



## The Island of St Paul.

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**MALTA | 8DAYS / 7NIGHTS**

Route: from and to Valletta

Type of tour: Culture

## TOUR OVERVIEW

Malta is the treasure island of the Mediterranean, a diving paradise with an ancient culture and diverse history. This tour invites you to discover the wonders of Malta, including our wonderful depth of religious history. The fact that so much of its past is visible today is the reason why the Maltese Islands are described as a large open-air museum. By day, you can enjoy the vast sights full of diverse culture and history, and by night you can enjoy the traditional warmth of a local restaurant or a sophisticated night of food and entertainment. Visit Mdina, the old capital of Malta, see St. John's Cathedral in Valletta, a city full of history from the 16th century to date, and recognised as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and see the National Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu on the island of Gozo.

## DAY BY DAY

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### DAY 1 | ARRIVAL VALLETTA

A short transfer from Malta International Airport to your accommodation.

- **Overnight in hotel in Valletta. Dinner included.**

### DAY 2 | VALLETTA - RABAT

The tour starts in Valletta with a visit to the 'Shipwreck' church which houses the relic right wrist bone of St. Paul. After a visit to St. John's Cathedral, the tour moves on to the old town of Rabat and the original Catacombs and Grotto of St. Paul. Then finish with a visit to San Pawl Milqì, an ancient church built on the remains of the Roman governor at the time of St. Paul's landing in Malta.

- **Overnight in hotel in Valletta on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 3 | SLIEMA - COMINO - VALLETTA [DAY CRUISE]

This full-day cruise around the islands is a great way to see Malta from the sea. Starting in Sliema, the cruise heads up the east coast of the island towards the island of Comino and its famous Blue Lagoon before returning via the west coast past the imposing Dingli Cliffs and the capital of Valletta.

- **Overnight in hotel in Valletta on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 4 | ŻURRIEQ - SIGGIEWI - VALLETTA

This half-day tour visits the beauty of the Malta's countryside and the areas not easily accessible to visitors. The tour starts with a visit to the famous Blue Grotto before heading inland to visit the natural Buskett Forest and the famous cart ruts before finishing with a visit to the Limestone Heritage and a chance to sample some Maltese wines.

- **Overnight in hotel in Valletta on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 5 | VALLETTA LEISURE DAY

On this day, you can relax at the hotel or take the opportunity to explore some more of the island.

- **Overnight in hotel in Valletta on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 6 | ISLAND OF GOZO

A full-day tour on the island of Gozo. The tour begins with a visit to Ggantija, the world's oldest collection of free-standing temples. After a visit to Calypso Cave, the tour moves to Ta Pinu, a shrine famous for the number of miraculous cures attributed to this sanctuary. Then after some free time in Victoria, continue on to the highlight of the day, Dwejra.

- **Overnight in hotel in Valletta on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 7 | TA QALI - MDINA - VALLETTA

This half day tour starts with a visit to the famous Mosta Dome, the third largest dome in Europe. This is where a bomb dropped during the war and failed to explode. After a visit to the local craft centre at Ta Qali, the tour will finish with a visit to the ancient medieval city of Mdina referred known locally as the 'Silent City'.

- **Overnight in hotel in Valletta on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 8 | DEPARTURE MALTA

Transfer from hotel to the airport.

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END OF SERVICES

## **INCLUDED**

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### **TOUR GUIDE:**

- Local guides for all the visits

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

- 7 nights' accommodation in hotels of chosen category
  - \* The tour can be adapted to another overnight location

### **ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:**

- All entrance fees mentioned

### **TRANSPORT:**

- Ferry tickets to Gozo Island

### **MEALS:**

- Half board at selected hotels

## **NOT INCLUDED**

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- Visa fees
- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions
- Meals and drinks not listed
- Arrival and departure flights