

MALTESE ISLANDS

Malta and Gozo go beyond just being a sun, sea and sand destination - it is far more fitting to dub them as the islands of baroque, beauty, bastions and battles. From possessing the oldest temples in the world, to receiving the highest number of bombs during the Second World War, it's amazing to think that such small islands have so many rich layers of history. The food culture offers an authentic Mediterranean fusion, the grapevines are blissfully sun-ripened and the locals have a well-known reputation for their generous hospitality. For this reason we say Merħba, Welcome, to your personally curated itinerary which will take you through an incredible storyline to satisfy your tastes and interests. Who knows? Malta might just become your next favourite destination...



DAY 1 - THE CAPITAL CITY



IMPORTANT INFO

INCLUDED MEALS: L

Today's touring will start at 09:00 and end at 16:00. Your dedicated guide will meet you at the cruise port.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Valletta's historic streets and iconic landmarks, from the intricate artistry of the Gilder Artisan to the cultural richness of the Manoel Theatre. Enjoy a delightful Ftira Lunch at the Museum Cafe, savoring local flavors in a charming ambiance. Admire the ornate beauty of St. John's Co-Cathedral before indulging in sweet treats at the Chocolate District, where innovation meets indulgence in a world of cocoa delights.

VALLETTA EXPLORATION

Valletta, a peninsular masterpiece crafted by the Knights of St John after the Great Siege of 1565, stands as a UNESCO-graded capital city. An enchanting journey through time awaits you, with its vibrant blend of history and contemporary culture, gridded street pattern, beautiful baroque architecture, and panoramic vistas from its gardens.



GILDER ARTISAN

One of the most remarkable crafts in Malta is the art of gilding - particularly on clocks. Maltese clock gilding is a captivating art form that combines the intricacies of clockmaking and the meticulous application of gold leaf onto clock cases to create a stunning and luxurious finish. Today, a master gilder will open up his private studio for you to see his work up close.



MANOEL THEATRE

The Manoel Theatre is one of the oldest operating in Europe. Constructed in 1731 by the Grand Master Manoel de Vilhena, it was intended to be fit for the honest entertainment of the Knights of St John. With its intimate setting and rich acoustics, the theatre has hosted a myriad of performances, from plays and operas to contemporary productions.



FTIRA LUNCH AT MUSEUM CAFE

Museum Cafe has been around since 1921, making it a historical venue in itself! It serves typical Maltese food and is a great place to immerse in the local culture. Here you will taste the local bread known as ftira. Your guide will assist you in making the right choice and explain how they are made. You are in good hands!



ST JOHN'S CO-CATHEDRAL

Built in the 16th century, this baroque jewel is more than just a place of worship; it is a visual symphony of art and architecture. The austere exterior of the cathedral gives way to a breathtaking interior adorned with ornate gilded embellishments, as well as Caravaggio's largest and only signed masterpiece - The Beheading of St John the Baptist.



CHOCOLATE DISTRICT

A heavenly hidden gem of chocolate, coffee, and even more chocolate, tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the vibrant city life. Will you try a piece with olive oil? Or peppered cheeselets? How about a pure chocolate drink with a shot of local prickly pear liqueur? Chocolate District is a neat place to try these unique things.



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1 Lunch

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