



The Annual International Convention of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport takes place in Valletta, Malta from Sunday 2nd until Thursday 6th May 2010.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

There are delegations representing CI LT members from over 30 countries attending. Individual Members from many parts of the world will also travel to Valetta and CILT~Malta members will also join us. We have also extended an invitation to delegations from countries where CILT is being established, colleges and institutions who offer CILT accredited qualifications and other professional organisations working in logistics and transport. This will be a truly global convention of transport and logistics professionals!

CILT~Malta has put together a fantastic programme.

- On Sunday there is an Education Workshop where members can learn more about CILT Education, Accreditation of courses and centres, and contribute their ideas to the revision of our Key Knowledge Areas. During the Convention CILT~Hong Kong will be leading the Accreditation of the University of Malta so delegates can learn much more about CILT Accreditation by observing the process
- On Monday there are a series of committee meetings as well as a Young Professionals Workshop. In the evening you can meet delegates from all around the world at the Welcome Reception held in the most spectacular rooftop setting with a wonderful view over Valetta.
- On Tuesday Len Harper - the International President will summarise our excellent progress in the last 12 months and share our exciting plans for the next few years. Kevin Byrne - International Vice President will lead an important debate on CILT Professional Education, the core purpose of our Institute. Just after lunch we have our formal AGM followed by the 2010 Showcase - presentations by CILT councils around the world which all demonstrate how if we work together, we can achieve a great deal more for our members. On Tuesday evening the President's Dinner is another chance to meet with your colleagues and their partners and show off your country's national dress!
- CILT~Malta have organised a stimulating conference on Wednesday with excellent speakers from Europe, the Gulf, and Africa. They will share their perspective on different aspects of logistics and transport. It is a great opportunity to compare and contrast operations in your own country with world-class operations in other parts of the world.



- "World-Class" is also a theme that runs through the Technical Tour arranged for Thursday. We visit three outstanding facilities - Malta Freeport the second largest container terminal in the Mediterranean handles over 5 million container movements a year. We then visit Playmobil who manufacture and distribute toys all over the world. We have lunch on the quay and then visit one of the fastest growing Passenger Cruise Terminals in the region and finally take our own boat journey around one of the most picturesque harbours in Europe. There are not many places in the world where you can see world-class Freight Logistics, Manufacturing & Distribution and Passenger Transport in one day!

## **WONDERFUL LOCATION**

It is easy to see why Malta is one of the most attractive destinations in the world. A great climate, fantastic food, world heritage sites to visit, and outstanding hospitality. CILT~Malta have negotiated excellent bed-and-breakfast packages with three excellent hotels - The Palace, The Victoria and The Imperial. They are within two minutes walking distance of each other so moving between your room, convention sessions, workshops, and entertainment is easy. The delegate package is very reasonably priced and includes attendance at all the meetings, all lunches, all receptions, and dinners. If your partner travels with you we have also arranged fascinating tours and excursions to different historical sites across the island each day. Each of these trips include both guided tours and lunch. If you wish to extend your stay before or after the Convention all the hotels have all agreed to extend their bed and breakfast packages at the same discounted rates before and after the Convention.

If you do stay over until Friday you are welcome to join a tour and boat ride to Gozo where you will see Ġgantija which dates back to the Neolithic period around 5000BC. It is the oldest free standing stone building in the world and is only one of the many beautiful attractions on the island.

There is no better opportunity to see a wonderful part of the world, at the crossroads of Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Spend time with your colleagues from around the globe and take-away great ideas that you can apply in your own country.



## **TRAVEL TO MALTA - Flights**

We are very grateful to Air Malta for their support for this Convention. CILT Delegates can now book their discounted flights online by going to the CILT~Malta website and clicking on the Air Malta logo on the Convention page. This links to Air Malta's booking engine using the user name - CILT and Your password - SRqKPxpK The travel validity is between 25 April and 16 May 2010. If you want assistance with travel from any part of the World please contact Blake Ashton at DialAFlight ([blake.ashton@dialaflight.co.uk](mailto:blake.ashton@dialaflight.co.uk) or call Blake at +44 1732 593 050 and tell him you are from CILT)

## **TRAVEL TO MALTA - Visas**

Malta is a member of the Schengen Agreement so international visitors from outside the area may need a "Schengen Visas". The Schengen Visa has made traveling between its 15 European member countries much easier and less bureaucratic. Traveling on a Schengen Visa means that the visa holder can travel to any (or all) member countries using one single visa, thus avoiding the hassle and expense of obtaining individual visas for each country. This is particularly beneficial for persons who wish to visit several European countries on the same trip. The Schengen visa is a "visitor visa". It is issued to citizens of countries who are required to obtain a visa before entering Europe. The purpose of the visit must be leisure, tourism, or business. Upon the issuance of the visa, the visa holder is allowed to enter all member countries and travel freely throughout the Schengen area. It is strongly recommended to plan your journey within the timeframe of the Schengen Visa as extensions can be very difficult to obtain, thus forcing you to leave to stay in compliance with the Schengen rules and regulations. A Schengen visa allows the holder to travel freely within the Schengen countries for a maximum stay of up to 90 days in a 6 month period.

More information on the process and details of the embassies and consulates in your country where you can obtain visas can be found at the Malta Ministry of Foreign Affairs site —

<http://www.mfa.gov.mt/default.aspx?MLEV=53&MDIS=523>.

Schengen Visas can take a while to process. The first stage is to make a temporary booking at one of the Convention Hotels (all of the hotels have agreed to hold bookings until your visa is confirmed) and also obtain an CILT International Convention Invitation Letter from CILT~Malta. Send an email to [info@ciltmalta.org](mailto:info@ciltmalta.org) providing your name (as it is spelt in your passport), your passport nationality and passport number and CILT~Malta will send you an invitation letter. You can use the letter and your hotel booking to support your Schengen Visa application.



## **BOOKING & INFORMATION**

To link to hotels, book your delegate places, see the latest agenda and learn more about Malta follow the link to CILT~Malta's website at [www.ciltmalta.org](http://www.ciltmalta.org) and click on the 2010 Conference tab.

I can't wait to be there for a very stimulation, exciting and rewarding Convention. I look forward to meeting many new Members from many Countries.

I'm particularly looking forward to seeing you!

Regards

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