



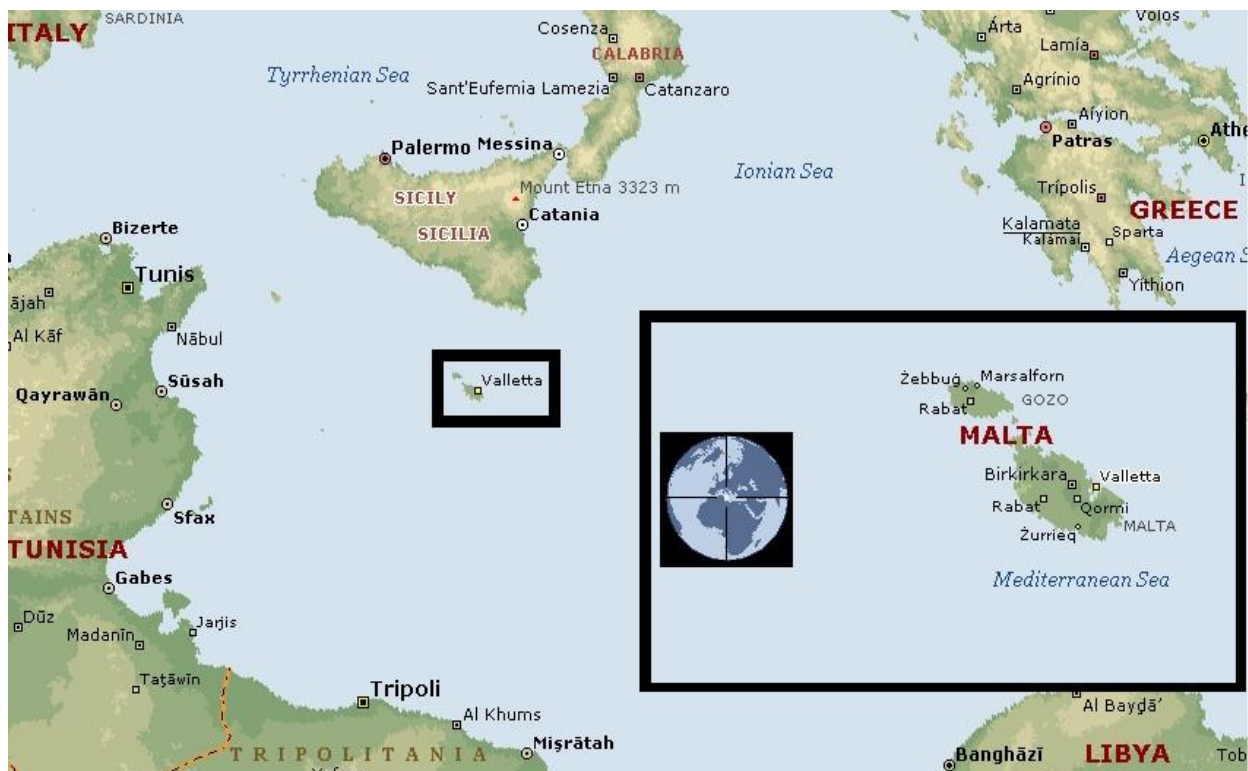
YOUR internship at PKF Malta



General Information about Malta

Malta is a Southern European country consisting of an archipelago of three islands situated in the centre of the Mediterranean, 80 km south of Sicily. Malta is just over 316 km², making it one of the world's smallest countries. The capital city of Malta is Valletta and the largest town is Birkirkara. The main island is made up of many towns, which together form one Larger Urban Zone (LUZ) with a population of 368,250 according to Eurostat. The country has two official languages, Maltese (constitutionally the national language) and English.

Throughout history, because of the great strategic importance of its location, Malta was a place of succession of powers including the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, Aragonese, Habsburg Spain, Knights of St John, French and the British who ruled the islands. Malta gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1964 and became a republic in 1974, whilst retaining membership in the Commonwealth of Nations. Malta was admitted to the European Union in 2004 and is a part of the Schengen Agreement. In 2008 Malta became a part of the euro zone.



Places of interest

The Maltese Islands are often described as one big open-air museum. What makes them unique is that so much of their past is still visible today. There's the historic capital city of Valletta - the island's commercial and administrative centre. It is also a host to the main theatres promoting plays and concerts, as well as scores of exhibitions and street events. The Museum of Archaeology in Valletta houses an exceptionally rich collection of prehistoric artefacts and from Valletta there is also a picturesque view of the famous 'Three Cities' across the Grand Harbour.



Malta has coastal resorts at the north, picturesque villages at the south and a rural centre where you can find Mdina – the original capital city. There is the Sliema/St. Julian's/Paceville area, renowned for its cosmopolitan feel and lively nightlife. Every town and village has something special to offer...including its colourful annual 'festas'. It is a typical Mediterranean approach that life is to be enjoyed and celebrated as much as possible.



With Malta's climate, beach life lasts well into October and the beaches and bays of Malta and Gozo are surrounded by some of the cleanest waters in the Mediterranean. Malta offers beaches for everyone, from windsurfers to sunbathers. You can choose from golden sand, red sand, rocks and blue lagoons. Some beaches and rocky shores are off the beaten track, but worth seeking out for their seclusion. On larger beaches, you will find cafes or snack bars open during the summer season. Enjoy water sports and activities like windsurfing, jet and water skiing, parakiting and fun rides. You can hire equipment from beach cafes or shops nearby. The main coastal resorts and larger sandy beaches are in the northern part of Malta. Malta's most popular beaches are Mellieħa Bay, Għajn Tuffieħa and Golden Bay. In Gozo, the most beautiful beach is Ramla l-Ħamra. Gozo and Comino offer plenty of 'out-of-the-way' rocky inlets with clear waters – ideal for perfect snorkelling. Do not miss a boat trip to Comino's Blue Lagoon for enjoying the ultimate clear azure water and visiting the breathtaking landmark of Gozo's Azure Window.

Malta throughout the year

The Maltese Islands have a number of religious festivities and cultural events that take place every year. Feast days are the life of the Islands. National holidays and religious holidays, such as Christmas and Easter, are highly celebrated, with the traditional festivities that go along with them but the most important events to all villages are their individual festas, honouring their parish patron saint.

The festivals are also a time of food and drink. During these festas the streets are lined with carts, selling a wide assortment of different foods as well as the more traditional sweets and delicacies.



Starting the review of annual holidays and events, February brings the carnival week. The heart of the action takes place in Valletta, though various towns and villages across the Island have their own version of festivities. Extravagantly coloured floats are perched on lorries ready for the procession, children running around in fancy costumes and Malta's main nightlife centre, Paceville, catching the late night carnival goers who pile into the clubs and bars, still wearing their outrageous outfits. For a particular interpretation, visit Nadur, Gozo, where carnival takes on a more macabre and funny mood. The carnival week is a time to let your hair down and go with the flow enjoying a good party!

The celebrations of Easter and Holy Week are primarily of a religious character, taking place in churches where the faithful gather in large numbers to commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Holy Week commences on the Friday preceding Good Friday, when the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows is carried in a procession through the streets of Valletta and many other towns and villages. On mid-morning on Easter Sunday, a procession with the statue of the Risen Christ moves along the streets accompanied by band playing festive tunes. At the end, the way is cleared and the statue-bearers take a run to carry the Risen Christ triumphantly back into the church.

Easter day is traditionally celebrated with a special family lunch. It is also a time to visit relatives and friends, exchanging good wishes and small presents. It's also tradition to give children chocolate-coated easter eggs and a *'figolla'*, almond-filled pastry in the shape of a rabbit, lamb, fish or heart, covered in icing sugar.



The festa season in Malta is made up of a long series of extended weekends, starting from the end of May right through the entire summer and well into September. During this period, there is hardly any weekend when a town or a village is not celebrating the feast of its patron saint or other saints revered in different churches. The festas often end with spectacular ground and aerial fireworks displays in an explosion of colour, firecrackers and loud petards.



Christmas is a highly celebrated festivity in Malta and Gozo, both for its religious significance as well as in its more social aspect. The season is celebrated to its fullest on the Maltese Islands, with the active participation of many; Nativity scenes, displays of cribs, carol services and other events are organised in each locality. All churches have a calendar of events, ranging from the procession of Mary and Joseph, to streets with groups of children carol singing. For a very special, spiritual evening, join the congregation at St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta for candlelit carol singing.

Introduced relatively recently, cultural events such as the Malta Arts Festival, Notte Bianca, the Malta Jazz Festival and Mediterranea in Gozo are becoming traditions in their own right.

As to big concentration of fiestas and special events it is better to check what is going on to not lose the opportunity to see something unique. The most up to date information you will find on

<http://www.whatson.com.mt>

General information about PKF Malta

The firm was founded by George M. Mangion with the help of the other partners since 1988. The main activity of the firm consists in operation of company financial audit and tax consultancy in compliance with the company development trends. We offer an array of services including:

- accounting
- auditing
- back office service
- consultancy
- corporate advice
- due diligence
- management buyouts
- raising finance
- trust registration
- conferences
- captive insurance
- investor fund registration
- registration shipping companies

PKF Malta has two offices:

- One in Birkirkara (35 Mannarino Road) responsible for Administration, Tax and Audit
- And another in Sliema (GMM Business Solutions, Office 2/1, Block 12, Tigne Place, Tigne Street, Sliema) responsible for Accounting, Gaming, Business Development.

Your internship

Having your internship in PKF Malta will assist you to introduce yourself to the workplace in friendly atmosphere where everybody is more than eager to help. Your job description will fall in line with your knowledge, educational background and experience with the aim of fulfilling the goal of your internship, whether it is to simply improve your language skills, or gaining real hands on knowledge of the business world. Tasks include preparing reports on various business topics, researching specific industries, writing articles to be published on local newspapers or the firm's website, compiling statistics and analysing markets etc.

As for working conditions, working hours for interns is from 9am to 4pm except during the summer period (July-August – the specific dates to be announced), when it is from 9am to 4pm from Monday to Thursday and 8:30am till 2pm enabling you to enjoy the hot sunny weather in Malta. Every intern is granted two days vacation leave per month of internship which can be distributed over the said period.



During the internship at PKF you will report to the Senior Partner, Mr George Mangion who will be your mentor for the whole period of your Internship. For the administrative purposes you can contact Anna Golis, Research and Development Manager (agolis@pkfmalta.com).

Accommodation in Malta

Should you decide to apply for an internship at PKF Malta you will need to find accommodation.

These are some recommended locations for your perusal:

- <http://housing.justlanded.com/en/Malta/Flatshare/1>
- Garden-View-Complex, Triq is-Sidra, Swieqi, STJ 11 Malta
Tel: +356 21370694 - +356 21370604 - + 356 21370528, Fax: +356 21370607
Email: mail@clubclass.com.mt
- NSTS Hibernia Residence, Depiro Street, Sliema, SLM 03, Malta, Tel: + 356 21 244983,
Fax: +356 21230330, Email: mmerc@nsts.org bzw. jdoun@nsts.org, Website:
www.nsts.org
- NSTS Campus, University Street, Msida, Tel: 00356 21 333 105, 00356 79495977
- University Residence, Robert Mifsud Street, Lija, Malta
Tel: +356 21436168, 21430360
Fax: +356 21434963
Email: info@universityresidence.com
Website: <http://universityresidence.com/>
- Tania Borg, Renting students accomodation in Msida, (5 min away from PKF office by bus), tania.borg@gmail.com, tel: 00356 77703491
- Other Real Estate Agencies are:
Dhalia Real Estate Group - www.dhalia.com
Sara Grech Ltd. - www.saragrech.com.mt
Frank Salt Real Estate Ltd. - www.franksalt.com.mt
Remax - <http://www.remax-malta.com/>

Furthermore it could be possible that the popular language schools (www.educationmalta.com, www.elanguet.com , www.mlsmalta.com , www.bcmalta.com , www.ecenglish.com etc.) also offer accomodation for students not studying at their language school. A good website where the language schools are listed is www.language-programs.net.

You may find that the most practical is searching for accommodation by using social networks. On Facebook there are several communities, where you can contact directly owner/another tenant and share the flat/room with someone. Posts are appearing every day and you may write your own request and simply wait for the answer. Those groups are:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/468464436587424/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/maltafriends.rentaflatorshare/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/653095898066232/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/645886622172234/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/feelathome/> - good source of info for foreigners living in Malta

Tips from our past Interns:

1. Tallinja card

Single ticket without tallinja is 2 eur, the best option is to apply for tallinja card on the website

<https://www.tallinja.com/en/register-now>

You will receive card by post, then you can top up it for 26 eur per month (26 eur is the maximum you will spend from the 1st to the last day of the month even if you use more).

From July there is a new regulations about public transport fares. It is good to apply for tallinja card at <https://www.tallinja.com/> . The registration process is very easy. You can save money when you have your card instead of buying tickets for 2 euro per 2 hours of ride. *“When using your tallinja card you will benefit from cheaper fares than when you pay on the bus. Every time you board the bus simply touch the reader on the bus with your tallinja card. A fare for every journey of 75c will be deducted automatically from your credit up to maximum limit of €26 every month. A €55 ticket for three months is also available.”*

2. You don't need to pay more than 250 eur for an accommodation if you want to share room and about 300 eur if you want single

The best and cheaper accommodation you can find in Msida and Gzira (easy to get to PKF from there and close to the centre of entertainment)

It is important to choose good location because night buses are only at weekends and taxi are expensive

3. To recommended beaches I would add Ghadira Bay and Paradise Bay

4. The weather is obvious but it can be mentioned that trainees should be prepared for very high temperatures (but it is also an advantage ;))

5. To attract students and Universities it can be mentioned that English is the official language and the country is extremely international so they will improve English and get experience in international environment for sure