

## **Introduction**

Popeye Village, also known as Sweethaven Village was built as the film set of the 1980 Musical Production 'Popeye' produced by Paramount Pictures and Walt Disney Productions. It is located in Anchor Bay, just three kilometres from the village of Mellieha and was constructed in 1979. The village consists of nineteen wooden buildings. Filming for the musical production commenced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 1980. Today, the film set has been converted into a tourist attraction and is open to the public as an open-air museum and a family entertainment complex all throughout the year.

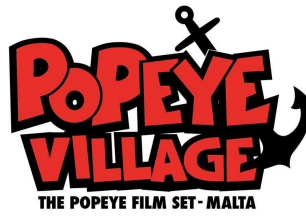
## **Pre-arrival services and information**

Promotional material is distributed to all the Malta Tourism Authority offices around Malta and Gozo and can also be found in all bucket shops in tourist areas such as Valletta, Sliema and Bugibba. We also have two agents who distribute promotional material in all hotels around Malta as well as in rental apartments too.

Wheelchair users and people with impaired mobility can be driven down to the film set to avoid the steep ramp. Suitcases and buggies can be left at reception to be kept in a store whilst one explores the film set.

Should the refrigeration of medication be required please address reception who will store it.

Small dogs are allowed to accompany their owner as long as they are on a leash at all times.



There are a few restrictions to use the facilities for people who cannot stay in the sun for long periods of time because the film set is mainly outdoors. The film set might also be seen as infringing for people with mobility issues due to the steep ramps and stairs all over the film set.

Prices can be found online via the Popeye Village website: [www.popeyemalta.com](http://www.popeyemalta.com)

### **Opening Hours:**

Winter (Nov- Feb): 10.30am-4.30pm

Spring & Autumn (Mar- Jun, Sep-Oct): 10.30am-5.30pm

Summer (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August) 10.00am-6.00pm

### **Contact information:**

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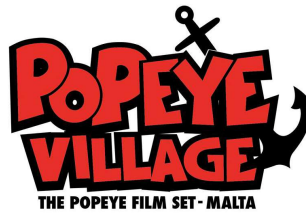
### **Transport & parking**

#### **By car:**

Drive towards Mellieha and follow the signs to Anchor Bay and Popeye Village – direction towards Ghadira Bay (Mellieha Bay).

There is a gravel car park which offers plenty of parking spaces and is wheelchair accessible.

There is ample parking available that is only meters away from the reception booth.



**By bus:**

The film set can also be reached by public transport. Take any of the following buses to (Ghadira) Mellieha Bay or Cirkewwa: X1, X1A, 41, 42, 49, 101, 221, 222 or 250. From Ghadira Bay take the bus number 101 to Mgarr which stops at Popeye Village.

A bus stop can be found just outside the premises' gate.

If needed, taxis can be booked at reception from a local taxi company. In peak periods taxis can usually be found by the reception booth too.

**Inside the building (entrance, reception, ticketing area etc.)**

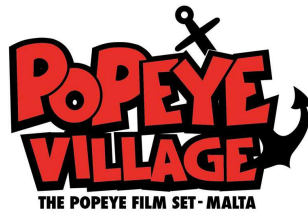
The main entrance and ticket area are accessible by means of 3 steps or a ramp. After purchasing tickets there are five steps which are approximately 6 inches high and a ramp. The film set is accessible to all by means of a steep ramp or 30 steps which are roughly 4 inches each in height.

One must climb an average of 10 steps to enter a number of the wooden houses.

Maps are available and given to visitors at reception to allow guests to be able to explore the film set. There is also clear and pictorial signage throughout to direct visitors.

The reception desk is of around 1 meter in height and there is a small bench for seating.

Every wooden house has fire extinguishers.



Since the film set is mainly outdoors, lighting is not needed during the day as we make use of the natural sunlight. Dim lighting can be found inside each of the wooden houses. Bright light can be found in other indoor places such as the reception area and public toilets.

The flooring all over the film set is wooden or paved. Wooden benches and handrails are available along the pathway throughout the film set.

Since flooring is paved or wooden, it does get a little slippery in the rain.

### **Exhibits and interpretation**

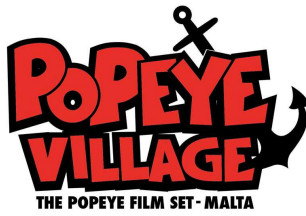
Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the premises for all our guests.

Verbal interpretation is available at reception or through one of the many daily guided tours by the Animation department along the film set explaining briefly the vision of the film set of the director of the 1980 movie.

Graphic interpretation is available on maps and printed material in the form of signage all along the film set which is always printed in font sizes of 14-20.

Audio interpretation is available by animators on the PA system during announcements and shows. A documentary is played on loop at the Cinema explaining how the filmset was built as well as the original movie is played continuously in the comic museum.

Information is available on information and display boards.



### **Public Toilets**

There are public conveniences located in both the upper part and lower part of the complex. One may find 3 male and 3 female conveniences located in the upper part of the complex and 8 female and 5 male public conveniences in the lower part of the complex these are via a 60cm wide door. Both the male and female conveniences all contain baby changing facilities. There is one wheelchair accessible toilet in the lower part of the complex and all the toilets located in the upper complex are wheelchair accessible.

The type of flooring in the toilets is non-slip tiles.

### **Catering Outlets**

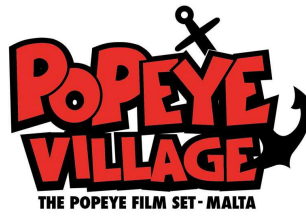
Location within the property

There are three catering outlets on the premises.

One catering outlet can be found at the top part of the complex. This is a Diner which has both indoor and outdoor seating facilities. It also hosts Malta's largest jump around game for children.

A snack bar is available on the film set which again has both indoor and outdoor dining facilities as well as verandas facing Anchor Bay.

In summer there is also a small bar on the Bay which serves as an ice-cream parlour, beverages and also serves light snacks. It is also overlooking Anchor Bay.



Tables in each catering outlet are all movable and each have a cashier service. The menus are available in English, clearly indicating all ingredients in each dish in font size 14.

All the catering outlets are wheelchair accessible and they provide gluten free options upon request. Thick handled cutlery is also available.

### **Future Plans**

The village is constantly being upgraded in order to improve its tourist attraction. At the moment the film set is under going a project to transform all of the wooden houses into an attraction – at the moment final work is being carried out on the Robin Williams memorial museum.

Access information on website found at: <https://popeyemalta.com/about-us.html>