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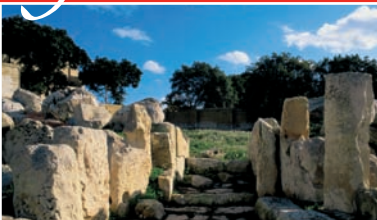
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Tourist Information



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, 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 & 30 mins.

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.

1 May - Worker's Day

On Thursday May the 1st, which is a public holiday, Malta will be celebrating the feast of St Joseph the Worker, or as it is better known, Worker's Day. To find more about celebrations see page 15. Most of the shopping centres and other businesses will be closed.

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

Palazzo Falson Historic House Museum

To celebrate the first anniversary since its opening, after a major restoration intervention by Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Malti, Palazzo Falson Historic House Museum is holding an Open Day. All are invited to visit free of charge throughout the day. Guided tours will be held every half hour. Entrance is on a first-come first-served basis.

✉ Palazzo Falson Historic House Museum, Villegaignon Str., Mdina.

🕒 4 May, Open Day, 10am - 5pm.

🚌 65, 80, 81, 84, 86

Tunnara Museum

The Museum was built by the knights of St John under the rule of Grandmaster Perellos in 1716, to defend the bay from different invasions. It was also used as a Tunnara store. During the Second World War a beach post and a searchlight room were added to the Battery. After the war it was solely used as a store for the Tunnara. The Tunnara was an ancient method for catching Bluefin Tuna. It consisted of a series of large nets forming an inland and was placed in the middle of the bay to trap tuna. This unique Museum stands to document for prosperity the story of the Tunnara the history of the Battery through the ages. It combines an attractive exhibition using original artifacts dating back

hundreds of years and creative models and visual aids to highlight the history and folklore from yester years to nowadays.

✉ Westreme Battery, Mellieha Bay.

🚌 43, 44, 45, 48



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

🕒 9am-11am, 1pm - 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 Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, Paola and National Museum of Archaeology, Valletta from Malta and Ggantija Temples, Xaghra and

Museum of Archaeology, Citadel from Gozo or booked online from 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

🕒 Mon - Sun: 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



Knights Spectacular 1565 Dinner Show

An action packed musical spectacle with 50 talented performers and 8 trained horses. Patrons are served a 3 course dinner with free flowing wine and beverages as the Knights of St. John in shining armour, vanquish the lavishly dressed warriors of Suleiman the Magnificent in the epic siege of 1565.

- ✉ The Arena, Montekristo Estates, Hal Farrug, l/o Siggiewi.
- 🕒 Every Thursday at 7.30pm. Tickets: Adults €48, Children under 12: €24.
- 🚌 Free transport available
- ☎ 21228065, 99991565

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



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

it become 144m deep. Only the first 50m are open to visitors.

- ✉ Zejtn 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

Rabat/Mdina Multi Site Ticket: Domus Romana, St Paul's Catacombs & National Museum of Natural History - €11.65, Infants: Free.

Cultural Tour

A cruise to the Grand Harbour and other harbours. Transport leaves Sliema (Jesus of Nazareth Church) and Floriana (near Independence monument)

- 🕒 4 May. 8.45am. Tickets: Children aged 5 - 12 & Senior Citizens €8.15; Adults €10.48.
- 🚌 All Buses (Floriana)
- 🚌 61, 62, 63, 65 (Sliema)
- ☎ 21245168, 21232515



The Limestone Heritage

Maltese Summer Folklore Nights

Delight all your senses with a trio of food, wine and song. Enjoy a fabulous 3 - course buffet dinner including wine while enjoying, live mandolin music and live folk entertainment by a team of dancers, under the night stars. A most memorable Maltese night out! Bookings recommended.

- ✉ The Limestone Heritage, Mons. M. Azzopardi Str, Siggiewi
- 🕒 Every Friday at 8.30pm
- Tickets: Adults: €40, Children under 12: €5. Free transport available
- 🚌 89
- ☎ 21464931, 99457475



Heritage Malta

Exhibitions

Visage

An exhibition of drawings, etchings, oils and sculpture by Jesmond Vassallo & Francesco Astiaso Garcia.

✉ Contemporary Room, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 1 - 4 May. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Free admission. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses



Treescaples ... Lifescapes

An exhibition of paintings by Jeni Caruana.

✉ Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta.

🕒 1 - 18 May. Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm. Free admission. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

The Lazzaro Pisani (1854 -1932) and Giuseppe Briffa (1901 -1987) Bequest Collection

An exhibition of bequests from the National Collection by two

of Malta's seminal artists of their era. Organised by Heritage Malta and the Gozo Cultural Council.

✉ Exhibition Hall, Ministry for Gozo, Victoria Gozo.

🕒 1 - 26 May. Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm. Saturday and Sundays 9am - noon. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Views of Gozo (1800—1940) in the National Collection

An collective exhibition of paintings from the National Collection depicting views of Gozo throughout the ages. Organised by Heritage Malta and the Gozo Cultural Council.

✉ Banca Giuratale, Independence Square, Victoria Gozo.

🕒 1 - 26 May. Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm. Saturday and Sundays 9am - noon. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Mikrokosmos

An exhibition of paintings by Helga Portanier.

✉ The Contemporary Room, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 10 May - 8 June. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Free admission. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Silence

A photographic exhibition by Lia Salie.

✉ The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 24 May - 8 June. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Free admission. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Into my Imagination

An exhibition of old photos by Joe Camilleri donated to Heritage Malta.

✉ Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta.

🕒 24 May - 22 June. Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm. Free admission. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Other Events

The Recent Prehistory in Alicante. From Neolithic times to Bronze Age

A lecture by Jorge A. Soler Díaz, director of exhibition of the MARQ Archaeology Museum Alicante in Spain. A lecture about the work carried out by MARQ to preserve, research and promote this patrimony. Organised by Heritage Malta

✉ Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta

🕒 9 May. 6.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

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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 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 where to be opened or closed. The noon-day round was meant for mariners to calibrate their timepieces 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.

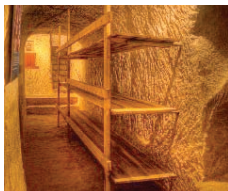
Fort Rinella, Kalkara

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.



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

Exhibitions

The Human Figure

Patrick Dalli's exhibition shows the artist's incessant interest in the human figure, an interest that has matured significantly over the last decade and that has also spread into the field of sculpture. His paintings, drawings, and sculptures, show his passion for capturing the physical structure of the body and the variegated tactile qualities of the flesh.

✉ Main Hall, St James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 - 11 May

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21322200

Visions at Whitehall

By the young Maltese artist Anton Abela. His style is considered an innovative technique, using a mix of light, shadows and complementary colours: a skill that evoked large interest locally and abroad.

✉ British High Commission, Whitehall Mansions, Ta' Xbiex.

🕒 1 - 28 May, Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm. Free admission.

🚌 63

Inside Out

An exhibition of abstract panels by Victor Agius.

✉ MAJL wine & Dine, 6, Sir Adrian Dingli Str, Victoria, Gozo.

🕒 1 May - 30 June. Monday - Wednesday from 6.30pm onwards. Thursday - Sunday noon - 2.30pm and 6.30pm onwards.

🚌 All Buses



Paintings & Ceramics

Paintings by David Xuereb are all mixed media varying from acrylics to stucco veneziano, sprays, acrylic sheets heated and shaped to various forms then sprayed. Also ceramic works by George Muscat.

✉ Gallery Last Touch, Main Street, Mosta.

🕒 1 - 31 May, Weekdays 9am - 7pm. Wednesdays and Saturdays 9am - 1pm.

🚌 43, 44, 45, 47

☎ 79594508

Cross Stitch Exhibition

Organised by Stitch In Time Club on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Several cross stitch items (around 400) will be on display. These range from framed pictures, cushions, bathroom sets, quilts, ornaments to others.

✉ Catholic Institute, Floriana.

🕒 2 May, 10am - 1pm & 4 - 8pm. 3 May, 10am - 8pm.

🕒 4 May, 10am - 6pm.

🚌 All Buses

Revelation

Fund raising art exhibition by Raphael Labro. For Raphael it

is important to give something back to Gozo island and therefore he will help two major Fund Raising Causes.

✉ Pergola Hall, Gharb, Gozo.

🕒 3 - 11 May.

🚌 2, 91

☎ 99855103

Artisan Exhibition

By Denise Agius and Marisa Attard organised by Ghaqda Filantropika Talent Mosti.

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

🕒 3 - 17 May, 6 - 9pm.

🚌 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 50

☎ 21433675

Art Brut in Austria

This exhibition is the first featuring artists from all provinces, thus presenting the great variety of the Outsider or Art Brut scene in Austria. The artists Arnulf Rainer and Peter Pongratz, as well as the cultural scientist Peter Gorsen assisted the curator Angelica Bäumer in the selection from hundreds of pictures. All three are experts that not only work intensively with the works of Outsiders since the 1960's, but are also collectors of that art. In recent years Art Brut has not just been keenly discussed but also collected intensively fetching high prices. The current art scene cannot be imagined without it.

✉ Upper Galleries, St James Cavalier, Valletta.

🕒 3 May - 15 June

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

Synergy

An art exhibition by Irish - Maltese artist Caroline Said Laurence in aid of various philanthropical foundations.

✉ Sinclair Stevenson Gallery, 59, Trux Street Gharb, Gozo.

🕒 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 May. Open 10am - 12.30pm and 4.30 - 7pm.

📞 2, 91

☎ 21562074

Silver Palette Competition Exhibition

Sponsored by Vee Gee Bee Art..

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

🕒 7 - 14 May. Open Monday - Friday 4.30pm - 7pm and Saturday 10am - noon. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Mikrokosmos

A paintings exhibition by Helga Portanier.

✉ National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 7 May - 9 June.

🚌 All Buses

Tempo di Medio Evo

Paintings exhibition by Luisa Del Campana.

✉ The Hall, Italian Cultural Institute, St. George's Square, Valletta.

🕒 15 - 30 May.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21221462

Sea Dreaming

Following an active professional career as a designer and teacher in the visual and performing arts, Derek Nice has for the last 15 years concentrated on the development of his own individual work as a painter sculptor collaborator. He is based in the UK and in Malta and his work reflects on maritime themes. The archeology, myth and legend of these islands, and the coastal edge of Northern waters.

✉ Main Hall, St James Cavalier, Valletta.

🕒 16 May - 22 June

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21223200

Of Faces & Figures

By Joanne Fenech Portelli and Audrey Mercieca.

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

🕒 21 - 31 May. Open Monday - Saturday 10am - 12.30pm. Monday - Friday 4.30pm - 7pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Paintings Exhibition

By Dr Ulrich Hackenbruch.

✉ German Maltese Circle, Messina Palace, St. Christopher Street, Valletta.

🕒 22 May - 27 June. Open Monday - Friday 9am - noon and 4.30 - 8.30pm and Saturdays morning only.

🚌 All Buses



De-Coding Beauty

Art exhibition by George Scicluna. This exhibition shows sketches dating back to the early 90's when George's distinctive style was beginning to emerge. He then moved on to large-scale monochrome paintings that depict the statues of the Old Masters. Characteristic of the next period is a series of paintings 'composition of a girl' which carry the style further on. Following this phase, one then arrives at the most recent paintings where colour becomes more prominent.

✉ Casa Scicluna, Paul Portelli Str. Victoria, Gozo.

🕒 May - December

🚌 All Buses

Performances

Magical Musicals

A live concert featuring top local artists accompanied by Paul Abela & Band. The show will be an assortment of the most popular musicals from Broadway and the West End. All the talent put together in addition to the live music and spectacular dance and light shows, is nothing but a guarantee of another highly professional theatre bonanza to all musicals lovers.

✉ Aurora Opera House, Republic Str, Victoria, Gozo.

🕒 1 May. 8pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21562974, 21559452

Pianist Célimène Daudet in Recital

Ms Célimène Daudet, who is a young French pianist was trained in the famous Ecole Française tradition. She won first prize at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Lyon in 2003 and later in 2005 achieved the diploma for teaching. She has also a Chamber Music diploma from the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Paris. Daudet's playing has been acclaimed by various critics mainly in France, Germany and Malta.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta.

🕒 2 May. 8pm.

🚏 All Buses.

☎ 2124 6389

A Capella Concert

The St. Monica Choir is this

year presenting its first solely A Capella Concert encompassing Classical, Negro Spiritual, contemporary compositions and many other genres. The event augurs to be an interesting and enjoyable performance.

✉ St. Paul's Cathedral, Mdina

🕒 1 May. 7pm. Free admission.

🚏

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✉ St. Lawrence Collegiate Church, Vittoriosa.

🕒 17 May. 7pm. Free admission.

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Songs from the West End, Broadway and the Films

A charity concert to raise funds for Ir-Razzett tal-Hbiberija. This concert is being organised with the participation of Students from Arleen J. Barlow's Vocal Studio.

✉ Ir-Razzett tal-Hbiberija, Marsascala.

🕒 2 May. 7.30pm.

🚏 19, 20

☎ 21636526

Band Concert

The St. Gaetan Band of Hamrun will celebrate the feast of St. George Preca with a Band Concert during which the band will perform among others new religious hymns and a new Cantata in honour of St. George. Soprano Joan Mangion, Tenor Joe Aquilina, a children's choir and the Mirabitur choir will accompany the band. The classical guitarist Simon Schembri will also perform during this concert.

✉ Auditorium of Society of Christian Doctrine (Museum), Blata l-Bajda.

🕒 3 May. 7.15pm.

🚏 71, 75, 80, 81



An Evening with Gordon Giltrap

Masquerade Theatre Company presents one of UK's most respected guitarists - Gordon Giltrap. He has been working in the music business for 40 years, and is regarded by many to be one of the great acoustic guitarists with a unique, individual style. For his concert in Malta, Gordon will be playing a mixture of material taken from albums dating back to the late 60s! Gordon Giltrap's guitar concert promises to be a unique event to be added to the growing list of memorable concerts by international musicians in Malta.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 6 May. 7.30pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21246389, 79793737

Piano Recital by Maria Blanco

Maltese pianist, Maria Blanco, was the winner of the 1999 Young Musicians National Competition and the 10th Bice-Mizzi Vassallo Music Competition in Malta, 2005. Most recently she has been awarded the Malta Government Scholarship Scheme to read for a Masters in Music at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, where she is studying with Carole Presland.

✉ Music Room, St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 9 May. 8pm. Tickets €10, €8.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21223200



Harp Concerto

A one-hour recital by harpist Anne Marie Camilleri Podesta' featuring works by Ortiz, Handel, Zabel, Rossler-Rosetti, Godfroid, Pachelbel, Albeniz, and Granados. Guest appearance by soprano Marita Bezzina performing

arias accompanied by harp.

✉ Sagrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront.

🕒 9 May. 8pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 79680952

Orchestral Concert

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Mrs. Michael Laus will present an Orchestral Concert with a scrumptious programme. This concerto will see the participation of London Clarinetist Robert Plane.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 13 May

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21246389

Concerto lirico

Pucciniano

Organised by the Italian Embassy in collaboration with Lucca Provence.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta.

🕒 16 May.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21246389

Malta Philharmonic Orchestra Wind Ensemble

The Wind Section of Malta Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Mrs. Robert Plane will engage in a programme of Serenade in C min K. 388 of W.A Mozart and Wind Serenade in D minor, Op. 44 by A. Dvorak.

✉ St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Valletta.

🕒 16 May.

🚏 All Buses

Light Music Concert

By the German Ensemble "Choryphaen".

✉ German Maltese Circle, Messina Palace, St. Christopher Street, Valletta.

🕒 19 May. 7pm.

🚏 All Buses.

Flute and Percussion Recital

By the duo Giorgia Santoro and Vito De Lorenzi (Medieval Music from Europe to the Orient). Bir Miftuh Festival - organised by the Italian Cultural Institute.

✉ Santa Maria Bir Miftuh Chapel, Gudja.

🕒 23 May.

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☎ 21221462

Annual Concert

And Presentations of Certificates of the London College of Music by the Malta Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

✉ Casino Maltese, Valletta.

🕒 30 May. 6.30pm. Free admission.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21244339

Movie Spectacular - Concert

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra will present the Movie Spectacular concert.. A concert with a repertoire of soundtracks from the most popular movies.

✉ Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta

🕒 31 May.

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Festivals

Gozo 1234

A fantastic 4-day weekend. Every morning and afternoon there will be a wide range of events taking place simultaneously all over Gozo. From picking your own fruit to a walk down a WWII shelter; from an arts & crafts market to an exhibition of classic cars, from kids theatre to horse riding to a historical re-enactment. Gozo 1234 consists of no less than 99 things to see and do. At night, Gozo 1234 will turn into something even more special, a moveable feast. On each of the 3 evenings there will be concerts, shows, speciality food, street entertainment, buskers, fireworks etc. Pick up a map & detailed programme on the ferry on your way up.

✉ Gozo

🕒 1, 2, 3, 4 May.

The Great Spring Horticultural Show

The show consists of over 200 classes for competition - flowers, fruit, vegetables and pot plants. The exhibition includes artistic floral arrangements due to a strong participation by established and new flower arrangers. Also exhibitions and demonstrations of local crafts, such as ganutell, monastery work, crochet, weaving, gold embroidery as well as agro-industry products.

✉ San Anton Gdns, Attard.

🕒 3 - 4 May. Saturday 2pm - 10pm. Sunday 8am - 9pm.

📞 40, 80, 81, 84

📠 21436619

Garden of Rest Spring Fete

Come and bring family and friends to enjoy this historic garden at its best in Spring. Refreshments will be available, as well as stands selling plants, cakes, and other items. To reach the Garden, follow the road near the Excelsior Hotel and down past the Belt-is Sebh National Library in Floriana.

✉ Msida Bastion Garden of Rest, Floriana.

🕒 4 May. 10am - 3pm.

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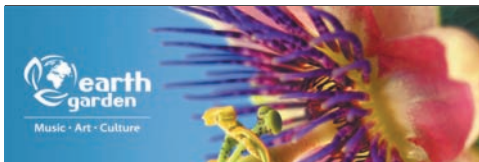
National Folk Singing Festival

The Malta Council for Culture and the Arts organises an open air festival - a jamboree of local and Mediterranean folk songs. It features folk singing groups and musicians, craft exhibitions and traditional food and drink as well as local music traditions and instruments.

✉ Argotti Botanical Gardens, Floriana.

🕒 16 - 18 May. 7.30pm.

📞 All Buses



The Earth Garden Festival

In line with the aim of Earth Garden to serve as a showcase for artistic and music talent, the Greek Theatre will host a two-day music concert with special live performances. This year's music concert will present an interaction between our top local musicians and DJs, paired with London's well-known artistes. For instance, there will be a session where Tribali's percussionists will be jamming with London Reggae DJ Manasseh - definitely a gripping mix! The main gig on each night will be taken up by a 16-piece big band, who will be led by Sigmund Mifsud, giving different musical spheres on both evenings. The music concerts will finish off with a spiced up closing music session! Saturday: "A heavy doze from The Beatles followed by some rock beats and finishing off with funk music." Sunday: "The music vibe from jazz pioneers...to freer elements of jazz...to the Latin rhythmic moving beats."

✉ National Park, Ta' Qali

🕒 10, 11 May. 2pm onwards. Concerts start at 8.30pm. Free admission to the Open Village. Tickets for the GO Music concert €24 per concert.




📞 65, 86

📠 21494297

Feasts




St. Joseph the Worker

Procession at 7pm.

-  Birkirkara
-  1 May
-  42, 43, 44, 45

St. Joseph

Procession at 7pm.

-  Hamrun
-  1 May
-  71, 75, 80, 81, 88




St. Joseph

Procession at 7pm.

-  Qala Church, Qala, Gozo
-  1 May
-  42, 43




St. Joseph

Procession at 6pm.

-  Xlendi Church, Xlendi, Gozo
-  1 May
-  87

Holy Cross

High Mass celebrated at 6.30pm followed by a procession at 7.45pm, with the statue of St. Helen and the relic of the Holy Cross, accompanied by band marches.

-  St. Helen's Basilica, St. Helen Square, Birkirkara
-  2 May
-  42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49

St. Augustine




Band marches every evening at 8pm. Procession on Sunday at 7.30pm.

-  St. Augustine Church, Old Bakery Street, Valetta.
-  3 - 4 May
-  All Buses






The Annunciation

Band marches every evening at 8.30pm. Thursday: Procession of the Holy Eucharist at 7.30pm, followed by band march. Saturday: Translation of the Relic procession at 6pm. Musical programme in church square at 8pm followed by band march. Fireworks display at 11pm. Procession on Sunday at 6.45pm.

-  Annunciation Parish, Main Street, Tarxien.
-  19 - 25 May
-  8, 11, 27, 29 30




Holy Trinity

Band marches every evening at 8.30pm. Saturday: band marches at 2pm and 8.30pm followed by fireworks display at midnight, and musical programme in church square at 8.30pm. Sunday: band march at 10.30am, musical programme at 6.15pm, procession at 7pm.

-  Holy Trinity Church, Cross Road, Marsa
-  14 - 18 May
-  1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 19, 27




St. Rita

Open day of 17th century vaults, shelters and models of 'Mandrags' and Old Bakery Street which will be held in the church centre in St. John's Street. Procession takes place at 6pm.

-  St. Augustine Church, Old Bakery Street, Valetta.
-  22 May.
-  All Buses




St. Paul

Band march on Saturday at 9.30pm followed by fireworks display at midnight. Procession on Sunday at 7.30pm

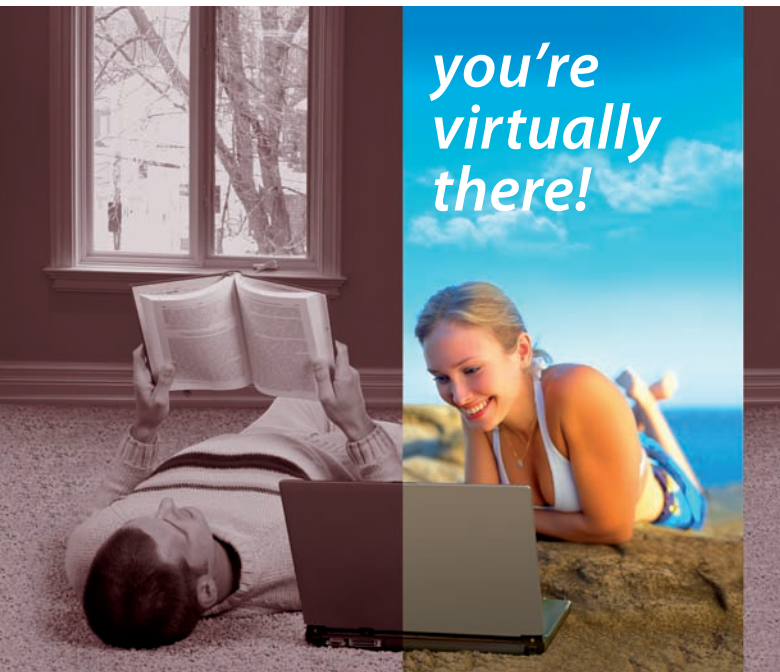
-  Munxar Parish, Munxar, Gozo
-  24 - 25 May.
-  50

Corpus Christi

Traditional Eucharistic procession at 9.30am.

-  Nativity Basilica, Xaghra, Gozo.
-  25 May
-  64, 65

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For more than 13 years the “Shaolin Kung Fu Monks” have attracted worldwide attention with their breathtaking show. In more than 2000 performances in front of an audience of more than 3 million, the visitors could see for themselves that the Zen Buddhists from Shaolin are capable of overriding the laws of physics by mere concentration and to develop nearly superhuman forces.

Discover the truth behind these strong, skilful and brave monks and find out how their way of life has shaped all the martial arts of today. A powerful, impressive and peaceful show, demonstrating how the body can be controlled by mind power. A show not only for those interested in martial arts, but also for those interested in China, for esoteric fans and for the whole family.

Commissioned by the Government of the Chinese Province where the monastery lies, the monks have been traveling around the world to show the spectators the mastering of the body in ultimate perfection. The show

tells the story of the monastery. 1500 years ago, the Indian Monk Tamo founded Zen Buddhism there. He taught the monks the perfect control of the body through meditation and by mimicking the movements of animals. Over the centuries of the history of the monasteries the soldier monks served the Emperors and defended the



empire and the monastery. Shaolin Kung Fu is the mother of all martial arts world wide.

The monks of Shaolin Kung Fu are masters in controlling their Chi, the body's imminent energy which moves along the meridians of every human being. In years of meditation, they've learnt to move their Chi to any desired part of the body. Thus they are able to become temporarily insensitive to pain and to suspend the laws of physics known to us. The monks can endure incredible strokes actually without physical injuries or wounds. It is the reality that fascinates the audience time and time again.

The combination of each Shaolin show is the entrance of the only 7 year old Monk apprentice and of the venerable 85 year old grand master Shi Wancheng, who radiates the dignity and wisdom of a life dedicated to Kung Fu. Childhood Kung Fu is the name of the exercise proving that the control of the body is not a question of age, if one only practices consistently.

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Sports



Horse Races

Horse races take place on Fridays at 7pm and Sundays at 2pm

- ✉ Malta Racing Club, Racecourse Street, Marsa
- 🕒 2, 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25 May
- 📞 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 19, 27

Sicily-Malta Cross Country Race

As part of the 80th Anniversary of its foundation the Malta Olympic Committee has decided to include mountain biking in the Malta-Sicily tournament. The cross country race will be held on the Pembroke course. The best Elite riders from Sicily are going to be present

- ✉ Pembroke
- 🕒 3 May, 10am.
- 📞 671

Triathlon: Sicily - Malta Tournament

Swim: 1.5km. Cycle: 40km. Run: 10km.

- ✉ Salina Coast Road, Salina (infront of Coastline Hotel)
- 🕒 3 May, 2pm.
- 📞 68, 70

FIRA-AER European Rugby Nations Cup

Malta vs Poland is the 7th and last home, Division 2B fixture in the 2006-2008 FIRA-AER European Nations Cup for the Malta Rugby Football Union (MRFU). Rugby is Malta's fastest growing team sport and internationals have become a unique entertaining experience for Maltese and tourists alike.

- ✉ Hibernians Stadium, Corradino.
- 🕒 10 May, 2pm. Tickets: Adults €8, Children: €2.
- 📞 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
- 📞 99881266



European Judo KATA Championships

The show is a technical confrontation of fight simulation containing techniques of judo and self-defence. The contests will be judged by EJU qualified Kata Judges.

- ✉ University of Malta Sports Complex, Tal-Qroqq.
- 🕒 10 May: 10am preliminaries; 3:30pm opening ceremony; 4pm finals.
- 🕒 11 May: 10am preliminaries; 3:30pm closing ceremony; 4pm finals.
- 📞 42, 58, 69
- 📞 21310463, 21319944

National Powerboat Race

The 2008 Championship consists of 6 races stretching from March to September. The races will all be held in the St. Paul's Bay area between 10am and 4pm. There is a 2 or 3 day time window in which the race may be held, this is so that, weather permitting, we would be able to choose the most suitable day in that particular weekend to hold the races. Always call beforehand to confirm exact date of race.

- ✉ St Paul's Bay
- 🕒 17 - 18 May.
- 📞 43, 44, 45, 48
- 📞 99496979

Middle Distance Triathlon

Swim: 1.9km. Cycle: 90km. Run: 21.1km.

- ✉ Pretty Bay B'Bugia, near Al Fresco Restaurant
- 🕒 18 May, 7am
- 📞 11, 12, 13
- 📞 79300773

Move for Health

The Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Department (HPDP) is organising a Fun Run Event. The event "Move for Health" (Caqlaq ghal Sahhtek), is a non-competitive one, and medals will be distributed to every participant who completes the 3km route.

- ✉ National Park, Ta' Qali.
- 🕒 24 May, 4pm.
- 📞 65, 86
- 📞 23266115, office hours.

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 Monday -Saturday 9am-6pm (except public hols.) Garden Tickets: Adults €5.25, Students & Children €4.10.

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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.

St. Julian's

St Julian's is now an extension of Sliema although it started life 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.

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