

Summits on the Air

Malta (9H)

Association Reference Manual



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Change Control

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01-Jun-10	1.1	Corrections to GO-001 due to more accurate maps becoming available
01-Aug-10	1.2	New Association Manager appointed

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1 Association Reference Data

Association	Malta (9H)
Commencement date	01 April 2010
Regions	Island of Malta.....MA-xxx Island of Gozo.....GO-xxx
Association parameters ¹	
Summit operation criteria	Operation must be within 25m vertically of the summit
Band 1, score 1 point	All summits
Seasonal bonus	None
Association sponsored awards	None
Association Manager	Robin Harris - 9H4RH

1.1 Programme derivation

SOTA-Malta is an extension of similar programmes already active in other countries.

Summits are identified on the basis of prominence above surrounding terrain (in this case the Mediterranean Sea), which must be a minimum of 150 metres.

1.2 General information

Regions are based on individual islands.

1.3 Maps and navigation

Maps of the Maltese archipelago are readily obtainable. The summits are easily accessible by road for those with a car, and by public transport using the comprehensive network of picturesque buses.

1.4 Safety considerations

Before activating Maltese summits, always check the weather forecast. Just because it is an idyllic Mediterranean island does not mean that the weather cannot spring a surprise. Remember that it can get **extremely** hot in the summer months, so be sure to take adequate precautions to avoid sitting in direct strong sunlight for too long. Ensure that you have a supply of drinking water for any extended stay on the summit to prevent dehydration.

¹ See General Rules for parameter definitions

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1.5 Foreign visitors to Malta

The CEPT Licensing system does not apply to visitors to Malta. Visiting radio amateurs will need to apply for a licence in advance, or upon arrival. Details of how to apply may be found at <http://www.9h1mrl.org> and the callsign issued will be in the 9H3 series, with the licence being valid for three months.

1.6 Awards

There are no Association-specific awards at the moment.

1.7 Disclaimer

Whilst walking in Malta has no inherent dangers, the SOTA Management Team and their associates assume no responsibility for accidents. Each participant does so at his or her own risk, and must decide, on the basis of their own ability, whether an objective is achievable. The listing of a summit in the reference does not mean that it is easy to reach, and it is always worth seeking local advice for all but the simplest of expeditions.

2 Summit Reference Data

2.1 Region Reference – Island of Malta

Association	Malta (9H)
Region	Island of Malta (9H/MA-xxx)
Region manager	Refer to Association Manager

2.1.1 Regional notes

Malta is the largest, and most populated, island in the Maltese archipelago. The only SOTA summit lies in the south-western part of the island, near the village of Dingli, just two kilometres from the town of Rabat. The plateau provides not only open sea views over the tiny, uninhabited isle of Filfla, but also an excellent vantage point over Malta.

2.1.2 Table of summits

Ref. no.	Peak	Height		Prom	Lat	Long	Available		Pts
		[m]	[ft]				since	until	
9H/MA-001	Ta'Dmejrek	253	830	253	35.8528	14.3835	1 Apr 2010		1

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2.2 Region Reference – Island of Gozo

Association	Malta (9H)
Region	Island of Gozo (9H/GO-xxx)
Region manager	Refer to Association Manager

2.2.1 Regional notes

Gozo is the second-largest island in the Maltese archipelago. It can be reached by the frequent ferry service from the port of Ċirkewwa in north-west Malta, and, rather more expensively, by seaplane from Valletta harbour. The single summit lies about two kilometres west of the principal city of Victoria.

2.2.2 Table of summits

Ref. no.	Peak	Height		Prom	Lat	Long	Available		Pts
		[m]	[ft]				since	until	
9H/GO-001	Ta'Dbiegi	194	636	194	36.0521	14.2130	1 Apr 2010		1