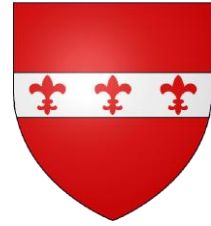


SANTA VENERA



History:

Santa Venera is a town located in the outer harbour region of Malta between the two busy towns of Birkirkara and Hamrun, about two kilometres away from the capital of Valletta and has an estimated population of almost 9000 residents.

In 1918, Santa Venera became independent – it no longer formed part of Birkirkara.

Nowadays Santa Venera is regarded as an urban area with a rural heart.

The most famous landmark of Santa Venera are most certainly the Wignacourt Aqueducts, which are perfectly preserved along this stretch.

The gardens are a main attraction of the area dating back to the 18th century. In Santa Venera there are also a number of chapels and religious institutes.

Attractions:

1. ★ **Wignacourt Aqueducts** 

Along the road leading to Ħamrun through Attard one finds the aqueduct built between 1611 and April 1615, during the times of the Grand Master Alof de Wignacourt, to transport water all the way from Rabat to Valletta using gravitational force.

Address: Triq Il-Kbira San Ġużepp, Santa Venera

2. ★ **San Vincenz Chapel and Vincenzo Bugeja Institute**  

The first stone of this beautiful chapel was laid in 1876. The chapel is central to a well designed institute complex for poor girls: Vincenzo Bugeja Conservatory.

Address: Triq Fleur-de-Lys and Triq Il-Kbira San Ġużepp, Santa Venera

3. ★ **St. Joseph Institute and Church**  

St. Joseph Institute was founded by Mgr F. Bonnici: at first the boys in the Institute lived in a house in Ħamrun, but it was soon realised that the house was too small and through the efforts of Rev. George Bugeja a piece of land was acquired from the Government to build the Institute; the Institute's church was added at a later date.

Address: Triq Il-Kbira San Ġużepp and Triq Il-Bir, Santa Venera

4. ★ **Santa Venera Old Church** 

The first church dedicated to Santa Venera was built in 1473 on a rocky plain hill between Birkirkara and Msida; enlarged in 1500 and rebuilt between 1658 and 1688. The present building, which is still in use, is from the 1800's and has some Giuseppe Cali paintings. The Carmelite Friars have been running Santa Venera Churches since 1912.

Address: Triq Braille/ Misrah Santa Venera, Santa Venera

Telephone: +356 2148 4053

Opening hours: Holy Mass Hours: Monday-Saturday 6.30 am, 7.15am,
8.45 am, 6 pm

Sunday 6.30am, 7.30am, 8.30am, 10am,
6pm

5. **St. Phillip Neri Institute** 

Address: Triq Il-Kbria San Ġużepp, Santa Venera

6.  **Casa Leoni Palace and Gardens** 

It was built by Gran Master Antonio Manoel de Vilhena and finished around the year 1730. This palace, which today houses a ministry, is surrounded by a garden, which was one of the most beautiful gardens in Malta. Up until 1798, Casa Leoni was used by reigning Grandmasters but after an uprising in the countryside against the French, it became one of the headquarters of the Maltese insurgents. The name derives from the four lion statues that adorn the façade and also because it formed part of the Vilhena coat of arms. The palace is characterized by gardens, which were a replica of the San Anton Gardens, but on a smaller scale. The palace has been used for diverse reasons, such as a ministry for home affairs and social policy and as a ministry for health and parliament secretary for the aged.

Address: Triq Il-Kbria San Ġużepp, Santa Venera

7. **Guard Tower** 

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8. **Cini Institute and Sacred Heart Church**  

The Cini Institute, established by Adelaide Cini as the "Istituto Sacro Cuor" is now being used as a residence for women and children who have suffered domestic violence.

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9. **Apap Institute and Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel**  

In Apap Institute built in 1954 by the Dominican sisters there is Our Lady of the Rosary chapel. Daily Eucharist is celebrated in the semi-public chapel of the Home as well as Holy Week functions.

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10. ★ **Santa Venera Parish Church** 

The old church of Santa Venera was given to the Carmelite friars in 1912, and six years later it became a parish church. Because of the rapid increase of population in the locality the friars decided to build a new church on the main road to Mdina. The foundation stone was laid on the 6th October 1990, and the new church is now the parish church of the locality. In the Parish Centre (basement of the church), there is also a *Perpetual Adoration Chapel*.

Address: Triq Il-Kbria San Ġużepp, Santa Venera

Telephone: +356 2148 2851

Opening hours: Holy Mass Hours: Monday-Saturday 6am, 7am, 8.30 am,
6.30pm

Sunday 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 11.30 am
6.30 pm

***Public Garden: Romeo Romano** 

In one of its corners one finds a well kept old water mill, and in another part of the garden there is a small exhibition of ancient tools used in agriculture. In another part of this garden there is also a farmhouse open to the public.

Address: Triq Braille, Santa Venera

Places of refreshment: 

- Santa Venera Band Club
Address: Triq Il-Fanali, Santa Venera
Contact person: Mr Alfred Mizzi
Contacts: +356 27223072/99474239
Email: alfred.mizzi@gmail.com

Please note that the band club opens daily and it offers the possibility to visit the building of the Band Club.

Local Information: 

LC Santa Venera

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Telephone: +356 21680099

Fax: +356 21491030

E-mail: santavenera.lc@gov.mt

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 8am-2.30pm

Saturday: 8am-11am

*August: Monday-Friday: 7.30am-1.30 pm

Saturday: 7.30am-11am



Accessibility:

Arriva Bus

From Valletta to Santa Venera : Bus 42, 51, 52, 53 and 54

Bus Stop: Guzepp

Customer care: +356 2122 2000

E-mail: enquiries@arriva.com.mt

Website: www.arriva.com.mt

Google maps

List of buses according to the bus stops

Timing:

- Timing for the transportation (check the bus timetable on <http://www.arriva.com.mt>):
25 minutes to get there from Valletta
25 minutes to come back to Valletta
- ★ Timing for the itinerary of the must-see sites:
40 min
- Timing for the full itinerary:
1 hour and 15 minutes

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