



**AN OVERVIEW OF VALLETTA**

The three small islands that make up the Republic of Malta have long held the attention of the world, from the days of crusading knights to World War II action, all due to Malta's strategic location. Malta's islands are positioned in the Mediterranean, just south of Sicily, a point that commands access not only to Europe but to Northern Africa and the Middle East as well.

Bustling Malta, rugged Gozo, and nearly uninhabited Comino long have been one of the world's busiest cultural crossroads, and influences of the region's many cultures are seen in everything from its cuisine to its architecture. Even the Maltese language is a mélange of influences, and is the only Arabic root language written with Roman characters.

Those crossroads—or, in this case, sea-lanes—converge on Malta, the largest island in the Republic of Malta. For years, the sea has brought travelers into Malta's capital city of Valletta, whose shimmering blue harbor is a stark contrast to the limestone walls that outline the city. The harbor that now welcomes cruise ships first greeted Phoenician traders 3000 years ago. Later, the Knights of Malta journeyed here to protect pilgrims on the way to the Holy Land during the Crusades.

The city itself dates back to 1566 when its cornerstone was laid by the Grandmaster of the Order of Saint John, Jean Parisot de la Valette. From its beginning, the city assumed a strong military posture with thick city walls, an imposing fort, and other extensive fortifications throughout the city, many of which survived extensive bombing during World War II.

Today memories of the Knights can be found along the cobblestone streets of Valletta. St. John's Co-Cathedral brims with artwork and treasures including "The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist," the largest single work (and the only signed painting) by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio as well as an extensive collection of seventeenth-century Flemish tapestries. Just down the street stands the Palace of the Grand Masters, now home of the Parliament of Malta, where two-inch-high steps were constructed so the knights could ascend in full armor.

Valletta's heavy stone fortifications are best seen in the early morning light when the limestone glows with the golden promise of the day ahead. Just outside the walls stands the Barracca Gardens, where knights once exercised in the clear morning.

**AT A GLANCE**

**Capital:**  
Valletta

**Location:**  
Eastern Malta

**Population:**  
8,500

**Language:**  
Maltese and English

**Currency:**  
The Euro is the currency of Valletta

**Banking:**  
Most banks are open weekdays 8:30am – 12:30pm and Saturday 8:30am – 11:30am

**Post Office:**  
The main post office is open weekdays 8:15am – 3:45pm and Saturday 8:15am – 12:30pm; branch offices are open Monday through Saturday 7:30am – 12:45pm

**Transportation:**  
Taxis are available at the ships pier

**Shopping Hours:**  
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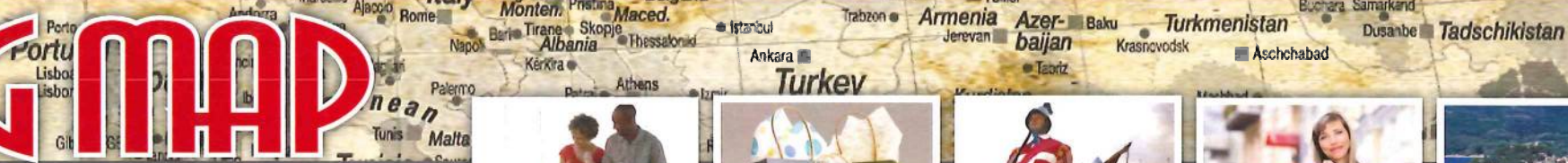
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## Valletta



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- Find the Ideal Souvenir as a Memento of a Memorable Stay**
- 45-minute audiovisual highlighting 7,000 years of Malta's history
  - One of the best souvenir shops with an extensive selection
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  - Maltese handicrafts: Gozo lace, silver filigree, pottery, and glass
  - Glass from the glass blowing factories of Mdina, Mtarfa, and Gozo
  - Variety of prints depicting Maltese scenes in posters and postcards
  - Mystic Blue, Malta's fragrance packaged with a Maltese cross
  - Taste the original Maltese Bajtra Liqueur, made from the prickly pear
  - Enjoy the experience and bring home a piece of Maltese history
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