

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Information on the National Museum of Archaeology can be found on Heritage Malta's website, which includes opening and closing hours, highlights of the sites, and admission fees. Information leaflets are also available in museums and in tourist information offices.

Opening Hours

January - February

Monday – Sunday

9.00 - 17.00; last admission 16.30

March - Dec ember

Monday-Sunday

9.00-18.00; last admission 17.30

Closed on 1st January, Good Friday, 24, 25 & 31st January

We offer concession admission fees to seniors, students, persons with disability and their carers. Service dogs are most welcome.

VISITING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Transport and parking

The museum is located in Republic Street just 200 metres away from the Bus Terminus. Next to the bus terminus there are also taxi stands. Other sources of transportation within Valletta are Electric City Cabs, Hop on - Hop Off buses and Fun Trains. Should one decide to use a private car, there are various parking areas just outside Valletta, such as the Malta Car Park (MCP), which is located next to the bus terminus. Another option for parking is the Park and Ride facility. The Park and Ride space is located in Floriana which is a town in the outskirts of Valletta; this parking is against a fee however there is a free shuttle service from the parking to Valletta and the minivan stops at the bus terminus.

The National Museum of Archaeology

The main entrance of the museum is located at ground level on Republic Street. To enter the main door of the museum there are two steps or one can use the ramp, which has a handrail as well. The door of the main entrance is made of clear glass and it opens and closes automatically.



The museum has two main floors. From the main entrance one can immediately view the reception desk and also the gift shop. From the reception area one can proceed through self-operated turnstiles to the ground floor exhibition. The ground floor exhibition area is all on one level, with no ramps or steps.

At ground floor level one can also find two male restrooms, two female restrooms, one restroom with children nappy changing facilities and one unisex restroom for persons with access needs. Just next to the restrooms there is a lift which can be used by persons using a wheelchair, pushchair or with other access needs. There are also lockers for visitors who wish to leave their bags.



To access the second floor one can either use the lift or a wide staircase which has handrails throughout. On the second floor there is another exhibition area, a children's activity room and also four female restrooms, four male restrooms and one non gender restroom.



There are visible panels throughout both floors indicating where the exhibition areas, restrooms and lockers are located, whilst in the exhibition areas there are several audiovisual and information panels all of which are written in a large format in Maltese and English.



The public areas are all well-lit with artificial and natural light. As for the exhibition areas some of the halls are dimly lit due to the nature of the artefacts.

Reception Area, Ticketing & Gift Shop

The reception area is situated at the entrance of the museum and is all on one level with no steps or ramps. The reception desks are both at wheelchair height and all the reception area is well lit with natural light and ceiling spotlights.

The gift shop is incorporated in the reception area and one can find all types of gifts, such as small souvenirs, jewellery, books and items aimed specifically for children. Items are displayed at different levels. All the signage and prices are clear and visible. The reception area is always manned by the front of house personnel who have all been trained in customer care. Each employee has a name tag which also indicates the languages they are able to speak. At the reception desk one can opt to make use of an audio guide which is free but one has to leave a refundable deposit. The audio guide is available in 6 different languages: Maltese, English, French, Italian, German and Spanish. Just at the entrance of the reception area there is also a small seating area.



Future Plans

The museum currently displays artefacts from the Neolithic (ground floor), Bronze Age and Phoenician periods (Upper floor). There is also a permanent display of the national numismatic collection. Temporary exhibitions are also held throughout the year both on ground floor and upper floor.

Future plans of the museum include the opening of more permanent exhibition halls to include the Punic, Roman, Byzantine and Medieval periods.