



ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL

MALTA **V** ENGLAND

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017
TA'QALI NATIONAL STADIUM
8:45PM KO (LOCAL TIME)



MEMBER INFORMATION

RESPECT

The FA has consistently urged fans to follow England in a positive way and we will continue to work hard to try to ensure a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all supporters.

We would like to thank England Supporters Travel Club members who attended the Scotland and France games for their support and implore those attending the Malta match to continue following England in the 'right way'. We ask all ESTC members to be courteous towards the locals and opposing fans by treating them in the same way ESTC members would like to be treated.

If you witness any xenophobic, racist, homophobic or anti-social behaviour before, during or after the match, you can report it in confidence by emailing **englandsupportersclub@thefa.com** or by calling or texting us on **+44 7970 146 250**.

Members behaving in an unacceptable manner whilst following 'England away' may result in:

- Removal from the stadium
- Suspension from the ESTC membership
- The issue of a Football Banning Order
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Please note The FA will always investigate reports of inappropriate behaviour at an England game.

For more information regarding fan behaviour, please refer to the Terms and Conditions of the England Supporters Club here: **<https://englandsupporters.thefa.com/p/england-supporters-travel-club>**

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

You don't need a visa to travel to Malta but you must have a valid passport and it is advisable to bring a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and a photocopy of your passport biodata page with you. If you lose your passport or have it stolen, you need to contact the British High Commission on **+356 2323 0000**.

The opening hours are Monday-Friday 9am-1pm.

Helpful tips

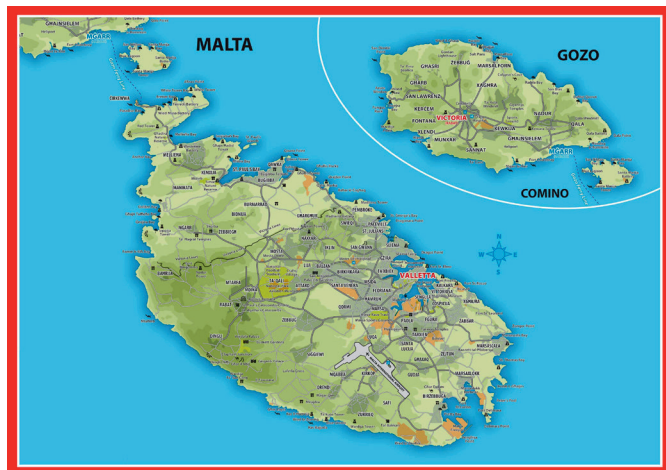
As with any other city, please be aware of pickpockets and bag snatchers at the airport and around town. Only carry what you need and leave spare cash and valuables in your hotel.

GETTING AROUND IN MALTA

Malta is a European Island country which lies 50 miles south of Italy. It's only 122 miles long and has a population of just fewer than 450,000 making it one of the world's smallest countries. The three largest Islands – Malta, Gozo and Comino - are inhabited and easy to get around. The national language of Malta is Maltese (a latin script) but the official language is English.

Emergency services number: 112

Currency: Euro



GETTING AROUND IN MALTA CONTINUED

FERRIES AND WATER TAXIS

There is a regular ferry service that links each island with trips between each one taking between 15-20 minutes. You can also travel between Malta and Gozo via traditional Maltese water taxis (Dghajsa). To find out more or to view timetables, visit www.visitmalta.com/en/ferries-and-water-taxis

BUSES

Malta Public Transport is the only provider of bus services in Malta and generally operate between 5:30am-11pm. A 7 day ExplorePlus Card is £39 and gives users unlimited travel on public transport, 2 trips on the Valletta ferry or a round-trip to Comino by boat. ExplorePlus cards can be purchased from 2 weeks prior to your departure date and can be ordered here: www.publictransport.com.mt/en/order-explore-card



FROM THE AIRPORT

The four bus services that serve Malta International Airport are the X1, X2, X3 and X4.

The X1 takes you to Cirkewwa (if you're travelling on to Gozo)

The X2 takes you to San Giljan (St Julians)

The X3 takes you to Bugibba (close to Qawra and between St Pauls' Bay and Salina)

The X4 takes you to Birzebbugia

For full timetables and routes visit:
www.publictransport.com.mt

Please note: Malta International Airport also offers an official shuttle service where you can manage your hotel transfers at fixed prices. You can either book at the desk when you arrive at the airport, or in advance here: **www.maltatransfer.com**

TAXIS

White taxis can pick up passengers from anywhere except bus-stops. The contact details for pre-booked taxi services can be found here: **www.visitmalta.com/en/taxis**

OUT AND ABOUT

The main Island of Malta has plenty to offer holidaymakers: year-round sun, sandy beaches, plenty of food and drink and sight-seeing opportunities.

Bugibba (a zone within St Paul's bay, towards the North of Malta) and Qawra are Malta's largest seaside resort towns with plenty of hotels, restaurants, bars and water activities on offer. There is a promenade that stretches from Salina Bay to St Paul's Bay which is ideal for moving between the two towns and taking in the sights.

St Julian's is also a popular seaside town to the East and is home to a marina, boutique shops and numerous bars and restaurants. Valetta, which is just below St Julian's is the tiny capital of Malta and is more known for museums, palaces and forts - some of which date back nearly 7000 years.

The Island of Comino offers visitors the chance to snorkel, dive and windsurf whilst the Island of Gozo offers hiking trips around temple ruins, scuba diving and more secluded beaches.

FOOD AND DRINK

Traditional Maltese food consists of a mixture of Mediterranean cooking and rustic breads and pastries. Favourite delicacies are Kannoli (tube of crispy fried pastry with ricotta), pastizzi (flaky pastry filled with mushy peas) Kapunata (Maltese ratatouille) and zalzett (coriander flavoured sausage).



TA'QALI NATIONAL STADIUM

Ta'Qali is the largest stadium in Malta and was built to provide the island with a new and modern national stadium to replace the old Empire Stadium in Gzira. The stadium opened in December 1980 and is stood on the site of a former RAF airbase near the historic city of Mdina. In 2002 a new main stand was built, bringing the total available capacity to 17,797. Besides being the home of the Maltese national team, the stadium also hosts a number of Malta's top flight matches.

GETTING TO THE STADIUM

Address: Ta'Qali National Stadium, H'Attard ATD 4000, Malta.



There are limited transportation links to the Ta' Qali stadium but you can catch a bus to reach the ground. Routes from St Julian's /Sliema catch bus 202. If you are coming from St Paul's Bay (Bugibba) take bus 186. If you're coming from the main bus station in the centre of Valetta, get on bus 56.

If you are coming straight from the airport to the stadium, take the X3 and alight at Qali Interchange. It is then a 15 minute walk to the stadium or you can change and take buses 56, 186 or 202.

Journey times to Ta'Qali stadium

From Valetta – 20-30 minutes

From St Julian's – 25-40 minutes

From St Paul's Bay – up to 60 minutes

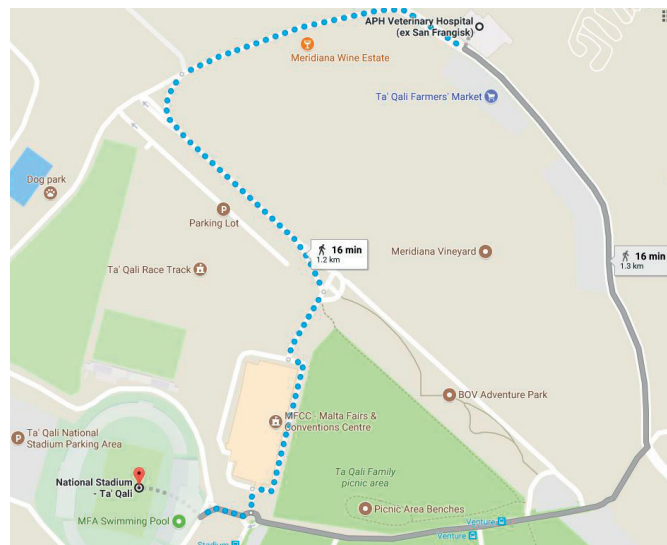
GETTING TO THE STADIUM CONTINUED

Please be aware that vehicle access routes to and from the stadium are very narrow and can become congested so please allow plenty of time to get to the stadium before kick-off.

Please note: Ta'Qali National Stadium is located in the countryside and is surrounded by a convention centre and farmland – there is very little around in terms of eating and drinking.

The last scheduled bus leaves the stadium at 22.30 and the match will still be underway at this time. We have requested additional services to be provided at the end of the match. At the time of this travel guide going to print, this is still to be confirmed by local authorities. Please check the England Supporters Club website for further updates.

We strongly advise if members are travelling to the stadium via pre-arranged buses or taxis, that they get dropped off near to St Francis Animal Hospital. This is the closest available drop-off point to the North Stand which is where England fans will be situated. From St Francis Animal Hospital, it's approximately a 10-15 minute walk to the stadium.



STADIUM ACCESS

ESTC members will be located in the North Stand which is accessed directly from street level. The stadium will open at 6.30pm; fans are strongly advised to arrive at least 60 minutes before kick-off due to security checks.

STADIUM REGULATIONS

- Body searches may take place at the entrance to the turnstiles.
- Flags and banners are allowed but cannot be attached to sticks or poles. Flags of an overtly political, sectarian or offensive nature will not be allowed in the stadium and may be confiscated.
- Pyrotechnic devices including flares and fireworks are not permitted.
- Fans without tickets will not be allowed to enter the stadium.

Please be aware that if you are arrested before, during or after the match, you may be held for up to 48hrs in detention before being prosecuted the following day.

For full details regarding stadium regulations and prohibited items, please refer to: <https://englandsupporters.thefa.com/b/news/archive/2016/12/22/away-match-stadium-regulations>

SECURITY PERIMETER

There will be 3 security check points before fans are allowed to enter the stadium.

The first check point will be an outer security perimeter 10 minutes before you reach the stadium where an initial ticket and ID check will take place.

The second check will be for bags and ticket inspections just outside the stadium and the third check at the turnstiles.

MATCH TICKETS

Travel Club members are advised to bring a form of photo ID with them when attending the match. As per all England away matches, tickets issued via The FA are non-transferable (to members and non-members) and cannot be used by any other supporter. Duplicate tickets will not be issued to members who have lost, stolen or damaged their tickets so please take of your match ticket at all times.

TICKET COLLECTION POINTS

Please bring either your current 2016-2018 Travel Club membership card or any up-to-date photo identification to collect your ticket.

If you are part of a group, each member must collect their ticket in person. Please be aware that all members of the group do not have to collect at the same time but it will not be possible for another member (or non-member) to collect your ticket on your behalf.

To help save time when collecting tickets, we advise members to know the name of the lead booker in their order.

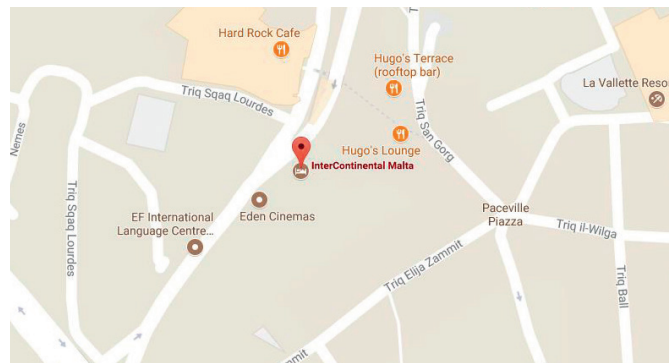
Travel Club members will be able to collect their tickets at the following locations during the stated opening hours:

Address

The Jupiter room, Lower Ground Floor
Intercontinental Hotel
St George's Bay
St Julian's STJ 3310
Malta

Opening times

Thursday 31 August 2pm - 8pm
Friday 1 September 10am - 7.30pm



At the stadium

Due to the security perimeters in place around the stadium, we will **not** be able to operate a ticket collection point at the stadium.

If you are due to arrive in Malta after 6pm on match day, please contact us in advance so that we can make alternative arrangements for you to collect your ticket. Please email englandsupportersclub@thefa.com before the match with your flight details.

THE HISTORY

The last time England faced Malta at the Ta'Qali National Stadium was on the **3rd June 2000** when current England manager Gareth Southgate featured as a second-half substitute in a 2-1 England win.

Emile Heskey's goal was enough to give England a deserved if uninspired win in the heat of the Mediterranean - but it took two late saves from debutant Richard Wright to seal the win

Having already conceded a first-half penalty, Wright gave away a second spot-kick at the death but made a sprawling stop before blocking an even better chance seconds before the final whistle.

Despite dominating possession, Kevin Keegan's men were unable to end their Euro 2000 build-up with a confidence-boosting sackful of goals.

Scholes, Campbell, Ince and Heskey all spurned good chances as Malta, with a team made up mainly of part-timers, tired in the afternoon heat.

Heskey side-footed home the winner on 76 minutes after excellent work from Barmby left him with an open goal five yards out.

In their last competitive game before Euro 2000, England had taken the lead from that most obvious yet dangerous of sources, a Beckham free-kick from the right.

With the Maltese defence in disarray, Keown stooped unmarked to head in at the far post.

Barmby, looking lively throughout, came close to making it two moments later. Gary Neville overlapped down the right and looped in a cross that the Everton midfielder put too close to the keeper.

Then, to the delight of the enthusiastic crowd, Malta were level. Wright came tentatively to meet a long through-ball, flapped, and only succeeded in bringing Carabott down.

Carabott dusted himself off, scored, was ordered to retake and duly dispatched the ball again - albeit off the post and the back of Wright's head.

THE TEAMS

Malta: Barry (Muscat 90), Debono (Camilleri 34), Buttigieg (Chetcuti 55), Said (Dimech 78), Spiteri (Okonkwo 78), Carrabott (Cinatar 90), Vella (Theuma 41), Turner (Veselji 87), Busuttil (Nwoko 46), Brincat (Holland 83), Agius (Mallia 60).

England: Wright, G Neville, Keown (Southgate 59), Campbell, P Neville, Beckham (Barry 80), Wise (Ince 69), Scholes (McManaman 69), Barmby, Shearer (Heskey 51), Phillips (Fowler 59). Subs (Not used): Martyn, Owen.

Referee: S Braschi (Italy).

DID YOU KNOW

- The first time England played in Malta it was in a 1971 UEFA European Championship qualifier – Martin Peters scored the only goal of the game.
- Emile Heskey's first international goal for England came against Malta in a Euro 2000 qualifier.
- Malta currently has three players plying their trade in England – Luke Gambin plays for Luton Town, Andrea Borg plays for Peterborough United and Sam Magri plays for Dover Athletic.