



destination UPDATE

MALTA & GOZO

First impression: Malta is a small but compact, ever evolving destination, which remains true to its fascinating culture and this is very evident throughout the Maltese Islands.



Malta is an independent republic consisting of a small group of islands – Malta, Gozo and Comino. There are smaller and uninhabited islands such as Cominotto and Filfla. The Islands are located in the centre of the Mediterranean, lying about 95 km to the south of Sicily and about 293 km to the North of the African mainland. The population of the two main inhabited Islands, which is 400,000 plus on mainland Malta, where Gozo only has a mere 30,000.

These Maltese Islands have been a point of encounter for a host of people as a stronghold, refuge, trading post and home for over 7000 years. This list of people include temple builders, seafaring Phoenicians, the traveller

Apostle Paul, to the Knights of St John, Napoleon and various members of British Royalty.

There are two official languages in Malta, English, which is widely spoken and Maltese, which is Semitic although its alphabet and grammatical structure are derived from Latin. The Maltese are also predominantly Roman Catholic and there is tangible evidence throughout Malta, such as the magnificent cathedrals and churches that are the hubs and pride of every town and village.

With Malta being the size that it is, the destination write up will be based on its two main inhabited Islands, mainland Malta and Gozo.

DMC: EC Meetings



We are fortunate to have one of Malta's top DMCs, EC Meetings as our elite partner in Malta. Their superior local knowledge, professionalism and ability to meet the needs of the incentive & conference market are hard to match. You can contact Jenny Vassallo Cesareo or Sue Nani from EC meetings, whose knowledge of the island, the hotels and the venues is incomparable, due to their experience in the tourism industry.

Flights



Air Malta flies from London Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dublin and Belfast City Airport. Other Airlines include British Airways & low cost carrier Ryanair.

Location Malta

The largest of the islands is of course Malta, which has an area of 246 square kilometres, followed by Gozo (67 Kms) and Comino (3 Kms). Being a small Mediterranean Island, it has its pros; one being that transfer times around the island are always kept to a minimum. Malta also has a good position in the Med, which benefits the European market, as reaching the destination from anywhere in Europe will never be more than a few hours.



The island has neither mountains nor rivers but is characterised by a series of low hills with terraced fields. The shoreline, which is 137 kilometres long, has many bays and harbours, with a fairly wide selection of small, sandy beaches and rocky coves. Malta highest point is only 239 m above sea level.



Another major plus to Malta is that you get good value for your money, especially on food and accommodation. The island offers 5* accommodation for 4* prices when compared to other European destinations.

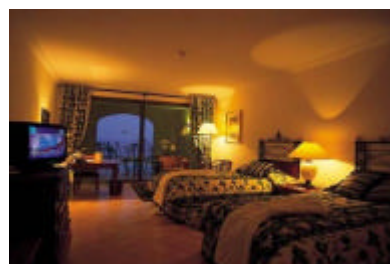
FIVE STAR HOTELS

Hilton Malta

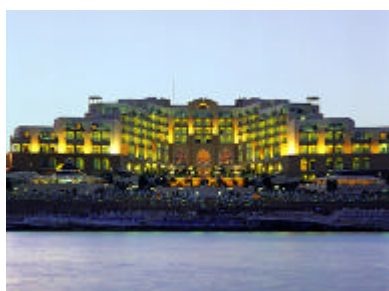


The Hilton Malta is a luxurious, five star hotel situated at Portomaso waterfront in Malta, only a short walking distance away from the bars, cafes and clubs of St. Julian's. For business purposes the Hilton Malta offers 21 meeting rooms, and a self-contained Conference Centre offering the latest equipment. The hotel offers 410 Deluxe & Executive Rooms as well as suites and luxury and

relaxing facilities for people who seek comfort and a pleasant stay. These facilities include a fitness centre, spa, 5 swimming pools, sports facilities, several restaurants and bars. It also offers the novel arrival by water taxi directly into the hotel.

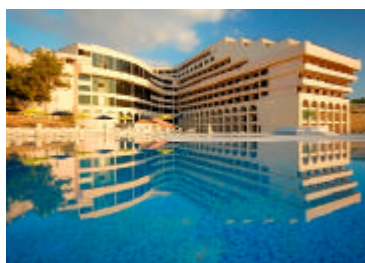


Corinthia Hotel St. George's Bay



An imposing property with 250 rooms, including suites, set overlooking St. George's Bay and the Casino. It is close to the heart of the local action in St. Julian's and only a short distance from the capital Valetta. It offers all the facilities one would expect, from a leisure centre to state of the art conference facilities. The self-contained Conference and Events Halls, which incorporate the Business Centre, cater for conferences of up to 550 delegates, as well as banqueting and reception facilities for up to 1,500 persons.

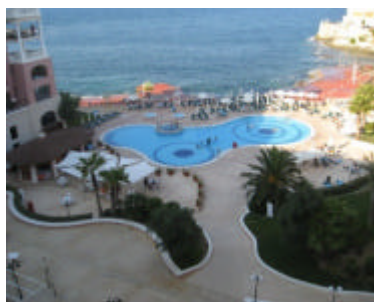
Grand Hotel Excelsior



Grand Hotel Excelsior is a recently opened five star hotel located in the main capital of the island, Valletta where all beautiful historical and cultural attractions can be found. The hotel offers its guests breathtaking views of Marsamxett Harbour and Manoel Island from the suites' balconies, some providing a 180° stunning view. Hotel Excelsior contains a total of 439 guestrooms, including Deluxe Rooms, Executive Rooms and Suites spread over ten floors. Furthermore Excelsior provides a great range of leisure facilities including swimming pools, a spa and wellness centre, a gym, water sports possibilities and a variety of bars and dinging possibilities. The hotel holds conference and banqueting facilities with thirteen separate setting designs to choose from.



Westin Dragonara Resort



The Westin Dragonara Resort is a high quality five star resort. It is excellently situated on its' own 74,000 square metres peninsula on the seaside of St. Julian's along with sea views. The Westin has 340 guestrooms and the rooms are larger than average, providing a light and airy feel with large balconies. There is a wide range of leisure facilities, including spa treatments, sports and fine dining. The property has its own dedicated conference centre with the main conference room seating up to 600 either theatre style or at a reception. There are also a further 10 syndicate rooms. Highly recommended for both conference and incentive groups.

The hospitality at the hotel is of a high-quality service and staff are always friendly and willing to help. The hotel is only a short distance away from the cafes, bars and clubs for those that would like to experience the dynamic nightlife of St. Julian's.



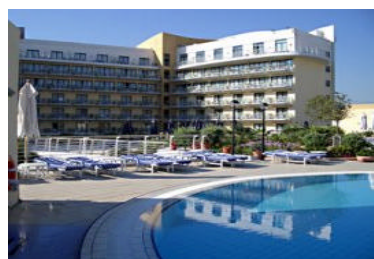
Radisson Blu Resort St. Julian's



A five star hotel overlooking St. George's Bay, St. Julian's. The hotel has 252 rooms and suites, all sea facing, together with a leisure complex. It is situated in a quieter area of St. Julian's, only a short walking distance away from the vibrant centre where you can find restaurants, bars, nightclubs and a casino. The hotel guarantees efficient and friendly services towards their guests, for which the resort has become renowned. Facilities include indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a gym and spa and wellness facility. The hotel also has a diverse range of food and beverage possibilities, ranging from snacks and drinks to a fully arranged à la carte dinner. Radisson business meeting facilities include a Grand Ballroom, accommodating up to 550 delegates theatre style or up to 700 persons at a reception as well as smaller meeting rooms. The ballroom has a large terrace which can accommodate a large number of people – weather permitting.

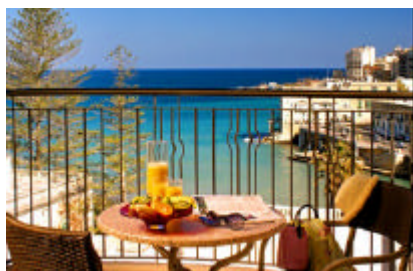
Intercontinental Malta

A five star hotel situated in the waterfront of St. George's Bay in St. Julian's offers 451 comfortable bedrooms that include 33 suites and 3 club Inter-Continental floors. A Beach Club including private beach, water sports and restaurants with additional dining, leisure and shopping facilities are all in a short distance from the hotel.



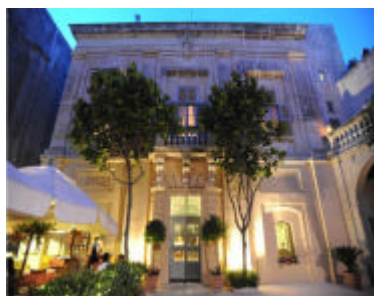
It has the premier venue on the Maltese islands for World class Conference & Incentives, with over 2700 square metres of Conference and Meeting facilities and an additional 1700 square meters of meeting/banquet space available in their Ice arena, they can accommodate all requirements. 200 Meeting rooms, 4 Restaurants and 4 Bars. A super lush tropical garden and fully equipped business centre combined with Malta's top health club and a cinema complex adjacent to the hotel.

Le Meridien Malta



Architecturally, an imposing property situated in the picturesque Balluta Bay, St. Julian's. The hotel has 276 rooms including suites. Le Meridien Malta has 1600 square meters of luxury Spa facilities, including a tropical indoor pool, several treatment rooms and a Fitness Centre. The 1800 sqm conference centre is situated on one all-purpose floor featuring an amphitheatre of 141 seats. There are also 11 syndicate rooms catering for 8 to 350 people and a large landscaped terrace which is perfect for coffee breaks, lunch, dinner or receptions for approximately 500 persons.

Xara Palace Mdina



The Xara Palace Relais & Châteaux formerly a 17th Century Palace forms part of the Bastions of the Citadel. It is a secluded, luxury, boutique, family-run hotel situated in the medieval, fortified city of Mdina.

Magnificently restored and converted into a 17 individually designed suite hotel, it is ideal for the discerning top management meeting or conference. Each suite has been decorated with authentic antique furniture and original Maltese and International paintings, and one of the suite's lounge can easily be converted into a small meeting or boardroom to ensure absolute confidentiality. There is also a separate boardroom for 10 persons and full office facilities. The de Mondion roof top restaurant offers excellent Mediterranean and Italian Cuisine and provides spectacular views of the Island. To work it off, there is a gymnasium and sauna in-house, whilst the nearby Marsa Sports Club offers Golf and Tennis.

4 STAR HOTELS

Marina Hotel

This is the sister hotel of Corinthia Hotel St. George's Bay and located next door, to the San Gorg. The property offers 200 rooms including 10 suites all with a sea view overlooking St. George's Bay, an outside lido together with use of the leisure facilities and four restaurants or bars at the San Gorg. With the advantage of being within the Corinthia Beach Resort the hotel would be more suitable for incentive groups. Although the leisure and conference facilities of both hotels can be shared by guests of both hotels, care should however be taken as the two hotels differ in class and style. Very clean, fresh decor makes this a very pleasant hotel.

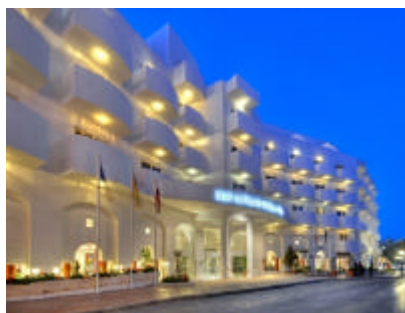


The New Dolmen

Situated in the north of the island close to St. Paul's Bay, the hotel offers 413 rooms including suites. There are outdoor swimming pools, tennis and squash courts, indoor leisure complex with swimming pool, gymnasium and sauna. The property has a self-contained conference complex with a conference room catering for up to 1200 theatre style. It also has a further conference room for up to 200 theatre-style, plus 5 syndicate rooms. The leisure and conference facilities make this a popular venue for sales conferences as well as any lower budget incentive groups.



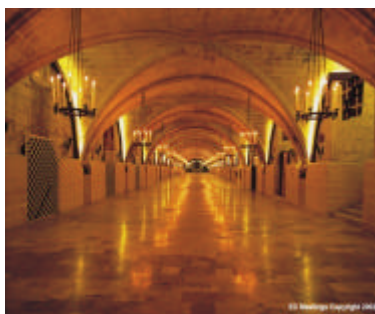
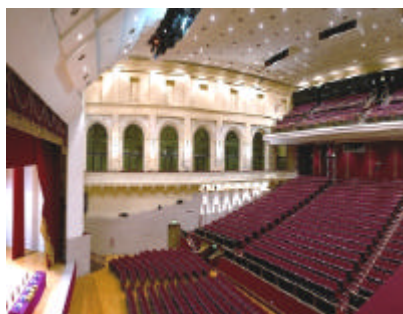
Grand Hotel Mercure Coralia San Antonio



This hotel offers comfort, a unique character and excellent service. It offers 295 rooms including 8 suites, a lagoon outdoor pool, lobby bar and terrace, landscaped gardens. The Costa Restaurant offers a unique concept of live-cooking stations together with various buffet tables and salad bar, coffee shop, wellness centre including a large fitness room, aerobic studio, 2 saunas, steam bath, indoor pool and Jacuzzi. All rooms have a balcony or terrace and are furnished with en suite bathrooms, hair dryer, ceiling fan and air-condition, satellite television, direct dial telephone, computer socket, European socket, mini bar and safe. The hotel also offers a conference centre with the largest hall being able to accommodate 350 delegates in theatre style.

CONFERENCE VENUES

The Mediterranean Conference Centre (MCC)



Located on the edge of the historical city of Valletta and overlooking the Grand Harbour, the Mediterranean Conference Centre (MCC) is a 16th century building formerly known as the 'Sacra Infermeria'. Originally it was constructed as a hospital for the Knights of Malta and is now one of the largest conference centres on the Island!

The MCC features a total of 10 halls and 9 syndicate rooms over an area of 7,000 m² with a capacity ranging from 15 to 1,400 persons. Each meeting hall is equipped with its own independent sound, lighting and climate control. Conference facilities include permanent installations for simultaneous interpretation for up to six languages, ADSL, WI-FI as well as A/V equipment.

Among the many halls is the 155 metre long Exhibition Hall, which can comfortably accommodate up to 1,100 persons for seated dinners. Furthermore, the Sacra Infermeria contains another two halls namely the La Valette, a wonderful banqueting venue which seats 900 guests and also La Cassiere provides an intimate dining atmosphere for executives or small incentive groups.

Opposite the conference centre is situated the MALTA EXPERIENCE providing an entertaining and informative documentary of the island's history. The Multivision presentation was updated and improved only recently and is situated underground in a purpose built, fully air-conditioned theatre with multi-lingual translation. Theatre capacity is for 265 persons with shows available for exclusive use before 11.00hrs or after 16.00hrs. Also available are cafeteria service or welcome cocktail parties serving international drinks and canapés, or even barbeque dinners for pre-booked groups. Seating can be provided for up to 60 indoor's, 85 outdoors or 130 standing.

The Hilton Conference Centre



Set in Portomaso Marina in St. Julian's and with a direct internal connection to the adjacent Hilton Malta, the Hilton Conference Centre offers the combination of a Mediterranean setting and state-of-the-art-facilities. The conference Centre is spread over 4 levels with plenty of syndicate rooms, pre-function space and has a main conference room which can accommodate 1056 persons theatre style. The Centre also has its own dedicated loading bay to transfer goods in and out of the building.

The Malta Fairs & Conventions Centre - MFCC



The Malta Fairs & Conventions Centre (MFCC) is Malta's largest international conference and exhibition venue, and offers a blank canvas for creating any kind of event. The 7000 m² tension fabric structure can host any type of event ranging from large scale conferences to gala dinners, a concert for 10,000 to motor exhibitions, fashion shows and the like.

MFCC has 3 moveable arches that will facilitate the rigging of production and set infra-structure and furthermore a flexible decking system that can create a stage of any size. The venue also has the ability to create tailored seating configurations to suit every event. From cabaret seating and

conference set ups through to concert layouts and gala dinners, MFCC has both its own stock of seating as well as the resources to provide executive and luxury seating when required.

The venue's in-house resources, expertise and flexibility offer a complete support network that can deliver all requirements to the highest standards. Tailored menus and bar facilities are available for every occasion and the size and flexibility of the venue allows for dance floors, lighting, PA systems and staging to be incorporated with ease, providing entertainment facilities second to none.

Furthermore, the venue boasts the following facilities:

- ? Full temperature control system
- ? Catering facilities available
- ? 80 toilets available
- ? 3 Phase Power Supply and stand by generators
- ? Wheelchair access
- ? Two foyer entrances allowing for back to back setups
- ? Parking space available for 400 cars
- ? Double skinned roof with a black interior and silver exterior
- ? 22 emergency exit doors within the main structure and additional emergency exits to the adjacent tents.
- ? Wi-Fi is available in all areas
- ? Adjustable tiered seating available for up to 200 persons
- ? Black Samsonite chairs or upholstered conference chairs available
- ? In-house audio visual services/exhibition stands/signage and artistic designers
- ? Simultaneous interpretation booths
- ? Curtains available to divide main area

The Eden Arena



Completed in late 2003, the Arena offers the largest uninterrupted floor area, as well as a significant amount of non-core space, in this area.

The Eden Arena's strongest point is the flexibility that an empty hall provides. There is no hindrance of fixed stages, tables or chairs, therefore each event may be tailor made to each requirement and to the smallest detail.

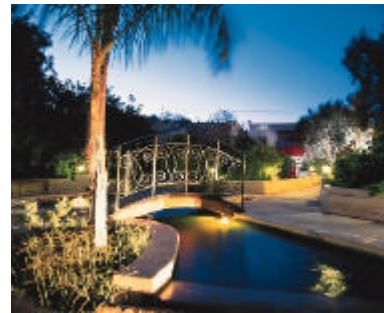
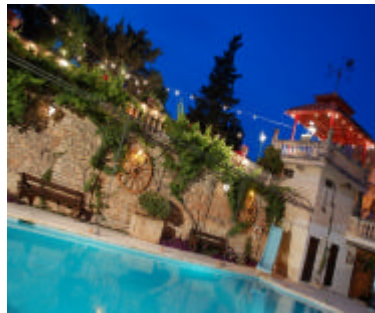
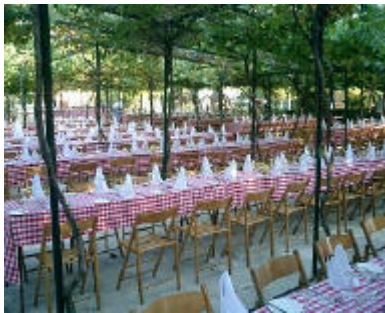
Space

- ? The Eden Arena comprises 1660m² of uninterrupted space.
- ? The high arched ceiling (5.7m – 8.9m) can be utilized to your advantage and allows you to display visuals for your product or service according to your specifications.
- ? Non-core area includes 1110 m² of break out area.
- ? Dimensions of 50m x 28m.

- ? Possibilities of segmenting the arena with special partitions for smaller events or for further options in organising your event.
- ? A significant amount of storage space also exists.
- ? Includes special bar area for break out purposes.
- ? Office space.
- ? Wheelchair access and restroom.
- ? Services and Equipment
- ? Fully air-conditioned
- ? Ceiling supports to facilitate setting up of visual displays.
- ? Mobile Partitions
- ? Wire-free access to the Internet (WLAN), using WI-FI technology.
- ? Telephone points / 3 Phase Power supply

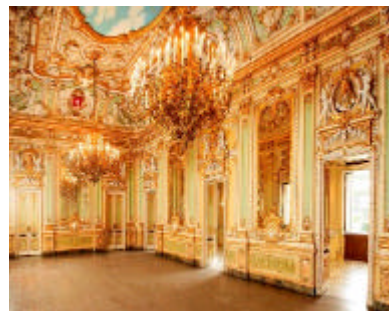
ADDITIONAL VENUES

IL-RAZZET L-ABJAD FARMHOUSE & VINEYARD



This an excellent fun venue where you can sample traditional wine and food, your genial host entertains you in this private, 300 year old farmhouse set in an orange grove surrounded by his vineyard. Whether just sampling wine or enjoying a lunch or evening Maltese Extravaganza, with total indoor or outdoor seating of up to 400 ppl, this is a superb venue for a fun filled festival. Improvements have been made to enhance the ambience and character of the place making this an ideal venue for any conference or incentive group.

PALAZZO PARISIO



Palazzo Parisio is a truly stunning venue which is ideal for upmarket gala dinners and lunch can be served outside (weather permitting). The lavish Palazzo Parisio is a magnificent 18th Century Palace built by Grand Master Manoel de Vilhena. In the 19th Century it was acquired by a noble family who set about embellishing it into a stately home and as you would expect, holds various Italian and Maltese treasures. The main garden can hold up to 600 for a reception and 1000 if including the Second garden and 400 for dining. Within the Palace itself there are various rooms (as pictured above) which can cater for up to 220 and hold receptions for 500.

RESTAURANTS

There are plenty of great restaurant options throughout Malta, from the lively St. Julian's and the Spinola Bay area, to the charming, sophisticated Capital Valletta and even to the Mystical Silent City of Mdina, you can be sure to find a restaurant to suit any group. The food tends to reflect the location of Malta, with strong links to the Mediterranean, Sicilian and North African cuisine.

Barracuda Restaurant



The Barracuda Restaurant has been earmarked with renowned and leading popularity for 29 years, because its principal mission in operation continues to offer gastronomic a la carte specialities with impeccable service, in an elegant and comfortable exquisite setting. The Barracuda Restaurant stands majestically on the shoreline, in the picturesque Spinola bay. The menu amongst other items, offers a variety of Mediterranean fish and shellfish specialities. (Seating capacity: Front Terrace: 22 persons (summers only), Side Terrace: 40 pax; Inside: 90 pax, Parapet: 25 (summer only))

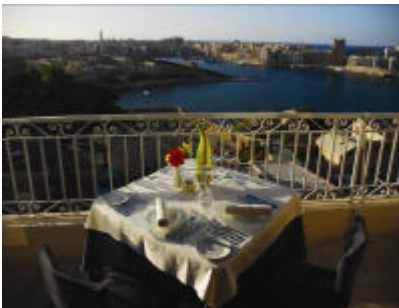
I Fratelli



One of the latest additions to the Valletta Waterfront, I Fratelli offers its clients a relaxed atmosphere, where the history of a 16th century vault meets contemporary design. The chefs use only the freshest of local produce to serve typically Italian food. The selection of antipasti, pasta dishes as well as meats and fresh fish are guaranteed to tickle your taste buds. The menu changes regularly, so you are assured novelty each time you visit. For those who love their wine, the wine list is vast and allows you to

have your favourite bottles as well as tempt you to try new ones. The staff is friendly and welcoming so that guests truly feel comfortable while dining here (76 people inside or outside).

Ristorante Giannini



Giannini is an excellent place to have lunch or dinner when visiting Valletta. The restaurant is situated above St. Michael's bastions with vast views of Manoel Island and the pretty Marsamxett Harbour. The third floor of a typical Malta townhouse has been converted into a delightful restaurant. The cuisine is a delicious blend of Mediterranean food and fresh fish is available daily as well as a rounded dessert menu, including a refreshing sorbets and homemade cakes. (Seating capacity: 60 inside, 14 outside)

De Mondion



De Mondion Restaurant is the rooftop fine-dining restaurant of the magnificent Xara Palace Hotel in Mdina. This beautiful restaurant overlooks much of Malta. The open-air terrace dining area has spectacular views and provides a romantic setting at night with the lights of the towns glimmering in the countryside. The menu offers a mix of Mediterranean, Italian and French dishes. (Seating capacity: 50 inside, Upper Terrace: 44; Lower Terrace: 40)

Activities



Malta is fortunate to have 300 days of bright sunshine and pleasant weather. With this in mind, most of the activities are outdoor activities where clients can have fun in the sun, be it for teambuilding, cultural experiences or simply leisure.

Activities range from simple treasure hunts, to abseiling with breath-taking views, to water challenges on jet-skis and sailing yachts, to snorkelling adventures in the crystal clear waters. Whether you are interested in a relaxed paced leisure activity or an active adrenaline pumping challenge, or alternatively something more cultural and educational, Malta is a destination that has it all.

Whilst in Malta we took part in several activities such as sailing to the hotel on a traditional Maltese vessel. We toured around the harbour, and then departed to our hotel which was a great surprise and seemed to be really appreciated with the group. We also visited Mdina, which is deemed the silent city and is a famous fortified city that holds much Maltese culture and architecture. We also flew over Malta in a sea plane, which was a great experience and I would recommend for a group, especially if you combined it with visiting Gozo or Comino, or both!

Another great way to see the whole of Malta, Gozo and Comino is to do the 360 Malta tour, which involves racing around the island in teams via different modes of sea transport. For example you would go to the first base on jet skis, second base in speed boats, third base in traditional Maltese boats and so on and so forth. A truly unique experience that only an Island of that size could offer.

Gozo

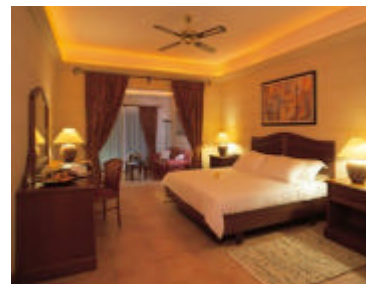
Gozo is a very small sister Island to Malta, only covering 67 square kilometres and only boasting a population of 30,000. Again, similar to Malta, but smaller, it has very short transfer times around the Island and is only a 20 minute ferry from Malta. It is like taking a step back in time to a more leisurely age, with little traffic and a gentler, more relaxed pace of life.

This Island tends to be a bit more of a side dish in comparison to Malta, but the two definitely go well together. Gozo has very similar features to Malta, but just a lot smaller in scale. For example, it still has value for money especially on food and accommodation, rich cultural heritage and high quality of service standards. The only major difference would be that the terrain is more rural and the general pace of life, as mentioned before, is more relaxed. You can definitely combine 3 islands in one trip due to the close proximity of all 3 being Malta, Gozo and Comino.

Although a small island, there is nevertheless plenty of interest. A visit to Victoria, the island's capital, provides the opportunity to visit the Ancient Citadel, and Ricardo's Bar, where the owner makes his own wine. The bar is incredibly popular for lunch, combined with a wine tasting. The different wines are of surprisingly good quality. Ta' Frenc Restaurant is also a lovely restaurant where an outside buffet can be arranged and is cooked before you on the Terrace.

JEEP OFF ROAD TOURS/TREASURE HUNTS are an ideal way of seeing more of this beautiful island. For something completely different on the transfer back to Malta on a Seaplane or hire power-boats that take you, via the famous 'Blue Lagoon' back to Malta. You can also take the powerboats. Or even the more leisurely "Luzzu" (Traditional Fishing Boat) via the Blue Lagoon in Comino, where a brief stop can be made for swimming in this aquamarine lagoon.

Kempinski Hotel San Lawrenz – Gozo



This property is built on a 30,000 square metre site and is peacefully located on the outskirts of San Lawrenz, a typical tranquil Gozitan village, just minutes drive away from the picturesque Dwejra Bay and the Azure Window, a World Heritage Site. The resort is architecturally based on the typical Gozitan farmhouse with a combination of stone and wood, which gives a rustic feel together with all the qualities of a five star hotel. The Kempinski San Lawrenz Resort & Spa with 122 rooms, virtually all suites, offers a variety of options for sports and activity. Guests enjoy any of three pools (one indoor), tennis courts, squash courts, well-equipped gym for working out and a Jacuzzi for relaxation. But among spa enthusiasts, the Kempinski San Lawrenz Resort & spa is perhaps best noted for the treatments and services offered at its renowned Thalgo Marine Cure Centre, which has been certified as the "Best Marine Cure Centre in the Mediterranean" by Thalgo Cosmetics of Paris. The Resort caters and is fully equipped for business conferences and incentive meetings of both large and small size. In fact, part from the main conference hall, which accommodates 300 seats, also has access to 3 syndicate rooms.

Hotel Ta Cenc

Hotel Ta Cenc is located on the highest point of Calypso Island, providing breathtaking views of the cliffs and the islands of Malta and Comino. The hotel area contains 160 square metres where one can have pleasant walks and meditation. The hotel offers 83 guestrooms including double rooms, suites, bungalows and family apartments. The hotel also offers a restaurant for lunch and dinner and a terraced snack bar where one can taste a variety of dishes. For recreational purposes one can enjoy the two swimming pools, the hotel's private beach, which is situated in the rocky inlet of Mgarr ix-Xini including a bar and grill restaurant. Furthermore, Hotel Ta Cenc has 5 conference and incentive meeting rooms which can hold up to 180 delegates at its disposal and the Palazzo Palina, which is a medieval castle where any type of function can be organised.



Activities

Again, similar to Malta, Gozo's activities offer the similar choices to the likes of Malta including adrenaline filled activities, peaceful, leisurely activities and exploration activities. For example, you can visit the crystal blue Lagoons, go tuna diving and visit the many natural beauties of the island, to list a few options available. Whilst we were in Gozo we took part in a great team building activity that involved two jeeps, two cameras and two maps! Oh and of course two teams!

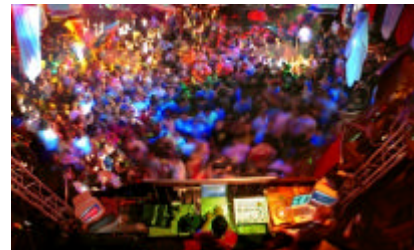
We took part in a simple, fun, teambuilding exploration task in which, both teams had to race each other across Gozo whilst making a film of our choice. The catch was we had to include 4 different parts of Malta each in our film. Ours was a documentary and it did produce some laughs when we watched it with the other part of the group and saw what both teams got up too! A great teambuilding activity, that gave you a good chance to explore Gozo and its landscape.



Nightlife

The place to be for nightlife in Malta is without a doubt, Paceville. It is just a short distance away from the Spinola area and has a large number of bars and clubs always with a crowd of people set on enjoying the night. Paceville has a really great atmosphere about it and is a fun, compact and bubbly area. Party animals will love this town, with its large number of pulsing nightclubs all next door to one another.

The clubs vary in the music they play, so everyone can find a bar or club playing their sort of music, for example we visited a bar called Fuego which played salsa music! You can also find RnB music at Havana, House music at Places or commercial pop at Sabor and because of the close proximity of the major bars and clubs and the area of Paceville you are within easy walking distance of your hotel. Malta isn't all manic clubs and bars though as for those who prefer to sit and enjoy a drink, many of the bars have small seating areas outside where guests can sit and have a relaxed drink and people watch as they chat.



Malta also has a number of small tranquil wine bars which guests can make use of. For a venue with a difference, these little hidden treasures are ideal for clients who want the group to network and stick together outside the commercial busy Paceville. The guests can be served premium wines (or any other drinks) and canapés spending the evening chatting and mingling between themselves in a more relaxed ambience.

Summary

Malta is destination that has been developing for a number of years and the infrastructure has got to an impressive standard but at the same time it hasn't overdeveloped. It most certainly still has the charm of a Mediterranean island, with beautiful architecture, warm temperatures, delicious foods, fascinating history and just a feel for that relaxed way of life. Also, the range and quality of the hotels is comparable with any other major destination and can satisfy the most discerning incentive or conference group. Added to this, is the extremely reasonable cost of food and beverages. Malta is now a quality destination in every respect and deserves the support for having worked so hard to provide the industry with exactly what it needs. For anyone having previous doubts about the island we would urge them to try Malta and are sure that you will be pleasantly surprised.