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# Cavendish School in Malta



## Area

The school is located in the heart of the capital city Valletta. Valletta is a UNESCO world heritage city built by the knights of Malta in the 15th century and has been listed within the top 20 of UNESCO world heritage sites to visit.

The central bus station is only about 3-4 walking minutes away from the school. Also the ferry connections to Sliema are quick and easy to catch (2 min walk to the ferry, 5 min actual ferry ride). Our direct neighbour is the French Embassy and one block away you will find the huge pedestrian zone, with various shops and restaurants.

## The school

The house in Valletta, where our school is situated, was built in the 1900's. It was the home of a wealthy businessman and is today, after complete renovation, even more elegant and inviting than before. Amongst the 40 language schools in Malta, we are one of only two schools whose licence has been granted to operate from Valletta. This is a huge advantage for

our students. Escape the crowd and study in a relaxed environment in beautiful Valletta with its many shops and restaurants. And if you wish to experience a great nightlife, buzzing Sliema and St Julian's Bay are only a few minutes away by ferry or bus.

In our school you will find:

- Air conditioned comfort with natural light all year round.
- A typical modern Maltese establishment.
- Audio-visual equipment.
- Stationery and workshop.
- Internet café & Wi-Fi.
- Lift to all floors.
- Cosy cafeteria and lounge area.
- An apartment with roof-top terrace (for our English language students bookable as holiday home).

## Our language courses

Our courses will be, depending on the level of study, of mixed nationality. The

courses start every Monday and are a minimum of one week long. Finally and most importantly, although there is a maximum of 12 students per class, most of the time classes are much smaller (3-8 students).

Because we offer classes for small groups, teachers can pay more attention to each student.

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# Why learn English in Malta?



Cavendish School of English.



Teaching English

English is one of the two official languages of Malta – a heritage of 164 years of British colonialism.

What better place could you combine your holidays with the intensive improvement of the English language, than Malta?

This south European island in the Mediterranean Sea, located to the south of Italy, became an ideal study site for language schools in recent decades. This is because of the long-time occupation by the British, so almost every Maltese inhabitant speaks English. In addition, because of the ideal conditions, Malta is a popular tourist destination.

It has a typical Mediterranean climate with warm seawater and a well-developed hotel and gastronomic infrastructure.

As such, Valletta, where our school is located, is like an open-air museum of exceptional beauty.

Why a language school in Valletta?

Valletta is just beautiful. It was built by the knights of Malta in 1573. You can still see this today, because most of the original architecture is well-preserved. There are high walls surrounding the peninsula with various buildings in baroque style, which were not only for protection against attacks but also a life supply for the knights.

Valletta is the smallest capital within the EU. One huge advantage is that everything can be easily reached on foot. The charming capital is a vivid, cultural and economic centre. There is a multitude of little pubs, cafes, stores and restaurants which will please you in your free time. In addition you will find cinemas and theatres, one of which is the oldest used baroque theatre in Europe. By the way, Valletta is running for the Cultural Capital of Europe 2018. Preparations are already underway.

From Valletta you can easily get to the other parts of Malta: The coach station is only a 3-4 minute walk away from our school. It is very easy to visit the medieval city of Mdina or the sandy

beaches of Malta after your lessons. The journey on the bus to every part of the island is short and inexpensive. For example you could visit Sliema, where you can find many stylish stores and cafes. It can be reached by foot in 15-20 minutes or by bus or ferry within 5 minutes. You could also visit St. Julians, which is illuminated by night; it takes 25 minutes to get there by bus.



To summarise: Valletta, the island's capital, is a beautiful and attractive destination for language learning and travelling too.

# Courses

Valletta



## General courses

General English programmes are the most popular courses and are especially suitable for adult participants (aged 16 and older), who want to make maximum progress in a short time. It is ideal for anyone, who doesn't want to improve their English for a specific professional purpose (ESP), since the focus is on the development of the communication skills in daily situations.

The general English programmes are divided into the following levels – from Beginners to Advanced learners, based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (A1 to C2). The lesson materials have been created by the University of Cambridge and guarantee that students have fun while learning. The aim of our course is to develop quickly students' self-confidence and English language. Each student will learn in a relaxed teaching atmosphere.

## IELTS examination preparation courses

We offer IELTS courses for a duration of 4-12 weeks. These courses will prepare

you for the IELTS exams which can be taken at the end of the course. IELTS is a widely recognised language level system in which you can score up to 9 points. Universities around the globe expect students to have an IELTS score of between 5.5 and 8.5 depending on each university.

## One-to-One tuition

For the maximum learning experience choose a course where there will be a dedicated teacher just for you. Or you could share the costs with a friend and have a one-to-two language course. The teacher will teach you according to your wishes. Please let us know if you have special wishes so that we can make sure the teacher is prepared accordingly.



## Special courses

Students who are interested in an English course for professional purposes (e.g. English for medical or legal parlance, banking and accountancy, as well as for Cambridge Certificates) must tell us at least four weeks in advance. This will ensure that teachers are available at the start of the course. Students may bring their own books for these courses.

## Individual lessons and specialised courses

Lessons don't have to take place in a classroom. Alternative possibilities can be arranged with the school office.

## Malta Family programmes

Our family programmes allow adult and young learner students to be on the same timetable and explore the beautiful area in and around Valletta after studying. Malta is the perfect holiday destination for families, and has lots to offer to both adults and children of all ages. Join our school in Malta and see for yourself!

# Junior Courses



Full Day Trips



Half Day Trips



Evening Activities

**AGE:** 10 - 17

**LENGTH OF STAY:** 2 - 8 weeks

**TUITION:**  
54 lessons (36 hours) per 2 week stay

**CLASS SIZE:**  
15 max.

**PLACE OF LESSONS:**  
Valletta, Malta

**EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES PER WEEK:**  
11 excursions per fortnight,  
11 evening activities.

**FULL DAY TRIPS:**

- Hop-on/hop-off Tour of Malta
- Full day Comino (Blue Lagoon)
- Blue Grotto boats tour + Popeye Village

**HALF DAY TRIPS:**

- Guided tour of Valletta
- Grand Harbour cruise
- Visit to Golden Beach
- Mdina Treasure Hunt
- Guided tour of Marsaxlokk
- Visit to Mellieha Beach
- Splash and Fun Waterpark
- Visit to Sliema

**EVENING ACTIVITIES:**

- 3 visits to Intern. Student Parties
- Cinema visit
- Bowling
- Welcome boat party
- Karaoke night
- DVD night
- Murder Mystery evening
- Quiz night
- Go-Kart racing

**EXTRA SERVICES:**

- Minibus pickup service from/to host family house and school (twice per day)
- 14 day bus pass for public transport
- Town maps
- Participation certificate
- 24-hour hotline

# Malta has a lot to offer in your free time



One of Malta's many festivals

The mild climate makes the island attractive for outdoor activities, both in winter and in summer.

During the winter months, golf, visiting historical places and going for a walk are very popular.

On the other hand, aquatics and other beach activities are very popular too. The Mediterranean Sea is ideal for diving and windsurfing and depending on the season, special courses of different levels can be booked.

Valletta has a cinema with eight halls and every film is shown in English.

Concerts by international artists, theatre and art exhibitions take place almost all year round (September to June).

There are also open-air events, like traditional productions of Shakespeare in the gardens of the presidential palace and the annual festival of jazz at the quay of the Grand Harbour (July) or the annual fireworks festival around the island.

The museums are open all year, as are the pubs, nightclubs and restaurants, which offer dishes from all around the world.

The importance of Christianity is represented by the church consecration festivals (Festas) in the villages and from June to September no week goes by, without there being a Festa somewhere in Malta or Gozo. During these festivals the village and the church are decorated with thousands of lights and the community worships their patron saint by way of a musical pilgrimage through the village. The highlight of every Festa are the fireworks.

#### **Tips for Valletta:**

- St. John's Co-Cathedral (gorgeous baroque church)
- Multivision show "Malta Experience" – 7000 years of Malta's history
- Jazz sessions during the summer months every Friday on the steps of St. Ursula Street

- End of September: "Notte Bianca" – a kind of "Night of museums" where there are also celebrations in the streets
- January: "Valletta Baroque Festival" – a celebration for lovers of baroque music

#### **Aquatics**

Aquatics is the most popular free time activity in Malta. The bathing season lasts from May to November, but in winter the water temperature usually will not be less than 15°. People who enjoy aquatics will find good conditions all year round. The sea is always close: 190 km of coast is always reachable in a short time.

Maltese beaches are excellently maintained. Surfboards, motorboats, small sailing boats, canoes or pedaloes or diving equipment can all be rented.

#### **Diving**

The clear, deep blue water around Malta, as well as the various cliff coasts are famous amongst diving fans. With a clear view underwater, often more



Watersports are a real 'must' in Malta!



A perspective on Valletta.

than 40 meters, the extraordinary world of coral reefs, caves, grottos and cracks is perfect for divers and underwater photographers. Because of the diversity of species, the very good water quality and the excellent view of the rocky sea bed, the diving areas around Malta are said to be one of the best in the world. What's more, whatever your ability is, this underwater experience is open to all.

#### **Golf and walking**

Malta's golf course is located close to Valletta and welcomes its guests all year round. Golf equipment can be rented and you can also book golf classes if you like. The school is happy to find out prices for you.

In and around Valletta is a lot of development, but along the cliff line on the west of the island, in the north and on Gozo there is still beautiful countryside, to take longer walks and go on excursions. Tours can be organized by yourself or the staff of our school- all you need are sturdy shoes and sun block - also during winter months.

#### **Food and entertainment**

In the main streets of Valletta as well as on the shore there are various restaurants, which offer very good food. The variety is so superb, that you will never have to visit the same restaurant twice. Also in other parts of



Maltese cuisine.

Malta and on Gozo there are a variety of pubs, wine bars, night clubs and restaurants, which offer local cuisine as well as food from all over the world.