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		MALTA– LONDON HEATHROW			LONDON HEATHROW– MALTA		
Validity/Frequency		Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct–29 Mar							
Mo Tu We Th Fr	Su	KM100 (D)	0805	1025	KM101 (D)	1125	1540
	Sa	KM100 (D)	0900	1120	KM101 (D)	1220	1635

D denotes day flight

Note: KM100/1 will not be operated on Wednesday, 25 December 1985.

MALTA – LONDON GATWICK – MALTA

		MALTA– LONDON GATWICK			LONDON GATWICK– MALTA		
Validity/Frequency		Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
01 Nov–29 Mar							
	Fr	Su	KM130 (D)	1730 2000	KM131 (N)	2050	0055 ⁺

⁺Next day

D denotes day flight

N denotes night flight

CARGO SERVICES

		MALTA– LONDON GATWICK			LONDON GATWICK– MALTA		
Validity/Frequency		Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
26 Oct–27 Oct							
	Sa	Su	KM190F	0545 0805	KM191F	2245	0145 ⁺
28 Oct–28 Mar							
	Sa	Su	KM190F	0630 0850	KM191F	2230	0230 ⁺
29 Mar–30 Mar							
	Sa	Su	KM190F	0730 0950	KM191F	2230	0330 ⁺

⁺Next day

MALTA – MANCHESTER – MALTA

		MALTA–MANCHESTER			MANCHESTER–MALTA		
Validity/Frequency		Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
01 Nov–29 Mar							
	Fr		KM140 (D)	1705 2000	KM141 (N)	2045	0110 ⁺

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MALTA – ROME – MALTA

MALTA-ROME				ROME-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-29 Mar Mo Tu Th Sa Su	KM108	0930	1100	KM109	1200	1320

MALTA – CATANIA – MALTA

MALTA-CATANIA				CATANIA-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct	Su KM160	1420	1500	KM161	1545	1625
28 Oct-29 Mar Th	KM160 Su KM160	1900 1320	1940 1400	KM161 KM161	2025 1445	2105 1525

MALTA – PARIS – MALTA

MALTA-PARIS				PARIS-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
03 Nov	Su KM112	1425	1725	KM113	1810	2055
10 Nov-15 Dec	Su KM112	1425	1725	KM113*	1810	2225
22 Dec-05 Jan	Su KM112	1425	1725	KM113	1810	2055
12 Jan-26 Jan	Su KM112	1425	1725	KM113*	1810	2225
02 Feb-23 Mar	Su KM112	1425	1725	KM113	1810	2055

*Via Lyon

MALTA – LYON – MALTA

MALTA-LYON				LYON-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-03 Nov	Su KM138	0745	1010	KM139	1055	1310
10 Nov-15 Dec	Su KM112*	1425	1915	KM113	2010	2225
22 Dec-05 Jan	Su KM138	0745	1010	KM139	1055	1310
12 Jan-26 Jan	Su KM112*	1425	1915	KM113	2010	2225
02 Feb-23 Mar	Su KM138	0745	1010	KM139	1055	1310

*Via Paris

MALTA – FRANKFURT – MALTA

MALTA-FRANKFURT				FRANKFURT-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-05 Nov We	KM114 Sa KM114	0750 0945	1045 1240	KM115 KM115	1205 1325	1445 1605
06 Nov-13 Nov We	KM114 Sa KM114	1020 0945	1315 1240	KM115 KM115	1400 1325	1640 1605
14 Nov-28 Feb We	KM114 Sa KM114	0750 0945	1045 1240	KM115 KM115	1205 1325	1445 1605
01 Mar-29 Mar We	KM114 Fr KM114 Sa KM114	0750 1500 0945	1045 1745 1240	KM115 KM115 KM115	1205 1845 1325	1445 2115 1605

MALTA – MUNICH – MALTA

MALTA-MUNICH				MUNICH-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-21 Dec We	KM128 Su KM128	1605 1445	1825 1705	KM129 KM129*	1910 1755	2125 2150
22 Dec-05 Jan We	KM128 Su KM128	1605 1445	1825 1705	KM129 KM129	1910 1755	2125 2010
06 Jan-28 Feb We	KM128 Su KM128	1605 1445	1825 1705	KM129 KM129*	1910 1755	2125 2150
01 Mar-29 Mar We	KM128 Su KM128	1605 1445	1825 1705	KM129 KM129	1910 1755	2125 2010

*Via Zurich

MALTA – ZURICH – MALTA

MALTA-ZURICH				ZURICH-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-05 Nov We	KM120 Su KM128*	0700 1445	0935 1850	KM121 KM129	1445 1935	1700 2150
06 Nov-12 Nov We	KM120 Su KM128*	1135 1445	1400 1850	KM121 KM129	1445 1935	1700 2150
13 Nov-21 Dec We	KM120 Su KM128*	0700 1445	0935 1850	KM121 KM129	1445 1935	1700 2150
22 Dec-31 Dec We	KM120 Su KM228	0825 1650	1100 1910	KM121 KM229	1150 2000	1415 2215
01 Jan-11 Jan We	KM120 Su KM228	0700 1650	0935 1910	KM121 KM229	1445 2000	1700 2215
12 Jan-28 Feb We	KM120 Su KM128*	0700 1445	0935 1850	KM121 KM129	1445 1935	1700 2150
01 Mar-25 Mar We	KM120 Su KM228	0700 1650	0935 1910	KM121 KM229	1445 2000	1700 2215
26 Mar We	KM120	1135	1400	KM121	1445	1700

*Via Munich

MALTA – AMSTERDAM – MALTA

MALTA-AMSTERDAM			AMSTERDAM-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep. Arr.
27 Oct-05 Nov We	Sa KM120* KM024	0700	1150	KM121* KM023	1235 1700
		0835	1205		1730 2035
06 Nov-12 Nov We	Sa KM220 KM024	0745	1115	KM221 KM023	1205 1510
		0835	1205		1730 2035
13 Nov-24 Dec We	Sa KM120* KM024	0700	1150	KM121* KM023	1235 1700
		0835	1205		1730 2035
25 Dec-31 Dec We	Sa KM220 KM024	0745	1115	KM221 KM023	1205 1510
		0835	1205		1730 2035
01 Jan-25 Mar We	Sa KM120* KM024	0700	1150	KM121* KM023	1235 1700
		0835	1205		1730 2035
26 Mar-29 Mar We	Sa KM220 KM024	0745	1115	KM221 KM023	1205 1510
		0835	1205		1730 2035

*Via Zurich

MALTA – CAIRO – MALTA

MALTA-CAIRO			CAIRO-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep. Arr.
27 Oct-29 Mar Tu	Fr KM122 KM122	1830	2210	KM123 KM123	2310 0120 ⁺
		0845	1225		1325 1535

⁺Next day

MALTA – TRIPOLI – MALTA

MALTA-TRIPOLI			TRIPOLI-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep. Arr.
27 Oct-29 Mar Mo Tu Th	Sa KM116 KM116 KM116	1430	1530	KM117 KM117 KM117	1630 1730
We		1820	1920		2020 2120
		1800	1900		2000 2100

MALTA – AUSTRALIA – MALTA (via Singapore)

MALTA – SYDNEY – MALTA

MALTA-SYDNEY			SYDNEY-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep. Arr.
Sa Fr	SQ23/SQ21A	2150	0725 (Mo)	SQ22A/SQ24	1545 0720 (Sa)
	SQ23 to Singapore via Abu Dhabi, Bombay SQ21A from Singapore				SQ22A to Singapore SQ24 from Singapore via Bombay, Abu Dhabi

MALTA – MELBOURNE – MALTA

MALTA-MELBOURNE			MELBOURNE-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency	Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep. Arr.
Sa Fr	SQ23/SQ21A	2150	1000 (Mo)	SQ22A/SQ24	1315 0720 (Sa)
	SQ23 to Singapore via Abu Dhabi, Bombay SQ21A from Singapore via Sydney				SQ22A to Singapore via Sydney SQ24 from Singapore via Bombay, Abu Dhabi

		MALTA-ROME			ROME-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency		Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-29 Mar							
Mo	We Th Fr	Su AZ491	1525	1655	AZ490	1315	1440

British airways

		MALTA-LONDON GATWICK			LONDON GATWICK-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency		Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-29 Mar							
Mo Tu We	Fr Sa Su	BA553	1545	1805	BA552	1035	1445
	Th	BA551	1600	1805	BA550	1035	1435

LUFTHANSA

		MALTA-FRANKFURT			FRANKFURT-MALTA		
Validity/Frequency		Flight	Dep.	Arr.	Flight	Dep.	Arr.
27 Oct-29 Mar							
	Sa Su	LH309	1220	1500	LH308	0900	1130

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Principal Events in Malta and Gozo

March 13-15 – International Festival of Maltese Song:

This festival recognised by FIDOF, the International Federation of Song Festivals, presents top Maltese singers and top foreign singers from at least twelve other countries. They interpret the best Maltese compositions in the pop-song field. Songs are interpreted on a competitive basis in the Maltese and foreign versions on the first two nights, with a gala performance on the last night.

March 22-31 – Mediterranean Folk Festival: Folk groups from Mediterranean countries join Maltese folk dancers and singers in a grand manifestation of Mediterranean folk traditions. This is the major folk reunion in the Med.

March 30-31 – Malta's National Day celebrates the departure of all armed foreign forces from the Island and the attainment of full freedom in peace on the 31st March 1979. Celebrated as the most important event on the cultural calendar, the programme includes outstanding outdoor and indoor popular theatre performances, parades, land and water sports, official ceremonies and colourful fireworks.

March 28 – Good Friday: Processions are held in the afternoon in 14 towns and villages. Life-size statues are carried in procession, with participants dressed in costumes depicting episodes from the Old and New Testaments.

March 30 – Easter Sunday: Morning processions with the statue of the Risen Christ are held in five towns and villages. The statue, accompanied by a brass band, is carried shoulder-high by youths at a run in a festive atmosphere.

March 29 – April 9 – Muzikafest: Participants in this festival give performances in various environments. Organised by NSTS – Student and Youth Travel, Muzikafest also offers an insight into the Maltese way of life.

April 1-5 – International Archery Tournament: Scores of participants from Eastern and Western European countries attend this event.

May 1 – Labour Day is celebrated in Malta as a public holiday, and is marked with parades and other manifestations in the capital Valletta.

May 9-11 – The three-day Carnival festivities, held mainly in and around Valletta, date back to as far as 1535, when the Knights of St John introduced Carnival in Malta. This festival of fun and merry-making includes dancing competitions in elaborate costumes, band marches, decorated trucks and grotesque masks. Special features are "Il-Parata" (a sword dance commemorating Malta's defeat of the besieging Turks in 1565), "Il-Maltija" (Malta's national dance), and other dances by companies in costume from a number of countries.

May 16-18 – Carnival in Gozo is organised on the following weekend, and the winning entries of the Malta Carnival join Gozitan participants in another weekend of revelry on the sister Island.

June 21-25 – The International Air Rally of Malta draws participants from all over Europe and the United States.

Competitions include Time Arrival and a Concours d'Elegance.

June 28-29 – “Mnarja” Folk Festival: This is an all-night traditional Maltese “festa” which originated in the Middle Ages to celebrate the end of the agricultural season. In fact this is mainly a folk festival of the agricultural community. It is celebrated through the night at the Buskett Gardens with a major agricultural exhibition, wine sampling, band marches, carts and cabs decorated on folk themes, and a show with folk singing as its highlight. The Maltese traditional dish, rabbit fried in wine, is served on the spot during the whole night. The festivities reach a climax with bareback horse and donkey races on the morrow, during the afternoon at Rabat.

July 18-August 9 – MALTA FEST – the Maltese International Arts Festival: This festival is a celebration of the Arts in historic surroundings. Top local and foreign talent of performing arts is presented at outdoor venues in major historic sites, like the dance spectacles at the megalithic temple of Hagar Qim, music, choir singing and drama at San Anton Gardens, art exhibitions in Valletta, classical music at the ancient capital Mdina and other art forms including popular modern music at Fort Tigné, Sliema.

September 7: The commemoration of the **Two Sieges** is held to celebrate the raising of two bitterly-fought sieges – that of 1565 and that of 1940-43. On this day, a centuries-old Regatta is held in the Grand Harbour, and it is one of the most popular of spectator sports.

October 4: International yachting – the famous **Middle Sea Race** is in the Annual Calendar of Yacht Races for yachts in Class A and Classes I to IV. This 1,000-km race takes the yachts from Malta around Lampedusa, Pantelleria, Sicily and back. It is organised by the Valletta Yacht Club with the assistance of the Royal Ocean Racing Club. The Middle Sea Race is the climax of a whole week of international yacht racing events in Malta.

November 12-30: Opera season at the Manoel Theatre in Valletta. Malta's national theatre is held to be the second oldest theatre still being used in Europe.

December 5-14: Festivities are organised to celebrate **Republic Day**, commemorating the promulgation of the Maltese Constitution which set up the Republic on the 13th December 1974. National competitions for local talent (band music, choirs, ballet, dance) are organised, as well as an outdoor parade at which the President of the Republic takes the salute of the representatives of all sectors of the working population.

December 18-January 1: Christmas and the New Year are commemorated with special activities mainly in the capital Valletta. Competitions for decorative lighting of streets, shopping arcades and club facades draw participation from several business and social communities, while individuals from all over Malta and Gozo participate in the traditional competitions for the best Christmas cribs: small or large, mechanical or still. Most of these are kept open in homes, clubs and other institutions for visits by tourists and the general public.



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