

7 Good reasons to over-winter your boat in the Msida & Ta' Xbiex Marina, Malta

1. Shelter

- The location of the Msida & Ta' Xbiex Marina in the heart of Msida Creek and the added shelter of a Breakwater at the entrance to the Marina grants unique protection from wind and swell to every berth in the Marina. If you like to berth in calm waters and race or train in wind, this is the perfect location

2. Weather

- Malta can be penetratingly cold and very windy in winter, but there are plenty of dry, bright, warm and sunny days in between. With a sea temperature of around 19 degrees in December, and a low of 15 degrees in March, swimming in the sea is possible year round, and you won't have to share an idyllic bay with 100 other boats
- Malta is an island, a small one. Rough on one side? Go round to the other. It's rare to be completely locked into the Marina

3. Location – Easy to get to and plenty to do

- 15 minutes' drive from an international airport
- 20 minutes' walk from Malta's historic capital city, Valletta, with a host of attractions ranging from the Bastions, through the richly decorated Baroque St John's Cathedral, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Archaeology, War Museum, Lascaris War Rooms and the Siege Bell. All this set against a lively background of business, shopping, nightlife of bars and restaurants, boutique hotels, theatre and music scene and stunning architecture
- 20 minutes in the other direction from Sliema, with modern shopping malls, hotels, lively outdoor restaurants and cafes. Only a few minutes' further away lies the nightlife hotspot of St Julians
- Close to embassies, luxurious apartments, design studios, office blocks and a plethora of restaurants and cafes

4. Safety and Security

Crime, particularly violent crime, is low in Malta. Nevertheless, the Msida & Ta' Xbiex Marinas employ the following security measures:

- 24 hour human patrols on foot and by boat
- Lighting along every pontoon during the night
- CCTV throughout the Marina
- Individual access control on every gate to the pontoons, garbage disposal facilities, showers and toilets
- SOS pedestals with life buoys, first aid kits, fire extinguishers and fire blankets on every pontoon and along the quays

5. Facilities

- The Msida & Ta' Xbiex Marina provides berthing for circa 740 boats from 6m - 22m in length
- Every berth is supplied with ropes and networked utility pedestals
- Wi-Fi is available throughout the Marina
- A RIB is available to provide help with berthing and maneuvering, along with 24 hour Marina Assistants
- Comfortable and luxurious showers and toilets are situated directly behind the Marina office, accessible 24 hours through access control

6. Services

Creek Developments Plc is able to provide many services in-house, but if we don't do it, we can put you in touch with someone close by, who does. Services we offer or can arrange include:

- Cavitation hull cleaning
- Poste restante
- Yacht brokerage
- Caretaker services
- Refrigeration repairs and installation
- Cleaning inside and outside
- Carpentry
- Electrical and mechanical engineering
- Upholstery
- Yacht chandlers
- Shipyard
- Yacht registry
- Insurance
- Theatre and concert tickets
- Taxi

7. Political and Economic Stability

- For the last 25 years, Malta has enjoyed a stable and democratic political climate in which dialogue is encouraged. There is a free press and active debate.
- Conservative and careful management of the economy kept Malta sheltered from the worst of the 2007/2008 economic crisis, and in a better position to start growing again once the worst was over.
- Once exclusively a military base, Malta has shaken off its colonial past and invested heavily in the development of a large and highly educated workforce. This has paid dividends by encouraging local entrepreneurs and attracting foreign direct investment in high tech manufacturing, generic pharmaceuticals, internet gaming, software development, the financial sector, call centers and service industries, as well as the tourism sector. Shipping and company registry is reputable, and enjoys competitive tax and VAT rates. Medical and educational tourism enjoy a deservedly good reputation.

Important Information

Before entering the Marina, you must have valid insurance and registration documents for your boat. They will need to be presented - no exceptions. If the boat is not in your name, we will also require proof that you are entitled to use of the boat, such as the charter or lease agreement, or the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company registered as owning the boat, if you are a director of the company.

If you will be leaving the boat in the marina while leaving the island, you must appoint a caretaker who can check on your boat or move it to another berth, if necessary for the proper management of the Marina.

I hope that we will be welcoming you to the Msida & Ta' Xbiex Marina in the very near future.

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