MAGNIFICENT MALTA

4 NIGHT SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

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 - ARRIVAL IN MALTA



Important Info

Flight details and other important arrival information will be displayed here.

Today's Highlights

Welcome to Malta! Upon retrieving your luggage, one of our representatives will warmly welcome you right outside the exit hall. From there, you'll enjoy a seamless private transfer directly to your accommodation, ensuring a smooth start to your Maltese adventure.

DAY 2 - THE CAPITAL CITY



IMPORTANT INFO included meals: l,d

Today's touring will start at 09:00 and end at 14:00. Your dedicated guide will meet you in the hotel lobby. You will then enjoy an evening experience from 17:00 - 22:00.

Today's Highlights

Start your day with a full gun firing welcome at the Saluting Battery. Explore the historic streets and landmarks of Valletta, including the majestic Manoel Theatre, before indulging in a delightful lunch at the King's Own Band Club. In the evening, immerse yourself in the grandeur of a Private St John's Co-Cathedral tour. Then, experience the charm of a Classic Car Ride before enjoying a Private Dinner at Markus Divinus Winery.

SALUTING BATTERY FULL GUN FIRING WELCOME

The Saluting Battery in the Upper Barrakka Gardens is located on one of the best vantage points, overlooking the Grand Harbour. Gun salutes were fired to greet dignitaries or ships visiting the island and to mark national and religious occasions. Today your importance will be declared and celebrated with a private full cannon firing up close!



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.



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.



LUNCH AT KING'S OWN BAND CLUB

Named after George, the Prince of Wales, who became King in 1937, this band club holds living memories of British rule in Malta. Indulge your taste buds with a delightful Maltese delicacy lunch and local wine. As you dine, your guide will unravel the unique purposes and rivalries that characterize band clubs, providing a richer understanding of the cultural context.



ST JOHN'S CO-CATHEDRAL - PRIVATE VISIT

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.



CLASSIC CAR RIDE

Embark on a nostalgic journey through the charming streets of Malta aboard a meticulously preserved classic car from the 1900s. You'll be transported back in time to an era of elegance and sophistication with the rhythmic purr of the vintage engine, creating a sensory experience that resonates with the sights, sounds, and scents of Malta's storied past.

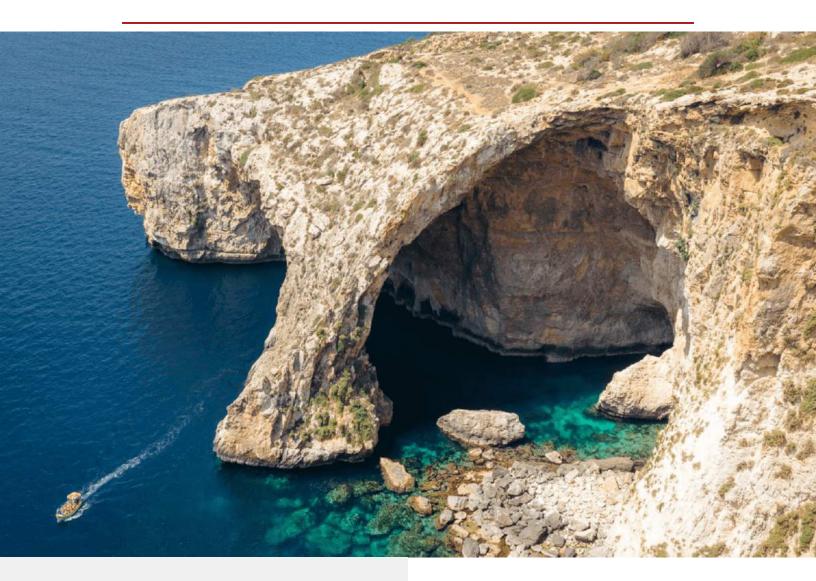


PRIVATE DINNER AT MARKUS DIVINUS WINERY

In the high planes of the village of Dingli, there is a boutique winery patiently nurturing exquisite grapes. Markus Divinus is dedicated to producing wines that represent Malta's agricultural heritage, with unique blends of local and international grapes to create exclusive flavours. Tonight you will enjoy a private dinner in this unique setting.



DAY 3 - Ancient and Rural Malta



IMPORTANT INFO included meals: l

Today's touring will start at 09:00 and end at 17:00. Your dedicated guide will meet you in the hotel lobby. Tonight you will enjoy a private group dinner at your hotel.

Today's Highlights

Embark on a day of adventure and cultural immersion in Malta. Witness a majestic Falconry Display, explore the island's coastal beauty with a serene Blue Grotto Private Boat ride, and discover the ancient marvels of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples. Enjoy a rustic farm lunch and engage in traditional activities like Pastizzi Making, Carpet Instrument Artisan Weaving, and an visit. experiencing Malta's rich traditions amidst picturesque landscapes.

FALCONRY DISPLAY

Introducing Lawrence - the man who revived falconry in Malta. He fell in love with birds the first moment he cradled one given to him by his neighbour at the age of 4. Among his growing collection, he is a proud owner of the Maltese Peregrine Falcon. Enjoy the unique opportunity to hold it yourself, and observe the immense speed at which it can swoop for its prey.



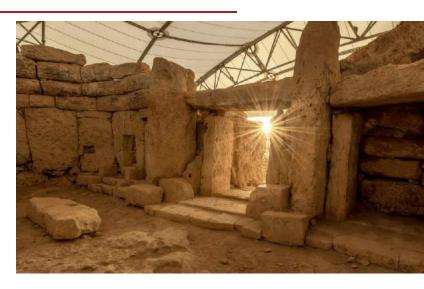
BLUE GROTTO - PRIVATE BOAT

The Blue Grotto is a complex of sea caves that comprises a large and very impressive main arch, as well as a system of 6 other caves, among which you will find the Honeymoon Cave, the Cat's Cave and the beautiful Reflection Cave. This boat trip to the caves is the best way to experience the true beauty of the area and the stunning clear blue waters.



HAGAR QIM & MNAJDRA TEMPLES

Hagar Qim and Mnajdra are UNESCO prehistoric temples thought to have been built to worship the fertility goddess. To put their age into perspective, they are around 1000 years older than the pyramids of Giza, and even Stonehenge. Through this visit, you will have the opportunity to say you visited the oldest, free-standing temples in the world!



PASTIZZI MAKING

The most renowned street food item in Malta is the hot, flaky pastizzi. This diamond-shaped savory snack consists of around 50 paper-thin layers of pastry filled with curried peas or ricotta cheese. Today you will not only have the opportunity to taste them, but actually make them yourself. Which side will you take? Team pea, or team cheese?



RUSTIC FARM LUNCH

Direct from the farmers and straight to your plate. Indulge in a delightful farm lunch amidst the serene ambiance of a private olive grove. This experience not only tantalises your taste buds, but also supports a network of local artisans, from bakers to beekeepers, offering you a genuine connection to Malta's thriving rural communities.



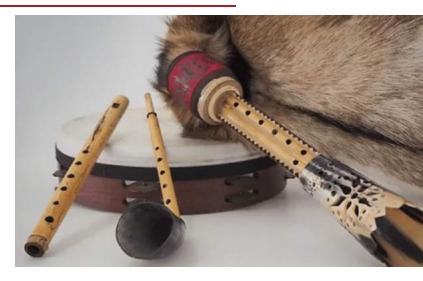
TRADITIONAL CARPET WEAVER

Weaving is one of the world's oldest trades that hasn't changed in over 9,000 years. Here in Malta, the first known piece of weaving dates back to around 800 BC, when the Phoenicians ruled the island. Today you will meet Antoine, who will show you how he has embraced this tradition by producing colourful carpets through medieval methods.



INSTRUMENT ARTISAN

Traditional Maltese instruments are a rarity these days. Thankfully, there are a few individuals that took a personal interest in safeguarding this heritage. One such person is Francesco, who is particularly proud of making the traditional bagpipe - literally made from a whole goat! You'll love hearing his story and the fascinating history behind these instruments.



DAY 4 - GOZO - THE SISTER ISLAND



IMPORTANT INFO included meals: b,l,d

Today's touring will start at 08:00 and end at 16:00. Your dedicated guide will meet you in the hotel lobby. You will then enjoy an evening experience from 18:00 - 23:00.

Today's Highlights

Embark on a day of adventure and relaxation with a yachting journey to Gozo, complemented by a delightful breakfast onboard. Engage in an exhilarating Quad Bike Adventure before enjoying a serene Private Picnic amidst nature's embrace and exploring the historic confines of The Citadel. As evening falls, discover the enchanting allure of Mdina with an exploration by night, followed by pre-dinner drinks atop the Mdina Bastions, offering panoramic views. Conclude your journey with a private farewell function in a palatial setting, creating unforgettable memories amidst Malta's timeless splendor.

YACHTING TO GOZO WITH BREAKFAST

Step aboard your very own privately chartered yacht and set sail on Mediterranean blue waters. A day of pure indulgence awaits as you bask in the sun on the spacious deck, taking in the panoramic vistas, or dive into the inviting waters for a refreshing swim. Enjoy relishing the sheer opulence of a yacht that redefines leisure on the open seas.



QUAD BIKE ADVENTURE

Feel the exhilaration with a Gozo quad bike experience. Ride along less traveled roads to discover the island's rural beauty and peacefulness. You'll be stopping at various landmarks and hidden gems, including but not limited to: Sanap Cliffs, Dwejra and Fungus Rock, Wied il-Ghasri, Xwejni Salt Pans and Marsalforn Bay.



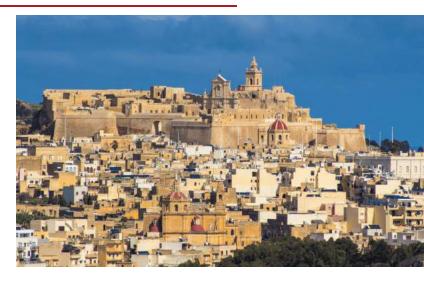
PRIVATE PICNIC

A private picnic along the Gozitan cliff-side, salt pans or beach is a wow experience in itself. A meal will be hand-crafted to include local products. All you need to do is sit back, relax and enjoy the serenity of the carefully chosen environment. Bonus: the luxury picnic organiser avoids single-use plastic at all costs, making this a very sustainable experience too!



THE CITADEL

With its distinctive skyline, the Citadel stands out as Gozo's major landmark. This hilltop fortification is rich in buildings of architectural, military and historical value, while its open areas offer a habitat to numerous rare species of flora and fauna. The Citadel has withstood invasions, sieges, and transformations, bearing witness to the changing tides of Gozo's history.



MDINA EXPLORATION BY NIGHT

As the sun sets, the old capital city of Mdina transforms into a mesmerizing haven known as the "Silent City". You will feel the power as you enter its honey-coloured limestone walls and navigate its winding roads. Its panoramic views and range of architecture will undoubtedly captivate you as much as the noble families who continue to live here.



MDINA BASTION PRE-DINNER DRINKS

Perched high above the island's rolling countryside, the Mdina bastions offer an unrivaled vantage point, where one can drink in the beauty of Malta's landscapes while toasting to moments of serenity and bliss. With each sip, one becomes immersed in the timeless charm and allure of Mdina, where history whispers through the winding cobblestone streets.

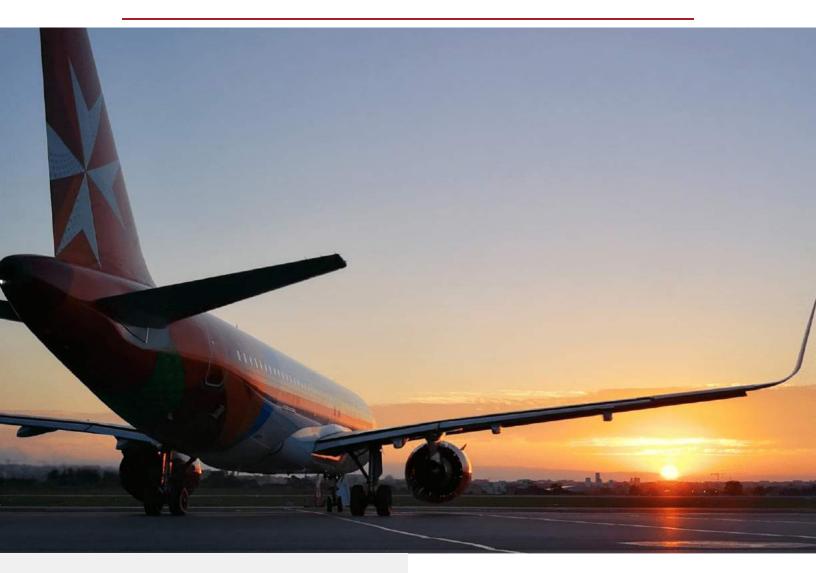


MDINA PALAZZO - PRIVATE FAREWELL FUNCTION

With just a couple of knocks, you'll have the exclusive opportunity to enter one of Mdina's noble palazzo doors to find out that it is so much more than just a home. A member of the family will personally take you around their property and cannot wait to show you their most prized possessions and narrate the stories linked to them.



DAY 5 - DEPARTURE DAY



Important Info

Flight details and other important departure information will be displayed here.

Today's Highlights

As you bid farewell to our enchanting islands today, we've arranged a transfer to the airport for your convenience. We sincerely hope that Malta has surpassed your expectations, leaving you with cherished memories to treasure. We eagerly anticipate the day we can welcome you back to our shores once again.

ITINERARY INCLUSIONS

Airport Transfers Expert Guiding and Private Van Service for Touring 1 Breakfast, 3 Lunches and 3 Dinners

ITINERARY EXCLUSIONS

Flights Medical and Travel Insurance Gratuities for Guides and Drivers

