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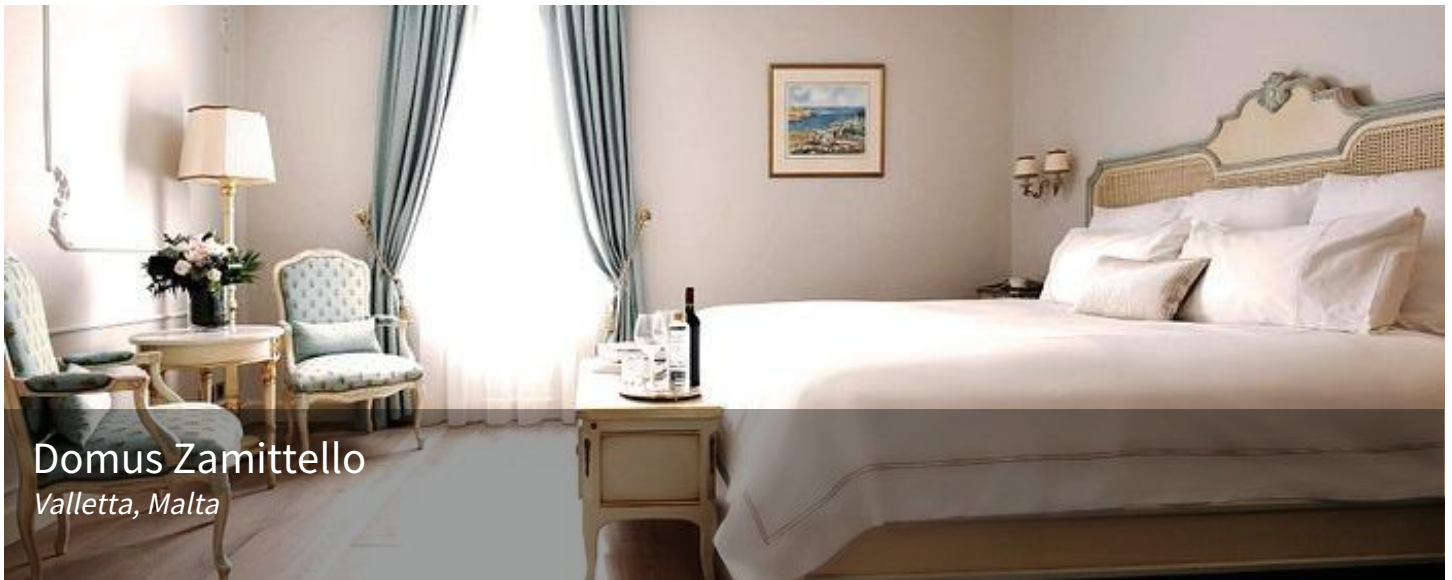
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## The Maltese Islands

Malta has been fought over for thousands of years, has some of the clearest waters in the world, and boasts a capital city that is a baroque masterpiece. Her sister island of Gozo, on the other hand, has temples that pre-date the pyramids of Giza and even Stonehenge, as well as a laid-back culture of locals you'll definitely want to meet. The Maltese Islands, although small in size, offer travelers a rare opportunity to see a well-preserved history and exciting present-day culture.

## Recommended Hotels:



**Domus Zamittello**  
*Valletta, Malta*

A restored 17th century palazzo, ideally located at the beginning of Republic Street just as one enters the cultural capital city of Valletta. Domus Zamittello invites guests to enjoy the vibrant and cultural baroque capital along with its high-end shopping addresses whilst appreciating the architectural beauty of this prestigious building. The hotel offers accommodation in different elegantly designed classic rooms, some overlooking the hotel courtyard whilst those on South Street overlook the open theatre.



**The Phoenicia Hotel**  
*Floriana/Valletta, Malta*

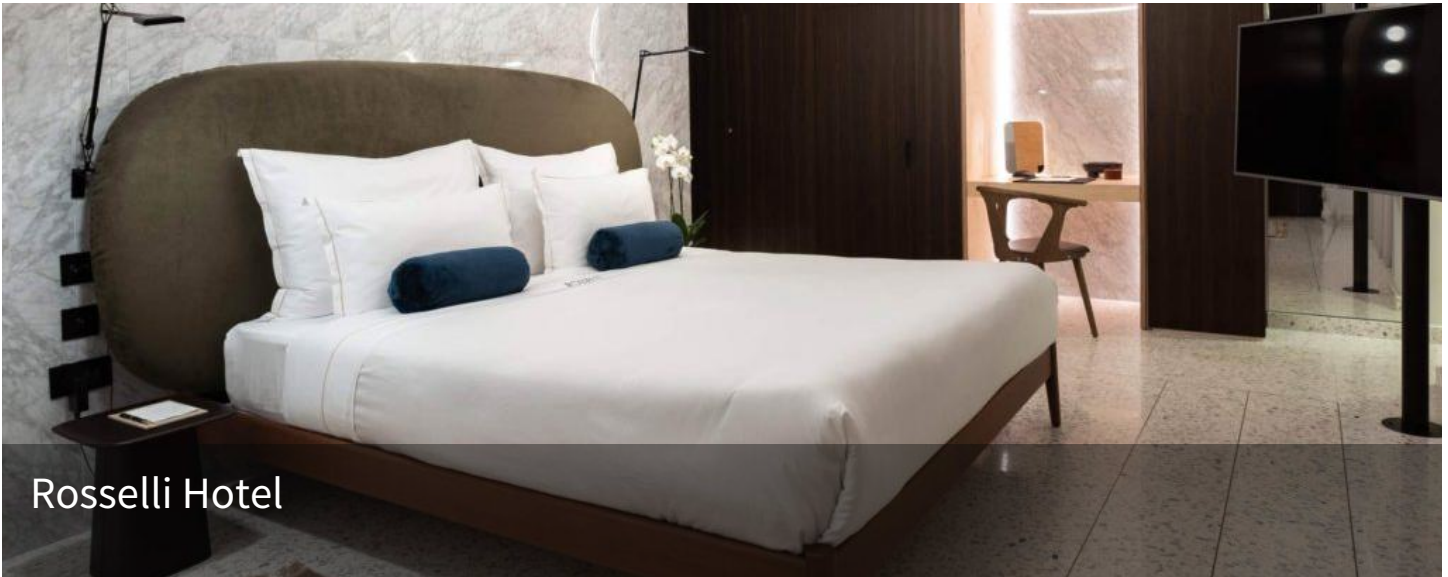
The Phoenicia, Malta a Campbell Gray Hotel and member of The Leading Hotels of the World offers luxury within walking distance to the city's best attractions. The hotel commands glorious views of the Grand Harbour and the city's skyline, which has seen little change since the 16th century. Its 7.5 acres of mature gardens spread to the historic entrance of the capital, marked by ancient fortified walls. Nearby, countless other monuments reveal Malta's vibrant history and the fascinating legacy of the Knights of Saint John.



**Iniala Hotel**  
*Valletta, Malta*

Iniala Malta is spread over four beautiful townhouses and several ancient vaults on the prestigious street of Saint Barbara Bastions, overlooking Malta's stunning Grand Harbour. From sophisticated minimalism to understated baroque styles, the hotel is a compendium of unique and innovative design concepts executed on these historical buildings by three world-class design studios.





## Rosselli Hotel

Introducing the Rosselli AX Privilege, a luxury boutique hotel located within the walls of Valletta. It has brought together the superb hotel services of the AX Privilege and the skilled construction and architectural work of the AX Group to rejuvenate a palatial residence in this gem of a walled Capital city. Once the residence of a well-established goldsmith and philanthropist, the Rosselli house is a clear example of living history.

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## Arrival in Malta with VIP Airport Service

Welcome to Malta. Upon entering the terminal, you will be greeted by staff you will escort you to a lounge while your baggage is being collected. The staff member will then guide you to your private transfer you to your host accommodations.



Saturday · January 14th

## Valletta - Malta's Capital City

10:00 AM

Start Time

6:00 PM

End Time

8hr

Duration

### Meeting Point

In the Lobby of the Hotel near the Front Desk



Valletta was built by the Knights of St. John after the Great Siege of Malta by the Ottomans in 1565. It is the fortified city that was said to be "Built by gentlemen for gentlemen". It boasts over 320 monuments in a .2 square mile radius, is a Baroque capital and has been recognized as the European Capital of Culture in 2018. You'll love what's in store within its main gates - a great mix of history and present day lively culture. Below are some of the included experiences in addition to meandering the main and back streets to discover Valletta`s very interesting history.





## National Library of Malta - Private Tour

Situated in the centre of Valletta, the National Library is one of the major treasures of the Maltese Islands. The library preserves the memory of the nation with collections that span the centuries as far back to medieval times. Enjoy this National Treasure accompanied by the National Library Librarian as she walks you through history.



## Delicacy Lunch at Palazzo Preca Restaurant

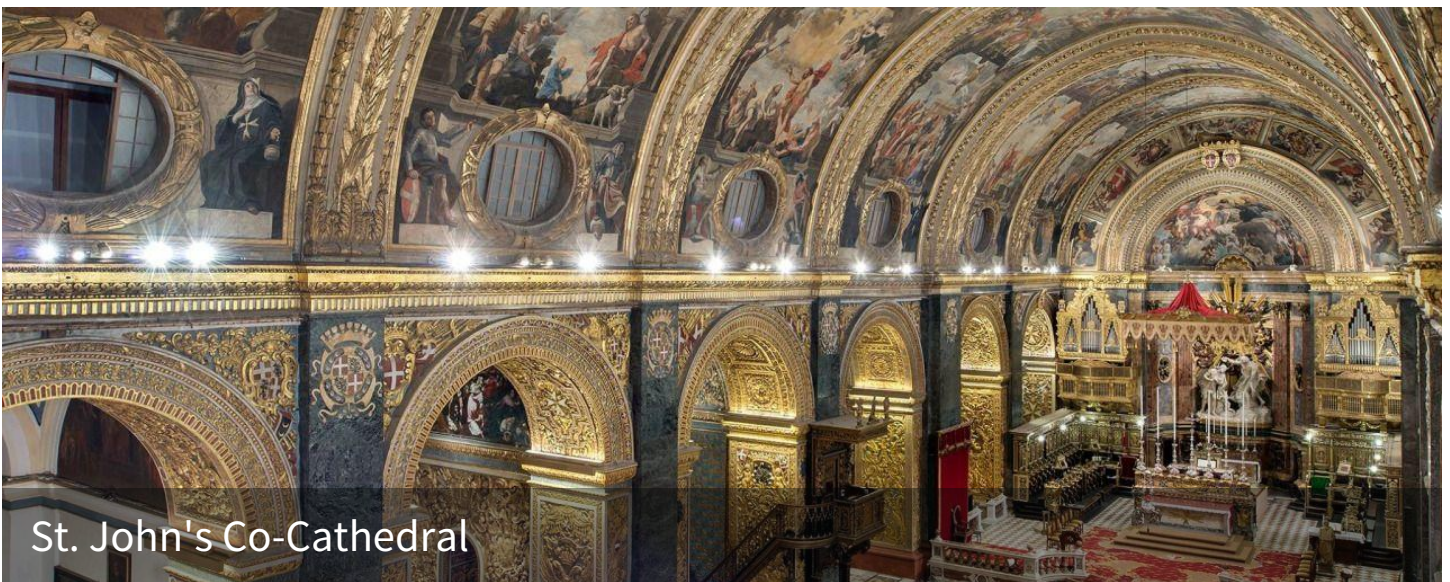
Tastefully decorated with Maltese charm, this award winning restaurant will satisfy your craving for fine local cuisine. Located on the famous or "infamous" Strait Street - there is a story to be told.





## Museum of Archaeology

Not just another museum, the Museum of Archaeology will guide you through our living history dating back to the temple period. Spend a short time here gaining an overview and especially seeing the unbelievable finds from the temple(s) that you will be visiting on your tour. Of special note is the sleeping lady!



## St. John's Co-Cathedral

Built shortly after the Great Siege of Malta (1565), St. John's Co-Cathedral's austere exterior is in drastic contrast to its sumptuous high baroque interior. You'll be in awe at the artistic masterpiece - from its tombstone laid floors to the vaulted ceiling painted in the life of John the Baptist. Around the corner and into the oratory, stand before two wonderful masterpieces by the artist Caravaggio - St. Jerome and his only signed piece - The Beheading of St. John the Baptist.





Gilder Artisan Visit



One of the most remarkable crafts in Malta is the art of gilding. Walk into just about any church and you'll see statues, frames and more that are bright to the eyes. It is the prized Maltese Clock, however, that differentiates gilders in Malta from those abroad. The Knights of St. John influenced the design and shape whereby the colours denoted different vocations. This age-old craft remains in high demand with wait times of at least a year. Join Pierre for an exclusive opportunity to learn about his trade and how he creates the Maltese Clock.



Private Afterhours Palazzo Visit - Casa Rocca Piccola

The history of Valletta is best learned through its people. The 9th Marquis de Piro invites you into their 16th Century home to discover the treasures that tell many stories. The family lived at Painswick House in Gloucestershire for 14 years before returning to Malta in 1990. Although their home is open to the public during the day, your visit will be a private after hours one and experienced with the owners.





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Mdina Exploration

You will feel the power as you enter the Old Capital City of Mdina and fall in love with it inasmuch as the families who continue to live here. You will find a range of architecture that includes Baroque, Norman and Arabic features. The different layers of architecture and history are simply incredible. Once again, your guide has a special surprise for the kids over here!





Daytime Concert



Lunch Reservations at Il-Bitha ta' Doni

With a history dating back to the 16th Century, Ta' Duna Chapel seamlessly blends in with its surroundings, making it easy to miss unless you know what you're looking for. However, upon stepping inside the Chapel, you'll discover its unique and colourful frescos. The courtyard, with its honey-coloured stone walls, was reconverted to house the restaurant, retaining most of its original features and reflecting the Chapel's natural charm.





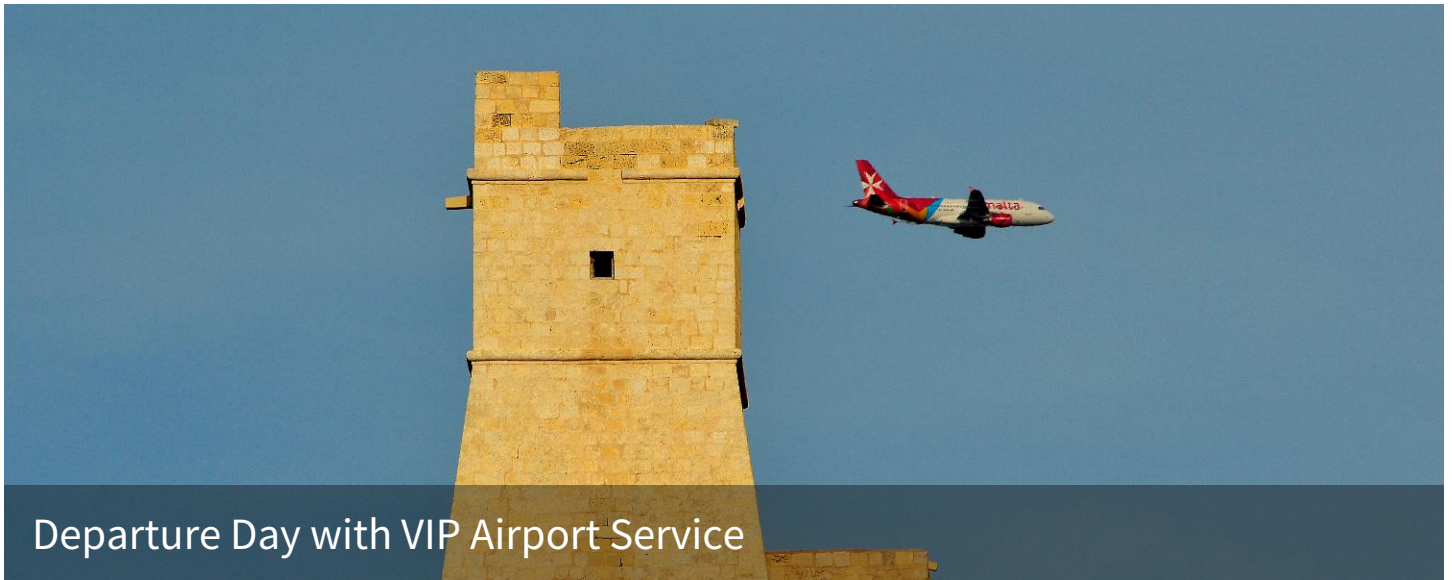
## Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples

Step back some 5500 years with a visit to the Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temple sites. The temples were excavated in 1839 and are thought to have been built to worship a type of fertility goddess. To put their age into perspective - they are around 1000 years older than the pyramids at Giza and Stonehenge!



## Palazzo Parisio - With Afternoon Tea

The Marquis Giuseppe Scicluna bought Palazzo Parisio in 1898 and it is through him that the property received its greatest renovation, which fortunately still survives till today largely in its original form. The Marquis Scicluna, a wealthy Maltese banker and merchant; created a showcase for Maltese art which closes the eclectic style of the 19th century propagated by Italian artists on the island. The property dates further back in history and its legacy of owners add to its prestige. Enjoy a private tour of the Palazzo, its gardens and indulge in an Afternoon Tea experience.



## Departure Day with VIP Airport Service

Today you depart our lovely islands. We trust that the Malta and the Baroque Festival has lived up to your expectations and even exceeded them. We look forward to welcoming you back some day. Upon arriving at the airport, you will be met by airport staff to ensure a smooth airport experience that will continue to the plane.

### Itinerary Inclusions

- VIP Airport Services and Transfers
- Expert guiding and private car service included on touring days
- Entrance to attractions indicated on the itinerary
- 3 nights at a hotel in Valletta
- 3 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Tickets to 3 concerts

### Itinerary Exclusions

- Attractions and meals not identified in the itinerary
- Round-trip airfare and medical/travel insurance
- Gratuities for guides and drivers