



Ultimate Gozo Escape



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: The Island of Gozo

BROCHURE CODE: 4019
DURATION: 14 nights

In Brief

Small but mighty. The Republic of Malta is brimming with history, culture and rugged, natural beauty. Upholding three UNESCO World Heritage sites, countless ancient ruins and the opportunity to visit a different Maltese church each day of the year, Malta offers a fascinating insight into European and North African history. Enjoying pleasant temperatures throughout the summer months, Malta is the perfect destination for sightseeing and relaxing.



What's included?

- **Transfers:** Return airport and activity transfers
- **Accommodation:** 14 nights hotel bungalow accommodation
- **Meals:** 14 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners
- **Activities included:** 2 x try dive, Sea kayaking, Boat Trip, Climbing /Abseiling, Cooking class.
- All equipment, instruction and supervision from experienced guides.
- Services of our representatives
- 24/7 assistance from our UK based operations team and in destination support from our local partners

Trip Overview

“Balance is not something you find, it’s something you create.” We agree with Jana Kingsford and have carefully curated this two-week family getaway to showcase the vibrancy of Malta and Gozo whilst including plenty of opportunities for you to leisurely bask in the Mediterranean sunshine.

Renowned for its crystal-clear waters and superb diving sites, this archipelago is the optimum spot for beginners and experienced divers alike. Discover shipwrecks and get up close to the native marine life. You will also have the opportunity to go sea kayaking, snorkelling and rock climbing among the Gozitan cliffs.

Free time on the agenda is ample to allow you and your family the chance to spend as you please. Explore the wonders of this hidden gem wandering round the rustic town of Xaghra, home to the some of the world’s oldest freestanding structures, the Ġgantija Temples or take the short ferry crossing to Malta and discover the capital city, Valletta. Balance long days sightseeing relaxing by the hotel’s pool, saunter down to a nearby beach or unwind in a local spa.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL, TRANSFERS AND WELCOME

A warm welcome awaits you at the arrivals terminal where you will be met by a member of the team and taken to the Cornucopia Hotel. The transfer takes approximately two hours including a 25-minute ferry crossing between Malta and Gozo. Take time to settle into your charming accommodation and soak up the stunning views from the sun-soaked terrace. A guide will provide your itinerary for your stay, including details on activities and equipment and answer any questions you may have about the local region. A welcome dinner consisting of a sizzling BBQ will then be served at the hotel restaurant.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAYS
2 TO 14

ENJOY YOUR GOZO ESCAPE

Upon arrival, you will receive your agenda detailing when each of the following activities will take place. The activities listed are included in the holiday price. The rest of the time will be yours to spend as you choose.

- **Sea Kayaking** – Follow your guide along Gozo’s captivating coastline, kayaking on the beguiling waters and taking in the idyllic scenery.
- **Lazy Boat Day** – Your guided boat tour will showcase the island’s irresistible coastline, secluded inlets, and spectacular views of Gozo’s awe-inspiring cliff formations. You will also visit Comino, Gozo’s tiny and virtually uninhabited neighbour. This pocket-sized island is brimming with an array of wildlife and 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.
- **Cook Like a Local** – Tantalise your senses with this immersive culinary experience. Gozitans take their gastronomy seriously and today you’ll gain an insight into their traditions, recipes and produce with a hands on cookery class. Of course, lunch today is included!
- **Rock Climbing** – Ascend the rugged terrain with your expert rock climbing instructor, following them up exciting routes to the top of the Gozitan cliffs. Incomparable Mediterranean vistas await you. Take a moment to savour the breathtaking views.
- **Try Dive** – This experience is the perfect introduction to the world of scuba diving. You will begin with registration (you will be issued with some paperwork prior to going on holiday that you will need to complete) and provided with the complete necessary equipment. A short course in the classroom will kickstart the morning and a full safety briefing will be given along with plenty of time for questions and answers. You’ll first take part in a practice dive to help you become accustomed with the equipment and sensations. During a second dive, you will hopefully 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

DAY
15

DEPARTURE

Sadly, it's time to say *Insellimlek* (goodbye) to Gozo as your island adventure comes to a close. Your driver will take you back to Malta in time for your return flight home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Included Accommodation

Cornucopia Hotel (Nights: 1-15)



Cornucopia Hotel is a locally-owned farmhouse which had been converted and extended to serve 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 350-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.

The Specifics

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.

Terms and Conditions

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

Please note: our payment and cancellation terms will be unique to each booking - they will be confirmed with you at the time of quotation. The terms listed above are noted as a guide only