



# Sliema, St Julian's & Paceville

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## Why Go?

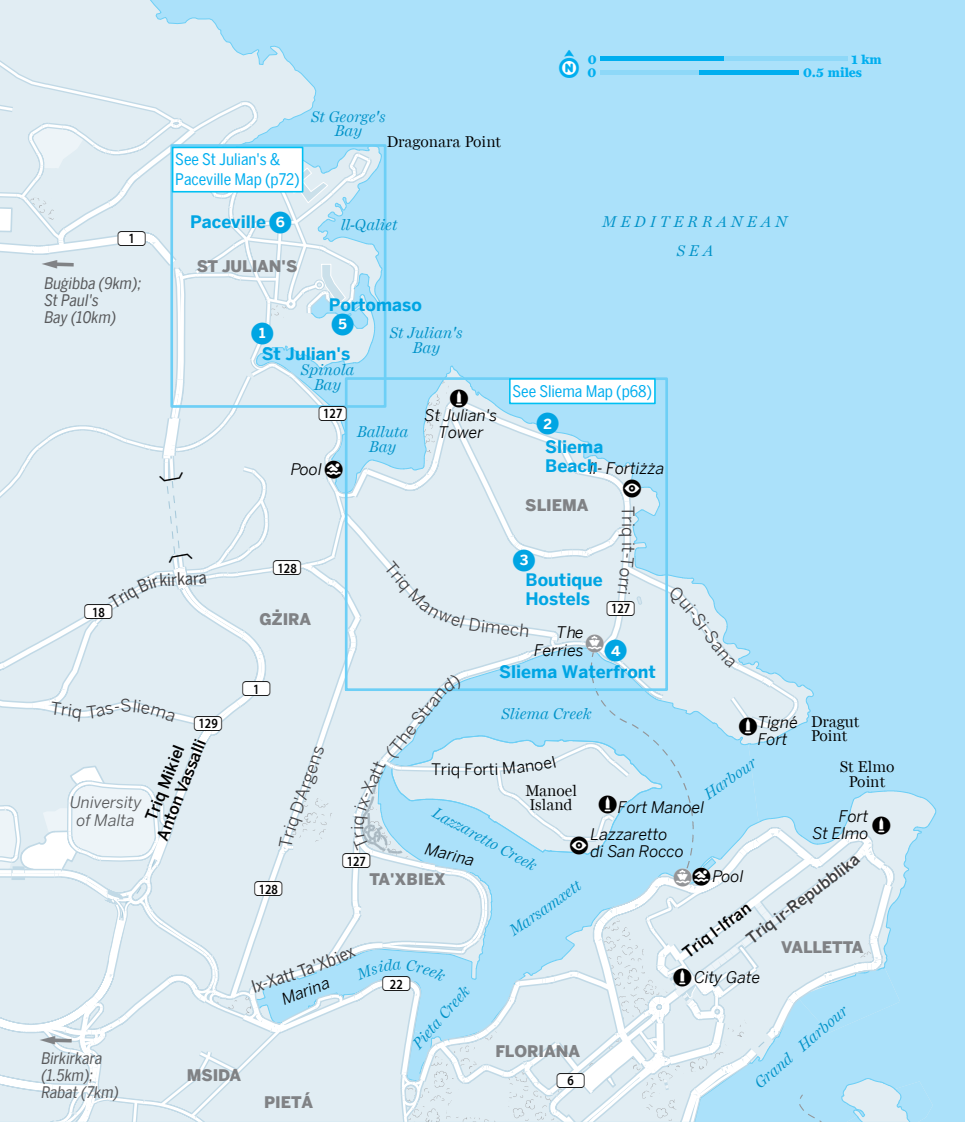
Malta's cool crowd flocks to these areas to eat, drink, shop and party, and if you're looking for a base that mingles cosmopolitan sparkle with quiet backstreets, this is the perfect choice. Connected by a gracious seafront promenade, with shimmering Mediterranean views, this collection of districts merge into one another, and are packed with shops, restaurants and bars.

St Julian's was once a pretty fishing village, but now five-star hotels and apartment complexes dominate its scenic bays. It adjoins the small nightlife enclave of Paceville, which springs to life at night after a couple of shots. This, coincidentally, is where many of Malta's English-language schools are located.

More exclusive-feeling Sliema has long been associated with the Maltese upper classes, and makes an enticingly more peaceful base, just far enough from the action. Gracious townhouses sit along backstreets, while burgeoning swish apartment blocks line the seafront, which is blessed by sun-trapped rocky beaches and swimming spots.

## When to Go

- ➔ Come in May, June, September and October if you're looking for lower prices, guaranteed sunshine and few crowds.
- ➔ If you're after a party atmosphere and lots of action, however, head here during the peak summer months of July and August.



## Sliema, St Julian's & Paceville Highlights

- 1 Wine and dine alfresco in **St Julian's** (p70), Malta's gastronomic epicentre.
- 2 Swim off the flat rocky stretch of **Sliema Beach** (p67).
- 3 Stay in one of Sliema's fabulous **boutique hostels** (p138).
- 4 Take to the waters on a **boat trip** (p67) from Sliema waterfront.
- 5 Enjoy a marina-side drink in **Portomaso** (p70).
- 6 Experience Malta's liveliest nightlife hub in **Paceville** (p72).