

VISA ADVICE FOR MALTESE NATIONALS

NOTIFICATION FROM THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALTA

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs is not responsible for the issuing of visas to Maltese nationals by foreign states. Visa requirements for Maltese nationals going abroad are invariably subject to changes by host countries.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs endeavours to provide information available to it at the time of submission of the query. The information related to visa requirements contained in this document is only indicative, and is issued to assist Maltese passport holders. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall not be held responsible for any variance in the information provided.

The applicant may wish to double check requirements independently of this service.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that enquiries are submitted well in advance of the planned date of departure.

Information should be double-checked closer to the date of departure prior to travelling to countries that ordinarily do not require a visa for Maltese passport holders.

A. General Information on visa free entry

- All travellers usually need a passport valid for at least 90 days following their departure date from countries, although this requirement may vary. It is strongly recommended to travel with a **6 month-validity passport at all times**.
- Most destinations require **(at least 2) free pages** in any one passport, allowing for any necessary stamps upon arrival and departure.
- In accordance with European Union (EU) Legislation, all minors who are nationals of Malta are expected to hold their own passport or National ID Card (where applicable) when departing from an EU Schengen state.
- It is the traveller's duty to always confirm if a transit visa is required for any connections. It may be the case that countries en-route to another destination require a separate transit visa.

B. Table I

- The following is a list of countries allowing visa-free entry to Maltese ordinary passport holders visiting for **tourism** purposes, subject to certain conditions.

Country	Max. duration of visa-free stay: Less than or equal to 30 Days	Max. duration of visa-free stay: Less than or equal to 90 Days	Max. duration of visa-free stay: Less than or equal to 180 Days	Online Link(s)	Important Conditions
Albania		✓		http://www.ambasadat.gov.al/italy/it/contact	
Andorra		✓		http://www.exteriors.ad/en/travel-to-andorra	
Antigua and Barbuda		✓		http://www.antigua-barbuda.com/passport-visas/	<p>The citizens of the European Union may stay in the territory of Antigua and Barbuda for a maximum period of three months during a six months period following the date of first entry into the territory of the country.</p> <p>Source:http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22009A0630%2801%29&rid=1</p>
Argentina		✓		http://eital.cancilleria.gov.ar/en	Visa stamp upon arrival
Austria		✓		https://www.bmeia.gv.at/it/roma/viaggi-in-austria/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.

Australia		✓		http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas	<p>Maltese nationals require an Electronic Travel Authorisation prior to travelling to Australia for tourism purposes. Please follow this link:-</p> <p>https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAS3/etas</p> <p>For information on the Work-Holiday Agreement please visit:-</p> <p>http://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/Treaties%20Series/Documents/Australia%20-%2031%20July%201995.pdf</p> <p>The age limit has been extended to include the 25 to 30 year old bracket.</p>
Armenia			✓	http://www.mfa.am/en/visa/	
Bahamas		✓		http://www.bahamashclondon.net/page.php?page=18	
Barbados		✓		http://www.foreign.gov.bb/foreign-relations/travelling-to-barbados/visa-information-for-travel-to-barbados	
Belarus	Less than or equal to 5 Days			http://italy.mfa.gov.by/it/consular_issues/senzavisto/	<p>There is the possibility of Visa free entry for up to 5 days.</p> <p>The date of entry and the date of exit count as part of the 5 days.</p>

					<p>The visa-free entry does not apply to persons arriving to Belarus by plane from Russia and to persons planning to travel to the airports of Russia.</p> <p>Other conditions apply.</p> <p>Maltese nationals must present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid passport or other document permitting foreign travelling; • Money equivalent to at least two (2) base amounts for each day of stay in the foreign currency or Belarusian Rubles (base amount being 23 Rubles in January 2017) • Medical insurance operational in Belarus in the amount of at least €10,000. <p>Both entry and exit from Belarus should be stamped on the passport through Border Check point at Minsk International Airport.</p>
Belgium		✓		http://italy.diplomatie.belgium.be/fr/venir-en-belgique/visa-pour-la-belgique	<p>In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.</p>

Belize	✓			http://www.mfa.gov.bz/index.php/what-we-do/consular-matters/belize-visa-information	
Bosnia & Herzegovina		✓		http://mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/Default.aspx	As from 21 July 2005, all EU citizens are exempt from the visa requirement when travelling to Bosnia and Herzegovina for a period not exceeding 90 days, or transiting through the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. <i>Source: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy/index_en.htm</i>
Botswana		✓		http://www.gov.bw/Ministries--Authorities/Ministries/Ministry-of-Labour--Home-Affairs-MLHA/Tools--Services/Services--Forms/Requirements-for-VISA-application/	
Brazil		✓		http://cgroma.itamaraty.gov.br/it/visti.xml	
Brunei Darussalam	✓			http://www.mofat.gov.bn/site/Home.aspx	According to IATA rules, visitors not holding return/onward ticket could be refused entry.
Bulgaria		✓		http://www.amb-bulgaria.it/contacts	

Cayman Islands	✓			http://www.immigration.gov.ky/portal/page/portal/immhome/visitinghere/visas	<p>According to IATA rules, a passport valid for at least 90 days after date of departure, is required.</p>
Canada		✓		http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/italy-italie/visa.aspx?lang=eng&menu_id=2	<p>Maltese Passport holders are exempt from applying for a visa when transiting through or travelling to Canada. However, as of 15 March 2016, all travellers (including diplomatic and official passport holders), <i>transiting through</i> a Canadian airport or visiting Canada, are obliged to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) prior to travelling.</p> <p>This change does not affect individuals entering Canada at a land-border crossing, nor at a marine-port-of-entry.</p> <p>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://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp</p> <p>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.</p>
Chile		✓		http://chile.gob.cl/italia/en/	

Colombia		✓		http://www.colombia.travel/es/informacion-practica	According to IATA rules, visitors, travelling as tourists, not holding return/onward tickets could be refused entry.
Costa Rica		✓		https://www.rree.go.cr/	A Maltese passport must have a ticket to leave Costa Rica.
Croatia		✓			
Cyprus		✓		http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/embassies/embassy_rome.nsf/DMLconservices_en/DMLconservices_en?OpenDocument	
Czech Republic		✓		http://www.mzv.cz/rome	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Denmark		✓		http://italien.um.dk/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Dominica (Commonwealth of Dominica)			✓	http://dominica.gov.dm/services/passports-and-travel-documents-non-nationals/124-do-i-need-a-visa-to-enter-into-dominica http://www.dominicahighcommission.co.uk/	
Ecuador		✓		http://italia.embajada.gob.ec/	
El Salvador		✓		http://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/Pages/Foreign%20Diplomatic%20Missions%20accredited	

				%20to%20Malta/EI-Salvador.aspx	
Estonia		✓		http://www.estemb.it/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Fiji			Less than or equal to 120 Days	http://www.fijiembassy.be/index.php?page_in=visas	
Finland		✓		http://www.finland.it/Public/Default.aspx	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
France		✓		https://mt.ambafrance.org/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Gambia (Islamic Republic of the)		✓		http://www.gambiaembassy.es/consular-services/2011-10-07-05-30-02.html	
Germany		✓		http://www.valletta.diplo.de/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Greece		✓		http://www.mfa.gr/missionsa/broad/en/malta.html	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Grenada (Latin America)		✓		http://www.gov.gd/ministries/foreign_affairs.html	

Georgia



<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=956&lang=Eng>

According to IATA rules, passports and other documents accepted for entry must be valid for the period of intended stay.

Exemptions: Nationals of Malta with a national ID card.
WARNING: Estonian Immigration rules do not allow passengers travelling with a national ID card issued by Malta to depart from Estonia and travel directly to Georgia.

Visa is required, except for Nationals of Malta, for a maximum stay of 1 year.

Minors up to/incl. 15 years of age travelling alone must hold a passport or a letter of consent from the parents.

In accordance with European Union (EU) Legislation, all minors who are nationals of Malta will be expected to hold their own passport or National ID Card (where applicable) when departing from Bulgaria, Croatia, and Cyprus.

Visitors are required to hold proof of health insurance and sufficient funds to cover their stay.

Visitors not holding return/onward tickets could be refused entry.

Guatemala		✓		http://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor_Pagina.aspx?PaginaID=21	According to IATA rules, visitors not holding return/onward tickets could be refused entry. Passports must be valid until the date of departure from the country.
Hong Kong		✓		http://www.fmcopec.gov.hk/eng/vtc/t1137367.htm	According to IATA rules, visitors not holding return/onward ticket could be refused entry. Passports and other documents accepted for entry must be valid for a minimum of 1 month beyond the period of intended stay.
Honduras		✓		http://www.sre.gob.hn/	
Hungary		✓		http://www.mfa.gov.hu	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Iceland		✓		www.iceland.is/uk	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Indonesia	✓			http://www.kemlu.go.id/en/pelayanan/Default.aspx	As from 2 nd . March 2016, Maltese nationals can visit Indonesia without requiring a visa for a period of 30 days provided the reason for the visit falls under one of these categories: socio-cultural visits, tourism, education/training, business, seminars/conferences and transits through Indonesia. This period of 30 days cannot be extended.

Ireland		✓		https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/malta/our-services/visas/visas-for-ireland/	
Israel		✓		http://embassies.gov.il/romanen/ConsularServices/Pages/ConsularServices.aspx	
Italy		✓		http://www.amblavalletta.esteri.it/ambasciata_lavalletta/en/informazioni_e_servizi/visti/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Jamaica	✓			http://mfaft.gov.jm/wp/visas/	The visa free entry for up to 30 applies for tourism and for business purposes only.
Japan		✓		http://www.it.emb-japan.go.jp	
Kazakhstan	✓			http://mfa.gov.kz/index.php/en/contact-us	Citizens of Malta and other countries may enter and exit Kazakhstan without requiring a visa, if the period of stay in the Republic of Kazakhstan does not exceed 30 calendar days from the moment of crossing the State border of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Internal Affairs bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan exercise the issuance of "business" category single entry visas for a period of up to thirty (30) calendar days based upon the <u>application for extension of a stay</u> in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan exceeding thirty calendar days for business purposes.

					<p>Officials of the Department of Consular Service of the Kazakhstan Ministry of Foreign Affairs are available to provide consultation by phone (numbers are available on the official Ministry of Kazakhstan website). http://mfa.gov.kz/index.php/en/contact-us</p> <p>Visa is required for a stay longer than 30 days.</p>
Kiribati	Less than or equal to 28 Days			<p>Consulate of Kiribati in London: mravellwalsh@btopenworld.com</p>	
Kosovo		✓		http://www.mfa-ks.net/?page=2,87	Maltese passport holders may visit or transit Kosovo without a visa for up to 90 days within 6 months with a valid travel document, or biometric identification card
Kyrgyz Republic		Less than or equal to 60 days		http://www.kyrgyzmission.net/index.php/en/consular-section/visa-general-information	
Latvia		✓		http://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/consular-information/entry-into-latvia	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Liechtenstein		✓		http://www.llv.li/#/11842/amt-fur-auswartige-angelegenheiten	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.

Lithuania		✓		http://keliauk.urm.lt/lt/atvykstantiems/vizos/kuriu-saliu-pilieciams-reikia-vizos-atvykstant-i-lietuva	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Luxembourg		✓		http://www.gouvernement.lu/5678622/visa-immigration	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Macedonia		✓		http://www.mfa.gov.mk/index.php/mk/konzularni-uslugi/za-stranski-drzavjani	
Macau		✓		http://mt.china-embassy.org/eng/	
Malaysia		✓		http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country	
Mauritius		✓		http://passport.govmu.org/English/Passport%20and%20Visa%20Requirement%20in%20Mauritius/Pages/Visa-	

				Requirements-in-Mauritius.aspx	
Mexico			✓	https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/italia/index.php/seccion-consular/157-tramites-y-requisitos	
Moldova		✓		http://www.mfa.gov.md/entry-visas-moldova/	
Monaco		✓		http://en.gouv.mc/Government-Institutions/The-Government/Ministry-of-Foreign-Affairs-and-Cooperation	
Montenegro		✓		http://www.mvpei.gov.me/en/sections/consular-affairs/visa-regimes-for-foreign-citizens/	
Morocco (Kingdom of)		✓		http://www.ambasciatamarocco.it/marocco-informazioni-pratiche/	
Netherlands		✓		https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/malta	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.

Nicaragua		✓		http://www.embassyinfo.net/nicaraguan-embassy-in-rome-italy.html	
Norway		✓		http://www.amb-norvegia.it/studywork/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
New Zealand		✓		www.nzembassy.com/italy	
Panama		✓		http://www.migracion.gob.pa/index.php/permisos-y-requisitos-para-visas/permisos-migratorios	
Paraguay		✓		http://www.embaparitalia.it/home/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=77&lang=es http://www2.mre.gov.py/	
Peru		✓		www.embaperuva.it E-mail of Embassy of Peru to the Holy See: info@embaperuva.it	The following activities require a Visa: business travel, studying in Peru, and visiting Peru as a missionary or for missionary work purposes. Maltese ordinary passport holders can stay for up to 90 days within any 6 month period.
(The) Philippines	✓			http://www.immigration.gov.ph/	Maltese passport holders must have a return flight ticket and a passport valid for at least 6 months. Otherwise, the traveller may be denied entry.

Poland		✓		http://www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel-to-poland/visa/visa	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Portugal		✓		http://www.portugal.gov.pt/en/ministries/mne.aspx http://www.embportroma.it/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Romania		✓		https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2035	
Samoa		Less than or equal to 60 days		http://www.mfat.gov.ws/visas/	
San Marino		✓		http://www.esteri.sm/online/en/home.html E-mail: tmv@maltanet.net	
Senegal		✓		E-mail: ambasenequiri@tiscali.it	Maltese nationals can obtain a visa on arrival for a maximum stay of 3 months at Dakar (DKR) airport. No fee is required. Visitors not holding return/onward tickets could be refused entry.
Serbia		✓		http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-regime	
Seychelles		✓			The citizens of the European Union may stay in the territory of Seychelles for a maximum period of three

				http://www.mfa.gov.sc/static.php?content_id=2	months during a six months period following the date of first entry into the territory of the country. <i>Source:</i> http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:22009A0630%2805%29&qid=1451172310633&from=EN
Singapore	✓			https://www.mfa.gov.sg/content/mfa/consular_information/foreigners_visiting_singapore.html	
Slovak Republic		✓		https://www.mzv.sk/web/en/consular_info	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Slovenia		✓		http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/travel_and_visa_information/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Solomon Islands		✓		http://www.mfaet.gov.sb/ E-mail: info@solomons.org.au	
South Africa		✓		Email: sae@sudafrica.it	Passports and other documents accepted for entry must be valid for a minimum of 30 days beyond the period of intended stay. Admission and Transit Restrictions:

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travellers with a non-machine readable passport are not allowed to enter or transit. (Machine-readable passports are not necessarily biometric passports. MT passports issued before the biometric versions are machine-readable). • South Africa does not accept loose leaf Temporary Travel Documents. • Travellers who have visited Guinea, Liberia or Sierra Leone are subject to screening and health checks. • Extension of stay for additional 90 days is possible. Visitors are required to hold proof of sufficient funds to cover their stay and documents for their next destination, i.e. onward tickets.
South Korea		✓		http://www.mofat.go.kr/ENG/visa/application/index.jsp?menu=m_40_10	
Spain		✓		www.exteriores.gob.es/embajadas/laveleta Email: emb.valletta@maec.es	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
St. Lucia		Less than or equal to 42 days		http://externalaffairs.govt.lc/	

St. Kitts and Nevis		✓		http://www.foreign.gov.kn/	
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	✓			http://www.foreign.gov.vc/foreign/	
Swaziland	✓			http://www.gov.sz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=456&Itemid=270 E-mail of High Commission in London: enquiries@swaziland.org.sz	
Sweden		✓		http://www.government.se/government-policy/migration/information-on-visas/	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Switzerland		✓		https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/italy/en/home/representations/embassy-rome.html	In line with EU Schengen Area rules allows a maximum of 90 days' stay within a 180-day period to Maltese ordinary passport holders.
Taiwan		✓			
Tonga	✓			sonatat@tongahighcom.co.uk office@tongahighcom.co.uk	
Trinidad and Tobago		✓		https://foreign.gov.tt/	
Tunisia		✓		http://www.diplomatie.gov.tn/	

				E-mail: at.lavalette@maltanet.net ; at.lavalette@atunisie-mt.org	
Tuvalu		✓		http://www.tuvaluislands.com/gov_addresses.htm tuvaluconsulate@netscape.net	90 days within any 180-day period
Uganda			✓	http://www.mofa.go.ug/	
Ukraine		✓			
United Arab Emirates		✓		http://uae-embassy.ae/Embassies/it/Content/3292	90 days within any 180-day period.
U.K.			✓	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration	
U.S.A.		✓		https://mt.usembassy.gov/visas/	For transiting through or travelling to the USA for tourism purposes, a Maltese passport holder does not require a visa for a maximum of 90 days provided the following conditions are met: 1. Holder has a biometric passport . 2. An online-form called ESTA should be filled at least 72 hrs prior to departure. Follow web-link to U.S. Customs and Border Protection authority: https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/esta https://esta.dhs.gov/esta/

Alternatively, the web-link may be accessed from the U.S. Embassy:

<https://mt.usembassy.gov/>

<http://malta.usembassy.gov/visas.html>

DS-160 Form: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> (To be used by persons requiring a Visa).

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 travelling with a valid passport AND the passport with the valid visa.
4. If any of the above-mentioned criteria is not met, the Maltese national must apply for a US visa. Additionally, read points (5) and (6) below, as under other circumstances, Maltese passport holders may also require a Visa.
5. If any Maltese passport holder has travelled to or been present in Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Somalia or Yemen on/after March 1, 2011 (with limited exceptions for travel for diplomatic or military purposes in the service of a VWP country), s/he will have to apply for a Visa in advance, even if only transiting through a U.S. airport.
6. Maltese nationals who are also nationals of Iran, Iraq, Sudan or Syria, will also need to apply for a Visa through the U.S. Embassy.

					These notices, and others which may be relevant, may be accessed through the U.S Embassy webpage: http://malta.usembassy.gov/visas.html
Uruguay		✓		Ministry for Foreign Affairs: http://www.mrree.gub.uy/ E-mail of Embassy: uruit@ambasciatauruguay.it	The 90 day visa free stay is valid within a 180 day period
Vanuatu	✓			http://www.vanuatu.gov.vu/ E-mail of Consul in Rome: mariano.volani@multigram.com	
Vatican City		✓		consolare.lavalletta@esteri.it	
Venezuela		✓		www.italia.embajada.gov.ve	
Zambia	Less than or equal to 14 days			http://www.zambianembassy.it/visa-and-passport/	
Zimbabwe		✓		https://www.evisa.gov.zw/	