



PARKER RUSSELL INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REGIONAL EUROPEAN FORUM 2026

**3 & 4 SEPTEMBER 2026
FLORIANA, MALTA**

Welcome Statement

Dear Esteemed Members,

We are delighted to invite you to the Parker Russell Annual European Forum 2026, taking place in Malta at the Grand Hotel Excelsior on the 3 September 2026.

Located beside the historic town of Floriana, the venue offers stunning harbour views and easy access to Valletta's rich history, cultural landmarks, gardens and a vibrant Mediterranean atmosphere.

Event Overview:

The Parker Russell European Regional Forum 2026 will provide a unique opportunity for all members of the European Region to come together, share knowledge and collaborate on key topics that are shaping the future of our industry. The forum will be focused on several important areas of discussion, including:

- **Regional Strategic Updates:** A review of the current and future direction of Parker Russell's network in Europe, focusing on key growth opportunities and market trends.
- **Innovation and Technology in Accounting:** Exploring how technology is transforming the accounting and audit industries and what tools are essential for staying competitive.
- **Regulatory and Compliance Challenges:** An in-depth discussion of the evolving regulatory landscape in Europe and how firms can ensure they remain compliant with the latest standards and requirements.
- **Networking and Collaboration:** Interactive discussions designed to promote cross-border cooperation, share best practices and develop long-term professional relationships across the Parker Russell network.

In addition to the discussions and presentations, there will be social activities and networking opportunities, allowing members to engage in informal exchanges and strengthen professional connections.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Arthur Turner, Managing Partner of Parker Russell Turner for hosting this event and we are looking forward to welcoming you all to Malta for what promises to be a productive and enjoyable regional forum.

In the meantime, please begin planning your attendance. Kindly complete the attendance form and return to **Joy Griffiths** on jgriffiths@parkerrussell.co.uk as well as **Daphne Ann Azzopardi** on daphne@prturner.com.mt and **Arthur Douglas Turner** on arthur@prturner.com.mt

We very much look forward to seeing you in Malta!

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the event or need assistance with visa letters etc please feel free to contact Joy Griffiths, Daphne Ann Azzopardi or Arthur Douglas Turner.

Warm regards,

Arthur Douglas Turner
Managing Partner
Parker Russell Turner (Malta)

Fabio Cosmai
VP of Europe
Parker Russell International

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Conference Agenda

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 17:45 Conference

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

20:00 – Dinner

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

3 Cities (Cospicua, Senglea and Vittoriosa) and Blue Grotto in Qrendi

DRESS CODE

Conference - Business Suit

Dinner - Smart casual or business suit

Excursion – Smart Casual

* Agenda is subject to change

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09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00 Introduction & Welcome from host – Mr Arthur Douglas Turner, Parker Russell Turner

10:00 – 10:30 Presentation from Mr Fabio Cosmai, Parker Russell Italia and VP of Europe

10:30 – 11:00 New member presentation

11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee Break**

11:20 – 11:50 Presentation

11:50 – 12:20 Presentation

12:20 – 12:50 Presentation

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 14:40 External Presentation

14:40 – 15:10 New member presentation

15:10 – 15:30 Presentation

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 16:40 External Presentation

16:40 – 17:00 Presentation

17:00 – 17:30 President's Address - Mr Jason Parker, Parker Russell International

17:30 – 17:45 Closing comments

20:00 – Dinner

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FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Excursion to the Famous 3 Cities and Blue Grotto.

The “Three Cities” are a historic trio of fortified harbor towns across the Grand Harbour from Valletta in Malta. They are:

- Birgu (also called Vittoriosa)
- Bormla (also called Cospicua)
- Isla (also called Senglea)

These cities are among the oldest and most historically important parts of Malta. Before Valletta was built in the 16th century, Birgu was the main center of political and maritime activity.

Birgu

Birgu is the oldest and most famous of the Three Cities. It became the base of the Knights Hospitaller after they arrived in Malta in 1530. During the Great Siege of Malta, Birgu played a crucial defensive role against the Ottoman Empire.

Today, it is known for:

- Narrow medieval streets
- Historic palaces and churches
- The marina and waterfront
- Fort St. Angelo, one of Malta’s most important forts

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Bormla

Bormla sits between Birgu and Isla and historically developed as a dockyard and residential area linked to maritime trade. It suffered heavy damage during World War II because of its strategic harbour location.

Today, Bormla is quieter and more residential, but still full of:

- Traditional Maltese architecture
- Dockyard history
- Waterfront promenades
- Local community life

Isla

Isla was fortified by the Knights and named after Grand Master Claude de la Sengle, which is why it is also called Senglea. The city occupies a narrow peninsula with excellent views of the Grand Harbour.

It is known for:

- Strong fortifications
- Scenic bastions and viewpoints
- The small but charming historic centre
- Safe Haven Gardens overlooking the harbour

Why they are important

The Three Cities are often described as the “birthplace of modern Malta” because they were central to:

- The Knights’ rule
- Maritime trade
- Naval defence
- Maltese resistance during major conflicts

Compared with Valletta, they usually feel quieter, more authentic, and more residential, while still offering deep history and beautiful harbour views.

The Blue Grotto is one of Malta’s most famous natural attractions, located on the island’s south coast near Wied iż-Żurriq. It consists of a large sea arch and a network of sea caves carved into the limestone cliffs by centuries of wave action.

What makes it special is the way sunlight reflects off the white seabed and cave walls, creating brilliant shades of blue, turquoise, and emerald in the water. The colours are usually most vivid in the morning, especially between sunrise and early afternoon.

Visitors can:

- Take a traditional boat trip from Wied iż-Żurriq to explore the caves (weather permitting).
- Enjoy panoramic views from the roadside viewpoint above the grotto.
- Go snorkeling, diving, or photography around the surrounding coastline.

The boat tours typically last about 20–30 minutes and operate daily when sea conditions are calm.

Since you’re in Malta, it’s an easy half-day trip and pairs well with a visit to the nearby UNESCO-listed Haġar Qim and Mnajdra Temples.

The destination

Malta, an island nation located in the heart of the Mediterranean, is one of Europe's most historically rich and strategically significant countries. Despite its small size, Malta plays an outsized role in regional tourism, finance, and international connectivity, combining a deep cultural heritage with a modern, outward-looking economy.



Positioned between Southern Europe and North Africa, Malta has long served as a crossroads of civilisations. This strategic location continues to shape its importance today, particularly in trade, logistics, and international business. Malta International Airport, located near Luqa, is the country's primary aviation hub and a key gateway linking Europe with North Africa and the Middle East, supporting both tourism and commercial activity.

Tourism remains a cornerstone of Malta's economy, driven by its warm climate, crystal-clear waters, and exceptional historical sites. Visitors are drawn year-round to UNESCO World Heritage locations such as Valletta, the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, and the ancient temples of Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra. Coastal destinations, Blue Flag beaches, and a thriving hospitality sector have positioned Malta as a premium Mediterranean destination, appealing to both leisure travellers and luxury tourism markets.

Malta's ports, including the Malta Freeport, play a vital role in international trade and maritime services. The Freeport is one of the Mediterranean's leading transshipment hubs, reinforcing the country's importance in global shipping and logistics. Ongoing investment in port infrastructure and maritime services continues to strengthen Malta's position as a regional centre for shipping, yachting, and marine-related industries.

Beyond tourism, Malta has successfully diversified its economy. The country is a well-established hub for financial services, gaming, blockchain technology, and digital innovation. A robust regulatory framework, competitive tax environment, and English-speaking workforce have attracted multinational companies, start-ups, and entrepreneurs from across the globe.

Education and skills development also play an increasingly important role. Malta hosts several higher education institutions and international schools, supporting a multicultural population and a skilled labour force. This has contributed to the growth of knowledge-based industries and reinforced Malta's appeal as a destination for expatriates and digital nomads.

Connectivity across the islands is supported by an extensive road network, while ferry services link Malta with Gozo and provide international connections to mainland Europe. Continued investment in infrastructure, urban regeneration, and sustainable development reflects the government's focus on long-term economic resilience.

In summary, Malta is a nation where ancient history meets modern ambition. With its strategic location, diversified economy, and strong international outlook, Malta continues to position itself as one of the Mediterranean's most dynamic and attractive countries for tourism, investment, and long-term growth.

The venue and accommodation



Grand Hotel Excelsior

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ROOM RATE

Please note that we have agreed a preferential room rate at the Grand Hotel Excelsior of **€220 per night based on Single room (Bed and Breakfast)** and **€240 per night based on Double room (bed and breakfast)** excluding eco TAX.

* We encourage all guests to stay at the Grand Hotel Excelsior. In addition to the preferential room rate, they have also offered a deal on the meeting room, provided all our guests take accommodation at the hotel.

For booking kindly send an email to corporate@excelsior.com.mt and quote: **PRI Regional 2026**

The venue and accommodation

CHECK-IN AND OUT TIMES

Grand Hotel Excelsior, offers the following check-in and check-out times:

Check-in: from 15:00 (3:00pm)

Check-out: by 12:00 (noon)

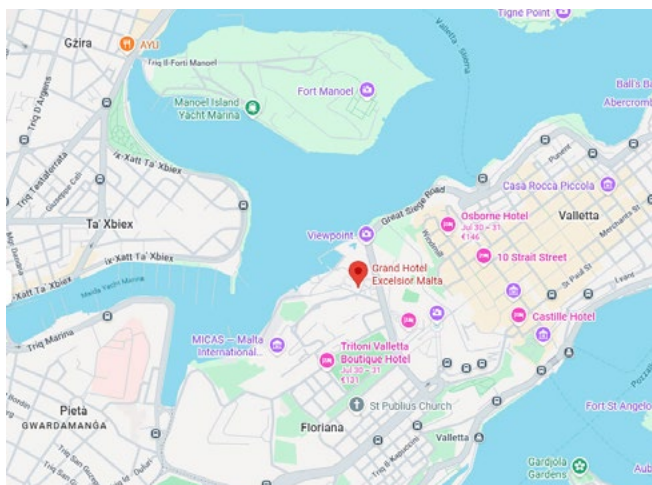
If you anticipate arriving earlier or departing later, it's advisable to contact the hotel in advance to inquire about the possibility of early check-in or late check-out, as these options are subject to availability and may incur additional charges.

GETTING TO THE GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR

Getting to the Grand Hotel Excelsior from Malta International Airport is straightforward, with several convenient transport options available.

TAXI

Taxis are readily available at the airport and offer a direct, comfortable and a quite affordable journey to the hotel. The ride typically takes around 20 mins, depending on traffic. Fares are metered, but it's advisable to confirm the approximate cost with the driver before departing.



Things to do

Malta is a captivating Mediterranean destination that seamlessly blends ancient history with vibrant island life. From fortified cities and prehistoric temples to scenic coastlines and lively harbour towns, Malta offers a diverse and rewarding experience. Whether you are passionate about history, eager to explore nature, or simply looking to enjoy excellent food and sunshine, Malta has something for every visitor.

TO VIEW

Valletta

Malta's capital city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Valletta is filled with grand Baroque architecture, historic streets, and panoramic views. Highlights include St John's Co-Cathedral and the Upper Barrakka Gardens overlooking the Grand Harbour.



Mdina (The Silent City)

A beautifully preserved medieval city set on a hilltop, Mdina offers narrow streets, historic palaces, and breathtaking views across the island. Its peaceful atmosphere and timeless charm make it one of Malta's most iconic locations.

Marsaxlokk

Marsaxlokk is a traditional fishing village in the southeast of Malta, famous for its colorful fishing boats called luzzus and its Sunday fish market.

The Marsaxlokk Fish Market is one of the best-known local markets in Malta. Fishermen sell fresh seafood caught overnight, including tuna, swordfish, octopus, prawns, and local fish such as lampuki (mahi-mahi), especially during the fishing season.

Besides seafood, the market also includes:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Maltese products and sweets
- Souvenirs and crafts
- Clothes and household items

The market is busiest on Sunday mornings, when both locals and tourists visit for fresh fish, waterfront dining, and the lively atmosphere along the harbor promenade. Many nearby restaurants buy fresh catch directly from the market and serve traditional Maltese seafood dishes.



Haġar Qim & Mnajdra Temples

These remarkable prehistoric temples date back over 5,000 years and are among the oldest free-standing structures in the world, offering insight into Malta's ancient civilisation.

Things to do



Blue Grotto

Blue Grotto is a famous sea cave system on the southern coast of Malta, near the village of Qrendi. It is known for its crystal-clear water and the bright blue reflections created by sunlight inside the caves.

The Blue Grotto is actually a group of natural caves carved into the cliffs by the sea over thousands of years. The most famous cave has a large arch rising above the water, creating one of Malta's most photographed coastal views.

Visitors usually:

- Take small boat tours into the caves
- Enjoy swimming and snorkeling in calm weather
- View the cliffs and sea from the panoramic lookout above

The colors are most vivid in the morning, when sunlight reflects through the water and lights up the caves in shades of blue and turquoise. The area is also popular for diving because of its underwater rock formations and marine life.

The Three Cities (Vittoriosa, Senglea & Cospicua)

Rich in maritime history, these fortified towns offer picturesque harbours, historic churches, and a glimpse into Malta's past as a naval stronghold.

TO BUY

Maltese Glass

Handcrafted and brightly coloured, Maltese glass is one of the island's most popular souvenirs, available in workshops and shops across Malta and Gozo.



Filigree Jewellery

Traditional Maltese filigree jewellery, often in silver or gold, features intricate designs influenced by centuries of Mediterranean craftsmanship.

Local Food Products

Look for local honey, olive oil, capers, sun-dried tomatoes, and traditional sweets such as qubbajt (nougat).

Cactus Liqueur (Bajtra)

Made from prickly pear, this uniquely Maltese liqueur is a popular gift and a distinctive taste of the islands.

Art & Handicrafts

Local artists offer ceramics, paintings, and handmade crafts inspired by Malta's landscapes and heritage, particularly in Valletta and Mdina.

Things to do

TO TASTE

Maltese cuisine reflects a blend of Mediterranean influences, combining Italian, North African, and traditional island flavours with hearty, home-style cooking.

Pastizzi

A beloved Maltese snack, these flaky pastries are filled with ricotta or mushy peas and are enjoyed at any time of day.

Rabbit Stew (Fenkata)

Considered Malta's national dish, rabbit slow-cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs is a must-try traditional meal.

Fresh Seafood

Enjoy locally caught fish, octopus, and lampuki (seasonal dolphin fish) at seaside restaurants, particularly in fishing villages such as Marsaxlokk.

Ftira

A traditional Maltese bread often filled with tuna, olives, capers, tomatoes, and olive oil – simple, fresh, and full of flavour.

Maltese Coffee & Desserts

Finish your meal with strong coffee and local sweets such as imqaret (date-filled pastries) or kannoli, reflecting Malta's sweet culinary heritage.



Useful information

TIME ZONE

Malta operates on Central European Time (CET) – UTC/GMT +1, and during the summer months (late March to late October) observes Central European Summer Time (CEST) – UTC/GMT +2.

VISA

Visitors from the European Union do not require a visa to enter Malta. Nationals from many other countries may enter visa-free for short stays, but it is important to check with the Maltese embassy or consulate in your country before travelling.

TIPPING

Tipping in Malta is customary but not mandatory. A 5–10% tip in restaurants is appreciated if service is not included. For taxis, rounding up the fare is common, and small tips for hotel staff are welcomed.

TELEPHONE

- Malta country code: +356
- Emergencies: 112 (EU-wide emergency number)
- Police: 112
- Ambulance: 112
- Fire Department: 112

CURRENCY

The official currency in Malta is the Euro (€).

ELECTRICS

Malta uses the British-style three-pin plug (Type G), 230V, 50Hz. Visitors from mainland Europe or other regions may need an adapter.

BANKS/CREDIT CARDS

Banks in Malta are generally open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, with some branches offering limited hours on Saturdays.

ATMs are widely available, and most major credit and debit cards (Visa, Mastercard, etc.) are accepted in shops, restaurants, and hotels.

Confirmation

To: **Joy Griffiths** jgriffiths@parkerrussell.co.uk , **Daphne Ann Azzopardi** daphne@prturner.com.mt and **Arthur Douglas Turner** arthur@prturner.com.mt

From:

Email:

Re: Annual European Forum 2026: Thursday 3 September 2026, Malta

YES NO

I will attend the Annual European Forum on Thursday 3 September 2026:

I will attend the Dinner Thursday 3 September 2026:

My partner will accompany me to the dinner:

Diet requirements for myself and/or my partner:

YES NO

I will attend the Excursion on Friday 4 September 2026 :

My Partner will accompany me to the Excursion:

I require accommodation at the Grand Hotel Excelsior on the following dates:

Wednesday 2 September 2026:

Thursday 3 September 2026:

Friday 4 September 2026:

Saturday 5 September 2026:

Additional requirements or comments:

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