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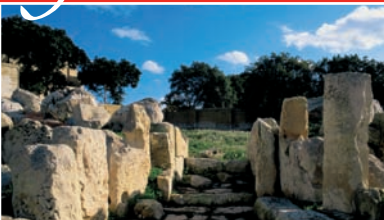


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Small and beautiful as it is, Gozo cannot be seen in just one day.

As a place to relax, 'hang out' and live the good life the island is unsurpassed. After you set foot on Gozo, you'll know why you need more than just a day to savour its leisurely charms. The more you enjoy your visit to Gozo, the more likely you are to return, and to recommend the island to others.

If you are intrigued by this beautiful island's ability to create 'Gozo fanatics' like ourselves, then plan a visit. We always stay for more than just a day. It's the secret hideaway of all Maltese. Which is why we would prefer to leave it undiscovered by you. But it's in our nature to share the best we have with visitors.



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## Tourist Info.



point to point, services. The cost of a bus route ranges from 15 cents to 70 cents. The longest bus journey takes about fifty minutes; the average ride is between 20 and 30 minutes.

### Driving

Driving is on the left. There is a speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour on arterial roads and 40 kph in urban areas.

### Cycling

Cycling became popular again since the introduction of all terrain cycles (ATBs), which are ideally situated to Malta and Gozo. ATBs and bicycles may be hired from various cycle shops throughout the

islands. Cyclists should remember to always follow the highway code and clearly hand signal their intentions.



### Public Transport

Malta's public transport system offers a cheap and efficient way of touring the Island. The main bus terminus is in Valletta from where buses operate to all parts of Malta, although there are also direct,

### Boat Hire

Canoes, rowing boats, sailing boats, pedalos and speedboats are available for hire from a number of operators in the more popular seaside resorts. Larger vessels and yachts are also available for charter.

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## Museums & Heritage Sites

### National Museum of Natural History, Mdina

The 18th century Magisterial Palace of Justice currently holds over 10,000 rocks and minerals, over 3,500 birds, eggs and nests, 200 mammals, over 200 fish species and thousands shells and insects. A must for nature & history lovers.

✉ Vilhena Palace, St Publius Square, Mdina

🕒 Open Monday - Sunday: 9am - 5pm (last admission 4.30pm). Tickets: Adults: €2.33, Children between the ages of 6 and 12: €0.58, Students & Senior Citizens: €1.25, Infants: Free

🚌 89, 65, 80, 81, 84, 86  
☎ 21455951

### The Mdina Dungeons

In a series of secret underground passageways, chambers and cells, a number of events have been re-created to portray historic events from the dark and turbulent side of Maltese history.

✉ St. Publius Square, Mdina

🕒 Winter hours: Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 4pm. Sunday 9.30am - 4.30pm. Summer hours: 9.30am - 4pm. Tickets: Adults: €4. Family pack €9.50.

🚌 89, 65, 80, 81, 84, 86  
☎ 21450267

### Palazzo Costanzo Medieval Times

An elegant Baroque palace built in the 17th Century offering a medieval adventure using wax figures, light, sound and smell. The history starts from the 14th and 15th century and depicts family life and Maltese trades.

✉ 26, Triq Villegaignon, Mdina

🕒 Monday - Saturday: 9.30am - 6.30pm. Tickets: Adults: Lm1.25, Children: 60c  
🚌 89, 65, 80, 81, 84, 86  
☎ 21454625

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Mons. M. Azzopardi Str. Siggiewi SGW 2050  
Tel: 21464931 [www.limestoneheritage.com](http://www.limestoneheritage.com)

🚌 Number 89 from Valletta



### Hal Saflieni Hypogeum

This UNESCO World Heritage monument consists of halls, chambers and passages cut in rock. The complex is grouped in 3 levels dating from different periods, the deepest room being 10.6m under road surface.

✉ Burial Street, Paola

🕒 Open between 9am and 11am, 1pm and 4pm, guided tours on the hour.

Tickets: Adults: €9.32, Children, Students & Senior Citizens: €4.66, Infants under 6: no admittance. Tickets can be purchased from HalSaflieni Hypogeum, Paola and National Museum of Archaeology, Valletta from Malta and Ggantija Temples, Xaghra and Museum of Archaeology, Citadel from Gozo or booked online [www.heritagemaltashop.com](http://www.heritagemaltashop.com).

🚗 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

☎ 21805018/9

### Malta Maritime Museum, Vittoriosa

A former British Naval Bakery, the museum shows Malta's maritime history within a Mediterranean context. It also illustrates the global nature of seafaring and its impact on society.

✉ Ex-Naval Bakery, Vittoriosa

🕒 Monday - Sunday: 9am - 5pm. last admission 4.30pm.

Tickets: Adults: €4.66, Children 6 - 12: €1.16, Students & Senior Citizens: €2.33, Infants: Free.

🚗 6

☎ 21660052

### Inquisitor's Palace Vittoriosa

The Palace was built as civil law courts for the Order of St John and remained so until 1571. It was made an official residence when then first general inquisitor Mgr Pietro Dusina came to Malta.

✉ Main Gate Street, Vittoriosa

🕒 Monday - Sunday: 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm.

Tickets: Adults: €4.66, Children 6 - 12: €1.16, Students & Senior Citizens: €2.33, Infants: Free

🚗 6

☎ 21827006

### The Bir Mula Exhibition

The exhibition includes a read-through narrative on the history of Cospicua.

✉ 79, St Margerita Str

Cospicua

🕒 Saturdays & Sundays from 10am - 12pm.

🚗 3

☎ 21661000, 21826427

### Ghar Dalam Cave & Museum, Birzebbuga

The site is the earliest evidence of human settlement on Malta round 7,400 years ago. The cave was formed by an overlaying river making it become 144m deep. Only the first 50m are open to visitors.

✉ Zejtun Road, Birzebbuga

🕒 Monday - Sunday: 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm.

Tickets: Adults: €3.49, Children from 6 - 11: €1.16, Students 12 - 17 & Senior Citizens: €1.75, Infants: Free.

🚗 11, 12, 12

☎ 21657419

### St. Paul's Catacombs

The underground Roman cemeteries, the earliest and largest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta, were used till 4th century AD. Though smaller in size than those of Italy and North Africa, they are richer in architecture.

✉ St Agatha Street, Rabat

🕒 Monday - Sunday: 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm.

Tickets: Adults: €4.66, Children between 6 and 12 years of age: €1.16, Students & Senior Citizens: €2.33, Infants: Free.

🚗 65, 80, 81, 84, 86

☎ 21454562

## Re-Enactments



### In Guardia

A historical re-enactment that portrays an authentic historical event. This is the regular inspection of the fort and garrison by the Grand Bailiff of the Order of the Knights of St. John in charge of military affairs. During the re-enactment the fort's garrison (some 70 in all) is dressed in its best uniforms to demonstrate to the Grand Bailiff its military prowess. The duration of the show is of roughly 40 minutes.

📍 Fort St. Elmo, Valletta.

🕒 4 January, 11am. Tickets: €5 adults, €3 children between the ages (6 of 12).

🚌 All Buses

☎ 23696073/4



### Knights Spectacular 1565 & Strait Street Dinner Show

An action packed musical spectacle with 50 talented performers and 8 trained horses. On the other hand Strait Street has Over 30 original music numbers, 21 songs, and 200 dazzling costumes will take you from a promiscuous 18th century carnival, to the antics of British servicemen. Patrons are served a 3 course dinner with free flowing wine and beverages.

📍 The Arena, Montekristo Estates, Hal Farrug, l/o Siggiewi.

🕒 Thursdays at 7.30pm.

Tickets: Adults €48, Children under 12: €24. Free transport.

☎ 21228065, 99991565



### Palazzo Parisio & Gardens

19th century Maltese Palace, home of the Marquis Scicluna family, with a history, architecture and interior unique in Malta. A glorious showcase of Maltese and Italian craftsmanship with an ornate gilded, mirrored ballroom reminiscent of Versailles.

📍 Palazzo Parisio, Naxxar NXR 1700

🕒 Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm (except public hols). Last admission 4.30pm. Tickets: Adults €9, Student €6, Children €4.50.

📞 54, 55, 56, 65

☎ 21412461

## Cultural Tour

### Cultural Tour

Cultural tour organised by The Malta Council for Culture and Arts, consisting of a visit to St Paul's Catacombs and the Roman Domus in Rabat; The Mdina Dungeons and a trip by train round Rabat, Mdina and Mtarfa. More

information may be obtained from the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts, 230 Republic Street Valletta, by not later than Wednesday before the respective tours. [www.maltaculture.com](http://www.maltaculture.com)

🕒 18 December

☎ 21232515, 21245168



### The Saluting Battery, Valletta

Sited at Valletta's best vantage point under the Upper Barracca Gardens and overlooking the Grand Harbour, the Saluting Battery is still equipped with original cannon. In the past, it served both to defend the harbour and as an official ceremonial platform from where gun salutes would be fired to honour visiting dignitaries or vessels



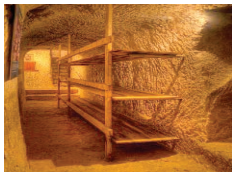
### Fort Rinella, Kalkara

Fort Rinella is Malta's only historic live-museum. It is a unique example of late 19th century military engineering in being built as a steam-powered mechanical war machine to house and power the world's largest gun ever made – the

Armstrong 100-ton gun. This gun still survives in this fort. In its time, it could fire a one-ton shell up to a distance of 8-miles at which range it could pierce 21 inches of ship armour.

This fort has been painstakingly restored by volunteers back to its original state. A historical re-enactment takes place here daily at 2.30pm recreating aspects of the daily life of the Victorian garrison. This includes live cannon and musket firing. A brand new audiovisual is also available which outlines the colourful history of the fort and its monstrous gun. Open: Daily between 10.00am and 5.00pm. Guided tours and film shows are offered on the hour till 1.00pm after which there will be the historical re-enactment. Directions: Bus No.4 to Kalkara from Valletta bus station or follow signs to Three Cities and local signs to fort.

to Malta. For hundreds of years, it also doubled as the official public time marker from where a gun was fired at sunrise, noon and sunset to provide the public with the exact hour of the day. The first and last soundings indicated the time when all town gates were to be opened or closed. The noon-day round was meant for mariners to calibrate their time-pieces on board for navigational reasons. After all these centuries, the old tradition of firing a gun at noon (12pm) still takes place here daily. Guided tours of the battery are offered before and after the display at 11am and 12.30pm. Open: Daily 10am and 1.30pm. Free transport from this site to the Malta at War Museum and Fort Rinella leaves daily at 12.15 and 1.15pm.



### Malta at War Museum, Vittoriosa

A vast wartime underground air raid shelter formed by a labyrinth of hand excavated tunnels. Used throughout WWII as a regional civil protection centre and underground accommodation for some 500 persons during the raids. The interior of this property has been faithfully restored and reconstructed to its original state. Entrance is from Couvre Porte Gate, Vittoriosa (across from the bus station) through a permanent display of original artefacts dedicated to the daily life in wartime Malta. This Museum also comprises a wartime movie produced in 1942 by the Crown Film Unit on the express wish of H.M. King George VI to document the heroic stand of the Maltese during the conflict. Length of film is 20mins. Open Daily 10am – 4pm. All buses to Vittoriosa or follow signs to Three Cities and then local signs to museum.

FREE TRANSPORT is offered from the Saluting Battery to the Malta at War Museum and Fort Rinella daily departing at 12.15 and 1.15pm. Intermediate free trips are also available between the last two attractions throughout the day. Tel. 21800992, 21803091; email: bookings@wirtartna.org; www.wirtartna.org

## Museums & Heritage Sites in Valletta



### St. John's Co-Cathedral and Museum

St. John's Co-Cathedral, formerly the Conventual Church of the Order of St John, is historically and artistically one of the most important monuments on the island. It was built between 1573 and 1577 to the design of Gerolamo Cassar, chief engineer of the Order. The "Beheading of St. John", Caravaggio's masterpiece, hangs in the Oratory. Inside the Cathedral is a hymn of light and colour to the glory of the 'Monks in Armour' and their patron Saint John. Scenes from the life of the Saint are depicted by the famous artist Mattia Preti along

the whole length of the ceiling. The side chapels serving the various langue into which the Order was divided are of magnificent artistry. In the crypt there are buried the Grand Masters of the Order who died before St. John's was built. The museum houses a unique collection of Flemish tapestries, silver objects and church vestments.

- ☒ St John's Street, Valletta
- 🕒 Weekdays 9:30am - 4:30pm, Saturdays 9:30am - 12:30pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21220536

### National Museum of Archaeology

Previously known as Auberge de Provence, built after the Great Siege in the late 16th century, the museum contains a number of arte-facts from the prehistoric periods. Currently it holds the Chinese Terracotta Soldiers.

- ☒ Auberge de Provence, Republic Street, Valletta
- 🕒 Monday – Sunday, 9am – 7pm
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21221623

### National Museum of Fine Arts

The Palace exhibits paintings by Mattia Preti, Guido Reni, Antonio Sciortino and a water-colour by Turner of the Grand Harbour.

Works by Perugino, Carpaccio and Preti have to be seen by appointment as they are displayed under controlled lighting conditions.

- ☒ South Street, Valletta
- 🕒 Monday – Sunday, 9am – 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21225769

### Palace Armoury

One of the world's greatest arms collections housed in its original building. In 1860 the armoury was officially opened as Malta's first public museum containing material of Italian, German, French and Spanish origin.

- ☒ Grandmaster's Palace, Merchants Street, Valletta
- 🕒 Monday – Sunday, 9am – 5pm. Closed on Thursday.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21249349



### National War Museum

The museum represents Malta's military role under British rule post the 1800's, especially during World War II. It holds numerous photos of Malta during the war, the relic of Italian E-Boat and the Gloster Gladiator Faith.

✉ Fort St Elmo, Valletta

🕒 Monday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21222430

Grand Master Manoel de Vilhena. It is a work of art because of its good acoustics and aesthetics.

✉ 115, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 Guided tours Mon - Fri.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

### The Knights Hospitaliers

In 1574, the building called the Sacra Infermeria, was

considered one of the best hospitals in Europe. Visitors can go back in time through sights, sound and visual effects of the period.

✉ The Mediterranean Conference Centre, Hospital Street, Valletta

🕒 Weekdays: 9.30am - 4.30pm. Weekend & public holidays 9.30am - 4pm. Special prices for large groups.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 25595275

### Lascaris War Rooms

Visitors can re-live on site what happened during World War II in Malta and see the actual rooms where allied commanders such as Eisenhower and Montgomery used to conduct their operations.

✉ Lascaris Ditch, Valletta

🕒 Monday - Friday, 9am - 3.30pm; Saturday & Sunday, 9am - 12.30pm. Public Holidays closed.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21234936

### St James Cavalier, Centre for Creativity

Built after the Great Siege to serve as a raised gun-platform, nowadays it is the only Centre of Creativity in Malta offering performances, art exhibitions, concerts and artistic films.

✉ Lascaris Ditch, Valletta

🕒 Open 10am - 9pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223216

### Manoel Theatre

One of the first Baroque theatres built in Europe by the



### Grand Masters Palace

The Palace in Valletta is equivalent to any royal or presidential palace in Europe. The Palace was completed in 1574. It contains portraits of the Grand Masters of the Order and European monarchs as well as other works of art. A unique collection of Gobelin tapestries hangs in the Tapestry Chamber and the main hall is decorated with frescoes by Perez d'Aleccio, depicting episodes from the Great Siege.

✉ Palace Square, Valletta

🕒 Monday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 22954000

## Exhibitions

### Christmas Crafts and Exhibitions

Three separate exhibitions of Christmas crafts, old photos about Christmas in Xaghra from the archives of Photographer Joseph Camilleri and mini-cribs with the collaboration of Ghaqda il-Milied fix-Xaghra – Society of Christine Doctrine (Boys), Xaghra.

✉ Xaghra, Gozo

🕒 1 - 4 January, 6 - 9pm

🚌 64, 65

### Live Crib

A Biblical and Artistic representation of the Nativity.

✉ Old Farmhouse near Nazzarenu Church, Xaghra, Gozo

🕒 1 - 4 January, 8pm onwards.

🚌 64, 65



### Christmas Exhibition

Traditional Christmas Exhibition - Ghaqda Filantropika Talent Mosti.

✉ Ir-Razzett tal-Markiz Mallia Tabone, Wied il-Ghasel Street,

Mosta

🕒 1 - 6 January

🚌 43, 44, 45, 47

### Virtual Confinement

An installation by Christopher and Victor John Saliba. The video art installation Virtual Confinement, consists of two works placed facing each other in separate enclosed spaces. Enclosed in a dark niche, opposite a massive and heavily textured panel, an LCD monitor shows a digital projection of a hand pressing against a screen. In this Caravaggesque setting, 3D animations show delicate and gentle movements with the palm of the hand and fingers that alternate with images of the hand clenching itself into a fist, and beating violently against the screen, as if to break out.

✉ Lower Galleries, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 - 6 January

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

### The Victor Pasmore in Malta Exhibition

An exhibition by Heritage Malta in collaboration with the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts (MCCA) featuring works by Victor Pasmore. The exhibition will commemorate the 100th anniversary from the artist's birth and the 10th from his death.

✉ The Contemporary Hall, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta

🕒 1 - 11 January. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last

admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Instant and Eternity

Chinese culture through the lens of Maltese photographers. The photographic works exhibited, all come from the most talented Maltese photographers. They use their outstanding skills and earnest passion for Chinese culture to record the growth of the Centre as well as the cultural bonds between our two countries over the past five years. Those classic pictures on the inauguration of the Centre, the Terracotta Soldiers Exhibition and the two editions of Valletta Chinese Spring Festival will revisit the very moments again.

✉ Art Gallery, China Cultural Centre, Melita Street, Valletta

🕒 1 - 15 January. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Photographic Nudes

John Grech's keen interest in the camera goes back a long way in his childhood. Anyone who views his photography can see how the artist is at ease while handling both stillness and movement, light and shadow. His photography, especially his nudes, has acquired a painterly quality in his chiaroscuro as well as in the dazzling use of light. Currently, John has just returned from Tuscany where he attended a week's work-

shop exploring light and the human form.

✉ Main Hall, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 - 16 January

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

### Batik, Mosaic, Photography & Paintings

A small collection of works from the National Collection, recently acquired by the National Museum of Fine Arts. All works are by foreign artists who have exhibited at the National Museum of Fine Arts, and include a silk batik work by internationally-renowned batik artist Sarkasi Said.

✉ Gozo Area Exhibition Hall of Heritage Malta, The Citadel, Gozo

🕒 1 - 23 January. Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm.

🚌 All Buses

### Contemporary Icons

This exhibition of paintings by artist Joseph Farrugia consists of works that have been produced over the past eight years. As is typical of Joseph's works, this set of paintings is the result of focused meditation on a select number of objects. In this particular collection, which evolves from the artist's earlier work, the paintings translate inspirations, originating mainly from medieval iconography and psychedelic rock music, into contemporary meditations on existence and spirituality. The solitary human presence

throughout these works is projected through the anthropomorphic qualities of the artifacts used as the basis of these contemplative paintings – the silhouette, the jacket, the coat hanger and the paper plane.

✉ Upper Galleries, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 - 25 January

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

### Strange Cargo

An exhibition of paintings by Isabelle Borg.

✉ The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta

🕒 1 - 30 January. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last Admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### From Within 2008

A collective exhibition by Heritage Malta's members of staff.

✉ Heritage Malta's Head Office, Valletta

🕒 1 January - 1 February. Monday - Friday 8am - 4.45pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Art Exhibition

Collective art exhibition,

✉ Art.e Gallery, Library Street, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 8 - 30 January

🚌 All Buses

☎ 99804774

### Landscapes

Exhibition by Richard Saliba .

✉ Ministry of Tourism,

Auberge d'Italie, Valletta

🕒 9 - 31 January

🚌 All Buses

### Lost Horizons

Photographic exhibition.

✉ Malta Society of Arts, Palazzo de La Salle, 219 Republic Street, Valletta.

🕒 11 - 22 January. Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm, 4.30pm - 7pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Giorgio Preca: Maltese Portraits of the 1930s

An exhibition by Heritage Malta featuring works by Giorgio Preca.

✉ The Contemporary Hall, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta

🕒 17 January - 1 March. Monday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

### Exhibition

Collective exhibition commemorating the Year of Saint Paul.

✉ Cittadella Centre for Culture & the Arts, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 25 - 31 January

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21559941





## Theatre

### The Remarkable Voyage of Sinbad (The Tailor)

It's Panto-time! MADC is proud to present their 31st Christmas Pantomime. We've put together a winning team to ensure that after 30 years, the MADC panto remains the number 1 Christmas entertainment for Maltese families ... and their friends. Written by Alan Montanaro who is also playing the part as the Dame Zeza, and directed by Frederick Testa. Musical Direction is under the baton of Maestro Paul Abela with choreography by Alison White!. Set design by Oscar winning set designer Peter Howitt, and Costumes by Covant Garden Designer & Embelisher John Williams. And finally the master of the jigsaw, Lino Mallia will be stage managing the show! A performance not to be missed.

✉ Malta Fairs and Convention Centre, Ta' Qali  
 🕒 2 - 4 January. Weekdays 7.30pm. Saturday and Sunday evenings 8pm, matinees 3pm. Tickets €10, €15, €17  
 🚌 65, 86  
 ☎ 21224011

### Disney High School Musical

Disney Channel's smash hit musical comes to life on your stage! On the front steps of East High, it's the first day after winter break. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater



### Jack and the Beanstalk

Jack and the Beanstalk is a heroic tale of adventure, love and non-stop hilarious fun. The story is full of twists and turns involving a cow, some beans and a very big (and not so friendly) giant. The strong and energetic cast will be led by notorious Jo Zette who plays the dame. With a combination of magic, comedy, and raucous non-stop fun, Jack and the Beanstalk promises an unforgettable evening for children (from 3 years up) and adults alike. Jack and the Beanstalk is produced, designed and directed by a team well versed in the art of pantomimes. Written by Malcolm Galea, designed by Harry Borg and Ernest Camilleri. Musical direction by Kevin Abela, whilst the choreography is by Jes Sciberras. Chris Mifsud leading the backstage team and overall direction by Anthony Bezzina.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta  
 🕒 2 - 11 January. Tickets: €10-17 (matinees), €10-19 (evenings).  
 🚌 All Buses  
 ☎ 21246389

Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the new year. In Ms. Darbus's homeroom, basketball team captain Troy discovers that Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. When he calls her, the eccentric drama teacher quickly confiscates all cell phones and assigns detention. Between classes, Gabriella and Troy look at the audition sign-up for the school musical, but the drama diva Sharpay discourages them. At basketball practice, Troy tries

to shake his desire to sing at the urging of his best friend Chad. Taylor, the science club president, discovers Gabriella's intelligence and encourages her to join the upcoming science decathlon. FM Theatre Productions' High School Musical is directed by Chris Gatt, Vocal coach is Denise Mulholland and Choreographer is Emma Loftus.

✉ Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta  
 🕒 2 - 4 January.  
 🚌 All Buses  
 ☎ 21243840/3

## Barney

The Barney Live Let's Go Tour will also be appearing in Gozo after 10 shows in Malta. They are promising to be the ideal gift to every child who loves to watch the purple dinosaur together with his friends. The tour is being brought to you by Curtainraiser together with premier Stage production and Hit Entertainment.

- ✉ Teatru Astra, Victoria, Gozo
- 🕒 4 January, 3pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 79550058

## Dear Nobody

The Gozo Creative Theatre Club will be performing a play entitled "Dear Nobody". Adapted from Berlie Doherty's award winning book "Dear Nobody", the play examines the problems and feelings of a charming teenager who (together with her boyfriend) was suddenly faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Directed by George Mizzi.

- ✉ Teatru Astra, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo
- 🕒 16 & 17 January
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 79303101

## Communicating Doors

Maleth presents: a time-warp comedy by Alan Ayckbourn in which he pulls off a series of ingenious and highly amusing stage surprises. Directed by Salvu Mallia.

- ✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta
- 🕒 16 - 18 January, 7.30pm
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21246389



## Disney Live! Mickey's Magic Show

In a never-before-seen combination, favourite Disney characters and professional magicians come together live on stage in a performance that will delight children and adults of all ages. A one-of-a-kind show that will give parents and children the power to see magic everywhere. The show will take them on an inspirational journey with popular Disney characters, where they learn to find the magic within and all around them. At the same time, families will see world class illusions that will truly take their breath away. Mickey's Magic Show also features the enchantment of legendary Disney films – Cinderella's rags turn into a beautiful ball gown in a split second; Aladdin's Princess Jasmine levitates into the air; and the enchanted dancing brooms in Fantasia help sweep Minnie off her feet. The Master Magician himself – Mickey Mouse – also performs astonishing illusions along with Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter and professional magicians Brad Ross and Fred Moore. The magic is complemented with appearances from Disney princesses Belle and Snow White, and Mickey's pals from Toontown – Minnie, Donald, Daisy and Goofy.

- ✉ Malta Fairs & Convention Centre, Ta' Qali
- 🕒 22 - 25 January. Tickets: €25, €40, €50, €55, €75, €95.
- 🚌 65, 86
- ☎ 21410371/2, 21414099

## Theatre

**The Story of Babar the Elephant**

From the original stories by Jean de Brunhoff, with glorious music by Francois Poulenc, comes a charming musical tale for children (6 years upwards). After Babar the elephant witnesses the slaughter of his beloved mother, he flees from the jungle and finds his way to Paris where he is befriended by the Old Lady. Babar eventually returns to the Elephant realm following the death of the previous King, who had eaten some poisonous mushrooms. Babar is crowned king, marries his 3rd cousin twice removed Celeste, and founds the city of Celesteville. Babar introduces a very French form of western civilization to the elephants, and causes them to dress in western attire. Among Babar's other associates are the monkey Zephir, the old elephant counsellors Cornelius and Pompadour, his cousin Arthur and of course the Old Lady. This story will not only be a fun experience for children and adults alike, but also bring them closer to classical music. The performance will be led by Sarah Spiteri be joined by pianist Alex Vella Gregory, clarinetist Godfrey Mifsud and Renzo Spiteri on percussion

✉ Music Room, St James Cavalier, Valletta  
 ⌚ 24 & 25 January, 4pm.  
 Tickets: adult €7, child €5.

🚌 All Buses  
 ☎ 21223200

## Performances

**Lunchtime Concert**

Mezzo-soprano Clare Ghigo and pianist Veronique Zammit will perform an exciting repertoire including works by Berg, Menotti, Barber and also a song cycle by Veronique Zammit.

✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

⌚ 7 January, 12.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

**Swan Lake On Ice**

Performed by World renowned Russian artists from The St Petersburg State Ballet On Ice (Russia). Three thousand kilograms of ice will transform the stage into a grand and spectacular ice rink. Thirty five award winning Russian ice-ballet dancers shall perform this timeless classic 'on ice' for the very first time here in Malta. Konstantin A. Rassadin's choreography touches on the near impossi-

ble, breaking many of the figure skating rules and displaying dangerously beautiful moves never seen before. He combines romantic ballet with the daring speed and athleticism of ice skating to create an awe-inspiring performance. With Olympic-standard skating, world class choreography and Tchaikovsky's glorious score, Swan Lake on Ice is a sure-fire winner:

✉ The Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta

⌚ 10 January, 8.30pm and 11.30pm. 11 January, 11am, 3pm and 8pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 25595750/1, 21558266, 79557988

**Monday Ovation**

Organised by the Malta Cultural Institute.

✉ The Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Phoenicia, Floriana, 7pm.

⌚ 12 January

🚌 All Buses

**Guitar Recital**

Malta's own virtuoso classical guitarist Simon Schembri will delight audiences in a solo concert playing works by Mudarra, Bach, Granados, Lagoya, Piazzolla and others.

✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

⌚ 13 January, 8pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

**Piano Recital**

Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Scriabin in a piano recital by Alexei Galea, the first Maltese



### Celebrating Charles Camilleri: Maltese composer and artist

Prof. Mro. Charles Camilleri is one of Malta's foremost and prolific contemporary composer of international fame, who blended his compositions with a distinctive Maltese flavour. The concert will be a showcase of Camilleri's sacred and secular music for voice, piano and flute including Desert songs, Interchangeable Galaxies, Floating Love, Concerto Americano, Arias from Kanti Popolari and the opera The Maltese Cross. Performers: Marita Bezzina - soprano, Silvio Zammit - flute, Ramona Zammit Formosa - piano.

✉ Sagrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront

🕒 23 January, 7.30pm.

🚍 All Buses

☎ 79680952

to have successfully completed the full graduate piano course at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatoire.

✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 18 January, 5pm.

🚍 All Buses

☎ 21246389

### Bach & Beethoven Concert

A concert of Baroque Music by the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra.

✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 24 January, 8pm.

🚍 All Buses

☎ 21246389

### Guitar Masterpieces: A Guitar and Strings Recital

Evan Plumpton, Malta's foremost classic guitarist, will be performing a selection of the guitar masterpieces together with an ensemble of strings.

Programme: N. Paganini - Grand Sonata, J. Rodrigo - Serenata al Alba Del Dia., A. Vivaldi - Concerto in C, L. Boccherini - Fandango

✉ Sagrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront

🕒 29 January, 7.30pm.

🚍 All Buses

☎ 79680952

### Grand Concert

By the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra. Antonin Dvorak: Scherzo Capriccioso Op. 66. Violin Concerto in A minor, Op. 53. Soloist: Carmine Lauri. Piotr I. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36. Leader: Marcelline Agius. Conductor: Michael Laus.

✉ Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta

🕒 31 January, 7.30pm.

🚍 All Buses

### Elan Sicroff plays Gurdjieff

For the first time in Malta, the piano music of Gurdjieff and Thomas de Hartmann.

✉ The Music Room, St James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 31 January

🚍 All Buses

### Go Music Weekend

Teatru Manoel in collaboration with GO presents a weekend of exotic sounds featuring Tango Quartet led by exciting singer Cristina Vilallonga of Gotan Project fame, and star jazz guitarist Sandro Zerafa and his White Russian Quintet coming straight from Paris.

✉ Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 31 January & 1 February, 8pm.

🚍 All Buses

☎ 21246389

## Night Life



## Paceville

St Julian's and Paceville are Malta's main nightlife areas. Paceville lies on the hill between Spinola Bay and St George's Bay. It is the scene of Malta's year-round nightlife and offers leisure, entertainment and dining to suit all tastes. There is plenty to choose from: Paceville has the latest in club DJ music, as well as piano bars, an elegant casino and superb restaurants. The casino is in Villa Dragonara, once the private home of a 19th century Maltese aristocrat.

🚌 62, 64, 65, 68, 70



## St. Julian's

St Julian's is now an extension of Sliema although it started off as a small fishing port, based on Spinola and Balluta Bays. Like Sliema, it is now a major residential and tourist centre, and home to some of Malta's newest hotels. St Julian's merges with Paceville, Malta's

main nightlife centre where there are clubs, casinos and numerous restaurants, cafes and bars. Picturesque Spinola Bay is still used by fishermen whose traditional boats are housed just below the restaurants. The bay is particularly attractive at night and as a venue for open-air dining.

🚌 64, 65, 68, 70



## Casino

Everyone has to have an evening's flutter once in a while. And there is no better time than on holiday. Malta has several excellent casinos. Choose from an elegant colonial-style villa, an ultra modern hotel complex, or a restored 17th century, harbour-side palace. All provide great entertainment whether you're new to the tables or have tried your luck before.

## Valletta Waterfront

The Valletta Waterfront, in Floriana, is Grand Master Pinto's baroque Wharf built in the 18th Century. It has been thoroughly renovated into an entertainment area. It is currently being used as a popular


venue with a concentration of upmarket bars and restaurants after a recent thorough restoration process. International names such as Hard Rock Cafe operate in the area.

🚌 All Buses



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## Kids

### Splash and fun

Situated in Bahar Ic-Caghaq, the only place on the island that offers a fun packed day for kids. With water slides, shoots and a dinosaur park, this is a great day out for the family. Situated on the sea shore it offers a large pool area for relaxing along with a snack bar, there is also ample parking space offered. The great thing is that there is Mediterraneo Marine Park next door which can also be included in the days itinerary.



### Mediterraneo Marine Park

The marine park has an array of animals ranging from dolphins to parrots. There is a dolphin show a sealion show and a very entertaining parrot show. If this is not enough to keep you busy then you have the opportunity of a lifetime - swimming with dolphins! A unique experience offered to able swimmers. Mediterraneo also offer an interactive programme which allows you to get up close and personal with the various animals at the park!



### Popeye's Village

The old classic movie from 1980 with Robin Williams as Popeye, was filmed in Malta. The whole village was built purposely for the movie and still remains there today. One can visit Popeye's Village and get a feel for what it was like to be in the movie. There is a bar and restaurant, souvenir shop and even a kid's amusement park. Also animation, an audio visual show and even a boat trip!

- ✉ Anchor Bay Leisures Ltd, Mellieha
- 📍 43, 44, 45, 48
- ☎ 21524782/3/4

### Playmobil Factory

This is a real treat for all children. Playmobil has a factory in Malta that now has a fun park open to visitors, you can even organise a birthday party there! For further information contact

- ✉ Playmobil Malta Ltd. HF80, Industrial Estate, Hal Far, BBG 06.
- 🕒 Open October - June every day from 10am - 6pm. July - September, Monday - Saturday, 10am - 1pm
- 📍 13
- ☎ 22242445

### Bowling

Situated in the heart of Paceville, St. Julian's The Eden SuperBowl is Malta's biggest and best tenpin bowling center. The SuperBowl is a fully air-conditioned, computerised Tenpin Bowling centre offering 20 lanes of bowling and a variety of entertainment, from fun bowling through to National bowling leagues and International tournaments. It is also the ideal venue for your corporate functions, staff get-togethers and fantastic kids' parties!



### Gillieru Restaurant

One of the oldest established fish restaurants in Malta. Provides a consistent service and good quality food. Brilliant setting, particularly on the terrace, overlooking the bay.

✉ Church Str., St Paul's Bay  
 📞 43, 44, 45  
 ☎ 21573 480

### Mirabelle Restaurant

In the hub of Bugibba, the restaurant offers seating indoors and outdoors. Good services and prices. A good stop for a group of friends.

✉ Misrah il-Bajja ta' Bugibba, Bugibba  
 📞 48, 49, 58  
 ☎ 21572163

### Fusion 4

Set within the fortification walls of Valletta, the place offers a unique experience and atmosphere for a romantic night out. International food offered on the menu with a difference.

✉ Triq il-Kavallier San Gwann, Valletta  
 📞 All Buses  
 ☎ 21225255, 99335255

### La Zucca

A cute small restaurant in the heart of Valletta opposite the Church of St Paul offering pizza, pasta and salads. Ideal for an intimate night out.

✉ St Paul's Street, Valletta  
 📞 All Buses  
 ☎ 21226078

### De Robertis

The restaurant is on the terrace of a 16th century Palazzo formerly known as Palazzo Xara. It has breath-taking views of the Valletta harbours.

✉ Castille Hotel, Castille Square, Valletta.  
 📞 All Buses  
 ☎ 21220173, 21243677

### Del Borgo

An old place situated in the heart of Birgu near the Inquisitor's Palace. It is an ideal place for a chill out with friends or loved one. Excellent wine menu and unusual platters and desserts.

✉ Tower of St John Str, Birgu  
 📞 6  
 ☎ 21803710

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✉ Sottovento, Vault 2, Treasure Buildings, Vittoriosa Marina, Birgu.

🕒 Wed - Sun: 12:30pm till late

☎ 21808990

### The Kitchen

This is one of the top restaurants on the island. Owned by international award-winning Chef Mark Gauci and his partner Nadja, this is the kind of place that makes you want to return. Discover a minimalist yet comforting environment, an atmosphere that only few places on the island can create. Reservation recommended.

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## Gardens

### Upper and Lower Barrakka Gardens

Two gardens, facing the Grand Harbour in Valletta, both offering a panoramic view. The Upper Barrakka Gardens offer the best view since they're more centered and at a much higher level. It was the gift of an eighteenth-century knight. The Anglican Garrison Church partly intrudes upon it. The garden is built on top of a demi-bastion. The Lower Barrakka Gardens are part of St Christopher's Bastion and have a view of the harbour. At their center is a small Greek-style folly built in memory of Governor Sir Alexander Ball, who led the siege against the French in 1800 and subsequently became Britain's first civil commissioner of Malta. The French during the 1798-1800 siege cultivated these gardens.

### Argotti Botanical Gardens

In 1805 the British governor appointed a Carmelite friar, Malta's first professor of natural history. He assembled the

plants in Floriana's Mall and 50 years later they were moved to the site of the present Argotti Gardens, then the preserve of a deceased knight.

### Buskett Gardens

No more than 2kms from Dingli Cliffs, sitting under the watchful eye of Cardinal Grand Master de Verdalle's summer retreat, are Buskett Gardens. Panoplies of foliage spread their shade over the valley floor; providing a welcome respite against the heat of summer. There are orange and cypress trees, irregular cacti, leguminous carobs, aromatic firs and the Judas tree, which foretells Easter with its pink blossom (this is said to be the tree from which Judas hung himself).

### Hastings Gardens

From the National Museum of Fine Arts, it is well worth taking a stroll through the nearby Hastings Gardens, named after a former Governor General, the Marquess of Hastings (1824-26).



### Palazzo Parisio Gardens

These privately owned gardens rank amongst the finest in Malta and have seasonal appeal all year round. The two classic, baroque walled gardens are a charming mixture of Italian symmetry and Mediterranean colour and perfumes.

✉ Palazzo Parisio, Naxxar NXR 1700

🕒 Open everyday (except 24th, 25th Dec & 1st Jan 9am-6pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Garden Tickets: Adults €6, Students & Children €4.50.

🚌 54, 55, 56, 65

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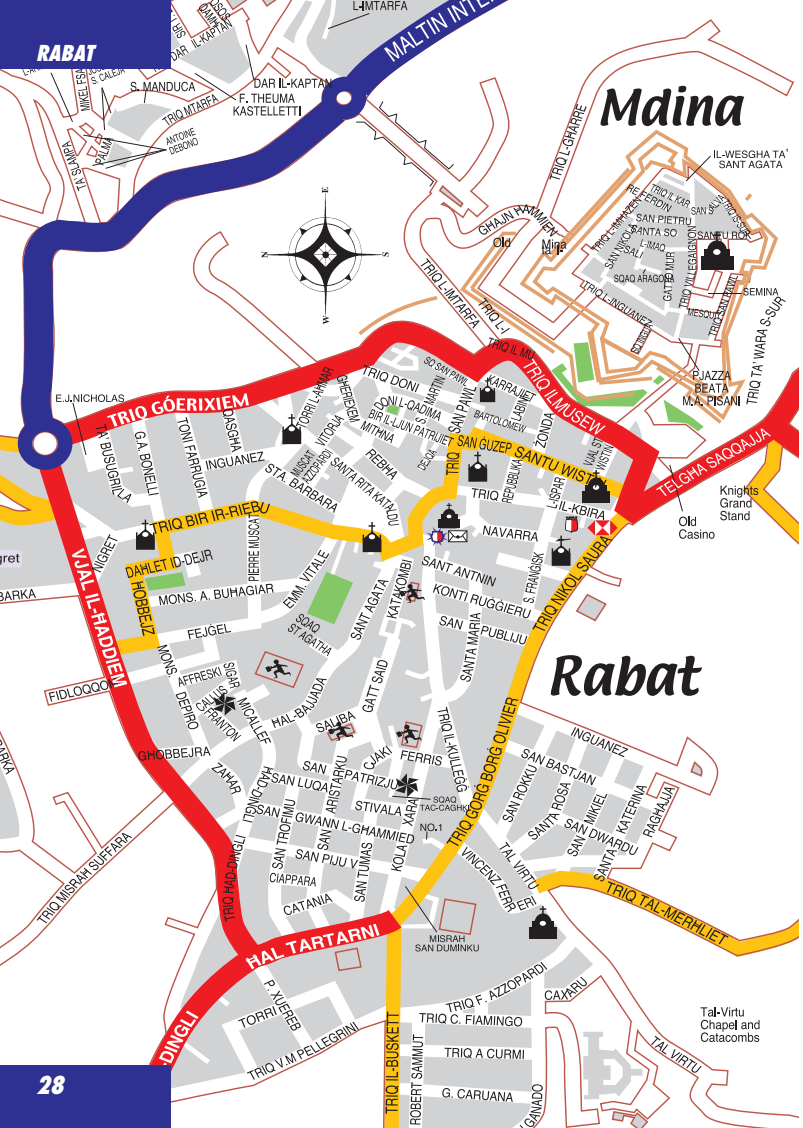
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