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ARTS SOCIETY CRANLEIGH TO

# DISCOVER MALTA

DEPARTING 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

£854pp (Based on two people sharing)



## YOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1 UK/ST PAUL'S BAY

You'll depart on your flight to Malta today. On arrival, you'll be met by your Local Representative and transferred to your hotel in the picturesque resort of St Paul's Bay, where you'll be greeted with a welcome drink. Your hotel faces a private beach, so there's time to explore before dinner this evening. (D)

### DAY 2 VALLETTA

After breakfast, get to know Malta's capital, Valletta, on a half-day tour. Your first stop is The Malta Experience, where an audio-visual show tells the story of the island's 7,000-year history. Moving seats, water sprays and air blasts come together to give you a truly unique experience. Next you'll head to the Barrakka Gardens, which are laid out on part of the city's old fortifications and offer magnificent views of the famous Grand Harbour. From this viewpoint, watch the saluting battery, when eight replica cannons are fired. You'll also have time today to visit St Paul's Church, whose interior dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century and houses many historic treasures including a gilded statue of Saint Paul and a vessel said to hold fragments of his wrist bone. (B, D)

### DAY 3 MDINA AND MOSTA VILLAGE

Have a lazy day, or head to Mdina on an optional excursion. In the west of the island, your first stop will be Mosta Village and its church which was

modelled on Rome's Pantheon. The church became famous during the Second World War when a bomb crashed through its dome, but miraculously failed to explode. Your tour continues to Ta'Qali craft village, where you'll see the art of glass-blowing and have the chance to shop for souvenirs before reaching Mdina, where you can stroll through the narrow streets to St Paul's Cathedral. After an included lunch, you'll explore St Paul's Grotto and San Anton Gardens. (B)

### DAY 4 GOZO

Today we offer an optional full-day excursion to Malta's sister island, Gozo, with included lunch. Highlights include its capital Victoria with its fortified Citadel and the clifftop church of Ta'Pinu. You'll also discover the Ggantija Temples, which date back to about 3600BC, and visit a traditional market. (B)

### DAY 5 ST PAUL'S BAY

Today is free for you to spend at leisure. Explore St Paul's Bay at your own pace or enjoy the facilities at your hotel before your included dinner this evening. (B,D)

### DAY 6 MARSAXLOKK AND HĀGAR QIM

Relax at your hotel or experience more of Malta with our optional excursion to the picturesque fishing town of Marsaxlokk, where you'll enjoy lunch in a restaurant with inviting sea views. Continue on to Hāgar Qim, a megalithic temple complex the origins of which date from around 3600 BC with a selection of prehistoric chambers. It stands on a hilltop overlooking the sea and the islet of Fifla. The temple has yielded numerous important artefacts including a decorated pillar altar, a pair of table altars and

a number of statues of seated and standing figures now on display in the National Museum of Archaeology at Valletta. (B)

### DAY 7 THREE CITIES AND HARBOUR CRUISE

Our included excursion today will take you on a walking tour of Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea. Collectively known as the Three Cities, they were built and fortified by the Knights of Malta and their narrow streets are home to many historic buildings and ancient churches. Vittoriosa's waterfront is home to the former Palace of the General of the Galleys and the Order of St John's Treasury, while in Senglea you can enjoy spectacular views from the lookout situated in the centre of the Grand Harbour.

Later you'll enjoy a relaxing cruise around Valletta's famous harbour. You'll step ashore in Sliema, where there's ample time to explore and shop for souvenirs. Back at your hotel this evening we include a farewell dinner with traditional music and food. (B, D)

### DAY 8 ST PAUL'S BAY/UK

Your holiday comes to an end today as you transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. (B)

**ONLY £200pp DEPOSIT**

**£200 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**



## YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- Return flights from Gatwick with British Airways
- 7 nights in a 4-star hotel
- 11 meals: 7 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Services of a Local Representative and Local Guide
- Overseas transfers and other transportation
- Welcome drink
- Porterage

## INCLUDED HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Valletta tour and saluting battery at Barrakka Gardens
- The Malta Experience 5D film experience
- Walking tour of the Three Cities, plus harbour cruise
- Folklore evening with music and dancing

## EXPERIENCE MORE

- Visit Mdina and Mosta village with lunch
- Discover Malta's sister island, Gozo, with lunch
- Marsaxlokk and Ħaġar Qim



## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

### VISIT MDINA AND MOSTA VILLAGE WITH LUNCH - £48

Journey to the north of the island on this excursion. During our visit we take in the Mosta Village inspired by Rome's Pantheon, Ta'Qali one of the largest craft villages on the island and the Old Capital City known as Mdina. After lunch today, you will have the opportunity to visit St Paul's Grotto and the famous San Anton Gardens.

**Full Day – Moderate Walking – Not to be missed**

### DISCOVER MALTA'S SISTER ISLAND, GOZO WITH LUNCH - £60

For something entirely different, why not join our optional excursion of idyllic Gozo? Here you'll discover a truly unique island with scenery to rival that of any destination in the world. Just some of the highlights on this excursion include; The Ggantija Temples, Ta'Pinu Basilica and Calypso's Cave. Lunch is included on this excursion.

**Full Day – Moderate Walking – Breath-taking and historical**

### MARSAXLOKK AND ĦAĠAR QIM - £46

Visit the traditional fishing village of Marsaxlokk in the South Eastern region of Malta. Take time to explore the picturesque harbour lined with traditional luzzus (traditional fishing boats painted in bright colours with a pair of eyes decorated on the bow). Continue on to Ħaġar Qim. Surrounded by striking white cliffs and with mind-blowing views of the Mediterranean Sea and the tiny islet of Fifla, the ancient site of Ħaġar Qim is a megalithic temple complex with a selection of prehistoric chambers – the largest megalith weighs in at close to 20 tons. Spiritualists and stargazers will appreciate the mystic qualities of the temple – it's believed to have been constructed as a prehistoric observatory.

**Full Day – Moderate Walking – Beautiful scenery**

### PREBOOKABLE PACKAGE – MDINA/GOZO/ ĦAĠAR QIM & MARSAXLOKK- £147

Includes:

Malta – Mdina

Malta – Gozo

Malta – Ħaġar Qim & Marsaxlokk

These optional excursions **do not need** to be booked at the initial booking stage however we do advise if you would like to join any of the optional excursions to book them prior to departure as they are subject to availability and may cost more to book when in resort. Travelsphere will be sending a form out to everyone for advance booking of these excursions should you wish to reserve a place.

## YOUR HOTEL DOLMEN RESORT HOTEL ★★★★★

You will stay in the Dolmen Resort Hotel, which is located right on the beach in St Paul's Bay. The hotel's public areas were recently renovated, and facilities include a choice of restaurants and bars, a café, five pools, tennis courts, a spa and casino.



## ROOM UPGRADE

Upgrade to a sea-view room from £80 per person\* for the duration of your stay.



\*subject to availability

## WHAT'S REQUIRED TO BOOK

At the time of booking we require your full name including any middle names **as they appear on your passport** and your date of birth.

We also like to confirm if you have any special requirements such as any **Dietary, Mobility or Medical**. Please advise us of: Diabetes, food allergies, walking problems, any assistance required at the airport, and low floor requests. The special service team can then make sure all requirements are in place before you travel giving you a seamless, stress-free tour with everything in place and ready for you. A **£200pp** deposit is required at the time of booking with the balance due **12 weeks** before departure. Cheques should be made payable to Travelsphere and posted, along with the booking form, to Gwen Wright at the address below.

For Travel Insurance, we recommend getting a quote from **Holiday Extras – 0800 042 0201** quoting GTRAB.



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