

Welcome To Valletta, Malta

The history of the Maltese Islands goes back some 7,000 years, to the dawn of civilization. Malta and Gozo are the home to mysterious prehistoric temples that pre-date the pyramids of Egypt and Stonehenge in England.

The Roman Empire dominated the islands from about 218BC. Malta changed hands a number of times after the Roman rule, most notably under the Arabs from 870AD. Other occupiers included the Byzantines, the Normans and the Swabians and the Aragonese.

In 1530, the Knights of the Order of Saint John arrived in Malta. During their rule, the Order fought off the great Ottoman Empire of Turkey in the famous Great Siege of Malta.

The period of leadership under the Knights ended in 1798 when Napoleon Bonaparte took the islands, but this occupation was short lived when the Maltese revolted against the French and the islands fell under the protection of the British Empire in 1800.

Malta became an independent state within the British Commonwealth in 1964 and became a Republic ten years later.

Malta, officially the Republic of Malta, is a small and densely populated island nation comprising an archipelago of seven islands, three of which are inhabited. It is located in the Mediterranean Sea just 52 miles south of Sicily, giving the country a warm, inviting Mediterranean climate. The island is 17 miles long and 9 miles wide.





Please check your tour tickets for meeting times and locations. Visit the Port Adventures Desk, Deck 3, Midship for any questions.



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GIANT JENGA

Deck 3, Aft - 10:15 a.m. Join your Cruise Staff for some fun and games.

FAMILY CRAFTS

Deck 3, Aft - 11:00 a.m. 3:30 & 4:45 p.m. Create a fun souvenir with your Cruise Staff that is yours to keep.

ounge, Deck 3, Aft - 1:00 & 10:15 p.m.

Navigate your way through another round of questions to test how much you really know about Disney.

omenade Lounge, Deck 3, Aft - 2:45 p.m. A special version of this popular TV game show.

PICTIONARY CHALLENGE

Deck 3, Aft - 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Joing your Cruise Staff as we put your drawing talents to the test.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MOUSEKETEER?

Your chance to get in to the "hot seat" and win limited edition prizes. Or, play along as part of our live studio audience.

BARCELONA: GAUDI, GAUDY, AND ALLURE FEATURING GLEN DOLBERG, HISTORIAN

What started as Art Nouveau suddenly switched to surreal and the world has never been the same. Wild, senseless, bright splashes of color and form actually do have meaning and purpose? Mode and modern hardly describe the "new" reality of the unreal in such a fabulous city.

ADULT ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

VISTA SPA FITNESS CLASSES & SEMINARS

Morning Stretch - Vista Spa Fitness Center - 7:30 a.m. Drab to Fab Seminar - Vista Spa Fitness Center - 10:00 a.m. Facial Workshop - Vista Spa Fitness Center - 11:00 a.m.
The Golden Look - Vista Spa Fitness Center - 2:00 p.m.
The Art Of Massage Class - Vista Spa Fitness Center - 4:00 p.m.



SOCIAL

Diversions, Deck 3, Forward - 10:00 p.m.

INFORMAL CARD PLAY

Diversions, Deck 3, Forward - 4:00 p.m.

Join some of your fellow Guests for some informal card play.

LIVE MUSIC OF TIM MOSS

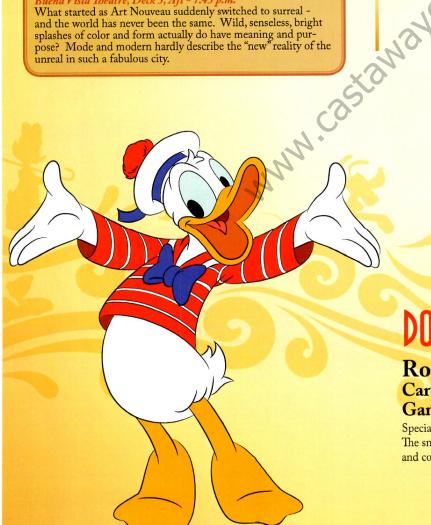
Sessions, Deck 3, Forward - 7:45, 9:45, 10:45 & 11:45 p.m. Join Tim Moss as he plays live for your listening enjoyment.

VARIETY SHOW: SCOTT PEPPER

Featuring the Magic and Illusion of Scott Pepper, in this Adult exclusive cabaret style show.

ROCKIN' ROWDY
Rockin' Bar D, Deck 3, Forward - 11:00 p.m.

Join your Club Host Tisa, as we round up the greatest classic rock and urban country hits. Featuring a bootstomping performance from the Boot Scootin dancers to start the party.



DONBIE-ND THURDOL BINCO

Rockin' Bar D, Deck 3, Forward Card Sales - 7:30 p.m. Game Starts - 7:45 p.m.

Special double up session: All electronic cards purchased will be doubled! The snowball jackpot currently standing at over \$5,500 continues to grow and could be won today!

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DINE & PLAY

A convenience for families dining at 8:30 p.m., our Youth Activities Counselors will be available at 9:30 p.m. at the entrance of Lumière's, Parrot Cay and Animator's Palate dining rooms to bring registered children to join the fun in the Oceaneer Club and Oceaneer Lab.



Deck 5, Aft (7-5864)

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 mid

Infants and Toddlers can enjoy toys and activities at Flounder's Reef Nursery. Reservations are first come, first served so please stop by!



Deck 5, Midship (7-1440) (3-12 years old)

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

ALADDIN'S FUN ADVENTURES

2:15 p.m

Come join us as we go on a fun-filled Arabian adventure, discover a flying carpet and find the hidden Genie.

PLUTO'S PAJAMA PARTY

9:00 b.m.

Bring the little ones in their pajamas but there will be anything but sleep when Pluto and friends host the ultimate slumber party!



Deck 5, Midship (7-1445)

(3-12 years old) 1

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 mid

ANIMATION CELLS

2:00 p.m.

Learn what it takes to be a Disney Animator, then put your new skills to the test as you create your very own animation cell.

PISTON CUP CHALLENGE

8:30 b.m.

This Dinoco time and you're part of the pit crew! Design your own race car and see if you've got what it takes to end up in the Winner's



Deck 2, Midship (7-5816) (11-14 years old)

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

GENDER WARS

7:30 p.m

It's the battle of girls vs. boys...who will dominate to win the ultimate battle?



Deck 11, Midship (7-18517)

(14-17 years old) 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, IMPROV!

8:00 p.n.

Perform an improv skit as you discover the wonders of drama and music on stage in front of a live audience.

GAGA BALL

10:00 p.m.

Come take part in this great game as you try to outlast your opponents.

BUENA VISTA THEATRE

Today's Movies



9:00 a.m. Duration: 1 hr 40 min Rating: PG



11:00 a.m. Duration: 1 hr 55 min Rating: G



1:00 p.m. Duration: 1 hr 40 min Rating: G



3:00 p.m. Duration: 1 hr 24 min Rating: PG



5:30 & 9:00 p.m. Duration: 1 hr 55 min Rating: G



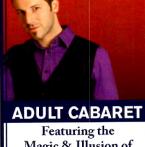
11:15 p.m. Duration: 1 hr 24 min Rating: PG



Your chance to get into the world famous hot seat and win an exclusive prize in our version of the well known television game show. Studio Sea,

Deck 4, Midship,

7:45 & 9:45 p.m.



Featuring the Magic & Illusion of Scott Pepper, as he entertains you in this adult exclusive show. Rockin' Bar D (18+) Deck 3, Forward, 10:30 p.m.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES OPEN HOUSE

Open House is an opportunity for all to come and participate in a variety of exciting activities and free time in the Oceaneer Club, Lab, Vibe and Edge throughout the cruise. During these times secured programming will still be offered in the other venue for those looking to check their children into care.

Edge: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Disney's Oceaneer Lab: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Disney's Oceaneer Club: 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



MORE TO ENJOY WHILE ONBOARD





DISNEY VACATION CLUB® GROUP PREVIEW

Want to learn more about taking magical vacations year after year? Please see a Disney Vacation Club representative on Deck 4, Midship, or call 7-2805 from your stateroom phone for more information about our interactive group presentation.



PLAN YOUR NEXT CRUISE

Avoid the evening rush and visit the Future Cruise Sales desk early for your last chance to save 10% on your next cruise, receive up to a \$200 onboard credit, and pay a reduced deposit!

DEBARK TALK BROADCAST

Important information regarding disembarkation procedures for Barcelona and your journey home will be covered in this debarkation briefing. The broadcast will be shown continuously beginning at noon on channel 25-4 of your stateroom television for your convenience.



Deck 9, Forward - Phone: 7-1465

TREAT YOURSELF

Pamper yourself and receive all of the following treatments below: Back massage, scalp massage, skin specific minifacial, and foot & ankle massage for only \$99.

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SMILE!

Tonight is your last chance to have portraits of family and friends taken by your professional photographers. Portraits will be available in the Lobby Atrium, Deck 3, Midship from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Today is your last chance to purchase transportation to the Barcelona airport. Please come past the Guest Services Desk, Deck 3, Midship.

EARLY FLIGHT INFORMATION

Should you have a flight out of the Barcelona airport prior to 10:30 am on June 27th, kindly bring your airline tickets to Guest Services on Deck 3, Midship for additional information and assistance.

CASH DECLARATION NOTICE

Guests going ashore in port with over 10,000 Euros (or cash equivalent in any other currency), are required to declare it to Customs upon arrival, or risk having it confiscated if stopped by local authorities.



Explore the historical treasures of Malta's capital city, Valletta a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1980. Learn about history, myths and legends, with highlights including the Upper Barracca Gardens & the Toy Museum or Visit Mdina, the Silent City and Mosta, known for its famous domed church. All these tours are still available at the Port Adventures Desk located Deck 3, Midship. Visit our friendly and knowledgeable team today for last minute bookings!

Toy Stoy, Monster's Inc., Finding Nemo, Up - what's your favorite Disney-Pixar film? You have a chance to purchase a piece of Disney-Pixar artwork to take home with you today! Just stop by the Art Gallery to see the Disney-Pixar Collection. Deck 4, Midship.

BOLD ITALIAN JEWELRY BY DELATORI

Where can you find fine Italian jewelry with bright and bold designs? By visiting Treasure Ketch today, you'll discover DeLatori, an Italian 925 Sterling Silver and semi-precious stone fine jewelry brand. DeLatori pieces incorporate exotic gems and nature-inspired concepts that create fresh and new looks with exquisite details. Deck 4, Forward.

HELPFUL SHOPPING TIP

While shopping onboard, you may collect your items from both stores before proceeding to checkout at any register. No need to have to wait in line in each store to pay for your items separately! Mickey's Mates and Treasure Ketch, Deck 4, Forward.

DELIGHTFULLY DESIGUAL

Brighten up your outfit with a stylish handbag designed by Desigual! With their fun prints and bright colors, find the Desigual handbag that most inspires you by visiting Treasure Ketch today. Deck 4, Forward.

STYLISH TIMEPIECES BY PHILIP STEIN

Take the time to visit Treasure Ketch and discover the wide selection of luxury brand timepieces available including sophisticated designs from Philip Stein. With elegant pieces from the Signature Collection and the unique Sleep Bracelet designed to improve your quality of sleep, Philip Stein provides the wearer with a sense of style and serenity. Treasure Ketch, Deck 4, Forward.

OFFICER PIN TRADING

Come and trade pins with the officers of the Disney Magic at 7:30 p.m. in Preludes, Deck 4, Forward.

Due to port regulations, when the ship is docked, the stores will remain closed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Security Notice

All Guests (including Children) who wish to disembark or embark the ship are required to present their Key to the World card at the angway. A photo ID is also required for those Guests who are 18 years of age or older. Guests under the age of 18 are required to have a Parent, Guardian or other responsible adult sign an authorization form at the time it is given out if they wish to go ashore unaccompanied. Authorization forms are available at the angways and Guest Services.

Cold and Flu Reminder

your party become ill.

Inclement Weather
For the safety of all Guests, outdoor events
may be changed due to unforeseen weather
conditions.

Corridor Quiet Hours

As a courtesy to all our Guests, please recognize quiet hallway hours from 10:00 p.m. til 8:00 a.m.

Environmental Message

Environment please refrain from throwing anything over the Ship's side. Thank you.

No Reserved Seats Policy

As a courtesy to all Guests we kindly advise that the saving of seats is not permitted in the Walt Disney Theatre, and the saving of the sun loungers is not permitted on Deck 9 and 10. Items left unattended will be returned to lost and found at Guest Services, Deck 3, Midship.

Smoking
For the comfort of our Guests the following open deck areas on the Starboard Side are designated as Smoking areas:
Deck 4 Starboard side from 6:00pm to 6:00am ONLY, Deck 9 Forward Starboard side.
Quiet Cove and Deck 10 Starboard side.
Smoking is prohibited in all Guest staterooms.
Guests found smoking in their staterooms will be charged a \$250 stateroom recovery fee. Electronic eigarettes may only be used in fee. Electronic cigarettes may only be used in designated smoking areas.

Sunscreen Advisory

Walt Disney Theatre

Theatrical performances may use artificial fog, strobe lights, pyrotechnics and other special effects. For the safety of our performers and the comfort of those around you, the use of any photography or video recording device or any electronic equipment is prohibited.

Verandah Safety

Please do not leave any combustible materials on your balcony when not present in your stateroom for safety reasons

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Fire/Security: Medical EMERGENCY: Health Center:

7-3001 7-3000 7-1923

M. D. Animator's Palate: Captain's Gala
Z. M. Parrot Cay: Captain's Gala
D. Lumiére's: Captain's Gala
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A Paradise Punch

(Alcoholic)

F Pina Smoothie

(Non - Alcoholic) Dining Times: 6:00pm & 8:30pm

Wednesday: Sunny High: 77°F/25°C

Tuesday: Sunny High: 73°F/23°C

WEATHER FORECAST

Evening Attire: Semi Formal

DINING & LOUNGES

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focuses on movement and features content which appeals to younger children.

is designed with a strong connection to the Disney classic stories.

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includes large group games & movement-oriented activities.

are less active, but will challenge children with problem/solutions

9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM

6:00 AM

7:00 AM -6:15 AM -

7:30 AM -

DECK 3, MID

LUMIÉRE'S (Á-LA_CARTE)

DECK 9, AFT

TOPSIDERS BUFFET

PARROT CAY

DECK 9, AFT DECK 3, AFT

BACAKFAST

GOOFY'S GALLEY

focuses on children's stage presence with lots of activities and enthusiasm.

will have a tactile focus allowing children to create and admire their work.

based activities.

A non-secured program with activities for families, adults and children of all ages to enjoy together.

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DISNEY'S OCEANEER LAB	Deck 5, Min	10:00 AM -12:00 MID
EDGE	Deck 2, Mid	9:00 AM - 1:00 AM
FLOUNDER'S REEF NURSERY	Deck 5, AFT	7:00 AM -12:00 MID
VIBE	DECK 11, MID	12:00 PM - 2:00 AM

11:15 p.m. Duration: 1 hr 24 min Rating: PG

5:30 & 9:00 p.m.

Rating: G 1 hr 55 min Duration:

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10:45 AM -10:45 AM -12:00 PM -

DECK 9, AFT
DECK 3, MID
DECK 9, MID
DECK 9, AFT
DECK 9, AFT

PINOCCHIO'S PIZZERIA

GOOFY'S GALLEY

PLUTO'S DOG HOUSE TOPSIDERS BUFFET

6:30 PM

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6:00 PM -6:30 PM -

DECK 10, **AFT**

DECK 3, MID DECK 3, AFT DECK 9, AFT DECK 9, AFT

DECK 4, AFT

ANIMATOR'S PALATE

LUMIÉRE'S PALO*

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* TO BOOK YOUR TABLE, PLEASE CALL 7-6843

TOPSIDERS CASUAL DINING

PLUTO'S DOG HOUSE

PARROT CAY

LATE NIGHT SNACKS

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Goory's Pool	Deck 9, Min	6:00 AM -12:00 MID
MICKEY'S Pool	D еск 9, A FT	8:00 AM -10:00 PM
MICKEY'S SLIDE	Deck 9, AFT	11:00 AM - 5:30 PM
MICKEY'S SPLASH ZONE	D еск 9, A FT	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
PORT ADVENTURES DESK	DECK 3, MID	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
QUIET COVE POOL	DECK 9, FWD	6:00 AM -12:00 MID
VISTA FITNESS CENTER	Deck 9, Fwb	6:30 AM -10:00 PM
WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS DECK DECK 10, FWD	DECK 10, FwD	24 Hours

Character Appearances

Deck 4, Midship - 5:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Deck 4, Midship - 6:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. DONALD & DAISY

Deck 4, Midship - 10:30 p.m.

GOOFY

24 Hours 24 Hours

DECK 9, AFT DIAL 7-4330

BEVERAGE STATION ROOM SERVICE

STUDIED FEATURES

24 Hours

5:45 PM -

DECK 4, FWD

DECK 3, AFT

12:00 MID 6:30 PM 8:45 PM 12:00 MID

5:00 PM -

DECK 3, FWD

DIVERSIONS (18+)

COVE CAFE (18+)

(AFTER 9:00 P.M. ADULTS ONLY) 6:00 AM - 12:00 MID

Adults must be 21 and older to consume alcoholic beverages.

DECK 3, MID DECK 9, MID

ENTERTAINMENT - LOUNGES

2:00 AM

6:00 PM - 12:00 MID

DECK 3, FWD DECK 3, FWD

ROCKIN' BAR D (18+)

Sessions (18+) SIGNALS (18+)

STUDIO SEA

PINOCCHIO'S PIZZERIA

PLUTO'S DOG HOUSE PROMENADE LOUNGE

6:00 PM

11:00 AM -7:00 PM -

9:30 AM - 12:00 MID

DECK 9, MID

DECK 3, AFF DECK 9, AFT

9:00 AM -

8:00 PM -

SHOWTIMES

10:30 PM

10:00 AM -

DECK 9, FWD

DECK 4, MID

11:00 PM 12:00 MID

6:00 PM -9:30 PM -11:00 PM -

DIVERSIONS DECK 3, FWD
ICE CREAM AT GOOFY'S GALLEY DECK 9, AFT
PINOCCHIO'S PIZZERIA DECK 9, MID
PROMENADE LOUNGE DECK 3, AFT

11:45 PM

11:00 PM -

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BUENA VISTA THEATRE	DECK 5, AFT	SHOWTIN
DISNEY VACATION CLUB DESK	DECK 4, MID	6:00 PM -11:00
FUTURE CRUISE SALES DESK	Deck 4, Mid	5:00 PM - 10:00
FUNNEL VISION	Deck 9, Mid	SHOWTII
GUEST SERVICES	DECK 3, MID	24 Ho
HAIR BRAIDING	Deck 9, Mid	
MEDICAL HEALTH CENTER	Deck 1, Fwb	9:30 AM -11:00
		4:30 РМ - 7:00
PORT & SHOPPING DESK.	Deck 3, Mid	7:30 PM - 8:30
Preludes	DECK 4, FWD	5:45 PM - 6:30
		8:00 PM - 8:45
QUARTER MASTERS (ARCADE)	Deck 9, Mid	24 Ho
SHUTTERS PHOTO GALLERY	DECK 4, AFT	6:00 PM -11:00
VISTA SPA AND SALON	Deck 9, FwD	8:00 PM - 10:0C
WALT DISNEY THEATRE	DECK 4, FWD	SHOWTI

MIDPING	DECK 4, FWD	DECK 4, FWD	DECK 4, MiD 5:30 PM -11:00 PM	DECK 3, FWD 5:30 PM -12:00 MID	
	MICKEY'S MATES	TREASURE KETCH	ART GALLERY	UP BEAT	

Meet-and-Greets will be advertised for the length of time the line will be open. To avoid disappointment, please meet at start time of appearances.

For detailed Character appearance information, please dial 7-PALS or see the Character Information Board in the Lobby Atrium.

Don't forget your Camera to capture those Magical Moments!

Check here each day for Character appearances.

All Ashore: Approx. 7:45 a.m. All Aboard: 5:00 p.m.

Consumers who order raw or partially cooked, ready-to-eat food of animal origin, are hereby informed that the food is not sufficiently cooked to ensure its safety.

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AT A GLANCE

Capital:

Valletta

Location:

Eastern Malta

Population:

8,500

Language:

Maltese and English

Currency:

The Euro is the currency of Velletta

Banking:

Most banks are open weekdays 8:30am – 12:30pm and Saturday 8:30am – 11:30am

Post Office:

The main post office is open weekdays 8:15am – 3:45pm and Saturday 8:15am – 12:30pm; branch offices are open Monday through Saturday 7:30am – 12:45pm

Transportation:

Taxis are available at the ships pier

Shopping Hours:

Shops are generally open
Monday through Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm
and 4:00pm to 7:00pm – closed on Sunday.
The recommended shops will be open
all day when the ship is in port

Browse your Destination Guide (found in your stateroom) for more details.

PORT ADVENTURERS...

Check your ticket for the correct meeting time and location of your tour. Your Port Adventures Team will direct you to transportation.

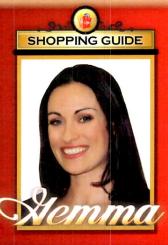
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Photo ID and Key to the World Card as well as Cash and/or Credit Cards.
Do you have your VIP cards?

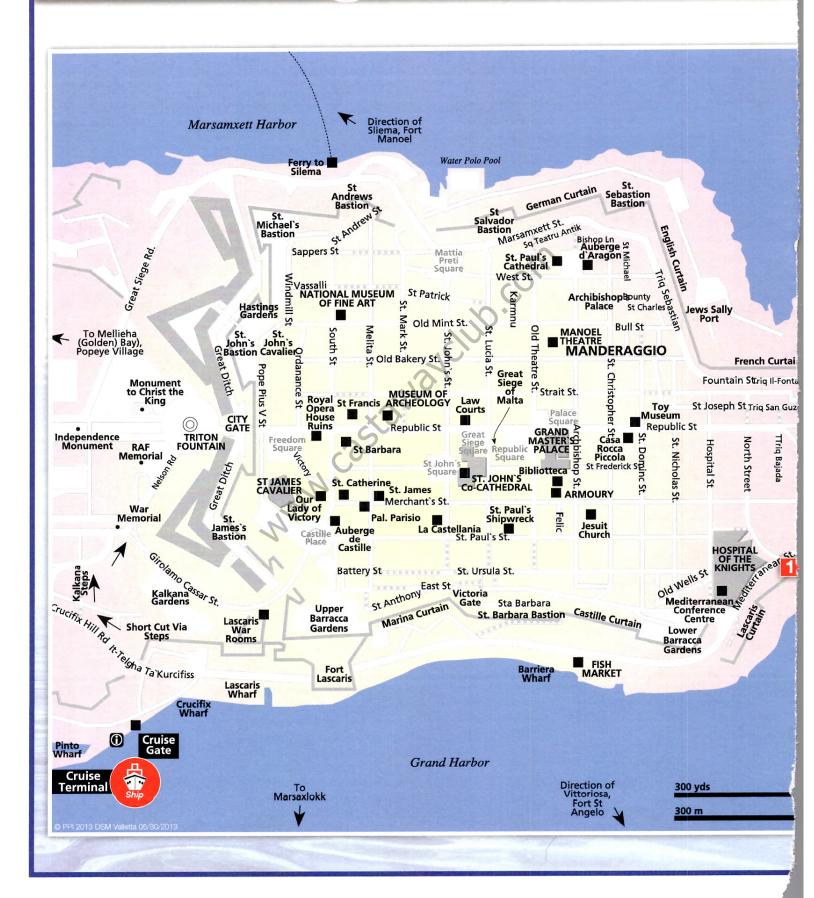


CHANNEL 25-3...

Watch channel 25-3 for insider tips on how to spend your free time, before or after your tour and where to find the best local goods ashore! Stop by Gemma's desk for more information to help create the best experience for you and your family!



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VAT REFUND PROGRAM Value Added Tax (VAT) is a tax refund program in which non-European Union citizens may be entitled to reclaim a portion or all of the tax paid for items purchased in participating stores. Each store's participation in the VAT refund program is discretionary. In most cases, VAT is already added to the purchase price. Please note that regulations and conditions governing the refund of VAT are subject to change. It is the responsibility of the cruise ship guest to inquire about a store's VAT refund program participation and if their purchase qualifies. For information about participating stores listed on this map, please see your Shopping Guide.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

Valletta (Malta): Port Agent - O.F. Gollcher & Sons, Ltd.

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AN OVERVIEW OF VALLETTA

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The three small islands that make up the Republic of Malta have long held the attention of the world, from the days of crusading knights to World War II action, all due to Malta's strategic location. Malta's islands are positioned in the Mediterranean, just south of Sicily, a point that commands access not only to Europe but to Northern Africa and the Middle East as well.

Bustling Malta, rugged Gozo, and nearly uninhabited Comino long have been one of the world's busiest cultural crossroads, and influences of the region's many cultures are seen in everything from its cuisine to its architecture. Even the Maltese language is a mélange of influences, and is the only Arabic root language written with Roman characters.

Those crossroads—or, in this case, sea-lanes—converge on Malta, the largest island in the Republic of Malta. For years, the sea has brought travelers into Malta's capital city of Valletta, whose shimmering blue harbor is a stark contrast to the limestone walls that outline the city. The harbor that now welcomes cruise ships first greeted Phoenician traders 3000 years ago. Later, the Knights of Malta journeyed here to protect pilgrims on the way to the Holy Land during the Crusades.

The city itself dates back to 1566 when its cornerstone was laid by the Grandmaster of the Order of Saint John, Jean Parisot de la Valette. From its beginning, the city assumed a strong military posture with thick city walls, an imposing fort, and other extensive fortifications throughout the city, many of which survived extensive bombing during World War II.

Today memories of the Knights can be found along the cobblestone streets of Valletta. St. John's Co-Cathedral brims with artwork and treasures including "The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist," the largest single work (and the only signed painting) by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio as well as an extensive collection of seventeenth-century Flemish tapestries. Just down the street stands the Palace of the Grand Masters, now home of the Parliament of Malta, where two-inch-high steps were constructed so the knights could ascend in full armor.

Valletta's heavy stone fortifications are best seen in the early morning light when the limestone glows with the golden promise of the day ahead. Just outside the walls stands the Barracca Gardens, where knights once exercised in the clear morning.



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