



# MALTA GUIDE

by your very own ex locals...



Our wedding venue is in Valletta but it is much more affordable to stay in or around Sliema during summer. We have secured a wedding rate with The Victoria Hotel in Sliema which you can book online using our wedding coupon code (see STAY).

The night before & day two will be held in Sliema which is also why we recommend staying in this area over Valletta!

Sliema is a great spot to get around to everything, bus, or ferry over to Valletta. You can walk easily to St Julian's in 20-25 mins or by bus / taxi in minutes.





# TIPS ✨

## Getting Around & More

**Taxis:** Bolt & eCabs are both easy & cheap! Download the apps & compare prices before you book. Use these over flagging taxis (they are always better value). Tip them in cash if you can.

**Weather:** Expect heat! Bring SPF, swimwear & comfy shoes.

**Water:** Tap water is safe for brushing your teeth, but bottled is better for drinking.

**Supermarkets:** Sliema has a Lidl, Wellbee's & Spar. Valletta only has a Spar & small deli's.

**Cash or card?** Mostly card-friendly, but bring some euro coins for kiosks & tips. Yes they use EURO.

Bolt is a **Food Delivery app** too – the other is **Wolt** (don't ask, there is no legitimate reason for this nonsense).

**Deli's:** Pastizzi's are addictive & so cheap ! Peas, ricotta or chicken and mushroom. Get them in the little deli's scattered around the place.

**Language:** English is widely spoken! Bongu- (bon-ju) is good morning in Maltese & Bonswa good evening.



# TIPS ✨

## Fly & Stay

### FLY

Both Ryanair & Aer Lingus fly to Malta direct. Ryanair are better value, but flight times might not be as good. Don't rule out booking one way with one airline & returning with another.

You'll be happy to know the airport is 15 mins drive from Sliema where we suggest you stay!

### STAY

**The Victoria Hotel**, Sliema is our recommended hotel with a secured wedding rate

4-star, great location, pool, walking distance to shops & promenade

- Single Rooms (double bed for 1 person) = €180 per night B&B
- Twin or Double Room (2 people or couple sharing) = €190 per night B&B
- Triple Room = €210 per night B&B

Website: <https://axhotelsmalta.com/victoria-hotel/>

Discount code: **AXWED29-07-2026**

\*Please note: Eco Tax on arrival. Online the rate will be cheaper than shown above as the Eco Tax is not charged until arrival.

## Airbnb | Apartments

Sliema, Gzira, and Valletta are the best areas for location.

- Airbnb Valletta: [https://www.airbnb.ie/rooms/11385411?guests=1&adults=1&s=67&unique\\_share\\_id=1e430583-4329-4b4f-a63c-4fe5cde0fa39](https://www.airbnb.ie/rooms/11385411?guests=1&adults=1&s=67&unique_share_id=1e430583-4329-4b4f-a63c-4fe5cde0fa39)
- Sliema Main Street Designer Suite 6 – check booking.com

## More Hotels

- Palazzo Violetta, Sliema: <https://palazzovioletta.com/>
- Belle Boutique Hotel: Check booking.com
- Marea Boutique Hotels:  
<https://www.mareaboutiquehotels.com/sliema>
- The Waterfront Hotel: <https://waterfronthotelmalta.com/>
- Giorgio Boutique Hotel: <https://www.giorgioboutiquehotel.com/>
- Preluna Hotel: <https://www.preluna.com/en>
- Amery House: <https://ameryhouse.com/>
- Howard Hotel: <https://www.howardhotelmalta.com/>

## B&Bs & Guesthouses

- East Sliema Suites: Check booking.com
- Emilio's Suites: Check booking.com
- The Sliema Suites: <https://www.thesliemasuites.com/>
- 248 Boutique Studios: <https://www.248bouticuestudios.com/>
- Fort40 Guest House: <https://www.fort40.com/>
- Cozy Rooms Boutique Guesthouse: <https://cozyrooms.com.mt/>

Happy to help if you need us just shout!





# TIPS ✨

## Eat & Drink

### EAT

#### **Sliema | Balluta Bay | Spinola Bay**

These spots are right along the gorgeous Sliema–Balluta coastline and perfect for sunsets, cocktails & food.

- **Lore & Fitch Steakhouse** (Spinola Bay): Unreal steaks, amazing wine & lovely views over the bay (bit pricey but worth it!)
- **Naar Restobar** (Balluta Bay): Our favourite for cocktails & food right by the water. Great views over the bay.
- **Tiffany's Bistro** (Sliema Promenade): Handy & relaxed for breakfast, lunch or dinner, with outdoor seating.
- **Seafood Spots**: Good few fish restaurants scattered along the promenade by the ferry!
- **Punto Bar & Dine** (Sliema): mix of food including sushi, meat, fish.
- **Fortizza** (Sliema) – mix of food including meat, fish, veggie.
- **Il Gabanna**: handy spot on the prom to eat / drink
- **Crust**: Best known for breakfast / brunch
- **U-Bistrot**: Best known for breakfast / brunch but also nice cocktails & dinner menu.
- **Eetwell**: all over Malta & ideal for a tasty, healthy lunch / takeaway dinner & smoothies / juices.

## Maltese Food

- **Il-Merill** (Sliema): A tiny gem serving classic Maltese dishes. Book ahead as it's so small & always fills up.

## Valletta

- **King's Own Band Club:** Fab food with a traditional local feel.
- **Tribe:** Best spot for breakfast, brunch or lunch.
- **Aki:** Expensive but worth it if you love sushi!
- **Bridge Bar:** Famous Jazz bar.
- **Pizza:** Book this place or go on foot & ask well in advance for a table as it's always busy. Great pizza & cocktails (<https://spnvalletta.com/>)
- **Trabuxu wine bar:** Cheeseboards, charcuterie boards & wine.

**Tip:** Don't wear heels in Valletta! It's beautiful but very hilly & cobbled streets.

## Mdina & Rabat

**Mdina** is worth visiting for the atmosphere alone. Pristine, peaceful, & full of history (Game of Thrones location!) **Rabat** is the neighbouring town just outside Mdina's gates.

- **Coogi's:** Gorgeous restaurant with a terrace & stunning views. Great for lunch or dinner while exploring Mdina.
- **Grotto Tavern** (Rabat): Fine dining with a unique cave setting
- **Crystal Palace** (Rabat): Iconic pastizzi spot for a quick, traditional Maltese snack!



# TIPS ✦

Explore

## **Valletta: The Capital**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site full of charm, views, & steep cobbled streets.

Take the passenger ferry from Sliema – quick, scenic, & easier than a taxi/ bus (but there is a steep hill on the other side!)

- Upper & Lower Barrakka Gardens – Stunning viewpoints over the Grand Harbour
- St. John's Co-Cathedral
- Grand Master's Palace
- Triton's Fountain
- Saluting Battery – cannon fired daily!

## **Comino & Blue Lagoon**

Crystal-clear water, cliff jumping, boat trips. Set aside a full day for this! Ask your hotel about boat tours or shared excursions — they often have good deals.

## **Gozo**

Malta's sister island, perfect for a day trip. More rural & relaxed, with great swimming spots & scenic drives.

## SWIM & SUN

### Beach Clubs

- **Manta Beach Club** (Sliema): Fab spot for a beach club day. Great food, cocktails & poolside beds. Book in advance: [book here](#)
- **Café del Mar** (Melieha Malta): Bigger beach club near the aquarium with amazing sunset views. Book beds in advance!
- **Aqualuna** (Sliema): Very busy during summer but another option.

### Swimming Spots

- **St. Peter's Pool**: Natural rock pool, great for swimming & cliff jumping.
- **Surfside area**: Local swimming area great for a dip.
- **Balluta Bay**: Calm water & a nice place to swim or lie out.
- **Tigne Point Rocky Beach**: Diving spot with view of Valletta

### Sandy Beaches

- **Golden Bay**: Beautiful sandy beach with facilities, ideal for a beach day.
- **Melieha Bay**: Shallow & family-friendly, with space to relax.
- **Balluta Bay**: Tiny sandy beach here - get there early to grab a spot





# TIPS ✨

Out out

## NIGHTLIFE

We'll be organising most of the main celebrations, but for any extra nights out before or after, these are the places we'd go.

**Sliema & Balluta Bay:** Perfect for sunset drinks & seaside happy hours. You'll find plenty of lively bars with outdoor seating along & across from the promenade.

Irish pubs like **The Crafty Cat** (Balluta Bay) or **The Dubliner** (Spinola) are always good & both do food.

**Spinola Bay:** A beautiful spot near St. Julian's with a great mix of wine bars, cocktail spots & waterfront vibes. Ideal for a relaxed but lively evening out.

**Valletta:** Head to Babel for live music, cocktails. Stop into **The Pub**, the legendary pub where actor Oliver Reed from Gladiator famously had his last drink (he died in his seat!)

**Paceville:** Malta's chaotic party strip. It's an experience... but definitely not the Malta we're showing you at our wedding. Visit if you're in the mood for madness, but **don't book your hotel there!**