

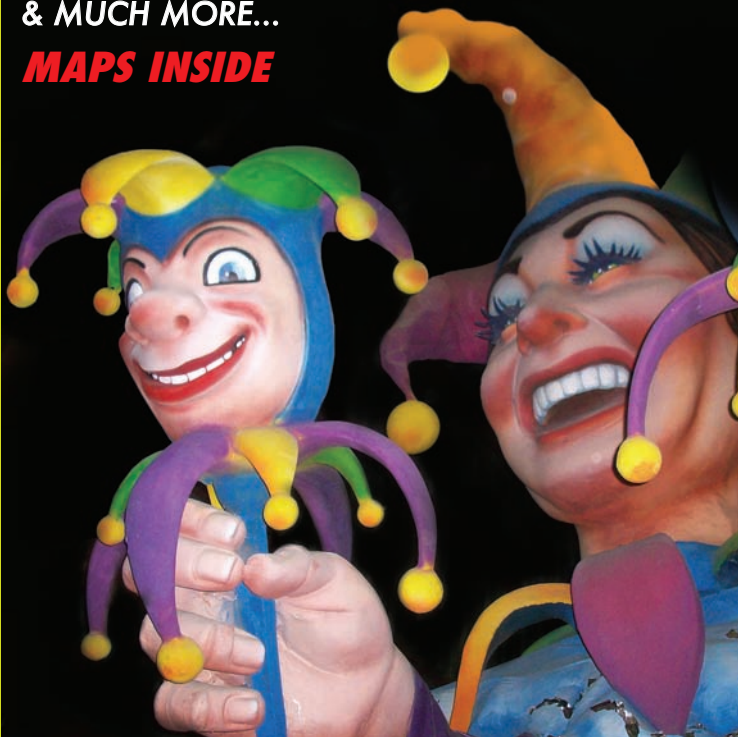
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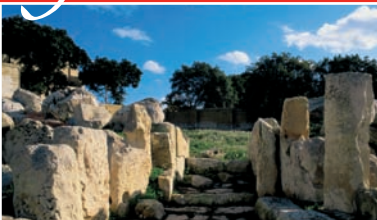
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If you are intrigued by this beautiful island's ability to create 'Gozo fanatics' like ourselves, then plan a visit. We always stay for more than just a day. It's the secret hideaway of all Maltese. Which is why we would prefer to leave it undiscovered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

🕒 1, 22 February, 11am.
Tickets: €5 adults, €3 children between the ages of 6 and 12.

🚌 All Buses
☎ 23696073/4

ALARME

The 50 minute re-enactment portrays military skirmishes between Maltese militia and Napoleon's troops aided by a narration that describes the historical background of 1798 - 1800. The re-enactment unfolds in a series of dramatized scenes that depict the arrival of the French, their administration of Malta, the Maltese' rebellion and the arrival of the British Troops that led to the French surrender. The re-enactments are held according to schedule, however, in case of inclement weather or else due to some unforeseen circumstance the event may be cancelled without undue notice. When in doubt it is best to contact the Tourist Information Office at City Gate.

📍 Fort St. Elmo, Valletta

🕒 15 February. Tickets: adults €5, children (6 - 12) and students €3. Group tickets also available.

🚌 All Buses
☎ 22915136, 21237747

Cultural Tour

Cultural Tour

Cultural tour organised by The Malta Council for Culture and Arts, consists of a Valletta tour which includes: Auberge d'Aragon, Auberge de Baviere, Our Lady of the Pillar Church, The Oratory of Christ the Nazarene, The Casino Maltese, Domus Pauli assisting National pilgrimages

from various churches in Valletta in commemoration of the Pauline year. 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.malta-culture.com

🕒 8 February

☎ 21232515, 21245168



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, I/o Siggiewi.

🕒 Thursdays at 7.30pm.
Tickets: Adults €48, Children under 12: €24. Free transport.

☎ 21228065, 99991565

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

THE LIMESTONE HERITAGE
Park and Gardens

Mons. M. Azzopardi Str. Siggiewi SGW 2050
Tel: 21464931 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.heritage.maltashop.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 overlying 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

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.

✉ 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 Hospitalliers

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

St. Paul's Shipwreck

February 10, marking the shipwreck of St. Paul on our shores is observed as a public holiday in Malta and Gozo. Since olden times the Maltese have looked up to St Paul as their patron saint, and around the figure of this great Apostle have risen a number of traditions that have served to keep alive the memory of St Pauls stay in these islands.



Band March Concert

Concert of band marches will be played by the La Valette Ban. A new march composed by Mro. D. Darmanin will be launched to commemorate the Pauline year:

- ✉ La Valette Band Club, Republic Street, Valletta
- 🕒 4 February, 7.30pm
- 🚌 All Buses

Band Marches

Band march by the Sliema Philharmonic Society, passing through Republic Street, St Lucy Street and St. Paul's Street.

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 7 February, 7pm.
- 🚌 All Buses

Manifestation of St. Paul's Statue

The statue of the Conversion of St. Paul will be accompanied by two bands, Zurrieq Band, "Soċjetà Muzikali Banda Santa Katarina" & "Soċjetà Karmelitana Banda" Queen

Victoria. Leading through Triq Sant Ursola, Triq San Kristofru, Triq il-Mediterran, Triq San Nikola, Triq Sant Ursola, Triq San Pawl, Triq Santa Lucija and finally Triq ir-Repubblika where the statue will be placed on a pedestal in Great Seige Square.

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 8 February, 7.30pm.
- 🚌 All Buses

Band Marches

The La Valette band will march through Triq ir-Repubblika, Misrah San Gwann, Triq il-Merkanti, Triq Melita, Triq San Pawl, Triq San Duminku, Triq il-Mediterran.

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 9 February, 5.30pm.
- 🚌 All Buses

Fireworks Display

A fireworks display will be held in the Grand Harbour:

- ✉ Grand Harbour Valletta
- 🕒 9 February, 9pm.
- 🚌 All Buses

St. Paul's Feast Day

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 10 February
- 8am: Salute

9.15am: Pontifical Mass by his Excellency Monsignor Paul Cremona, Archbishop of Malta.

11.45am: Saluting the Battery in Upper Barrakka Gardens.

12.45pm: Band Marches by the La Valette band club starting in front of St. Paul's church through Triq San Pawl, Triq l-Arcisqof, Triq ir-Repubblika, Misrah San Gwann, Triq il-Merkanti, Triq Melita, Triq San Pawl and finally in front of the church.

5.30pm: Procession will be held accompanied by the main statue of St. Paul. Konti Ruggieru Band (Rabat) will march through Triq l-Arcisqof, Triq il-Merkanti, Triq l-Arcisqof, Triq it-Teatru l-Qadim, Triq ir-Repubblika,

6.30pm: Nicolò Isouard Band (Mosta) will march through Triq ir-Repubblika, Misrah San Gwann. The Band will accompany the statue back to the church.

9.30pm: Fireworks display marking the closing of the feast.

- 🚌 All Buses

International Folk Event

International Folk event to mark the visitation of St Paul to our islands – with the participation of Pauleen's Dance and Fitness Studio, and Greek dancers, musicians and wrestlers from Thessalonika. This event is being organised, by the St Paul's Bay Local Council.

- ✉ St. Paul's Bay
- 🕒 10 February
- 🚌 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 58
- 📞 21585888, 21585801

Exhibitions

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 - 10 February. Open Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Free admission. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Exhibition

Exhibition organised by the Sacred Art Commission commemorating the Pauline Year.

✉ Exhibition Hall, Ministry for Gozo, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 1 - 14 February

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21561482

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

🕒 1 February - 1 March. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Free admission. Last admission 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses



Artgems

A group of four artists who met through The Society of Arts, have got together to exhibit their works. They are Mary Clare Albanozzo, Martin Formosa, Louis Mifsud and Joe Spiteri Staines. Although they are all established artists and have several collective and personal exhibition to their credit, this is the first time they are exhibiting all together. The exhibition will consist of several watercolours of Maltese landscapes, works in oils, and pastels. It will be well worth a visit.

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

🕒 6 - 21 February. Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1pm, 5 - 7pm. Saturday 10am - noon. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21244339

Exhibition

By Maldivian artist, Anastasia Ponyatovskaya.

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

🕒 6 - 28 February

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21559941

Holidays in Malta

An exhibition of watercolours by Walter Busuttill.

✉ Heritage Malta Head Office, Merchant Street, Valletta

🕒 7 February - 15 March. Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Exhibition

By Italian artist Daniela ROSELLI.

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

🕒 13 - 28 February

🚌 All Buses

☎ 2155 9941

Photographic Exhibition

Exhibition in connection with carnival in Gozo by photographer Mike Wong Beresford.

✉ Banca Giuratale, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 16 - 24 February

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21556125

Compositions

An exhibition of paintings by Paul Cassar.

✉ The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta

🕒 27 February - 15 March. Open Monday to Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses

Performances

The Haydn Concert Series

Flute Salon music by Haydn and his contemporaries. Programme: Sonata in A minor for Flute Solo - CPE Bach. Trio no 1 in D - J. Haydn. Trio no 1 in C - W.A. Mozart. Quartet in 4 in G - J. Haydn. Variation on "La ci darem la mano" - from Don Giovanni by W.A. Mozart - L.V. Beethoven. Performers: Robert Calleja - flute, Sarah Spiteri - viola, Anja Inge - cello.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy, Valletta

🕒 1 February, 11am

🚌 All Buses

Italian Baroque for Violin and Harpsichord

Works by Tartini, Corelli, Vitali. Performers: Sarah Spiteri - violin, Ramona Zammit Formosa - harpsichord.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy, Valletta

🕒 5 February, 12.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Music My Love

A concert with the participation of Baritone Joseph Lia, accompanied on the piano by American pianist James Tandy. Baritone Joseph Lia will sing arias from a vast repertoire on the theme, while the American pianist will also perform some solo pieces. An art exhibition by Claire Ciantar, will be launched after the concert. The exhibition, with about 20

art works on the theme of Love, Music and their relationship, will run for two weeks in the Manoel Theatre Courtyard.

✉ Isouard Hall, Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Str., Valletta

🕒 7 February

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

St Paul's Band Concert

Concert by the St Paul's Band as part of the Pauleen Year Celebrations. This concert is being organised by the St. Paul's Local Council together with Our Lady of Sorrow Parish.

✉ Our Lady of Sorrow Parish, St Paul's Bay

🕒 9 February, 7.30pm.

🚌 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50



Gukulari Ensemble in Concert

The Gukulari Ensemble has established itself as a group firmly dedicated to the revival of Maltese music and traditional Maltese Instruments. The group performs the music of both upper class Maltese society as well as that of the humbler folk on a combination of flutes, harp, drum, castanets, as well as Maltese instruments such as the rabbaba/zavzafa (friction drum), zaqq (bagpipe), tanbur (frame drum), qarn (horn), zummara (mirliton), cuqlajta (clap-

per). The programme chosen by the Gukulari will be taking us back in time to previous Maltese courtship and wedding customs and plunging us into the festive Carnival atmosphere of street drama, seasonal dances and mask balls. The music performed will be Malta-related and supported by short readings in English.

✉ Sacrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront

🕒 13 February, 7.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 79680952

Meet the Composer – Felix Mendelssohn

The 3rd series of Meet the Composer sees members of the St James Consort tackling Brahms, Valentini, Ferrandini and Torelli in an exciting introduction to some of the world's finest composers. We will also be celebrating the anniversaries of Haydn, Mendelssohn and Purcell through this series.

- ✉ St. Catherine of Italy, Valletta
- 🕒 8 February, 11am.
- 🚗 All Buses

Sliema Youth Big Band in Concert

The Sliema Youth Big Band conducted by Mrs Sigmund Mifsud presents a lively concert of popular hits, musicals and film sound-tracks with the participation of popular local singers.

- ✉ Auditorium Sir Temi Zammit, the University, Msida.
- 🕒 9 February, 8pm. Tickets: €10.
- 🚗 42, 58, 69
- ☎ 21317137, 99443460

Monday Ovation

Organised by the Malta Cultural Institute.

- ✉ The Grand Ballroom, Hotel Phoenicia, Floriana
- 🕒 9 February, 7pm.
- 🚗 All Buses

German Baroque for Flute and Harpsichord

Programme: Frederick the Great - Sonata in Bb. Telemann - Fantasie no 4 in Bb. CPE Bach - Solfeggio in C minor: Handel - Sonata in F.J.S Bach - Aria.

- ✉ St. Catherine of Italy, Valletta
- 🕒 12 February, 12.30pm.
- 🚗 All Buses



Messiah

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra performs Handel's ever-popular Messiah with an all-English cast of soloists: (Philippa Hyde - soprano, Henry Jones - counter tenor; James Atherton - tenor; Mark Rowlinson - bass) and the Blackburn Cathedral Choir under the direction of Richard Tanner.

- ✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta
- 🕒 17 February, 7.30pm. Tickets: €15, €25, €35.
- 🚗 All Buses
- ☎ 21246389

Beyond the Barricade

The UK's leading musical theatre concert, featuring music from the best of West End and Broadway shows and starring past principal performers from the legendary hit musical, Les Miserables, is returning to the Manoel Theatre by popular demand. Appearing on stage will be David Fawcett, Andy Reiss, Becci Morrell and Katie Leeming. This concert is part of their 10th Anniversary Tour, and will feature songs from West Side Story, The Lion King, The Phantom Of The Opera, We Will Rock You, Wicked, Spamalot, Blood Brothers, and many more with a spectacular finale. This exciting, fast moving show has received huge critical acclaim across the UK, delighting

audiences with its exciting concert portrayal of the greatest songs in theatre, all performed totally live!

- ✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta
- 🕒 13, 14, 15 February, 8pm.
- 🚗 All Buses
- ☎ 21246389, 79793737

Sortie d'Artistes

A French ensemble of first class musicians from Paris' major orchestras, rediscovers the carefree mischief which made up the charm of the Belle Epoque and the Années Folles, in a programme of works including various pot-pourri favourites by Ganne, Verdi, Lehar and others.

- ✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta
- 🕒 19 February, 7.30pm.
- 🚗 All Buses
- ☎ 21246389

Monteverdi and his English Contemporaries

Monteverdi's mastery stands for itself - a wonderful blend of vocal display and resourcefulness, both choral and solo, which allows the texts to blossom into heavenly sounds. Monteverdi's genius is shown all the more prominently in the company of the great and the innovative. DISCANTVS an English choir directed by

Bruce Ramell, with a repertoire of predominantly sacred choral music, will explore this idea in a concert.

✉ St. John's Cathedral, Valletta

🕒 21 February, 7.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

Cosmos Wind Ensemble

The multinational Cosmos Wind Ensemble offers an evening of demanding masterpieces by Ibert, Hindemith, Francaix and Beethoven's

Piano Quintet with a most inspiring guest soloist, the pianist Rosetta Debattista.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 24 February, 7.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21246389

Bass is Beautiful

Handel - The trumpet shall sound (Messiah). Jenkins - Ave Verum. Bizet - Toreador song (Carmen). Puccini - Vecchia zimarra (La Boheme). Puccini - Nulla, Silenzio (Il Tabarro) Mozart - O Isis and Osiris (Magic Flute). Mozart - In Diesen Heiligen (Magic Flute). Mozart - Deh Vieni alla Finestra (Don Giovanni). Verdi - Come dal Ciel Precipita (Macbeth). Mozart - Non puo andrai (Nozze di Figaro). Mozart - Se vuol ballare (Nozze di Figaro). Performers: Louis Cassar - baritone, Joseph Cassar - bass, Alex Vella Gregory - piano.

✉ St. Catherine of Italy, Valletta

🕒 26 February, 12.30pm.

🚌 All Buses



The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

The St Monica Choir under the direction of Sister Beniamina Portelli, will be premiering locally the full and original version of The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins. The production will bring together the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Mro Michael Laus. The Armed Man is a powerful and compelling account of the descent into, and terrible consequences, of war. Commissioned for the millennium by Britain's Royal Armouries and dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo crisis, this work is a contemporary

example of a mass based on the 15th century French song L'Homme Arme. What better way both to look back and reflect as we leave behind the most war-torn and destructive century in human history, and to look ahead with hope and commit ourselves to a new and more peaceful millennium? War scenes will be followed by the calm that only peace can bring. It is advised that certain war scenes may be unsuitable for young children.

✉ Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta

🕒 28 February

🚌 All Buses

☎ 25595751

Dream Songs

Soprano Marita Bezzina, clarinetist Lino Pirota and pianist Dawn Williams will join forces to perform this wonderful programme consisting of mostly Maltese contemporary compositions, amongst a number of other well-known composers. Most notably you will hear Zahra's compositions uniquely inspired by traditional Maltese nursery rhymes and games.

✉ Sacrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront

🕒 27 February, 7.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 79680952

Theatre

100

Theatre Anon presents 100, written by Diene Petterle, Neil Monaghan and Christopher Heimann. Ketu, Sophie, Alex and Nia - 4 people, 4 different lives and 4 different experiences, find themselves in the void between death and eternity and are each forced by a mysterious Guide to re-enact different memories from their lives - to tap into that one special moment which they can carry with them for eternity. With Charlotte Grech as Sophie, Denise Mulholland (who also directs) as the Guide, Liliana Portelli as Nia, Paul Portelli as Ketu and Pierre Stafrace as Alex. This play is restricted to audiences 16 years and over.

✉ MITP, St. Christopher Street, Valletta

🕒 1, 6, 7 and 8 February. Tickets €15.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21223200

4.48 Psychosis

The late Sarah Kane's harrowing drama of private suffering, expressed with incredible verbal energy. Produced by the Manoel Theatre Management Committee in collaboration with the Malta Drama Centre.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 28 February & 1 March.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21246389



The Alchemist

Three rogues; Subtle, Face and Dol, try to double cross rich men out of their wealth. Moreover, they start promising eternal youth to everyone they meet. At first, the victims are tricked, however, on one occasion, they start arriving at the crooks house at the same time. Hence, the crooks have to do their best to keep the customers apart. An awesome cast will interpret Ben Jonson's comedy, directed by Polly March. The cast is made up of Alan Paris,

Edward Mercieca, Nanette Brimmer, Manuel Cauchi, Stefan Cachia Zammit, Nancy Calamatta, Philip Stilon, Snits, Malcolm Galea, Andrew Galea, Ruth Zammit, Clive Piscopo, Marie-Claire Pisani, Michael Zammit Maempel, Joe Pace, Ronnie Briffa, Matt Drake, Naomi Said, Emily Jones, Angele Galea and Matthew Scurfield.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 6, 7, 8 February, 7.30pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21246389

Stitching

Stu and Abby love each other so madly, they're driving each other crazy. Stitching follows the increasingly disturbing and inventive games the couple plays in order to connect. As they circle and test each other, they role-play with reality and fantasy to the point where even they don't seem sure what is real anymore. When Abby discovers she's pregnant, the choices they make will haunt them forever. The visceral poetry and phys-

icality between the lovers creates a surprisingly tender, often humorous, brutal romance. Stitching is a complex love story that takes a bracing look at the startling casualties of modern romance. Directed by Chris Gatt, cast consists of Mikhael Basmadjian and Pia Zammit.

✉ St. James Cavalier Theatre, Valletta

🕒 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, February, 8pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21223216

Malta Carnival



Carnival

Early springtime on the Islands brings along carnival week, which takes on a traditional pattern; extravagantly coloured floats are perched on lorries ready for the procession day, children running around in fancy dress costumes and Malta's main nightlife centre, Paceville, catching the late night carnival goers who pile into the clubs and bars, still wearing their outrageous outfits. The heart of the action takes place in

Valletta, although various towns and villages across the Island have their own version of festivities.

In Gozo, the main activities take place in It-Tokk, the main square in Gozo's capital Victoria. For a particular interpretation, visit Nadur, where carnival takes on a more sombre and mysterious mood. Carnival week on the Islands is time to let your hair down and go with the flow – ideal for those who enjoy a good party.

Carnival Dancing Competitions

Including a spectacular défilé with the participation of the King Carnival Float, Carnival Band and sets of Grotesque Masks.

- 📍 Freedom Square, Valletta
- 🕒 20 February, 6pm.
- 🎫 Enclosure Tickets €3.50.
- 🚌 All Buses

Gran Ballo la Valletta

Relive the passion and sensuality of the 18th Century Great Venetian Masquerade Balls, as Teatru Manoel is transformed into an amazing magical ballroom, music, dancing, interactive theatre, exquisite dining and Casanova.

- 📍 Manoel Theatre, Old

Theatre Street, Valletta

- 🕒 21 February
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21246389

Carnival Band Parade

Parade taking place all along Valletta Main streets

- 📍 Valletta
- 🕒 21 February, 6pm.
- 🚌 All Buses

Children's Carnival

A succession of dances performed by children, float défilés and merriment all along Republic Street, Valletta including the procession of floats.

- ✉ Freedom Square, Valletta
- 🕒 21 February, 9.30am.
- 🎫 Enclosure Tickets €5.
- 🚌 All Buses

Carnival Dancing Competitions

Including a spectacular show of the King Carnival Float, Triumphal and Company Floats.

- ✉ Freedom Square, Valletta
- 🕒 21 February, 6.30pm.
- 🎫 Enclosure Tickets €8.
- 🚌 All Buses

Carnival Parties

Taking place in St. George's Square, Market Square, St. John's Square and all along Republic, Merchant and St. John's Street with the participation of 2009 Carnival floats and dancing companies. (Activities will last up to the early hours of Sunday morning)

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 21 February, 8pm.
- 🚌 All Buses

Carnival Defilé

Organised by the Marsascala Local Council. The defilé starts from Mifsud Bonnici Square and ending at St Anne's Garden

- ✉ Marsascala
- 🕒 22 February, 9.30a.m. onwards.
- 🚌 19, 20

Carnival Dancing Competitions

Selection of the Carnival Dancing Competitions in Freedom Square, Valletta including a spectacular grand défilé with the participation of the King Carnival Float, Triumphal and Company Floats, bands and Grottesque Masks all along Merchant Street, St. John's Street, and Republic Street followed by the défilé in Freedom Square.

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 22 February, 2.30pm.
- 🎫 Enclosure Tickets €10.
- 🚌 All Buses

Carnival Street Parade

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 23 February, 10am.
- 🚌 All Buses

Carnival Dancing Competitions

Including a spectacular défilé with the participation of the King Carnival Float,

Grottesque bands, Company Floats and Grottesque Masks.

- ✉ Freedom Square, Valletta
- 🕒 23 February, 5.30pm.
- 🎫 Entrance Tickets €3.50.
- 🚌 All Buses

Carnival Street Parade

- ✉ Valletta
- 🕒 24 February, 10am.
- 🚌 All Buses

Carnival Dancing Competitions

Including a spectacular défilé with the participation of the King Carnival Float, Grottesque bands, Company Floats and Grottesque Masks

- ✉ Freedom Square, Valletta
- 🕒 24 February, 5.30pm.
- 🎫 Enclosure Tickets €3.50.
- 🚌 All Buses

Grand Finale

- ✉ St. Anne's Street, Floriana
- 🕒 24 February, 6.30pm.
- 🚌 All Buses



Gozo Carnival

Gozo Carnival Opening

Opening of the Gozo Regional Carnival with a grand defile of all participants followed by dancing from competing groups (main streets).

- 📍 Victoria, Gozo
- 🕒 14 February, 7pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21556125

Variety Show

Miss Queen Carnival Variety Show and Competition

- 📍 MBC Theatre, Nadur, Gozo
- 🕒 14 February
- 🕒 42, 43
- ☎ 21558080

Gharb Carnival

- 📍 Gharb, Gozo
- 🕒 15 February, 7pm
- 🕒 2, 91
- ☎ 21560556

Maskarat Tini Perlina

A Carnival variety show.

- 📍 Cittadella Centre for Culture and the Arts, Victoria, Gozo
- 🕒 17 February, 7pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21556125

Ghajnsielem Carnival

- 📍 Ghajnsielem, Gozo
- 🕒 18 February, 6.30pm.
- 🕒 42, 43
- ☎ 21561515

Nadur Carnival

- Carnival Parade and show.
- 📍 Nadur, Gozo
- 🕒 19 February

- 🕒 42, 43
- ☎ 21558080

- 🕒 23 February, 6.30pm.
- 🕒 90, 91
- ☎ 21563056

Kercem Carnival

The event, organised by Kercem Local Council, includes Carnival defile and Carnival programme with the participation of Carnival floats, dance companies, San Girgor Band and other guests.

- 📍 Kercem, Gozo
- 🕒 19 February, 6.30pm
- 🕒 14
- ☎ 21563666

Zebbug Carnival

- 📍 Zebbug, Gozo
- 🕒 20 February, 5.30pm.

The Family's Carnival

A spectacular programme of activities organised for all the family by the Xaghra Local Council. The programme starts with a band march by the Victory Band - from the club's premises in Marija Bambina Street passing through 8th September Avenue and ending in Victory Square. The programme will include amongst other items competitions for the best carnival costumes, best carni-



Nadur Spontaneous Carnival

Nadur Carnival is a unique experience! It is unique for the spontaneity and creativity of all those taking part. Some even call this a Grottesque or Macabre Carnival.

- 📍 December 13th Street and St Paul Square Nadur, Gozo
- 🕒 20 - 24 February, 8pm onwards.
- 🕒 42, 43
- ☎ 21558080

val masquerade, best decorated agricultural tractor and ponies drawing carts. The traditional Gostra will once again be held together with several dances by different schools and other Dance groups.

✉ Main Square, Xaghra, Gozo

🕒 20 February, 6pm

🕒 64, 65

📞 21563773

Mit-Tfal ghat-Tfal

Carnival defile with the participation of school's dancing groups along Republic Street followed by show.

✉ Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 20 February

🕒 All Buses

📞 21556125

Il-Kumittiva

This traditional Gozitan carnival dance dates back to 1890, and is synonymous with the village of Xaghra. This is part of the Family's Carnival, organised by the Xaghra Local Council.

✉ Nazzarene Square, Xaghra, Gozo

🕒 21 February, 7.30pm.

🕒 64, 65

Children's Regional Carnival

✉ Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 21 February, 10am

🕒 All Buses

📞 21556125

Xewkija Carnival

✉ Xewkija, Gozo

🕒 21 February, 5.30pm.



🕒 42, 43, 64
21558822

San Lawrenz Carnival

✉ San Lawrenz, Gozo

🕒 21 February, 7.30pm.

🕒 2, 91

📞 21563556

Victoria Carnival

✉ Victoria, Gozo

🕒 21 February, 7.30pm.

🕒 All Buses

📞 21563344

Carnival Parades

Parades, competitions and shows organised by the Qala Local Council.

✉ Qala, Gozo

🕒 21 & 23 February

🕒 42, 43

📞 2155 2555

Munxar Carnival

✉ Munxar, Gozo

🕒 22 February, 9.30am.

🕒 50

📞 21558755

Gozo Regional Carnival

Having a grand defile and followed by dance competitions.

✉ Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 22 February, 3pm.

🕒 All Buses

📞 2155 6125

Qala Carnival

✉ Qala, Gozo

🕒 23 February, 7pm.

🕒 42, 43

📞 21552555

Sannat Carnival

✉ Sannat, Gozo

🕒 23 February, 7pm.

🕒 50

📞 21554747

Grand Finale

Closing celebrations of the Gozo Regional Carnival with a grand defile followed by dance competitions and grand finale.

✉ Indep. Sqr, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 24 February, 7pm.

🕒 All Buses

📞 21556125

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.

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.

Sports



Football

Malta v Denmark
(Under 21 Friendly)

✉ Hibernians Football Ground, 114 Paola Sq; Paola

🕒 10 February

🎫 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

☎ 21677764

Football

Malta v Albania
(2010 FIFA WC Qualifier)

✉ National Stadium, Ta' Qali

🕒 11 February

🎫 65, 86

☎ 21222697

UEFA European Futsal Championship 2009/10

Preliminary Round.

✉ Corradino Sports Pavilion, Kordin Street, Paola

🕒 19 February; Day 1 - Greece v Albania, Malta v Georgia

🕒 20 February; Day 2 - Malta v Albania, Georgia v Greece

🕒 22 February; Day 3 - Albania v Georgia, Malta v Greece

🎫 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

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Kids

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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

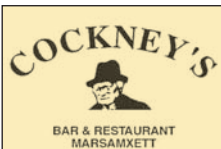
✉ Playmobil Malta Ltd.
HF80, Industrial Estate, Hal Far,
BBG 06.

🕒 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!



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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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Malta





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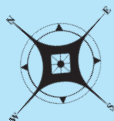
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