

The Republic of Malta is an archipelago consisting of three islands in central Mediterranean Sea between Sicily and the North African coast that still has some British influences. With just an area of 316km², its population is of approximately 515,000 inhabitants (2021), and thus, Malta is one of Europe's smallest countries. As a member of the European Union, Malta joins countries and uses the Euro as its currency.

Why move to Malta?

Weather

The weather is the most attractive feature of the island as the sun shines about 300 days a year, offering the islands a pleasant climate nearly all year round. This means that everyone can enjoy the sandy beaches not only in summer but also in other months of the year.

Transportation

In Malta, it will only take around an hour by car to travel from the north to the south. If you don't own a car, you can make use of the local transport system which is available across all the islands.

Driving

The Maltese islands kept the British tradition and influence of driving on the left-hand side of the road. One requires being at least 18 years old of age to be able to drive in Malta.

Links to other countries

There's only one international airport in Malta which is well connected to North Africa and Europe. Several low-cost airlines keep investing in new routes to/from Malta due to the popularity of the island.

Movement of people

In 2007, Malta joined the Schengen Area. This makes travelling even faster between EU countries.

Languages

Being a country that forms part of the European Union, the Maltese language is one of the official languages of the EU. Maltese and English are the two official languages of the islands.

Religion

The Maltese Constitution establishes Catholicism as the state religion and is in fact reflected in the Maltese culture, namely the traditional village feasts and in the fact there are a total of 359 churches.

Education

Malta offers various levels of education through the public, church and private sectors. These include many English-speaking schools as well as international schools. Schooling is compulsory between the ages of 5 and sixteen.

Healthcare

Malta has a long history of providing publicly funded health care which is still available to all local residents.

Other information

Malta is considered as a safe place to live in Europe due to the low levels of crime. The standard electricity is also influenced by the British. In fact, in Malta one must use a 3-pin plug.