



ERASMUS+ COURSES

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ABOUT MALTA

Malta lies in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea. Its geographical location as well as the flux of power in the region over the millennia has ensured a rich heritage which survives to this day. The first evidence of inhabitants in Malta dates back to 5200BC. Around 3500BC, some of the oldest free standing structures in the world were built on this island. The long string of rulers and settlers including amongst others the ancient Greeks, the Romans, the Byzantines, the Arabs, The Knights of Malta, Napoleon and finally the British. Malta gained independence from the

British in 1964 and joined the European Union on 1st May 2004.

We have prepared a taste of Malta's culture and history through the Cultural Programme, we are certain that you will enjoy this. The national language in Malta is Maltese, but English is also an official language and is widely spoken. Many Maltese can also speak Italian.

For more information about Malta please visit:

www.visitmalta.com

www.maltairport.com





GETTING AROUND

Driving is on the left, so unless you come from the UK or Ireland you need to be especially careful crossing roads. What will probably surprise you is that there are no trains or underground transport systems in Malta. It is still easy to travel from one place to another using public buses. New buses and routes are currently being introduced nationwide. More information is available at:

<http://www.publictransport.com.mt>

Most course participants will be using the 12 and 222 buses as these service Sliema, Gzira, St. Julian's, Pembroke as well as St. Paul's Bay. There are several ways for getting from the airport to St. Julians and back. There's the X2 Airport Express and other providers which offer a good value service at €6.95 each way:

www.maltaairporttransfers.com

Taxis will cost around €20 each way and should not take more than 20 minutes.

CURRENCY AND PRACTICAL INFO

Malta has adopted the Euro currency on January 1 2007. Almost all retail outlets accept credit card payments. ATMs from which you can make cash withdrawals are available in every town or village. Banks and exchange bureaus will also accept and exchange bank notes in major currencies:

www.bov.com.mt

www.hsbc.com.mt

There are various mobile telephony providers in Malta, these include:

www.go.com.mt

www.vodafone.com.mt

www.melita.com

Weather

Be prepared for some warm temperatures. It is recommended that you avoid direct sunlight between 11am and 3pm and use a high factor sunblock to protect your skin if you're outdoors. Light clothes and protective headwear are also recommended. You can check weather conditions at:

www.maltaweather.com



ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Depending on your taste and budget, accommodation prices in St. Julian's and the surrounding area during July and August will range between €50 to €135 per night. We will be able to assist you in selecting appropriate accommodation. If you are still looking for a place to stay, we suggest you have a look for hotels in St. Julian's, Sliema or Gzira at: www.offtomalta.com. A typical meal in a normal restaurant or pizzeria, including a drink will cost around €10 - €15. We will be serving tea, coffee and drinks during morning and afternoon breaks on course days and also lunch in the mid-day break, these are included in the meals and excursions package fee. Participants will need to make their own arrangements for the evening meal. We will be able to suggest places to go to and make reservations for you. We would like you to join us for evening meals as part of the cultural programme on Monday and Thursday - (these meals are not included in fee).

COURSE VENUE

The course venue is St. Clare's College Triq Sir Adrian Dingli, Pembroke. The school is housed in an historical building which was completed in 1939 as a hospital and was used for various activities by the British forces until 1979. The interior has been recently refurbished to transform it into a modern school with all the amenities expected including air-conditioned computer laboratories and recreational and sports facilities. The school enjoys open sea views and natural surroundings. It is located in Pembroke, very close to the town of St. Julian's which is a popular tourist spot offering a wide selection of hotels and apartments. From Sliema, Gzira and St. Julian's, you can take a bus to the school - this will take about 15-20 minutes. You can take buses 13, 212 or 222.

Wi-Fi will also be available at all times in our training centre if you wish to bring your mobile device or laptop with you. To charge devices we use 3 rectangular pins plugs. (<http://www.iec.ch/worldplugs/typeG.htm>)





FEES

The total fee per participant is **€670** and this is broken down as follows:

Course fee - €490
Meals and Educational Excursions Package - €180

Fees should be settled by bank transfer by not later than 10 days prior to course commencement. Participants may also pay by cash on the first day of the course.

THE CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The Cultural Programme is an important part of this course. Not only would we like you to learn more about Malta, but we also believe that we can build a community of practice with shared strengths and a potential for growth.

We have organised a varied cultural programme for participants during which we will enable you to visit various attractions in Malta and provide tours conducted by professional guides. We invite

you to bring your own digital cameras and video cameras along so that we could work with some of your own material during the course and workshops.

FOLLOW UP

The team at Smart Solutions will provide continuous support following the course. We are aware that real situations often do not reflect the environment in which courses are taken and we will be happy to help you make use of the ideas, concepts and technologies learned during the course in your real world. This support will be given through emails or through the online community provided.

It is important that you make use of what you learn during this course, this is why we are providing the support and assistance that you need in order to practice and develop contemporary training materials and teaching methodologies.



COURSES OFFERED

ICT for Collaborative, Project-Based , Teaching and Learning

This course recognizes that the ever increasing role of Information and Communication Technologies in Education is having a significant change in the role of the teacher.

As educators, we need to embrace technology, realise the potential it holds for education and prepare ourselves to make an ally out of it. This course outlines these issues and helps teachers prepare to adapt to the new role as experts in the design of learning experiences whilst exploring the evolution of the teaching and learning in the 21st century.

Target Audience: All levels of educators

Language of Instruction: English

Course hours: 35 contact hours spread over 7 days

Teaching Through Coding, Robotics and Tablets

Computational thinking skills and the use of new technologies are becoming ever more important in our society and working life. Research shows that learning to code develops various skills such as problem-solving, logical reasoning and creativity. Programming encourages students to practice logical thinking, analysis, spatial reasoning, making connections, and using the trial-and-error method for problem solving.

Throughout the course, participants will have time to reflect on how the tools and practices being introduced can be embedded successfully in their classroom.

Target Audience: All levels of educators

Language of Instruction: English

Course hours: 35 contact hours spread over 7 days

Teaching Languages Creatively

Language teachers have an extremely important role in every education institution. They are responsible for a number of skills human beings cannot live without in a world dependent on social interaction and most importantly the literacy skills and the communicative ability achieved through speech and writing.

The course being organised targets language teachers whose teaching may include primary and secondary school (students aged from 5 to 18 years).

Target Audience: All levels of educators

Language of Instruction: English

Course hours: 35 contact hours spread over 7 days

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Orientation Map for:

Getting to our first meeting place on Sunday (if from Gzira/Sliema/St. Julian's—Stopping at "San Gijjan" - Bus 212, 13, 222)

Getting to the School by bus from Gzira, Sliema or St. Julian's (Bus 13, 212, 222)

