



SmallGroup Travel Tour of Malta with Sue Kuti 2020 Let me share my heritage with you!

Day 1 – 21st April 2020 Arrival in Malta

Welcome to Malta! Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel (group transfer included). The remainder of the day is yours at leisure to relax. Welcome drinks (not included) will take place this evening to meet your fellow travellers.

Overnight at Waterfront Hotel

Day 2 – 22nd April 2020 Valletta

Today it is time to explore the capital city of Valletta, you will transfer here by coach. This tour will take you through the bustling streets of Valletta allowing you to view the Baracca Gardens that command a breathtaking panorama of the Grand Harbour and then to St. John's Cathedral, adorned in riches that date back to the Knights of Malta including the world famous Caravaggio painting that is on display in the Oratory of this Cathedral. Included is also a visit of the Grand Master's Palace which

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includes the state rooms, as well as a visit to The Archaeological museum. Time permitting, you may also visit the ANZAC Memorial at Argotti Gardens.

Your walking tour of the Capital City also includes St John's Co Cathedral and a Kinnie Tasting. Today you have 1 hour free time for lunch / shopping (lunch not included). Transfer back to your hotel.

Meet in the hotel lobby & transfer to Valletta for dinner this evening at Kings Own. Make your own way back after dinner. (B,,D)

Day 3 – 23rd April 2020 Gozo

The Gozo Land Rover Safari is probably the best way to see the island of Gozo, where we take you to all the places of interest that our sister island has to offer and drive through beautiful countryside and valleys, taking different routes from your 'normal' excursions. You will be collected from your accommodation from 7:00am onwards and taken to the Jeep Safari Terminal (departure point) from where the Safari departs for the Gozo Ferry. Upon arrival in Gozo, we will start our Safari to discover the magical island of Calypso (max 4 people per Land Rover). We drive to the village of Qala and then on to Nadur, down to the red sandy beach of Ramla l-Hamra (Ramla Bay) and then on to the very quaint village of Xaghra. Enjoy a cheese demonstration at Rikardu's farm. Lunch is at Rikardus in Citadell. After lunch we head off for Marsalforn which is a very popular tourist town and then on to Dwejra the 'Inland Sea'. During this excursion, we will also visit Ggantija temples – two Megalithic temples - considered to be one of the earliest free standing constructions in the world, the citadel in the capital city of Victoria, the Bay of Xlendi, Azur Window and inland sea at Dwejra. From here we head to the Fishing Village of Xlendi and then back to the ferry. We will return to the Safari Terminal at approximately 6:00pm when you will be collected once again to be taken back to your accommodation. (B,L)

Day 4 – 24th April 2020 At Leisure

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Today you will have an optional walk of Three Cities led by Sue Kuti. Join me and wander through amazing streets untouched by Tourism

I will be leading you to the Three cities. It's an amazing part of Malta. We will catch the local bus.

The Three Cities offer an intriguing insight into Malta and its history. These cities are a slice of authentic life as well as a glimpse into Malta's maritime fortunes. Along with Mdina it is the oldest fortified city in Malta.

The harbour inlets have been in use since Phoenician times: the docks always providing a living for local people, but also leaving them vulnerable when Malta's rulers were at war. As the first home to the Knights of St. John, the Three Cities' palaces, churches, forts and bastions are far older than Valletta's.

We will pass through narrow medieval streets and coastal footpaths.

We will also visit the Malta at War Museum where you will be able to enter the underground war shelters of World War II. There will be some free time to have lunch in the Victory Square and visit the Inquisitors Palace.

The walk will conclude at the fort alongside the marina where you can then get the ferry across to Valetta and have the most amazing view at Baracca Gardens. You can either stay in Valetta or get the ferry or bus home.

Bring your walking shoes! Entry fees and lunch at your own expense (B)

Local transportation is at your own cost. (B)

Day 5 – 25th April 2020 Marsaxlokk, Tarxien & Hal Saflini Hypogeum

Discover the southern part of Malta visiting the picturesque fishing Village of Marsaxlokk. Tarxien Temples is a group of three temples that due to their very good state of preservation provided plentiful evidence of the skill and artistic abilities of our forefathers. It dates from 3600 to 2500 BC and is the most complex of all temple sites in Malta. It consists of four megalithic structures. The highlight of this day is a visit to the world-renowned Hal Saflini Hypogeum This truly unique site enjoys an individual listing on the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Hypogeum consists of halls, chambers and passages hewn out of the living rock and covering some 500m². The rock-cut chambers are of a diverse shapes and sizes and finished to different standards of workmanship. The complex is grouped in three levels – the upper level (3600-3300 BC), the middle level (3300-3000 BC), and the lower level (3150 -2500 BC). The deepest room in the lower level is 10.6 metres under road surface. The site was discovered accidentally by a stone mason in 1902. Lunch today is at Tartarun, a local seafood restaurant. *Please note that restricted viewing at Hypogeum applies. Only 10 persons per hour can go in so tickets must be purchased well in advance. We will rotate the groups so half visit the Hypogeum whilst the other half explore Tarxien Temple.* The group will meet for lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 6 – 26th April 2020 At Leisure

Today is yours at leisure to relax and explore independently. Your driver and guide are available at your disposal. There is the possibility of an afternoon walk and sunset viewing. (B)

Day 7 – 27th April 2020 Mosta, Mdina, Rabat and Ta Hagra

A visit to Mosta Church, Europe's third largest free standing dome and Mdina, Malta's old capital city for a short walk in the 'silent city' admiring the imposing bastions that command a magnificent view and allow us to admire a panorama of most of the island. Included in this tour is a visit to Ta Hagra Temples which is one of the earliest temple buildings in Malta. The temple is smaller than many of the Islands' temples, at 15m long internally, but it is better preserved. In Rabat we also visit the Roman Villa (Domus Romana) with its mosaic pavements that rank amongst the finest and oldest compositions from the western Mediterranean and St. Paul's catacombs. Mdina will be your last stop before lunch. Enjoy a Pastizzi & tea stop (Crystal Palace). Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

Day 8 – 28th April 202 Prehistoric sites, Limestone Heritage & typical fishing village

Depart for a full day tour to the South (including Temples & Limestone Heritage). We explore one of Malta's unspoilt typical villages. Together with the guide you will be led to a Maltese Pjazza (square) along winding narrow streets where progress did not leave its mark. We proceed to the temples Hagar Qim & Mnajdra temples (3600 BC). These temples stand on a hilltop and offer a breathtaking view of the sea and the islet of Filfla. Lunch is light today at Dive In Restaurant. After lunch, proceed to the beautiful cliffs at Dingli. We also visit the Limestone Heritage which is a modernised quarry that

explains Malta's foremost trade of quarrying together with farmhouse building and stone decoration always using the typical limestone. (B,L)

Day 9 – 29th April 2020 Sailing

This morning you will transfer to Ramla Hotel which is situated close to Cirkewwa and board the Pegasus around 10am. Spend the day on the water. With plenty of time for swimming, enjoy food and drinks included on board. Swimming is dependent on the weather. Lunch and an open bar is included. (B,L)

Day 10 – 30th April 2020 At Leisure

Today is yours at leisure. This evening, meet in the lobby to go for farewell drinks and nibbles. Walk to the Terrace. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

Day 11 – 1st May 2020 Departure

Following breakfast, the day is yours at leisure until it is time to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B). or Join me in Sicily!

End of Services

COST PER PERSON

April:

Min 13 people

Waterfront Hotel

Standard Room \$4005 AUD

Supplement for Partial Waterfront: \$350 AUD (highly recommended)

Supplement for Waterfront Room: \$570 AUD

Single Room: \$5145 AUD

INCLUSIONS

- Arrival and departure transfers (group transfer only)
- 10 nights accommodation
- Meals as per the above itinerary
- Transportation in an air conditioned
- Entrances fees as per the itinerary
- Services of an English-speaking guide

EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic airfares
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Activities and meals not mentioned in the program
- Gratuities and personal expenses

All rates are per person in AUD. Should there be a major change in the exchange rate the price may need to be modified.

Transfers are based on all passengers arriving and departing together.
If your transfer is outside of this time, additional charges may apply.

Duration for excursions mentioned in the descriptions are approximate, and can vary for operational reasons.

SmallGroup Travel is not responsible for visa and vaccination regulations.

Travel Insurance is mandatory to travel on a SmallGroup Travel tour. I can help you with this.

Conditions of Payment:

You are required to fill in the SmallGroup Travel Booking Form. Once completed you will receive an invoice with payment details. Credit card payments will incur a fee of 1.1% for Visa and 3% for American Express.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required to secure your reservation.

Full payment is required by 31 January 2020.

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