



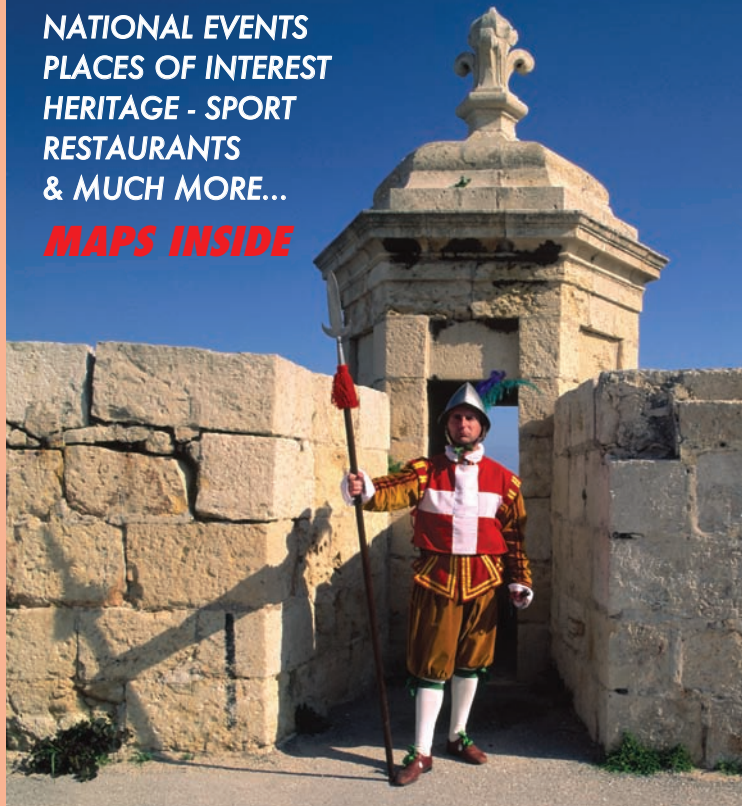
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**Tourist Information****Public Transport**

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 and 30 minutes.

Car Hire

Fully comprehensively insured (but for the first €233 of damages). Daily rates €13 - €18. Petrol: 1 litre - €1.09 (lead-free) €1.16 (normal) Diesel: 1 litre - €1.20. A number of internationally based car hiring firms as well as local garages offer the services of self-driven as well as chauffeur-driven cars.

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.

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



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

The Bir Mula Exhibition

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

✉ 79, St Margerita St, 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

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

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 from 6 – 12: €1.16, Students & Senior Citizens: €2.33, Infants: Free.

🚌 65, 80, 81, 84, 86

☎ 21454562



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



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

A visit to our sister island Gozo. A tour not to be missed. Transport leaves Sliema (Jesus of Nazareth Church) and Floriana (near Independence monument). Call for early booking.

🕒 20 April. 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

Malta with its renowned heritage in stone is visually celebrated

at Limestone Heritage Park and Gardens. Embark upon a journey of discovery with an 8-minute audio-visual presentation then, get an in-depth guided tour in any one of the 12 languages, where history and nature work in balance to offer you an awesome and unique experience. Complimenting all this is a modern visitors' centre housing a gift shop with authentic Maltese souvenirs and a cafe-teria. A unique landscape where every path and trail invites you to explore Malta's rich heritage in stone. Unique in Europe, not to be missed!

✉ Mons. M. Azzopardi Str. Siggiewi QRM 14

🕒 Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm. Sat. and Sun: 9am - 12pm.

🚌 89

☎ 21464931



George Cross Medal Presentation Ceremony

'To honour the brave people I award the George Cross to the Island Fortress of Malta to bear witness to a heroism and devotion that will long be famous in history'.

These words were part of the citation issued by King George V on April 15, 1942 to honour the Maltese people who, at the time were enduring incessant bombing raids. These same words will also be uttered during a re-enactment of the presentation ceremony of the George Cross. The Malta Tourism Authority invites you to attend this historical re-enactment so that you will also be able to experience and participate in one of Malta's most glorious moments of history, as one of the onlookers that lined the square in 1942. Truly a one-time event not to be missed.

✉ Palace Square, Valletta 🕒 15 April. 6pm. Free admission.

🚌 All Buses ☎ 21277437



Heritage Malta

Exhibitions

Boats, Balconies and Buildings

An exhibition of paintings and water colours by Lionel Coates and Narinder Coates
 Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta.

🕒 1 - 13 April. Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm. Free admission.

All Buses

Passio et Resurrectio: The Cult of Christ's Passion and Resurrection from Lent to Pentecost

This exhibition will form part of the museum's permanent display and traces the development of the cult of Christ's Passion and Resurrection in Malta and its related traditions.

The Inquisitor's Palace, Main Gate Street, Vittoriosa.

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

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Watch

A collaboration between Vince Briffa (Malta), Ken G. Hay & Seetha A. (Moorland Productions - UK) and J. Michael Anderson (UK).

The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 1 - 15 April. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

All Buses

Visage

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

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

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

All Buses



Landscapes

An exhibition of paintings by Jeni Caruana.

Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta.

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

All Buses

Ix- u Jien

An exhibition of drawings and paintings by Dustin Cauchi.

The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.

🕒 19 April - 18 May. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.

All Buses

Other Events

Mariano Gerada and artistic links between Malta and Valencia

Lecture by Sandro Debono, Senior Curator of Arts and Palaces, organised by Heritage Malta.

Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta

🕒 1 April. 6.30pm. Free admission.

All Buses

Early Man in Malta Heritage Trail

Visiting Ghar Dalam, Mgarr archeological sites and Xemxija Tombs. Pre-booking essential. Booking from Heritage Malta Head Office.

🕒 13 April. Tickets: €15 each. Limited tickets available.

☎ 22954312

Sundays with Heritage Malta: Rabat and Mdina

Visit Heritage Malta sites in Rabat namely The National Museum of Natural History, Domus Romana and St. Paul's Catacombs (including the Jewish Section) at a reduced price.

🕒 27 April

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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.

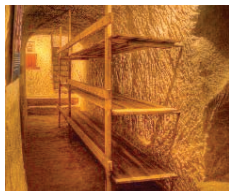


Fort Rinella, Kalkara

Fort Rinella is Malta's only historical 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

Reading Cabinets

An exhibition of drawings by Raphael Vella, most of which were presented in a one-person show at Modern Art Oxford in 2007. Produced in various media like graphite, dry pigment and ink, the drawings deal with controversial subjects like fundamentalism, violence, indoctrination and religion. While the initial source for many of the drawings was the invasion of Iraq and subsequent rise of fundamentalist violence, the artist developed the concept into an exploration of indoctrination and oppressive ideology in general.

- ☒ St James Cavalier, Valletta
- 🕒 1 - 6 April
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21322200

Art Exhibition

Exhibition of paintings by Emanuel Previ.

- ☒ Exhibitions' Hall of the Ministry for Gozo, St Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.
- 🕒 1 - 12 April. Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
- 🕒 22, 23, 29, 30 April, 9am - noon.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21561482

WATCH Exhibition

WATCH is a collaboration between artists Vince Briffa, Ken Hay, Seetha A. and J. Michael Anderson. The exhibition which deals broadly with issues of surveillance in contemporary society will

travel to various other venues in Europe in the coming months. The show will also be accompanied by a catalogue, published by Moorland Productions which will include texts written by the artists and documentation of the works.

- ☒ The Loggia, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta.
- 🕒 1 - 13 April.
- 🚌 All Buses

Collective Art and Antique Furniture Exhibition

Organised by the Eden Foundation.

- ☒ 18, Republic Street, Victoria, Gozo
- 🕒 1 - 13 April. 10am - 7pm
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21558941

Selection - D.O.C.

Christopher Saliba and Mario Cassar are presenting a collection of paintings. What is common to the 2 Gozitan artists is their interest in exploring new materials and mixed media in their continuous quest of developing their artistic language. Saliba has recently started incorporating pieces of sack onto his textured canvasses. Cassar's selection includes works which show the artist's search for spirituality through the use of gold-leaf and mixed media

- ☒ Art.e Gallery, 1, Library Street, Victoria, Gozo.
- 🕒 1 - 19 April. Mon - Saty 9.15am - 12.15pm. Fridays 5 - 7pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21551291, 79069325



Water through which the Dream Flows.....

Watercolour exhibition by Kenneth Zammit Tabona. His landscapes take a new twist as he explores textural colours and occasionally abandons line. The result is an abstraction of landscape that although still recognizable as local landscape is the result of layer upon layer

of loose colour washes bound together by water splashes and tiny brushstrokes that resemble intricate filigree.

- ☒ Gallery G, No. 4 Sir Ugo Mifsud Street Lija
- 🕒 1 - 19 April. Weekdays 9am - 5pm, Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm
- 🚌 41, 49, 54, 55, 58
- ☎ 21421984/5

Collective Exhibition

An exhibition of a selection of leading artists; namely John Borg Manduca, Gabriel Caruana and photography by Charles Roff.

✉ B'Art Art Gallery, 39, Amery Street, Sliema

🕒 1 - 30 April. 5pm till late

🚌 61, 62, 63

Perception

Perception is the first painting exhibition by Robert Farrugia. Robert likes to believe that reality is something made up by the tidy mind; perception being the only route through conceiving realities leading to infinite and pure thoughts. His art reflects such notions. Having a personal relationship with his works, Robert tries not to stick with any particular style and technique, working mostly from moods and personal experiences. He deals with his artistic expression giving way to the child inside to do the job.

✉ Juuls Cafe Bar, No. 7, St. Joseph Street, St Julians.

🕒 1 - 30 April. After 9pm.

🚌 64, 65, 68, 70

Visions at Whitehall

The second solo art exhibition 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 April - 28 May. Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm. Free admission.

🚌 63

**An Exhibition by Andrew Diacono**

The collection that Andrew will be presenting, is a mixture of paintings, reliefs, ceramics and mixed-media sculptures. This well rounded approach shows the many strengths that this artist possesses; be it in drawing and painting, in sculpting, and in the most important element of all: creativity. The result is an exciting collection of immensely collectible art works. This is an exhibition not to be missed

✉ Gallery G, No. 4 Sir Ugo Mifsud Street Lija

🕒 5 - 25 April. Weekdays 9am - 5pm, Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

🚌 41, 49, 54, 55, 58

☎ 21421984/5

Watercolours from Europe

An exhibition by Evelyn Mittmann.

✉ German Maltese Circle, Valletta

🕒 4 - 26 April. Open from Monday - Friday 9am - 12 noon and 4.30 - 8.30pm; Saturdays mornings only.

🚌 All Buses

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. Dalli's interest in painting the figure from real life is what characterizes his art, and this is what the exhibition is about. His paintings, drawings, and sculptures (executed over the last 16 months), 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

🕒 4 April - 11 May

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21322200

Exhibitions

2nd Impressions of Gozo

An exhibition by Anthony Caruana.

✉ Banca Giuratale, Independence Square, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 4 - 25 April

🚌 All Buses

Artworks

Latest artworks by Karl Consiglio.

✉ Artitude Gallery, Tigne Street, Sliema.

🕒 4 - 18 April. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 1pm, 4 - 7pm.

📞 61, 62, 63

☎ 21316708, 99844653

The Spring Home and Green Exhibition

✉ Malta Fairs & Convention Centre, Ta' Qali

🕒 10 - 13 April. Thursday - Saturday 6 - 10pm. Sunday 10am - 12.30pm and 3 - 9pm.

📞 65, 86

☎ 21410371/2, 21414099

Performances



Hansel and Gretel

Humperdink's beloved fairy-tale opera 'Hansel and Gretel.' Will be staged by Drama Troupe in collaboration with singers and musicians from Napier University in Scotland under the direction of Lorraine Aquilina and the musical direction of Kenneth Dempster. Francesca Aquilina will be performing the part of Gretel together with Claire Ghigo as Hansel. Cliff Zammit will be Rosina

Daintymouth a part traditionally played by a tenor. Kevin Caruana will be interpreting the role of Peter the father. A group of senior dancers from the 'Dance Workshop,' will also be dancing to choreography by Theresa Lungaro Mifsud.

✉ St. James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 1 - 6 April.

📞 All Buses

☎ 21322200

I Fagiolini UK

British ensemble performing a selection of arias by Claudio Monteverdi 'Flaming Heart'.

✉ The Phoenixia Grand Ballroom, Hotel Phoenixia, Floriana

🕒 3 April. 8pm.

📞 All Buses

☎ 21246389

Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev

Prokofiev's all time children

favourite Peter and the Wolf in an exciting and unconventional new adaptation. Each character in the story is represented by an instrument – somewhat quite unorthodox in choice and a dancer; and to top it all, the musical tale is recounted by the grumpy grandfather. Musical adaptation by Sarah Spiteri, choreography by Emma Loftus.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 5 April. 6.30pm. 6 April, 4.30pm.

📞 All Buses

☎ 21222618

Orchestral Concert by Orkestra Nazzjonali

With pianist Joanne Camilleri playing Camille Saint-Saëns' Piano Concerto No. 2 and Antonín Dvorák's Symphony No. 7 under the direction of Maestro Michael Laus.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 8 April. 7.30pm

📞 All Buses

☎ 21222618

Lunchtime Concert

Guitar Recital with the participation of Matthew Ellul performing works by Bach, Tarrega, Pernambuco and Villalobos, organised by the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts.

✉ The Music Room, St James Cavalier, Valletta

🕒 11 April. 12.35pm.

📞 All Buses

☎ 21322200



Sigmund in a Classical Mood

A trumpet recital by Sigmund Mifsud, accompanied by pianist Rosetta Debattista. The concert features Haydn's Trumpet Concerto; virtuoso pieces on a Neapolitan theme; contemporary works from Allen Vizzutti and Maurice Ravel; and a concerto for trumpet by Harry James. A concert not to be missed.

✉ Casino Maltese, Merchant's Street Valletta

🕒 5 April. 8pm. Tickets €12. Dress Code: Smart.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 27842538

Il Paese Dei Campanelli by Carlo Lombardo and Vigilio Ranzato

The Valletta Dramatic Company presents one of the most popular operettas

by Carlo Lombardo and Vigilio Ranzato. This operetta is adapted to Maltese by Joe Brincat with the musical arrangements by Maestro Twanny Chircop. The musical and artistic direction is in the hands of Maestro Archibald Mizzi and Joe Izzo respectively.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 11, 12, 13 April

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21222618

Anton Nani - Requiem

The Malta National Orchestra, led by Marcelline Agius and conducted by Emanuel Spagnol, presents Requiem - Anton Nani; together with Gillian Zammit: Soprano; Nino Batatunashvili: Contralto; Charles Vincenti: Tenor; Anthony Montebello: Bass. Pro Canto Choir: Choir Maste: Josef Bugeja

✉ St John's Co-Cathedral, Misrah San Gwann, Valletta

🕒 15 April. 8pm.

🚏 All Buses

An Evening of Choral Music

Dodecantus UK and the new choral singers present An Evening of Choral Music. A feast of anthems, songs and motets in aid of the St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral organ restoration.

✉ St. Paul's Pro-Anglican Cathedral, Misrah Indipendenza, Valletta.

🕒 16 April. 7.30pm. Free entry with a retiring collection.

🚏 All Buses

Song Festival

Annual Marian song festival with local singers and choirs.

✉ Don Bosco Oratory Hall, St. Augustine Square, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 17 April. 7pm.

🚏 All Buses

☎ 21556509

Choral Concerts

The UK chamber choir Dodecantus UK will be giving three concerts.

Requiem – Gabriel Faure

The choir will be performing this work in an intimate, chamber context, which gives audiences a new perspective on the well-known music.

✉ St John's Co-Cathedral, Misrah San Gwann, Valletta

🕒 17 April. 7.30pm.

🚏 All Buses

Stabat Mater – Francis Poulenc

✉ St Paul's Cathedral, Pjazza San Pawl, Mdina

🕒 18 April. 7.30pm.

🚏 65, 80, 81, 84, 86

Solemn Vespers – Mozart

This performance features Mozart's sublime work, which is given a fresh interpretation in chamber format. Alternative serene and effusive, this operatic masterpiece is a fitting end for the Choir's visit to Malta.

✉ St Lawrence Church, Vittoriosa

🕒 19 April. 7.30pm

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Welcome to Hollywood

A live spectacular show featuring songs and music hits from blockbuster. An experienced and talented cast made up of some of Malta's best performers at the moment, will take the audience on a journey which goes back as early as the late 30s with the evergreen song "Over the Rainbow" from hit movie The Wizard of Oz, and continues with songs from unforgettable movies. For this musical show, Spiteri Lucas Entertainment and Herman Bonaci Productions, have assembled a star-studded cast with versatile artists.

✉ Catholic Institute Theatre, Floriana.

🕒 19 April, 7.30pm. 20 April 7pm.

🚌 All Buses

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A Great Operatic Evening

Announcing the return of the celebrated metropolitan opera Mezzo Soprano, Kate Aldrich, together with the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra. During the concert arias from Carmen, La Favorita, Damnation De Faust, Il Barbiere di Siviglia, La Clemenza Di Tito, Lucrezia Borgia, Werther and La Cenerentola will be performed.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 22 April. 8pm. Tickets: €45, €35, €30, €25, €20, €15.

🚌 All Buses

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Lunchtime Concert

With the participation of The Revolution Brass performing works by Sousa, Faure, Rossini, Debussy and Mancini amongst others - organised by the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts.

✉ The Music Room, St James Cavalier, Centre for Creativity, Valletta

🕒 25 April. 12.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

The Rotterdam Young Ensemble in Concert

The International String Orchestra Festival. During the concert works by Mozart and Haydn will be performed.

✉ St. Augustine's Church, Victoria, Gozo.

🕒 27 April

🚌 All Buses

The Rotterdam Young Ensemble in Concert

This concert is part of a tour by the young virtuoso violinist Emanuel Salvador and forms part of the International String Orchestra Festival. The winner of the composition competition will have his/her work performed during the concert.

✉ Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta

🕒 29 April. 7.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 21222618

Festivals



The Second Malta National Festival of Mechanised Ground Fireworks

Organised by the Floriana Local Council - with the participation of 16 different firework factories. Ground fireworks are a unique Maltese pyrotechnic tradition, and since the festival will be held on the eve of Floriana's Parish feast, those who attend the festival will also get a taste of the lavish local festivities which are a hallmark of Maltese Festas.

✉ St Publius Square, (The Granaries), Floriana.

🕒 5 April. 9pm.

🚌 All Buses

Festa Familja

Organised by the Qala parish with the participation of various choirs.

✉ Gozo Sports Complex, Europe Street, Victoria, Gozo

🕒 20 April. 4.30pm.

🚌 All Buses

☎ 99403612

Feasts

St Publius

Band marches every evening at 8pm. Fireworks Festival on Saturday at 10.30pm. Procession on Sunday at 7pm

- ✉ Floriana
- 🕒 3 - 6 April
- 🚌 All Buses
- ☎ 21247106

St. Joseph

Band marches every evening at 8pm. Fireworks display on Saturday at 11pm. Procession on Sunday at 7pm

- ✉ Rabat
- 🕒 10 - 13 April
- 🚌 65, 80, 81, 84, 86
- ☎ 21454594

Sports



Horse Races

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

- ✉ Malta Racing Club, Racecourse Street, Marsa
- 🕒 7, 11, 13, 21, 25, and 27 April
- 🚌 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 19, 27

Theatre



Bad Jazz

The MADC presents provocative new comedy by Robert Farquhar 'Bad Jazz', about a group of desperate souls who come together in pursuit of a shared dream. It is set in the 'wannabe culture', where everything is possible as long as you want it hard enough, and are willing to pay the price. 'Bad Jazz' is a gratuitous farce that exploits and satirises modern theatre, asking the question: 'how far are you prepared to go?'

- ✉ The MADC Playhouse, Sta. Venera Square, Sta Venera
- 🕒 18 - 20 and 25 - 27 April, with a preview night on the 12 April. 8pm.
- 🚌 71, 80, 81
- ☎ 21224011

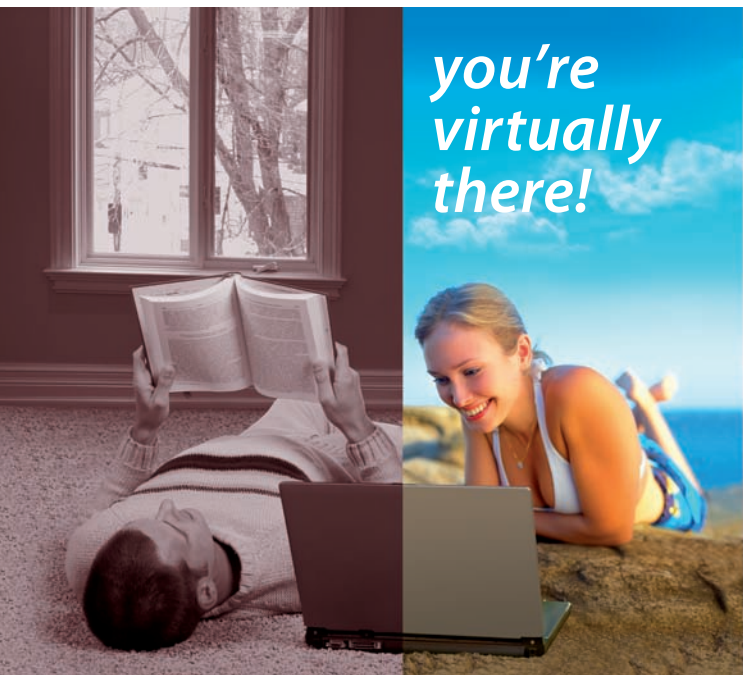
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

A theatre production for children based on Roald Dahl's popular story of a world famous ingenious confectioner who hides five golden tickets in candy bars for five lucky children. Charlie wins one of the tickets hidden amongst thousands of Wonka chocolate

bars. What have Charlie and the other four kids win? A tour through Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, led by the loveable, eccentric, but often mean-spirited Willie Wonka himself. A must for all chocoholics and sweet addicts!

- ✉ St. James Cavalier, Valletta
- 🕒 26, 27 April. 5pm.
- 🚌 All Buses
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Upper Barrakka Gardens

This is one of two gardens, one named Upper Barrakka and the other Lower Barrakka, facing the Grand Harbour in Valletta. Both offer a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour. The Upper Barrakka Gardens offer the best view since they're more centered and at a much higher level. The garden 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 Grand Harbour side of the Gardens is surrounded by a wrought-

iron fence. The view of the Harbour from this vantage point is magnificent and many people spend hours taking in the site.

Lower Barrakka Gardens

The 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, like many of Valletta's open spaces.

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).

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).

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Many restaurants participated in Events Malta since the first publication and it's difficult to know which choices were best. The value of meals varies dramatically from one place to another, and Events has gathered together some of the best bets where you can enjoy a great meal, a great deal and great service as well.

Gillieru Restaurant

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☒ Misrah il-Bajja ta' Bugibba, Bugibba

☎ 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

☎ 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

☎ 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 and Valletta itself till Floriana. It is also opened for lunch.

☒ Castille Hotel, Castille Square, Valletta.

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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.

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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.



Casino

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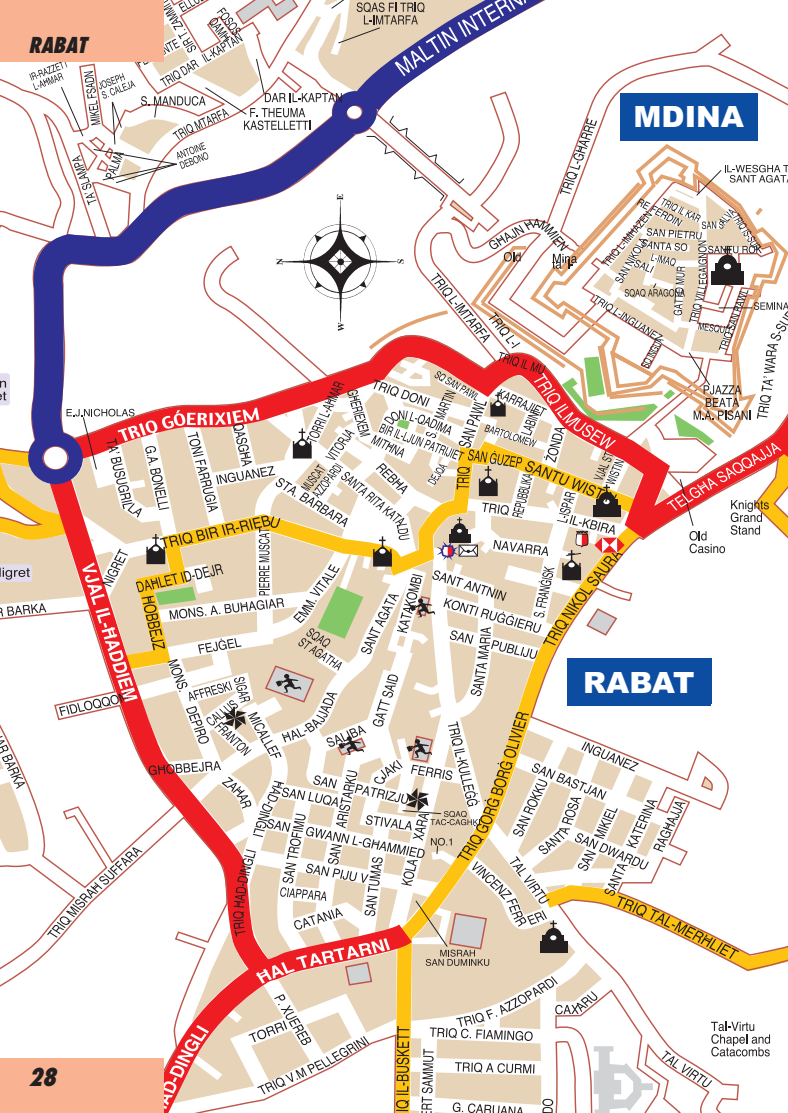


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