

SUNRAYS

“Sample” Programme

Day 1 Arrival Malta International Airport

Group arrives Malta on

After police & customs formalities, welcome of group and assistance by **Sunrays Representative**.

Transfer group in an air conditioned coach from airport to Hotel.

Luggage to be transported on same coach.

Representative will follow group to hotel and assist with checking in.

Day 2 Full Day Tour to Valletta

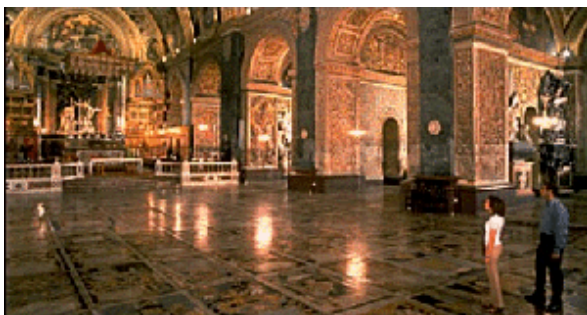


09.00 hrs - Group departs hotel in an air-conditioned coach accompanied by a licensed English speaking guide.

Transfer to Valletta. The capital city was built by the French Grand Master of the Order of St. John, Jean Parisot de La Valette. The Grid Planned city is representative of the island as a whole.

Within its limited boundaries is reflected some of Malta's rich heritage of archeology, history, art and culture. The group will visit the following sites:

Upper Baracca Gardens - These command a magnificent view of the Grand Harbour and the three cities.



St. John's Co-Cathedral - This was formerly the conventual church of the Order built by Gerolamo Cassar and completed in 1578. Once built, the Knights lavished adornments in their langues chapels most of which are real treasures of art. Visit the Oratory where the Caravaggio

Paintings "The Beheading of St. John and St. Jerome" are hosted.

Some Time at Leisure for optional lunch

The Grand Master's Palace - With its exquisite halls, State rooms and Armoury which has a collection of weapons and armour of the knights

16.00 hrs - The Malta Experience Show - Multivision show depicting 7000 years of Maltese history

17.00 hrs: Return to hotel

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| Day 3 | Full Day Tour to Gozo |
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Breakfast at hotel

08.30 hrs - Group departs hotel in an air conditioned coach accompanied by English speaking Guide to the North of the Island Cirkewwa for the ferry crossing to the Island of Gozo. After a twenty-minute 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. In Gozo the group will visit the following sites:

Ggantija Prehistoric Temples - The magnificent temple complex on the Xaghra Plateau consisting of a 5-apse and a 4-apse temple and a large forecourt. The sheer size and height of the standing walls makes them the most impressive of the Maltese temples.

Dwejra - Also known as the Inland sea and window, the delightful bay encompasses Fungus Rock, the site on which was found a rare important fungus

very effective against dysentery. A crater-like depression forms the Inland sea, a land locked fishermen's harbour. An impressive rock formation of mostly shell fossils - the Azure Window forms an archway over the Sea.



Xlendi - The land locked bay, lies at the foot of a very fertile valley under towering cliffs, has a character of its own. It is still a fishing hamlet and a tower guards the bay.

Time at Leisure for optional lunch

Proceed to **Victoria** - Gozo's Capital city and main centre of trade is also known as Rabat. Victoria also features a citadel and suburb, located inland. The citadel hill which dominates the town was occupied by the Arabs and later enlarged by the Normans. The Knights of St.John formed the present town.

The citadel commands views of the whole island. .

16.00 hrs - Return Ferry to Malta

17.00 hrs - **Return to hotel**

Day 4 -**Half Day Tour - Harbour Cruise**

09.00 hrs - Group departs hotel accompanied by an English speaking guide and proceeds to Sliema Ferries to board the boat for a **Harbour Cruise**. Cruise around the two natural harbours on either side of Valletta, Marsamxett Harbour and the Grand Harbour.

A detailed commentary will unfold the history of Valletta and the Three Cities connected with two Great Sieges of 1565 and 1942, as well as the other places of interest including the historical forts, battlements and creeks which can only be admired from the sea.

Some free time in Sliema, where there are many quaint shops and cafes.

13.00 hrs - Return to hotel

**Day 5****Full Day Tour to Mosta, Ta Qali, Rabat & Mdina****Breakfast at Hotel**

09.00 hrs - Group departs Hotel in a coach accompanied by English speaking guide for a full day tour. Drive to **Mosta** to visit the Church, its dome is the third largest in Europe. Proceed to visit **Ta Qali** to visit the Crafts Village.

Watch the local artisans at work producing local ware such as glass, silver filigree and pottery. Drive to Rabat to visit **St. Paul's Catacombs**. Step into these early Christian burial chambers which are hewn into the rock like an underground maze

**Time at Leisure for optional lunch.**

In the afternoon walk to **Mdina**. It commands one of the most magnificent views of the island and though fully inhabited, silence reigns supreme. Walk through the streets of this medieval town. Visit the **Cathedral** re-built following the earthquake of 1693, the interior of this magnificent Cathedral deserves full attention. Proceed towards the **Bastions in Mdina** - Enjoy the magnificent views.

17.00 hrs - Return to hotel.

Day 6 - Full Day Tour to Temples, Blue Grotto, Marsaxlokk

Breakfast at hotel

09.00 hrs - Group departs hotel in an air conditioned coach accompanied by English speaking guide and proceed to visit the south. The group will visit the following sites:

Hagar Qim - These temples were excavated in 1839. It stands on high ground overlooking the sea and is unique among the Maltese temples.

Blue Grotto - Lying beyond the cliffs of Wied iz-Zurrieq, it can only be reached by sea. (**Optional, weather permitting , boat Fares to be paid direct**)



Proceed to Marsaxlokk- The Fishing Village - Fishing is the principal industry of this village. Its charm lies in the soft blending of colours: the brightly coloured house-fronts reflected in the bay: the gaily painted fishing boats, and bright yellow cliff back-scene.

Some time at Leisure for optional lunch

In the afternoon proceed to Tarxien to visit **Tarxien Megalithic Temples** - This complex of 3 linked temples were erected in the third and fourth millennium B.C.
17.00 hrs - Return to hotel

Day 7**Half Day Tour to The Three Cities**

09.00 hr s- Board coach accompanied by English speaking guide for a half day tour.

Discover the historical area known as the three cities: **Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua**. A drive past Cospicua will bring us to Vittoriosa where we walk



through the various narrow streets shaded by many historic buildings and churches. Visit the **Inquisitors Palace** , view its exhibits and the building itself. Proceed to Senglea. The group will have a look from the beautiful **'vedette'** placed in the centre

of the Grand Harbour.

13.00 hrs - Return to hotel

Day 8**Departure Malta**

Group departs hotel in a coach and transfer to Malta International Airport accompanied by Sunrays Representative.

Luggage to be transported on same coach.

Assistance at Airport by Sunrays Representative.

Group departs Malta on Flight
