

MALTA RISK ASSESSMENT



City & Country

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Before you go -

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office provides travel advice by country. It covers safety and security, local laws and customs, entry requirements, health and natural disasters along with a host of other useful information. We strongly recommend that students read the section related to their destination prior to departure and before undertaking any trip to another part of the county/region.

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/travel-advice-by-country/>

VISA REGULATIONS

British nationals do not need a visa to visit Malta. If you have a different nationality, please consult the Maltese Embassy in London to check visa regulations. If you intend to work in Malta then you must apply for a work permit. ***Please note that due to Brexit, these regulations are subject to change. Keep up to date with the information provided on the FCO website***

HEALTH

If you're visiting Croatia you should get a free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before leaving the UK. The EHIC isn't a substitute for medical and travel insurance, but it entitles you to state provided medical treatment that may become necessary during your trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as Icelandic nationals. The EHIC won't cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, so you should make sure you have adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. ***Please note that due to Brexit, these regulations are subject to change. Keep up to date with the information provided on the FCO website***

TERRORISM

Although there's no recent history of terrorism in Malta, attacks can't be ruled out. You should be aware of the global risk of indiscriminate terrorist attacks, which could be in public places, including those visited by foreigners.

There's a heightened threat of terrorist attack globally against UK interests and British nationals from groups or individuals motivated by the conflict in Iraq and Syria. You should be vigilant at this time.

Find out more about the [global threat from terrorism](#), how to minimise your risk and what to do in the event of a terrorist attack.

Type	Nature of the Hazard	Procedures to Minimise Risk
CRIME	<p>Crime against tourists is rare although robberies, handbag snatching, pick-pocketing and theft from parked cars can occur.</p> <p>There have been instances of pick-pocketing on bus routes between Valletta and St Julian's. Thieves are targeting crowded buses during the summer season.</p>	<p>Safeguard passports, money and other valuables. Be vigilant when exchanging money and using ATMs, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use the hotel's own safe if possible.</p>
	<p>Personal attacks, including rape and sexual assault do occur.</p>	<p>Avoid splitting up from your friends and don't go off with people you don't know. If you drink, take sensible precautions including buying your own drinks and keeping sight of them at all times.</p>

<p>HUNTING</p>	<p>Bird hunting is practised during the spring and autumn. Dates are movable and determined by the government in the lead up to the season. Local print and online news media normally carry the start and end dates, and times of when hunting is allowed.</p> <p>Hunting with firearms is common and is normally allowed from 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset. Hunting areas are rarely marked and can overlap with camping areas, country walkways and other public areas.</p> <p>Although not common, incidents involving members of the public have occurred previously.</p>	<p>Be aware of your surroundings when visiting rural areas and nature spots during the hunting seasons.</p>
<p>SWIMMING</p>	<p>During the summer, many beaches are patrolled by lifeguards and operate flag safety systems.</p>	<p>You should make sure you understand the system and follow any warnings; red flags indicate dangerous or hazardous conditions. You should swim within designated swimming zones and take extra care if there are no lifeguards, flags or signs. Follow local advice if jellyfish are present.</p>

DRUGS

Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking in illegal drugs are strict. Convicted offenders can expect jail sentences and heavy fines.

Do not become involved with drugs of any kind.