

# MALTA

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# Welcome to Malta

*Few countries in the world can offer visitors as much in terms of history and culture as Malta can, in so little space.*

*Malta's capital of Valletta alone is a big treasure trove of things to discover. The walled city was established in the 1500s on a peninsula by the Knights of St. John. Valletta is famous for its museums, palaces and grand churches as well as Baroque landmarks including St. John's Co-Cathedral, whose opulent interior is home to the Caravaggio masterpiece "The Beheading of Saint John."*

*Take the ferry up to Gozo, to explore that island, visiting the citadel in Victoria, going for a swim at Ramla l-Hamla and eating some super-fresh fish at Marsalforn.*

*Visit Comino for a day, taking a ferry from Sliema or Bugibba and spending a good part of the day enjoying the crystal clear water around the Blue Lagoon.*

*Let us show you Malta  
like you've never imagined.*

**Halina Kubica**  
**Owner & Managing Director**



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# Malta



**Should time permit, add to your itinerary a trip to Malta. An archipelago of seven islands in the Mediterranean Sea - but only three are inhabited. Malta has a warm climate and boasts numerous architectural and historical monuments including nine UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the cities of Valletta and Sliema and the Hypogeum of Hal-Saflien - a subterranean structure dating back to 3300 - 3000 BC. It is the only known prehistoric underground temple in the world.**

## Currency

The currency of Malta is the Euro, and most major credit cards are accepted.

## Visas

Australian and New Zealand travelers only need a passport with 6 months validity for travel less than 90 days.

## Electricity

Malta has 220 volt electricity, a UK 3 pin rectangular blade plug adaptor may be used.

## Climate

Annual Weather Averages. July is the hottest month in Malta with an average temperature of 27°C and the coldest is January at 13°C with the most daily sunshine hours at 12 in August. The wettest month is November with an average of 108.6mm of rain.

# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more

## The Waterfront Hotel

★★★★



Located along the sea promenade of Sliema, the hotel provides guests with a breathtaking views of Silema's port, Manoel Island and Valletta. The hotel is perfectly situated for easy access to transportation, linking guests to all areas of Malta, with the capital being only a short bus or ferry ride away. Minimum three night stay. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast. *Note: Min. 3 nights stay*

from  
**A\$78**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## Victoria Hotel

★★★★



A modern but classic hotel that honours the Victorian style that used to characterise the Sliema area. Victoria Hotel is less than 2km away from the seafront and the main promenade where you will find an abundance of bars, restaurants and high street designer outlets. This luxury hotel has elegant rooms, exceptional spa facilities and multi-purpose conference halls for your convenience. Whether you're on a romantic getaway, planning a vacation in Malta with friends or travelling for business, you will always receive high-class service and a welcoming smile. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast.

from  
**A\$93**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## Grand Hotel Excelsior

★★★★★



The Grand Hotel Excelsior is ideally located at the doorstep of a UNESCO World Heritage Site the Capital City of Valletta, with all its major attractions, culture, art treasures, and historical architectural gems. This acclaimed Valletta Malta hotel prides itself in providing the discerning traveller with magnificent accommodation, breathtaking views of Marsamxett harbour and Manoel Island and an unforgettable dining experience. Its central position allows for easy travel to all parts of the Maltese islands. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast

from  
**A\$106**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## The Palace

★★★★★



This five star hotel, rated for its five star service, exquisite cuisine and impeccable surrounding, is perfectly located only a short 11 minute walk from the beach and 500 metres from Sliema's bus terminals and Valletta Ferry. The stunning hotel also features a rooftop spa with infinity pool overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Minimum three night stay. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. *Note: Min. 3 nights stay*

from  
**A\$120**  
per person  
per night  
twin share



# Malta Day Tours



## Valleta & Malta Experience

• Half Day



**Departs:** Mondays (Afternoon) 7 Jan-24 Jun 2019 (Morning) 1 Jul-30 Sep 2019

Start the day with a guided tour through the bustling streets allowing you to view the Barracca Gardens that command a breathtaking panorama of the Grand Harbour and then to St. John's cathedral, adorned in riches that date back to the Knights of Malta. Visit the Church museum that is adorned with Flemish tapestries. Continue your visit of the Grand Master's Palace and other buildings of historical importance. Lastly stop at the Malta Experience, a multivision show that depicts Malta's history throughout the ages. Tour includes St John cathedral entrance fees. Transfers to meeting point not included. *Duration approx. 4 Hours*

from  
**A\$90**  
per person

## Mdina

• Full Day



**Departs:** Tuesdays & Fridays 1 Jan-29 Oct 2019

Discover the medieval secrets of the silent city of Mdina with this full day excursion to the ancient walled citadel. Learn about the history of the fortified city before leaving to explore the catacombs and the coast at Dingli as well as other surrounding sights. After lunch (Not Included) lose yourself in the botanic gardens of San Anton and ensure your knees and shoulders are covered before entering the sacred dome of Mosta's parish church. If you have energy remaining, there is time at the end to enjoy the local goods and shop at the Ta' Qali crafts centre. Transfers from selected hotels only. *Duration approx. 8 Hours*

from  
**A\$120**  
per person

## Gozo Experience

• Full Day



**Departs:** Thursdays & Saturdays 3 Jan-29 Oct 2019

Visit Malta's sister island of Gozo. After a 20 minute ferry crossing, on setting foot in Gozo you will notice that although both islands are similar in history and development Gozo has a character entirely of its own. Gozo, which is a three hilled island, is greener and more picturesque than Malta. Visit the citadel in Victoria and the bay of Xlendi. Free time for shopping will also be given. Gozo is known for its woolen goods and handmade lace. Transfer from / to meeting point, Drinks and entrance fees not included. *Duration approx. 9 Hours*

from  
**A\$138**  
per person

## Gozo & Comino Blue Lagoon

• Full Day



**Departs:** Daily 1 April-31 Oct 2019

Meet at the port of Sliema at 10:15am for a fun and relaxing cruise. Start your cruise along the Northern coast of Malta enjoying the views of St. Julians, Bugibba, St. Paul's Island & Mellieha. Upon arrival at the sister island of Gozo you will board a Gozo Sightseeing Bus and visit the Capital City Victoria & Dwejra Bay. In the afternoon head to the famous Blue Lagoon where you can spend time exploring the island and swimming in the tranquil turquoise water. Return from Comino at 4:15pm for your cruise back into Sliema at 6pm. Return transfers and meals not included. *Duration approx. 9 Hours*

from  
**A\$100**  
per person

# Classical Malta Tour • 5 Days



**Departs:** Sundays 1 Apr- 31 Oct 2019

## Day 1 Sun: Arrival in Malta

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to your hotel for overnight. Victoria Hotel or similar.

## Day 2 Mon: Valletta

After breakfast make your way to the meeting point to start a guided tour through the bustling streets of Valletta. View the Barracca Gardens that command a breathtaking panorama of the Grand Harbour and then to the St. John's Co-cathedral, adorned in riches that date back to the Knights of Malta including the world famous Caravaggio painting that is on display in the Oratory of this Cathedral. Walk to the main town and pass by the Grand Master's Palace and other buildings of historical importance. Lastly stop at the Malta Experience, a multivision show that depicts Malta's history throughout the ages. The tour includes St John cathedral entrance fees. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at Victoria Hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 3 Tue: Mdina

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of medieval secrets of the silent city of Mdina with a full day excursion to the ancient walled citadel. Learn about the history of the fortified city before leaving to explore the catacombs and the coast at Dingli as well as other surrounding sights. After lunch (Not included) lose yourself in the botanic gardens of San Anton and visit the sacred dome of Mosta's parish church. Free time at the Ta' Qali crafts centre. Return to your Hotel for overnight. (B)

## Day 4 Wed: Gozo and Comino Blue Lagoon Cruise

After breakfast meet at the port of Sliema for a fun and relaxing cruise. Start your cruise along the Northern coast of Malta enjoying the views of St. Julians, Bugibba, St. Paul's Island & Mellieha. Upon arrival at the sister island of Gozo you will board a Gozo Sightseeing Bus and visit the Capital City Victoria & Dwejra Bay. In the afternoon head to the famous Blue Lagoon where you can spend time exploring the island and swimming in the tranquil turquoise water. Return back into Sliema port. Overnight at your Hotel. (B)

## Day 5: Departure

After breakfast transfers to the airport. End of our services. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- 3 day tours
- Arrival & departure transfer

from  
**A\$780**  
per person



# Best of Malta

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Thursdays 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019

## Day 1 Thu: Arrival in Malta

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to your hotel for overnight. Victoria Hotel or Similar.

## Day 2 Fri: Malta and Comino

After breakfast, you will be picked up from your hotel to experience the best of Malta and Comino with this day cruise that passes by the most beautiful locations on the island, before stopping at the picturesque Blue Lagoon for a delicious buffet lunch. Contemplate Valletta, Malta's capital, the Grand Harbour, St Thomas Bay and Marsaxlokk Bay (Malta's largest fishing village) from the serenity of your boat. Enjoy the views of the imposing Dingli cliffs and you will have the chance to admire the multiple sandy beaches that line Malta's coast. After passing Popeye's village, the location where the Popeye film was shot, the boat will stop at the Island of Comino. Optional boat trips into the cave are available, and your buffet lunch is served by the stewards on board. After passing Mellieha Bay and St Paul's Island, where in 60AD this apostle famously shipwrecked, the rest of the day is spent swimming and sunbathing. You also have the possibility of going ashore to wander the island or swim at the beautiful beaches. Return back to you hotel for overnight. Overnight in your hotel. (B, L)

## Day 3 Sat: Prehistoric Temples Tour of Malta

After breakfast start a tour of Malta home to seven megalithic temples, all of which are designated as world heritage sites by UNESCO. These megalithic temples date back 5500 years ago and are the oldest free-standing stone structures in the world, even older than the Stonehenge and the Pyramids. You will first drive to Ghar Dalam. The history of the cave and that of the islands can be decoded from Ghar Dalam's stratigraphy. The lowermost layers, more than 500,000 years old, contained the fossil bones of dwarf elephants, hippopotami

and micro-mammals. You will then visit Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Temples. The megalithic complex of Hagar Qim is located on top of a hill on the southern edge of the Island, on a ridge capped in soft globigerina limestone. All exposed rock on the island was deposited during the Oligocene and Miocene periods of geological time. Return to your Hotel and evening at leisure. Overnight in your hotel. (B)

## Day 4 Sun: Special Sundays in Malta

Today spend your Sunday exploring as a local. After breakfast transfer to a local open Market, where one can spend about an hour amongst the hustle and bustle of buyers and sellers, wheelers and dealers all looking for the best bargains ever. After visiting the market continue to Sliema for lunch, either in a Five Star Hotel or on board your vessel for a Harbour Cruise (including lunch). Whilst cruising, our guide will explain the history of the Three Cities connected with the Great Siege of 1565 and 1942 and all other places of interest including the historical forts, battlements and creeks which can only be admired from the sea. Considering that lunch is served on board, it will be served in one of the creeks in the Grand Harbour. After lunch we cruise back to Sliema, where we proceed to Marsa Race Course (entrance included) to spend the rest of the afternoon at the Horse Races. Try your luck on the tote. Return back to your hotel for overnight. (B, L)

## Day 5 Mon: Gozo Experience

After breakfast, make your way to the meeting point to start a visit to Malta's sister island of Gozo. After a 20 minute ferry crossing, on setting foot in Gozo you will notice that although both islands are similar in history and development Gozo has a character entirely of its own. Gozo, which is a three hilled island, is greener and more picturesque than Malta. During this excursion, we visit the citadel in Victoria, the bay of Xlendi, free time for shopping will also be given. Gozo is known for its woolen goods and handmade lace. Overnight at Victoria Hotel or Similar. (B)

## Day 6 Tue: Departure

After breakfast transfer to the airport. End of our services. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch)
- 4 day tours
- Arrival & departure transfer

from  
**A\$998**  
per person



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  - 59-31 Days prior sailing- 25% of the cruise cost or loss of deposit whatever is greater.
  - 30-16 Days prior sailing- 50% of the cruise cost or loss of deposit whatever is greater.
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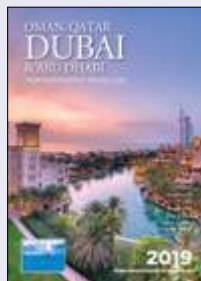
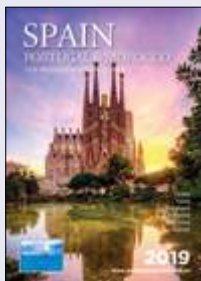
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