
World Youth Days, Kraków, July 2016

Tips before travelling to Krakow

The Embassy of Malta in Warsaw, Poland wishes all participants of the World Youth Days 2016 an enjoyable and safe visit to Krakow. Should any difficulties arise during your stay in Krakow, the Embassy of Malta will be happy to assist you. However, the Embassy encourages participants to the WYD to read the following Tips page carefully before travelling to Poland this summer.

GENERAL TRAVEL ADVICE

PASSPORTS

Maltese citizens MUST hold a valid passport and/or ID to enter Poland. Under Polish law, you are required to have your ID readily accessible at all times or be able to produce identification quickly.

- **Please ensure that your passport is valid for the duration of your stay in Poland.** Information on how to apply for a passport is at <https://identitymalta.com/passport-office/>
- We recommend that you keep a **photocopy or a scan of your passport information page** on you in case you lose your passport. This will help you apply easily for a replacement, should the need arises.

HEALTH

- The Embassy strongly recommends that all visitors obtain **comprehensive travel insurance** before travelling to Poland which will cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation.
- You should also obtain a **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**, which entitles you to emergency medical treatment. This card is NOT a substitute for travel insurance. You can get an EHIC free of charge here: <https://health.gov.mt/en/cbhc/Pages/Entitlement/Applying-for-an-EHIC.aspx>
- If you suffer from a **medical condition**, consult your doctor before travelling and bring a sufficient supply of your regular medicines.

- In late July, temperatures can be very high in Poland. Make sure that you pack accordingly.

CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY

- The Embassy recommends that you register with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Malta before travelling to Poland – this can be done easily at the following page: <http://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/pages/Maltese-Living-Abroad.aspx> register through Form D provided–in the registration form. Your registration will help us contact yourself or your relatives in case of an emergency.

CURRENCY

- Poland uses the Złoty (€1 = approx. 4.25 PLN, please check current exchange rates before you travel). Debit and credit cards are widely accepted but some bars and restaurants are cash-only. Bureaux de Change (in Poland called “Kantors”) are common in cities.

ELECTRICITY

- Electrical current in Poland is AC 220 volts. Sockets are north European standard (two pin plugs, with a further pin in the socket). Visitors should bring adaptors.

MALTESE-POLISH DUAL NATIONALS

- If you are a Maltese-Polish dual national, please be aware that, under Polish law, you will be regarded and treated as a Polish citizen while in Poland. The Polish authorities will expect you to enter and leave Poland on a Polish passport. For more information please contact the Embassy of Poland in Rome - http://www.rzym.msz.gov.pl/en/consular_information/