

An unforgettable experience

IN MALTA



Throughout the years I was quite determined that I would like to spend my internship abroad. Firstly I wanted to go to Italy or Spain, because of their languages, I have picked up previously. In the end it turned out that my destination is going to be Malta. I was excited and could not wait for the 3 months that I was about to spend there. I haven't even realized that I will be travelling alone and living on my own for a long period of time. Getting off from the plane, the sun was shining and the beautiful island was waiting for me to explore

I have been working for ST Microelectronics which is a leading company of microchips and other electrical devices. I was lucky to have Paul Mifsud as my boss, he was really nice when I needed help at work. However, my workplace was a multinational company with strict rules, I could make loads of friends and acquaintances who made my summer unforgettable. In the department of purchasing, I dealt with the suppliers. There was an upgrade in our system where I had to change the information of the suppliers after calling them on phone and writing them some emails. In other cases I managed the changes of the purchase orders and corrected them in SAP. On other days, I have informed the vendors of the annual result of the Supplier Evaluation Report. My colleagues were absolutely helpful and offered their help anytime. I was introduced to all the managers and I got an email address and an own computer too. I could feel that I was a member of their group even if I only spent three months in Malta.

Usually I was working from 08:00-17:00 with an hour long lunch break. After the working hours I cooked or walked on the sea coast, but in general there was no time for going out on the weekdays. On weekend I always went to the beach, which was astonishing. You can choose between rocky or sandy beaches around the island or you can also visit the smaller islands, Gozo or Comino. Gozo is a miracle which resembles to the big island, while Comino is merely a rocky island with only one hotel on its coast. Both islands have miraculous seashores and beaches. Whether you like the calm night with a glass of wine on the promenade or a party with a huge amount of people, you can find them in Malta. Apart from the work experience, I made friends and I have a huge amount of memories. The best memories are from the farewell nights. Each week someone comes and leaves from the apartment where I have been living through the 3 months. Once someone leaves it does not happen without a farewell. Or we went out for a dinner or went dancing, we enjoyed the stay together. On my last days I participated in BBQs on the seaside during sunset.

Their most frequently used words were MELA, -which means Well or So-ALRIGHT- which is the same in English-, U EJJÁ- which means Come on!.

It is really hard to pick up the Maltese language, because it is similar to Arabic, although they write in the same way as we, Hungarians, do.



Almost on every night Maltese people have FESTA, which is a feast of their city. They celebrate it with fireworks and marching on the streets. During these events, which are mainly on the weekends, you can see different types of fireworks, for example you can see them in the morning hours as well.

If you can take the opportunity, visit the fish market in Marsaxlokk in the early mornings of Sunday. You can also buy souvenirs and clothes, but on a lower quality comparing to shops in the capital. On the north side of the island, you can visit many beautiful beaches surrounded by high rocks, such as Dwejra, Golden Bay or Ghajn Tuffieha.

Public transportation is pretty well organized, goes to all the important places and works with a card (monthly or 7 days for tourists) that you have to validate each journey. It costs 26 euros per month for an adult and you can use it unlimited, except for the night buses which can be more expensive than the cabs.

