

Access Statement for Malta Aviation Museum

Introduction

We aim to provide an excellent service to all visitors and continually strive to improve. We are a volunteer run museum constantly striving to collect, conserve and exhibit aircraft and memorabilia from Malta's Rich Aviation History for locals and overseas visitors to discover and enjoy.

Pre-Arrival

We have a website: www.maltaaviation.com

Information can be provided in large text.

We have an email available.

Email address: info@maltaaviationmuseum.com

Telephone No. 00356 21416095 at reception.

Telephone No. 00356 21419374 in the office

There is a bus stop (Stadium Stop) opposite the Museum for the following bus service: Bus No. 186 from Bugibba to Mdina, Bus No. 202 from Sliema to Mdina and Bus No.56 from Valletta to Dingli. The bus stop on the opposite side of the road is serviced by bus Nos. 56, 186 and 202 to Valletta, Bugibba and Sliema Ferries.

The Museum can also be reached by a Hop on Hop off Bus Service provided by Malta Sightseeing and City Sightseeing, both on the North Route.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities.

We have a car park with parking facilities for 24 cars including 3 parking bays for the disabled.

Main Entrance & Reception

The museum is divided in three main sections. On the right hand side of the main gate there are two Romney Huts which are joined together. The Main Entrance and Reception are in the first of these two Romney Huts and the entrance is an aluminium door 1060mm wide which is normally kept open. There is a slight slope with an embedded rubber mat to reach the reception desk. The other section is a hangar dedicated to The Air Battle of Malta during World War II. The third hangar is the Main Exhibition Hangar in which aircraft from the 1950 to the 1980's are exhibited. Both hangars have easy access for wheelchair users. There are also two wheelchairs available to visitors free of charge. Please ask at Reception for the use of these wheelchairs if required.

Entrance Fees

Entry is €7.00 for adults, €6.00 for student and AOP'S. Groups of over ten, €5.00 each and children under 12 years of age €2.00. We also give a 10% discount on presentation of minicards, a small promotional brochure which can be picked up from a selection of hotels and tourist information offices.

Public Areas

Flooring throughout is levelled concrete with a ramp from one Romney Hut to the other. The Air Battle of Malta Memorial Hangar, which is reached by walking across the hard standing opposite the Romney huts, is levelled concrete throughout. No ramps are needed to enter this hangar, but a steel sheet 'bridge' is found across the sliding door rails of the hangar to facilitate wheelchair access. The Main Exhibition Hangar is accessed in the same manner.

There is seating provided at intervals around the museum.

Lighting is mainly natural except in the late winter hours.

Public Areas –WC

There are two separate toilets adjacent to the Air Battle of Malta Memorial Hangar. The first is the Gents which has got two lockable toilets and three urinals, and three wash hand basins. The Ladies has four lockable toilets and three wash hand basins.

Also incorporated in the Ladies block is a unisex toilet for the disabled. The height of the toilet for the disabled (floor to seat) is 48cm. There is a horizontal rail next to the toilet and two vertical rails on the opposite side.

There is also a baby changing unit within the unisex toilet.

Rest Room

We have a rest room situated in a Nissen Hut which is between the two Romney Huts and the other Hangar. The rest room is equipped with three vending machines, one for cold drinks, one for hot drinks and the other for snacks. There are also six tables and twenty four chairs inside and three tables and twelve chairs outside.

Shop

There is a souvenir shop in the reception area which sells books, magazines, model aircraft kits and souvenirs related to the subject of aviation.

Resting Areas

The museum has four outdoor resting areas equipped with benches. The first is situated near the restroom and has four benches. The second is situated between the office and the Gents toilets and has two benches underneath the shade of a tree. The third, the Henrietta Chevalier Memorial Garden, is situated to the rear of the Air Battle of Malta Memorial Hangar and has seven benches underneath the shade of eight Aleppo Pine trees. There is also a grassed area in front of the benches of the Henrietta Chevalier Memorial Garden. The fourth area is in between the ARP Post and the Museum's Memorial Chapel. This area has got one bench. Visitors can also view what is left of the last remaining Underground Hangar, the last of ten that were originally dug in 1942 with the intention of sheltering fighter aircraft inside them. Unfortunately the rock was found to be too soft so the Hangars were only used as decoys.

Attractions

The Museum's main exhibits are aircraft, aero-engines, vehicles related to aviation, uniforms and other aviation memorabilia. The aircraft and memorabilia are being displayed according to clearly defined groups e.g. Second World War aircraft, passenger aircraft, Post War Jets and Malta Air Squadron Aircraft.

In the Air Battle of Malta Memorial Hangar we have a video playing continuously, normally showing documentaries on World War II in Malta. Visitors can enjoy the documentaries seated.

Interpretation boards in front of the exhibits are in large text and have pictorial representation where applicable. All are at a maximum top height of 84cm.

The museum also incorporates an ARP Exhibition and a Memorial Chapel which is dedicated to Our Lady of Loreto, the patron Saint of Fliers and honours the RAF personnel that died defending Malta

during WWII. Both ARP Exhibition room and Memorial Chapel have ramp access for wheelchair users.

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Opening Hours: Winter: Monday to Sunday 9.00 -17.00
Last entry at 16.00
Summer: Monday to Saturday 9.00 – 17.00
Last entry at 16.00
Sunday 9.00 – 13.00
Last entry at 12.00

We are closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter and August 15th (Santa Marija).

We welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve. If you have any comments please phone 0356 21416095 or email info@maltaaviationmuseum.com