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## Clubclass Language School - Malta Newsletter February 2010

### FREE week in Malta for agents

We are aware that once agents have visited a school and the respective destination, they will be in a better position to support students in their choice of school and answer queries in more detail.

For this reason, we are inviting agents to spend a week at Clubclass before the end of March 2010. Our offer includes complimentary airport transfers on arrival and departure, a one-week group course in general English, single accommodation on self-catering basis, and a couple of sightseeing tours / activities which will be on offer in the respective week.

This offer is only applicable to agents / employees of the agency in question and is not transferable (unless to another employee of the same agency). Should you be interested in learning more about Clubclass and would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact us at [marketing@clubclass.com.mt](mailto:marketing@clubclass.com.mt).



### EXTRA 50% commission - offer ending soon !!

An EXTRA commission / discount of 50% is being granted on packages at Clubclass which include accommodation in the apartments, hostel or student house. This incentive is made up of a 35% discount which may be passed on to the client and an increase in commission of 15% on the accommodation fee! This special offer is a win-win proposition for clients and agents and is valid until the end of February 2010. For more information please click here: <http://tiny.cc/clubclassoffer>

### Clubclass Brochure & Posters



The 2010 Clubclass Brochure (in electronic format) is also available in German, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and French and is presently being translated into other languages (Turkish, Japanese, Korean, etc). Should you wish to download these, please go to the Agent Area on our website (no log in or password is required) or click on the following [link](#) which will take you directly to this page.

Should you wish to display any Clubclass posters in your agency, please click on the following [link](#) which will give you the poster sizes available. To order please send us an e-mail on

[marketing@clubclass.com.mt](mailto:marketing@clubclass.com.mt) with the respective size preference (A, B, C or D).

## Student Testimonials

### Nidal Almusaid, 33 years

#### Sudan

"I enjoyed at Clubclass and develop myself in English language and I made good friends from different counties. Also, I want to say thank for your help and care and thank you to Mr. Joe and my best teacher Elain".

### Marina Demchenko, 28 years

#### Ukraine

"I'm happy I made correct choice. Clubclass corresponds all my expectations. The staff is very attentive and answer all questions. Teachers explain everything - very interesting and simple way. All conditions were created for teaching the English language".

### Monica Gallego Pires, 23 years

#### Spain

"I'm very pleased with my experience at Clubclass and my teacher Lisa is a professional and I am learning a lot with her and she also is a lovely person. And what to say about Theresa, I haven't enough space to write about her! She is the best teacher I've ever had. I have learnt and enjoy so much her lessons, she knows how to motivate the pupils, she is a wonderful person! I haven't got words to describe her. You have to value her because there are few people like her. I just have to say Thank You!".

## Student Mix - January 2010

In January 2010, students from over 26 different countries were attending a course in English at Clubclass. The top 10 nationalities were from - Brazil, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Libya, Russia, Spain and Turkey.



## Word of the Month - gastrosexual

gastrosexual noun [C] - a person, especially a man, who uses cooking skills to impress friends and potential partners

gastrosexuality noun [U] - 'Gastrosexuals are a new generation of men who consider cooking more a hobby than a household chore and use their kitchen prowess to seduce women.' FoodTV, Canada 24 July 2008.



Though there is some evidence for the term **gastrosexual** being used in reference to women, it typically refers to men, the expression emerging from the observation that men are cooking more today than ever before. **Gastrosexual** role models like celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsay and Jamie Oliver have helped create the perception of cookery as a macho pursuit. The archetypal **gastrosexual** is therefore masculine, aged between about 25 and 45, passionate about cooking and the 'rewards' that it might bring, whether this be pleasure, praise or even romance! **Gastrosexual** can be used as both a noun and an adjective. There is also some (as yet more limited) evidence for a derived noun gastrosexuality. The prefix gastro- originates from the Greek word gastēr, meaning 'stomach' and appears in words associated with foods and eating (e.g. gastric, gastronomic). Two of its more recent manifestations include the words gastronaut, a person who is adventurous or creative with food, and gastropub, used in British English to describe a pub that serves good quality food.

## Feast of St. Paul - 10 February 2010

This feast commemorates the shipwreck of the Saint at the island's shores in 60 A.D., which led to Malta's conversion to the Roman Catholic religion from paganism. The locality of St. Paul's Bay is said to be the place where St. Paul and his ship crashed when they reached Maltese lands. The anniversary of the shipwreck is a public holiday celebrated with church services which include 'St. Paul's Shipwreck Feast' held in Valletta and the church hosting celebrations is also named after the Saint and was built in 1570.



## Carnival - 12 to 16 February 2010



The largest of the carnival celebrations mainly take place in and around the capital city Valletta and Floriana. Celebrations typically include masked balls, fancy dress parties and a parade of symbolic floats presided over by the King Carnival float which is supposed to be the best and most beautiful float of them all. Marching bands and costumed revelers make the streets of Valletta and Floriana come alive! The carnival reaches its climax on the last day with a spectacular parade of floats - a magical experience for children and adults alike. There are also several "spontaneous" carnivals in more remote villages of Malta. In Gozo, Nadur's carnival is notable for its darker and more risqué themes including cross-dressing, ghost costumes and political figures.

## National Museum of Archaeology - Valletta

The National Museum of Archaeology in Valletta displays an exceptional array of artifacts from Malta's unique prehistoric periods, starting with the first arrival of humans in the Ghar Dalam phase (5200 BC). The collection is housed in the Auberge de Provence - one of the first buildings to be erected in Valletta after the Great Siege in the late 16th century. It was originally a palace used by the Knights of Malta. The ground floor of the museum is related to the prehistory of the Maltese Islands. Several temporary exhibitions are set up in the Archaeology Museum. The most notable temporary exhibitions are the Coinage of the Crusades and the Maltese Clocks. The museum is managed by Heritage Malta and can be visited daily between 9:00 to 19:00.

