



MALTA & GOZO CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS (TOUR CODE: 16589)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Valletta

TRAVEL PERIODS

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TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Discover the essence of Malta and Gozo on a refined five-night getaway enriched by exclusive experiences, from expert-led heritage tours to elevated, one-of-a-kind encounters.

Highlights

- Our **Locally Made** experiences are carefully curated to highlight authentic local connections, bringing travellers closer to the people, stories, and traditions that define each place
- **Discover Valletta's grand bastions**, St. John's Co-Cathedral, and sweeping Grand Harbour views in Malta's historic capital
- Wander **Mdina's silent streets**, visit **St. Paul's Cathedral**, and explore **Rabat's early Christian catacombs**
- Marvel at the **Ġgantija Temples**, explore **Victoria's Citadel**, and admire **Ramla Bay's red sands** and dramatic coastal scenery
- Uncover **Vittoriosa**, **Senglea**, and **Cospicua**, fortified maritime cities central to **Malta's Great Siege history**
- Experience **colourful luzzu boats**, **bustling markets**, and **fresh seafood in Malta's** charming southern fishing village

Experience an exclusive five-night itinerary crafted to showcase the rich heritage, dramatic landscapes, and timeless charm of Malta and Gozo. This bespoke small-group journey blends luxury travel with expert-guided exploration, giving you rare insight into the islands' most significant historic sites, hidden corners, and living traditions. From ancient cities to sparkling coastlines, every day reveals another layer of Malta's remarkable story



HANDPICKED
LOCAL EXPERTS



SUPPORT
COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL



INSIDER
ACCESS



SMALL-GROUP
MOMENTS



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES

INCLUSIONS

- 5-night accommodation in St. Paul's Bay in a 4* hotel
- Private transfers as per itinerary
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch in a traditional restaurant featuring seafood
- Private guided tour of Valletta
- Mdina & Rabat guided tour
- Gozo – The Mythical Island guided tour
- The Three Cities & Marsaxlokk guided tour
- Entrance to: St. John's Co-Cathedral, Grand Master Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul's Catacombs, and Ġgantija Temple
- English-speaking expert guides

ITINERARY

Day 1 St. Paul's Bay

Arrive in Malta and transfer to one of our selected hotel in the North of the island.

After check-in, enjoy free time to explore the city, a lively seaside town known for its long promenade, vibrant nightlife, and a wide choice of restaurants and cafés. It offers an ideal base for travelers who want both relaxation and entertainment.

Overnight stay in **St. Paul's Bay** in a 4* hotel.



Day 2 St. Paul's Bay Valetta St. Paul's Bay

Begin your journey with a private guided tour of **Valletta**.

Valletta, Malta's Capital City and a World Heritage site, is nothing short of an open-air museum. Valletta known as Il-Belt, contains buildings from the 16th century onwards, built during the rule of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, also known as Knights Hospitaller. The city is essentially Baroque in character with elements of Mannerist, Neo-Classical and Modern architecture in selected area, though World War II left major scars on the city. The City of Valletta was officially recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1980. The city is named for Jean Parisot de la Valette, who succeeded in defending

the island from an Ottoman invasion in 1565. The official name given by the Order of Saint John was 'Humilissima Civitas Valletta' – The Most Humble City of Valletta or Citta' Umilissima in Italian. The bastions, curtains and ravelins along with the beauty of its Baroque palaces, gardens and churches, led the ruling houses of Europe to give the city its nickname Superbissima – Most Proud.

During the tour you will **walk through the bustling streets and to Barracca Gardens** for a breathtaking panorama of the **Grand Harbour**. You will then visit **St. John's Co-Cathedral** where you will see the painting 'The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist' by Caravaggio, considered one of Caravaggio's masterpieces and the only painting signed by the painter and the Grand Master's Palace, where you'll dive into the island's rich history.

In the evening, free time to explore and dine at your leisure.

Overnight stay in **St. Paul's Bay** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **3**

St. Paul's Bay Mdina Rabat St. Paul's Bay

Step into history as you visit **Mdina**, the Silent City, where medieval alleys transport you to another era.

Explore **St. Paul's Cathedral and venture into Rabat's early Christian catacombs**, gaining insight into Malta's deep-rooted religious traditions. Mdina, Malta's ancient capital. It rests in a very majestic way, on top of a hilltop right at the centre of the island. Mdina is also called 'The Silent City' because of its literally quiet and narrow streets that give off a quaint yet very homey atmosphere. Mdina is not only considered to be one of Malta's precious jewels, but this ancient walled city is one of the best medieval fortifications. You will see magnificent views of the entire Maltese landscape.

The day concludes with breathtaking panoramic views from Malta's coastal cliffs and scenic bays. In the evening, return to your hotel and dine at your leisure.

Overnight stay in **St. Paul's Bay** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **4**

St. Paul's Bay Gozo Valetta St. Paul's Bay

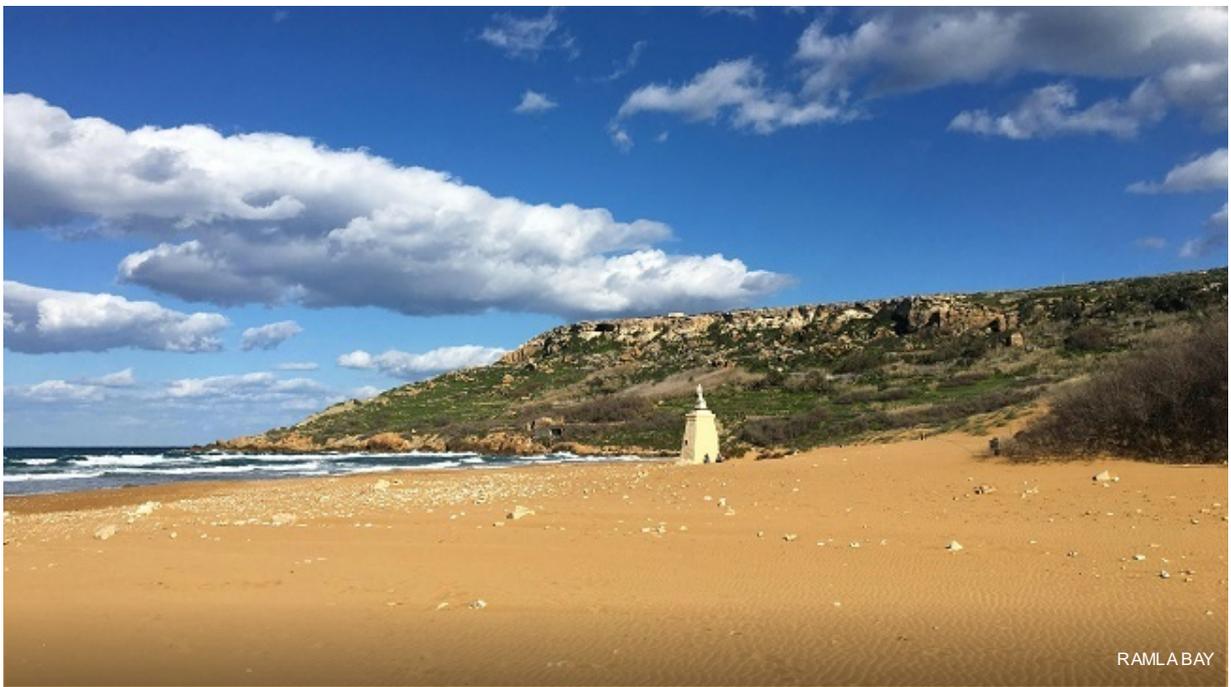
Today, the journey takes you to **Gozo**, an island rich in history, legends, and breathtaking landscapes. The day begins with a visit to the **Ġgantija Temples**, a UNESCO World Heritage site older than the Egyptian pyramids, where you will experience the mystical aura surrounding these ancient megalithic structures.

The exploration continues in Victoria, the island's capital, with a stop at the **Citadel**, a fortified city that has been a place of refuge since medieval times. Victoria is the name given in 1897 by the British government on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, at the request of the Bishop of Malta, Mons. Sir Pietro Pace. However Gozitans still often refer to it by its old name, Rabat. The area around Victoria, situated on a hill near the centre of the island has been settled since Neolithic times. In the centre of Victoria lies The Cittadella, a historic fortified city. The Cittadella also called at The Citadel, is on Malta's tentative list of future World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, who describes it as a small fortified town. From its high bastions, enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the entire island.

The adventure proceeds to **Ramla Bay**, a beach known for its unique reddish sand, followed by a visit to **Fungus Rock**, an iconic limestone formation standing guard at the entrance of Dwejra Bay. After a day immersed in history and natural beauty, return to Valletta. During the evening, return to your hotel and dine at your leisure

Overnight stay in **St. Paul's Bay** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 5

St. Paul's Bay The Three Cities Marsaxlokk St. Paul's Bay

Dedicate the day to uncovering the charm of the Three Cities: **Vittoriosa, Senglea, and Cospicua**, historic gems that predate Valletta. A private guided tour with local experts reveals the authentic cultural essence of Malta. The Three Cities is a collective description of the three fortified cities of Cospicua, Vittoriosa and Senglea.

During the tour you will drive past Cospicua, a double-fortified harbour city and the largest of the three. It was also given a title as Citta' Cottonera, but erroneously the title is now used to define the whole region. You will then arrive in Vittoriosa. Vittoriosa is ideally situated for safe anchorage and over time it has developed a very long history with maritime, mercantile and military activities. Prior to the establishment of Valletta as capital and main city of Malta, military powers that wanted to rule the Maltese islands would need to obtain control of Vittoriosa due to its significant position in the Grand Harbour.

The third city Senglea is also called Civitas Invicta because it managed to resist the Ottoman invasion at the Great Siege of 1565. The name Senglea was given by the grandmaster who built it, Claude De La Sengle. The island on which Senglea lies was joined by a land bridge to Cospicua during the time of the Knights of St. John and as a result, it became peninsular in shape. During this tour you will walk through the various narrow streets shaded by many historic churches and buildings.

Next, visit **Marsaxlokk**, a picturesque fishing village renowned for its traditional luzzu boats and lively market. Marsaxlokk is a very popular attraction for tourists and locals because fresh fish and seafood caught during the same morning can be bought. The market is very interesting and attractive as many different items are sold. Although the market was originally a fish market, it has developed and now it also sells locally produced honey, fruit jams, wine as well as vegetables, souvenirs and clothes.

Enjoy a seafood lunch at a local restaurant, indulging in the fresh flavors of Maltese cuisine.

Afterwards, you can return to your hotel or explore the city on your own.

Overnight stay in **St. Paul's Bay** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **6**

St. Paul's Bay Valletta

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight, taking with you unforgettable memories of an exclusive guided tour of Malta.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Advertised FROM prices apply to low-season travel periods only** and are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- **Prices vary by travel date, room type, length of stay and demand**, with higher rates applying during shoulder and peak periods, including school holidays and blackout dates.
- **FROM prices may not be available on all departures** and are indicative only.
- **International flights, where included, are based on lead-in fares** and are subject to limited availability. Actual airfares may vary depending on travel dates, seat availability and airline policies.
- **Any airfare differences from the advertised package price will be advised prior to booking**, and additional charges may apply for flight upgrades or changes.
- **Additional charges may apply**, including peak-season surcharges, festive period supplements, mandatory resort dinners, upgrades and optional experiences.
- **Final pricing, inclusions and promotions are confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking** and are subject to availability and change without notice.
- **Indicative pricing shown** for advertising purposes only.

Excluded

- **Domestic airfares and taxes**, unless expressly stated in your holiday package
- **Visa costs**, including application, processing and issuance fees
- **Local city, tourist or accommodation taxes**, where applicable, payable locally
- **Meals not specifically listed as included**, including mandatory festive or special-event dinners
- **Travel insurance and personal expenses**, including mini-bar, laundry, telephone calls and similar incidentals
- **Tips and gratuities** to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff
- **Any other services or expenses not expressly included** in the holiday package

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