



Sail Smoothly to Malta: Your Ultimate Boat Transport Guide Choosing Your Course: Exploring Boat Transportation Options to Malta

Transporting your boat to Malta involves several options, each with its own set of advantages and considerations.

- 1) Genoa to Palermo by GNV Ferries then Pozzallo to Malta by Virtu Ferries
- 2) Sicily to Malta by Virtu Ferries
- 3) Genoa to Malta by Grimaldi RoRo Service
- 4) By Container Service
- 5) By Road Haulage Service

Here's a brief overview to help you decide:

Option 1 : Genoa to Palermo by GNV Ferries then Pozzallo to Malta By Virtu Ferries

This option involves two ferry transfers. First, you would transport your boat from Genoa to Palermo using GNV Ferries. From Palermo, you would then transfer to a Virtu Ferry to complete the journey to Malta. This route is suitable if you're starting from Northern Italy and prefer to travel via Sicily.

- **Pros:** Offers a scenic route through the Mediterranean. Suitable for those who want to combine transportation with a bit of travel and sightseeing.
- **Cons:** More time-consuming due to the two-leg journey and potential wait times between ferries.

Step 1

Genova to
Palermo Ferry
20hr



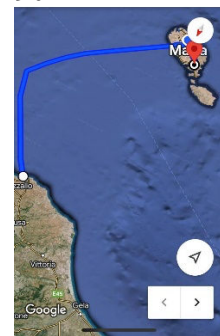
Step 2

Palermo to Pozzallo Driving
3hr



Step 3

Pozzallo to
Malta Fast Ferry
90 min



Ferry companies to get to Malta in this way are:

- 1) Step 1 – www.gnv.it
- 2) Step 3 - <https://www.virtuferries.com/>

Option 2 – Reggio Calabria to Messina to Pozzallo

At Genoa instead of hopping onto the Ferry as per Option 1, drive down all the way to Villa San Giovanni Harbour in Reggio Calabria (total distance is 1200km) that will take you around 12 hours of driving. Hop on a ferry that crosses to Messina in Sicily on a trip which will take around 30 minutes. There are ferry crossings at approximately every 30 minutes. Once in Messina, Sicily drive down to Pozzallo and get on the Virtu Ferry for the final trip to Malta that is 90 minutes long.

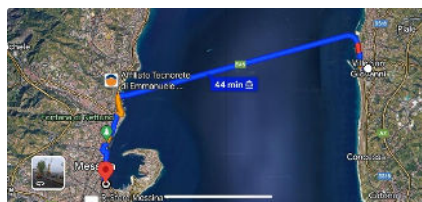
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Genova to Villa San Giovanni Driving
12hrs



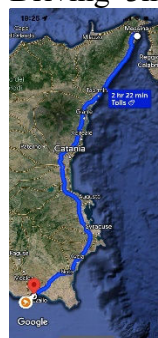
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San Giovanni to Messina Ferry
30 min



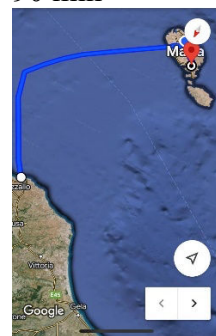
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Messina to Pozzallo Driving
3hrs



Step 4

Pozzallo to Malta Fast Ferry
90 min



Getting to Malta this way:

- 1) Step 1 – Driving
- 2) Step 2 – Ferry fee to be bought from departure harbour
- 3) Step 3 – Driving
- 4) Step 4 - <https://www.virtuferries.com/>

Option 3 – RORO Service Genoa to Malta

Another option is the RORO service from Genoa to Malta, a service is offered by Grimaldi Line. Grimaldi's Roll-on/Roll-off (RoRo) service is designed for vehicles, including boats on trailers. This direct service from Genoa to Malta is an excellent choice for hassle-free transportation. The trip takes around 28hrs for the boats to reach Malta. This service is a commercially operated service, therefore only boats will be allowed onboard and will be considered as cargo. You will then meet your boat in Malta.



- **Pros:** Roll-on/roll-off (RoRo) services are streamlined for boats on trailers, making this a convenient option for easy loading and unloading.
- **Cons:** May be more expensive than other ferry services, and schedules might be less frequent.

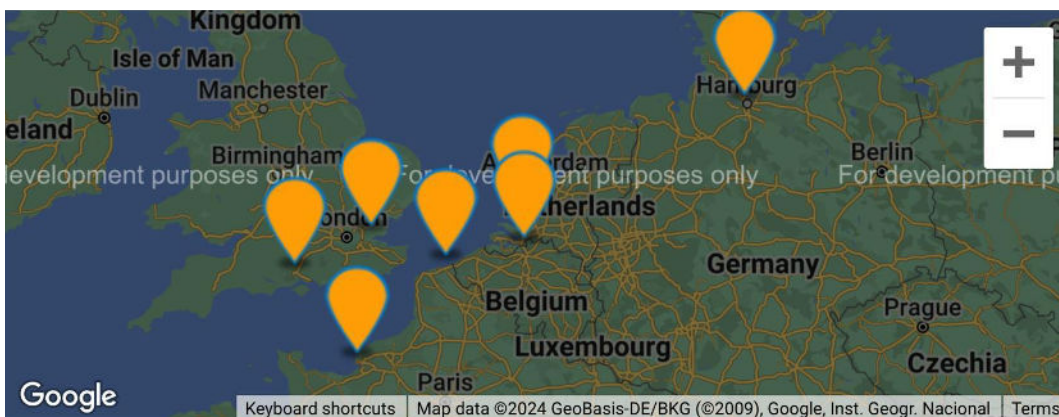
Grimaldi lines can be contacted via their website <https://www.grimaldi-lines.com/en/>

Option 4 - Container Service by Sea

Malta is also very well connected with container service by sea. This method involves placing your boat inside a shipping container, which is then loaded onto a cargo ship. This is a secure and protected way to transport your boat. However, it's essential to note that size limitations apply, and not all boats will fit into standard shipping containers.

There are several possibilities exist for your journey, with the following being some of the ports you can choose from:

Services from North Europe to Malta



Service from the Med to Malta



All major Shipping Lines work to Malta, namely CMA CGM, MSC, Maersk



Option 5 – Road Haulage Service

We also have a good network of road trailer services with mainland Europe and the UK. One could opt for this service, but it will be expensive.

If your boat is on a trailer, road haulage is another option. This involves hiring a specialized vehicle to tow your boat overland to Malta. This method provides flexibility in terms of departure times and locations but can be more expensive and subject to road conditions and regulations.

For further assistance and guidance, please contact the organising committee as per below:

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