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CAREER GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING IN EUROPE

# MALTA TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

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## 2025 NICE Academy

Career Guidance for Sustainable Futures  
Communities, Boundaries and Transitions



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## About Malta

Malta is a small Mediterranean island nation known for its rich history, vibrant culture, and strategic location between Europe and Africa.

Valletta, its capital city, is a [UNESCO World Heritage site](#) renowned for its stunning Baroque architecture, historical landmarks, and role as a cultural and political hub. The city offers a blend of ancient fortifications, museums, and modern attractions.

## 2025 Malta Hosts

The National Skills Council, with the support of the University of Malta and the National School Support Services, are working closely with the NICE's board to organise the 2025 NICE Academy in Malta, with the theme of *Career Guidance for Sustainable Futures – Communities, Boundaries and Transitions*.

## The National Skills Council

The [National Skills Council](#) was established on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, and operates as an executive government body. The Council's primary objective is to use evidence-based practices to understand and anticipate current and future skills within the labour workforce whilst instigating policy changes to this effect.

In December of 2024, the National Skills Council launched [Malta's National Career Guidance Network](#). This national initiative seeks to consolidate the efforts of key stakeholders in Malta and Gozo, uniting them to provide a cohesive and inclusive career guidance service accessible to individuals of all ages. The network represents a significant step forward in enhancing career guidance in Malta, aiming to align the strengths and ambitions of individuals with the evolving needs of the labour market.





## The 2025 Academy Venue: Spazju Kreattiv

The NICE Academy 2025 will be held at Spazju Kreattiv, in Valletta (Malta's capital city).

[Spazju Kreattiv](#) can be found right in the heart of Valletta: [Location of Spazju Kreattiv](#)

Spazju Kreattiv is Malta's Centre for Creativity. Established by Fondazzjoni Kreattività in the year 2000, Spazju Kreattiv is located at St James Cavalier, Valletta, a 16th-century fort converted into the National Centre for Creativity. It hosts a range of visual arts exhibitions in its gallery spaces, performances at its theatre-in-the-round, films at the only arthouse cinema on the island, workshops in its studios, an artist-in-residence programme, and tailored events for children and their families under the ŻiguŻajg strand.

## Malta Accommodation

### Valletta

You can find a list of local hotels and guesthouses in Valletta, catering to a variety of budgets and preferences.

This list is not exhaustive, and delegates are encouraged to research other accommodation options in Valletta using platforms such as [Airbnb](#).

It is advisable to check recent reviews on websites such as TripAdvisor and to verify the latest information directly on the accommodations' websites before making a reservation.



<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Star Rating</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Walking Distance from Venue</b>
Grand Harbour Hotel	Hotel	2 Star	<a href="#">Grand Harbour Hotel</a>	7 minutes
Osborne Hotel	Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">Osborne Hotel</a>	5 minutes
Castille Hotel	Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">Castille Hotel</a>	4 minutes
La Falconeria Hotel	Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">La Falconeria Hotel</a>	6 minutes
The Embassy Valletta	Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">The Embassy Valletta Hotel</a>	7 minutes
The Phoenicia Malta	Hotel	5 Star	<a href="#">The Phoenicia Malta</a>	6 minutes
Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta	Hotel	5 Star	<a href="#">Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta</a>	13 minutes
Iniala Harbour House	Hotel	5 Star	<a href="#">Iniala Harbour House</a>	8 minutes
Casa Asti	Guesthouse		<a href="#">Casa Asti</a>	4 minutes
Bonheur Guest House	Guesthouse		<a href="#">Bonheur Guest House</a>	6 minutes
Casa Lapira	Guesthouse	3 Star	<a href="#">Casa Lapira</a>	8 minutes
Tano's Boutique Guesthouse	Guesthouse		<a href="#">Tano's Boutique Guesthouse</a>	5 minutes
Casa Rocca Piccola B&B	Guesthouse	4 Star	<a href="#">Casa Rocca Piccola B&amp;B</a>	11 minutes
The Vincent Hotel	Boutique Suites		<a href="#">The Vincent Boutique Suites</a>	13 minutes



<b>Palais Le Brun</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">Palais Le Brun</a>	12 minutes
<b>Ursulino Valletta</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">Ursulino Valletta</a>	10 minutes
<b>SU29 Hotel</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">SU29</a>	7 minutes
<b>Ursulino Valletta</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">Ursulino Valletta</a>	10 minutes
<b>The Melior</b>	Boutique Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">Melior Boutique Hotel</a>	2 minutes
<b>Tritoni Valletta Boutique Hotel</b>	Boutique Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">Tritoni Boutique Hotel</a>	12 minutes
<b>Casa Ellul</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">Casa Ellul</a>	10 minutes
<b>Palazzo Consiglia</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">Palazzo Consiglia</a>	10 minutes
<b>AX The Saint John Hotel</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">The Saint John</a>	8 minutes
<b>The Cumberland Hotel by NEU Collective</b>	Boutique Hotel		<a href="#">The Cumberland Hotel</a>	4 minutes



<b>Rosselli AX Privilege</b>	Boutique Hotel	5 Star	<a href="#">Rosselli AX Privilege</a>	9 minutes
<b>Domus Zamittello</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">Domus Zamittello</a>	2 minutes
<b>The Manoel Boutique Hotel</b>	Boutique Hotel	4 Star	<a href="#">The Manoel Boutique Hotel</a>	8 minutes
<b>Casa Reale</b>	Boutique Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">Casa Reale</a>	4 minutes
<b>Hotel Pjazza Merkanti</b>	Boutique Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">Hotel Pjazza Merkanti</a>	6 minutes
<b>Palazzo Rosaria</b>	Boutique Hotel	3 Star	<a href="#">Palazzo Rosaria</a>	3 minutes
<b>Battery House</b>	Boutique Hotel		<a href="#">Battery House</a>	5 minutes
<b>Luciano Al Porto Boutique Accommodation</b>	Boutique Hotel		<a href="#">Luciano Al Porto</a>	7 minutes
<b>Luciano Valletta Boutique Accommodation</b>	Boutique Hotel		<a href="#">Luciano Valletta</a>	7 minutes
<b>66 Saint Paul's Valletta</b>	Boutique Hotel		<a href="#">66 Saint Paul's Valletta</a>	6 minutes



<b>Trabuxu Boutique Living</b>	Self-catering apartments		<a href="#">Trabuxu Boutique Living</a>	6 minutes
<b>Barrakka Suites</b>	Self-catering apartments		<a href="#">Barrakka Holiday Suites</a>	6 minutes

## Malta's Three Cities - Cottonera

If delegates are unable to find affordable hotel rooms or apartments in Valletta, another option would be to consider accommodation in nearby areas such as Senglea or Cospicua. From there, they can easily reach Valletta using the [3 Cities Ferry](#), which takes around 10 minutes. When travelling to Valletta from Cospicua on the ferry, a ticket will be issued for the Upper Barrakka lift, which can be used to reach the heart of Valletta.





## Travel: Getting around Malta

### Travelling to Malta

Malta's International Airport is the only airport on the island, located in Luqa, about 10 km from Valletta.

You can also choose to travel to Malta by sea, by catching the ferry from Sicily. Ferries from Pozzallo, Sicily to Valletta, Malta take approximately 2 hours.

### Malta Public Transport

You can use the [Malta Public Transport](#) Journey Planner to identify the best bus routes to travel to your destination. The website contains information about [bus routes and timetables](#).

You can also download the [Tallinja app](#), by the Malta Public Transport, to get real time bus updated.

### Taxis

Taxis are easily available in Malta and can be booked through mobile phone apps. Local taxi apps include: Bolt, eCabs, and Uber.

### Car Rentals

Traffic in Malta drives on the left-hand side. Therefore, you overtake other cars on the right, and roundabouts are navigated clockwise.



Parking in Valletta is limited and subject to a fee. The city is monitored by a Controlled Vehicular Access (CVA) system, which uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and cameras to track vehicles entering and exiting. The system calculates the duration of the stay and applies fees based on Transport Malta's tariffs. Using Park & Ride services or parking in nearby car parks outside of Valletta (at a cost) is recommended.

## Ferries & Water Transport

- Valletta <—> Cottonera Ferry (approx. 10-minute journey)
- Valletta <—> Sliema Ferry (approx. 10-15-minute journey).
- Valletta <-> Gozo Fast Ferry (approx. 35-45-minute journey).
- Harbour cruises also available for sightseeing.

For more information on the available ferries, please visit the [Valletta Ferry Services](#) website.

For ferries to Gozo, please visit the [Gozo Highspeed](#) website.

