

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Booking of the Language Learning Holiday

Please use the enrolment form provided by us for booking your language holiday. Your booking with the school is binding as soon as you receive written confirmation. As a rule, you will receive confirmation of your booking within the next working day.

Classes

Classes are held Monday to Friday. BELS reserves the right to introduce a double banking timetable & to use classrooms in alternative premises of the same standard.

Note: In cases where there are from one to three students in a class, lessons will be reduced. The improved teacher attention and increased quality time will enable us to offer a more personalised course focused on 60 – 65% of the ordinary number of lessons. One may note that students will be receiving more teacher contact time, leading to better quality tuition at no extra cost.

Pre-Arrival Test

Students are expected to sit for our online placement test. If not, they will miss two lessons on the first day to sit the test.

Public Holidays

Group lessons which fall on a public holiday will not be made up. When there are 2 public holidays that fall within the same week, only 1 day will be made up.

Classes that fall on public holidays will not be made up on other days but will be replaced by a leisure activity.

Holidays

Holiday breaks for Academic Year / Multi-Destination-Academic Year students (24 weeks+): Students can have a maximum of 4 weeks holiday. Students must give a 2 week period of notice. Students returning from their holiday should not expect to return to the same class, teacher or accommodation. No credit will be given for accommodation during holiday breaks. Students requiring a visa for study must ensure that their visa is issued for the correct dates to include any holiday breaks.

Accommodation

Usage of air-conditioning in the BELS Superior Residence

The BELS residence consists of 4 superior apartments with fully air-conditioned bedrooms. These air-conditioners are fit with a control system which can only be made use of by means of a BELS Control Card. This card will be included in the Welcome Pack of each new student who will be residing in the BELS Superior Residence. The BELS Card will contain 8 units. These units have been calculated to allow students enough electricity supply for 1 week (8 days/ 7 nights). If a student uses the allocated supply of units before the end of the week, he/ she will need to buy additional units, if they wish to continue to use the air-conditioner. The BELS card will be refilled with a new set of units every Friday afternoon for students staying for more than 1 week.

Our accommodation will be calculated on a weekly basis (8 days/ 7 nights). Students who arrive and/or depart later will be charged for an additional night or nights. No discounts will be given for bookings of less than seven nights' stay.

Transfers

Flight details including: arrival & departure date, flight numbers & time, airline arrival & departure airport names must be advised 10 days prior to arrival in order for BELS to provide airport transfers. No refunds will be granted on transfers if flight details are not sent to BELS at least 10 days prior to arrival. Airport transfer fees include a maximum of 1 hour waiting time: in the event of arrival delays exceeding 1 hour, students will be charged the additional fee at the school.

Cancellations

You may cancel your language holiday at any time without having to provide reasons for your decision, however you are asked to please submit your cancellation in writing. If you cancel your language holiday up to 3 weeks before the trip, a processing fee amounting to 25% of the invoiced value will be charged (i.e. a non-refundable deposit). If cancellation is received less than 3 weeks before the trip, a processing fee amounting to 50% of the invoiced value will be charged (including the non-refundable deposit). If cancellation is received 1 week before the start date or should a student fail to start his/her language holiday on the scheduled date, the total amount of fees due, will be claimed. Booked services that are not made use of will not be refundable or transferable.

Payment Terms

Bookings received directly from students are subject to a 25% non-refundable deposit. The outstanding balance will become due three weeks before student's arrival. Payments may be effected either by bank transfer or by credit card (subject to a 3% administration fee). Bank account details may be found on client invoice. When paying by bank transfer the client name and booking number must be quoted. When a customer defaults on any payment, the school is entitled to rescind the

contract and claim compensation for failure to fulfil obligations. Payments must reach BELS in full and free from local or overseas bank charges. Any short payments will be claimed from the students upon arrival.

Liability

BELS will not be held liable for loss, damage or injury to persons or property.

Complaints

All considerable claims against BELS must be made whilst the students are in-house. In the interest of the customer this should be submitted in writing. Complaints are not accepted from students after completion of their language holiday.

Services

The information contained in this catalogue and price list are binding for the school as they constitute the basis of the travel contract.

Descriptions

BELS believes that all statements made in its promotional materials are factual and correct. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure such accuracy. BELS is not responsible for any changes that become known after promotional material is produced (up-to-date information can be found on the Website). BELS will advise you of any material changes which become known to it prior to the start date.

Insurance

Acquiring a travel, health and cancellation insurance policy is highly recommended.

Photography & Filming

BELS may take promotional photographs and video footage of students. If students do not wish to participate, BELS will respect their wishes if BELS has been notified.

Force Majeure

BELS will not be responsible for any failure to comply with any of its obligations (and, therefore, shall not be required to provide any compensation) if the failure is instigated by any cause beyond BELS's reasonable control; nor shall BELS be responsible for any costs incurred by or on behalf of the student as a result of any such cause. Such causes shall include but shall not be limited to war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, unusually adverse weather conditions and infectious diseases.

Expulsion

BELS reserves the right to expel students who commit a criminal offence, are found to have provided false information on his/her application or do not attend lessons on a regular basis. The same right may be exercised in the case of students whose actions are deemed disorderly, aggressive or threatening. Moreover, students who are reported to be drinking alcohol or are drunk on school premises or behave and/ or act in any way which could bring BELS into dispute will also be expelled. Students who are expelled will not be entitled/will lose all rights to a refund for their outstanding course, accommodation and activities that they will consequently miss. Please note that in such cases that the Immigration Department and all other significant authorities will be informed of the expulsion.

Leisure Programme

BELS reserves the right to make changes to the leisure programme due to weather conditions or any other reasons beyond our control.

Specific teen rules

Parents and students have to sign and accept the BELS teen rules. These include but are not limited to the following points: Students attending our Camp Programme must respect curfew times. Illegal substances and alcohol are not permitted during the programme. Students who fail to comply with the programme rules will be sent home at their parents/ guardians' expense. Students who arrive in Malta without the consent form signed by their parent/ guardian will not be allowed to participate in the BELS Teens programme. When signing the consent form the parent/guardian also confirms that if the child does not comply with the programme rules, or with any other rules that may be set by the school from time to time, s/he will be expelled from the programme and be sent home at the guardian's expense. This means that the child will not be allowed to mix with our students, and hence change of accommodation will be requested until repatriation. BELS responsibility towards the child will end twelve hours after an incident has been reported. No refunds will be given in the case of a student's expulsion.

The terms and conditions in places are specific and only apply to certain groups. **A** - Adults, **T** - Teens, **SPB** - St Pauls Bay, **GZD** - Gozo