



QUANTUM MALTA 2012: FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS IN QUANTUM PHYSICS

AND

BLACK HOLES: FROM QUANTUM TO GRAVITY

WELCOME TO MALTA!

Dear Participant,

Welcome to Quantum Malta 2012! In this information package you should find all the relevant information with regard to the conference and your stay in Malta, however if you have any further queries don't hesitate to ask.

All the best,
Organising Committee



1. Venue

The conferences 'Quantum Malta 2012: Fundamental Problems in Quantum Theory' and 'Black Holes: From Quantum to Gravity' are being held at the Old University Valletta Campus and the Mediterranean Conference Center respectively with joint sessions being held at the Old University Valletta Campus (locations are indicated on Map 1).

2. Meeting Point

For the first day only there will be guides to show participants the way from the Meeting Point on map 1 between 08 : 40 and 09 : 10. If you are arriving on another day please email on jsaid01@um.edu.mt or ask another participant to help you find the way.

3. Lunch

The city is full of appropriate lunching restaurants, however here is a list of some nice places:

- Caffè Cordinam, *244-45 Republic Street*
- Bocconci, *75-76 Republic Street*
- Ta Lukardu, *64 Republic Street*
- Café Barrakka, *Upper Barrakka Gardens*
- Café Caravaggio, *9, St Johns Square*
- Café Jubilee, *125, St Lucia Street*
- Rampila Restaurant, *1, St John Cavalier Street*

4. Transport

From the Airport to the Hotel (St Julians/Sliema)

Take the X2 outside the airport (there is normally a conductor, however otherwise there are information boards) to bus stop 1 or 3 on map 2 (Stage: Chalet, Ferry 2 respectively). This route is run twice an hour from 05:30 until 23:00. The trip should take about 30mins depending on traffic.

You can also take a taxi, which will cost approximately EUR20.00, and will take about 30mins depending on traffic.

From the Hotel (St Julians/Sliema) to the Conference Venue (Valletta)

Bus service. Going to the conference venue take 12 or 13 from bus stop 1, 2 or 3 in Map 2 and stay on up to the final stop (Bus Terminus in Map 1). At bus stop 1 and 3, stay on the seaside (Stage: Chalet, Ferry 2 respectively) while bus stop 2 is the only one in the street. To go back to the hotel everything is the same but on the opposite side of the street for bus stop 1 and 3 (Stage: Sliema, Ferry 5 respectively) while there is no bus stop 2.

These routes are run very frequently, but stop up to about 21:00 and then run less frequently until 23:00. There are also night buses available with more information on their website. The trip should take about 30mins depending on traffic, but plan for 50mins in the morning due to rush hour traffic.

The fares of the buses are as follows:

EUR2.20 - 2 Hour Ticket

EUR2.60 - Day Ticket

EUR12.00 - 7 Day Ticket

For a comprehensive list of routes log on to <http://www.arriva.com.mt/>. Now the bus should stop in any case, but you can put out your arm if in doubt. Also you can pay the driver on board.

Ferry Service - The ferry service takes about 10mins and leave at the hour and half hour from Sliema (Sliema Ferry on map 2), while at quarter past and quarter to from Valletta (Sliema Ferry on map 1).

The cost is EUR1.50. On the valletta side there can be a short but steep hill to climb, so be prepared.

Taxi - White taxis are located in most places however for bookings here is a list of the popular companies:

Wembleys - 2137 4141

eCABS - 21 38 38 38

FreePhone Taxis - 21 389 575

5. Dinner

There are a large number of restaurants in the Sliema/St Julians area, some of which are:

- Ta' Kris, Fawwara Lane, Sliema Tel: 2133 7367
- L'Artist, Tighe Street, Sliema Tel: 2720 0870
- Barracuda, Main Street, St. Julians Tel: 21 331817
- Il-Fortizza, It-Torri Street, Sliema Tel:27204499
- Surfside - Pizza, Salad, Pasta & Grill, Tower Road, Sliema Tel: 2134 5384
- Portopalo, Tighe Sea Front, Sliema Tel: 21 331915
- La Rive Cafe & Winebar, Tighe Seafront, Sliema Tel: 21318323

6. Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will proceed as follows:

18 : 00 - Pickup from conference venue to go to L-Mdina followed by a walking tour of the old city

20 : 30 - Proceed to dinner at Bacchus restaurant

23 : 00 - Transport back to Sliema near the conference hotel

The conference dinner is being paid for by the organisational costs. Guest partners and funded students are also more than welcome to join, however a budget only goes so far, so we are asking that each of these people pay EUR45.00, if possible any such payments should be made on registration day.

7. Useful Telephone Numbers

Communications Office, University of Malta 2340-2828

Emergency (Police, Ambulance, Fire) 112

Arriva Customer Care 21 22 2000

Overseas Operator 1152

Directory Enquiries 1182

Vodafone/Go/Melita Operator (Mobile Operator) 1189/1187/27 27 5000

Flight Enquiries 5004 3333 (Malta International Airport)

Gozo Ferries 21 556114

8. Maps



