



Thursday · July 5th, 2018 - Friday · July 13th, 2018

## #2 -- 9 Days Summer Luxury 3 Hotel Stay

The Maltese Islands  
Important Contact Numbers

Thursday · July 5th

Arrival in Malta  
The Phoenicia Malta - Deluxe Harbour View Room (4 nights)  
Private Palazzo Visit - Casa Rocca Piccola  
Palazzo Preca Restaurant  
Meal Inclusions

Friday · July 6th

Valletta Exploration Day (9:00AM - 4:45PM)  
Upper Barrakka Gardens and Saluting Battery Welcome  
National Library of Malta - Private Tour  
Manoel Theatre  
Kings Only Band Club Restaurant  
St. John's Co-Cathedral - Private Afterhours Visit  
Meal Inclusions

Saturday · July 7th

Free Time Valletta with the Three Cities (9AM - 4PM)  
Grand Harbour Water Taxi to the Three Cities  
The Three Cities with Senglea Watchtower  
Private Visit to Upper Fort St. Angelo - home to Knight Resident Fra. John Critien  
Meal Inclusions

<b>Sunday · July 8th</b>	<p>Southern Malta and Evening Festa (10AM - 5PM)  Hypogeum Visit  Marsaxlokk Fishing Village  Blue Grotto Boat Experience  Hagar Qim &amp; Mnajdra Temples  Festa Experience  Meal Inclusions</p>
<b>Monday · July 9th</b>	<p>Northern Malta with Farm Experience arriving on Gozo Island (9:30AM - 5:30PM)  Mosta Dome Church  Xemxija Heritage Trail  Mgarr Parish Church Bell Towers  Farm Lunch Experience  Gozo Channel Ferry  Kempinski Hotel - Junior Suite (2 nights)  Meal Inclusions</p>
<b>Tuesday · July 10th</b>	<p>Gozo Island - Touring Day (9:00AM - 5:00PM)  The Xwejni Salt Pans  The Citadella  George Borg Culinary Experience  Fungus Rock  Ggantija Temples  Meal Inclusions</p>
<b>Wednesday · July 11th</b>	<p>The Old Capital and The Cliffs (10AM - 5PM)  The Dingli Cliffs and Cart Ruts  Diar Il-Bniet Lunch  Gilder - Artisan Visit  Mdina - the Silent and Medieval City  The Xara Palace Relais &amp; Chateaux - Deluxe Suite (2 nights)  Meal Inclusions</p>
<b>Thursday · July 12th</b>	<p>Private Sailing Day (10:00AM - 6:00PM)  Cruising on the Mediterranean with Comino Island - Sunseeker 46  Comino Island and the Blue Lagoon  Meal Inclusions</p>
<b>Friday · July 13th</b>	<p>Departure Day  Meal Inclusions</p>
	<p>Itinerary Inclusions  Itinerary Exclusions  Value (NET Total in Euro)</p>

## The Maltese Islands

Malta has been fought over for thousands of years, has temples that pre-date the pyramids at Giza and Stonehenge, has some of the clearest waters in the world, and boasts a capital city that is a baroque masterpiece. Like Croatia of 20 years ago, Malta has just now become a newly discovered travel destination for the cultural enthusiast and not as a second thought. The Maltese Islands, although small in size, offers travelers a rare opportunity to see a well preserved history and exciting present day culture.

## Important Contact Numbers

Hotel: +356 ##### #####

Transportation: Name: +356 ##### #####

Guide and Travel Manager: Name +356 ##### #####

Thursday · July 5th



### Arrival in Malta

Welcome to Malta. You will be transferred to your host hotel The Corinthia Palace in a private car for your utmost comfort.



### The Phoenicia Malta - Deluxe Harbour View Room

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Floriana/Valletta, Malta

**Jul 05**

Check-in

**Jul 09**

Check-out

**4 nights**

Duration

A Valletta icon and a fine example of the city's revered architectural traditions. The Phoenicia, Malta a Campbell Gray Hotel and member of The Leading Hotels of the World offers 5 star luxury within walking distance to the city's best attractions.

**Deluxe Harbour View Room**



Overlooking the Grand harbour and the 3 cities or their mature garden and Marsamxett harbour, the luxurious deluxe rooms offer magnificent views. Most of the Deluxe rooms have a private balcony. Facilities include complimentary WiFi, AC, bath and shower combined, safe, minibar, tea and coffee making facilities and LCD TV. Min size 25 sq.m.



Private Palazzo Visit - Casa Rocca Piccola

The history of Valletta is best learned through its people. The 9th Marquis de Piro invites you into their 16th Century home to discover the treasures that tell many stories. The family lived at Painswick House in Gloucestershire for 14 years before returning to Malta in 1990. Although their home is open to the public during the day, your visit will be a private after hours one and experienced with the owners.



Palazzo Preca Restaurant

Tastefully decorated with Maltese charm, this award winning restaurant will satisfy your craving for fine local cuisine. Located on the famous or "infamous" Strait Street - there is a story to be told.

## Meal Inclusions

Dinner



Friday · July 6th



## Valletta Exploration Day (9:00AM - 4:45PM)

Valletta was built by the Knights of St. John after the Great Siege of Malta by the Ottomans in 1565. It is the fortified city that was said to be "Built by gentlemen for gentlemen". It boasts over 320 monuments in a .2 square mile radius, is a Baroque capital and is being recognized as the European Capital of Culture in 2018. You'll love what's in store within its main gates - a great mix of history and present day lively culture.



## Upper Barrakka Gardens and Saluting Battery Welcome

The Upper Barrakka Gardens overlook the Grand Harbour. From their terrace they afford one of the most beautiful panoramic views in Malta as they command a unique view of the only natural harbour in the Mediterranean with the Three Cities as its backdrop. Mark the beginning of your Valletta experience with a private ceremonial cannon firing!





## National Library of Malta - Private Tour

Situated in the center of Valletta, the National Library is one of the major treasures of the Maltese Islands. The library preserves the memory of the nation with collections that span the centuries as far back to medieval times. Enjoy this National Treasure accompanied by the National Library Librarian as she walks you through history.



## Manoel Theatre

The Manoel Theatre is one of the oldest working theatres in Europe. Constructed in 1731 by the Grand Master Antonio Manoel de Vilhena "for the honest entertainment of the Knights"; the theatre is a baroque gem with wonderful acoustics and a full calendar of events populated by local and international performers, with productions in English and Maltese. Maybe there is something on the calendar during your stay?





## Kings Only Band Club Restaurant

Casual dining in a historic place. This restaurant resides within the Kings Only Band Club residence. The oldest band club in Valletta had earned its name when the Prince of Wales became king, changing the name of the club to Kings Own from The Prince of Wales band club. Enjoy a fantastic Maltese delicacy lunch and superior wine.



## St. John's Co-Cathedral - Private Afterhours Visit

Built shortly after the Great Siege of Malta (1565), St. John's Co-Cathedral's austere exterior is in drastic contrast to its sumptuous high baroque interior. You'll be in awe at the artistic masterpiece - from its tombstone laid floors to the vaulted ceiling painted in the life of John the Baptist. Around the corner and into the oratory, stand before two wonderful masterpieces by the artist Caravaggio - St. Jerome and his only signed piece - The Beheading of St. John the Baptist. The best part of this experience is that you'll be experiencing the Cathedral when it is closed to the public. What a treat!

## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and lunch



## Free Time Valletta with the Three Cities (9AM - 4PM)



### Grand Harbour Water Taxi to the Three Cities

Travel down the Upper Barrakka elevators to arrive at the old Customs House where a traditional Maltese boat (Dghajsa) and boatman will be waiting for you to transfer you to the city of Vittoriosa - the main harbour city that the Knights settled at when arriving in Malta in 1530.



### The Three Cities with Senglea Watchtower

The Three Cities lie across the Grand Harbour. It was here where the Knights of St. John settled when they arrived in 1530 and made Birgu Malta's capital city. The formal or original names of the cities are Birgu, Bormla and Isla and their modern names Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea. There is a treasure trove of history found in each of them which will be explored today.

During this tour you shall experience Senglea's Watchtower or "vedette" decorated with carvings of eyes and ears, symbolising watchfulness, and commands a view to the west over the length of the Grand Harbour and southern flanks of Valletta.





## Private Visit to Upper Fort St. Angelo - home to Knight Resident Fra. John Critien

An exclusive opportunity awaits you in Vittoriosa. Fort St. Angelo is steeped in history - it having been known as the Castle by the Sea when the Knights of St. John arrived. The fort had been built up during the knights period and played a crucial part during the Great Siege of 1565 against the Ottoman Empire. Atop the Fort is the private land of the Knights of St. John where Resident Knight Fra. John Critien resides. This area of the fort is where the first Grand Master of the Order in Malta resided up until Jean Parisot de la Vallette. Enjoy a private tour led to include the grounds, private chapel as well as a few other surprises.

## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast

Sunday · July 8th

## Southern Malta and Evening Festa (10AM - 5PM)



## Hypogeum Visit

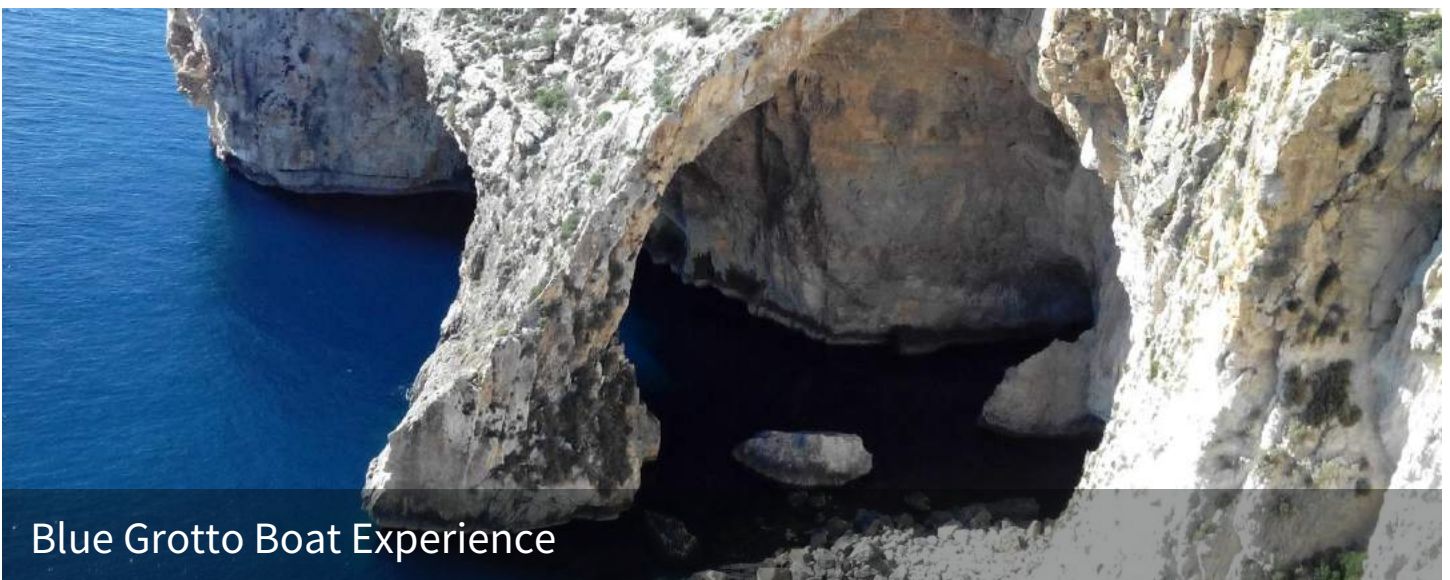


In addition to a multitude of temples above ground, Malta has the only subterranean temple in the world. Discovered in 1902 when the village of Paola was building homes, this remarkable temple 5000+ year old site only allows 10 visitors per hour! Another UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## Marsaxlokk Fishing Village

Upon arriving in the village of Marsaxlokk, you will see the market in full swing coupled with other food and souvenir vendors. Enjoy lunch on own at one of Marsaxlokk's finest restaurants.



## Blue Grotto Boat Experience

Enjoy a boat ride through the Blue Grotto - a series of sea caverns that will highlight the beautiful waters in the area. It's a very refreshing experience!





## Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Temples

Step back some 5500 years with a visit to the Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temple sites. The temples were excavated in 1839 and are thought to have been built to worship a type of fertility goddess.



## Festa Experience

From May until the second weekend in October, Maltese villages celebrate their respective Christian patron saints with an elaborate displays, lighting, fireworks, music, and partying. Tonight, we have included transfers to a village feast so you can get in on the fun!

## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast

Monday · July 9th

**Northern Malta with Farm Experience arriving on Gozo Island (9:30AM - 5:30PM)**





Not just another church; this one has an interesting story on a few fronts. Construction began in 1833 and it was completed by 1860. Modeled after the Pantheon in Rome, it is the 3rd largest unsupported dome in the world behind St. Peter`s in Rome and St. Paul`s in London. However the most interesting part of its existence is something that happened on April 9th, 1942 when a German bomb was dropped on it and pierced the dome with parishioners in attendance. It did not explode. According to the locals, it was a miracle!



Enjoy a short walk along an old Roman road. It was likely used to transport vegetables and salt to the upper plateau. Here as well you will find the oldest carob tree on our islands, old apiaries, burial cave and even a pilgrim's trail.





## Mgarr Parish Church Bell Towers

Meet the caretaker at the Mgarr Parish Church and discover the intricacies of religious life in the village as it relates to the village feast and its bell towers.



## Farm Lunch Experience

Direct from the farmers and straight to your plate. Enjoy a wonderful farmer's lunch coupled by an exploration of a farm. You'll be in one of the most rural areas of Malta - in your own little oasis to enjoy a delectable array of food products and local wine.

Your contact on this day is Blue Whitney and her number is: +356 9959 0567



## Gozo Channel Ferry

With only a 25 minute crossing from North Malta, you'll arrive at the Island of Calypso to discover the neat little gems and differences from it's sister island.



**Kempinski Hotel - Junior Suite**  
San Lawrenz, Gozo



**Jul 09**

Check-in

**Jul 11**

Check-out

**2 nights**

Duration

Kempinski Hotel San Lawrenz is located close to the iconic 'Dwejra Bay' on Malta's idyllic sister island Gozo. Its authentic Ayurveda Centre is one of the largest in the Mediterranean offering a variety of therapies and cures and, at Kempinski The Spa, a wide choice of wellness treatments is available.

### Junior Suite

Overlooking the pool and garden area, the generous Junior Suites exemplify ultimate comfort and pure relaxation. Located in the south wing, these recently refurbished suites offer harmonious living in spacious surroundings with a modern interior, a separate lounge area, a well-appointed marble bathroom with bathtub and a separate walk-in rain shower.

## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and Lunch



Tuesday · July 10th



## Gozo Island - Touring Day (9:00AM - 5:00PM)

Enjoy a full day exploring Gozo Island with local guide!



## The Xwejni Salt Pans

Enjoy the gorgeous view from the Roman salt pans. The production of sea salt has a long tradition in Gozo and the salt pans found near Marsalforn are still used today.





## The Citadella

Venture to the capital of Gozo for a leisurely walk through the village streets as we witness local people in their daily life. The Citadel or Citadella is an area known to have been first fortified during the Bronze Age and later developed by the Phoenicians and continues development until, by Roman times, it had become a complex Acropolis. Up until the 18th Century, it was the only fortified refuge against attack for the inhabitants of the island.



## George Borg Culinary Experience

Your lunch will be a special one. Join famed chef, George Borg for a shopping trip followed by a privately cooked lunch in a farmhouse/villa. Engage with him in conversation about Maltese and Gozitan cuisine while enjoying local wine.





## Fungus Rock

Just off the sheer cliffs of Western Gozo lies a rock, some 60 metres high. It guards a small deep lagoon and is obviously the remnant of what was once a sea cave whose roof collapsed, isolating it forever from the mainland. This rock is Fungus Rock and you may wonder about its association with mushrooms given its bleak topography and very sparse garigue habitat which one hardly associates with the damp and humidity necessary for mushrooms to thrive.

Indeed there are no mushrooms on Fungus Rock. In fact there ain't much of anything although from the micro-perspective this small rock not only teems with life but harbors one of the rarest plants in the region: a small parasitic tuber which ekes its miserable existence by sucking nutrients from the other plants in its vicinity. A plant which owing to its bulbous shape was formerly confused with a fungus, giving its small island home a name which survives to this day.



## Ggantija Temples

Malta is so small, yet its history is massive. No visit to Gozo is complete without being a part of a remarkable history with a visit to the oldest freestanding structure in the world - the Ggantija Temples. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is 1000 years older than Stonehenge and the Pyramids at Giza.

## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and lunch



## The Old Capital and The Cliffs (10AM - 5PM)

Return to Malta for your last full day of experiences



The Dingli Cliffs and Cart Ruts

You will be treated to the spectacular views of Dingli Cliffs which are the highest point of the Maltese Islands at 253 metres above sea level. The Cliffs propose a majestic, overlooking the small terraced fields below, the open sea and Filfla & the small uninhabited island (used as target practice during the WWII). Nearby arrive at Clapham Junction to discover the mysterious cart ruts. These deep ruts, rilles, tracks, grooves, channels left in Malta's limestone but in such numbers, variety and confusion that they leave more questions than answers.



Diar Il-Bniet Lunch

The very best restaurant in the village of Dingli is Diar Il-Bniet. It's because you just can't get any fresher. Almost all food items used here come from the family's farmlands located close by.





## Gilder - Artisan Visit

You'll be paying a private visit to one of Malta's finest artisans to learn about his trade and the wonderful Maltese clocks that he creates. It's more than you could ever imagine. If you're interested, be prepared for the 2 year wait list!



## Mdina - the Silent and Medieval City

You will feel the power as you enter the Old Capital City of Mdina and fall in love with it inasmuch as the families who continue to live here. It's Malta's only medieval city with a range of architecture that includes Norman and Arabic features. If you're a Game of Thrones fan, you will recognize the main gates immediately.





## The Xara Palace Relais & Chateaux - Deluxe Suite

Mdina, Malta

**Jul 11**

Check-in

**Jul 13**

Check-out

**2 nights**

Duration

The Xara Palace Hotel is a unique 17th-century palace hidden away in the medieval fortified city of Mdina, the old capital of Malta. Perched on centuries-old bastions, surrounded by stunning baroque architecture, The Xara Palace Relais & Châteaux, with its luxurious accommodation and award-winning haute cuisine, is truly a haven in which to pause and be pampered.

Upon setting foot in one of the Deluxe Suites with Panoramic View, it becomes instantly apparent why these are the most sought after rooms at The Xara Palace Hotel - set directly into the bastion fortifications surrounding Mdina, these suites enjoy a truly remarkable, unhindered, breath-taking view of Malta.

Each of these deluxe suites is unique in its own way, all retaining the original features of the Palazzo and set on a single level, providing a spacious and light-filled luxury seating area, with a restful palette of colours used to decorate these accommodations in style. Further complimenting the décor, these suites all feature the comfort of fine linen and luxurious king sized beds, large marble clad bathrooms with plenty of natural light.

## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and lunch

**Thursday · July 12th**

**Private Sailing Day (10:00AM - 6:00PM)**





## Cruising on the Mediterranean with Comino Island - Sunseeker 46

Step aboard this Sunseeker Portofino 46 sports yacht to experience the perfect combination of outstanding performance, indulgent comfort and sleek design. Then let her take you on an unforgettable journey of discovery.

The spacious deck area aboard this Portofino 46 luxury boat features an outside grill and fridge. Sailing is from 10am until 5pm with an arrival on Gozo. Lunch and beverages are included.



## Comino Island and the Blue Lagoon

At the Blue Lagoon at Comino Island you find crystal clear waters reflecting the blue skies. Your day will include a stop here as well as many other areas. Your crew will ensure you have marvelous day!

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## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and lunch





Departure Day

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## Meal Inclusions

Breakfast

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### Itinerary Inclusions

- 4 nights at the Phoenicia Hotel in Floriana (Valletta area), Malta
- 2 nights at the Kempinski Hotel on Gozo Island
- 2 nights at the Xara Palace in Mdina, Malta
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Airport Transfers
- Entrance to attractions indicated on the itinerary
- Expert guiding and private car service included on touring days

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### Itinerary Exclusions

- Attractions and meals not identified in the itinerary
- Round-trip airfare and medical/travel insurance
- Gratuities for guides and drivers

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## Value (NET Total in Euro)

12,549 Euro NET Total based on two persons