Useful Travel Information

You may travel from Airport to the hotel by public buses or by taxi.

By Bus:

Participants staying at a hotel in or near Valletta can take bus X4 up to Marsa exchange from where they can take bus nos 88, 13 and 16 to Valletta. When taking X4 from outside the airport (more in front of departure hall, that is, you have to walk about 150 metres to the right when coming out of arrival hall), IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASK BUS DRIVER FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE BUS, THAT IS TO VALLETTA AND NOT TO BIRZEBBUGA FOR THE X4.

Those staying at the Corinthia Attard, have to take the X3 in direction Bugibba stopping at the 'Vestru' stage in Hal Balzan. Details and schedule of the X3 route can be found at: https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/route/X3

Participants staying at a hotel in the Gzira / Sliema area will have to take X4 up to Marsa exchange from where they can take bus no 13. Details and schedule of the Bus 13 route can be found at: https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/route/13

By Taxi:

The official taxi fare to Valletta is EUR 15 to Gzira or Sliema it is EUR 20.

If you plan to take a taxi, book a taxi from the official taxi booking office which is on the left hand side when you come out in the arrival hall. It is important to book taxi at this office. Do not deal directly with taxi drivers.

You can also use the eCabs service by contacting them and booking on phone at: 00356 21 383838. You can also visit their website for more information at: http://ecabs.com.mt/.
Website gives rates by zones.

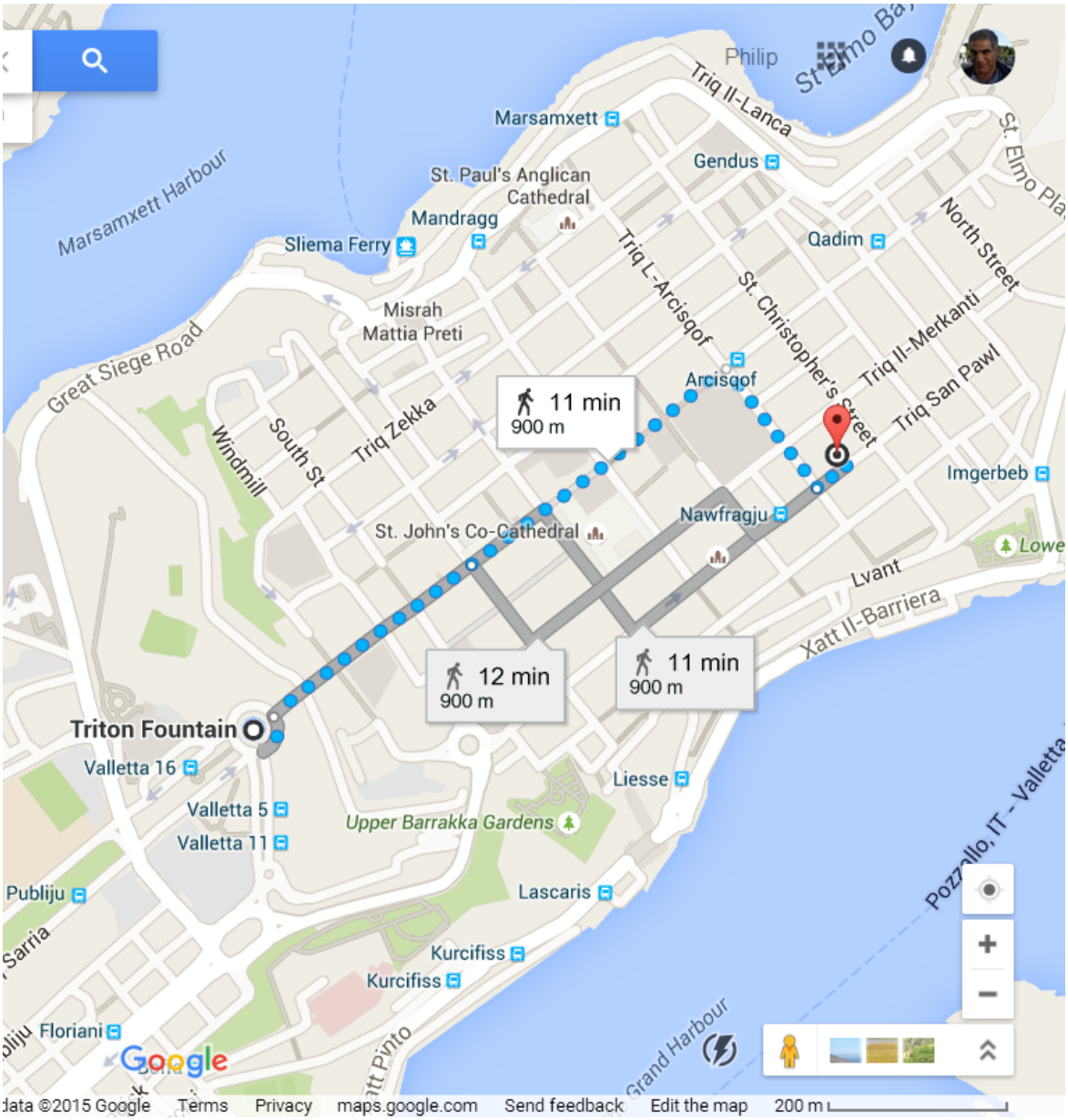
Meeting Venue:

Those staying in the Gzira / Sliema area can arrive at the venue either by Bus or by ferry. To travel to Valletta by bus, take any of the following buses No. 12, 13, 15 and 21. Take bus from stages on the sea side of the road.

The meeting will be held at:

Auditorium, University of Malta Valletta Campus, Old University Building, St Paul's Street, Valletta.

The printscreen below shows the route you have to walk.



It is very simple to arrive at meeting venue from bus terminus. When you arrive (by bus) at main terminus, there is a big Triton fountain in the middle. Bus stops on left side of fountain.

Go to the fountain and walk in a North direction toward city entrance across a bridge over the ditch.

Walk along Republic Street passing in Front of the following building on your way:

New Parliament on the right as you enter city after crossing the bridge

Remains of Old Opera Theatre (adjacent to new parliament also on your right), now a modern open theatre.

Further down on your right there will be the Square in front of St John's Co-Cathedral.

Yet further down on your left you will pass in front of the Law Courts.

And then Piazza Regina (Queen's Square) where there is an open air restaurant on your right.

As soon as you walk across Piazza Regina you will come to the biggest square in Valletta – St George's Square. On the right side of this square (East side) there is the President's Palace (formerly the Grandmaster's palace). Walk past the Palace to the other side of the square and then turn right into Archbishop Street. Proceed to Merchants Street which is the street parallel to Republic Street. (On your right you may see the open air market in Merchants Street. Cross Merchants Street continuing in Archbishop Street.

At the corner on your left there is the Old University block. Corner with Merchant Street you will see the Jesuits Church (the Jesuits established our University in 1578) where we have our Graduation Mass, Masters Graduation ceremonies and ceremonies for the conferment of degrees *Honoris causa*.

Walk in Archbishop Street along the side of this church and you end up in St Paul's Street. Turn to your left and 20 metres down the street you will find the entrance to the University of Malta Valletta Campus. Follow the signs in the building to get to the meeting place – Auditorium.

Streets in Valletta were designed as a perfect grid so you can arrive at the venue from any other street. Google maps gives you these alternative routes.

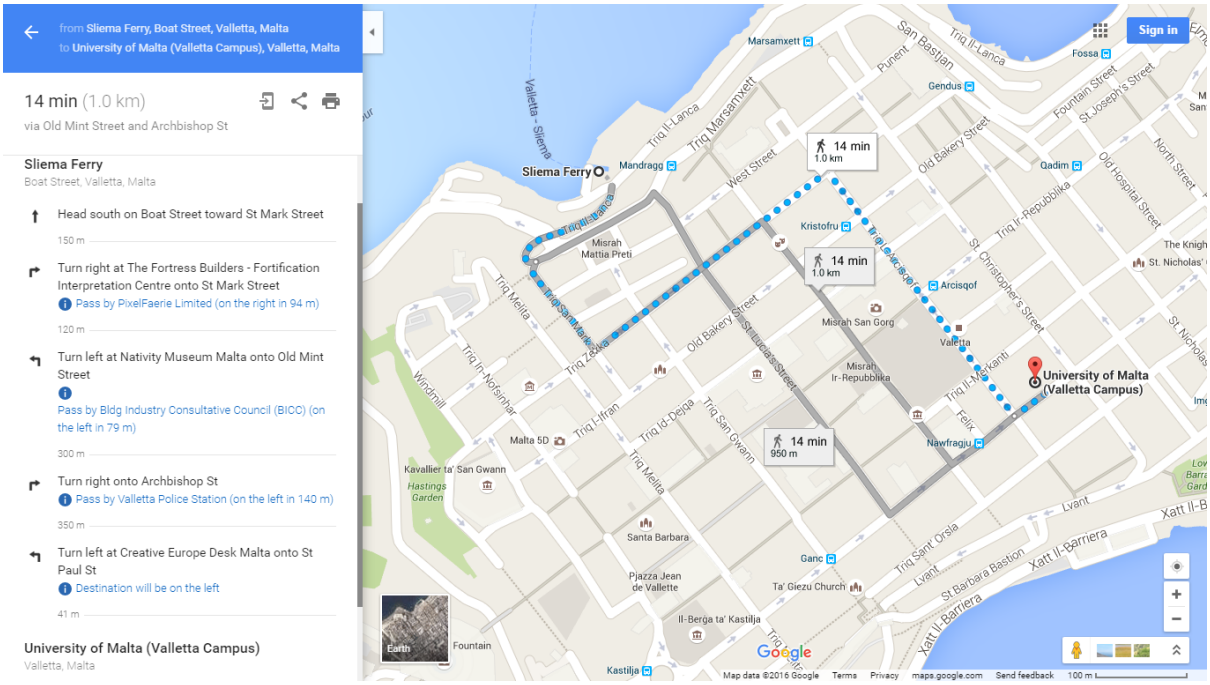
Valletta Ferries:

http://www.vallettaferryservices.com/index.html

You may travel from Valletta to Sliema and from Valletta to Cospicua (and the 3 cities – Cospicua, Vittoriosa and Senglea - around the inner harbour)or viceversa (Sliema – Valletta; Cospicua – Valletta) using the ferry service.

Visit the above website to view the schedule. Fare: Adult 1-way @ EUR 1.50; return EUR 2.80.

Those travelling to Valletta using the Sliema Ferry, should follow the route indicated in the Google Map below:



Weather:

During our meeting the weather is going to be sunny and warm with average temp. of 22 degrees Celsius. If you plan to walk / tour around during the day, it is advisable to use sun block creams and caps / hats. Though it is around 22 degrees it can feel some degrees warmer due to the high humidity.

On the Plane:

For those arriving by plane on Sunday wind will probably be from a North-West to West direction. As soon as the plane passes the tip of Sicily, its engines will be slowed down to start the descent into Malta International Airport. You will land in 20 mins. The plane will approach Malta from the South East facing the North West wind and probably travel along the North East Coast of the Maltese islands. That means you will have a panoramic view of Malta, including Valletta and the Grand Harbour if you have an E or F seat. Once past Grand Harbour, the plane will make a turn and a dip to the right and descend, over the picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk , Delimara power station and the Freeport.

Have a nice trip and stay in Malta!

Welcome to Malta.

Philip and Antoine