



THE MALTESE ISLANDS

Tourist Guide



The Mediterranean's best kept secret



Malta
Gozo & Comino



VALLETTA – THE CAPITAL CITY

Malta's capital city is adorned with beautiful baroque buildings and churches. Valletta is a fortified peninsula overlooking Marsamxett Harbour and the Grand Harbour on either side. Panoramic vistas of various parts of the islands, as far as Mdina, can be enjoyed from numerous vantage points.

HERITAGE:

NOTE: Last admission to all museums is 30 minutes before closing time.

St John's Co-Cathedral & Museum:

Triq San Gwann. Originally the conventual church of the Order of the Knights of St John. It is fully adorned with a baroque interior. Mon–Fri: 09.30–16.00. Sat: 09.30–12.00. Tel: +356 21225636.

www.stjohnscocathedral.com

National Museum of Archaeology:

Triq ir-Repubblika. Exhibits prehistoric artefacts and architectural elements from the megalithic sites as well as other prehistoric locations.

Jan–Feb: Open daily 09.00–17.00 (Last adm. at 16.30). March–December: Open daily 09.00–18.00 (last adm. at 17.30hrs). Tel: + 356 21221623.

National Museum of Fine Arts:

CURRENTLY CLOSED (since 3 Oct).

To be relocated to Auberge d'Italie in Merchants Street.

Tel: +356 21225769.

National War Museum & Fort St. Elmo:

Militaria exhibits and much more, dating back to the British period in Malta, especially from World War II.

Opening hours: Winter - Daily 09.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.30); Summer - Daily 09.00 - 18.00 (last adm: 17.30) Tel: +356 21233088.

Grand Master's Palace:

Triq ir-Repubblika. Currently serving as the Office

of the President of Malta. The State Rooms as well as the Armoury are open to the public.

Armoury:

Open daily 09.00–17.00.

Tel: +356 21249349. State rooms: Opening Hours: Mon–Fri: 10.00–16.30 Sat–Sun: 09.00–16.30. Tel: +356 21221221.

Lascaris War Rooms:

The British Operational Headquarters for WWII. Open daily from 10.00–17.00.

Tel: + 356 21800992, + 356 21803091.

www.wirtartna.org

Casa Rocca Piccola:

74 Triq ir-Repubblika. A 16th century privately owned town house adorned with antique furniture and all kinds of collections. Open: Mon–Sat 10.00–16.00. Tel: +356 21221499. www.casaroccapiccola.com

St Paul's Shipwrecked Church:

Triq San Pawl. Entrance from Triq Santa Lucija. Mon–Sat: 09.30–13.00 & 15.00–19.00 Museum: Tel: +356 21223348.

Carmelite Church:

Triq it-Teatru l-Antik.

The Malta Experience:

Triq il-Mediterran. A 45-minute multi-visual show about the history of Malta. Open Mon–Fri: 11.00–16.00; Sat, Sun: 11.00–14.00. Tel: +00 356 21243776. No shows at 14.00 on Sundays between July and September. www.themaltaexperience.com

Malta 5D:

7, Triq l-Ifran. Open Mon–Sat: 09.30–16.30. Sun: 10.00–14.00. Tel: +356 27355001.

Valletta Living History:

Embassy Cinema Complex, Triq Santa Lucija. A 35-minute movie recounting the history of Valletta. Open daily 10.00–15.15. Tel: +356 21222225. www.maltaattraction.com

Knights Hospitallers:

Mediterranean Conference Centre
A walk-through diorama exhibition depicting the Knights' medical role in Malta. opening hours: Nov–June: Mon–Sun: 09.30–16.30
July–Oct: Mon–Sun: 10.30–17.30
Tel: +356 21224135.
www.knightshospitallers.com.mt

Gun Salute:

A Victorian Military Salute at the Upper Barrakka gardens at 12.00 and 16.00.

Malta Postal Museum:

135, Triq l-Arcisqof. Opening hours Mon–Fri: 10.00–16.00. Sat: 10.00–14.00.
Tel: +356 25961750/48

THEATRES

Manoel Theatre:

Triq it-Teatru l-Antik, Valletta. Performances during most evenings from October till May. Audio guides available. Tel: +356 21224515. www.teatrumanoel.com.mt

St James Cavalier:

Castille Square, Valletta. Open daily.

Mediterranean Conference Centre:

Triq il-Mediterran, Valletta.

PROMENADES

Valletta Waterfront:

Grand Harbour view and Marsamxett.

CINEMA

Valletta:

Embassy Cinema Shopping Complex. St. Lucia Str.

Children's Attractions:

Valletta:

Toy Museum. 222, Triq ir-Repubblika. Open Opening Hours Winter: Mon–Fri 10.00–15.00
Summer: Mon–Fri 10.00–16.00
Tel: +356 21251652.



PUBLIC GARDENS

Upper Barrakka and Lower Barrakka Gardens:

Provide a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour and Cottonera area. Fort St Angelo and the Gardjola Bastion spearhead their respective towns of Vittoriosa, on the left, and Senglea, on the right. At noon and at 16.00 the re-enactors' unit fires one of the saluting guns which is situated beneath the viewing gallery. From the Upper Barrakka one may take a lift down to the Valletta Waterfront, and enjoy spectacular 360° views of Malta on the way down.

Hastings Garden:

From this garden one can admire a panoramic view of Marsamxett Harbour, Ta' Xbiex Yacht Marina, Manoel Island, Sliema's urban landscape, Floriana and the hinterland.

Argotti Garden:

Floriana. Discover this garden by exploring its different levels. The garden at street level provides a panoramic view of the island. The

lower level known as St Philip's Garden offers a serene ambience.

Sa Maison Garden:

Floriana. A small garden, nestled in Valletta's outer fortification walls, overlooking Msida and Ta' Xbiex Yacht Marina. It provides a charming atmosphere reminiscent of 19th century British Malta.



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The Three Cities

BIRGU, BORMLA, L-ISLA THE THREE CITIES

The Three Cities enclosed within the Cottonera fortification lines are also known as Vittoriosa (Birgu), Senglea (Isla) and Cospicua (Bormla) respectively. This is the oldest urban part of Malta's harbour area. There are various vantage points from where views can be enjoyed of the Grand Harbour surrounded by some 7 kilometres of fortification.

HERITAGE: THREE CITIES

Fort St. Angelo:

Open Mon–Sun. 09.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.30).

Inquisitor's Palace:

Triq il-Mina il-Kbira, Birgu. The official residence and Inquisitor's Law Court between 1571-1798. Open daily from 09.00–16.30. Tel: +356 21827006.

Malta Maritime Museum:

Birgu Waterfront, Birgu. Housed inside the old Naval Bakery built by the British Military in the 19th century. Open daily from 09.00–17.00. Tel: +356 21860052.

Malta At War Museum and air raid shelters:

Couvre Porte, Birgu. Open Mon–Sun: 10.00–17.00. Tel: +356 21896617. www.wirtartna.org

Fort Rinella:

Ricasoli, limits of Kalkara. A Victorian fort animated by re-enactors. Open Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00 Tel: +356 21809713. www.fortrinella.com

Wickman Maritime Collection:

Xghajra, limits of Żabbar. Visits by appointment, Tel: +00 356 21690254.

Bir Mula Heritage House & Museum:

Bormla. Visits by appointment. Tel: +356 21661000. www.birmula.com

ESPLORA - Interactive Science Centre:

Triq Marina, Kalkara. Mondays closed. opening times Tues-Fri: 09.00-15.00 Sat: 12.00-20.00

Sun & PH: 10:00-18:00 Tel: +356 25401900
www.esplora.org.mt

PAOLA (Raħal Ġdid)

Hal Saflieni Hypogeum:

Triq iċ-Ċimiterji, Paola. An underground burial site dated circa 4,000–2,500BC. Recognised as a World Heritage Site. open 09:00-16:00. By booking only.

Kordin Megalithic Ruins:

Corradino Hill. Tours by appointment. Tel: +00 356 21800992, +356 99499720, +356 21896617, +356 99874153, +356 79041181.

TARXIEN

Tarxien Megalithic Temples:

Triq it-Tempji Neolitici, Tarxien. Prehistoric site dating to circa 4,000-2,500BC. Open daily from 09.00–17.00. Tel: +356 21695578.

ŻABBAR

Our Lady of Graces Parish Museum:

Mediatix Square, Żabbar. Open daily from 9:00-12:00. Tel: +00 356 21824383.

Tal-Grazzja Sanctuary Museum:

Haż-Żabbar. Open daily from 09.00–12.00. Tel: +35621664073.

PROMENADES

Birgu and I-Isla Marina: view of Valletta peninsula.



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Sliema & St. Julians

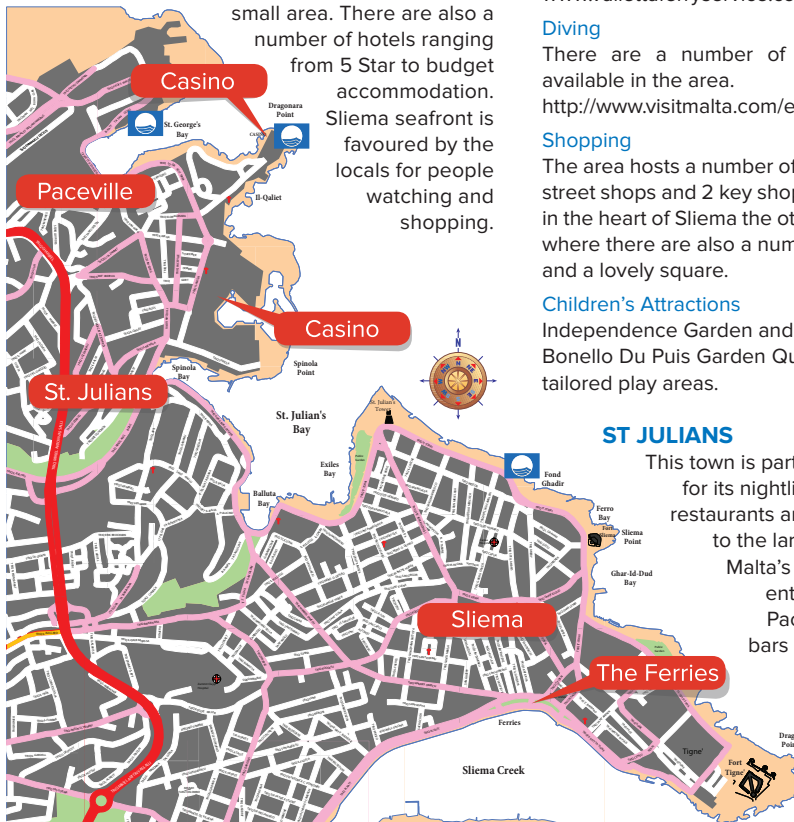
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SLIEMA – ST JULIANS

The area of Sliema, St Julians, and their environs, are a favoured spot for locals and tourists alike due to the mix of things to do, places to stay and eat and the overall vibrancy of the area.

SLIEMA

This town is very cosmopolitan and bustles from morning till late evening due to the numerous, restaurants, bars, cafes and shops concentrated in this relatively small area. There are also a number of hotels ranging from 5 Star to budget accommodation. Sliema seafront is favoured by the locals for people watching and shopping.



THINGS TO DO

Harbour Cruise

There are various companies providing harbour cruises and boat trips departing from Sliema Seafront from the area popularly known as Sliema Ferries. Tickets may be bought on site.

Cross by Ferry to Valletta

Various companies offer water taxi or small ferry crossings to Valletta from the Sliema Ferries for a reasonable fee. www.vallettaferryservice.com

Diving

There are a number of licensed schools available in the area. <http://www.visitmalta.com/en/dive-centres>

Shopping

The area hosts a number of international high street shops and 2 key shopping Centres one in the heart of Sliema the other at Tigne Point, where there are also a number of restaurants and a lovely square.

Children's Attractions

Independence Garden and swings
Bonello Du Puis Garden Qui si Sana with age tailored play areas.

ST JULIANS

This town is particularly renowned for its nightlife, large variety of restaurants and for being home to the larger percentage of Malta's 5 star hotels. The entertainment core is Paceville, with clubs, bars and restaurants to suit all tastes.

History

Compared to other localities St Julians is relatively young,

and the only testament to its age is Palazzo Spinola and the lovely surrounding gardens which play host to a restaurant together with the location of the Westin Dragonara Hotel where one can find the Dragonara Casino. This is housed in the 19th Century palace built by the Marquis Scicluna as his summer residence.

THINGS TO DO

Cinema

The Eden Cinemas – 2 complexes across the road from each other housing 16 cinemas (wheelchair access available, pre-booking necessary).
Tel: +356 2371 0400.
www.edencinemas.com.mt

Bowling

The Eden Super Bowl – 20 lane complex with restaurant and other games.
Tel: +356 2371 0777.
www.edensuperbowl.com

Casinos

To enter casinos in Malta foreigners must be 18 and present a form of identification.

The Dragonara Casino

Tel: +356 2138 2362.
www.dragonaracasino.com

Portomaso Casino

Tel: +356 2138 3777.
www.portomasocasino.com

Casino Malta

Tel: +356 23710555
www.casinomalta.com.mt

Swimming

St George's Bay is a sandy beach and has held Blue flag status since 2010. There are many non specific swimming points off the rocks at various points along the coast.

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Mellieħa:

This once rural village has become a busy tourist town. Its parish church, dedicated to the birth of Our Lady (Maria Bambina), commands a panoramic view of Mellieħa Bay below, together with the islands of Comino and Gozo.

Bugibba, St Paul's Bay and Qawra:

This is one of Malta's main tourist accommodation areas which is attractive in its own right as a promenade and summer residence for both tourists and Maltese.

Mellieħa Bay: (Għadira)

Is Malta's largest sandy beach offering a variety of water sports and sunbathing facilities.

Paradise Bay:

Although a small sandy beach, it offers a variety of beach amenities.

Armier Bay:

A relatively remote, comfortable, small and sandy beach popular with locals and tourists alike.

Anchor Bay:

1km walk from Mellieħa Bay. A small bay with a tiny sandy beach and home to the Sweethaven Village set of Robert Altman's Popeye film (1979). One may enjoy a visit to the film set with a view over the bay.

Wardija and San Martin Ridge:

Two hamlets overlooking Burmarrad and St. Paul's Bay, with panoramic countryside views of the underlying Wardija Valley. Accessible by car but ideal for trekking enthusiasts.

St Paul's Islands:

limits of St Paul's Bay. Two small islets situated off Bugibba. A 19th century statue recalls the traditional belief of St Paul's shipwreck on the island. Boat trips to the islands are available from Bugibba.

Bingemma Heights

A ridge leading to the Victoria Lines fortification

system. Built by the British in the 1890s, it offers a panoramic view of Mġarr, a small farming village. The Heights are accessible by car or leisurely walk from Rabat or Mġarr.

Golden Bay and Ghajn Tuffieħa Bay:

Two beautiful sandy beaches, which are very popular with swimmers.

Gnejna Bay:

(limits of Mġarr) A sandy beach surrounded by clay slopes and rocky cliffs. Best reached by car, or through a 30 minute walk from Mġarr.

Heritage MOSTA**The Rotunda Church:**

Mosta parish church. Built between 1833 -1860. Open Mon–Fri: 9.15–11.45, 15.00–18.00. Sat: 9.15–12.00, 15.00–16.30. Tel: +356 21433826.

MĠARR**Ta' Hāgrat Prehistoric Temple:**

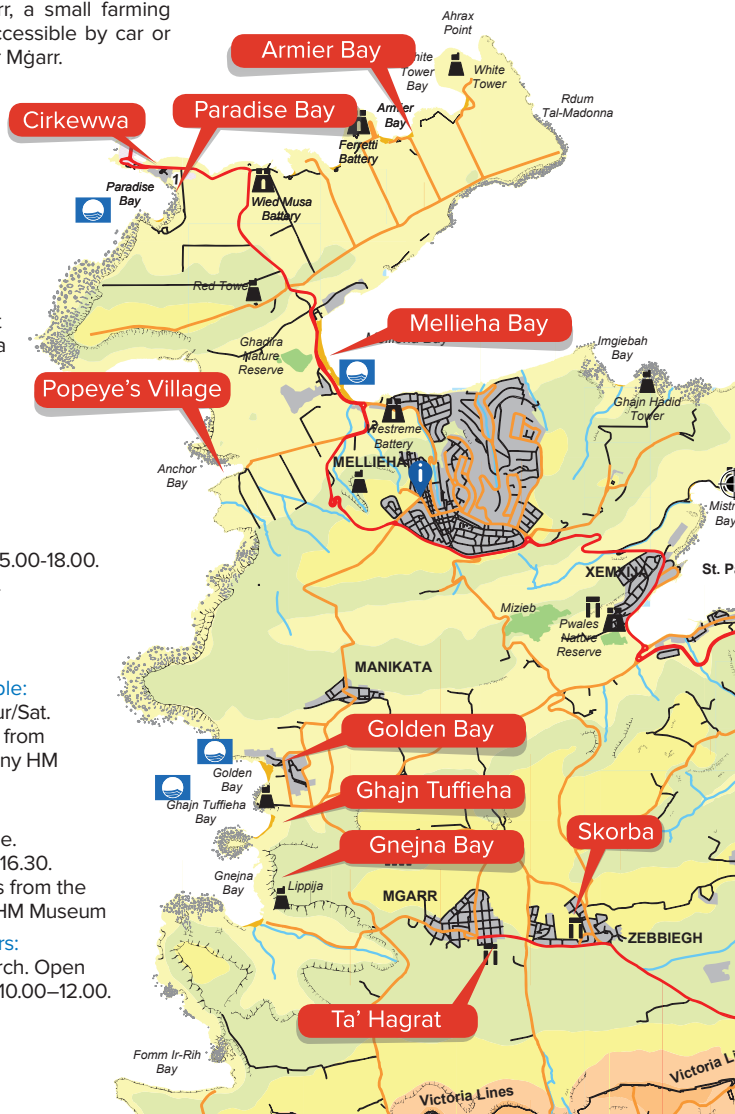
Mġarr: 09.00–16.30. Tue/Thur/Sat. Tel: +356 21239545. Tickets from the Mġarr Local Council or any HM Museum

Skorba:

Żebbiegħ, prehistoric temple. Open Tue/Thur/Sat: 09.00–16.30. Tel: +356 21239545. Tickets from the Mġarr Local Council or any HM Museum

World War II Air Raid Shelters:

situated close to parish church. Open Tue–Sat 09.00–12.00; Sun: 10.00–12.00. Tel: +356 21573235.



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World War II Shelters:

Open Mon-Sat 09:00-15:00

Mellieħa Shrine:

Opening hours: Winter - Daily 08.00–18.00;
Summer - Daily 09.00–19.00.

Mellieħa Sanctuary:

Opening hours: Winter - Daily 08.00–18.00;
Summer - Daily: 08:00-12:00 & 16:00-18:00

ST PAUL'S BAY

Wignacourt Tower:

Opening hours: Mon–Sat & every first Sunday
of the month: 10am–1pm.

TA' QALI

Aviation Museum:

Open daily: 09.00–17.00.
Summer – Open also Sunday: 09.00–13.00.
www.aviationmuseum.com

Crafts Village:

Mon-Fri: 09.00–16.00. Sat: 09.00-12.30.
Tel: +356 2141295.

NAXXAR

Palazzo Parisio:

a unique 18th century Palazzo with a beautiful
garden. Open daily: 09.00–17.00.
Tel: +356 21412461.
www.palazzoparisio.com

ATTRACTIONS

Malta Classic Cars Museum:

Triq it-Turisti, Qawra.
Mon-Fri: 09.30–18.00, Saturday: 9.30–13.30

Malta National Aquarium:

Qawra. Open daily: 10.00–18.00.
Tel: +356 22588100.
www.aquarium.com.mt

CHILDREN'S ATTRACTIONS

Splash and Fun Water Park:

Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq. open daily (from 19th May to
7th October): 09:00-20:00 Tel: +356 21374283.

www.splashandfun.com.mt

Mediterraneo:

Marine park in Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq,
Salina Coast Road. Open: 10.00–17.00
Tel: +356 21372218, +356 21376519.
www.mediterraneo.com.mt

Salina National Park:

Qawra Str. Tel: +356 21575258.

Popeye's Village:

Anchor Bay. Tel: +00 356 21524782-4

Bugibba Waterpark

July-Sept 10:00-19:00

CASINOS

The Oracle Casino:

Qawra. An ID card must be presented.
Admittance only for 18 years and over. Tel:
+356 21570057
www.oraclecasino.com

BIRD SANCTUARIES

Bird Park:

Salina, St Paul's Bay. Summer: Tue-Sun 10:00-
15:00 Sat, Sun & PH: 10.00–17.00.
Tel: +356 9986 8608

Għadira Nature Reserve:

Mellieħa. Open Sat and Sun from November
till May. Tel: +356 2157603. www.birdlifemalta.org/ghadira

Simar Nature Reserve:

St Paul's Bay. Open only on Sundays: 10:00-16:00
from November till May. Tel: +356 2134,
7646/ 7953 8122

CINEMA

Empire Cinema Complex:

Pioneer Road, Buġibba

PROMENADES

St.Paul's Bay via Buġibba to Qawra seafront



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MDINA

Malta's old capital city is characterised by mediaeval as well as baroque architecture. Mdina Cathedral dominates the main square and characterizes the town with its unique skyline. From the city's bastions one can absorb the panoramic view of Malta's north and eastern landscape.

RABAT

Rabat is the historical suburban town of Mdina. It is dotted with catacombs and many historical churches and convents that are worth visiting.

DINGLI CLIFFS

Dingli Cliffs form part of the dramatic landscape of the southern coast of the Maltese Islands. This is the highest area of the Maltese Islands, circa 230 metres above sea level.

BUSKETT GARDENS

A 30-minute walk from Rabat or Dingli, Buskett is the largest tree grove in the Maltese Islands. It surrounds the historic Verdala Castle built, in 1588, by Grand Master Verdalle. The Palace serves as the official summer residence of the President of Malta. Open to the public.

HERITAGE RABAT**St Agatha's Catacombs:**

both situated in Triq Sant' Agata, Rabat. Open: Mon–Fri 09.00–17.00 (Last adm: 16:30), Sat: 09.00–13.00. Tel: +356 21454419. www.stagathamalta.com

Casa Bernard: Triq San Pawl, Rabat. An old house with interesting antique furniture. Tours Mon–Sat every hour from 10.00–16.00. Tel: +356 21451888. www.casabernardmalta.com

National Archives of Malta: Santo Spirito, Triq I-Ispatar. Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 08.00–14.00; Thur: 10.00–14.00 & 15.00–19.30 (closed in August); Sat 08.15–12.45. Tel: +356 21459863.

Wignacourt College Museum: The museum incorporates mainly ecclesiastical objects d'art. Included in the entry is the small shrine dedicated to St Paul, WWII shelters and catacombs. Open Mon–Sun: 09.30–17.00. (Last adm: 16.00). Tel: +356 27494905. Email: info@wignacourtmuseum.com

Domus Romana: Il-Wesgha tal-Mużew, Rabat. A museum housing the remains of a Roman town house from the 1st century BC to 1st century AD. Open daily 09.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.30). Tel: +356 21454888.

St. Paul's Catacombs: Ancient tombs from 3AD providing the earliest evidence of Christianity in Malta. Open: Mon–Sun: 9.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.30). Tel: +356 21454562.

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Natural History Museum: Pjazza San Pubblju, Mdina. Geological, fossil, insect, bird and mammal exhibits are housed within the historic Vilhena Palace. Open daily: 09.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.30). Tel: +356 21455951.

Palazzo Falson: Triq Villegaignon, Mdina. A 14th century mediaeval house exhibiting fine antique furniture and decorations. Open Tue–Sun 10.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.00) Tel: +356 21454512. www.palazzofalson.com

Carmelite Priory Museum: CLOSED Triq Villegaignon. Tel: +356 21454524. By appointment only. www.carmelitepriorymuseum.com. E-mail: info@carmelitepriory.org.

St Paul's Cathedral and Museum: Pjazza tal-Arcisqof. The Cathedral Museum, houses ecclesiastical objets d'art from the Cathedral and an extensive numismatic collection. Cathedral times: Mon–Sat: 09.30–16.30; Sun & PH: 15.30–17.00 Museum Times: Mon–Fri: 09.30–16.30; Sat: 09.30–15.30 Tel: +356 21456620.

The Mdina Experience: a multi-visual show recounting the history of Mdina. Mon–Sun: 10.00–16.30. Tel: +356 2145005

www.themdinaexperience.com

Tales of the Silent City: Palazzo Gatto Murina. Mon–Sun: 09.00–16.30. Tel: +356 21451179.

Mdina Dungeons: a diorama exhibition of prisons through history. Winter: Mon–Fri: 10.00–16.00; Sat–Sun: 09.30–16.30 Summer: Mon–Sun: 09.30–16.30. Tel: +356 21450267.

Knights of Malta: Mdina. A diorama exhibition on the Knights of St John. Triq I-Imhażen. Mon–Sun 10.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.30). Tel: +356 21451342

BUSKETT

Cart ruts: Clapham Junction, Buskett Gardens. Tracks presumably carved out in pre-history for transportation purposes.



MDINA MAIN GATE

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South East & Central Malta



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SIGĠIEWI

One of the older villages of Malta dominated by a beautiful 19th century parish church. It serves as an ideal starting point for country walks to neighbouring towns and villages.

GĦAR LAPSI

A small cove tucked into the cliffs beneath and west of Mnajdra Temples. The area is guarded by an impressive rocky and hilly landscape.

ŻEJTUN

The parish church of Żejtun is dedicated to St Catherine. Also noteworthy is the much smaller and ancient church known as St Gregory's.

MARSAXLOKK

A quaint and popular fishing village offers picturesque scenery of fishermen's colourful boats (luzzijiet, plural for luzzu) tied to their moorings in Malta's main fishing village.

MARSASCALA

A sea side resort with privately-owned leisure and fishing boats bobbing up and down in the calm waters of the bay. There are numerous fish restaurants to try out.

BIRŻEBBUĠA

Situated on the southern side of Marsaxlokk Harbour, this seaside resort boasts of a man-made sandy beach (Pretty Bay) and a freeport container terminal zone.

WIED IŻ-ŻURRIEQ AND BLUE GROTTO

A 20 minute walk from the village of Żurrieq. Situated right above the Blue Grotto and the sheer cliffs, a belvedere provides a pleasant view of Filfla Islet, situated about 5 kilometres off the southern coast of Malta. Boat trips (weather permitting). Tel: +356 21640058. www.bluegrottomalta.com.mt

ŻURRIEQ

Tax-Xarolla Windmill: An old restored windmill

situated atop early Christian catacombs. Open Sat, Sun: 08.00–12.00. Tel: +356 21689111

QRENDI

Haġar Qim and Mnajdra Prehistoric Temples: limits of Qrendi. Two megalithic sites separated by 500m of coastal garrigue. Open daily 09.00–17.00 (last adm: 16.30) (1 Oct–31 Mar); 18.00 (last adm: 17.30) (1 Apr–30 Sept) Tel: +356 21424231.

SIGĠIEWI

Limestone Heritage: An old quarry in Siggiewi turned into a diorama museum describing the quality and use of Maltese geological resources. Open Mon–Fri 09.00–15.30 Sat–Sun 09.00–11.30. Tel: +356 21464931. www.limestoneheritage.com

Malta Falconry Centre: Triq l-Imqabba, limits of Siggiewi. Open Tue–Sun: 09.00–12.30 (July–Sept); Tue–Sun: 09.00–15.00 (Oct–June). Demonstration Time: Winter: 11.00 & 14.00; Summer: 11.00. Tel: +356 21460985.

BIRŻEBBUĠA

Għar Dalam: Limits of Birżebbuġa. An extensive cave system, with adjacent museum, housing bone remains of animals that roamed the island 250,000–10,000 years ago. Open daily 09.00–16.30. Tel: +356 21657419.

CHILDREN'S ATTRACTIONS

President's Kitchen Garden: Attard. Part of the Presidential palace, renovated with a modern children's play area, animal pens, café and other amenities. Open Mon–Sun: 09.00–19.00. Tel: +356 21412536 / +356 21226226.

Playmobil Fun Park: Hal Far. Open Mon–Sun: 10.00–18.00. Tel: +356 22242445. www.playmobilmalta.com

Wildlife Animal Park: Triq is-Sajf, Wied il-Bużbież l/o Rabat, Mtahleb. Tel: +356 99894659. E-mail: wildlifeparkmalta@gmail.com

THE LWS ANIMAL PARK

Ir-Razzett tal-Ħbiberija: Limits of Marsascala. Tel: +356 21636526. www.inspire.org.mt/lws-animal-park

CINEMA

Fgura: Tal-Lira Cinema, Gallarija Shopping Complex. Tel: +356 21808000

PROMENADES

Marsascala: sea front.

Żurrieq to Blue Grotto and Haġar Qim: sea view.

GARDENS

San Anton Garden: Attard. A historic garden that originated as part of a summer residence of one of the Knights of St. John. The villa behind the garden's inner gate also served as the residence of the British Governor and is presently the official residence of the President of Malta. The main garden, with its exotic plants, was opened to the public in 1882.

Howard Garden: Rabat. Situated along the fortification moat of Mdina. It is an idyllic place to rest following a visit to the ancient capital.



THE BLUE GROTTO

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VICTORIA RABAT

This is Gozo's commercial and cultural capital. It is a reference point for anyone who wants to explore Gozo, whether on foot or by car. To cross to Gozo one needs to cross by ferry, which takes around 25 minutes, for schedule details visit www.gozochannel.com

THE CITADEL, VICTORIA RABAT

The Citadel is the fortified and uppermost part of Victoria. This enclosed fortified part of the town boasts of a Cathedral, the Gozo Law Courts, the old Bishop's Palace and a small number of museums displaying various Gozo related exhibits. Only a handful of residents live in the Citadel. From the ramparts one may enjoy a 360° panoramic view of the island. Renovated and inaugurated in June 2016. A former reservoir built in the 1870's during the British rule has been converted into a visitors' centre from where one can access the Citadel through an original sally port or use of lift.

Citadel Visitors Centre: Open Mon–Sun (including PH): open 09:00 - 17:00. Last call for audio-visual presentation at 16.30.

Gozo Citadel Ditch Open daily 06:00-22:00. Entrance with fee. Tel: +356 21562666

Gun Powder Magazin Silos - Low Battery: inside Citadell. Run by Wirt Ghawdex: Opening hours: Mon–Fri: 10.00–15.00. Sat–Sun: On Request.

Ta' Ċenċ Cliffs: 25 minutes walk from Sannat Facing south, the cliffs offer an expansive panorama from sun rise to sunset.

Mgarr ix-Xini: limits of Xewkija, 25 minutes walk from Sannat A very narrow creek with a small bay tucked in between the rocky cliffs below Ta' Ċenċ area in Sannat.

XLENDI

A narrow creek which developed from a tiny fishing hamlet into a fully-fledged seaside resort. The bay is flanked by an impressive cliff on one side.

MARSALFORN

This summer resort enjoys both a tiny sandy beach as well as an interesting rocky coastline dotted with historic salt pans. The bay is popular with Gozitans and Maltese for its promenade.

Wied il-Ghasri: around 45 minutes walk from Marsalforn.

This creek is one of those hidden charms of Gozo with coralline cliffs. It can be reached via a stretch of salt pans which are still harvested regularly.

Dwejra Bay: Approx 30 minutes walk from San Lawrenz. A quaint and curious coastal landscape with various interesting geological features such as the Inland Sea, enclosed by cliffs and connecting to the open sea via a fissure; Jutting out from the sea, at a small distance from the rocky coast, is the Fungus Rock or Gebla tal-General.

Dwejra Marine Environmental Education Centre: (Jan–Apr & Oct–Dec) Open Tue–Fri: 11:00–15:00. Sat–Sun: 10:00–17:00. Mondays closed. May–Sept: Tues–Fri: 11:00–17:00; Sat–Sun: 10:00–17:00. open also on PH except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Good Friday. Tel: +356 21550429.

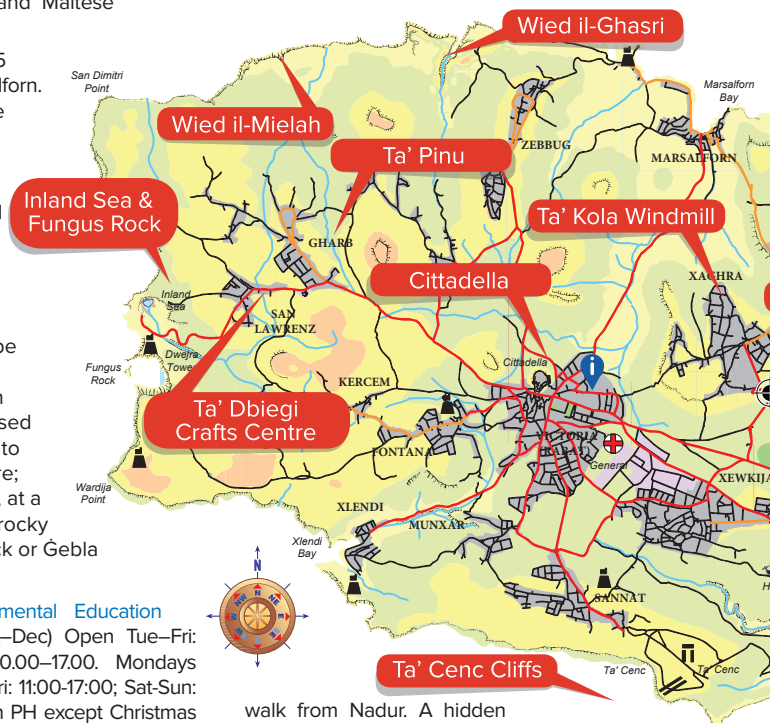
QALA BELVEDERE

A great location on the outskirts of the village of Qala from where one may enjoy a panoramic view of the Gozo-Comino-Malta channel.

HONDOQ IR-RUMMIEN

One of Gozo's more secluded beaches, charming for its relatively quiet environment. Limits of Qala.

San Blas Cove: Between 45 minutes to 1 hour



walk from Nadur. A hidden but charming sloping landscape that leads onto a tiny sandy beach.

HERITAGE: VICTORIA

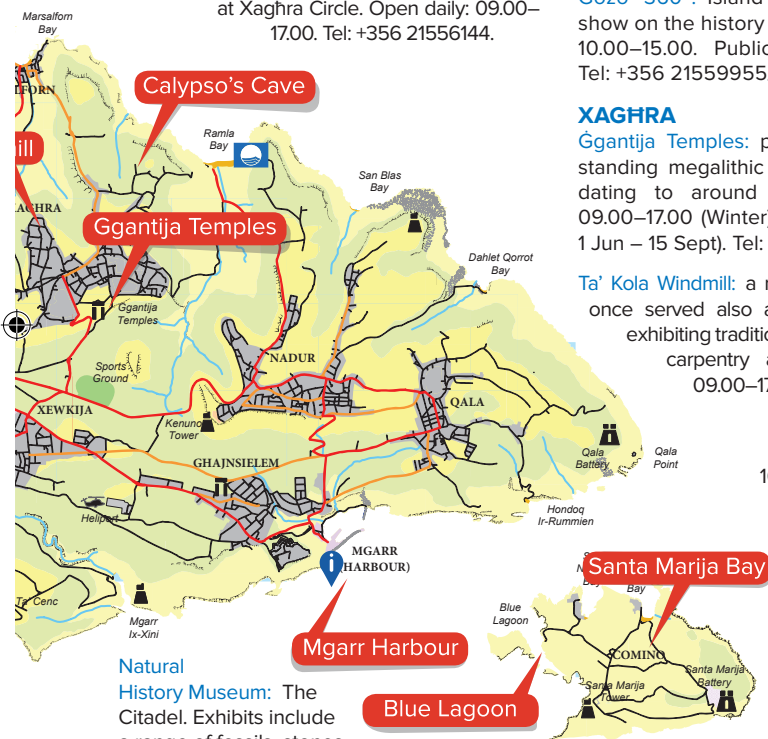
Cathedral and Museum: The present cathedral was constructed between 1697 and 1711. It is dedicated to the Assumption of Our Lady. A major highlight is the trompe l'oeil dome inside the church. Open Mon–Sat 10.00–16.00. Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Tel: +356 21556087.

Old Prisons: built by the Knights of St John



and last used by the British. Open Mon–Sat 09.00–17.00. Tel: +356 21565988.

Museum of Archaeology: Casa Bondi, The Citadel. The museum houses archaeological artefacts from Gozo, amongst which the two famous Neolithic statuettes found, in 1986, at Xaghra Circle. Open daily: 09.00–17.00. Tel: +356 21556144.



Natural History Museum: The Citadel. Exhibits include a range of fossils, stones and other geo-logical specimens from Gozo. Open daily: 09.00–17.00. Tel: +356 21556153.

Gran Castello Historic House: Rural and old industrial tools exhibited in a mediaeval house. Open daily: 09.00–17.00 Tel: +356 21562034.

St George's Basilica: The church, consecrated in 1755, situated in the Rabat centre, is impressively covered in marble with a bronze and gilded canopy over the altar.

Heart of Gozo - Il-Haġar Museum: Open Mon–Sun: 09.00–17.30. Tel: +356 21550429

Gozo 360°: Island of Joy, a multi-visual show on the history of Gozo. Open Mon–Sat 10.00–15.00. Public Holidays 10.00–13.00. Tel: +356 21559955/6.

XAGHRA

Ggantija Temples: possibly the oldest free-standing megalithic structures in the world, dating to around 3,600BC. Open daily: 09.00–17.00 (Winter); 09.00–18.00 (Summer: 1 Jun – 15 Sept). Tel: +356 21553194.

Ta' Kola Windmill: a restored old windmill, that once served also as a residence and now exhibiting traditional tools related to milling, carpentry and smithy. Open daily 09.00–17.00 Tel: +356 21561071.

Ninu's Cave: Triq Jannar. Open most days 10:30–16:00 Tel: +356 21556863.

Xerri's Grotto: Ġnien Imrik Street. Both small caves are replete with stalactites and stalagmites. Open daily: 10:00–18:00. Tel: +356 21560572.

Calypso's Cave: Situated on the cliff's edge on the outskirts of Xaghra. According to tradition this tiny cave was reputedly the place where Homer's Ulysses lived for seven years with the nymph Calypso. The location serves as a belvedere overlooking Ramla l-Hamra. A sandy beach that takes its name from the reddish colour of the beach's sand.

NADUR

The Kelinu Grima Maritime Collection: Parish Priest Str. Nadur. Open Mon–Sat 09.00–14.00 (last adm: 13.30). Tel: +356 21565226.

GHARB

Ta' Pinu Basilica: limits of Gharb. An impressive neo-romanesque church and Gozo's most popular place of pilgrimage. Mon–Sat 07:00–19:00; Sun & PH: 07.30–12.30, 13.30–19.00.

Dar Karmni Grima Museum: Open: Tue–Sat: 09:00–16:00, Sun: 09:00–12:30

Gharb Folklore Museum: Old and traditional implements are exhibited in an old cottage-style house situated in the village centre. Open open by appointment. Tel: +356 21561929.

Ta' Dbiegi Crafts Centre: Triq San Lawrenz. Open Mon–Sat 09.30–16.00.

SAN LAWRENZ

Dwejra Tower: Is operated by volunteers. Phone to confirm opening hours. Tel: +356 21556195.

CHILDREN'S ATTRACTIONS

Pomskizilious Toy Museum: Triq Ġnien Xibla, Xaghra. Open most days. Tel: +356 21562489. www.themuseumoftoys.com

CINEMA

Citadel Cinema: Victoria
Oratorju Don Bosco Cinema: Tel: +356 21556616

THEATRES

Astra Theatre: Victoria **Aurora Theatre:** Victoria

PROMENADES

Marsalforn seafront, Nadur, Qbajjar.

COMINO

This barren island is practically uninhabited except for a resort hotel, but is very popular with swimmers and divers. A historic watch tower built in the early 17th century once guarded its coast.
The Blue Lagoon: With its silver sandy sea bed, gives the illusion of a turquoise-silvery swimming pool set in a natural ambience. For more information about Gozo visit www.visitgozo.com

AIRPORT

Malta International Airport situated in Gudja is served by direct bus service to and from Valletta and other tourist areas.

Taxi service and car rental available.

Tel: +356 21249600.

Website: www.malairport.com

BANKS

These are normally open for business from 08.30 to 12.30 Mon-Sat except on public holidays.

BEACHES

Generally speaking, Malta's coastline is rocky and steep on the south side, while it is rocky and low lying on the north and eastern side. Most of the sandy beaches are situated either on the north western side of the island or in Gozo. Malta's beaches are small in size, with the largest shoreline just over 500 metres. Yet due to the islands' rugged terrain, many of these offer scenic attractions due to the islands' rugged landscape.

www.visitmalta.com/beaches.bays

BEACHES IN MALTA AND GOZO:

Ghadira Bay*: *I/o Mellieħa*

Golden Bay*: *Għajn Tuffieħa*

Ġnejna Bay*: *I/o Mgarr*

Armier Bay: *I/o Mellieħa*

Pretty Bay: *Birżebbuġa*

St George's Bay*: *St Julians*

Qawra perched beach*: *I/o Qawra*

Qawra Bay*: *Qawra*

Ramla l-Hamra *: *reachable from both Xagħra as well as Nadur (Gozo)*

Xlendi Bay: *via Fontana*

Marsalforn Bay*: *from Rabat*

Mgarr ix-Xini: *reachable from Xewkija*

St Peter's Pool: *I/o Marsaxlokk*

Ta' Fra Ben*: *Qawra Point*

Għar id-dud*: *Sliema*

Fond Għadir*: *Sliema*

Dellimara*: *I/o Marsaxlokk*

Hondoq ir-Rummien: *Gozo*

San Blas*: *Gozo*

Marsalforn*: *Gozo*

Mġiebah: *Malta*

Westin Dragonara Hotel and Spa Beach*: *St. Julians*

St. Julians

Islands Edge Beach (Paradise Bay Hotel)*:

Ċirkewwa

Għajn Tuffieħa Bay*: *Mellieħa*

* *these beaches are predominantly or totally rocky*

† *Quality Beach Award*

‡ *Blue Flag beach*

DOG FRIENDLY BEACHES:

Marsaxlokk: *opposite Xatt is-Sajjieda*

Marsascala Bay: *Marsascala*

Zonqor Point: *Marsascala*

Rinella Bay: *Kalkara*

Tigne Point: *Sliema*

Baħar ic-Ċagħaq: *behind Splash & Fun Complex*

Imġiebah Bay: *Selmun*

Torri l-Abjad: *near Mellieħa*

L-Ahrax: *Mellieħa*

Coast near Xwejni Bay: *Żebbuġ, Gozo*

Mgarr ix-Xini: *Mgarr, Gozo*

Please note that dogs are to be kept on a leash until taken to the waters. Owners must clean after their dogs and waste should be disposed. The dogs must be kept under control at all times and must not be allowed to create any inconvenience. The water quality of the bays mentioned above will be monitored regularly.

CRAFT CENTRES

Malta:

Crafts Village, Ta' Qali; Exhibition Centre, St John's Square, Valletta.

Gozo:

Ta' Dbiegi, Għarb; Fontana Cottage Industry - en route to Xlendi; Cittadella Cultural Centre, Victoria.

COMMUNICATIONS

Postal Services: Post office branches are found in most towns and villages. Opening hours are from 07.30–12.30 Mon-Sat. Some villages have a sub-post office licensed to select stationery shops. The Valletta Post Office branch situated at Castille Square is open Mon-Fri 08.15–15.45; Sat: 08.15–12.30.

Telephone-overseas calls:

Local calls require no prefixes. Overseas calls from Malta require the country's international calling prefix. Cheaper rates for overseas calls can be obtained by dialling 1021 before the country code. Malta's international dialling code is +356.

CURRENCY

Euro

DISABLED PERSONS

Recently built hotels and public places have ramps and other amenities such as elevators to accommodate wheelchair-bound persons. Due to the nature of their historic architecture or surroundings, not all places of public interest have such amenities. It is advisable to check beforehand whether the location of interest is accessible to wheelchair bound persons.

EATING AND DRINKING

Valletta and all the tourist areas offer a wide selection of quality restaurants to suit the budget-conscious and the gourmand alike. In fish restaurants, the menu may vary according to season and the day's catch. It is recommended to ask for fresh fish which may also be on display. To experience traditional Maltese home-cooking, try dining at the more popular family restaurants specialising in local fare.

Some typical Maltese dishes include:

Rabbit dishes: stewed or fried

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Braġġoli: beef-olives filled with a mash of spiced Maltese sausage and eggs

Timpana: macaroni pie

Lampuki: coryphene/dorado fish

Swordfish: with tomato, olive and caper sauce

Tuna: with tomato, olive and caper sauce

A variety of popular home-made soups and pasta dishes.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply is 230 volts, 50Hz. Three-pin British Standard plugs are used but, if required, adapters are easily available.

EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES

Numerous embassies and consular representatives are established in Malta. For further information please contact the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Tel: +356 21242853. www.foreign.gov.mt

HEALTH

Visitors from EU member states should ensure they are in possession of a Health Insurance Card when requiring medical care at one of the public hospitals or clinics. A medical insurance policy is to be presented when attending a private clinic. In view of a reciprocal health agreement between Malta and Australia, Australian citizens are entitled to free medical care in public health care facilities for the first six months from their arrival in Malta. www.ehealth.gov.mt

General Hospitals:

Mater Dei Hospital: Tal-Qroqq, Malta.

Call: 25450000.

Gozo General Hospital: Victoria, Gozo.

Call: 21561600.

Health Clinics: Paola, Mosta, Floriana, Gżira and Victoria (Rabat) Gozo. There are also private hospitals and clinics. Ask at hotel reception for assistance.

Pharmacies: In general, pharmacies open during normal shopping hours. On Sunday one pharmacy from each specified zone is open between 08.00 and 12.00 in accordance to an established roster. Please check Sunday papers for information.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance: 112

Cruise Liner Terminal, Floriana: +00 356 25673000

Directory enquiries: 1182

Emergency at Sea: +00 356 21824220, +00 356 21238797

Fire Brigade: 112

Go Mobile operator: 1187

Government Information services: 153

Melita operator: +356 27270270

Heritage Malta: +356 22954000

Malta International Airport: +00 356 21249600 (Freephone)

Overseas operator: 1152

Police: 112

Sedqa: 179 (addiction related help)

Veterinary Services, emergency: 5004 3888 (calls €4.66)

Vodafone operator: 99999247

LEARNING ENGLISH

There are over forty English Language schools in Malta and Gozo.

www.feltom.com or www.education.gov.mt

OPEN-AIR MARKETS AND FLEA MARKETS

There are numerous open-air markets which sell anything from plants to fruit, from white goods to clothes. Such markets are usually open between 08.00 to 12.30.

Valletta: Ordinance Str. Open daily except Sun.

Floriana: Floriana Park & Ride. Open on Sun

Victoria: Gozo (It-Tokk). Open daily.

Birgu (Vittoriosa): close to bus terminus. Open on Tue.

Qormi: near St Sebastian Parish Church. Open on Sat.

Marsaxlokk: along the waterfront. Daily with extended market on Sundays.

Birgu (Vittoriosa): flea market at Fortini Football Ground. Open on Sun.

Marsascala: flea market at Inspire. Open on Sun.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

1 January: New Year's Day

10 February: Feast of St Paul's Shipwreck

19 March: Feast of St Joseph

31 March: Freedom Day

March-April: Good Friday

1 May: Workers Day

7 June: Sette Giugno Commemoration

29 June: Feast of St Peter & St Paul - Imnarja

15 August: Feast of the Assumption

8 September: Feast of Our Lady / Victory Day

21 September: Independence Day

8 December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

13 December: Republic Day

25 December: Christmas Day

RELIGIOUS FEASTS (FESTI)

These are spread throughout the year, but the majority are celebrated between June and mid-September. Feasts are more often than not held over the weekend. www.visitmalta.com/events

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Church of England: St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral, Independence Square, Valletta); Holy Trinity Church, Rudolph Str., Sliema.

www.anglicanmalta.org

Church of Scotland: Methodist and Free Churches. 210 Old Bakery Str., Valletta.

Evangelical (Lutheran): Protestant Church of Germany, 210 Old Bakery Str., Valletta.

Greek Orthodox: Church of St George, 83 Merchants Street, Valletta.

Islamic Mosque: Paola. For info regarding time of prayer. Tel: +356 21672163, +356 21697203/5. www.islamicfinder.org

Jewish: Jewish Centre. Chabad Malta. Tel: +356 79233213.

Hindu: Maltese-Indian Community Centre. Tel: +356 99493975.

More contacts in Yellow Pages – look under “Religion – Places of Worship” in the index.

Catholic Mass (Sundays) in other languages:

English: St Patrick’s Church, Sliema; St Paul’s Bay Parish Church; St Barbara Church, Valletta, St Anne Church, Marsascala; Sacred Heart Sanctuary, Victoria

French: St Barbara Church, Republic Str., Valletta. Sun 10.00.

German: Sun 11.00. St Barbara Church, Republic Str., Valletta.

Italian: Sun 11.00. St Catherine Church, Merchant Str., Valletta

Should your religious belief not be included in the above list, kindly contact one of the Tourist Information Centres on +356 22915440/1/2 or check at maltadiocese.org/lang/en/information/

SPORTS

Football: National Football Stadium, Ta’ Qali limits of Rabat. www.mfa.com.mt

Golf: Marsa Sports Club – golf course

Waterpolo: National Swimming Pool Complex, University Grounds, Tal-Qroqq

Horse Racing: Marsa, Malta and Ghajnsielem, Gozo. www.maltaracingclub.com

Tennis: Vittoriosa Lawn Tennis Club, Kordin, limits of Paola; Marsa Sports Club, Marsa. www.maltatennisclubfederation.com

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Cruise liner Terminal: Valletta Cruise Port

Pinto Wharf. Tel: +356 21220633.

Malta International Airport:

Welcome’s Lounge or call +356 23696073/4. **M’Xlokk:** Xatt is-Sajjieda or call +356 21651151.

Mellieha: Misrah iż-Żjara ta’ Papa Ġwanni Pawlu II – 26 ta’ Mejju 1990 or call +356 21524666.

Mdina: Torre dello Standardo Pjazza San Publiju or call +356 21454480.

Sliema Info Desk: Plaza Commercial Centre or call +356 21363691.

St. Paul’s Bay: Misrah il-Bajja, Buġibba or call +00 356 21419176.

Valletta: Melita Str. or call +356 21220193 / 21220264.

Vittoriosa (Birgu): Inquisitor’s Palace, Main Gate Str. or call +356 21800145.

Mġarr, Gozo: Gozo Channel Terminal or call +00 356 21 554538.

Victoria, Gozo: 17, Pjazza Indipendenza (It-Tokk) or call +356 22915452/3.

Freephone: 80072230.

TIMESHARE

During your stay in Malta, you may be approached by individuals who offer you freebies for attending a presentation. These may be selling timeshare or similar products. For practical tips on what to look out for, read the leaflet available here:

www.eccnetmalta.gov.mt

TIME ZONE

Malta’s time is set according to Central European Time (CET). Summer time starts on the last Sunday of March and ends on the last Sunday of October.

TRANSPORT

Public Bus Transport: For full up to date information visit www.publictransport.com.mt or call +356 21222000

Malta: The main bus terminus in Valletta

provides service to all towns and villages at frequent intervals. Direct bus services are available from various tourist areas to Rabat, Marsaxlokk, Ċirkewwa ferry, Qawra and Buġibba. There are also buses running from Buġibba to Golden Bay. Bus route information brochures are available from the Valletta bus terminus or the MTA tourist information offices.

Gozo: A regular bus service is provided from Mġarr Harbour to Victoria (Rabat), where it is possible to reach most outlying villages. Please note that buses in Gozo do not run as frequently as in Malta.

Taxis: White Taxi Service - call +356 23696071. White taxis are privately run. Taxis may be found at various locations including:

- **Valletta:** City Gate and Sea Terminal
- **Airport:** terminal
- **Sliema:** the Strand
- **St Julian’s:** Spinola, Paceville
- **Gozo:** Mġarr Harbour; bus terminus, Victoria; Marsalforn Bay

Visit: www.maltataxi.net.

Valletta Smart Cab: call +356 77414177. An inner City service using small electric cabs.

Sightseeing buses: hop-on hop-off, sightseeing buses in Malta and Gozo. Starting at Sliema and stopping at various locations.

Gozo Channel: www.gozochannel.com

Boat Trips: Leisure trips around the coast. Leisure boats are usually boarded from the Strand in Sliema or from Buġibba and St Paul’s Bay area.

SICILY TRAVEL

Sicily is situated 90km north of Malta. One may reach Sicily either by air (Catania, Palermo, Trapani) or sea routes (Pozzallo, Catania). For further details and schedules please visit: www.airmalta.com, www.virtuferries.com or www.ryanair.com



Helpful Hints

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Here are some helpful hints to ensure that your stay on the Maltese Islands is a pleasant one and free from unnecessary difficult situations.

Adventure sports: including rock climbing, cycling, trekking available from various clubs. It is advisable to enquire at the Tourist Information Centres or at hotel reception.
www.visitmalta.com/sports-and-activities

Car Hire: when driving a hired car please ensure that you adhere to the country's driving and parking regulations. An automatic CVA operated hourly charging meter is activated on entering Valletta.

Country walks: there are beautiful countryside walks to follow, but it is imperative to keep out of private property which is often indicated by rustic boundary walls. Country-side walk booklets are available in bookstores.

Diving: there are numerous diving schools in Malta and Gozo. Some of these are based in 4 or 5 star hotels often located near beaches.
www.pdsa.org.mt

Dress code: when visiting towns and especially churches do ensure that you are properly dressed so as not to offend public sentiments. It is not allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless tops when visiting churches. In towns, bare-chested males and scantily dressed ladies are regarded as unacceptably attired. Topless or nude bathing is prohibited on the Maltese Islands.

Driving: driving in the Maltese Islands is on the left hand side of the road. At junctions give way to the vehicle on your right hand side. Right of way is also given to the vehicle that reaches the traffic island first. As a pedestrian, always look right before crossing a street.

Events: Malta boasts of a vibrant and varied year round calendar of events, for details visit **<http://www.visitmalta.com/en/events>**

www.maltacultural.com

Excursions: when choosing your excursion to places of interest you will find that some tours may be cheaper, due to the fact that they do not include a licensed guide or museum entry fees. Always check beforehand what is included in the price.

Karozzin: horse drawn cabby trips can be the highlight of the morning. It is however advisable to confirm the price per person for the agreed trip with a map in hand before boarding the cab.

Parking attendants: a small tip to the parker is appropriate when parking at designated spots (the equivalent of €0.70 would be sufficient). Some areas in Malta and Gozo have a restricted parking time limit and a meter card needs to be prominently visible, from the windscreen, for traffic wardens.

Public Transport: when using public transport, whenever possible pay the bus driver with exact change to speed up the process. When possible it is advisable to pre purchase tickets from vending machines located at the Valletta and Bugibba bus termini, Malta International airport arrivals lounge, Sliema ferries and authorised resellers.

Water Sports Centres: are often based at 4 or 5 star hotels located near beaches. For more information visit: **www.asaofmalta.org**

Shopping: shopping centres can be found in all the major towns and cities especially at Valletta, in Republic Str. and Merchant Str.; Sliema along Tower Road and the Strand; Paola town centre; Hamrun along High Str.; Mosta around the town centre; Bugibba and St Paul's Bay; Victoria (Rabat) in Gozo. All the above shopping centres are normally open from Mon to Fri during mornings and evenings. However, in tourist areas, shops are open throughout the day, Mon-Sat from 09.00 till 19.00 and sometimes even later.

Smoking: smoking inside public buildings is prohibited. It is a legal offence to smoke inside restaurants, buses, cinemas, airport and other public buildings.

Street salespersons: when approached in the street by salespersons offering their products or services, be sure to identify exactly who they represent. Do not sign or pay for any service or product that you are not entirely sure to have fully understood or appreciated.

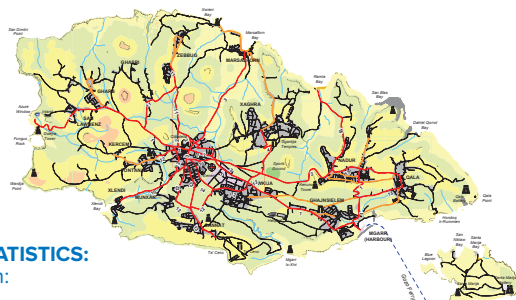
Sun screen: it is always wise to use anti-UV cream and wear a hat to protect your skin from the sun's rays. It is best to avoid direct sun exposure between 11.00 and 15.00 especially in summer.

Swim, snorkel and dive safely: ensure that you are not conducting any of these activities in areas exposed to maritime traffic. Some areas may be dangerous due to undercurrents. When visiting coastal areas in strong seas or winds, it is advisable to keep at a safe distance away from the rocky edges. Freak waves do occur.

Taxis: white taxis have a taxi meter and can be hired from designated areas. However, a fixed payment price is in force prior to taking a taxi from the Airport's arrival lounge or the Valletta Cruise Liner Terminal. Elsewhere, it is advisable to ask beforehand for an approximate fare.

Free wi-fi: wi-fi hotspots are available across Malta and Gozo in public spaces like gardens and piazzas.

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SOME STATISTICS:

Population:

460,297*

Archipelago:

Malta, Gozo, Comino & Cominotto,
St Paul's Islands and Filfla

Area:

316 square kilometres

Status:

Independence: 1964, Republic: 1974
EU membership: 2004

Religion:

Predominantly Roman Catholic

Official languages:

Maltese and English

Currency:

Euro

Time zone:

Central European Time - GMT +1

Emergency number:

112 (ambulance, police, fire brigade)

Government:

Republic

National Symbol:

The Maltese Cross

Local Councils:

68 Local Councils: 54 in Malta; 14 in Gozo

Country Code:

+356

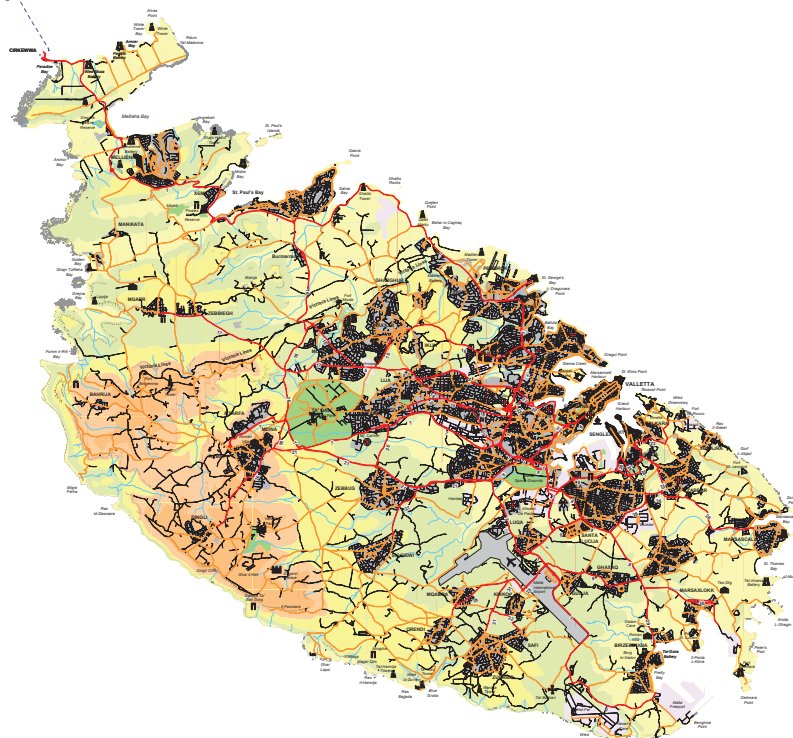
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Winter	16°-18°	10°-12°
Spring	18°-25°	13°-20°
Summer	25°-33°	22°-23°
Autumn	22°-30°	12°-19°

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