



## **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 two miles 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 3, 4 and 5 star hotels.

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 and water cups may be provided for them upon request.



There are a few restrictions to use the facilities for people who can't stay in the sun for long periods of time because the film set is mainly outdoors. The film set also restricts people with mobility problems 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): 9.30am-4.30pm

Spring & Autumn (Mar- Jun, Sep-Oct): 9.30am-5.30pm

Summer (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August) 9.30am-7.00pm

**Contact information:**

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**Telephone Number:** (+356) 2152 4782 / 3 / 4

**Transport & parking**

Transport is available and must be reserved via telephone at least a day in advance.

Transport fees – including return: Adults €6.50, Children under the age of 12: €5.50 and Children under the age of 2: Free.

Transport can be scheduled from any hotel in Malta – all we require is that it is booked at least 1 day in advance and we will inform the guest what time will pick up occur on the day of their visit. Should they live in an apartment or other establishments, pick up will occur from the closest hotel or tourist attraction.

By car:



Drive towards Mellieha and follow the signs to Anchor Bay and Popeye Village.

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

### **Rear Access**

How far is the parking area from the attraction?

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

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.

If needed, taxis can be booked at reception from a local taxi company.

### **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 14 steps to enter most of the wooden houses.

Maps are available at reception to allow visitors 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 isn't 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 a guide at the top of the film set explaining briefly the vision of the film set of the director of the 1980 movie and animators available on the film set.

Graphic interpretation is available on maps and printed material which is always printed in font sizes of 14-20.

Audio interpretation is available in the music room and by animators on the PA system.

Information is available on information and display boards.



Computers are available in the comic room.

The only restrictions to viewing any of the exhibits are that the music room has 35 steps to enter and the comic room has 5 steps to enter desks which are 80cm high to make use of computers.

### **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.

There is also a small bar in the film set which serves as an ice-cream parlour, a cocktail bar and also serves small snacks. It is also overlooking Anchor Bay.

Tables in each catering outlet are all movable and each have a waiter service.

The menus are available in both English and Italian, clearly indicating all ingredients in each dish in font size 14.

All the catering outlets are wheelchair accessible and they provide gluten free options.

Thick handled cutlery is also available.

### **Future Plans**

The village is constantly being upgraded in order to improve its tourist attraction. At the moment plans are on the table to set up a modern documentary and a modern cinema.