Malta

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Travelling to Malta
Travelling from EU countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of Sweden.

Travelling from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as the United Kingdom, Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and Republic of San Marino, is allowed without restrictions.

All these countries are considered to be part of a Public Health Corridor (PHC). The official list is available at health.gov.mt

Third-country nationals
The travel ban has been lifted for third countries with which Malta has established a Public Health Corridor (PHC), as defined by epidemiological criteria. The list of PHC third countries comprises Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, China, Rwanda, Uruguay, Japan, Morocco, Thailand, Tunisia, Lebanon, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Jordan. Travel from other third-countries is allowed only on humanitarian grounds or if their travel is deemed essential as well as for MT ID card holders or MT residency permit holders, following a specific authorisation issued by the Superintendent of Public Health.

Updated information are available at health.gov.mt

Travelling from Malta or returning to Malta
Maltese citizens or persons with a valid Residency Permit for Malta do not need any special authorisation to return to Malta. To travel to Malta you may fly from any "corridor country" (see list of countries at https://www.visitmalta.com/en/covid-19). If travelling from a country from which outbound travel is not yet permitted and if the authorities of the country require it, you may request a travel confirmation letter. This document is intended for entry into Malta and not for border crossing in third countries, as this remains at the discretion of the country concerned. Kindly direct requests to sitcen.mfiea@gov.mt, copying covid19.vetting@gov.mt

As holders of Malta residency permits (please send scanned copies of your documents to covid19.vetting@gov.mt), you will be able to travel directly to Malta and adhere to the Medical Protocol for testing and quarantine of persons arriving in Malta, which includes:
- PCR Swab Test done within 7 days of flying to Malta, which must be negative (the result, from a licensed or accredited lab, must be available by the time of travel)
- PCR Swab Test performed in the 48 hours after arrival in Malta (For an appointment for a free test please contact 111 or +356 2132 4086 if calling from a non-Maltese line)
- PCR Swab Test on day 12/13 from arrival in Malta

Full 14 day quarantine from the date of arrival must also be observed. Both you and your household members have to undergo the quarantine. If you are the only returning traveller, you must not get in contact with any other member of your household. The quarantine period needs to be observed in full, regardless of any negative swab results.

Rules and Exceptions
Travellers are allowed to enter Malta as long as they have stayed in a "corridor country" for a minimum of 14 days. Persons coming to Malta must not transit through airports located outside the list of corridor countries.
Mandatory Travel Documentation
All persons travelling to Malta must complete the Public Health Travel Declaration and the Passenger Locator Form.

Links to national sources
Health.gov.mt
Ship passenger rights

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/MLT

SOURCE: ITF
17.04.2020

Goods:
No restrictions on the transportation of goods between the continent and Malta, and vice-versa, via sea or air. Hauliers are urged to send unattended trucks and goods on the RoRo vessels and to keep a team of drivers in Malta and another one in the continent. Where this is not possible, a maximum of 2 drivers per truck are allowed to disembark. Quarantine obligation may apply to such drivers.

Passengers:
All passenger transport by sea via cruise liners and passenger vessels is temporarily banned. Transport of goods is exempt from this measure.

Start date: 10.03.2020
End date: until further notice

All flights carrying passengers are banned, except flights for humanitarian reasons pre-authorised by the health authorities. Cargo aircrafts are exempt from measure.

Start date: 21.03.2020
End date: until further notice

Others
Following Port Notice 6/2020, instructions have been issued on 4th April 2020 that bunkers surveyors, technicians and other personnel are not allowed to board or disembark any sea going vessel both within and outside Maltese territorial waters. Additionally, the transfer of such personnel between sea going vessels is not permitted.

Start date: 04.04.2020
End date: until further notice

Useful links:
https://www.transport.gov.mt/
https://covid19malta.info/

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union
30.06.2020

As from 1 July, Malta will open borders with the following countries: Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (except for Ile-de-France), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy (except for Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Piemonte), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland (except for Katowice Airport), Slovakia and Spain (except for Madrid, Catalonia, Castilla-La Mancha, Castile and Leon). Upon arrival in Malta, travellers must sign a declaration that they have spent the past 30 days in a country on the "safe list". Outside the EU, Iceland, Israel, Norway and Switzerland are on the list of countries from which people are allowed to travel to Malta.

People urgently travelling to Malta from countries other than those mentioned above have to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

Source: Maltese government

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08.04.2020

Restrictions

Sea and air passenger transport is banned until further notice;

There are currently no restrictions on either sea or air freight, between Malta and the continent.

Hauliers are urged to send unattended trucks and goods on RoRo vessels and to keep one team of drivers in Malta as well as one on the continent. In cases where this is not possible, a maximum of 2 drivers per truck will be permitted to disembark, however they may be subject to quarantine.

Relieves

Malta has notified the EC of a temporary relaxation in the driving and rest time regulations set out in Reg. (EC) 561/2006. The maximum daily driving limit is now 11 hours, and the daily rest has been reduced to 9 hours. This temporary relaxation will apply until 16 April, 2020.

Source: ITF

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16.03.2020

The Maltese Government has just announced that from tomorrow, March 17th, quarantine will be obligatory also for drivers arriving with their trucks in Malta. Hence, to avoid quarantine, transport companies should ship the trailer / container unaccompanied.

Source: ATTO

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16.03.2020

Persons entering Malta from any other country from 13:00CET on 13 March 2020 onwards must spend 14 days in mandatory quarantine.

Up to now, Roro vessels for goods transport are running normally to and from Malta. So far, truck drivers are exempted from the 14-quarantine provision.

Sources: Ministry of Health and ATTO
Suspension of all direct passenger flights to/from Germany, Spain, France and Switzerland

Malta has notified a flight suspension of all direct passenger flights to/from Germany, Spain, France and Switzerland under Art. 21 of Regulation 1008/2008. Exemptions include flights for cargo, humanitarian and repatriation purposes.

Start date: 11.03.2020
End date: 25.03.2020