

The measures that matter to

Hospitality and tourism



Higher accommodation eco-contribution

The eco-contribution increases to €8 per night for collective accommodation, capped at €64 per person, and €10 per night for short lets, capped at €80 per person.



New charges across the visitor economy

A new €10 eco-contribution will apply to cruise passengers visiting Malta before re-embarking on the same liner, while Comino visitors will face a €5 contribution collected through the booking system.



Higher transport costs for non-residents

Gozo Channel fares for non-residents will increase, including to €11 for an adult passenger and €22 for a vehicle with driver, increasing the cost of travel for visitors to Gozo.



VAT treatment of ready-to-eat food

New guidance will clarify the VAT exemption for ready-to-eat food sold by supermarkets, minimarkets and convenience shops, particularly where these supplies compete with restaurant offerings.



A shift towards higher-quality tourism

Government intends to review airline incentives with a greater focus on attracting tourists during the shoulder and winter months and from destinations associated with higher-quality tourism.

Our take on the budget

The Budget signals a clear shift towards a "tourism contributes more" model, making pricing, visitor charges and VAT increasingly important considerations for hospitality and tourism operators

