

MALTA GUIDE FOR GEOGUESSR

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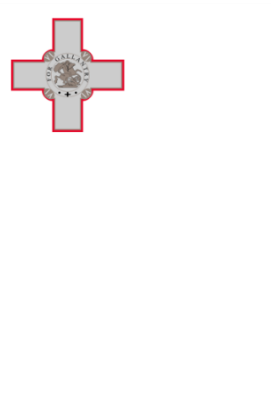
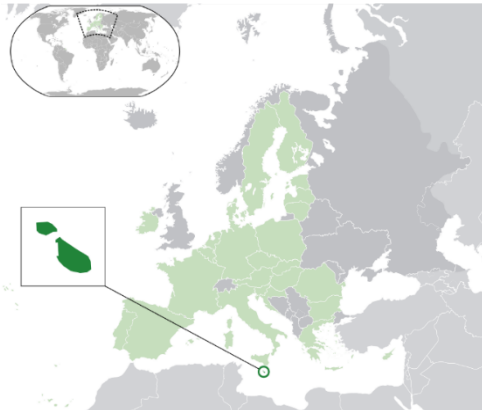


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1. General information

- Malta is a small European island country in the Mediterranean Sea. Because it is not large in size, you will not lose a lot of points if you don't guess in the right region of the country while playing Geoguessr Duels. However, recognizing this country can sometimes be challenging, but also very important while playing.

- The domain name of Malta is **.mt**, and the telephone country code is **+356**.

- The license plates in Malta have only **one blue strip**. This is different from Italy, where they have two blue strips. This is a very good way to differentiate these two countries, because they might seem similar at times. It is also common to see larger plates with the blue only in the **top left corner**.



- The Maltese alphabet is slightly different from the Latin alphabet. It is recognizable by the letter **Ħ** (lowercase: **ħ**), the frequent use of the letters **Q** and **X**, and the usage of **apostrophes**. You will also encounter a lot of **English** language.

A a	B b	Ċ ċ	D d	E e	F f	Ġ ġ	G g	Għ għ	H h
a	be	ċe	de	e	ef	ġe	ge	ajn	akka
Ħ ħ	I i	Ie ie	J j	K k	L l	M m	N n	O o	P p
ħe	i	ie	je	ke	elle	emme	enne	o	pe
Q q	R r	S s	T t	U u	V v	W w	X x	Ż ż	Z z
qe	erre	esse	te	u	ve	we	exxe	že	ze

- The pedestrian crossing signs in Malta look exactly the same as those in Italy and have **five stripes**.



- You won't find any useful bollards in Malta. Instead, you will find recognizable **stone brick walls** almost everywhere you look. They might vary in size and stone shape, but they should still look about the same.



- There are only **metal** poles in Malta. You can recognize them easily because they get thinner as you look up, visible by little bumps. This is the same for the lampposts. The poles also have a distinct **flat top**. (Hint: remember that metal poles can rust!)

- In Malta, cars drive on the **left** side of the road. This also means that the steering wheel is on the **right** side of the car.

- There is only **generation 3** coverage in Malta, as of June 2023.



- Sometimes you can see long and thin **white poles** on top of houses.

- The architecture in Malta is easy to recognize by their **beige** color and Mediterranean style, often with **pillars in the balconies**.

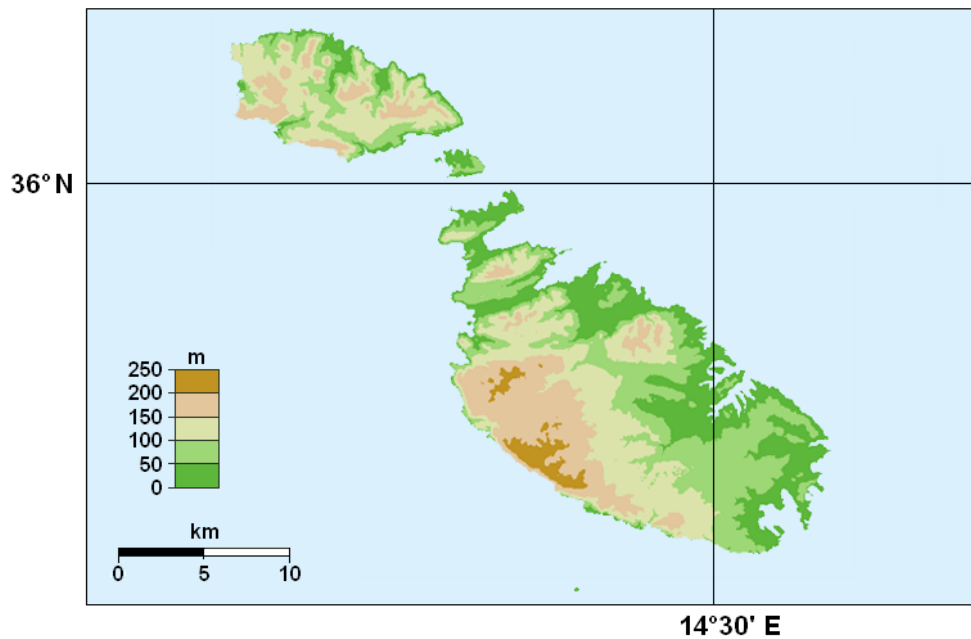


- In some cities, you can find the text “**Stick no bills**” on walls. They can appear on different designs of signs.

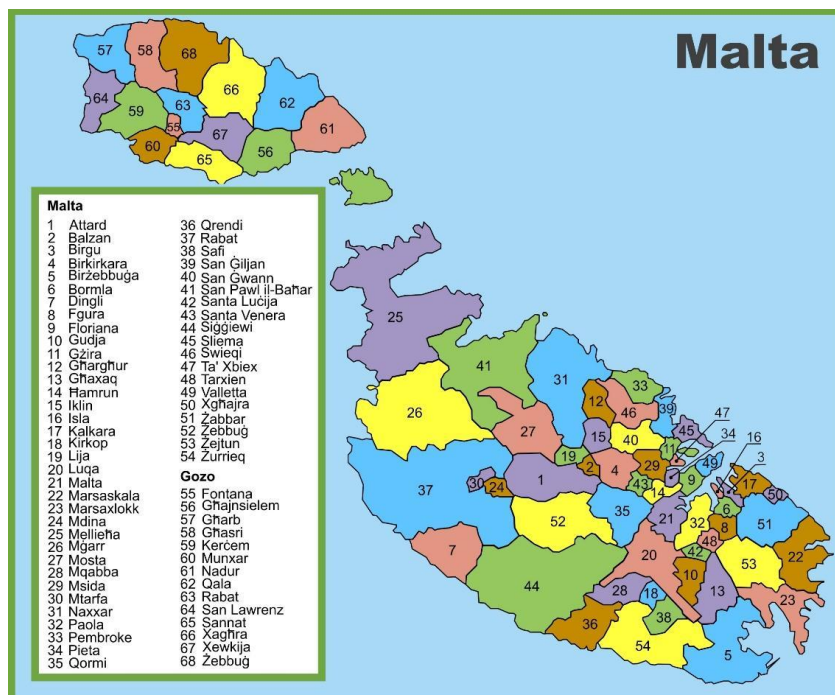


2. General maps

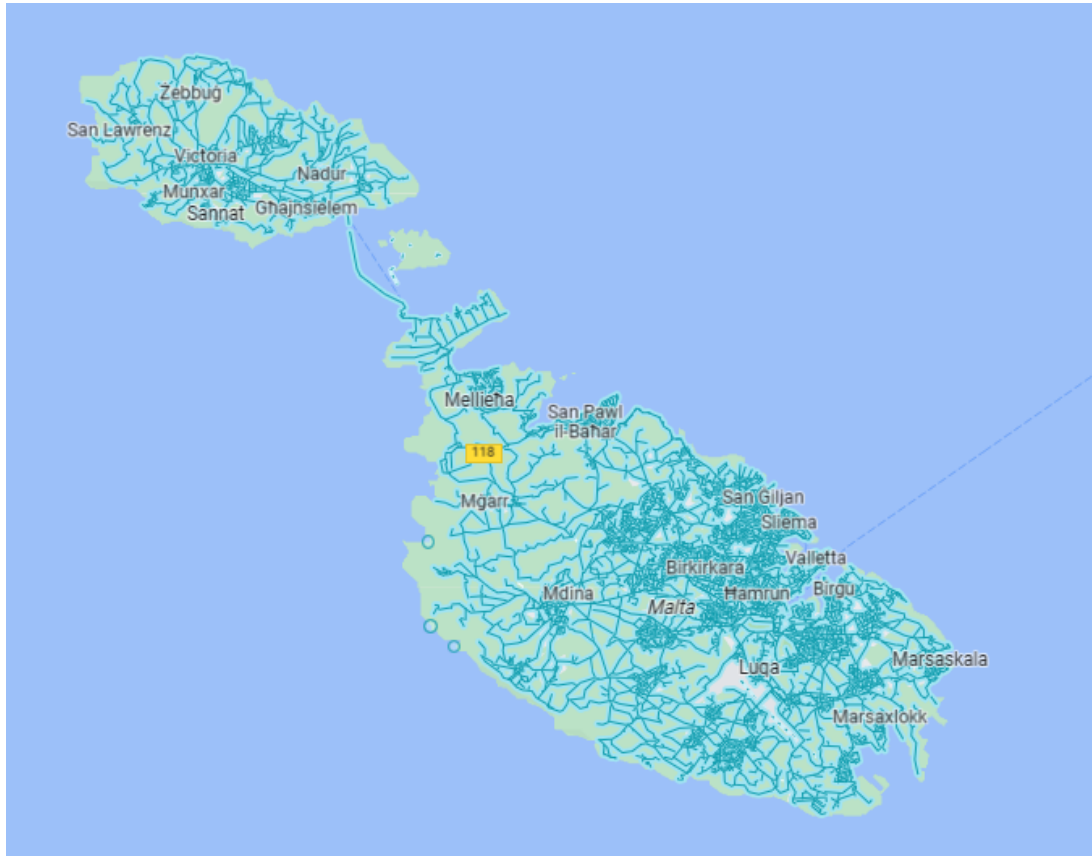
Relief: Malta is a very flat country with only a maximum height of around 250 meters. This means there are no mountains in the entire country. The south of Malta island is generally more elevated than the north.



Cities: There are 68 cities in Malta. This map shows all of them, and can help you with learning the coat of arms. (See 3. Cities on page 7) Note that the numbers on the map aren't area codes, because Malta doesn't use those.



Google coverage: There is a lot of official google street view coverage in Malta. A good thing to remember from this map is that there is no official coverage in the small island of Comino.



3. Cities

- If you want to be able to recognize every single city and town in Malta, street name signs are your best option. On 90% of street name signs, the coat of arms of that city or town is visible. I made a map that includes every street name sign for each city. Click on a city and then click on the pictures on the left to see the sign, and also the coat of arms. 'Triq' means 'street' in Maltese.

Link: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1gy0ydxT4RH0j20YczX1DKmAiAPk6Rbk&usp=sharing>

If you do not want to learn them all, that's fine, but I still recommend memorising the ones of the biggest cities. Also, make sure you're in Malta, because some other countries do this as well.

- The capital city of Malta, called Valletta, is very easy to recognize. Here you can find a distinct bollard, blue arrow signs, and stairs in the streets. (Or no stairs, but the street goes uphill)



4. Malta island or Gozo island?

There are two islands with official Google coverage in Malta. You have Gozo island in the northwest, and Malta island in the southeast. Telling these two parts of the country apart is very difficult, as there are not a lot of differences between them. I have done some research and found two clues that could help you pick the right island.

- You can only find guardrails on Malta island. (And very rarely in dangerous bends on Gozo island)



- You can find these lines of little walls on the side of the road almost everywhere on Gozo island, and rarely on Malta island.

