

Putting the interest of Valletta first

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Having enjoyed our first cruise last summer to the Baltic capitals such as Oslo, Stockholm et al, I was amazed they all had an al-most free or very cheap shuttle/coach service into the heart of the capital.

This was great for the many people who travel in groups but can't always afford an excursion or indeed don't want what the excursion offers.

Why haven't we got this here yet? Why does Valletta have to rely on paid-for excursions? I heard that on one ship lately only a third took an excursion.

What a waste of potential business to our coffee shops and more.

The effects of this recession may be with us for two years or more as unemployment is hitting very hard in Europe.

People who travel are being more careful with their pounds and euros and we should be trying to get business into Valletta instead of investing in a Parliament building and removing car parking, which can only already harm Valletta's precarious shopping trade and attract people elsewhere.

We have certainly come a long way since 1964 but Project Parliament is not putting this country's, much less Valletta's, interests first, 45 years after independence now, is it?

Comments

marika mifsud (2 days, 2 hours ago)

Bus no. 198 is a regular scheduled bus (circular) and costs just eur 1 to take folk from the passenger terminal to bus terminal. You can also walk through the tunnel to the car park and take the lift up to street level.

If the poster went to Livorno on a cruise he would be amazed at the confusion that reigns. You have to take a shuttle to get out of the port , as the ship docks at the equivalent of our Freeport. Cruise Lines sometimes subsidise fares - but often the fare is eur 11 (return) and drops you off in town - you have to get another bus or cab to the train station

Erin Ciantar (2 days, 3 hours ago)

Baltic?? Really??

P. Montebello (2 days, 5 hours ago)

Ms Micallef, There was no need to go to the Baltic Capitals to find out that there is a public transport service from the Valletta waterfront to Valletta terminal. And, if I'm not mistaken, this service runs along also when no ships are scheduled to enter our port.