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Best Information through
Regional Outcomes

Malta Meeting

30th June – 2nd May 2006

Malta

- Malta, Gozo, Comino
- 100 km from Sicily
- 290 km from North Africa
- Population: 400,214
- Languages: Maltese & English



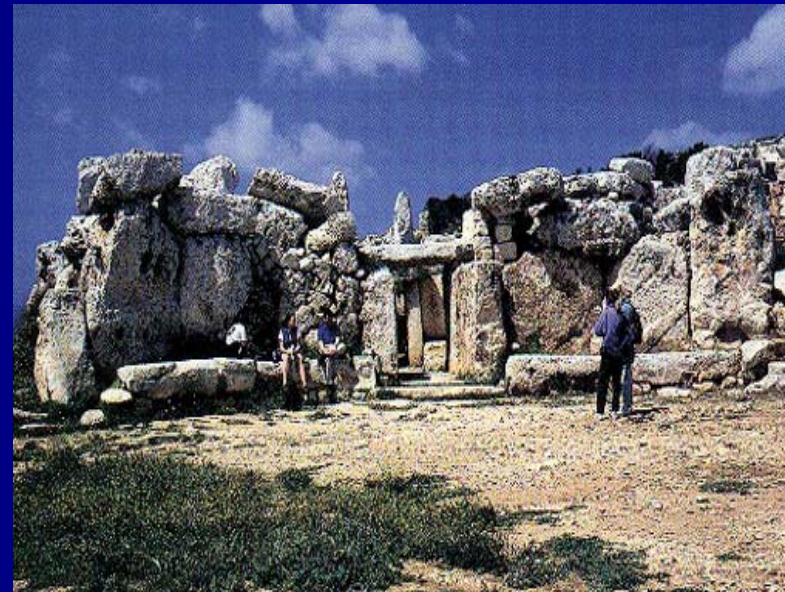
Topography and Climate

- Low hills in the North
- Low land to the South
- Warm, dry summers
- Mild winters
- 300 days of sunshine
- 14°C in winter, 32°C in summer



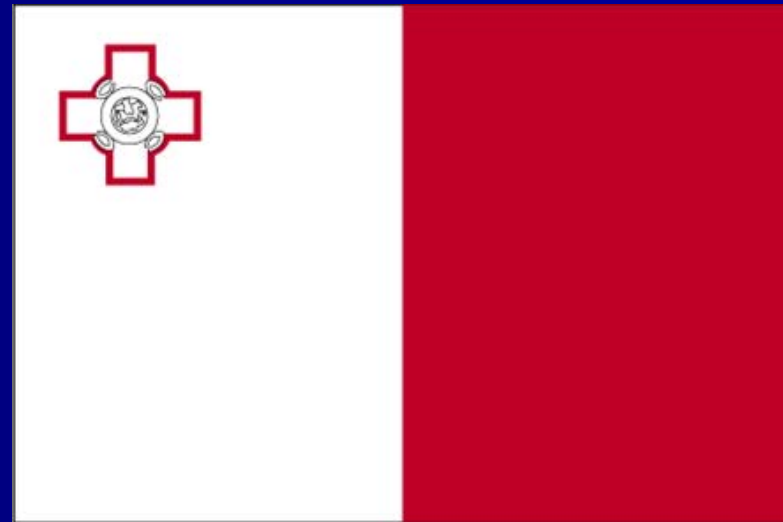
History

- Dates to 5000 yrs BC
- Safe harbour
- Important trade post
- Vital naval base
- Historically interesting towns and villages
- Museums, palaces, churches and gardens



Malta

- Parliamentary democracy
- Independence in 1964
- Executive power with the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- The President represents the unity of the nation



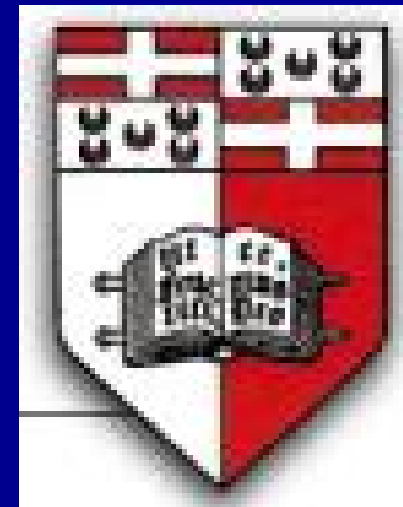
Malta

- Valletta is the capital city and houses the seat of government
- Now a tourist centre, freight trans shipment point, a financial hub
- Malta became an EU member in May 2004



University of Malta

- A long and distinguished history related to medicine
- Medical school is one of the oldest in the world
- Traces its origins to 1676



Welcome

Work Hard

Enjoy your stay