



Malta - Gozo Island Adventure



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: The Island of Gozo

BROCHURE CODE: 4012
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

Gozo is a stunning Maltese island of coastal and countryside delights which has long been a firm favourite with our families. The price of this holiday includes all activities and you will spend an active week enjoying kayaking, diving, snorkelling, and rock climbing alongside sampling the delicious cuisine of this unique island.

Our Opinion

“ As soon as I visited Gozo and met the fantastic team here I was confident this would be a popular holiday. The gushing praise for Gozo from clients who visit each year is well deserved and easy to understand. The local people here are very proud of their fascinating local heritage and welcome their guests with open arms; the activities are great fun and the local cuisine is delicious! ”

Andy Marshall



What's included?

- **Transfers:** group airport and activity transfers (private airport transfers may incur a supplement)
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' hotel accommodation
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- **The following activities are included:** Lazy boat day and snorkelling, Discover Scuba Diving*, cook like a local, sea kayaking and beach afternoon, climbing, abseiling and visit to Ramla Bay Beach (order is subject to change)
- All equipment, tuition and supervision from fully qualified instructors
- Services of our local guides and representatives

***Please note:** for safety reasons, those aged 8 and 9 will be offered the chance to try a bubble maker session. They can experience a shallow dive in pool-like conditions and the second dive up to 2m in a very calm area. Parents can join their children on this dive as long as they stick to 2m depth. Those under the age of 8 years old will have the opportunity to snorkel on the surface of the water and view the same vibrant marine life as the other members of the group. For children 8 years and over participation in any dive will be at the guide's discretion.

Trip Overview

The island of Gozo is a little-known Mediterranean wonder that is home to one of our most popular family adventures. Just half an hour from Malta by ferry, it showcases an extraordinary natural environment ideal for an activity-filled week away. We have made the most of our local connections and expertise to find the very best locations and activities in and around the island. With group sizes of no more than 24, you will enjoy a highly personalised experience.

All activities are included in the holiday price. You'll have a guided boat trip around the picturesque coast, with the chance to go snorkelling and diving at some of the top scuba sites in Europe. The Gozitan cliffs offer excellent spots for rock climbing, while its many inlets are perfect for kayaking, both of which will be on the agenda during your stay.

Based in the northeastern village of Xaghra, you will be close to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Ġgantija Temples, which at 5500 years old are amongst the world's oldest freestanding structures. Gozo has been occupied by everyone from the Ancient Romans and the Arabs to the French and the

British, with evidence of this rich history very much present in its lifestyle, language, and cuisine. The week will be filled with opportunities to learn more about the local way of life first-hand and tasting island delicacies. This makes it ideal for families looking for that perfect mix of activities and culture.

Based at the rustic and welcoming Cornucopia Hotel, you will be within easy walking distance of the main town and will be able to make use of the hotel's facilities, including its sun-soaked terrace and swimming pool.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your accommodation (it takes approximately two hours with a 25-minute ferry crossing between Malta and Gozo). After you are settled into the charming Cornucopia Hotel, a guide will ensure you are fully informed about the week ahead, providing details on activities and equipment and answering any questions you may have about the local region. A welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant will then be served.

Included Meals: Dinner

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2

LAZY BOAT DAY AND TIME FOR SNORKELLING

A full day of aquatic action lies ahead! You will begin with a guided boat tour to familiarise you with the splendid coastlines and awe-inspiring cliff formations of Gozo and its smaller neighbour, Comino. This tiny island is virtually uninhabited and is populated with an array of wildlife as well as being home to the famed blue lagoon – an idyllic bay with aquamarine waters and white sand. There will be multiple stops for swimming and snorkelling (please bring your own snorkelling gear), with a picnic lunch served on board. The boat trip normally lasts around 6 hours in total.

The vantage point of the boat allows you to appreciate the ancient beauty of the island, taking in its secluded bays and rugged coastline. This is a wonderful start to your family adventure.

Please note: snorkelling gear is not provided!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING OR SNORKELLING

Discover Scuba Dive (or Try dive) is an ideal introduction to the world under the sea. You will begin with registration (you will be issued with some paperwork prior to going on holiday you will need to

complete). You will then be provided with the full equipment necessary and begin the short course in the classroom to introduce this fantastic activity. A full safety briefing will be given along with plenty of time for questions and answers. The day starts with a practice dive to get you used to the equipment and sensations and then a second dive where hopefully you will encounter some of the wonderful marine life. Lunch will be served after the diving.

Please note: for safety reasons, those aged 8 and 9 will be offered the chance to try a 'Bubble Maker' session. They can experience a shallow dive in pool-like conditions and a second dive up to 2m in a very calm area with no boats. Parents can join their children on this dive as long as they stick to a 2m depth. Those under the age of 8 years old will have the opportunity to snorkel on the surface of the water and view the same vibrant marine life as the other members of the group. For children 8 years and over participation in any dive will be at the guide's discretion.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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4

COOK LIKE A LOCAL

Today is designed to give you an insight into Gozo, its people and its traditions. At the heart of the culture lies a very healthy enjoyment of delicious food. We don't like to give too much away about what today includes, as it is a real treat, but you will most certainly learn about what the locals like to eat and how to cook it. Of course, lunch is included today.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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5

FREE DAY

Today has been left free for you to set your own agenda. Relax by the pool and enjoy the sunshine, head to the beach, take a day trip to Valletta (Malta's capital) or unwind in a spa. It is entirely up to you. Those wanting to absorb more island culture can wander around the town of Xaghra with its rustic stone buildings and delightful shops selling locally made goods.

An inexpensive hop-on, hop-off bus service can get you quickly around the island should you wish to travel further, taking in more of the island's natural beauty and historic delights. We can also look at arranging E-bike hire on request, please ask one of our Travel Experts.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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6

SEA KAYAKING AND BEACH AFTERNOON

Gozo's coastline is irresistible, and once more you will be back out on the water, kayaking on the stunning waters. Following your guide along the coast, you will paddle your 'sit on top' kayaks for around two and a half hours with two to three people (children under the age of ten will typically travel with two adults) per craft.

After your exciting morning, the group can enjoy the local beach for some free time to explore and relax. You can spend the afternoon enjoying the beach, swimming, and snorkelling (equipment not provided) and the cooling Mediterranean Sea.

Lunch is not included but there are delicious café options at the beach.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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CLIMBING, ABSEILING AND VISIT TO RAMLA BAY BEACH

Today families will take part in the activity of rock climbing with our local instructors. Amazing Mediterranean vistas await you as well as exciting climbing routes. Once you have reached the top, as well as being rewarded with wonderful views, you will enjoy the thrill of abseiling back down.

After the tour, enjoy the rest of the afternoon swimming, snorkelling (equipment not provided) and relaxing independently at one of Gozo's most popular swimming areas, Ramla Bay Beach. You can have lunch at a local snack bar (not provided), before meeting your transfer back to the hotel or, if you would prefer to return straight to the hotel, that can also be arranged.

Back at the hotel, a delicious BBQ will be served this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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DEPARTURE

Airport transfers will be arranged depending on your individual flight plans and breakfast will be included at the hotel. If you are tempted to stay on for another week, please speak to our Family Travel Experts.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Extend your stay at Cornucopia

Gozo's appeal is such that, quite simply, a week isn't enough and we have included the opportunity to extend your stay for a further 7 nights at the wonderful Cornucopia Hotel. This will give your family plenty of opportunities to get more from this beautiful Mediterranean island.

Some families will wish to soak up the sunshine and lay on the beach whilst others may wish to venture further and explore more of the island. Its rich and ancient history means there is a huge array of ruins and monuments to explore as well as small picturesque villages. For those who want even more adventures or want to repeat some of the activities they have enjoyed the previous week, there are plenty that can be booked locally with everything from rock climbing to kayaking to scuba diving available.

Please note: extensions are subject to flight and accommodation availability – please speak to our Travel Experts for further information on this.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Cornucopia Hotel (Nights: 1-7)



Cornucopia Hotel is a locally-owned, converted farmhouse which serves as a rustic and welcoming base for your time exploring this remarkable island. The hotel is less than 15 minutes' walk to the traditional village square of Xaghra where families can make use of the selection of restaurants and small shops.

Decorated in traditional Gozitan style from the limestone walls to the arched restaurant, it has a traditional feel and a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere.

Hotel facilities

- The hotel restaurant serves up a delicious á la carte menu with a focus on local produce. There is also an extensive wine list which includes local Gozitan and Maltese options
- The 300-year-old bar - which still displays the original arched farmhouse ceiling - is a lovely place to enjoy a pre or post-dinner drink
- There are two freshwater swimming pools designed with families in mind. The upper deck pool is set amongst expertly maintained gardens, ideal for children's explorations. It includes a children's splash pool and a Jacuzzi area. Situated next to the shaded terrace, a poolside al fresco lunch can also be enjoyed here
- Just a few steps from the hotel lounge there is a second pool surrounded by sunbeds and umbrellas. Drinks, snacks and lunch are served around the pool
- Indoors there is a large TV and games room
- Free Wi-Fi is available throughout

Guest room types

DOUBLE OR TWIN ROOMS

There are 20 standard rooms in total, decorated in a simple rustic style and offering either a pool or valley view. All rooms have a balcony or terrace, en-suite bathroom, minibar, TV, hairdryer and air-conditioning.

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Cornucopia Hotel - bungalow upgrade



Located across the very quiet road from the main hotel building, the Cornucopia also offers a small

number of bungalows which families can upgrade to. These offer the chance for a bit more space and privacy, whilst still being within a few short steps from the hotel and its amenities. Very comfortable and traditionally decorated, they are popular amongst families on our Gozo trip.

Each offers wonderful views across the valley and consists of a main dining area, kitchen and between one and three bedrooms (they can accommodate families of varying sizes). The bungalows also have the advantage of a communal swimming pool and terrace for guests and are in an ideal spot for you to relax and enjoy the sunshine after a day's adventure. All of the bungalows are equipped with air-conditioning for guests' comfort.

Ta' Cenc



During your stay on Gozo, you may wish to upgrade the Ta' Cenc Spa hotel. Sit on the outskirts of the village and built on the island's highest point, the hotel offers stunning views of the islands of Malta and Comino. Over 100 hectares of nature surround the hotel, offering a fantastic opportunity for families to explore the area and enjoy the local nature.

The hotel is a hideaway resort known for its comfort, family-friendly service, welcoming staff and bustling Gozitan atmosphere. General use of the pool is included for the whole stay for both adults and children, so the kids can have a splash about while parents relax by the poolside. Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and gym use is also included, for both adults and children (children allowed from 9 am – 12 noon).

Facilities

- Spa facilities including a heated sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, hydrotherapy bath, indoor and outdoor lagoon pool. Treatments may also be booked (payable locally)
- The hotel has two pools, including the main family pool with an integrated splash pool and Jacuzzi
- Spacious poolside sun terraces mean that you can spread out and set up your base by the pool for the day
- Fully-equipped gym overlooking the swimming pool - perfect for any health-conscious parents
- The hotel's own private rocky beach is great for some exciting exploration during your stay. During the warmer months, you can expect to see umbrellas, sunbeds and showers. Toilet

facilities are also available

- A concierge team
- The business centre with internet access, fax and photocopying machine and office supplies
- Two restaurants: In the Il-Carubo they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and you can eat 'al fresco' under a 400-year old carob tree. Italian-inspired food and local specialities are served here. The Il-Terrazzo is known for its delicious dishes and has a spacious terrace overlooking superb views of Gozo.

Room types

Double/Twin rooms: all of the room are on the ground level. They are spacious and have either a private patio or a terrace. Facilities include an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, radio, cable TV, minibar, trouser press, a safe, heating and air-conditioning as well as teas and coffee making facilities.

Family rooms: these rooms are specially designed for families and offer enough space for everyone. There is a main bedroom with a seating area and a second room with two single beds. Each has either a patio or a terrace. The facilities include an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, radio & cable TV, minibar, a trouser press, a safe, heating & air-conditioning as well as tea and coffee making facilities.

Trullo: these detached bungalows are circular and offer a unique place to stay. Each Trullo has a beehive style roof, a spacious seating area with a cable TV, an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone & radio, minibar, a trouser press, heating and air-conditioning, a safe and private patio.

Please speak to our Family Travel Experts for a quotation.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 4 persons, maximum 24 persons (approximately)

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our booking conditions.

Minimum and maximum age

The minimum age for this holiday can be found in the 'Key Facts' section of the holiday overview.

Younger family members may be able to participate but may not be able to take part in all activities. Please contact one of our Travel Experts if you have any questions.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Gozo - Try Diving

Discover Scuba Diving is included in July and August. For safety reasons, those under the age of 10 years old will have the opportunity to snorkel on the surface of the water and view the same vibrant marine life as the other members of the group. For children 10 years and over participation in the diving will be at the guide's discretion.

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.activitiesabroad.com/booking-conditions>

Swim stops

There are plenty of opportunities during our cruises for refreshing swim stops in some beautiful spots en route. Please note that this is not a supervised or guided activity and whilst safety equipment is

provided on board and staff members will be present, each passenger is responsible for their own safety whilst in the water.