

## Music Festival Season in Malta 2022

Malta is ready to host a number of popular music festivals. If you plan on attending any music festivals in Malta this year, we have some travel tips to help you enjoy the events and stay safe.

### Know Before You Go: Travel Tips

- Get comprehensive travel and medical insurance before travelling and check what it covers.
- Travel with your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which can be applied for through the [HSE](#).
- Keep your passport in a safe place: carry your passport card on you or a photocopy of your passport. If you haven't got a passport card, find out how to apply at <https://www.dfa.ie/passportcard/>.
- Fill in the emergency contact details option on your passport.
- Keep your valuables in a safe place.
- Keep one of your bank cards and some cash separate from the rest of your valuables and avoid carrying too many valuables with you.
- Beware of pick pockets in crowds, restaurants, cafés, on public transport, near ATMs and never leave your bag or belongings out of sight or unattended.
- Let people know where you are and make sure you know where your friends are.
- Be aware of event access requirements from the event organisers and local authorities.
- For latest health related updates from the Maltese authorities please visit [www.health.gov.mt](http://www.health.gov.mt)

### Tourist Information

Tourist information on Malta can be found on the official [Visit Malta](#) website.

### Sun Protection

Malta can experience very high temperatures. Use sun cream, sun hats, drink plenty of water and remain in the shade where possible.

### Security: General Information

You should exercise caution in large gatherings; be careful with your personal belongings, remain calm in crowds, respect the crowd restrictions at some locations and follow the instructions of the local authorities and the event organisers.

Please be aware that, while crime rates are low, pick pocketing is becoming more common in crowded and main tourist areas. Please refer to the Safety and Security tab of our [Travel Advice for Malta](#) for further information. If you're a victim of a crime while in Malta, report it to the local police immediately.

## **Local Laws and Customs**

Remember, the local laws apply to you as a visitor and it is your responsibility to follow them. Be sensitive to local customs, traditions and practices.

### **Illegal drugs**

There are strict penalties for possession, use or trafficking of illegal drugs and convicted offenders can expect heavy fines and prison terms. Possession of relatively small quantities of drugs such as ecstasy can attract a mandatory prison sentence.

### **Lost/Stolen Passport**

If your Irish passport is lost/stolen, you should first contact your airline or tour operator and check whether they will accept a police report or any other ID you may have in order to facilitate your return journey.

If required in an emergency, the Embassy of Ireland in Malta can issue you with an Emergency Travel Certificate (ETC) – see opening hours and contact details under ‘Useful Contacts’. Please bring:

- 4 passport size photos
- a copy of your return travel itinerary
- a fee of €30 in cash
- any other additional ID you may have
- in certain circumstances, there may be additional requirements which the Embassy can advise of

### **If You Need Help**

For an emergency in Malta dial 112 (police, ambulance or fire brigade). For consular assistance from the Embassy of Ireland in Malta, you can contact us on + 356 21 334 744.

## **Useful Contacts**

### **Emergency Services Number**

For calls to Police, Ambulance, or Fire Brigade Services: 112

### **Hospital in Malta**

Mater Dei Hospital  
Msida, MSd 2090  
Malta  
Tel: + 356 2545 0000

### **Embassy of Ireland, Malta**

Embassy of Ireland

Whitehall Mansions  
Ix-Xatt ta' Ta' Xbiex  
XBX 1026  
Tel: [\(+356\) 21334744](tel:+35621334744) (Monday – Friday, 08:30 – 16:30)

*In case of an emergency outside of opening hours you will be directed to emergency out of hours contact information.*

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