

# Mediterranean College of Sport Homestay

CENTRE GUIDE 2025



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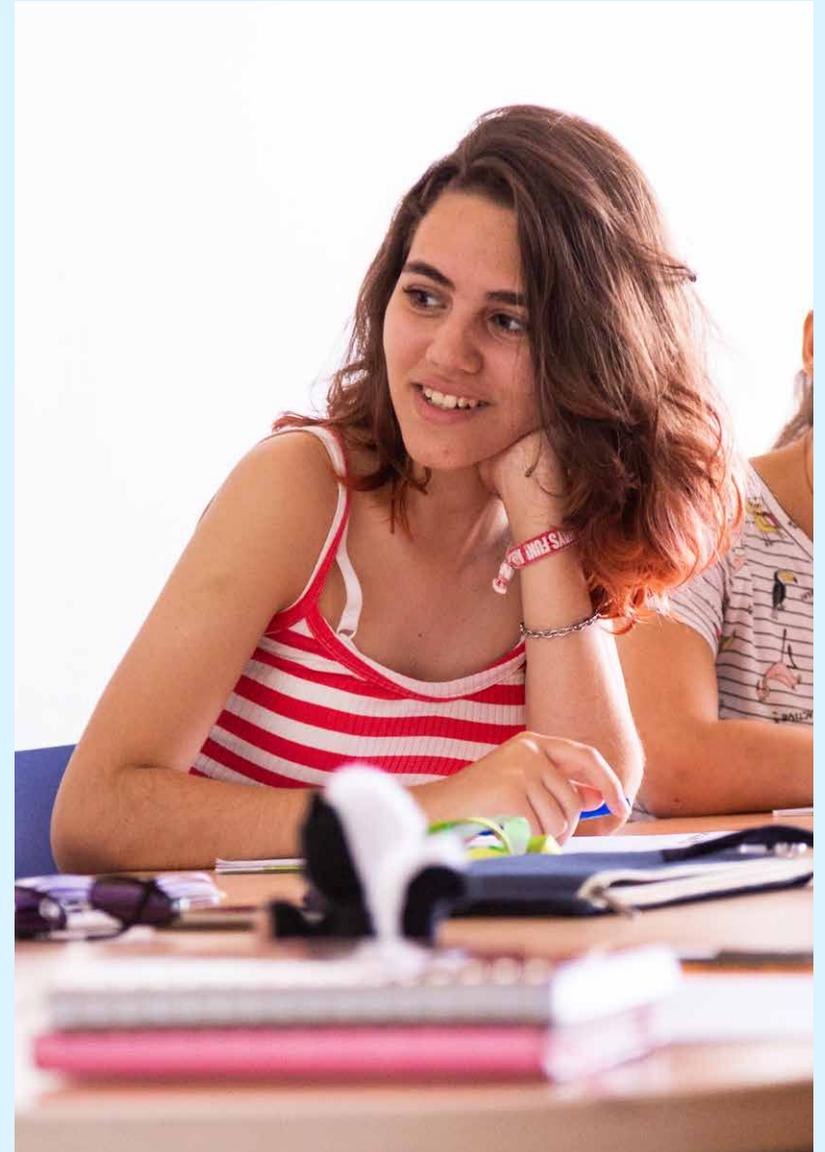
# About EC Young Learners and Embassy Summer

Embassy Summer is a trusted global leader in immersion language with over 30 years of experience in delivering rewarding English language programmes for young learners.

At Embassy Summer we provide a truly life-changing experience for students from all over the world.

Working with global centres and schools from around the world we have navigated through many years, challenges, and joys.

Learning English is only part of the journey. Our language programmes are available from 1 week to 9 weeks during the summer and include exciting activities based around life skills. Our summer camps also introduce international students to local social life and culture through a variety of exciting excursions.





# Welcome to Malta

The sun-kissed island of Malta is a treasure trove of beautiful beaches, crystal blue seas, and centuries of history, all topped off with that chilled out Mediterranean vibe.

A good part of any experience in a foreign country is to absorb the lifestyle and cultural differences of the country you are visiting. It might take a few days for you to adapt to the local habits, with things not always being done in the same way which you are accustomed to at home.

It is important that students will be encouraged to enjoy themselves and make the most of their stay in Malta.

Get ready to discover everything this little island with a big personality has to offer, while studying at St Martin's College, a local school.

## Homestay

When choosing to stay with a Maltese English-speaking family, students have the unique opportunity to share and experience the day to day life of a local family together with all the diversity of the Maltese culture.

Whilst staying in a host family, students will be able to enjoy the full Embassy Summer experience by joining in all organized activities.

# Embassy Summer Staff



## **Teacher**

Teaching staff are responsible for planning and delivering lessons.

## **Activity Leader (AL)**

The Activity Leaders are responsible for running everything outside the lessons! This includes on-site and off-site activities, meal and duty supervision. Activity Leaders are at the forefront of delivering a successful activity programme providing instruction, guidance and coaching to the students, whilst ensuring all activities are delivered to provide a safe and secure environment.

## **Academic Manager**

Responsible for the academic management of the centre and ensuring the teaching and learning component of the programme is delivered to the highest possible standards.

## **Programme Manager**

The Programme Manager maintains strong relationships with homestay hosts and ensures the delivery of a high-quality activity programme for students, which includes inspiring, training and managing Activity Leaders to achieve this goal.

# Pre-Arrival



## Clothing

Students will be participating in daily on-site and off-site activities, so we recommend to bring comfortable clothing and walking shoes, a hat, sunblock cream, swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, water flask bottle.

Clothing appropriate for occasionally dressing up in the evenings are advisable too.



## Emergency information

Always make sure important numbers and contact details are entered into your mobile phone and are also written down in your purse or wallet. Please refer to all emergency contact information provided at your arrival.



## Everyday essentials

Medication toiletries, washing and sanitary essentials, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner.

Beach towel, hairbrush/comb/hairdryer. Sleepwear, socks and underwear. Glasses/contact lens equipment, plastic bags for dirty laundry or wet items.



## Electrical appliances

The standard voltage in Malta is 230V. Most electrical plug points in Malta are the same 3 pin type as in the UK.



## Prescription medication

If you take prescription medication, make sure you pack enough for your stay. It is important to pack your medicine in its original packaging in case you are questioned about them at Customs.

We recommend you bring a note from your doctor stating these medications are required and you inform the homestay family and Programme Manager in centre.



## Carry-on luggage

We recommend you pack these items in your carry-on luggage in case you need them while you're travelling:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Student Visa (if required)
- ✓ Parental Consent form
- ✓ Emergency contact form
- ✓ Money



## Technology

Phone/iPod/iPad/Tablet + chargers (we recommend you only bring one of these items), headphones Camera and camera charger.

Make sure students will have access to their mobile data and WhatsApp is installed once they arrive to Malta. Students will use their mobile to communicate with the Embassy Summer staff.



## What Not to Pack

We can only guarantee the carriage of one suitcase and one small carry-on luggage (not suitcase) for airport transfers. If you anticipate that you will need to bring more suitcases than this, please let us know in advance.



## At the Airport

### **Who will the student meet at the airport?**

On arrival at the airport, students will be met by one of our transport coordinators and a representative of the transfer company who will welcome you in Malta. The airport team will be wearing a green or blue T-shirt with the Embassy Summer logo so you can easily recognise them.

Our staff will also be holding an Embassy Summer sign. The airport team, who will not travel with you, will make sure that students will be taken by the driver and transfer to the centre.

### **What should students do if they cannot find the Embassy Summer representative?**

If after 10 minutes students cannot find the airport staff, they can call the Embassy Emergency number +35699248774 (from the information desk or a mobile phone).

### **What should students do if they have missed their flight, or the flight is delayed?**

Students who have missed their flight or the flight is delayed should notify Embassy Summer by calling the Embassy Emergency number +35699248774.

### **Transfer**

The average journey time from the Airport to families is up to 30 minutes approx.



## At the Family

### **Arrival Procedure**

Upon arrival students will always be welcomed by a family member. Students will be given a tour of their house, of the local area and they will be also shown the bus stop for the private coach pickup and drop off. They will be introduced to key members of the household, and the host will go through any rules with them.

On the first evening students who are staying with local families will join one of the other centres for the welcome activity, which is designed to ensure students have the opportunity to meet staff and other students.

### **Departure Procedure**

On the departure day there will always be a family member at home who will make sure that students will be ready on time for their pickup to the airport. The pickup time is always scheduled 3 hours before the student's departure flight.

Once at the airport, in the departure lounge students will meet an Airport Representative. Our staff member will also assist students who have requested the UM.

# About Homestay

**Age:** 13–17

**Dates:** 22 June – 24 August

**Arrival & Departure Day:** Sunday

*If students would like to arrive or depart on a different day, please confirm with our booking team. This is subject to availability.*

## Accommodation Features



### Room Facilities

Single Bed, Desk, Wardrobe, Bedside table and a fan, Bed Linen, Wi-Fi, Room Cleaning.



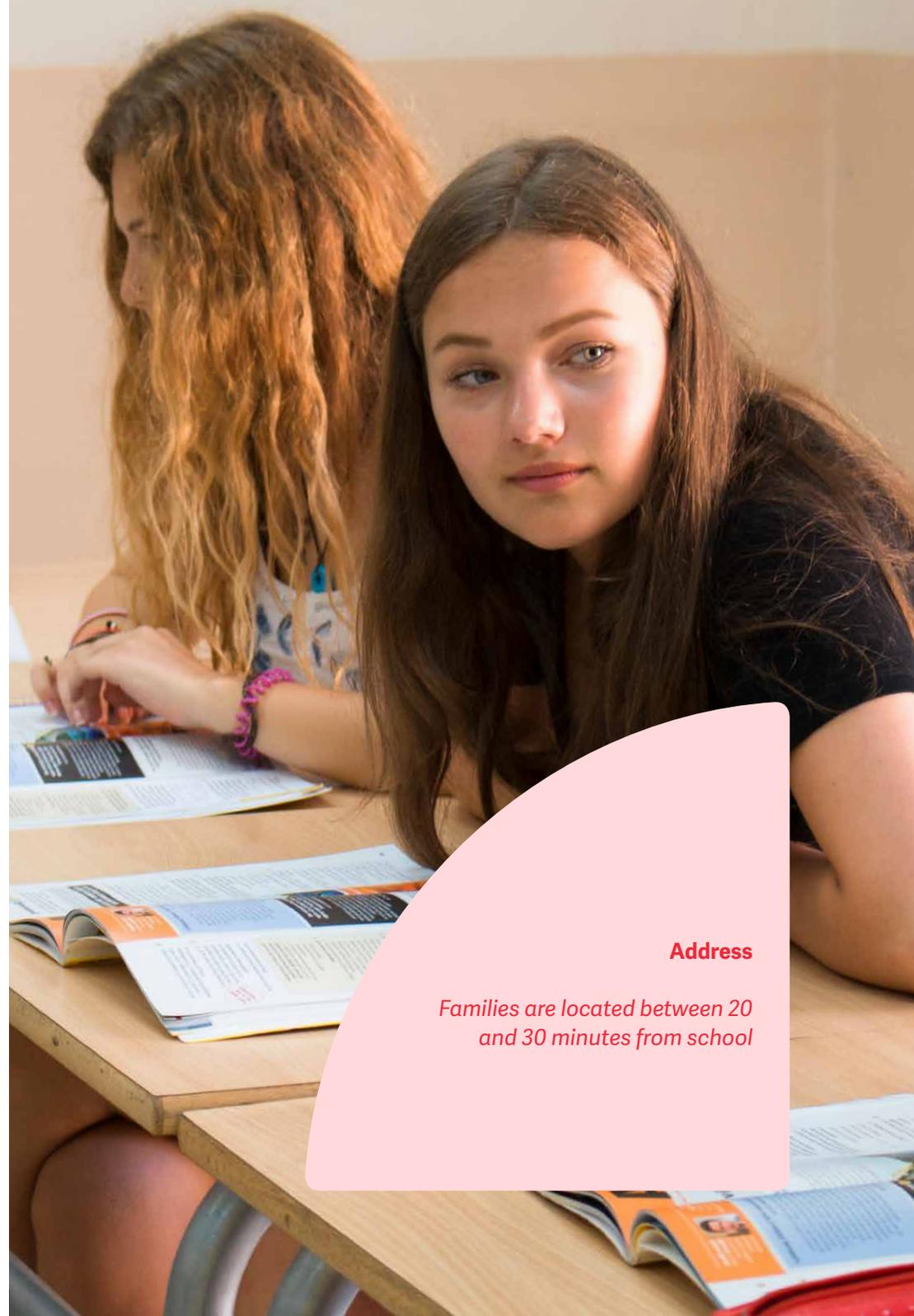
### Room Type

Twin/Triple and Quad Room



### Bathroom Type

Shared Bathroom  
*(up to 4 students per bathroom)*



### Address

*Families are located between 20 and 30 minutes from school*

### Cleaning

Bedrooms are cleaned once a week.

### Laundry Facilities

Laundry is available once per week



### Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available in common areas and bedrooms. Students will be provided with a password.

### Linens and Towels

Bath towels are not provided. Students are to bring their own towels, including a beach towel. Bed linens are provided and changed once a week.



### Meals

Dinner and breakfast are served with the family. Lunch are served at school, or on activity with packed lunches during weekends. We provide suitable meals to help them stay healthy, focused, and energised.

Embassy Summer needs to be informed in advance. It is important to be provided with accurate information. We will then inform our families accordingly.

### Meal Times

<i>Breakfast</i>	07:00 – 08:00
<i>Lunch</i>	12:15 – 13:30
<i>Dinner</i>	17:30 – 19:00

#### *Breakfast*

Continental breakfast is provided by the host and includes juice, tea, coffee, toast, jams, cereal, pastries and fruit.

#### *Lunch*

One hot or cold dish at school. Packed lunch (weekends) will consist of a sandwich, water and fruit.

#### *Dinner*

Evening meals for most of the stay will be with the host, and will be based around their typical diet.



### Road safety

Be alert! Remember that in Malta vehicles drive on the left side of the road. Always look right, then left and right again before crossing. Always use pedestrian crossings and wait until it is safe to cross the road.

### Bank/Post Office

The local currency is the Euro (€). This is the official currency of the European Union. It is subdivided into 100-euro cents. Coins used 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, €1, €2. Banknotes used €5, €10, €20, €50, €100.

Please visit the following website for updated currency conversion:  
[www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

If students need to receive any type of mail/parcel we ask that you do not get deliveries made to the centre.

If it is essential for a parcel to be delivered, please speak to the Centre Manager, and delivery to our Head Office in Malta might be organised.

Money transfers can easily be done via Western Union. Please ask the staff members at the Centre for more information.



### **Hospital/Doctors**

Local Hospital  
Mater Dei Hospital  
Triq Dun Karm  
Msida, MSD2090,  
Malta  
*Tel: +356 2545 0000*

European students travelling with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to free public healthcare. For Non European students we highly recommend to travel with their insurance.

All students are required to pay approximately € 40 to see a doctor, which students must pay at the time of their visit.

First aid trained staff are available on-site.

### **Fire Drills & Safety**

It is a requirement that at any residential centre fire drills must take place. During the fire drill, students should leave all their belongings behind and evacuate the building as quickly as possible.

Please ensure that all students have left their rooms and stand at the designated evacuation point outside. There will then be a roll call.

If any students are unaccounted for or the evacuation is too slow, the fire drill will be classed as a 'failure' and will need to be repeated at a later date.

### **Fire Evacuation**

- Leave quickly when the alarm sounds
- If you discover a fire, sound the alarm
- Warn others close by
- Go to the assembly point immediately
- Do not run
- Do not try to fight the fire
- Do not use the lifts
- Do not go back to your room to collect things

### **Curfew**

Evening curfew is 10:30 pm. All students must be in their accommodation by this time, they must be in bed with lights off by 11:00 pm.

### **School Address**

The Mediterranean College of Sport  
50, Triq Xorrox  
B'kara  
Malta  
*Tel: +356 7960 2024*

### **[See on Google Maps](#)**

It will take about 20-30 minutes by private coach.

# Language Programme

- ✓ Taught by friendly teachers, trained to deliver the Embassy Summer lessons
- ✓ 20 x 45 minute lessons per week morning or afternoon
- ✓ Placement test on day 1
- ✓ Approximately 17 students per class
- ✓ All lessons delivered in spacious, well equipped classrooms
- ✓ Curriculum with emphasis on communication skills
- ✓ Materials included as well as an end of course certificate



## First Day at school

There will be a student induction at school on their first Monday. This is led by Embassy Summer staff. Students will be provided with information about the centre where they are staying, and Embassy Summer rules and regulations will be explained. The induction will last an hour and will be an interactive session, encouraging new students to discuss the rules, meet new friends and have their speaking assessed by the academic team.

After the induction, students will have a placement test. It includes a multiple-choice grammar test and writing test.

## Level Placement

Students are placed according to the results of the placement test, their age, and an acceptable nationality split. The teachers confirm that they are in the right class on the first two days of school and if they aren't they will be moved accordingly.

If students think that they are not in the right class, they can and discuss it with the Academic team.

# Student Code of Conduct

Embassy Summer is committed to promoting a learning environment that reflects the values of respect, dignity, honesty, integrity, tolerance, equality and diversity. We expect students enrolled at Embassy Summer to behave in a mature, respectful, and cooperative manner at all times. Teachers, administrative staff, and students all contribute to creating a positive learning environment in the classroom and on campus.

## Students are expected to:

- ✓ Respect Embassy Summer staff, teachers, fellow students, and their property and behave in a responsible manner
- ✓ Avoid language or actions that might harm or damage another person at the school
- ✓ Identify themselves when asked by an Embassy Summer staff member
- ✓ Attend class regularly and arrive on time in accordance with the Embassy Summer Attendance Policy
- ✓ Help and create a productive learning environment during class
- ✓ Put away cell phones in class when asked to do so
- ✓ Avoid actions that might damage the school environment or break local and/or national laws
- ✓ Avoid littering by putting trash/garbage into trash cans – both inside and outside of the school building
- ✓ Be respectful of people entering / leaving the building or walking on the sidewalks outside the building
- ✓ Speak English only in the school, including classrooms hallways, offices and student lounges

## Student Welfare

We place the highest priority on care and supervision that you can rest assured students are well looked after. Members of staff are available 24 hours a day.

# Excursions & Activities

A large part of a summer school experience is exploring the local towns and beaches, and attractions with new friends! Two thirds of the student experience is spent out and about, away from the classroom and therefore Embassy Summer has spent many years tailoring its programmes in each location to maximise the whole student adventure.

We recognise that the excursions and activities are as important as the English language classes.

All our programmes include a variety of full day and half day activities, and students also have the opportunity to take part in additional trips (known as optional activities) if they want to explore the locality further.

Our activity programme is designed to ensure that students maximise their opportunities to mix and meet with other students from all over the world in a less formal setting than a classroom, that they continue to use their English language outside of the classroom and that, most importantly they remain healthy, happy and have a fun experience!

*Sandy and rocky beach*  
Relax, swim and enjoy the sunshine! Have fun playing beach volley and other beach games with your new friend and Activity Leaders.

*Comino & the Blue Lagoon*  
Comino is the smallest island of the Maltese Archipelago, and it is situated between Malta and Gozo. Only 3.5 square kilometers, Comino is car-free with a permanent population of a handful of people. It is the home of the Blue Lagoon known for its transparent, turquoise waters and diverse marine life. This makes it a popular spot with divers, snorklers and swimmers.

*Waterpark*  
Experience the thrill of the wacky "Side Winder", shoot down slides or chill on the "Lazy River!".

You will be given an entrance ticket which will entitles you to unlimited use of all the facilities.



### *Valletta*

Malta's capital city, Valletta, is nothing short of an open-air museum and world heritage site. It is known as Il-Belt in Maltese, meaning "The City". Valletta is dotted with historic cafés, museums, restaurants, banks, hotels and government offices.

### *Mdina*

Mdina, also called The Silent City of Malta, is a fortified hill-top urban settlement located at the very heart of the Maltese Islands.

It was the administrative and political capital of the Maltese Islands until 1530. It is also the oldest continuously inhabited city on the island.

### *Sports Festival*

The sports night! Students can join a football tournament, play volleyball and badminton, or take part of our Zumba class. For those who would like doing

something more relax stretching and Yoga sessions are also available together with other team games.

### **On-Site Activities**

- Karaoke
- Photo Challenge
- Embassy Talent Show
- Film Night

### **Optional**

- Diving  
*(to be booked before arrival)*
- Gozo
- Watersports
- Popeye Village

### **Sample 3 Weeks Programme**

The programme starts on a Sunday and it includes the full 7 days of the week.

Activities are organised every day, in the mornings, in the afternoons and in the evenings.

Students will take part of lessons, have lunch at school and go on activities. On weekends students will be provided with packed lunches before going on activity.

Besides the activities which are part

of the standard programme, students can also join a variety of optional activities, some during weekdays, other on weekends only.

This programme is for illustrative purposes. Embassy Summer reserves the right to cancel or change activities without notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as bad weather or indeed at the Programme Manager's discretion.



# Sample 3 Weeks Programme

WEEK 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning		Testing/Introduction	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Beach day or Optional activities
	Arrivals/Departures  Beach day or Optional activities	Lessons					
Afternoon		Bowling	Comino	Rocky Beach	Visit Mosta Rotunda & Mdina	Birgu	
Evening	Welcome Games	Party	In-house Games	Sports Festival	Party	Beach BBQ	Mdina Treasure Hunt

● Academic
 ● Leisure
 ● Cultural

# Sample 3 Weeks Programme

WEEK 2	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning</b>	Arrivals/Departures	Marsaxlokk & Blue Grotto	Limestone Heritage & Ghar Lapsi	Esplora Science Centre	Water Park	Sandy Beach	Beach day or Optional activities
<b>Afternoon</b>	Beach day or Optional activities	Testing, Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Beach day or Optional activities
<b>Evening</b>	Welcome Games	Party	Photo Challenge	Bugibba Walk	Party	Inhouse Games	Valletta Night

● Academic    
 ● Leisure    
 ● Cultural

# Sample 3 Weeks Programme

WEEK 3	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Morning</b>	Arrivals/Departures	Testing Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Beach day or Optional activities
<b>Afternoon</b>	Beach day or Optional activities	Valletta & Malta experience	Tigne Point Shopping & Swimming	Harbour Cruise	Comino	Qawra Point Beach & Optional Aquarium	Beach day or Optional activities
<b>Evening</b>	Welcome Games	Party	Sports Festival	Inhouse Games	Party	Beach BBQ	Mdina Treasure Hunt

● Academic    
 ● Leisure    
 ● Cultural



## Group Leaders

Embassy Summer expects the Group Leader to share responsibility for the pastoral and welfare needs of their students. Embassy Summer also expects the Group Leader to help enforce the rules of the school, as outlined in the Student Notebook and school notice boards, and enforce any additional local arrangements. Please note that these responsibilities do not extend to students who are not your own.

### Meetings

Embassy Staff member will have a meeting with each leader on their first evening at the centre (or the day after arrival) where the essential information about the centre and the programme will be provided.

Regular meetings with the Centre management team will be held in the following days. These are important moments to share information, comments, suggestions, and feedback.



## Group Leaders Responsibilities

- ✓ Make sure you have all your student's insurance documents, parental consent forms and health declaration forms with you.
- ✓ Report all incidents, accidents, illnesses, and absence to the centre management team.
- ✓ Report your students as present or absent at the start of each lesson and activity session.
- ✓ Ensure your students are in bed by curfew.
- ✓ Ensure your students are on time, in the right place and prepared for all lessons, activities and excursions.
- ✓ Ensure you and your students always wear the Embassy Summer ID and lanyard.



## Group Leaders Code of Conduct

- ✗ Avoid being alone with junior students.
- ✗ Do not enter any student's room alone unless in an emergency.
- ✗ Do not communicate electronically via email, text, phone or social networking sites, blogs, web pages or instant messaging services with students who are not your own.
- ✗ Do not give your personal details, such as your Facebook details or phone number etc., to students who are not your own.
- ✗ Do not post photos or videos of students on your private social media channels without having their consent.
- ✗ Do not drink alcohol in front of students or while at work.
- ✗ Do not interact with students while under the influence of alcohol.
- ✗ Do not smoke in front of students.
- ✗ Do not possess, take or be under the influence of non-prescribed drugs at any time.
- ✗ If leaving campus or already off-campus, do not bring any students who are not your own.



## Individual Students

Students who are not part of a group will be assigned to an Embassy Summer guardian group. The ratio is usually between 10-15 students per group.

Students and their guardians communicate via WhatsApp and through daily meetings.

Students can always refer to their guardians if there are any problems which need to be discussed or if they require any support.

### **Nationality Mix**

Embassy Summer has a truly global nationality mix with students coming to our centres from over 85 countries around the world.

This is what enhances the student experience in terms of learning English, personal development but most importantly having the opportunity to make new friends around the world.

# Important Information

## Head Office Address

Dolphin House, Manchester  
St, Kemptown,  
Brighton and Hove,  
Brighton BN2 1TF,  
United Kingdom

## Emergency Number

+356 99248774

*Whilst we encourage you to use this service whenever needed, please restrict the usage of this number to emergencies especially during the night.*

Malta Country Code:           +356

Time Zone:                        GMT+1

## Useful Numbers

Emergency	112
Police	112
Ambulance	112
Fire Brigade	112

**For any specific queries please contact your Regional Sales Manager.**



# FAQs

## **What happens if someone loses their passport?**

We strongly advise students to store their passport safely and not carry it around with them. If a student passport is lost, Group leaders must accompany the student to the embassy of their home country, where they will be issued with a temporary replacement or a permit to travel. An Embassy Summer staff member will accompany any student that is not part of a group.

## **What happens if a student gets lost on an excursion?**

The first thing to do is stay where you are, and the member of staff will try to contact the student and get to know the student's location. Then, a member of Embassy Summer staff will come and collect the student.

Every student has an ID Card where the Embassy Summer Emergency Number is printed. Students should call this number if lost.

## **How do students participate in onsite activities?**

Individual students will take part in all activities, which are provided to them before their arrival, explained during

the welcome meeting once at the centre, and advertised on the Activity Noticeboards.

Group Leaders can sign their own group out of activities, but this needs to be discussed at least 48 hours in advance with the Embassy Summer staff.

## **Can students be taken off programme by a member of their family?**

Students can be taken out of the programme by an adult for a short period of time and have to be back to the centre before 23:00, as long the centre gets informed in advance. If a person, who is not a parent, takes a student out of the programme, a parental approval via email must be sent to the Embassy Summer prior to the student's pick up.

The adult, who takes the student away, will be asked to fill in a form where personal details and contact number must be provided. Copy of the original ID of the adult will be taken from the centre.

## **What to do if a member of the group has food allergy/dietary requirements?**

Embassy Summer needs to be informed in advance, and it is important to be provided with accurate information in order to advise the family accordingly.

## **What happens if a student is sick?**

If a student is sick and needs medical attention, then the Embassy Summer office will help in making appointments etc. Please note however that it is not usual for a doctor to visit the family directly and any trips made to the doctor, dentist or hospital will have to be paid for by the student (including transport where necessary). Students with a group leader will be accompanied by the group leader.

## **Insurance**

If a student does not have insurance, guard.me insurance is available to purchase through Embassy Summer. <https://www.guard.me/>

## **Damages**

Damages must be paid for. Individuals who cause damage to any property at the family will be liable for the cost of repairs.



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