

MALTA, the Phantasy Island



8 days / 7 nights 4** upgrade to 5*******

In Malta, you will explore 7000 years of history yet live passionately in the present. You'll span the millennia with an astonishing array of things to discover. And wherever you go, the Islands' scenery and architecture provide a spectacular backdrop. The colors are striking. Honey-colored stone against the deepest of Mediterranean blues. The Maltese Islands have been described as one big open-air museum. What makes them unique is that so much of their past is visible today. Delve into the Islands' mysterious prehistory, retrace the footsteps of St Paul or see where the Knights of St John defended Christendom. But Malta is no regular museum. Life here is lived to the full, so make time for some living history and action. Visit locations where Oscar-winning blockbusters were filmed or go off the beaten track into ancient villages. Marvel at the fireworks and revelry of the summertime festas and enjoy a packed calendar of events all year round.

DAY 1 (Friday) INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT - ARRIVAL Malta by Night Tour

Arrival to Malta International Airport, meet with our representative who will assist with all formalities and luggage. Transfer to the Hotel and check-in. Free time at the hotel. At 19:40 you will be picked-up from the hotel to the starting point where you will be boarded on the Double Decker Bus. See Malta's main attractions by night. When darkness falls, Malta's famous landmarks are illuminated, and you will surely see some of the Island's impressive views. The bus tour will drive by various locations including: Paceville, St. Julian's, Sliema, Ta' Xbiex, Msida, Valletta, Mediterranean Conference Centre, Fort St. Elmo, Auberge de Castille, The Aqueducts, Rabat, Mdina, Mosta, Naxxar & Lija. All buses are equipped with an audio system and commentary is available in 16 different languages. During the tour we will also stop for 60 minutes in Mdina (Malta's old capital city) where you can visit this historical and attractive city, also known as the silent city. Then head back to the hotel for overnight.

DAY 2 (Saturday) GOZO - COMINO Full day excursion

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from the Hotel around 09:00. Aboard our modern Catamaran, we depart from Sliema Ferries and/or Bugibba Jetty in the morning, we start by cruising up the north-east coast, via the north Comino channel, towards the island of Gozo, an idyllic Mediterranean island of quaint fishing villages and peaceful bays. We arrive in Gozo around 11:30 and will be greeted by our representative, who will drive you around the charming island for approximately 2½ hours. You will first visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu which is known locally as the miracle church, en-route you will pass by the aqueducts which were built by the British between 1839 and 1843 and are located on the outskirts of Victoria. Whilst driving, you will also be able to admire the statue of Christ the Redeemer from a distance, as it is situated on a hill that cannot be reached by car. After viewing the magnificent Basilica, you will proceed to visit Victoria - the capital city of Gozo, here you will be able to explore the city and the stunning medieval fortress known as "Cittadella" (The Citadel), which is located within the city of Victoria. With its distinctive skyline and imposing military architecture, this ancient fortress stands out as Gozo's major landmark, a beacon visible from all over the island. After visiting this mythical island of Gozo, you will once again board the vessel and cruise to the Blue Lagoon in Comino where you will disembark. Get ready to be amazed by the crystal-clear waters of the famous Blue Lagoon! This picturesque bay with transparent turquoise waters, white sandy base, and a rich marine life, is the perfect spot for a relaxing and unforgettable afternoon break. With no cars or urban areas, the island of Comino is also worth visiting during Winter, making it an excellent destination for hikers and photo enthusiasts, providing many hiking trails leading to St. Mary's Chapel, St. Mary's Watch Tower, and St. Mary's Battery. Departure from Comino will be at approximately 16:45 hrs. to return to your hotel. Overnight. (B)

**PRICE PER PERSON
IN DOUBLE OCCUPATION**

EUR 1.120.-

Surplus single room EUR 490.-

SURPLUS 5*** Hotels EUR 574.-**

DEPARTURES 2026

**Every Friday from April
through October**

Please let us know if you want to start any other day of the week. Do you have a group? We can send you a special price. Write to us !!

PROPOSED HOTELS

4**** Double Tree by Hilton Malta
AX Odycy
Preluna Hotel

5***** Hilton Malta
Corinthia St. George's Bay
Radisson Blue St. Julian's

Another hotels upon request

INCLUSIONS:

- ✚ Transfers Airport-Hotel- Airport
- ✚ 7 nights in selected hotels with breakfast.
- ✚ Transportations throughout the above-mentioned itinerary.
- ✚ Audio system and commentary on **Day 1**
- ✚ English-speaking licensed Tour Guide on **Day 2** through **Day 5**.
- ✚ Gozo Ferry Tickets on **Day 2**.
- ✚ Harbour Cruise Tickets on **Day 4**
- ✚ Entry tickets to St. John's Co-Cathedral & Malta Experience Audio-visual Show **Day 4**.
- ✚ Entrance tickets to all sights on **Day 5**.

NOT INCLUDED

- International and/or local flights
- Services not mentioned on the program.
- Meals that are not described here (Lunches can be pre-booked as a supplement)
- Blue Grotto Boat ride tickets to be bought from the kiosk on the day - subject to weather and sea conditions.
- Tips for tour escort, tourguide and drivers.
- Personal expenses.





DAY 3 (Sunday) MARSAXLOKK FISHING VILLAGE The Blue Grotto & Sunday Market

Breakfast at the hotel. We start our tour by driving to Wied iż-Żurrieq (Żurrieq Valley) where we will visit the magnificent Blue Grotto and appreciate the fantastic scenery and breath-taking views surrounding the entire site. The Blue Grotto is a complex of seven caves found along the southern coast of the island, with a massive and very impressive main arch, the Honeymoon Cave, the Cat's Cave, and the beautiful Reflection Cave among others. Featured in numerous movies shot in Malta, owing to its natural beauty, weather permitting you will also have the time and opportunity to visit the grotto and caves by taking one of the boat trips organized by several local providers (not included in the price). After visiting The Blue Grotto, we will drive to the picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk. This gorgeous village is the largest fishing harbor in Malta, and has been so since antiquity, today the greater part of fish sold on the islands are caught by fishermen coming from this village. Traditional "luzzu's" (brightly colored traditional fishing boats) and larger fishing vessels line the sheltered harbor in a colorful display that has been the subject of countless photoshoots. Marsaxlokk is also popular for its many delightful restaurants and nice cafés huddled along its entire promenade and for its charming and large open-air market, selling a vast assortment of food such as fish, locally produced honey and fruit jams, traditional sweets and other delicacies, local wines and liquors, souvenirs, clothes, shoes, traditional lacework and crafts, custom jewelry, accessories and many more. This is the perfect location to spend a Sunday morning, enjoying a stroll in the unique settings of this quaint village where you can rub your shoulders with the locals and experience the Maltese way of life, having a coffee or a snack in a relaxing and alluring environment and admiring the lovely sea views while browsing the market, looking for 'that' perfect deal! During our visit to Marsaxlokk Fishing Village, you will have some free time to visit the open-air market and/or take a leisurely walk around this charming village. During the whole tour our knowledgeable and experienced guides will be providing you with riveting information and enhance your experience through narration and engaging storytelling return to your hotel. Overnight. **(B)**

DAY 4 (Monday) VALLETTA The Malta Experience & Harbour Cruise

Breakfast at the hotel. Departing at 9:30, our guided tour through the vibrant streets of Valletta will allow you to discover the beauty and charm of Malta's capital city; a fortified city built by the Order of Knights of St. John in 1566 who ruled over the islands for 268 years and left a unique cultural and architectural legacy of which Valletta is the prime example. Valletta is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a history spanning almost 5 centuries, regarded by many as an open-air museum! During our tour we will walk through the bustling streets of Valletta admiring the stunning buildings (some dating back to the 16th century) and the distinctive architecture of the city with Baroque, Mannerist, Neo-Classical and Modern styles, with its imposing fortifications and bastions, amazing baroque palaces, marvelous churches and gorgeous gardens. A visit to the Upper Barrakka Gardens is a must, here we can enjoy breath-taking views of the imposing Grand Harbor. Then we will visit the marvelous Co-Cathedral dedicated to St. John the Baptist, built by the Order of the Knights of St. John soon after the Great Siege of 1565 and completed in the year 1577, it is unquestionably one of the World's most magnificent cathedrals. Here you will be able to appreciate and admire all its richness, the adorned interiors, carved stone walls, painted vaulted ceilings, beautiful paintings, precious relics, rich baroque art, and opulent altars. One of the most remarkable features of the cathedral is the impressive marble floor. Besides other treasured paintings, the cathedral also houses 'The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist' by the famous painter Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, considered one of Caravaggio's greatest masterpieces. Before the end of our tour, we will enjoy the must-see award-winning Malta Experience audio-visual show that tells the dramatic story of the islands' 7000-year history. Educational, informative, and entertaining, the show runs through the turbulent history of a small island nation that has overcome almost unimaginable odds to survive and prosper. This tour will end around 14:00 where you will be dropped-off in Sliema Ferries to board a boat. Enjoy our cruise around the two natural harbors and their ten creeks. A detailed commentary will help to unfold the history of Valletta and the Three Cities dating back to 1565. Visiting historical forts,





battlements and the ten creeks from the sea, will give a different perspective of days gone by as you witness Malta's living past and busy present dockyards & marinas. This cruise will last for 2 hours. A fully stocked bar & toilet facilities are available on board. Then we will sail back to the marina to be transferred to your hotel. Overnight. **(B)**

DAY 5 (Tuesday) MDINA – DINGLI CLIFFS – SAN ANTON BOTANICAL GARDENS

Breakfast at the hotel. Departing the Hotel at 9:45, we start by visiting the ancient Medieval city of Mdina, renowned for its opulent palaces and fortifications, medieval and baroque architecture, and ancient heritage, this majestic city; also known as Città Vecchia (The Old City) or Città Notabile (The Noble City) is unquestionably one of the island's most evocative destinations. Serving as the island's capital city from antiquity till the medieval period, Mdina is truly an enchanting city! a stroll through its narrow streets, which have not changed much in the last 1000 years, is a must for anyone visiting the Maltese islands. It is undoubtedly one of Europe's finest examples of an ancient walled/fortified city, explore this historic city with an experienced local guide and delve into the rich past of the city as you explore its medieval streets. Take a journey back in time admiring the magnificent palazzos and churches in the city's unique mix of medieval and baroque styles, as well as the spectacular panoramas from the high bastion walls. Leaving Mdina through the 'Greeks Gate' we proceed to Dingli Cliffs, located off the village of Dingli on Malta's western coast, at around 253 metres above sea-level, these cliffs represent the highest point of the Maltese islands. The cliffs propose a majestic sight; the views overlooking the terraced fields underneath and the panorama of the vast open seas with the uninhabited small island of Filfla on its backdrop, are truly breath-taking! Given their impressive height the cliffs can be considered as natural forts, since no attacker can approach the island from the west. Perched on the edge, marking the highest point on the Maltese islands is a gorgeous tiny chapel built in 1646, dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalene. We end our tour with a visit to the San Anton Botanical Gardens, located in the village of Attard these beautiful gardens were built in the early 17th century by Grand Master Antoine de Paule to complement his summer residence; San Anton Palace, which is located at the perimeter of the gardens and which today serves as the residence of the Maltese President. Open to the public since 1882 the gardens have several pathways surrounded by fountains and ponds which are inhabited by families of ducks, swans, peacocks, peahens and turtles and encompass a large variety of trees and flowers from around the world, including a variety of palm trees, cypress, jacarandas, araucarias and other exotic plants, some of them over three centuries old. During the whole tour our knowledgeable and experienced guides will be providing you with riveting information and enhance your experience through narration and engaging storytelling. Overnight stay **(B) (L)**

DAY 6 (Wednesday) VALLETTA Free day at the hotel

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the guests will have breakfast at the hotel on their own leisure and they will have the chance to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities, time for resting around the pools or beaches enjoying the sun and the recreational atmosphere. Guest can have their own individual activities. Overnight stay at the Hotel **(B)**

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DAY 8 (Friday) VALLETTA Return flight

Breakfast at the hotel. You will be able to enjoy the city and do your last purchases before departure at the agreed time towards the airport for your return flight or connection to your next destination in Europe. End of our services. **(B)**

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

