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Valletta, Malta

Port information

Currency

The Currency in Malta is the Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception on Deck 4. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafés and restaurants

Language

The language in Malta is Maltese but English is widely spoken.

Getting around

Distance to town centre

The ship will dock about half a mile below the main shopping area of the city at the newly renovated Pinto Wharf.

Getting about

There is a 'hop on-hop off' bus which you can catch outside the port. The cost is approximately €15.

You can take a ride in a horse and carriage outside the port at a cost of approximately €50.

You can also catch an **elevator** to the Upper Barrakka Gardens for €1. The elevator is approximately a 10 minute walk to the right of the port.

Taxis

Taxis are available from the port and will cost approximately €10 into the centre. We recommend agreeing a price before taking the journey.

Local Buses

Public bus stops can be found outside the port gates along the sea front promenade

Main Highlights

St Johns Cathedral was built as the conventional church for the Knights of St John. The Grand Master and several Knights donated gifts of high artistic value and made enormous contributions to enrich it with only the best works of art. The church is still to this day a very important shrine and a sacred place of worship

Admission is €6. Opening hours are 09:30-16:30.

Main highlights

Upper Barrakka Gardens: These colonnaded gardens perched high above the Grand Harbor were created in the late 16th century as a relaxing haven for the Knights from the nearby Auberge d'Italie. They provide a shady retreat from the bustle of the city, and the balcony has one of the best views Malta. The terrace below is occupied by the Saluting Battery, where a cannon once fired salutes to visiting naval vessels. The battery has been restored, and a cannon is fired every day at 12:00 and 16:00 with a great ceremony. It's well worth making time to see this. Try to time your visit for a tour - the enthusiastic, costumed guides explain how the cannon is loaded and fired.

The National Museum of Archaeology is housed in the impressive Auberge de Provence. Exhibits include delicate stone tools dating from 5200 BC and Phoenician amulets. There's an amazing temple model from Ta' Hagrat - a prehistoric architectural maquette. More impressive still are the beautifully modelled prehistoric figurines that were found locally. The most impressive is the Sleeping Lady, found at the Hypogeum, which is around 5000 years old. Upstairs the new displays showcase the coarser pottery from the Bronze Age, animal figurines and jewellery, as well as information on the island's mysterious cart ruts.

Admission €5. Opening hours are 09:00-19:00

Essential information

Tourist information

There is a tourist information centre outside the terminal

Iva

Grazzi

Bongu

Caw

Birra

Jekk joghgbok

II-Leijl it-tajjeb

Ma nifhimx Il-karozza tal-linia

II-Gurnata t-tajba

Fejn jinstab it-tojlit?

Inbid (ahmar/abjad)

Internet access

The nearest internet access is at one of the cafes by the port.

Nearest beaches

There are no sandy beaches in Valletta.

Useful phrases

Yes No Hello

Kif inti? How are you? Tajjeb/Tajba (m/f)

Thank you Please Good morning Good day Good Night Goodbye

Where is the toilet? I don't understand Bus

Wine (red/white) Beer

destinations. always ensure you keep a close eye on your valuables.

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE:

As with all tourist

Valletta is Malta's main shopping centre. Republic Street that runs downhill from Valletta's city gate, and Merchant Street which runs parallel to Republic Street are the locations of the market and a range of shops. The market sells mainly clothes, shoes, watches, jewellery. Generally shops open between 09:00-13:00 & 16:00-19:00.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Valletta, Malta