Nature Trust Malta

Internship Information Pack
Welcome!

Introduction

Nature Trust Malta offers internships in different areas related to environmental protection. Interns may gain first-hand work experience, improve their skills and meet new people while assisting Nature Trust in its goals. In certain cases interns may also choose to carry out research projects.

About us

Nature Trust Malta (NTM) is an environmental NGO based in the archipelago of Malta. Founded in December 1962, NTM is one of the oldest and most established NGOs in Malta. We are a small team of people working across various sectors and projects. We have also a much larger team of interns and volunteers which assist us in various aspects of our work including projects.
Internship Locations

Legend
- Terrestrial Conservation Site
- Marine Conservation Site
- Education Centre
- Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

Click here to view a detailed map of our sites
Internship Area Tasks

Terrestrial Conservation Team

- Control and removal of invasive species
- Plant nursery duties
- Planting of native vegetation
- Clean-ups and educational activities
- Environmental monitoring
- Research projects

Marine Conservation Team

- Control and removal of invasive species
- Work in our plant nursery
- Clean-ups and educational activities
- Site Patrolling
- Environmental monitoring

Wildlife Rehabilitation Team

- Care of animals
- Administration of medication
- Cleaning the animals
- Other work at the Xrobb l-Għaġin center

Education Team

- Delivery of educational activities
- Focus on environmental education
- Assistance in the development of educational material
- Other work at the Xrobb l-Għaġin center

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www.naturetrustmalta.org
What we offer

Our internships offer a diverse and rich learning experience. We offer the following -

- Field experience in a variety of working environments
- Hands-on practical activities
- Improvement of problem-solving skills through real world challenges
- Boosting your creativity through designing solutions and interventions
- Office work (including research)
- Technical guidance in various environmental topics
- International community of volunteers & interns
- Individual working arrangements

How much you take away from this experience is completely up to you!

What we expect from you

The following are some of the traits that we found to work best when working in a team.

- Ask questions
- Share your ideas and opinions
- Communicate with us in an open and honest way
- Take responsibility for the tasks that you have been assigned
- Take initiative!
Practical Information

- **We** offer an **unpaid internship** for a minimum of 2 months.

- **Financing your stay** - Interns normally apply for funding from ERASMUS or from other sources.

- **Working hours** - Interns may expect a mixture of on site and remote work. Working hours are around 40 hours per week and will be discussed with your supervisor at NTM. Work normally starts at around 9am but in summer we start either earlier or later.

- **Communication** - We communicate all practical daily information via our interns Whatsapp group.

- **Projects** - Your NTM supervisor may assign a project that needs to be completed by the end of your stay. This will be discussed together with you and an appropriate methodology and time-frame will be selected.

- **Personal skills** - You must be able to communicate effectively in English (minimum B1). You must be able to work both in a team environment but also on your own.

- **What you may expect to learn** - You can expect to learn a variety of skills including problem solving, communication and research skills. Other skills that may be developed include the use of GIS software, environmental monitoring, environmental education and habitat restoration. If there are any aspects that you are particularly interested to learn more about, please do let us know!
What to bring

Terrestrial Conservation Team

- Outdoor clothing (waterproof gear needed in autumn/winter)
- Waterproof hiking boots/shoes
- Swim suit (Summer)
- Laptop
- Lunchbox
- Reusable water bottle

Marine Conservation Team

- Diving equipment if available (to be discussed with the site manager)
- Outdoor clothes and waterproof hiking boots/shoes
- Laptop
- Lunchbox
- Reusable water bottle

Wildlife Rehabilitation Team

- Clothes which can get dirty (you will be working with animals and medication),
- waterproof boots/shoes/Wellies;
- Laptop
- Lunchbox
- Reusable water bottle

Education Team

- Outdoor clothes and waterproof hiking boots/shoes
- Laptop
- Lunchbox
- Reusable water bottle
Schedules

Terrestrial Team

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Marine Team

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Wildlife Team

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Education Team

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<td>Summer</td>
<td>Mon-Fri Beach activities at various beaches</td>
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<td>Mon-Fri Xrobb l-Għaġin Nature Park</td>
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Accommodation

We recommend that you look for accommodation in central areas such as Sliema, St.Julian’s, Gzira, Msida, Birkirkara, St. Venera, and Ħamrun. These locations offer good bus connections and shopping areas.

It’s estimated that you can expect to spend around €350-€450 for a shared room. If you look for a whole place for yourself you are looking at €600+ for sure. It’s important that you look for a place as soon as possible as the prices may go up significantly!

To get the best deals we suggest you connect with some Facebook groups (e.g.: Erasmus Malta, Expats in Malta, Malta Sharing Accommodation / Rooms to Rent and Roommates). Other options include booking websites like - Booking.com, Quick Lets, and Airbnb.

Please do keep an eye for scammers on social media groups as there are a few and do not send any deposits until you are absolutely sure of the person you are dealing with. You can contact us if you are in doubt and we may be able to provide our support in this area.
Getting around

Most of your travelling will be with Tallinja (Malta Public Transport). Keep in mind that public transport in Malta is not very efficient and does get quite busy and stuck in traffic. You will need to book your Tallinja card at least 3 weeks before. If you don’t have an address yet please let us know.

If you want a bit more flexibility you may rent electric scooters or a moped/motorbike. Whizascoot offers both electric scooters and mopeds for quick rental. Bolt offers both taxis and scooters for rental. Please be careful when riding in Malta’s roads!

Finally you may decide to opt for taxis for certain trips. We suggest to use the local taxi company eCabs, but other good options are Bolt and Uber. They all have a smartphone app and their prices are displayed. If you decide to opt for other taxi companies, check their rates before so as to avoid paying excessive fees.

Links

Malta Public Transport
Tap Water

Maltese tap water is a combination of groundwater and desalinated water. Water undergoes treatment and testing before arriving at your tap. Therefore, tap water is safe to drink, however due to the calcium and chlorine content, it may have a strong taste. If you are interested in drinking tap water, we recommend using a small home filter such as those by Tapp water or Brita jugs. These will greatly improve the taste.

Unfortunately, the most common option is buying bottled water or refilling bottles from dedicated stations such as those offered by Waterpoint and Water Services Corporation. Note that a bottle recycling scheme has just started in Malta. A deposit is paid every time you buy a bottle (currently it’s at 10c). You can get your deposit back by returning the bottle to any of the Reverse Vending Machines found around the island. These can be found on the BCRS website.

Useful Links
BCRS
TappWater
Other Activities

We do recommend that you make the most out of your time in Malta. You may find several outdoor activities to do while you are in Malta. The most common are hiking, mountain biking, scuba diving, snorkelling, water sports, swimming, kayaking, and rock climbing.

Various companies and groups offer organised outdoor activities in Malta. You can find various groups and pages. Most of these activities are available during the sunny months of April to October, however Malta is quite mild in winter also so don’t shy away from trying your luck during this time.

Cities  Rabat, Imdina, Valletta, Cottonera, Marsaxlokk, Victoria (Gozo)

Hiking Areas  Ghar Lapsi, Wied Babu, Mgarr ix-Xini, Dingli cliffs

Parks  San Anton Gardens, Buskett, Ta’ Qali, Argotti Botanic Gardens, Il-Majjistral Nature Park, Chadwick lakes

Beaches  Slugs bay, Għajn Tuffieha, Għadir, Ġnejna bay, Ramla Bay (Gozo)

Museuems  Ħaġar Qim, St. Paul’s Catacombs, Għar Dalam, Muża, Esplora

Nightlife  Paceville, Sliema and St. Julian’s
Testimonials

Maria (July –September 2021):

I worked for three months with Nature Trust Malta, and I enjoyed the intercultural exchange with students from France, Slovakia, and Italy. The internship provided me with valuable insight into the restoration of ecosystems. We worked on different sights all over the island removing invasive species and planting indigenous ones. I also got the chance to work for some time in the turtle wildlife rehabilitation centre, which was a wonderful experience, but also painful because not every turtle you take care of survives. All in all, my time at Nature Trust Malta encouraged me to pursue a B.Sc. in International Forest Ecosystem Management.

Matthew (2021):

I have been volunteering with Nature Trust since the end of March 2021. I originally joined to work on a project regarding the ecosystem of the ponds in il-Magħlaq Marsascala. However, I continued to help in the other sites managed by Nature Trust. Through my voluntary work, I learnt a lot about the local ecosystems and the flora and fauna found in Malta. I also got to meet a lot of people from different cultures and made lots of new friends. This experience will also help me in my studies, as I will be undertaking BSc. in Biology.

Laurine (March – August 2021):

I did my internship and implemented my thesis project at Nature Trust Malta for 7 months. I loved every moment of it, especially because we had the opportunity to work outdoors. I think I really improved my creative skills and became really independent as I had to create my whole thesis project by myself. I worked on an algae bioreactor that purifies the water and it was really challenging for me!
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