

**VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR MALTESE NATIONALS AS AT**  
**01/11/2016**

**Maltese nationals DO NOT require a visa to enter the following countries. Some countries deliver a Visa upon arrival. (\*) See notes, as certain conditions may apply.**

A.

Albania  
Andorra  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina\* (1)  
Austria  
Armenia

B.

Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belgium  
Belize  
Bosnia and  
Herzegovina\*(2)  
Botswana  
Brazil\* (3)  
Brunei Darussalam\*(4)  
Bulgaria

C.

Cayman Islands  
Canada\* (5)  
Chile  
Colombia\* (6)  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic

D.

Denmark  
Dominica\* (7)

E.

Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Estonia

F.

Federal Republic of  
Germany  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
FYROM (Macedonia)

G.

Gambia  
Greece  
Granada  
Guyana  
Georgia  
Guatemala

H.

Hong Kong  
Honduras  
Hungary

I.

Iceland  
Ireland  
Indonesia\* (8)  
Israel  
Italy

J.

Jamaica  
Japan

K.

Kiribati  
Kosovo  
Kyrgyz Republic\* (9)

L.

Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg

M.

Macau  
Malawi  
Malaysia\* (10)  
Maldives  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Montenegro  
Morocco

N.

Nauru  
Netherlands  
Nicaragua  
Norway  
New Zealand

O.

Oman\* (11)

P.

Panama  
Paraguay

Peru\*(12)  
Philippines\*(13)  
Poland  
Portugal

R.

Republic of Korea  
[South]  
Romania

S.

Samoa  
San Marino  
Serbia  
St. Kitts and Nevis\* (14)  
Seychelles  
Singapore  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
South Africa  
Spain  
St. Lucia  
St. Vincent and the  
Genadines  
Swaziland  
Sweden  
Switzerland

T.

Taiwan\* (15)  
(The) Gambia.  
Tonga  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Tuvalu

U.

Uganda  
Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates\*  
(16)  
United Kingdom

United States of  
America\*(17)  
Uruguay

Venezuela

Z.

V.

Zambia  
Zimbabwe

Vatican City  
Vanuatu

**\*NOTES:-**

**(1) Argentina: Visa Stamp upon Arrival.**

Maltese passport holders can obtain a 90-day tourist visa stamped into their passport. Such passport holders should ensure that they have at least six months validity before their passport expires *and* at least one clear page so that the visa can be stamped. Tourist visas in Argentina last for 90 days, after which it is possible to apply for an extension for a further 90 days, in-country (total of 180 days per tourist visa).

**(2) Bosnia i Herzegovina**

Maltese passport holders do not require a Visa to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“As from 21 July 2005, all EU citizens are exempted from the visa requirement when travelling to Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period of time not exceeding 90 days or transiting through the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina”

For more information, visit: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy/index_en.htm)

**(3) Brazil.**

<http://cgroma.itamaraty.gov.br/it/temporaneo.xml>

Maltese Passport Holders travelling for tourism purposes to Brazil do not require to apply for a Visa prior to their arrival or upon their arrival in Brazil PROVIDED their stay does not exceed 90 days. Certain categories of persons (eg: voluntary work, internship etc.) however, do require a visa in advance of arrival in Brazil.

Maltese nationals have a right to remain in Brazil for tourism purposes for a maximum of 90 days (to be counted within the arch of the last 180 days).

Maltese citizens for tourism purposes must present to the police at the Brazilian border the following documents: -

Maltese Passport with a Validity date of 6 months *and* at least 2 free/blank pages.

The flight tickets for arrival to *and* departure from Brazil.

At the moment of entry, the Federal Police reserve the right to request proof of means of financial maintenance/subsistence for the period of stay in Brazil such as showing them the sum of money available corresponding to the duration of stay in Brazil. Other means of proof may be travellers cheques, credit cards with their date of expiry superior to the maximum period of stay in Brazil.

#### **(4) Brunei Darussalam**

A Visa for **Brunei Darussalam** is not required for a period not exceeding 30 days. Otherwise, a visa is required.

#### **(5) Canada**

Although Maltese Passport holders are exempt from applying for a visa when transiting through or travelling to Canada, as of 15 March 2016, all travellers who are transiting through a Canadian airport or visiting Canada, including diplomatic and official passport holders, are obliged to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) prior to travelling. This change does not affect individuals entering Canada at a land-border crossing, nor at a marine-port-of-entry. Lawful permanent residents of the United States will also need an eTA if flying or transiting through Canada. Information on this new requirement and instructions on how to apply for an eTA may be found on <http://canada.ca/eTA>;

The application is a simple one online process and costs \$7 CAD. An eTA will be required of any visa-exempt national seeking to fly, or to transit through a Canadian airport, including holders of visa-exempt diplomatic or official passports. This change does not affect individuals entering Canada at a land-border crossing, nor at a marine port-of-entry.

Please note that an eta is linked to the passport or travel document entered on the application, and that the passport used to apply for an eTA must be the document used for travel to Canada. If a person holds more than one valid passport (such as a diplomatic passport in addition to a regular passport), an eTA may be obtained for both travel documents if both will be used for air travel to Canada. Holders of diplomatic or official passport, who are travelling to Canada on Official Business, may apply for a free-exempt diplomatic visa.

#### **(6) Colombia**

Only businessmen, students, and missionaries visiting Colombia for such reasons require a visa for Colombia.

#### **(7) Dominica**

MT nationals can obtain a Tourist Card on arrival.

#### **(8) Indonesia**

MT Passport holders can travel without a visa for up to a maximum of thirty (30) days. Otherwise, a visa is required.

**(9) Kyrgyz Republic**

Maltese citizens are exempt from requiring a visa for a stay not exceeding sixty (60) days. Otherwise, a visa is required.

**(10) Malaysia**

Maltese passport holders do not require a Visa to travel to Malaysia, and they can safely remain there for up to 3 months.

**(11) Oman**

Maltese nationals travelling to the **Sultanate of Oman** will be given a visa, valid for a 14-day visit, upon arrival, at Seeb International Airport and most main ports of entry. They do not require a sponsor from the Sultanate of Oman. For stays of more than 14 days, a visa is required.

**(12) Peru**

**Visa-free travel for EU citizens when travelling to the territory of Peru** for a period of stay of **90 days** in any 180-day period. [Only businessmen, students, and missionaries visiting Peru for such reasons require a visa for Peru.]

Agreement: <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-12097-2015-COR-1/en/pdf>

**(13) Philippines**

A Visa for the **Philippines** is not required for a period not exceeding 30 days, as long as their passport is valid for more than 6 months **and** Maltese nationals hold a return flight ticket for the end of their stay in the Philippines. Otherwise, a visa is required.

**(14) St. Kitts and Nevis**

Maltese nationals do not require a visa to visit St Kitts and Nevis for a period of up to 90 days. Otherwise, a visa is required. In such case, a Visa for **St Kitts and Nevis** is applied for online on the following website <http://www.gov.kn> by clicking on visiting and visitor information respectively.

**(15) Taiwan**

A Visa for **Taiwan** is not required for a period not exceeding 30 days.

**(16) United Arab Emirates**

MT passport holders do not require a visa for stays of up to 30 days.

<http://uae-embassy.ae/Embassies/it/Content/3292>

### **(17) United States of America**

Travelling for tourism purposes in the **USA** does not require a visa for a maximum of 90 days on the following conditions:

1. Holder has a biometric passport.

2. An e-form called ESTA is filled in at least 72 hrs prior to departure, such information has to be submitted via the US Embassy website: [www.malta.usembassy.gov](http://www.malta.usembassy.gov) ;

<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/esta>

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

DS-160 Form: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

3. Any Maltese national who is still in possession of a valid entry visa on a non biometric passport, can still enter the USA if they travel with a valid passport AND the passport with the valid visa.

4. If any of the above mentioned criteria is not met then a Maltese national needs to apply for a US visa

5. If any Maltese passport holder has travelled to or been present in **Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Somalia or Yemen on or after March 1, 2011** (with limited exceptions for travel for diplomatic or military purposes in the service of a VWP country), he/she will have to apply for a Visa in advance, *even if just transiting through a U.S. airport.*

The process of obtaining a visa through the U.S. Embassy will include an interview in person. For this reason, it is advised that Maltese passport holders requiring a visa under these conditions submit their Visa application to the U.S. Embassy at their earliest opportunity weeks before departure.

6. Nationals of Visa Waiver Programme countries such as Malta who are also nationals of Iran, Iraq, Sudan or Syria will also need to apply for a Visa through the U.S. Embassy.

Regarding Points 5 and 6 please find the relevant U.S. Department of Homeland Security press releases:

[Press Release of January 21, 2016.](#)

[Press Release of February 18, 2016.](#) \_

This information is available on the Visa page of the U.S. Embassy web site (<http://malta.usembassy.gov/visas.html>).

**FURTHER ENQUIRIES: -**

The information visible on this website is correct at the time of entering the information. For double checking as to any changes, clarifications or any other enquiries please contact **the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Consular Department on telephone 22042331.**

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