3 DAYS IN MALTA

DAYI

VALLETTA

- 1. Roam around the ancient streets of Malta's capital, <u>Valletta</u>. Rich with cobbled streets, churches, palaces and museums.
- 2. On arrival experience the marvel which is the <u>Valletta City Gate</u>. The gate has been reconstructed 5 times since this city's inception.
- 3. Take a stroll down **triq-Repubblika**, where you can find local shops, coffee shops and observe the beauty of Maltese architecture.
- 4. Stop in at the **Grandmasters Palace** also known as **The Palace**. Once the palace of Malta's ruler, the Grand Master of the Order of St. John. It currently houses Malta's presidential offices.
- 5. Have lunch at the **Republic square** also known as the **Piazza Regina**, at the many restaurants, enjoying the sun and watching the people pass by.
- 6. After lunch continue down on **triq**-**Repubblika** to **Fort St Elmo**, the main fort which dominates both of Valletta's harbours. The fort is widely known for **The Great Siege Of Malta** in 1565.



- 7. Take a walk along the walls and seafront to the **Siege Bell War Memorial** and continue on to **Lower Barrakka Gardens.** Enjoy the amazing view, take a stroll around the garden and see the monument dedicated to **Alexander Ball.**
- 8. Make your way to the **Grand Harbour** and take the **Upper Barrakka Lift** for a 25 second journey, 58 meters up to **Upper Barrakka Gardens** which was built in 1560.
- 9. Take a walk around **Upper Barrakka Gardens** and explore the terrace area with its beautiful arches. Have a drink at one of the garden eateries and hope to catch the firing of the canons at the **Saluting Battery** below the gardens.



Day 2

TAKE A BOAT TRIP TO GOZO & COMINO

Choose one of the many boat tour operators on the island who arrange day trips to **Gozo** & **Comino** then spend the day sailing on the Mediterranean. Enjoy an open bar with a tour guide telling you all the interesting information you need to know along your 7 hour journey.

The journey starts with sailing along the coast of Malta starting at <u>Sliema</u> continuing past <u>St Julian's</u>, <u>Qawra</u>, <u>Bugibba</u>, <u>St Paul's Bay</u> and finally the beautiful island of **Gozo**.

On arrival in **Gozo** you will leave the boat and get driven to the amazing wonder which is the **Azure window**. There you will have time to take in the sights and take a stroll around the local market which welcomes you as you arrive.

You will then continue to the capital of **Gozo**, **Victoria** where you will walk up to the heart of the city and find one of Malta's UNESCO World Heritage sites, the **Citadel**. Experience the feeling of traveling back in time when walking along the ancient narrow streets and above its medieval walls, enjoying the amazing views. Here you will have time to stop for lunch and take in the surroundings.

From **Victoria** you will go back to the boat and make your way to Malta's 3rd and smallest island, **Comino** where you will have time to take a swim in the crystal clear blue waters. The island is also a nature reserve and a bird sanctuary so be sure to take your camera along.

Back aboard you make your way to your last stop before heading back to **Sliema**, the beautiful **Santa Maria Caves** which is a popular spot for divers but just as beautiful above water as under. You will end your trip on a perfect note, leaving just in time to view the amazing sunset.







DAY 3

ENJOY THE DAY IN THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF MDINA

Established in 8th century BC, <u>Mdina</u> was the island's capital from antiquity to the medieval period. It is also one of Malta's UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- On arrival take a relaxing walk through the <u>Howard Gardens</u> which lie between <u>Rabat</u> and **Mdina** with its orchard of orange trees, statues and greenery. It is a perfect way to start your exploration of this beautiful city.
- 2. Cross over the **Main gate** the entrance to the city and view the wonder of **Mdina** ditch gardens with the city's mammoth fortified walls and its lush green grass.
- 3. Upon entering through the city's gate you feel like you have walked onto the pages of a fairytale as you make your way to the **Palazzo Vilhena**, an 18th century palace which houses the **Natural History Museum**.
- 4. Continuing down the road towards the centre of the city you will come to **Pjazza San Pawl** where you will find **St. Paul's Cathedral** which was founded in the 12th century.
- 5. As you continue walking along the path of history and admiring the architecture, get lost along the narrow streets. Browse through the little stores that sell Maltese trinkets and continue making your way to **Bastion Square** where the views from the city wall will take your breath away.
- 6. Stop off at one of the many cafes or restaurants along your walk where you can choose to have your lunch in a cozy garden cafe, a restaurant with a miraculous view or in an ancient cellar.

- 7. On your way out of the city take a walk through the **Mdina** ditch gardens and explore the fortification of the city from below.
- 8. Take a bus or a taxi for a 1.5 km to **Valletta Glass** and see how they blow glass in the traditional way. Walk through the gallery with its colourful glass creations, big and small.





