

Ports & Excursions



Valletta, Malta

Malta is the largest in a group of seven islands that occupy a strategic position between Europe and Africa. The island's history is long and turbulent. Everyone from the Normans to the Nazis have vied for control of this small, honey-colored rock. For centuries the island was the possession of the knightly Order of St. John - the Knights Hospitaller. Valletta, Malta's current capital, was planned by the Order's Grandmaster Jean de la Valette to secure the island's eastern coast from Turk incursions. Founded in 1566, Valletta's bustling streets are lined with superb Baroque buildings and churches.

Malta has a long history: the megalithic stone temples at Gozo may be the oldest freestanding structures on Earth. Malta has two official languages, Maltese (constitutionally the national language) and English. Malta was admitted to the European Union in 2004 and in 2008 became part of the eurozone.

Points of Interest

1 Valletta

Malta's capital and a World Heritage site is an eclectic blend of Baroque architecture, the majestic St. John's Co-Cathedral, quaint cafes and wine bars.

2 Grand Master's Palace

The former residence of the Grand Master of the Knights of St. John is today home to the Parliament of Malta.

3 St. John's Cathedral

The austere façade of St. John's Cathedral stands in marked contrast to its interior which boasts a stunning vaulted ceiling adorned with frescoes. St. John's Cathedral houses the famous painting by Caravaggio 'The beheading of St. John'.

4 Mdina

Perched atop a plateau, this impressive medieval city was Malta's capital before Valletta was built.

5 Vittoriosa

The small town of Vittoriosa is considered one of the most beautiful and perfectly preserved of the Three Cities that protect Grand Harbour.

6 Rabat

Rabat is a village just outside Mdina. It is home to the famous Catacombs of St. Paul and of St. Agatha.

7 Ħaġar Qim

Ħaġar Qim is a megalithic temple complex found on the Mediterranean island of Malta, dating from the Ħgantija phase (3600-3200 BC). The Megalithic Temples of Malta are among the most ancient religious sites on Earth, described by the World Heritage Sites committee as "unique architectural masterpieces." In 1992 UNESCO recognized Ħaġar Qim and four other Maltese megalithic structures as World Heritage Sites.

8 Marsaxlokk Village

The charming atmosphere of Malta's main fishing village can be attributed to the strong traditions maintained by the close knit community. The harbor's calm blue waters are filled with bobbing, colorful luzzu boats.

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Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular World Heritage Site
St. John's Cathedral, Mdina & Tarxien Temples
 MLA-100 | Valletta, Malta | Group Size: 49

You will visit: **1 3 4** **S** **I** **8** hours from **\$99.95**

See the best of Malta on a walking tour of Mdina and Valletta, the capital of Malta. Historic sites mark your journey, including St. John's Co-Cathedral, home to knights' tombs and a Caravaggio painting. You'll drive to the Hagar Qim Temples and witness stunning glasswork at Mdina Glass.



Vittoriosa & Mdina
 MLA-120 | Valletta, Malta | Group Size: 49

You will visit: **4 5** **S** **I** **6** hours from **\$99.95**

Spend the day exploring Malta's rich medieval history on guided walking tours of Vittoriosa and Mdina. Tour the Inquisitors' Palace and the Medieval Times Museum, housed in 17th-century Palazzo Notabile. Cap off the day with a lunch at a first-class restaurant.



World Heritage Site
Grand Master's Palace, St. John's Cathedral & Mdina
 MLA-200 | Valletta, Malta | Group Size: 49

You will visit: **1 2 3 4** **S** **M** **4** hours from **\$69.95**

Experience Malta's new and old capitals on guided walking tours. Tour the Grand Master's Palace, home to Malta's Parliament, and St. John's Co-Cathedral where you'll view the knights' tombs and a painting by Caravaggio. You'll stroll through Mdina's historic streets with a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral.



Rabat & Mdina
 MLA-220 | Valletta, Malta | Group Size: 49

You will visit: **4 6** **M** **4** hours from **\$59.95**

Explore Maltese history on a tour of the old island capital of Mdina. Stroll along the city walls, built by the Normans in the 12th century, and visit the cathedral. Walk to the village of Rabat and tour the ancient catacombs. Then visit a craft village and shop for glass.



Island Drive - Vittoriosa & Marsaxlokk Village
MLA-290 | Valletta, Malta | Group Size: 49

You will visit:

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You will see:

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4 hours

from \$69.95

This tour is designed for passengers who prefer to see some sights from the motorcoach with little or no walking involved. View Malta's scenic highlights on a narrated drive designed for those who prefer to see the sights with little or no walking. You'll visit the island's largest fishing village and have free time to shop for souvenirs. You'll travel to Ta'Qali Crafts Village and view traditional Mdina glassware, and make a stop for refreshments.

Special Interests



World Heritage Site Premium

Hal Saflieni Hypogeum
MLA-250 | Valletta, Malta | Group Size: 10



4 hours

from \$159.95

Only available to small exclusive groups, experience Malta's ancient history and heritage. Tour two UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the Hypogeum, the oldest prehistoric underground temple in the world, and the megalithic temples of Hagar Qim, which date to 2800 B.C. Return to Valletta for a visit to the National Archaeology Museum in Valletta.



Marsaxlokk Village & Wine Tasting
MLA-310 | Valletta, Malta | Group Size: 49

You will visit:

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4 hours

from \$59.95

Experience Malta on a narrated drive about the island. Visit Marsaxlokk, the island's largest fishing village. Stroll the waterfront and view colorful luzzu boats and fishermen mending their nets. Visit an island winery and sample its wares, and witness local pottery craftsman at work.