ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCE THE MALTESE ISLANDS’ TOURISM PRODUCT

2015 ANOTHER RECORD YEAR IN TOURISM

- TOURIST EXPENDITURE SURGED €1.64 BILLION
- NIGHTS SPENT BY TOURISTS: 1.4 MILLION
- GROWTH: 24.2% IN 3 YEARS

THE TRAVELER is key priority to our inclusive and renewable tourism product. The introduction of the Environmental Contribution is a measure to protect the environment, with all revenue generated from this initiative solely and exclusively directed to upgrade and embellish the local infrastructure in different touristic areas around the Maltese Islands.

The collection of this contribution will start on 1st June 2016. The industry will be refunded 15% of the total contribution for the period of 1st June till 31st October 2016.

ACCOMMODATION

- Payable by all tourists from the age of 18 and over.
- €0.50c per person for each night spent on the Maltese Islands for types of accommodation, such as hotels, guest houses, hostels, resorts, timeshare & host families, amongst others.
- Capped at a maximum of €5 for each continuous stay.

TOURISM PRODUCT

20% INCREASE FROM 2012 TO 2015
ANOTHER RECORD YEAR IN TOURISM

MALTA REGISTERED 1.8 MILLION INBOUND TOURISTS
AN INCREASE OF 24.2% IN 3 YEARS

€1.64 BILLION TOURISM EXPENDITURE
SURPASSED A RAISE OF 7.5% OVER THAT REGISTERED IN 2014

TOURISM PRODUCT

Responsibility for collecting the contribution from guests and passing it on to Government will lie upon hoteliers, other accommodation providers, self-catering establishments and the Department of Inland Revenue.

The contribution must be charged separately and will not be included in the room rate charged. This will ensure increased transparency and traceability and will avoid the charge being subjected to commissions, tour operator margins and VAT.

All accommodation service providers will be provided with various information on the mechanism of collecting the contribution and how to pass it on to the Department of Inland Revenue.

The contribution will apply to all guest stays starting after 1 June 2016.

- The 1st return will cover a 5-month period to 31 October 2016
- The 2nd return will cover a 2-month period to 31 December 2016
- From 2017, returns will be submitted every 3 months