The walk starts from the interpretation centre close to Dingli Cliffs. This is a good place to explore the surrounding countryside, while enjoying the open sea. At the interpretation centre, turn left and start walking.

You should soon reach a large building, which is the secondary radar used to monitor air traffic within the Maltese airspace. Further along this road, you should come across a wide opening, where you may notice a typical small countryside church, dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene. Take some time to walk to the edge of the cliff behind the church for a magnificent and panoramic view of the cliffs, the fields and the Mediterranean Sea.

This is the place to admire the fields beneath the edge of the cliffs, the shimmering sea, and the small island of Filfla.

Once back on the road, continue walking along. On the right-hand side of the road you may notice the enigmatic prehistoric cart-ruts on the karst. These ruts tend to disappear after a few metres.

The left-hand fork in the road leads down towards the Buskett area. This walk shall proceed along the main road, until the next marker. Here, you should leave the road, turn right and start walking along an unproved path. You need to pay attention where to step, as this path is very uneven. The path leads towards the top of the headland and we suggest you wander around and explore the area. Known as Il-Wardija ta’ San Gorg, this is a typical Bronze Age village site, its position dominates the area, and is no doubt defended. On the landward side, a wall would have been erected to provide the necessary defence. The view of the cliffs and the surrounding area from this vantage point is spectacular.

Retrace your steps back onto the uneven path just before the entrance to the prehistoric site and turn right. Start walking downhill, the path winds along the side of the cliff, offering good vantage points of the surroundings. Ahead you may notice a number of cave openings, some of which are well maintained and used as shelters by the farmers of the area. Soon you will reach a small countryside church, dedicated to Our Lady of Mt Carmel. This is the Fawwara area - an idyllic place with well-cultivated fields, and countryside tranquillity.

The church is interesting, spacious and from its small palms, one can admire an idyllic setting. The well-kept church blends well with the fields and the natural environment of the area. The name ‘Fawwara’ refers to a legend which recounts that once, after a time of drought, the natural spring found beneath this same church started to overflow with water and thus the lives of many families in the area were saved.

Return back onto the road behind the church and continue walking with the steep cliff face on the left and the fields looking towards the open sea on the right. The general walk passes next to a building which was previously used as a school for the small farming community. Along this stretch of the road you may notice a couple of isolated converted farmhouses, as well as another church dedicated to the Annunciation.

Continue walking straight on. When you reach a fork in the road, follow the lane leading down into the valley, with a 19th century aqueduct on the right-hand side. Reaching the main road, turn right and continue walking. Soon you should reach a complex of buildings. Originally used as a rest camp for British military personnel, the place started to be used by local associations, where they organised summer camps for youths, and, eventually the building was converted into a large residential complex for people with special needs, now known as 13-Dar tal-Providenza.

Further down this philanthropic complex, you should reach a fork in the road. Take the left turning, and keep walking along the road, enjoying the good views of the open sea as well as Filfla, the unhabited island.

Walking along the main road, you will soon reach a road on the right-hand side, leading to the prehistoric temples of Magar Qim. One can easily spend an hour in the vicinity, although this depends on one’s interest. In archaeological remains. The interpretation centre, together with the complexes of Magar Qim and Mnajdra (which is found further downhill), offer a very good and rewarding stop.

Retrace your steps, and get back onto the main road and keep walking straight on the pavement until you reach the next sign. Then turn right and start walking downhill towards Wied il-Zurrieq. The small creek is spectacular and boat rides are on offer for those who wish to view the shoreline from a different angle. The boat ride takes you to visit Blue Grotto, famous for its natural arch. Besides this grotto, you may admire other caves and the crystal blue sea.

The walk ends here. There are various places where one can have a snack or a drink. There is also a bus service from this area.

Tips for the walk:
- Plan ahead and follow all the signs throughout the route. This is the Red Walk to please follow the red signs. It is very easy to get distracted by the surrounding scenery while taking your country walk. Short cuts are to be avoided as many fields are privately owned. You will encounter many ‘RED’ signs meaning ‘Riservata’. The markings indicate private property.
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- Please keep in mind that on the Maltese Islands, cars drive on the left-hand side.
- In some valleys and gorges, mobile phone reception may be poor or there may be none at all.
- Respect the fragility of the countryside. Do not climb over rubble walls or throw stones into valleys or over cliffs. Keep clear from any baser’s back home with you. Do not disturb animals, plants or their natural habitats. Leave only your footprint behind you and nothing else.
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Length of walk approx. 11.3 km

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