uniform grid streets is nothing short of walking through an open-air museum.

HISTORICAL TREASURE TROVE

Valletta boasts no less than 320 monuments, all housed within walking distance of each other. Standing among Europe's oldest working theatres is the Manoel Theatre, also built by the Order of the Knights of St John.

EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2018

Valletta is hosting the title of European Capital of Culture 2018 with a partner Dutch city, Leeuwarden. The Cultural Programme is built around four themes: Generations, Routes, Cities and Islands.