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Public Transport
Malta’s public transport system offers a cheap and efficient way of touring the Island. The main bus terminus is in Valletta from where buses operate to all parts of Malta, although there are also direct, point to point, services. The cost of a bus route ranges from 47c to €1.16 including direct buses. The longest bus journey takes about fifty minutes; the average ride is between 20 and 30 minutes.

Driving
Driving is on the left. There is a speed limit of 70kms per hour on arterial roads and 40kph in urban areas.

Boat Hire
Canoes, rowing boats, sailing boats, pedalo and speedboats are available for hire from a number of operators in the more popular seaside resorts. Larger vessels and yachts are also available for charter.

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- Blue Grotto
- Hagar Qim
- Limestone Heritage

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- Manoel Island
- Ta'Xbiex Harbour
- Msida Yacht Marina
- Valletta (in detail)
- Hypogeum
- Tarxien Temples
- The Three Cities
- Bieb is-Sultan
- Marsaxlokk fishing village
- San Lucjan Tower

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The Great Siege of Malta
The Great Siege of 1565 made Malta famous...blend in with the event that shaped Malta forever. During this 25 minutes walk-through event you will become part of our history and witness the courage, fear and resilience of the Knights of the Order of St. John and the Maltese population when they rallied against the invading Ottomans. A captivating tale of hope and survival!

The Great Siege of Malta, Cafe’ Premier complex, Republic Square, Republic Street, Valletta. Mon – Sun, 10.00am – 5pm. 2123 7574 / 2124 7300

Cultural Tour
A visit to Villa Francia in Lija, The Carmelite Priory Museum in Mdina, Palazzo Stagno in Qormi, The Australian Bungalow and the National Centre for Agricultural Research and Development in Ghammieri. Applications close on Wednesday preceding the tour and are on a first come first served basis. Malta Council for Culture and the Arts, Casa Gaspe, 230 Republic Street, Valletta 24 January. Price: Senior Citizens €8.50, Children 5-12 €8.50, Adults €11. 21232515, 21245168 (Call Mr. Noel Damato), Mondays to Fridays 8.30am - 4pm.

In Guardia
A historical re-enactment that portrays an authentic historical event. This is the regular inspection of the fort and garrison by the Grand Bailiff of the Order of the Knights of St. John in charge of military affairs. During the re-enactment the fort’s garrison (some 70 in all) is dressed in its best uniforms to demonstrate to the Grand Bailiff its military prowess. The duration of the show is of roughly 40 minutes.

Fort St. Elmo, Valletta 3 January, 11am. Tickets: €5 adults, €3 children between the ages or 6 and 12. All Buses 29915540, 21237747
Carmelite Church and Priory - Mdina
Set in a 17th century Baroque building the Carmelite Church and Priory has undergone important and significant restoration, to finally open its doors to the viewing public. This hidden gem, offers the public an opportunity to explore the way and life of the cloistered Carmelite friars in the 17th century. Among a number of rooms to explore, the quarters include a beautifully frescoed refectory. A courtyard breathes light onto the Maltese stonework of the surrounding cloisters, which connect the priory to the church. The Carmelite Church and Priory boast of impressive painting, sculpture, and architecture. The Carmelite Priory also holds a series of stimulating events planned in its cultural calendar relating to spirituality, art, literature and music. You may also treat yourself to a light lunch and tea at the Old Priory Café, and spoil your friends with a choice of Maltese artisan products to be found at the gift shop. Our opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm with extended hours at weekends.
Hal Saflieni Hypogeum
This UNESCO World Heritage monument consists of halls, chambers and passages cut in rock. The complex is grouped in 3 levels dating from different periods, the deepest room being 10.6m under road surface.

Burial Street, Paola
Open from 9 to 11am and 1 to 4pm, guided tours on the hour. Tickets: Adults: €20, Students and Senior Citizens: €15, Children aged 6 to 11: €12, Infants aged under 6: no admittance. Tickets can be purchased from Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, Paola and National Museum of Archaeology, Valletta from Malta and Ggantija Temples, Xaghra and Museum of Archaeology, Citadel from Gozo or booked online:-www.heritagemalta.com.

Fort Rinella and The Armstrong 100-ton Gun
Malta’s Leading LIVE Museum
Built in 1878 by the British, Fort Rinella was the most technologically advanced war machine of its day. This fort was in fact history’s first mechanically powered fort. It was built for the world’s largest cannon – The Armstrong 100-ton gun. After many years of neglect and vandalism it is now open for regular visiting following successful restoration by volunteers from Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna – The Malta Heritage Trust. Re-enactments are carried out all day long and the tour includes a filmshow.

Visitors can:
• Explore all parts of this intriguing fort including the tunnels and the defensive ditch. Fire an original 19th century cannon or a soldier’s rifle.
• See how the monstrous gun was built and how it worked and explore an ever growing wealth of original memorabilia covering military uniforms, weapons, decorations and equipment.
• Discuss the history of this building with our informative and friendly staff and take a picture with our lads in uniform!

How to get here:
FREE TRANSPORT is provided from Tuesday to Sunday from the Saluting Battery in Valletta. This service is provided at 12.15pm. Located in Kalkara, this is also accessible by bus (Number 4) from Valletta’s main terminal.

For more information visit our site at www.wirtartna.org

Open: Tuesday till Sunday, From 10.00am till 17.00pm
Malta Maritime Museum
A former British Naval Bakery, the museum shows Malta’s maritime history within a Mediterranean context. It also illustrates the global nature of seafaring and its impact on society.

Ex-Naval Bakery, Vittoriosa Waterfront, Vittoriosa

Ghar Dalam Cave & Museum
The site is the earliest evidence of human settlement on Malta round 7,400 years ago. The cave was formed by an overlaying river making it become 144m deep. Only the first 50m are open to visitors.

Zejtun Road, Birzebbuga
Monday to Sunday: 9am to 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Tickets: Adults: €5, Children aged between 6 and 11: €2.50, Students 12 - 17 & Senior Citizens: €3.50, Infants: Free.

The Mdina Dungeons
In a series of secret underground passageways, chambers and cells, a number of events have been re-created to portray historic events from the dark and turbulent side of Maltese history.

St. Publius Sqr, Mdina

Palazzo Costanzo Medieval Times
An elegant Baroque palace built in the 17th Century offering a medieval adventure using wax figures, light, sound and smell. The history starts from the 14th and 15th century and depicts family life and Maltese trades.

26, Triq Villegaignon, Mdina
Open Monday - Saturday: 9.30am - 6.30pm. Tickets: Adults: €3, Children: €1.
St. Paul's Catacombs
The underground Roman cemeteries, the earliest and largest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta, were used till 4th century AD. Though smaller in size than those of Italy and North Africa, they are richer in architecture.

St Agatha Street, Rabat, Malta
مجتمع - Sunday: 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Tickets: Adults: €4.66, Children between 6 and 12 years of age: €1.16, Students & Senior Citizens: €2.33, Infants: Free.

National Museum of Archaeology
Previously known as Auberge de Provence, built after the Great Siege in the late 16th century, the museum contains a number of artefacts from the prehistoric periods.

Auberge de Provence, Republic Street, Valletta
مجتمع - Sunday, 9am - 7pm. Last admission 6.30pm. Tickets: Adults €5, Children (aged 6 - 11) €2.50, Students and Senior Citizens €3.50, Infants: free admission.

National Museum of Natural History
The 18th century Magisterial Palace of Justice currently holds over 10,000 rocks and minerals, over 3,500 birds, eggs and nests, 200 mammals, over 200 fish species and thousands shells and insects. A must for nature & history lovers.

Vilhena Palace, St Publius Square, Mdina
مجتمع - Sunday: 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Tickets: Adults €5, Children (aged 6 - 11): €2.50, Students & Senior Citizens: €3.50, Infants: free admission.

Palace Armoury
One of the world's greatest arms collections housed in its original building. In 1860 the armoury was officially opened as Malta's first public museum containing material of Italian, German, French and Spanish origin.

Grandmaster's Palace, Republic Street, Valletta
 مجتمع - Sunday, 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Palace is closed on a Thursday, but armoury will be open. Tickets: Adults €10, Students & Senior Citizens €7, Children (aged 6 - 11) €5, Infants: free admission.
THE SALUTING BATTERY
& the noon-day gun

An Introduction

The Saluting Battery stands on what is known as St. Peter and St Paul’s bastion, which forms part of the original defensive ramparts of Valletta. The firing of artillery salutes follows a tradition stretching back over 400 years to the time of the Knights of St John, who first positioned a battery of artillery on this site in around 1570. Today, restored to its former glory and cared for by Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna – Malta’s Heritage trust, one of the batteries guns, an original late 18th century British iron 24 pounder is fired to mark the passing of mid-day. This attraction enjoys a majestic views of Malta’s grand Harbour.

Visitors Can:
- Attend a 20-minute lecture on the history and past uses of the location. Watch from the loading of the Noon-day gun and explore the battery.
- Enjoy unobstructed views of the Grand Harbour.
- Listen to the fearsome roar of artillery fire and handle period cannon ammunition and tools.

How to get here:
Located at the right externity of Valletta as one enters and is reached by walking past the Auberge de Castille heading straight into the Upper Barracca Gardens. We are located behind the water fountain.

For more information:
Contact us on; 21800992 or 21803091 and visit us at www.wirtartha.org

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Mario Borg Sillato Exhibition
Since 1976 Mario Borg Sillato has been experimenting with a technique which simulates graffiato with scratching on wood surfaces and inlays of oil paint. These 'engravings' usually focus on human and animal life, often depicted in a chiaroscuro style. He also creates iron-statue art objects, employing a welding technique, forge system, sheet metal structuring and grinding. The result is a composition highlighting the qualities of the artist and the materials he uses.

St. James Cavalier, Valletta 1 - 3 January All Buses 21223200

Christmas Cribs Exhibition
The exhibition, which is being held by the local "Ghaqda Hbieb tal-Presepji", will be held in the Sagrestia Vault, which is accessible though the Valletta Waterfront chapel. The cribs exhibition will be open everyday all day, however at times it might not be accessible due to private events and functions. The existence of Christmas Cribs in Malta dates back to the early seventeenth century when sizeable cribs used to be erected in local churches. Thanks to some enthusiasts the Star on the Christmas Crib kept twinkling, if not shining. These persons made it a point to keep building Cribs and putting them up for public viewing. Such enthusiasm encouraged these people to get together and form a crib society. The Friends of the Crib Society (Malta), is reaching its aim, keeping the real meaning and spirit of Christmas alive in the Maltese islands.

Sagrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront 1 - 5 January. Free admission All Buses

Il Silenzio delle Cose
Works by Prof. Silverio Paradiso. By means of this personal exhibition we invite you to rediscover the silence of things, a silence laden with "deafening" memories of past life and of beginnings. The themes proposed by the artist belong to the lives of each one of us, and introduce a context containing the suggestion to look at everyday things to discover that they surround a kaleidoscope of splinters of the soul. The portraits are the most clear witness and spur us to better understand ourselves and those around us.

Hall of the Italian Cultural Institute, St. George’s Square Valletta 1 - 8 January, 7pm All Buses 21221462

Sculptures in Bronze
An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Antoine Paul Camilleri
Heritage Malta, Merchants Street, Valletta 1 - 9 January 2010. Monday - Friday 9am - 4.30pm. Last admission 4pm. Free admission. All Buses 22954000
Exhibitions

Angels
An art installation of sculptures by Charles Sammut
Ministry of Social Policy, Palazzo Castellania, 15 Merchant Street, Valletta
1 - 15 January, Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm  All Buses

Japanese Prints
An exhibition of Japanese prints from the National Collection.
National Museum of Fine Arts, South Street, Valletta
1 - 16 January. Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Free admission.  All Buses

Of Flowers and Structures
An exhibition of original oil paintings by T.M.P. Duggan, featuring Maltese views, still life, flowers, design and signed limited edition prints.
Bir Mula Heritage, 79, St. Margerita Street, Cospicua
1 January - 28 February, Saturdays & Sundays 10am - noon.  1, 6 (last stop at St. Margerita Square)

Expression-Arteforte
An exhibition of watercolour paintings by Anastasiya Ponyatovskaya-Pace.
Aroma Restaurant, 162, Triq San Kristofru, Valletta
1 January - 31 March. Monday - Saturday 8.30am - 4pm, Thursday & Saturday 7pm - midnight.  All Buses

La Capitale In Chiaroscuro
A photographic exhibition about the hidden treasures of Valletta. All 21 photographs in this exhibition focus on the areas in Valletta that are usually full of activity and hectic during the day but calm down during the night. And here is where the magnificence of this city lushes out in silence.
Omerta Trattoria & Wine Bar, 92, Old Bakery Street, Valletta
1 January - 10 May  All Buses

La Utopia Transgresora
Ouka Leele, a prestigious Spanish female photographer with an art career dating back to the late 70’s, ranks among the landmark figures of Europe. She started painting when she was very young, always influenced by the Nature and the great masters from Museo del Prado. When she was studying fine arts at university, she also began to study photography, and a strong way to express herself was revealed to her. Driven by the need of painting and the fascination with black and white photography, she fuses both techniques and develops her personal artistic language.
Main Hall, St. James Cavalier, Valletta
8 January - 7 February. Monday & Tuesday 9am - 5pm. Wednesday - Friday 9am - 9pm. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10am - 9pm.  All Buses 21223200
**Christmas Cribs Exhibition**
The Tourism Secretariat together with the Malta Tourism Authority have joined forces with the Ghaqda Hbieb tal-Presepju, (Malta), to put on a very special Christmas Cribs exhibition. There will be 25 cribs on display together with two extraordinary floral decorations and numerous paintings and ceramic and displays related to the same theme. One particular crib features Herod’s temple.

**Auberge D’Italie, Merchants Street, Valletta 2 - 5 January, Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm. Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm. Free admission. 🈘 All Buses**

**New Maltese Art**
A mixed media exhibition curated by the Malta Contemporary Art. Cutting edge works of art by eight emerging Maltese artists which provide a glimpse into themes and ideas that young Maltese artists are dealing with today.

**Upper Gallery, St James Cavalier, Valletta. 14 January - 7 February, Monday & Tuesday 9am - 5pm, Wednesday - Friday 9am - 9pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10am - 9pm 🈘 All Buses. 🏠 21223200**

**ERDF Ggantija Design Contest**
An exhibition of drawings. Free entrance.

**Heritage Malta Head Office, Valletta. 16 January - 21 February, Monday - Friday 9am - 4.30pm. Last admission at 4pm. 🈘 All Buses**

**Mixed Media Exhibition**
An exhibition of mixed media paintings by Marc Penninc de Landas.

**Contemporary Hall, National Museum of Fine Arts, Valletta. 23 January - 28 February, Monday - Sunday 9am - 5pm. Last admission at 4.30pm. Free admission. 🈘 All Buses**

**Cat Show**
The Malta Feline Guardians Club is proud to announce its 17th and 18th International Cat Shows. This year the MFGC celebrates the fifth anniversary from the foundation of the club. The club has invited two WCF all breed judges from France and from Italy. Once inside you can admire these wonderful creatures and see for yourselves the love and dedication the owners bestow on their beloved cats.

**Phoenica Hotel, Floriana 24 January 🈘 All Buses ☏ 99990022**
Musical Christmas
Various events including choral concerts, Christmas carols, Chamber Orchestral music, Nativity and Epiphany trail, the Malta Police Band, the Armed Forces of Malta band, Christmas crafts and Baby Jesus procession. Organised in collaboration with Valletta Local Council. For further information contact the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts.

Valletta 1 - 3 January All Buses 21232515, 21245168

The Gozo Christmas Show
A family show which will consist of a Christmas play (in English) with live singing and 30-strong live orchestra, dance numbers by 3 dance schools, participation of students from The Helping Hands Theatre Experience Project and songs performed by established and emerging singers from Gozo.

Oratory Don Bosco Theatre, Victoria, Gozo 2 January, 8pm All Buses 99421611, 21556616

The New Year Concert
The New Year Concert- featuring the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Michael Laus. Performing works by von Suppe, Respighi, Gounod, Galea, Gade and de Falla.

Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta. 3 January, 8.30pm. All Buses

Lunchtime Concerts at St. Catherine of Italy
If you like to take time out in the middle of a busy day, or fit it in your leisurely holiday time-table to enjoy good music, St. Catherine of Italy Church is just the venue for you. The lunchtime concerts in this exquisite venue are in their fourth series now, held twice weekly Thursdays and Sundays, usually last about 50 minutes. They have become very popular with both the local audience as well as tourists. The entrance is by donation of €5 which goes towards the restoration fund for St. Catherine of Italy Church.


3 January, 11am


7 January, 12.30pm


10 January, 11am


17 January, 11am
Homage to Venice - Baroque Sonatas for violin and continuo. Performers: Sarah Spiteri - violin, Alex Vella Gregory - continuo.

21 January, 12.30pm

24 January, 11am

28 January, 12.30pm

31 January, 11am
St. Catherine of Italy Church, Valletta 🗓️ All Buses 📞 21223200

Orchestral Concert
The second concert of the season at Teatru Manoel by the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra, this time conducted by Joseph Vella. The programme for this concert will feature music by Strauss, Sibelius and Vella. A concert not to be missed.

Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta 🗓️ 5 January 🗓️ All Buses 📞 21246389

Cinderella On Ice
The world-famous St Petersburg State Ballet On Ice Theatre return to Malta with a magical winter show. Seven tonnes of ice will transform the Mediterranean Conference Centre into a real, frozen ice palace, where the Russian ice dancers will present Tchaikovsky’s masterpiece "Cinderella" on glistening blades. Athletic ice-skating with jetés, lifts and pirouettes as well as magnificent ballet in a fascinating combination.

Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta 🗓️ 9 January, 8pm & 10 January, 3pm. Tickets: €59, €49, €45, €39, €29 🗓️ All Buses 📞 79557988, 25595750/1 Mondays to Fridays between 10am and 1pm or 5 and 7pm, and Saturday between 10am and 1pm. Gozo Bookings: 21558266/79815541
Performances

Early Music Concert by the Fioretto Ensemble
The first musical event of 2010 will be in the hands of the Fioretto Ensemble from Austria. Founded in 1997, the Fioretto Ensemble is a professional early music ensemble specialising in the performance of Medieval, Renaissance and early Baroque music and dance. A concert that is again undoubtedly suited to the uniqueness of the Manoel Theatre.

-Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta ☑ 12 January, 8pm  All Buses ☎ 21246389

Performers Platform Concerts
St. James Cavalier has a commitment to discovering, nurturing and promoting new talent and the Performers’ Platform Concert Series gives up and coming musicians the opportunity to perform in a professional environment to an appreciative audience. Concerts feature an extraordinarily wide range of performers and repertoire. Concerts are held every Wednesday at 12.30pm Fantasie - classical saxophone works. Performer: Philip Attard - alto saxophone.
- 6 January
Piano solo and duos. Performers: Jaqcueline Marie Mifsud & Sarah Mercieca.
- 13 January
All Strings Attached 2!! Performer: Matthew Fenech - viola.
- 20 January
Piano solo works. Performer: Michela Galea
- 27 January

Music Room, St. James Cavalier, Valletta ☑ All Buses ☎ 21223200

The Camilleri Music Festival
The Camilleri Festival, a celebration of the life and music of Malta's beloved composer Charles Camilleri on the first anniversary from his death, will reach its climax at the Manoel Theatre. This festival will take place in Sheffield, London and Malta, bringing together international musicians who had worked closely with Camilleri during his lifetime.

-Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta ☑ 15 - 16 January ☑ All Buses ☎ 21246389

18 Events Malta
Spotlight
A Harp Recital by Caroline Muscat.
Sala Isouard, Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta 🕴️ 22 January, 8pm 🚌 All Buses 📞 21246389

The Bel Canto Flute
Flautist Silvio Zammit and pianist Ramona Zammit Formosa performing works from the Bel Canto period featuring works by Rossini, Bellini and Donizetti. Mozart and more - A voice recital. American soprano Cara Waring performs in the recital dedicated mostly to Mozart's works. Performer: Cara Waring - soprano.
Sagrestia Vault, Valletta Waterfront 🕴️ 29 January, 7.30pm 🚌 All Buses 📞 79680952

Grand Concert
A Grand Concert featuring the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra performing works by Beethoven including the Violin Concerto in D major op.61. Soloist: Sayaka Shoji (1st Prize Winner of the Paganini Competition), Leader: Marcelline Agius, conducted by Michael Laus.
Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta 🕴️ 30 January, 7.30pm. 🚌 All Buses

Lunchtime Concerts
Set in a 17th century Baroque building the Carmelite Priory has launched a series of stimulating concerts which are held weekly. The concerts are held every Wednesday at noon, with no extra charge but the usual entrance fee to the museum (Adults €4, Student/Senior €3).
Carmelite Priory 🕴️ January - April 🚌 65, 80, 81, 84, 86
“Cinderella” a fascinating ice show!

Enchanting, fairy-tale like and full of grace, Sergei Prokofieff’s “Cinderella” is the fantastic story of the transformation of a poor orphan girl into a princess, which is ideally suited for the glittering world of ice. As if defying gravity, “Cinderella”, the good fairy and the entire princely entourage glide over ice in the ballroom scene, while the stepmother and her daughters, with their martial looking twists and jumps draw attention to themselves. The lifts of “Cinderella” and her Prince and the immense charm of Sergei Prokofieff’s ballet music do the rest to entice the spectator completely into an overwhelming world of fantasy and poesy.

As early as 1967, Konstantin Boyarski founded the State Ice Ballet and set it going with a production based on Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker” and combined the art of ice skating with classical Russian ballet for the first time. Even in those days, it met with immediate and overwhelming success among connoisseurs of
ballet and the critical public in its home country. The ardours of adapting classical figures, lifts and jetés to the ice rink had been worthwhile. A new, magical genre was thus born with the ice ballet.

Over the years, not only has the repertoire expanded, but the refinement and design of sets, props and costumes has been perfected as well. Today, a “core” of 80 ice skating dancers with about 800 costumes enchant on the mirror like surfaces of theatres and arenas across the world.

Most of the dancers here today come from the stock of individuals and pairs who have won Russian and international prizes and medals for ice-skating. These then underwent hard and intensive training under the choreographer Konstantin Rassadin (Marinski Theatre) to learn how to merge the elements of athletic ice-skating with the skills of classical Russian ballet, to give a high quality and graceful performance. Thus, for instance, ex European champion Olga Ivanova and the former Olympic starter Andrei Stroganov dance today to Prokofieff’s “Cinderella”. Choreographer at the St. Petersburg State Ballet On Ice, Konstantin Rassadin, was the lead soloist for more than 23 years at the ballet in the Marinski Theatre (formerly known as the Kirov Theatre) and has danced and worked with stars like Rudolf Nurejew, Mikhail Baryshnikov and Natalia Dudinskaya.

Tickets can be purchased from The Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta. MCC Box office opening hours are from 10:00 to 13:00 and 17:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday, and from 10:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays. Reservations can also be made on the phone by calling 25595750/1 during box office hours stipulated above.

Gozo Box Office opening hours are from 09:30 to 16:30, Monday to Friday. For Gozo Box office please call 21558266 or 79815541.

For online bookings visit: www.mcc.com.mt
Cinema at St. James Cavalier

**Manhattan (1979)**
Directed by Woody Allen. Starring Woody Allen, Diane Keaton & Meryl Streep. Isaac, 42, has divorced Jill. She is now living with another woman, Connie, and is writing a book in which she will reveal some very private points of their relationship. Isaac has a love affair with Tracy, 17, when he meets Mary, the mistress of his best friend Yale. Yale is already married to Emily.

St James Cavalier, Valletta. 🕛 6 January, 7pm; 8 January, 9pm; 10 January, 7pm; 16 January, 2.45pm. 🚗 All Buses 📞 21223200

**Met Opera Season - Der Rosenkavalier - Richard Strauss.**

St James Cavalier, Valletta. 🕛 9 & 23 January, 7pm. Doors open 6.30pm 🚗 All Buses 📞 21223200

**Irma La Douce (1963)**
Originally banned in Malta! - Directed by Billy Wilder. Starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley Maclaine. “You couldn’t ask for friendlier females of a funnier picture”. The film version of Irma la Douce tells the story of Nestor Patou, an honest policeman who finds a street full of prostitutes in Paris and reports them. The police inspector has been aware of those prostitutes but let them off by accepting bribes, so he fires Nestor who is conveniently framed for bribery…

St James Cavalier, Valletta. 🕛 13 January, 7pm; 15 January, 9pm; 17 January, 7pm; 23 January, 2.45pm. 🚗 All Buses 📞 21223200

**Met Opera Season - Carmen - Georges Bizet.**
The Metropolitan Opera’s Peabody and Emmy Award-winning series live in high definition with English subtitles. Conductor: Yannick Nezet-Seguin; Production: Richard Eyre, Barbara Frittoli, Angela Gheorghiu, Roberto Alagna, Mariusz Kwiecien.

St James Cavalier, Valletta. 🕛 16 & 30 January, 7pm. Doors open 6.30pm 🚗 All Buses 📞 21223200

**Shot in the Dark (1964)**
Directed by Blake Edwards. Starring Peter Sellers and Elke Sommer. Shot in the Dark is the second installment in the Pink Panther series. Chief Inspector Clouseau

22 Events Malta
is called to the country home of a Paris plutocrat, Benjamin Ballon, to investigate the murder of his Spanish chauffeur, Miguel. The chauffeur was having an affair with the maid, Maria Gambrelli, who claims that he often beat her. Although all the evidence points to Gambrelli as the killer, Clouseau stubbornly refuses to admit that she is guilty, having fallen madly in love with her.

**Met Opera Matinee - Aida**
Giuseppe Verdi; Conductor: Daniele Gatti, Production: Sonja Frisell, Violeta Urmana, Dolora Zajick, Johan Botha, Carlo Guelfi, Roberto Scandiuzzi, Stefano Kocan.

**Withnail and I**
Directed by Bruce Robinson. Starring Richard Grant and Paul McGann. Two unemployed young actors, Withnail and “I” live in a squalid flat in London in 1969 while waiting for their careers to take off. Needing a holiday, they obtain the key to the country cottage belonging to Withnail’s flamboyantly gay uncle Monty and drive there. The holiday is less ‘re recuperative’ than they expected, and tests their friendship.

**Spanish Film Season**
El Otro Lado de la Cama (2002) The other side of the bed - To mark the Spanish Presidency of the European Union, the Embassy of Spain in Malta is organising screenings of Spanish films. Film directed by Emilio Martinez Lazaro. Sex, love, lies, bed-hopping and mistaken identities abound in this pop musical-comedy set in Madrid. The gorgeous Paula breaks up with her boyfriend Pedro in order to continue her affair with Javier. The immature Javier however, is unwilling to break up with his current girlfriend Sonia, or confess to their affair to Pedro, who happens to be his best friend.

**Nation**
The National Theatre stages Mark Ravenhill’s exhilarating adaptation of Terry Pratchett’s latest witty and challenging adventure story. Two teenagers are thrown together by a tsunami that has destroyed Mau’s village and left Daphne shipwrecked on his South Pacific island, thousands of miles from home.
Open 7 days a week from 10 till 10 and catering establishments open till late. Parking available on Level 3.
Downtown Fairytown

Downtown Fairytown is a musical Christmas bash ideal for children aged 3-7. Talking houses, aliens visiting at Christmas time, fairies preparing for their Christmas show, a nasty Witch ready to spoil all the fun, a robot who wants to know all about Christmas, and much more! Don't miss this new interactive show and exciting adventure this Christmas! Produced by Curtain Raiser. Directed by Patrick Vella.

St James Cavalier, Valletta

📅 2 - 5 & 8 - 10 January, Monday - Wednesday at 6pm; Thursday no shows; Saturday & Sunday at 2 & 6pm.

Tickets:
Adults €15,
Children €12.

🚌 All Buses

📞 21223200
The MADC presents their annual pantomime – this time it is a new and fresh take on the classic tale of J.M. Barrie’s timeless story of ‘Peter Pan’. Script written by Nanette Brimmer and directed by Alan Montanaro, who will also be playing Captain Hook. The rest of the talented cast includes Jean-Pierre Busuttil as the Dame, Katherine Brown as Peter, Alexandra Camilleri Warne as Wendy, Luke Farrugia as John, David Chircop as Michael, Nathan Brimmer as Smee and Rachael Tedesco Triccas as Tinkerbell amongst many others, and includes an all-singing, all-dancing chorus. Of course there is no ‘Peter Pan’ without spectacular flying. The MADC has secured the services of Nick Kirkby, whose great-grandfather took care of the flying for J.M. Barrie in the original production of ‘Peter Pan’ in 1904!

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Peter Panto

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Aladdin takes us all the way to Old Peking where young Aladdin lives a simple life working at Widow Twankey’s laundry along with his brother Wishee Washee. Aladdin dares to break the law and catches a glimpse of the breathtakingly beautiful Princess. For this unlawful deed, the Emperor charges his trusty Chinese Policemen to bring Aladdin to justice. As if that wasn’t bad enough, Aladdin is completely besotted by the Princess, and knows in his heart of hearts that he will never find true happiness unless he is to marry her. The Emperor however would never allow his daughter to marry a penniless laundry-boy and it seems that Aladdin will be unhappy forever. Suddenly, Apatizz the wizard appears and tells Aladdin about a powerful genie that can grant him three wishes. All Aladdin needs to do is find the magic lamp and bring it to him. Aladdin is directed by Anthony Bezzina and written by Malcolm Galea. Music director: Kevin Abela, choreography: Jes Sciberras, Ernest Camilleri is in charge of costume design and Harry Borg will be designing the sets.

Teatru Manoel, Old Theatre Street, Valetta 2 - 6 January, 7.30pm. Saturdays and Sundays 3 & 8pm.  All Buses  21246389
The Sex Comedies

A revue of short comic scenes where sex is the main issue. We encounter two teenage boys planning to get off with Shuggie's Ma (but never really getting started), a pair of swingers deciding who to rent their house out and a very particular blind date amongst other scenes. Unifaun Theatre Company is a new theatre group founded with the intention to work on challenging scripts and to produce new and engaging productions to the Maltese theatre audiences. Author: Iain Heggie; Director: Denise Mulholland.

St. James Cavalier, Valletta  22 - 24 & 29 - 31 January 5 - 7 February, 8pm

All Buses  21223200

Women In Mind

Maleth's second play at Teatru Manoel for this season will be "Woman in Mind". An English play by Alan Ayckbourn, this production will feature some of the best actors on the island, and promises to be another great drama experience.

Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta  22 - 24 January, 7.30pm

All Buses  21246389

A View from the Bridge

Teatru Manoel in collaboration with the Malta Drama Centre and the American Centre presents Arthur Miller's classical drama "A View From the Bridge", a play which verges from the controversial to the impressively true topics of our times. Featuring a top-notch cast, this production will be directed by Albert Marshall.

Manoel Theatre, Old Theatre Street, Valletta  29 - 31 January, 8pm

All Buses  21246389
Fantasy Circus
JS Productions announces the introduction of the animal circus show Circo Fantasy. The circus tent holds up a maximum of 1200 people, has access entries for disabled persons and parking will be provided in the surroundings by the circus promoters. The show offers all kinds of art-dance, sport-acrobatic tricks, circus, theater with more than 40 professional actors of different genres. It houses more than 50 animals including exotic and wild animals such as tigers, yak, crocodiles, horses and ponies, lama, snakes, ostrich, sheep dwarves, iguana, anaconda and zebra. There will be fire eating, magic, rope and bicycle balancing, vertical walking, unbelievable circus tricks, acrobats, foot roller, balancing and curtain flyer. 

Blata l-Bajda ✗ 1 - 3 January, daily shows at 5.30pm and 7.30pm. 2 and 3 January there will be an extra show at 3.30pm. Tickets: Adults €10, Children €5. Tickets can be bought from the Circus Kiosk at the entrance of Freedom Square in Valletta. ☎ 71, 75, 80, 81, 88, 89 🆓 99999964, 71494106, 99515042

Citta Magica
The Malta Tourism Authority and the Parliamentary Secretariat for Tourism, together with the Valletta Business Community (GRTU) will be organising the second edition of the Citta Magica on Saturday. This event is a must for all those who love shopping, eating out, good music... On the day, Valletta will provide a unique setting as its squares and streets will be transformed into open air theatres offering an eclectic mix of music, talent and entertainment for all the family.

Valletta ✗ 9 January 🚌 All Buses

Popeye Village
‘SWEETHAVEN VILLAGE’, the Film Set of the 1980 Musical Production “Popeye”, also known as ‘POPEYE VILLAGE’ was constructed in Anchor Bay during the last 7 months of 1979. The Film set is open all year round, the winter package includes the following: Entrance to Film Set, Different Animation shows, Boat Trip (weather permitting), Nine Hole mini golf, Cinema (15 minutes history of Film Set), Silver Smith Demonstration, Santa’s Toy Town, Free Wine tasting, Free Postcard Mon - Sun: 9.30 – 16.30 www.popeyemalta.com
‘Betlehem at Ghajnsielem’

Christmas Village
The Ghajnsielem Local Council in collaboration with all the main village organizations is offering a unique attraction this Christmas in the form of a Nativity Village spread over a large piece of land situated just off Ghajnsielem’s main square. The ‘animated crib’ is called ‘Bethlehem f’ Ghajnsielem’ and offers a naturalistic reproduction of the environment of Bethlehem. The animated village offers several attractions including a carpenter, blacksmith, bakery, a market selling natural fruits, fresh fish and vegetables, a tavern, a local crafts area and a stable hosting the animals. The main attraction will be the grotto with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

Ta’ Passi Fields, Ghajnsielem, Gozo
📅 1 & 3 January, 2 - 7pm.
📅 2 January 4.30 - 9pm
📞 99459426

Life at Sea
A whole day activity at the Malta Maritime Museum based on life at sea during its golden age. Events for the whole family. Event organised by Heritage Malta.

Malta Maritime Museum, Vittoriosa
📅 31 January, 10am - 5pm
📞 6
Splash and Fun
Situated in Bahar Ic-Caghaq, the only place on the island that offers a fun packed day for kids. With water slides, shoots and a dinosaur park, this is a great day out for the family. Situated on the sea shore it offers a large pool area for relaxing along with a snack bar, there is also ample parking space offered.

Popeye Village
The old classic movie from 1980 with Robin Williams as Popeye, was filmed in Malta. The whole village was built purposely for the movie and still remains there today. One can visit Popeye’s Village and get a feel for what it was like to be in the movie. There is a bar and restaurant, souvenir shop and even a kid’s amusement park. Also animation, an audio visual show and even a boat trip!

Bowling
Situated in the heart of Paceville, St.Julian’s The Eden SuperBowl is Malta’s biggest and best tenpin bowling center. The SuperBowl is a fully air-conditioned, computerised Tenpin Bowling centre offering 20 lanes of bowling and a variety of entertainment, from fun bowling through to National bowling leagues and International tournaments. It is also the ideal venue for your corporate functions, staff get-togethers and fantastic kids' parties!

Mediterraneo Marine Park
The marine park has an array of animals ranging from dolphins to parrots. There is a dolphin show, a sealion show and a very entertaining parrot show. You also have the opportunity of a lifetime- swimming with dolphins! A unique experience offered to able swimmers. Mediterraneo also offer an interactive programme which allows you to get up close and personal with the various animals at the park.

Playmobil Factory
This is a real treat for all children. Playmobil has a factory in Malta that now has a fun park open to visitors, you can even organise a birthday party there!

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Paceville
St Julian’s and Paceville are Malta’s main nightlife areas. Paceville lies on the hill between Spinola Bay and St George’s Bay. It is the scene of Malta’s year-round nightlife and offers leisure, entertainment and dining to suit all tastes. There is plenty to choose from: Paceville has the latest in club DJ music, as well as piano bars, an elegant casino and superb restaurants. The casino is in Villa Dragonara, once the private home of a 19th century Maltese aristocrat.

St. Julian’s
St Julian’s is now an extension of Sliema although it started life as a small fishing port based on Spinola and Balluta Bays. Like Sliema, it is now a major residential and tourist centre, and home to some of Malta’s newest hotels. St Julian’s merges with Paceville, Malta’s main nightlife centre where there are clubs, casinos and numerous restaurants, cafes and bars. Picturesque Spinola Bay is still used by fishermen whose traditional boats are housed just below the restaurants. The bay is particularly attractive at night and as a venue for open-air dining.

Casino
Everyone has to have an evening’s flutter once in a while. And there is no better time than on holiday. Malta has several excellent casinos. Choose from an elegant colonial-style villa, an ultra modern hotel complex, or a restored 17th century, harbour-side palace. All provide great entertainment whether you’re new to the tables or have tried your luck before.

Valletta Waterfront
The Valletta Waterfront, in Floriana, is Grand Master Pinto’s baroque Wharf built in the 18th Century. It has been thoroughly renovated into an entertainment area. It is currently being used as a popular venue with a concentration of upmarket bars and restaurants after a recent thorough restoration process. International names such as Hard Rock Cafe operate in the area.

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Malta, being in the heart of the Mediterranean, has absorbed both Southern European as well as North African cuisine, translating these influences into a variety of typical dishes. The long months of sunshine means that a variety of fruit and vegetables are grown all year round. The surrounding sea yields generous catches of fish. We recommend the following restaurants - some specialise in Mediterranean food, others in more exotic delights. They all offer exquisite food and impeccable service, making for a great dining experience. Please let us have your comments we'd like to know whether you've agreed with us and do let the restaurant know you are there on our recommendation. Bon appetit!

**Café Premier**

Café Premier is at the heart of Valletta, right on Republic Square. It encompasses a Grand Café, Seafood Bar, Tapas Bar and Bistro/Brasserie and its tasteful interior is divided in various areas, offering different foods for different moods. One can also enjoy our authentic blends of Italian coffee and delicious food in the atmosphere of Valletta’s main piazza or under the shady cover of the historical archway. Opening times: Daily from 08.00 to late

**The Kitchen Restaurant**

This is one of the top restaurants on the island, offering innovative international cuisine. Owned by international award-winning Chef Mark Gauci and his partner Nadja, this is the kind of place that makes you want to return for more. Discover a minimalist yet comforting environment, an atmosphere that only few places on the island can create. Reservation recommended.

Lunch: Wednesday – Sunday • Dinner: Monday - Sunday

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Tel: 2135 3660
Upper and Lower Barrakka Gardens
Two gardens, facing the Grand Harbour in Valletta, both offering a panoramic view. The Upper Barrakka Gardens offer the best view since they’re more centered and at a much higher level. It was the gift of an eighteenth-century knight. The Anglican Garrison Church partly intrudes upon it. The garden is built on top of a demi-bastion. The Lower Barrakka Gardens are part of St Christopher’s Bastion and have a view of the harbour. At their center is a small Greek-style folly built in memory of Governor Sir Alexander Ball, who led the siege against the French in 1800 and subsequently became Britain’s first civil commissioner of Malta. The French during the 1798-1800 siege cultivated these gardens.

Argotti Botanical Gardens
In 1805 the British governor appointed a Carmelite friar, Malta’s first professor of natural history. He assembled the plants in Floriana’s Mall and 50 years later they were moved to the site of the present Argotti Gardens, then the preserve of a deceased knight.

Buskett Gardens
No more than 2kms from Dingli Cliffs, sitting under the watchful eye of Cardinal Grand Master de Verdalle’s summer retreat, are Buskett Gardens. Panoplies of foliage spread their shade over the valley floor, providing a welcome respite against the heat of summer. There are orange and cypress trees, irregular cacti, leguminous carobs, aromatic firs and the Judas tree, which foretells Easter with its pink blossom (this is said to be the tree from which Judas hung himself).

Hastings Gardens
From the National Museum of Fine Arts, it is well worth taking a stroll through the nearby Hastings Gardens, named after a former Governor General, the Marquess of Hastings (1824-26).

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Small and beautiful as it is, Gozo cannot be seen in just one day.

As a place to relax, 'hang out' and live the good life the island is unsurpassed. After you set foot on Gozo, you’ll know why you need more than just a day to savour its leisurely charms. The more you enjoy your visit to Gozo, the more likely you are to return, and to recommend the island to others.

If you are intrigued by this beautiful island’s ability to create ‘Gozo fanatics’ like ourselves, then plan a visit. We always stay for more than just a day. It’s the secret hideaway of all Maltese. Which is why we would prefer to leave it undiscovered by you. But it’s in our nature to share the best we have with visitors.