

Welcome

The Parliamentary Secretariat for Tourism the Environment and Culture and the Malta Tourism Authority welcome you to the 8th edition of the Malta International Fireworks Festival. The Grand Harbour will once again provide the perfect setting for this event. The festival is being held as part of 6th Anniversary Celebrations of Malta's accession into the European Union. (2004).

Participating in the festival are numerous Maltese fireworks factories and two Italian fireworks companies: Orzella Fireworks Company of Rome and Parente Fireworks Factory of Melara (Rovigo). A selection of the fireworks displays will be synchronized to music.

Six Maltese fireworks factories will be competing for the Best Display Trophy and cash prizes.

Tradition of Fireworks in Malta

Fireworks in Malta have a long tradition which goes back to the time of the Order of the Knights of St John. The *feu de joie*, the *musketterija*, the *solfarelli d'aria*, *irdieden* (St Catherine's wheels) and other forms of fireworks originated from explosives that were lit off from mortars and muskets as an expression of celebration on special occasions, such as the election of a grand master or a pope as well as on the birth of a prince. Fireworks displays were developed further during the 19th and 20th century to become what they are today. This centuries-old traditional craft may be enjoyed especially during the festive season all over Malta and Gozo.

A recording of the firework displays will be available on DVD and may be purchased from the Malta Tourist Information Office, Merchants Street, Valletta, price €10.

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Malta INTERNATIONAL fireworks FESTIVAL 2010

**GRAND HARBOUR,
VALLETTA
29-30 APRIL
21:00 HOURS**



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Malta International Fireworks Festival 2010

Programme:

Thursday April 29th 2010

- 21.00 Opening Display**
by The Independent Fireworks Factory (Qrendi)
- 21.15 Grand Pyro-musical Display**
by Orzella fireworks company (Italy)
- 21.40 Maltese Fireworks Competition**
- 22.15 Grand Pyro-musical Display**
by Mount Carmel fireworks factory (Żurrieq)

Factories participating in the Maltese Fireworks Competition:

Lourdes fireworks factory, San Ġwann; St Nicholas fireworks factory, Siggiewi; La Stella fireworks factory, Gudja.

Friday April 30th 2010

- 21.00 Opening Display**
by the Independent Fireworks Factory
- 21.15 Grand Pyro-musical Display**
by Santa Maria fireworks factory (Mqabba)
- 21.40 Maltese Fireworks Competition**
- 22.30 Grand Pyromusical Display**
by Parente fireworks factory (Italy)

Factories participating in the Maltese Fireworks Competition:

The St. Mary fireworks factory, Mgarr; St. Bartolomew fireworks factory, Għarghur; St. Mary fireworks factory, Għaxaq

