



Monday · April 23rd, 2018 - Thursday · April 26th, 2018

#25 -- 4 Day Luxury Experience (hotel not included)

The Maltese Islands

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 Evening Sunset Cruise
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 Verdala Palace - The President's Home
 Farm Lunch Experience
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Departure Day

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.

Monday · April 23rd



Arrival in Malta

Arrive in Malta and be privately transferred to your host accommodations. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening or should you arrive early, we will be happy to arrange dinner at one of Malta's finest restaurants.



Evening Sunset Cruise

Enjoy a lovely evening sunset sail coupled with great food and wine. Not only will you see Malta and in particular the Grand Harbour in a different light, you will also get to relax and dine in your preferred company. The historic and breathtaking Grand Harbour is a natural harbour which has been used as a harbour since the Phoenicians. It has played a major strategic role in Malta's history.

During the Evening cruise, you will leave Marsamxett Creek to navigate into the Grand Harbour for your own private tour of Valletta and its historical fortifications. You will then proceed to the South side of the harbour to get a closer look at The Three Cities; a collective name given to the ancient fortified cities of Cospicua, Vittoriosa and Senglea.

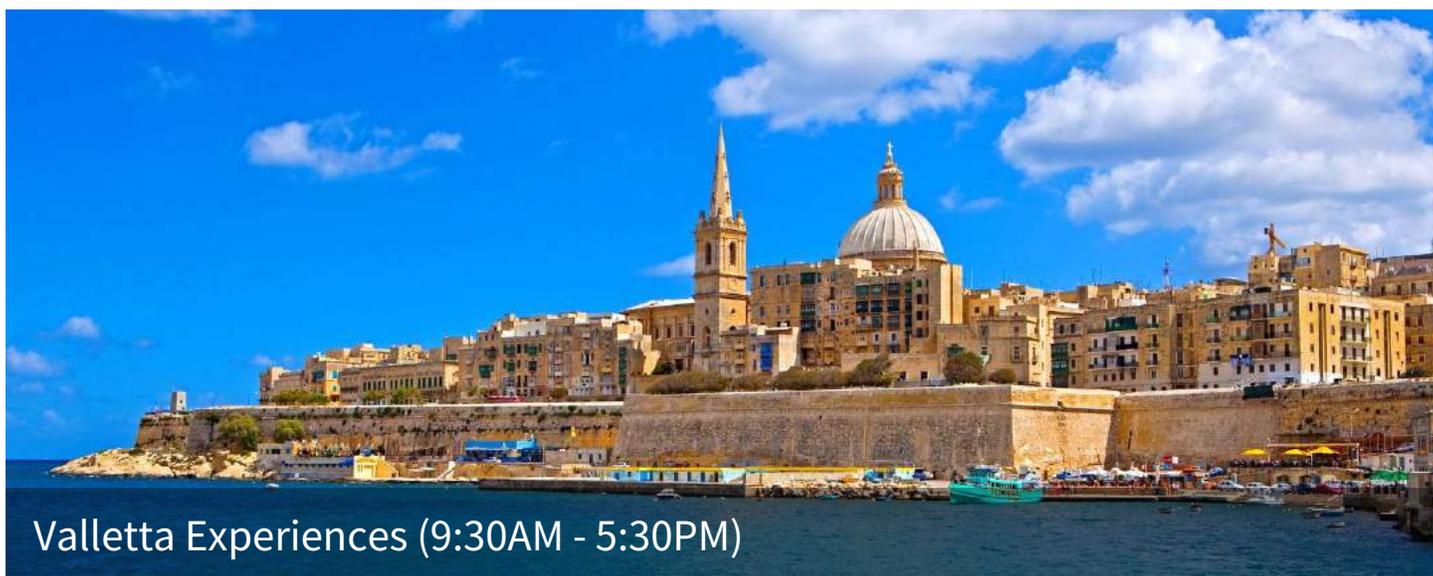
The Sailingboat

ALLEGRA is a 47.7 Beneteau racer cruiser performance boat. She has all the luxuries of a modern cruiser coupled with a hull design and sail configuration of a competitive racer; in other words she's comfortable and fast.

Meal Inclusions

Dinner

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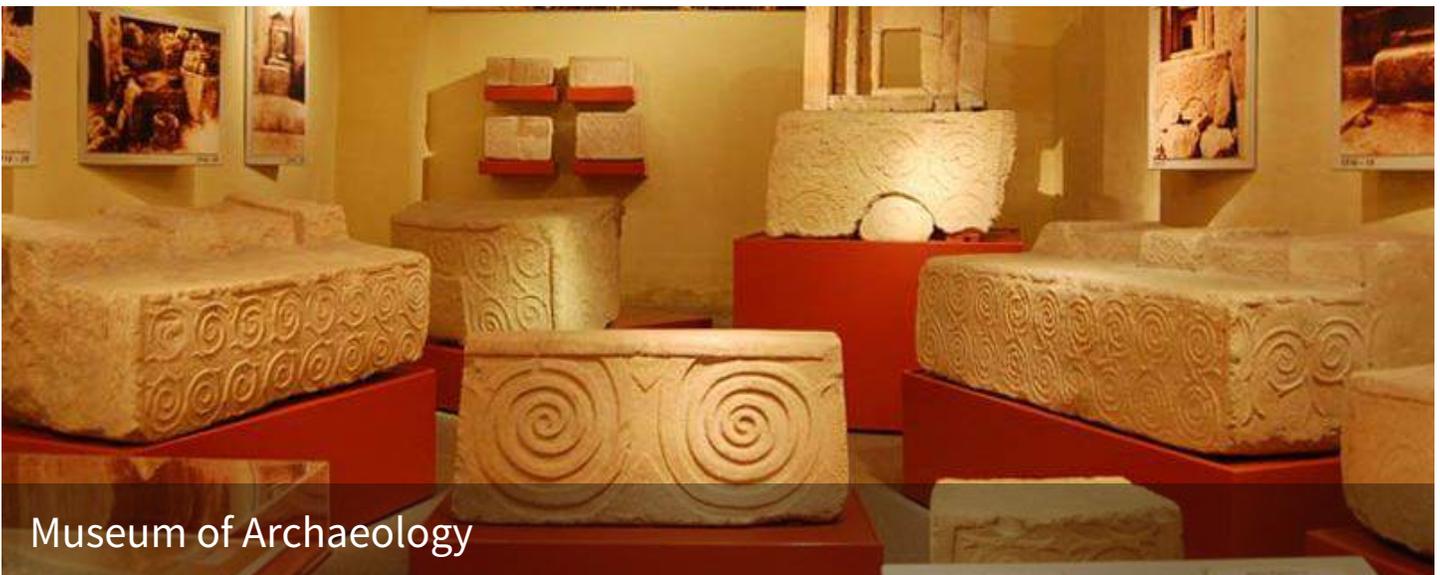
Valletta was built by the Knights of St. John after the Great Siege of Malta by the Ottomans in 1565. It is the fortified city that was said to be "Built by gentlemen for gentlemen". It boasts over 320 monuments in a .2 square mile radius, is a Baroque capital and is being recognized as the European 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. Below are some of the included experiences in addition to meandering the main and back streets to discover Valletta`s very interesting history.



Saluting Battery Gun Firing

Start off your Valletta Capital City Experience with a bang! The Saluting Battery is located on one of the best vantage points overlooking the Grand Harbour. Its origins are as old as those of the City itself, having been built as part of it, in 1566, by the Order of St. John on the design of the military engineer Francesco Laparelli. From its very start, the grand location of the battery ensured that it was to be used for ceremonial artillery firings. Gun salutes were fired to greet dignitaries or ships visiting the island and to mark national and religious occasions. Gun salutes were also fired to announce important naval and military victories and the succession or death of a sovereign.

We'll be having a gun firing salute to commemorate your welcome to Valletta.



Museum of Archaeology

Not just another museum, the Museum of Archaeology will guide you through our living history dating back to the temple period. Spend a short time here gaining an overview and especially seeing the unbelievable finds from the temple(s) that you will be visiting on your tour. Of special note is the sleeping lady!



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?



Lunch - 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.



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!



Recommended: Cent Anni Dinner (transfers included)

Charming would be the first word to describe Cent' Anni - but it doesn't stop there. Located in the quaint village of Gharghur, Cent' Anni is an old, traditional wine bar with a history dating back to the end of the 19th Century. The Wine Bar served as a local haunt for the village folk as well as British forces personnel based in and around Gharghur in both world wars and up till the late 70s. Although completely refurbished, great care was taken to restore and keep all the original furniture and features, including the tables and benches, wine vitrines, bar counter and pictures, giving the place a unique character reminiscent of a bygone era.

Enjoy a wonderful dinner here coupled with superb wine.

Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and lunch.

Pre-History and The Old Capital (8:30AM - 6:30PM)



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. A UNESCO World Heritage Site.



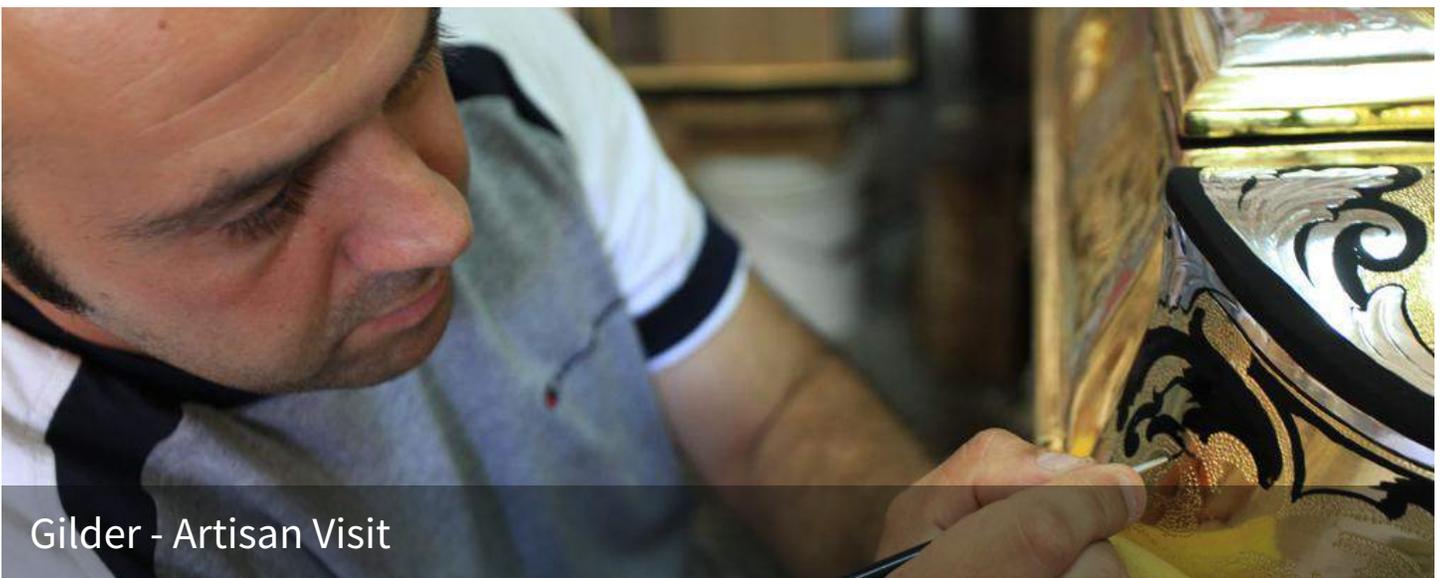
Verdala Palace - The President's Home

Arrive at the Verdala Palace - the Summer residence of the President of Malta for a private visit. Mr. Mifsud will guide you through the palace, explain its history and its present usage. Mr. Mifsud is the 3rd generation in his family to be caretaker of the Palace.



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.



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.



Private Palace Visit in Mdina

With just a couple of knocks on the door, you'll enter to find more than just a home. The owner of this private palace will take you from door to door to show you their most prized possessions including one of Napoleon's tables that he left in Malta - and that's just the beginning.



Recommended: Dinner at the Harbour Club (transfers included)

Arguably one of Valletta's very best restaurants, The Harbour Club is well positioned for a beautiful view of the Grand Harbour and the Victoria Gate. Enjoy an included gastronomic experience paired with local wine on own.

Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and lunch

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Departure Day

Depart from your hotel for the airport for your flight home.

Itinerary Inclusions

- 2 lunches and one evening sail dinner
- Airport Transfers
- Expert guiding and private luxury van service
- 2 private home and St. John's Co-Cathedral afterhours experience
- Entrance to attractions indicated on the itinerary

Itinerary Exclusions

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

Value (NET Total in Euro)

4986 Euro Total based on two persons