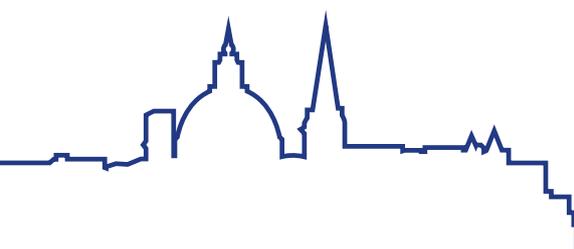




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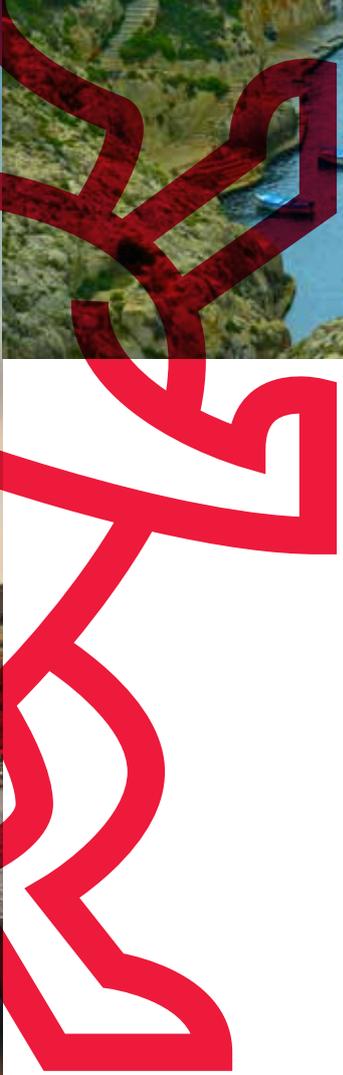


**THE SCHOOL THAT OFFERS
THAT PERSONAL SERVICE**



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ALL ABOUT MALTA

Malta is an island in the centre of the Mediterranean, 100 km south of Italy, enjoying sunny weather practically all the year round. The skies are invariably blue and the sea is warm even in winter, which has made Malta popular with all. It is the ideal place for scuba diving, skiing, swimming, sailing, windsurfing and water polo. Most sports facilities are available on the island including golf, tennis and horse-riding. The English Language Academy (ELA) is located in the popular holiday resort and residential area of Sliema, and is close to St. Julian's, Ta' Xbiex and Valletta. Malta and its smaller sister island, Gozo, are rich in history. There are many prehistoric temples on the island and the oldest surviving free standing man-made temples. The Auberges and the formidable fortifications of the Knights of St. John are still in a remarkable state of preservation. Valletta, the capital of Malta, and Mdina, the capital city before the coming of the Knights of Saint John, boast many art galleries and museums.

The Cathedral of the Knights of St. John, in Valletta, is unique for its architecture, paintings and its pavement covered with the coats of arms of the most illustrious families of Europe. Amongst the many treasures in the cathedral, one can find Caravaggio's "St. Jerome" and his only signed masterpiece "The Beheading of St. John".

The Manoel Theatre, in all its Baroque finery is one of Europe's oldest theatres. In spite of its size, Malta is a modern country teeming with life, commerce and industry. In summer, particularly, there is an air of festivity throughout the whole island - the seaside is dotted with the fire of a thousand barbecues, and every weekend there are feasts in different towns and villages in a blaze of colour and with incomparable firework displays. With over 160 years under British rule, Malta is the most British place in Europe and the Mediterranean. Newsagents sell daily English newspapers. Students coming to Malta have every opportunity to practise their English since the language is widely spoken.



“WE MAINTAIN OUR REPUTATION AS A SCHOOL THAT OFFERS THAT SPECIAL PERSONAL SERVICE. THERE IS A ‘FAMILY’ ATMOSPHERE IN OUR SCHOOL AND OUR GROUPS ARE SMALL AND INTERNATIONAL.”



ABOUT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY

English Language Academy (ELA) has been established since 1988. This year we are celebrating 27 years of quality English teaching. ELA is an accredited founder member of F.E.L.T.O.M. (Federation of English Language Teaching Organisations Of Malta) and is fully licensed by the Malta Department of Education. We are also official representatives of the University of Malta. Over the years the number of students wishing to attend our school has increased considerably. This has encouraged us to expand and open an annexe. In spite of this expansion, we are still considered a 'small' school in today's market. This enables us to maintain our reputation as a school that offers that special personal service. There is a 'family' atmosphere in our school and our groups are small and international. The maximum capacity of our school is 350 students.

Our school is located in the heart of Sliema, the centre of all activities. It is close to the beach, restaurants, shops etc. We offer the full services offered by larger schools, including accommodation, a full leisure programme, airport transfers plus assistance from our representatives who are fluent in most languages. The main school building is fully air-conditioned

with a good reception area, video facilities, a canteen and study area. The school also offers free internet and WiFi facilities to all ELA students. We are open all year round from Monday to Friday except on public holidays. During the weeks when there is a public holiday any lessons missed are made up for on the other days of the week. We welcome students of all ages, from the age of four.

We offer a large variety of courses for all ages ranging from group courses, known as Everyday English, Business English courses & Examination courses and Combi courses to more specialised individual courses such as Personalised General English and Personalised Special English. Our group courses consist of a maximum of eight students in winter and ten in summer, except for business and examination courses where a maximum of six students attend all year round. Our teenager summer classes are a maximum of 12 students. Students are placed in groups depending on their level, age and nationality. Package prices for groups, including packages for teenagers and juniors, are also offered.



COURSES AT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY

At ELA we offer an exciting array of courses that should appeal to the various tastes and needs of students out there. From the ones who are interested to further their career prospects to those who want to combine their vacation with a fun language course, at ELA you will surely find what you are looking for... and at affordable prices too!



GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES

EVERYDAY ENGLISH 10 (E10)

A general course aimed at students who would like to improve their communication skills in English. The course focuses on all 4 skill areas of the language, together with grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. Our trained teachers make use of a number of relevant conversation topics in order to facilitate students' learning.

- Course availability: April to October
- Number of sessions: 10*, 20, 30 or 40 sessions a week (1 session = 45 minutes)
- Maximum number of students: 10
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

EVERYDAY ENGLISH 8 (E8)

Similar to Everyday English 10, but offered over the shoulder months (November to March). The emphasis here is still on improving the students' general English usage but with the added benefit of a smaller class.

- Course availability: November to March
- Number of sessions: 10*, 20, 30 or 40 sessions a week (1 session = 45 minutes)
- Maximum number of students: 8
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

PERSONALISED GENERAL ENGLISH (PE)

This is a tailor-made one-to-one course giving individual attention to participants who would like the fastest possible route to improving their English skills. The student and course tutor together decide which areas to cover, thus maximizing the time at the student's disposition.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 15, 20, 30 or 40 sessions a week
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

GENERAL ENGLISH COMBI (COMBI)

The Combi course is a combination of the above-mentioned courses. This would be ideal for those students who would want to socialise with other students in a classroom setting but at the same time benefit from the individual attention afforded by a one-to-one course. Students may choose to have individual morning lessons and group lessons in the afternoon or vice versa.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 30 or 40 sessions a week - various combinations possible
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

*** 10 session courses are only available in the afternoon.**



EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

TOEFL iBT PREPARATION COURSE (TOEFL)

THE ONLY TOEFL iBT CENTRE IN MALTA

ELA is presently the only certified TOEFL iBT test center in Malta, meaning that our TOEFL iBT students have the added advantage of sitting for their exam on their school premises! This increasingly popular exam is offered on a monthly basis, thus giving students a much needed flexibility which is not so readily available with other examination boards. ELA also boasts of the most comprehensive and up-to-date collection of study material and software on the island, together with tutors specialised in preparing you for this exam. An excellent pass rate in recent years has ensured a constant flow of students to our school to follow this course.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 15**, 20, 30 and 40 sessions (both group and individual courses available)
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of students in a group: 6
- 3 levels offered: from Intermediate (B1 Higher) to Advanced (C1)

IELTS PREPARATION COURSE (IELTS)

ELA also offers preparation courses for both the Academic and General Training modules of IELTS. Our experienced IELTS tutors cover the four skills forming the four sections of the exam using the best available study material on the market. This course is available both as a group or an individual course.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 15**, 20, 30 and 40 sessions (both group and individual courses available)
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of students in a group: 6
- 3 levels offered: from Intermediate (B1 Higher) to Advanced (C1)

CAMBRIDGE PREPARATION COURSES

ELA is fully-equipped to prepare students for all Cambridge ESOL exams: KET, PET, FCE, CAE and CPE. Our highly-trained Cambridge tutors will ensure that you get all the necessary exposure to maximize your chances of a good grade in these sought-after exams. Moreover, our syllabi have recently been updated to reflect the changes brought about in the paper setups of these exams.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 15**, 20, 30 and 40 sessions (both group and individual courses available)
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of students in a group: 6
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

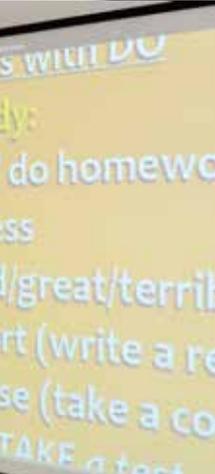




BEC AND TOEIC PREPARATION COURSES

BEC and TOEIC are the latest addition to ELA's exam preparation portfolio. Unlike other exams on offer, these are only offered on a one-to-one basis. Up to the time of going to print, our school is the only one in Malta to offer any TOEIC preparation courses.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 15, 20, 30 and 40 sessions (individual courses only)
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 3 levels offered: from Intermediate (B1 Higher) to Advanced (C1)



EXAM COMBI COURSES

The above courses can be combined with our General English courses. These courses consist of 20 lessons General English and 10 afternoon lessons of exam preparation and are aimed at students who would like to focus on their overall General English skills with specific areas of exam preparation courses.

- Course availability: All year round
- Total number of sessions: 20 General English sessions and 10 Exam Course sessions
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of participants: 10 (AM sessions); 6 (PM sessions)
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

*** 10 session courses are only available in the afternoon.**

**** 15 session courses are only available for individual courses.**



BUSINESS ENGLISH AND ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

BUSINESS ENGLISH – GROUP (BUS)

These rank amongst the most popular courses at ELA, mainly thanks to our experienced Business English tutors' ability to teach a highly engaging syllabus in a fun communicative way. Topics covered include business correspondence, presentations, business-related vocabulary, CV writing, negotiations and business phoning amongst others.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 20, 30 and 40 sessions
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of students in a group: 6
- 4 levels offered: from Lower Intermediate (B1 Lower) to Advanced (C1)

BUSINESS ENGLISH – EXECUTIVE ONE-TO- ONE (PSE-BUS)

These executive courses are aimed at the discerning student whose needs go beyond the general business issues covered in the Business English group course. By means of a detailed needs analysis, teacher and student together decide what should be covered during the duration of this course. The student is also encouraged to bring any material he/she may wish to use in order to make the course content more relevant to the student's individual needs.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 15, 20, 30 and 40 sessions
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

BUSINESS COMBI COURSE (BUS COMBI)

An intensive course that combines General English tuition in the morning and Business English in the afternoon. These courses are aimed at those students who would like to maximize on their stay on the islands by combining brushing up their English, together with learning the language in a business context.

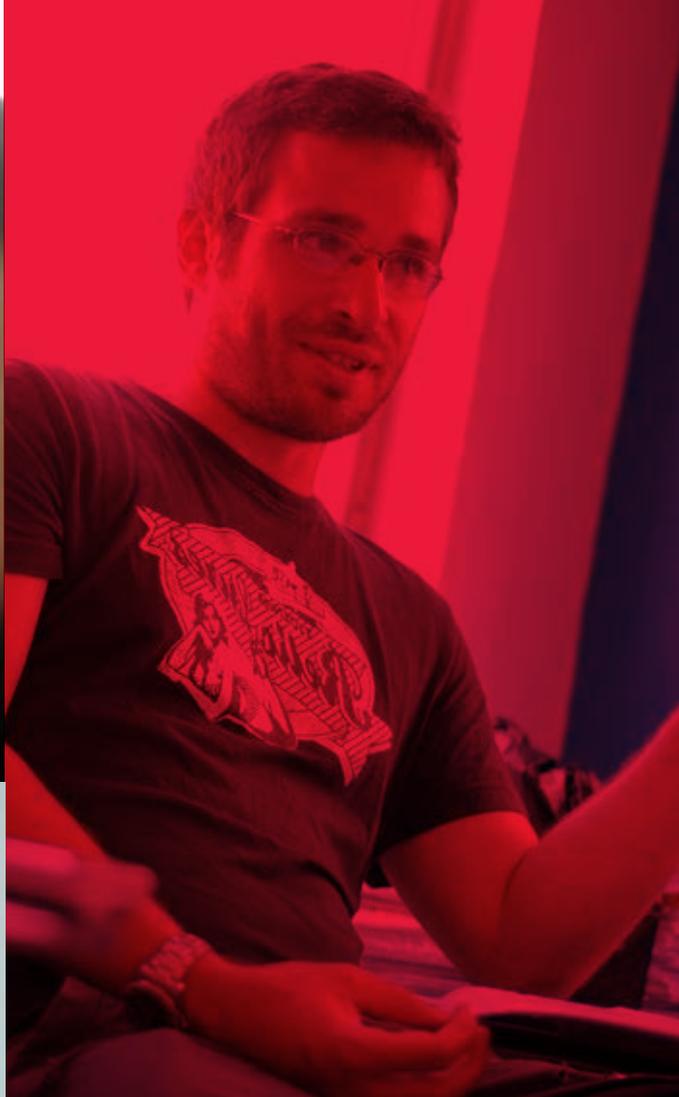
- Course availability: All year round
- Total number of sessions: 20 General English sessions and 10 Business Group sessions
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of participants: 10 (AM sessions); 6 (PM sessions)
- 4 levels offered: from Lower Intermediate (B1 Lower) to Advanced (C1)

PERSONALISED SPECIAL ENGLISH (PSE)

Course participants are offered English language practice in a specific field of their choice. ELA would require details of the subject in advance so as to allow us to choose the right tutor for the student in question. Students are also encouraged to bring a selection of their own materials to make the course more relevant to their needs. Subject areas here include: Medicine, Law, Technical, IT, Tourism, Banking, Finance and Engineering. Closed groups may also be organised.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 10*, 15, 20, 30 or 40 sessions a week
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)







OTHER COURSES

JUNIOR PROGRAMME

These are tailor-made courses for 4 to 12 year-olds animated by our dedicated teaching staff who combine the three important elements of learning, fun and safety in order to provide exciting lessons in a safe environment. These courses have a totally different syllabus to other adult courses and makes use of various teaching aids to keep our young guests gainfully occupied. Junior courses are run throughout the summer months and are subject to availability during the rest of the year.

- Course availability: June - August (subject to availability for the rest of the year)
- Total number of sessions: 20 sessions
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of participants: 12
- 4 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Intermediate (B1 Higher)

SENIOR COURSES

Mature students are bound to benefit from this course which aims to move away from purely academic teaching and instead combine English with Maltese culture, history and traditions. ELA teachers entrusted with these classes are mature themselves and well-versed in these areas. As an option, students may consider combining these courses with ELA's afternoon cultural tours, thus making their stay that bit more complete.

- Course availability: June - August
- Total number of sessions: 20
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of participants: 10
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMME

These courses are run for teenagers during the summer months. Emphasis here is on student-centred teaching and participants learn through communicative activities. At ELA we try our best to place teens in class on the basis of proficiency level, different nationalities, age and the right gender balance.

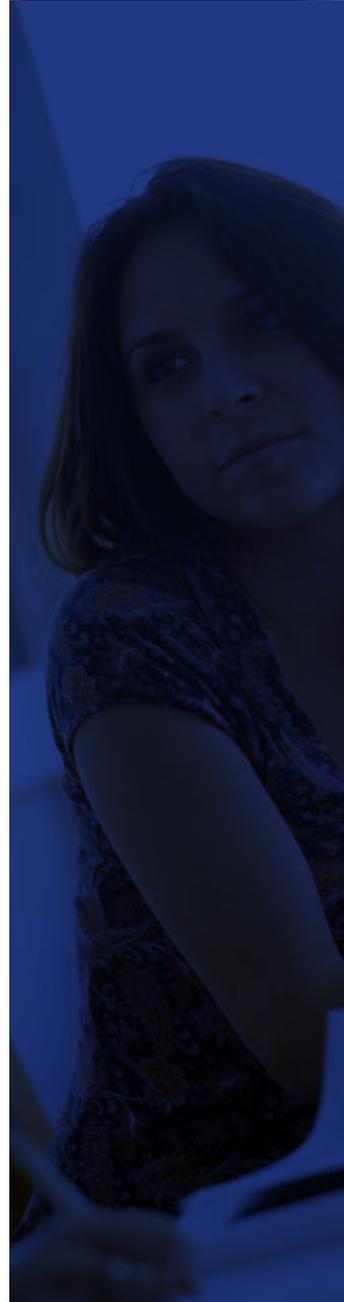
This ensures a high degree of homogeneity which in itself is conducive to learning.

- Course availability: June - August
- Total number of sessions: 20 or 30 sessions
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- Maximum number of participants: 12
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1)

TEACHER TRAINING COURSES (TELT/TEFL CERT.)

These courses are available at various times of the year and interested participants are requested to contact ELA for details. Courses are open to all primary and secondary school teachers of English as a second language in countries where English is considered a foreign language.

* 10 session courses are only available in the afternoon.





GUARDIAN AND CHILD (GC)

This is a newly-introduced course at ELA, ideal for those who would like to have lessons in the company of the children under their care. After conducting a proper needs analysis with the students, teachers prepare two lessons that run simultaneously - one for adults and another for children. The only link between the two is a common theme.

- Course availability: All year round
- Number of sessions: 15, 20 and 30 sessions a week
- Minimum course duration: 1 week
- 6 levels offered: from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C1) for guardian/s; Beginner (A1) to Intermediate (B1 Higher).



ONE TEACHER TWO STUDENTS

A course aimed for students who would like more individual attention than they would get in a normal group course but at the same time would not like private tuition. This course is ideal for friends or even couples since it can only be booked by two individuals together.



*** All the above courses can be followed by an internationally recognised end-of-course exam such as TOEFL Junior and TOEFL iTP**

BILDUNGSURLAUB: ELA's courses are recognised by the German Bildungsurlaub board. Do not hesitate to contact us for further details

ACCOMMODATION

ELA offers a full range of accommodation, including host families, school residence, guest-houses, hostels, apartments and hotels. With such a vast selection available, students at the school should not find it difficult to find what they require. All accommodation is located within walking distance of the school or on the main bus route.

Accommodation bookings are only confirmed when an invoice is issued and when a 50% deposit is received.

For full details please contact the school. Very special prices are offered to our students. This will be verified when we give students the websites of the type of accommodation they are interested in.



BALCO HOSTEL



PLAZA HOTEL



ALBORADA APART HOTEL



HOST FAMILY





ELA ACTIVITIES + CULTURAL TOURS

ELA offers a wide range of activities to suit every age, taste and budget. Our leisure programme is changed every week thus ensuring that our students make the most of their stay on our sunny island and includes cultural excursions to the many historical sites dotting the country, a variety of water sports, sporting tournaments and horse-riding. We also cater for individual requests such as wine-tasting, abseiling and car rental.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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| 1st January | New Year's Day |
| 10th February | Feast of St. Paul's Shipwreck |
| 19th March | Feast of St. Joseph |
| 29th March | Good Friday |
| 31st March | Freedom Day |
| 1st May | Worker's Day |
| 7th June | Sette Giugno |
| 29th June | Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul |
| 15th August | Feast of the Assumption |
| 8th September | Feast of Our Lady of Victories |
| 21st September | Independence Day |
| 8th Decemeber | Immaculate Conception |
| 13th December | Republic Day |
| 25th December | Christmas Day |

Lessons missed on these days will be made up during the rest of the week



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GENERAL INFORMATION

COURSES: Classes are run between Mondays & Fridays. The school is closed on public holidays; any sessions missed on these days will be made up for on the other days of the same week. Due to varying travel schedules, alternative arrangements can be made. Students' level of proficiency is established through a written assessment test and an informal oral test on the first day of school. Tests can be sent for (and are also available on our website) and completed before the commencement of the course. All students who attend a minimum of 80% of the course are entitled to a certificate of attendance. Each session is of 45 minutes.

SPECIAL & EXAMINATION COURSES: For students opting to take specialised courses in specific areas (e.g. English for Medical purposes or Legal English; Banking and Accounting, Cambridge First Certificate, etc) at least 1 week advance notice is required to arrange availability of adequate lecturers. Students are encouraged to bring their own textbooks and material for these specialised courses. Kindly note that no examination registration fees are included in our prices and students intending to register for any examination should do so as early as possible. We can assist with the registration at no extra charge.

INDIVIDUAL TUITION

Classes need not be held in the classroom. Alternative arrangements can be made through our administrative office.

COURSE MATERIAL & REGISTRATION FEE: The school provides basic course material at a nominal charge of €20.00 and a course registration fee of €20.00 applies.

TRANSFER RATE: Transfer from Malta International Airport to accommodation, €40.00 return maximum 2 persons. For one way transfer €23.00 for a maximum 2 persons.

ACCOMMODATION: All accommodation is located within walking distance of the school, or on the main bus route.

ACTIVITIES: English Language Academy offers a full programme of activities as well as guided sightseeing tours.

ORGANISED GROUPS: Special rates and arrangements available for organised groups of students travelling together.

LONGER DURATION: Students who book courses of 3 weeks and over, qualify for special rates.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: Lessons missed on these days will be made up during the rest of the week

BOOKING CONDITIONS: Reservation Procedure: A € 60.00 non-refundable deposit on the course and a 50% deposit on the total amount of the accommodation if applicable. This should reach ELA at least 2 weeks before the commencement of the course. Balance to be paid on arrival. In the case of late bookings an immediate deposit has to be paid.

CANCELLATION FEES/CHANGE OF COURSE: €20.00 processing fee:

ACCOMMODATION CANCELLATION FEES:

- For cancellations received in writing more than 14 working days before arrival, there is no cancellation fee.
- If accommodation is cancelled less than 15 working days in advance or after arrival, an accommodation cancellation fee may apply. The fee will depend on the contract we have with each individual accommodation provider.

ACCOMMODATION CHANGES: We will charge a €20.00 processing fee in addition to any cancellation fees that may apply. The fee will depend on the contract we have with each individual accommodation provider.

Students who change levels need to pay an additional €10.00 if they want a new workbook

Should a student have any complaints about any aspect of their language stay, this has to be reported IMMEDIATELY to the ELA department concerned. This is mostly done to ensure overall satisfaction of the client. As such, complaints received once the course is finished, unfortunately cannot be considered.

PAYMENT: You can pay us directly by credit card or through a bank. Personal cheques are not accepted. Please allow 10 days for bank transfer. Bank charges (if any) must be paid by the student on arrival.