

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 and have made changes so that many people as possible can enjoy our history.

We currently offer:

Pre-Arrival

We have a website: www.maltaaviationmuseum.com

Information can be provided in large text.

We have a fax and email available.

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There is a bus stop opposite the Museum for No. 65 bus going on the route to the Crafts Village and Mdina. We are 10 minutes walking distance from the Crafts Village at Ta' Qali which can be reached by Bus No 80/81 or No 86 Bus direct from Bugibba.

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 two 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 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 recently built hangar dedicated to The Air Battle of Malta during World War II.

Entry is €5.00 for adults, €3.00 for students and groups of over ten persons and €1.50 for children under 12 years. We also give a 10% discount on presentation of minicards.

There is also a wheel chair available free of charge for visitors in the reception area.

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.

There is seating provided at intervals around the museum.

Lighting is mainly natural except in the late winter hours.

Public Areas – WC

There is one unisex WC available at the back of the second Romney hut.

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 in 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 a dozen tables and twenty four chairs.

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.

Outdoor Facilities

The museum has three 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 is situated to the

rear of the Air Battle of Malta Memorial Hangar and has seven benches under the shade of eight pine trees. There is also a grassed area in front of the benches of this last ‘garden’.

Attractions

The Museum’s main exhibits are aircraft, aero-engines, vehicles related to aviation, uniforms and other aviation memorabilia. At this point in time the aircraft and memorabilia are being displayed according to space available but it is planned that once the new Main Exhibition Hangar is completed next year the aircraft will be exhibited in 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 one video playing, normally showing documentaries on World War II in Malta.

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.

There is memorabilia displayed in glass cabinets. The majority of the glass cabinets are one metre high while the others are two metres twenty high.

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Hours of Operation: Winter: Monday to Sunday 09.00 - 17.00

Summer: Monday to Saturday 09.00 - 17.00

Sunday: 09.00 -14.00

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

Taxi-able (accessible taxi): Tel: 9997 7761

Local Public Transport: Tel: 21250007/8/9

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Future Plans

We are presently building a New Hangar (The Main Exhibition Hangar) which will also incorporate the building of an ARP (Air-Raid Protection) Station and a small Memorial Chapel. The area around the Hangar is going to be landscaped and made accessible to wheel chair users. This will in-corporate further recreational areas equipped with benches.

We shall update our website to incorporate these new additions.

New brochures will be printed again to incorporate the new additions.

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

