

**Malta Special  
7 days – 6 nights**

**Valleta, Gozo, Mellieha, Burmarrad, Mosta, Lija, Ta'Qali, Rabat, Mdina, Marsaxlokk, Blue Grotto, Ghar Dalam, Siggiewi  
Discovery, Fun, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups  
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

*Malta may look as big as a grain of sand in the middle of the sea, the archipelago hides its game well-being a place rich in history and panoramas. Why not take advantage of Battle of Malta to take a vacation and discover all the attractions of this Mediterranean island? Capital of Malta, Valletta is famous for its history and its typical architecture of the island. Populated by some 8000 inhabitants, it has the advantage of being quite peaceful despite its flood of tourists in summer, and to be visited quite quickly. The 3 Cities: Vittoriosa (Birgù), Senglea, Cospicua, less tourist destinations, these three small towns side-by-side are unfairly underestimated. You will find the Maltese atmosphere as well as Valletta, with their old stones and their narrow and peaceful streets, blooming with calm and Mediterranean relaxation in summer. Mdina adjoining Rabat (which you can also visit), is a cute little walled city very typical, whose origins date back some 4000 years.*

**Day 1: Valletta**

Upon arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Brussels. The rest of the day is free. An optional dinner can be arranged for this evening.

*Recommended restaurant: Piadina Caffè (4.7)*

**Day 2: Valletta**

Enjoy the fascinating view of Valletta and the Grand Harbor from the Barracca. Continue to John's Co-Cathedral, built by the Knights of Malta. It presents a mix of Baroque art and architecture. The Grand Masters and several knights donated gifts of high artistic value and made enormous contributions to enrich it with only the best works of art. This church is still today an important shrine and a sacred place of worship. See the world-famous Caravaggio painting – The Beheading of St. John The Baptist. Continue to the Church dedicated to the Shipwreck of St. Paul, one of Valetta's oldest churches. St Paul is considered to be the spiritual father of the Maltese. Enjoy the Malta Experience, a multi-vision show that depicts Malta's history throughout the ages. Visit Senglea, a fortified city in the east of Malta, which is one of the "Three Cities". Go to the Church dedicated to the Nativity of the Holy Mary, built as a monument to the Christian Victory after the Great Siege of 1565. Visit the 'Vedette' placed in the center of the grand harbor. Arrive in Vittoriosa. Enjoy sightseeing as you walk through the various narrow streets shaded by many historic buildings and churches. Return to Valletta for overnight. [B]

*Recommended restaurant: Da' Pippo Trattoria (4.8)*

**Day 3: Valletta (Rabat, Mdina)**

The tour starts with a visit to the Chapel of the Societies Doctrinae Christianae, a Society for Catholic lay men and women in Malta who dedicate themselves fully to God. Continue to Rabat to visit St. Paul's Grotto. The beautiful church stands above a grotto where St. Paul is said to have taken refuge after his shipwreck on Malta. The first ever Holy Mass was celebrated here. Close by are St. Paul's Catacombs. They are a fascinating labyrinth of 3rd-century AD subterranean tombs and the earliest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta. Visit Mdina, a medieval walled town situated on a hill in the center of the island. That is the Old Capital also known as The Silent City. Walk through the narrow streets and admire the imposing bastions that offer a fascinating view of most of the islands. Next in the program is the Cathedral dedicated to St. Peter & St. Paul. Inside, the immediate impression is one of grandeur. Overnight in Valletta. [B]

*Recommended restaurant: Gugar Hangout & Bar (4.7)*

**Day 4: Valleta, Gozo**

A tour starts in Gozo, a small island of the Maltese archipelago. Both islands are similar in history and development, but Gozo has a character entirely of its own. Gozo, which is a three hilled island, is greener and more picturesque than Malta. Visit the Temples of Ggantija, a two Neolithic, megalithic temple complex. The Citadel in Victoria, the capital of Gozo, is the main attraction in Victoria. Take photographs from the ramparts, the various attractions within the Citadel and the interesting nooks and crannies. Admire the Bay of Xlendi, which is one of the prettiest places on the island. See the Azur Window, a 164-foot high natural rock arch in the Dwejra Point cliffs. Visit the Sanctuary of Ta Pinu, an architectural masterpiece, especially its interior, with its superb sculptures and craftsmanship of designs on Maltese stone. Another interesting fact about Gozo is its woolen goods and handmade lace. Overnight in Gozo. [B]

*Recommended restaurant: The Submarine (4.7)*

#### **Day 5: Gozo, Mellieha, Burmarrad, Mosta, Lija, Ta'Qali, Valletta**

After breakfast leave for Mellieha to visit the Sanctuary of our Lady, which contains a Byzantine-style fresco, depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary with Christ on her right arm. The church expanded several times to accommodate the growing population of the village and the roofed veranda is considered a classic example of 17th century Renaissance architecture. Next stop is in San Pawl Milqi (St. Paul Welcomed), in the village of Burmarrad, which gave hospitality to St Paul after his shipwreck in 60 AD according to the Acts of the Apostles. A short ride to Mosta to visit the Parish Church dedicated to the Assumption of our Lady. It has one of the largest unsupported domes in the world. During World War II, a German bomb fell on the rotunda, piercing the dome and falling into the church below. The bomb did not explode. A blessing attributed by approximately 250 worshipers who were in the church at that moment, to the intervention of Santa Maria. Continue to the village of Lija to see the Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Miracles, built at the precise center of the island. According to legend, tears flowed from her eyes during the earthquake of 1743 and the villagers were saved after praying for the intercession of our Lady, The final stop is in Ta' Qali crafts village. Visit the Malta Aviation Museum to view different types of aircraft related to Maltese aviation history. Return to Valletta for overnight. [B]

*Recommended restaurant: Ta' Tona Bar & Restaurant (4.7)*

#### **Day 6: Valletta (Marsaxlokk, Blue Grotto, Ghar Dalam, Siggiewi)**

Visit the fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Admire the waterfront lined with luzzus (typical boats) painted in traditional colors. Explore the local market. Continue to the church, dedicated to our Lady of Pompei. Located slightly back from the harbor, the attractive parish church was built in 1892 in the traditional form of a Holy Cross. Between the twin towers, there is a statue of Mary standing in a traditional luzzo pointing out to sea. Next stop is in Wied iz-Zurriew for a visit of the Blue Grotto, to see a number of unique sea caverns on the southern coast of Malta. Visit Ghar Dalam, known as the Cave of Darkness. It is one of the first habitats of the Maltese Islands. The final stop is in the village of Siggiewi, where you will be able to pray in the parish church dedicated to St. Nicholas. Return to Valletta for overnight. [B]

*Recommended restaurant: Salvino's (4.7)*



**Day 7: Valletta, USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and some free time depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home.

[B] = Breakfast

**Your Tour includes:**

- Round-trip airfare USA-Malta
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Assistance at airports
- 6 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Full sightseeing program:
  - Barracca Gardens
  - John's Co-Cathedral
  - Fortified city of Senglea
  - 'Vedette' in the grand harbor
  - Paul's Grotto in Rabat
  - St. Paul's Catacombs
  - "Silent City"
  - Neolithic Temples of Ggantija
  - Citadel in Victoria
  - Dwejra Point cliffs
  - Sanctuary of Ta Pinu
  - The Cave of Darkness
  - Blue Grotto
  - Our Lady of the Miracles in Lija
  - San Pawl Milqi
  - Our Lady in Mellieha Sanctuary

- Parish Church of Mosta
- Ta' Qali crafts village
- Malta Aviation Museum
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- All local taxes

**Tour does not Include**

- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

**Recommended hotels for your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Superior Tourist</b>		
Valletta	Hotel Valentina	4.5
Gozo	The Duke Boutique Hotel	5
<b>First Class</b>		
Valletta	Salini Resort	4.5
Gozo	Solana Hotel & Spa	4.5
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Valletta	Hilton Malta	4.5
Gozo	Radisson Blu Resort & Spa Malta Golden	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

**From: \$2,039 including airfare**

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare
  - We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- Program
  - You may add or remove;
  - Trip days
  - Cities and sites
  - Meals
- Other options
  - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
  - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- Quotation
  - Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** MT02LCA21VT

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web [Group Quote Request](#)).

In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days.

- Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.