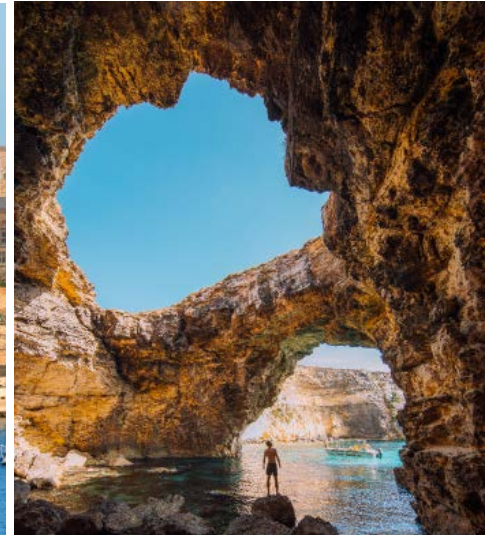


DISCOVER MALTA & GOZO



TRIP OVERVIEW

Malta and Gozo boast a history of remarkable intensity, brimming with baroque churches, UNESCO-listed prehistoric temples and fossil-studded cliffs. Discover the magnificent cathedral in the capital, Valletta, the 'silent' ancient walled city of Mdina and the apricot sands of Gozo's beaches washed with turquoise waters.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Malta & Gozo. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1: UK to Malta D

Fly to Malta from your chosen UK departure airport. You will be met on arrival and taken to your hotel on Qawra's seafront.

DAY 2: Valletta B/D

Enjoy a half-day walking tour of Malta's fascinating capital, Valletta. Visiting in 1830, a young Benjamin Disraeli declared Valletta "a city of palaces built by gentlemen for gentlemen." Visit the Barakka Gardens with its sweeping views of the Grand Harbour, St John's Co-Cathedral blessed with an incredibly ornate interior and the grandiose Grand Master's Palace displaying antique weaponry and suits of armour.

DAY 3: Blue Grotto, Mosta Dome and Mdina B/L/D

Your full-day tour today starts with a visit to the Blue Grotto — an area of sea caverns on Malta's south coast with stunning views of the rugged coastline. Then, visit Mosta to see its famous church with the third largest unsupported dome in Europe. Next, move on to the 'silent' city of Mdina, whose quiet narrow streets, grand buildings and palaces are protected by impressive ramparts with majestic views of the surroundings.

DAY 4: Cottonera & Hagar Qim B/D

On today's half-day excursion you'll visit Cottonera, the collective description for

the fortified cities of Cospicua, Vittoriosa and Senglea which are enclosed by a massive line of fortifications built by the Knights of St John. Then, visit Hagar Qim, a UNESCO World Heritage Site older than Stonehenge and home to Megalithic Temples. Today's tour also takes you through the picturesque fishing village at Marsaxlokk.

DAY 5: Malta to Gozo B/D

Depart in the morning for a short twenty-minute ferry crossing to Malta's sister island Gozo and check into your hotel.

DAY 6: Gozo – Victoria, Dwejra and Xlendi B/L/D

Your full day of exploration starts with a tour around Gozo's capital, Victoria. Winding streets, bustling squares, ornate baroque churches and the Citadel characterise this charming city of just seven thousand inhabitants. From here, travel to see the 'Inland Sea' at Dwejra before taking a look around the church at Ta'Pinu — a national shrine where various miracles are said to have happened since 1883. Your last stop is at Xlendi, a delightful little seaside village hedged in by rugged cliff faces on either side.

DAY 7: Gozo – Ggantija Temples & Marsalforn B/D

Said to be the world's second oldest man-made religious structures, the Ggantija Temples date back to between 3600–2500 BC. Set magnificently against a backdrop of the Maltese Islands, legend has it that a giantess built these temples single-handedly. Later on in the morning, your guide will take you for a scenic stroll along the 350-year-old Salt Pans and then it's on to the fishing village of Marsalforn, where you'll have free time to explore.

DAY 8: Gozo to Malta to the UK B

Travel back to Malta and transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

Hotel information

Qawra (4 nights): 4★ Qawra Palace

Address: Dawret Il-Qawra, Qawra SPB 1900, Malta
Contact number: 00356 2158 0660

Gozo (3 nights): 4★ Cornucopia Hotel

Address: 10 Gniien Imriek Street, Xaghra, Gozo XRA1521
Contact number: 00356 2155 6486

Accommodation

All accommodation is 4★ and features an en suite bathroom air-conditioning/heating, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. Mercury Holidays has visited and inspected all of the hotels to ensure that they meet the high standards of service which we require for our clients. If the hotels detailed are not available, alternatives will be used of a similar standard.

Please note: the hotels listed are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.



Meals

Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning. Lunch where stated will be taken in local Maltese restaurants, with dinner where stated at your hotel.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Malta you will be met by a representative from our local agent, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your guide will be on hand 24 hours a day should you have any queries. However, if you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are:

Mercury Holidays

97, Nicolo Isouard Street
Sliema
SLM 2080
Malta
Telephone: 00356 21330941
E-mail: maltabookings@sunspotmalta.com

Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for Mercury Holidays
Telephone number 00356 79705885 or 00356 21375543

WHAT TO PACK

- Sunscreen, insect repellent and hat
- Waterproof lightweight jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes

- Camera and charger
- A plug adaptor - the electricity in Malta & Gozo is 230 volts. The three-pin rectangular plug system is used, as in the U.K

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is not required for your trip to Malta and Gozo. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Tour Guides

This is a fully escorted tour with local guides throughout ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge at all times.

Tipping

Tipping for your driver and guide will be at your discretion.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves full days of sightseeing, often on foot, and includes some climbing of stairs and getting on and off coaches and boats. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Group Size

The maximum number of passengers on your tour will be 35 passengers. If in the unlikely event we are not able to operate your departure date then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Malta and Gozo is the Euro (€). You can exchange your currency before you travel, or whilst you are in Malta and Gozo. Cash machines will be available throughout your tour for you to withdraw money in the local currency.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any lunches where these are not mentioned on your itinerary and personal purchases, such as souvenirs, laundry and extra drinks and snacks. Approximately £100-£200 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour.

Itinerary Changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction and/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Your flight is to **Malta** with **Air Malta (KM)**, departing from **London Heathrow Terminal 4**.

IMPORTANT: Final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

Baggage Allowance

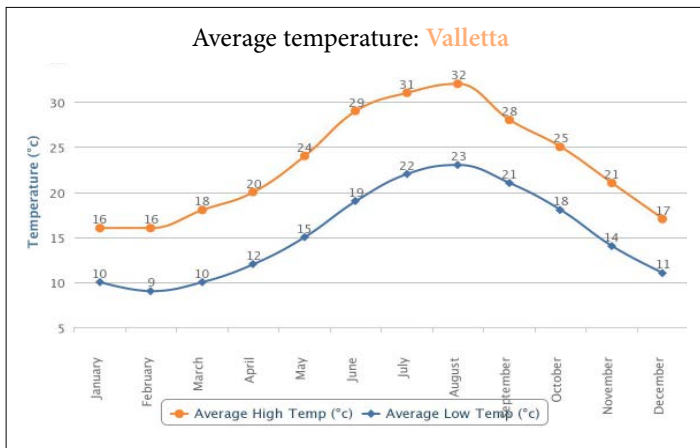
Each passenger is entitled to 20kg of hold luggage. Hand luggage: One piece not exceeding 5Kg and with maximum total dimensions not exceeding 113cm (50 cm x 45cm x 18cm). Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-in should be at least 2 hours before departure.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange airport car parking, lounges or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras. You can contact them by calling 0871 360 2000 and make sure you quote the following code: HX313.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



QAWRA EXTENSION

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0843 224 0723



TRIP OVERVIEW

Located on the north east coast of Malta, the exclusive area of Qawra offers an unforgettable holiday experience. From the sun kissed rocky beaches the clear waters of the Mediterranean allow a feeling of peace and tranquillity to all holiday makers to Qawra.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension in Qawra

Qawra (3 nights)

Hotel Information

Your stay will take place at the 4★ Qawra Palace on All-Inclusive. Qawra Palace boasts wonderful views of St Paul's Bay and is perfectly located on the seafront promenade. Qawra Palace is just a short walk from a variety of bars and restaurant; The hotel also has a vast array of facilities for you to enjoy including an outdoor pool and terrace, tennis court and mini golf

Accommodation

Air-conditioned/heated rooms have a balcony, en-suite bathroom with walk in shower, hairdryer, satellite TV, safety deposit box and a cooler

Facilities

- Outdoor pool & Terraces
- Indoor pool & Jacuzzi
- Restaurant & Coffee Shop
- 24-hour reception
- FREE Wi-Fi in reception

- Daily evening entertainment

Meals

Your stay will be on an All-Inclusive basis, which includes your breakfast and lunch/evening meal daily. All meals are to be taken at the main restaurant, the Triton Restaurant. The Triton offers guests a varied buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner and also features an open show kitchen. It is located on the first floor of the hotel with beautiful views over the Mediterranean sea.

Hotel details:

4★ Qawra Palace
Address: Dawret Il-Qawra, Qawra SPB 1900, Malta
Contact number: 00356 2158 0660

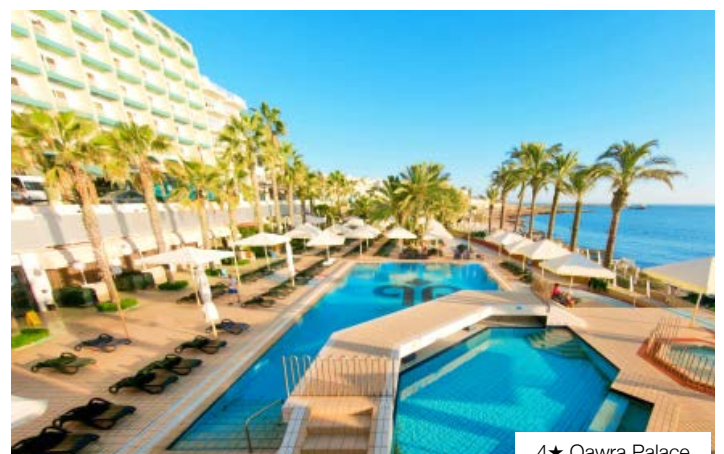
Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any lunches, as well as personal purchases, such as souvenirs and drinks.

Tour Guides

Your stay in Qawra is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.



4★ Qawra Palace

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

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SLIEMA EXTENSION

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4★ Preluna Hotel & Spa

TRIP OVERVIEW

Once a suburb of Valletta, Sliema has developed into a bustling and fashionable resort and is now actually larger than its neighbour. As Malta's leading resort, with many hotels, smart shops, Sliema offers a variety of open air restaurants and cafés with views from The Strand across Marsamxett Harbour to Valletta. Tower Road also offers excellent shopping and leads on to St Julian's Point.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension in Sliema.

Sliema (3 nights)

Hotel Information

Your stay will take place at the 4★ Preluna Hotel & Spa on Half Board. This modern and elegant hotel, right on the Sliema seafront, has long been a popular choice with our clients. The hotel offers a selection of restaurants and bars. Other guest facilities include a rooftop sun terrace with heated whirlpool and a rooftop mini golf course with spectacular views. The main shopping and entertainment areas of Sliema can be reached within five minutes and the night life of St Julian's is a 15-minute walk away.

Accommodation

Comfortable rooms all have twin beds, a private bath with a hand held shower and are equipped with satellite TV, telephone, minibar, tea/coffee making facilities, ceiling fan, safe and hairdryer.

Facilities

- Outdoor pool (May-Oct weather permitting)
- Relaxation centre with indoor pool
- Diving school
- Wellness Spa (at a fee)
- 3 restaurants
- 4 bars/2 lounges
- Japanese restaurant

- Entertainment
- Rooftop nine-hole mini golf
- Rooftop sun terrace with outdoor heated whirlpool
- FREE Wi-Fi in public areas and all rooms

Meals

Your stay will be on a Half Board basis, which includes your breakfast and lunch/evening meal daily. All meals are to be taken at the main restaurant, the Triton Restaurant. The Triton offers guests a varied buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner and also features an open show kitchen. It is located on the first floor of the hotel with beautiful views over the Mediterranean sea.

Hotel details:

4★ Preluna Hotel & Spa
Address: 124 Tower Road, Sliema SLM 1605, Malta.
Contact number: 00356 2133 4001

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any lunches, as well as personal purchases, such as souvenirs and drinks.

Tour Guides

Your stay in Sliema is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.



FLIGHT INFORMATION

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VALLETTA EXTENSION, PHOENICIA HOTEL

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TRIP OVERVIEW

The city of Valletta was established in the 16th century as the base of the Knights of St John. Built with impressive fortifications, still very evident today, to withstand invasion from the sea, Valletta is justly famed for its magnificent skyline dominating the Grand Harbour. The historic legacy includes examples of superb Renaissance architecture including the Palace of the Grand Master and St John's Co-Cathedral. Shopping in central Republic Street and adjoining streets, or just walking around this remarkable city, are all part of the Malta experience.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Valletta.

Valletta (3 nights)

Hotel Information

Your stay will take place at the 5★ Phoenicia Hotel on Bed & Breakfast. The Phoenicia still retains its reputation as one of Malta's leading hotels and has a devoted following of guests who return year after year. Reflecting the grand style of the 1920's with elegant rooms and furnishings, it exudes an air of quiet luxury and efficient service. Enjoying a prime position just outside the main gateway to Valletta.

Accommodation

Classic twin/double air-conditioned /heated rooms are spacious and furnished with private bathroom, cable TV, Wi-Fi, radio, telephone, safe, minibar, tea & coffee facilities and hairdryer.

Facilities

- Phoenix restaurant - table d'hôte and à la carte (at a fee)
- Phoenix terrace al fresco dining (summer only)
- Pegasus restaurant
- Bastion pool bar and restaurant (summer only)
- Jacuzzi (summer only) and fitness room
- 7 acres of landscaped gardens
- Gift/jewellery shop and hairdresser
- Palm Court lounge with FREE Wi-Fi
- FREE shuttle bus to the beach in the North, between Jun-Sept.
- FREE Wi-Fi in rooms & public areas

Hotel details:

5★Phoenicia Hotel, The Mall, Floriana, FRN 1478
Contact number: 00356 21225241

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover lunches and dinners, as well as personal purchases, such as souvenirs and drinks.

Tour Guides

Your stay in Valletta is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.



Phoenicia Hotel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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