



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 exploring the local culture and 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 breakfast, 3 or 4 lunches*, 4 dinners
- **The following activities are included:** Lazy boat day, Eco-day, sea kayaking, Mini-B diving**, climbing and abseiling, afternoon at 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:** an additional lunch is included during the Mini B diving activity (July and August). Departures outside these dates include 3 lunches.
- ** **Please note:** Mini-B 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 Mini B diving will be at the guide's discretion.
- **A note on flights:** while flights are not included in the holiday price, our team will happily provide a quote and arrange them for you. Simply ask one of our Travel Experts for details of the available options

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 Mini B 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 trips, both of which will be on the agenda during your stay.

Based in the north-eastern 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, whether sampling crafts or 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

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ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Following a warm welcome 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 introduce you to some local delicacies.

Included Meals: Dinner

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2

LAZY BOAT DAY AND 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 snorkelling and swimming, 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.

Included Meals: Breakfast, LunchDAY
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ECO-DAY

Our close ties with the local community enable us to take you off the beaten track and straight into the heart of everyday island life.

Watch craftspeople following time-old trades and keeping cherished practices alive. Visit special food producers and try their delicious creations. The Eco Day is an Activities Abroad favourite – we won't say too much about what's involved as we prefer it to remain a surprise for your family, but rest assured that your experience of Gozitan culture will be unforgettable. Lunch and dinner are included and are sure to feature some local delicacies. This is another full day where families are normally out for around 6 hours.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, DinnerDAY
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SEA KAYAKING

Gozo's coastline is irresistible, and once more you will be back out on the water, kayaking through stunning waterways and rock arches. Following your guide along the coast, you will paddle your 'sit on top' kayaks with two to three people (children under the age of ten will travel with two adults) per craft. You will be picked up from the hotel just after 9am and families are normally dropped off after the whole day's adventures just after 4pm.

There will also be the opportunity to take to the sea again for snorkelling, or to relax at Santa Marija bay and explore its caves. All will be treated to a picnic-style lunch during your activity, as well as a delicious barbeque dinner back at the hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, DinnerDAY
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FREE DAY

Today has been left free for you to set your own agenda. Relax by the pool and enjoy the sunshine or pamper yourself in one of Gozo's spas. Gozo's inviting waters may call you for extra kayaking action or scuba diving which can be booked locally. 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 – you can also take a horse-drawn carriage tour in the evening.

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.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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MINI B DIVING OR SNORKELLING

Mini B diving is an ideal introduction to the world under-the-sea with no need for wetsuits or PADI certificates, only a doctor's certificate is needed. You will be using a hassle-free scuba rucksack which goes over your swimwear and will be given a solid grounding in safety skills during the first half of the day, putting your new skills to great use in the afternoon. Depending on how much air you use, each dive has a duration of around 15 minutes – plenty of time for underwater thrills!

Please note: Diving is only included in the July and August departure dates. 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 Mini B diving will be at the guide's discretion.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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CLIMBING, ABSEILING AND BEACH AFTERNOON

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 your exciting morning, the group will be transferred to the beautiful Ramla Bay Beach for some free time to explore and relax. You can spend the afternoon enjoying the beach, the cooling Mediterranean Sea and some of the beachside cafes and shops. Those who rather would like to relax in the hotel will be transferred to the accommodation.

Dinner will be served a restaurant by the sea, with the opportunity for fresh seafood caught by the Gozitan fishermen.

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 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. Sat 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 - Mini-B diving

Mini-B diving

Mini-B diving is included in June, 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 Mini-B diving will be at the guides discretion.

Outside these months, Mini-B diving will depend on local weather conditions and, if it is possible, our local suppliers will offer it to guests and a local payment of €35pp will be applicable.

Terms and Conditions

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