



Sunday · March 17th, 2019 - Sunday · March 24th, 2019

#3 -- 8 Days Winter Private Malta with Gozo - Corinthia & Kempinski (CXK)

The Maltese Islands
Important Contact Numbers

Sunday · March 17th

Arrival in Malta
Corinthia Palace Hotel Malta - Executive Suite (4 nights)
Private visit with the Hornyold-Stricklands
Meal Inclusions

Monday · March 18th

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

Tuesday · March 19th	"The" Underground Temple and The Three Cities (10:00AM - 3:30PM) Hypogeum Visit Pastizzi Making Experience Marsaxlokk Fishing Village The Three Cities with Senglea Watchtower Private Visit to Upper Fort St. Angelo - home to Knight Resident Fra. John Critien Meal Inclusions
Wednesday · March 20th	Palace Gardens and the Old Capital (10AM - 5PM) San Anton Palace and Gardens Mdina - the Silent and Medieval City Private Palace Visit in Mdina Palazzo Parisio - With Afternoon High Tea Meal Inclusions
Thursday · March 21st	Northern Malta with Farm Experience arriving on Gozo Island (10AM - 5:30PM) Xemxija Heritage Trail Mgarr Parish Church Bell Towers Farm Lunch Experience Gozo Channel Ferry Kempinski Hotel San Lawrenz Malta - Deluxe Room Meal Inclusions
Friday · March 22nd	Gozo Island - Touring Day (9:00AM - 5:00PM) The Xwejni Salt Pans The Citadella George Borg Culinary Experience Fungus Rock Ggantija Temples Meal Inclusions
Saturday · March 23rd	Prehistoric Malta with Southern and Western Coasts (10AM - 5PM) The Dingli Cliffs and Cart Ruts Countryside Walk Diar Il-Bniet Lunch Blue Grotto Private Boat Experience Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Temples Corinthia Palace Hotel Malta - Executive Suite (1 night) Meal Inclusions
Sunday · March 24th	Departure Day Meal Inclusions Itinerary Inclusions Itinerary Exclusions Value (NET Total in Euro)

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

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

Sunday · March 17th



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.



Corinthia Palace Hotel Malta - Executive Suite

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Mar 17

Check-in

Mar 21

Check-out

4 nights

Duration

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Executive Suite

Available as a king or a twin, each 60m² suite features a spacious bedroom with walk-in wardrobe, an exceedingly comfortable lounge and a private terrace, as well as all the luxuries you'd expect from a grand, five star hotel.



Private visit with the Hornyold-Stricklands

Robert and Dee Hornyold-Strickland live in the village of Lija in Central Malta. Before them, Robert's aunt Mabel Strickland lived in the Villa up until her death in 1988. The Strickland family in Malta was famously established by Lord Gerald Strickland, Count della Catena who was the 4th Prime Minister of Malta. His family's legacy was carried on through the establishment of a national newspaper - Times of Malta as well as the Phoenicia Hotel. Robert and Dee spend most of their time in Malta and part of the time in their castle in England.

Meal Inclusions

Dinner at the Corinthia Palace Hotel.

Monday · March 18th



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

"The" Underground Temple and The Three Cities (10:00AM - 3:30PM)



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.

Pastizzi Making Experience

Enjoy the unique opportunity to learn how to make the coveted pastizzi snack (a meal for some) in one of the island's most famous pastizzerias. After watching a demonstration, get in there and try out your new found skill set. Bragging rights!



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.



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 and pastizzi snacking

Wednesday · March 20th

Palace Gardens and the Old Capital (10AM - 5PM)



San Anton Palace and Gardens

The San Anton Gardens is located in Attard and is one of the most beautiful gardens in Malta with a large variety of beautiful flowers and plants. This garden has been open to the public since 1882 and it was built by Grand Master Antoine de Paule to complement his summer residence, San Anton Palace, which today is the residence of the Maltese President.



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.



Palazzo Parisio - With Afternoon High Tea

The Marquis Giuseppe Scicluna bought Palazzo Parisio in 1898 and it is through him that the property received its greatest renovation, which fortunately still survives till today largely in its original form. The Marquis Scicluna, a wealthy Maltese banker and merchant; created a showcase for Maltese art which closes the eclectic style of the 19th century propagated by Italian artists on the island. The property dates further back in history and its legacy of owners add to its prestige.

Enjoy a private tour of the Palazzo, its gardens and bask in an Afternoon Tea experience.

Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea

Thursday · March 21st

Northern Malta with Farm Experience arriving on Gozo Island (10AM - 5:30PM)



Xemxija Heritage Trail

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 San Lawrenz Malta -
San Lawrenz, Gozo



Mar 21

Check-in

Kempinski Hotel San Lawrenz is located close to the iconic ‘Dwejra Bay’ on Malta’s idyllic sister island Gozo. As a 5 - star hideaway resort it provides the highest levels of service, comfort and style for travellers seeking privacy and recreation.

Set amidst 30,000 sq m of semi-tropical gardens, the hotel features 140 elegant rustic rooms and suites as well as a range of distinctive dining venues for all occasions and tastes. 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.

Boost your personal health and well-being with luxurious spa massages and Ayurveda treatments. Extending over 1,700 sq m, the indulgent retreat is equipped with 9 spa and 5 traditional Ayurveda treatment rooms, two heated indoor pools, an indoor Jacuzzi, relaxation areas and a steam chamber. As a true oasis of tranquility, the Spa & Ayurveda Center, is the ideal place to bring equilibrium to your body, mind and soul.

Meal Inclusions

Breakfast and Lunch



Enjoy a full day exploring Gozo Island with local guide!



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

Prehistoric Malta with Southern and Western Coasts (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.



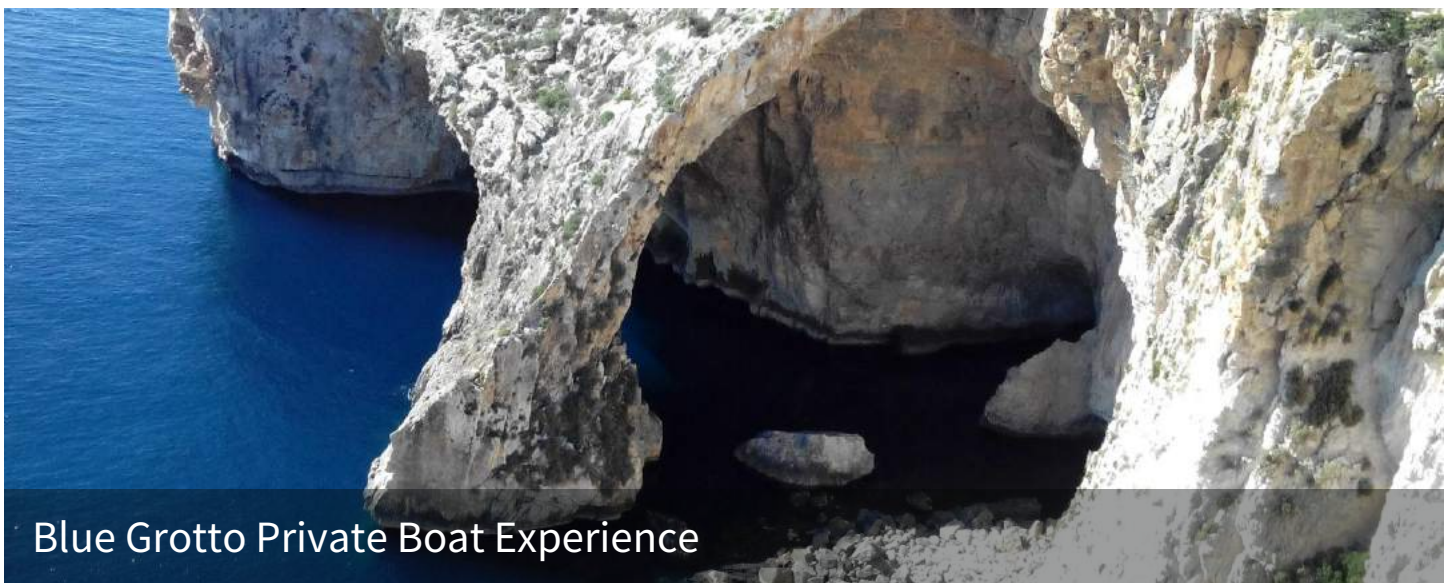
Countryside Walk

Join your guide for a lovely countryside walk. It's truly unbelievable that just 20 minutes outside the hustle and bustle of central-east portion of the island, you find true serenity. The walk will be fairly easy going however we recommend that you are able to walk on paths, over rocks and on a slight incline.



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.



Blue Grotto Private Boat Experience

Enjoy a private 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.



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Breakfast

Itinerary Inclusions

- 5 night stay at the Corinthia Palace Hotel and Spa
- 2 night stay at the Kempinski Hotel on Gozo Island
- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 afternoon tea, 1 dinner
- Airport Transfers
- 3 Private home experiences
- Entrance to attractions indicated on the itinerary
- Expert guiding and private car service included on touring days

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)

9195 Euro Total NET based on 2 persons