

ALPINE STERLING MALTA & GOZO

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY



BRONZE AWARD WINNER



Our Islands

- 300 Days of Sun
- Everyone speaks English
- Easily Accessible – Flights under 3 hours
- Short Transfer Times
- Excellent Infrastructure
- Plethora of Great Hotel Options
- 7000 Years of History
- Abundance of Historical Venues & Palaces available for events
- Ancient Cities
- Extremely Safe Destination
- Value for Money
- Famous Hospitality & Fantastic Service
- 3 Islands in 1 Day
- Highest Density of Blue Flag Beaches in EU

Our Islands

The Maltese Islands have long been a special destination for travellers. Lying at the centre of the Mediterranean, 120 km south of Sicily, the tiny archipelago was destined to be a meeting place for myriad cultures. Close to mainland Europe, yet far enough away to provide a real break from the familiar, the Maltese Islands are a natural choice for conference and incentive travel.

Blessed with a superb climate all year round, stunning architecture and natural beauty, the Islands offer the ideal location for combining business and leisure. On Malta, you can enjoy an array of activities in one of the most eclectic destinations in the Mediterranean.

English speaking, yet with a distinct southern exuberance, the Islands are a rare blend of relaxed living and cosmopolitan bustle. Malta and its sister Islands of Gozo and Comino each have their own charm and character, which means you can combine several choices of venue and entertainment during your stay. Prehistoric temples rub shoulders with baroque palaces and magnificent fortifications to provide a spectacular backdrop to your hospitality program. For a splash of live local colour, join the merriment of Malta's extravagant 'festas'. Pageantry and pre-history with panache: anything is possible during a stay in Malta.

Malta's climate is typical of the Mediterranean and is strongly influenced by the sea. The Maltese Islands have a pleasantly sunny climate with a daily average of around 12 hours sunshine in summer going down to 5 to 6 hours in mid winter. Summers are hot, dry and very sunny. Day-time temperatures in summer are often mitigated by cooling sea breezes. Spring and autumn are cooler, except when the occasional Scirocco wind from Africa brings unseasonably high temperatures and humidity. Winters are mild, with the occasional short cold spells brought about by the north and north-easterly winds from central Europe. Annual rainfall is low, averaging 568mm a year. Bathing in the sea is quite possible well into the 'winter' months, and the peak beach season can last until mid- to late October.

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Formalities

European residents need a valid identity card.

Time difference

Malta time is GMT +1 hour.

Electricity

The electrical supply is 240 volts, 50 hertz.

The three-pin rectangular plug system is used, as in Britain.

Adapters are very easy to find.

Airport

Malta International Airport is located between the villages of Luqa and Gudja, 10kms from Valletta.

Religion & Worship

The Majority of the Maltese are Roman Catholic, but other religious denominations are also represented. There are small Anglican, Church of Scotland, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Methodists and Muslim communities.

Language

The official languages are Maltese and English. Maltese is a language of Semitic origin written in the Latin script. Over the centuries, it has incorporated many words derived from English, Italian and French. Italian is also widely spoken.

Currency and banks

Since the 1st January 2008 Malta has the Euro currency as its official money. Banks are normally open until early afternoon from Monday to Friday, and until midday on Saturday.

Why work with us?

- Been in operation since 1969
- Family Run Business.
- 18 Multi-National Team Members.
- Bronze Award Winner at M&IT Awards 2018 for “Best DMC”
- Awards received from CWT for “Best DMC” & “Best Event”
- Quality Assured DMC – From Malta Tourism Authority
- Personal Hands-on Events Manager from first proposal to site visit, through to operations & billing.
- Repeat business and referral is for us the highest endorsement we could have.

- Tailor Made proposals including innovative ideas whilst keeping in mind brief & budget
- Organised events from 10 to 1800 delegates.
- Range of groups include MICE, Cultural, Special Interest, Music, Sports, Religious etc

Our referrals include

Bayer Germany, Virgin Media, O2, Sony, LG, Arrow, Manulife, Mapfre, Bayer Hungary, Association of British Travel Agents, United Nations Telecommunications Conference, Cognizant, All State Insurance, Hill-Rom

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- Platinum DMC
- Individual Incentive program
- 5-night stay

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	<u>Day 4</u>	<u>Day 5</u>
Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
Arrival Meet & Greet at Airport Limousine Transfer to hotel	Private guided visit of Valletta, The Capital City	Visit Gozo, Malta's sister Island by Tuk Tuk Wine-tasting experience at Tal-Massar	Discover the Three Cities in a Rolling Geek Harbour cruise in a 'Dghajsa'	Limousine Transfer to the airport for departure
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
Free time or Couples Spa Treatments at the hotel	Lunch at Rampila Terrace	Lunch at Ta' Frenc restaurant	Lunch at Don Berto Terrace overlooking the Yacht Marina	
Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening
Dinner with a view at San Giuliano restaurant	Dinner at Diar il-Bniet, a Farm to Table experience	Dinner at Barracuda restaurant	Transfer to Mdina in a Vintage Car Guided evening walk Cocktail served at the bastions Dinner at De Mondion Rooftop Terrace	

Day 1



Arrival



As guests exit the arrivals lounge, they will be met by our Hospitality Staff who will give them a friendly welcome and offer fresh towels and water before escorting them to their waiting vehicle.

Transfer time to the Malta Marriott Hotel & Spa is approximately 25 minutes

The Malta Marriott Hotel & Spa

- 5 *****
- Located in St Julians
- 20-minute transfer from airport
- 301 rooms and suites, some with seaviews
- Complimentary WIFI
- Restaurants, bars & exclusive areas
- Indoor & Outdoor swimming pools
- Spa & wellness centre
- Gym

The Malta Marriott Hotel & Spa



This hotel is located in a lovely area overlooking the picturesque Balluta Bay. While it is still in St Julians, it is situated away from the centre of town and instead guests can take a walk along the promenade where they can find many little bars and restaurants along the way.

Should guests like to visit the centre of town (also known as Paceville, this is an easy 10-15 minute walk away)

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San Giuliano



On this first evening on the island, guests will have dinner at The San Giuliano Restaurant, situated in St Julian's and overlooking the picturesque Spinola Bay, with its fishing boats and old arched boathouses which are floodlit in the evenings.

The restaurant is a 10 -minute walk from the hotel but guests can choose to go by taxi if they prefer.

San Giuliano's kitchen is manned by a team of expert Italian chefs who serve a variety of Italian dishes, specialising in fresh fish brought in daily by fishermen who moor their boats just metres away from the restaurant.

Day 2



Valletta, The Capital City



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Valletta is Malta's capital City as well as a World Heritage site and is nothing short of an open-air museum. It is a living experience of Baroque architecture, a monument donated by the Knights of St John nearly five centuries ago.

Throughout the years, Valletta has welcomed emperors, heads of state, artists and poets and is now the permanent seat of the Maltese government.

Dotted with quaint cafes and wine bars, the city is today one of Malta's main tourist attractions, hosting among others, the majestic St John's co-cathedral, the imposing bastions and a treasure of priceless paintings. It also provides a stunning snapshot of Malta's Grand Harbour, often described as the most beautiful in the Mediterranean.

Transfer time from the Marriott is approximately 20 minutes

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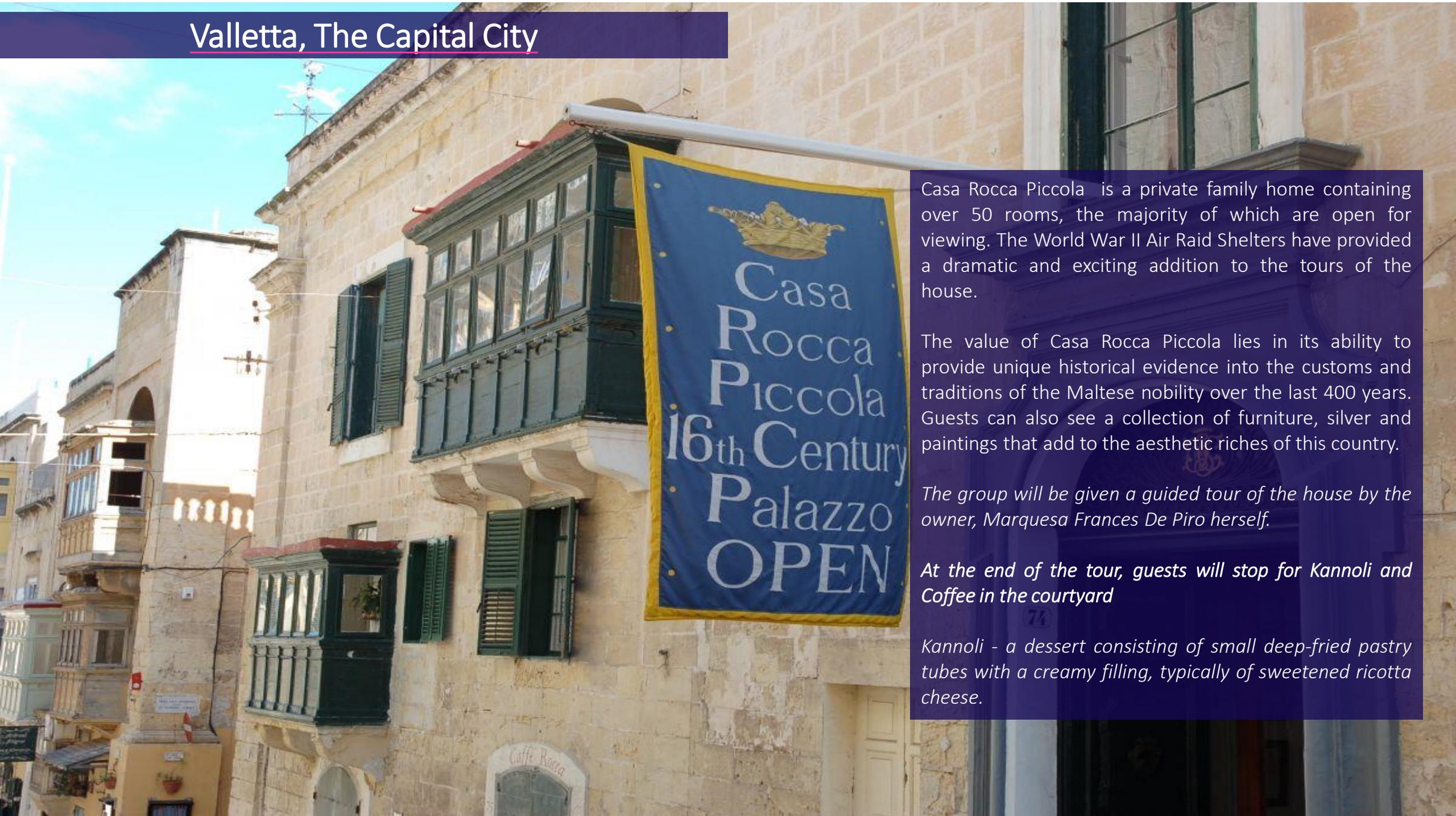


During this private guided tour of Valletta, guests will visit St John's Co Cathedral which is considered to be the crown jewel of Valletta. While its stark facade does nothing to indicate what artistic treasures lie within, the moment one steps inside this divine monument built by the Knights, one will quickly understand why this title is hardly an exaggeration.

The Co-Cathedral was built by the famous Maltese architect Girolomo Cassar between 1573 and 1578, commissioned by Grand Master Jean de la Cassière and served as the Conventual Church of the Order of the Knights Hospitallers of St John, known as the Knights of Malta

During the Cathedral visit, guests will also have the opportunity to view the famous painting by Caravaggio, The beheading of St John.

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Casa Rocca Piccola is a private family home containing over 50 rooms, the majority of which are open for viewing. The World War II Air Raid Shelters have provided a dramatic and exciting addition to the tours of the house.

The value of Casa Rocca Piccola lies in its ability to provide unique historical evidence into the customs and traditions of the Maltese nobility over the last 400 years. Guests can also see a collection of furniture, silver and paintings that add to the aesthetic riches of this country.

The group will be given a guided tour of the house by the owner, Marquesa Frances De Piro herself.

At the end of the tour, guests will stop for Kannoli and Coffee in the courtyard

Kannoli - a dessert consisting of small deep-fried pastry tubes with a creamy filling, typically of sweetened ricotta cheese.

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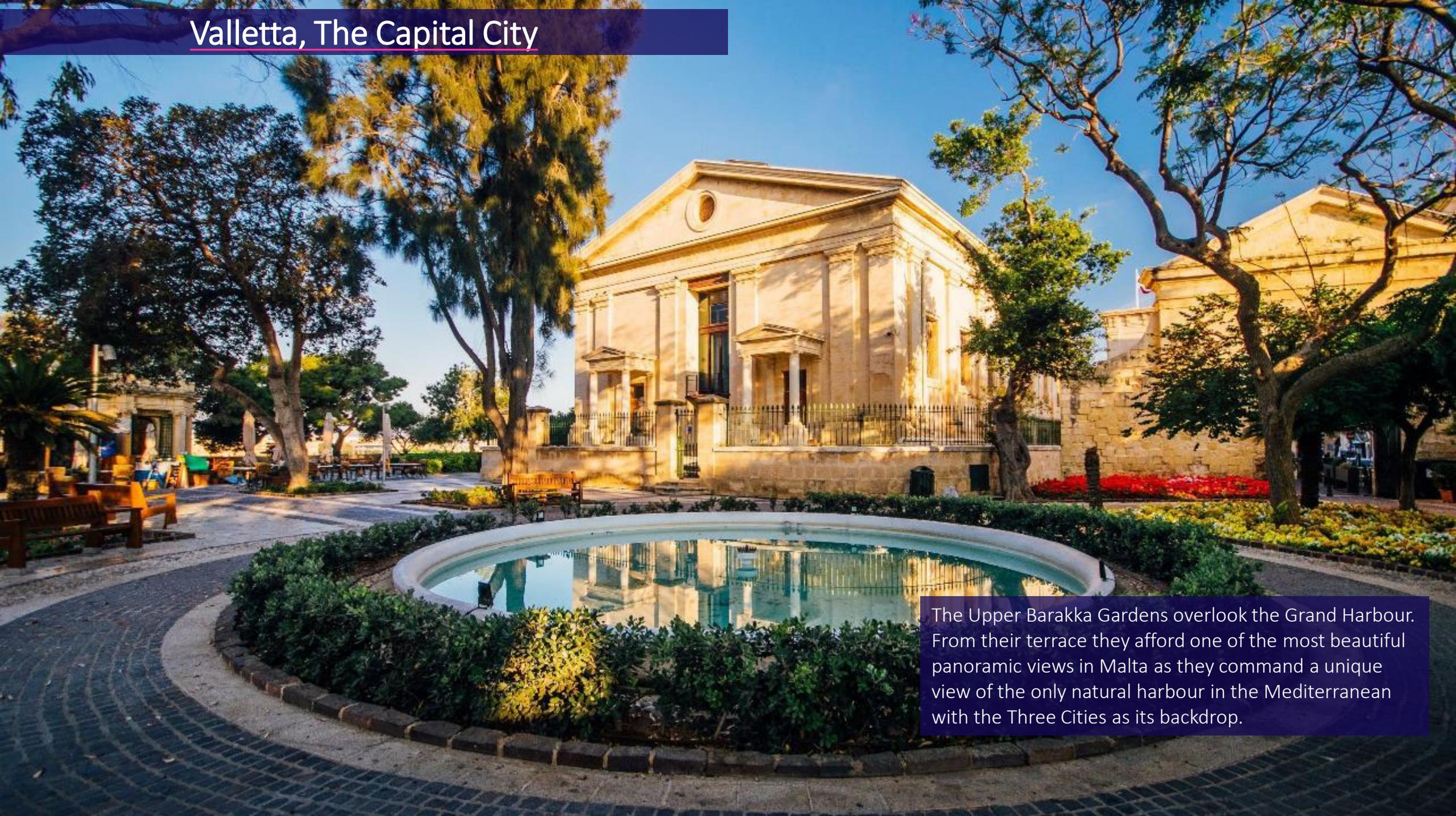


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The Saluting Battery is located high along Valletta's eastern historic ramparts, it enjoys unrivalled spectacular views of the Grand Harbour and its surrounding fortified towns. It is also perhaps the oldest saluting battery still in operation anywhere in the world. For almost 500 years, its guns protected the harbour against naval assault. Its prominent position also ensured it becoming the island's principal saluting platform. From here, gun salutes were fired on occasions of state, to mark anniversaries and religious feasts, and also to greet visiting dignitaries and vessels.

Valletta, The Capital City



The Upper Barakka Gardens overlook the Grand Harbour. From their terrace they afford one of the most beautiful panoramic views in Malta as they command a unique view of the only natural harbour in the Mediterranean with the Three Cities as its backdrop.

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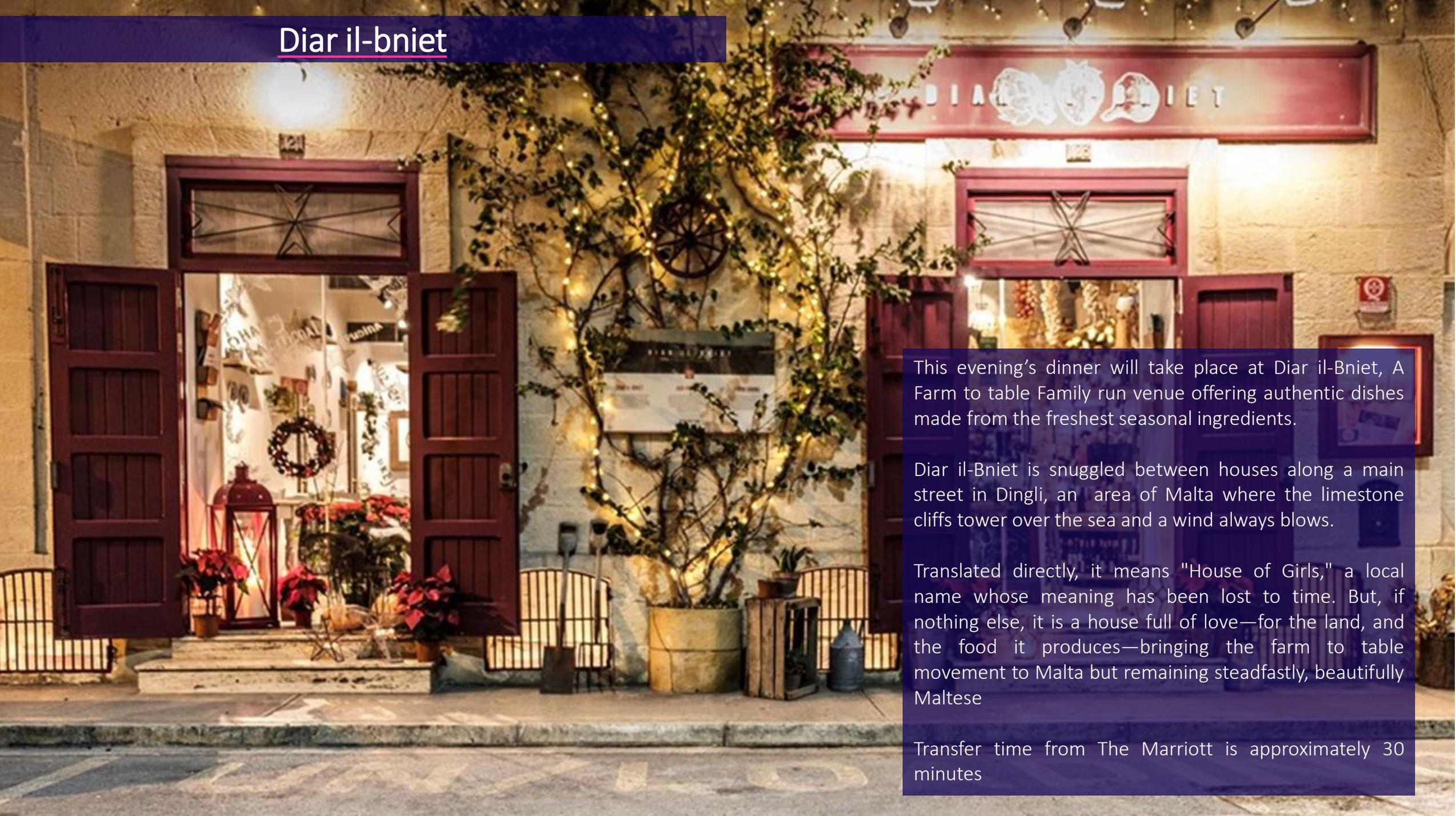


At the end of the tour, lunch will be served at Rampila Restaurant, a unique venue situated in the historic bastions of Valletta. The location has a fascinating history. Designed and built by the Knights of St. John in the sixteenth century as part of the defensive bastions guarding the newly constructed city of Valletta, Rampila is now a haven for good food and wine set against a spectacular Baroque backdrop.

Prior to lunch, guests will have a wine-tasting experience during which they will sample 3 of the Island's premium wines.

After lunch, guests will return to the hotel to enjoy the hotel's facilities before heading out for dinner in the evening.

Diar il-bniet



This evening's dinner will take place at Diar il-Bniet, A Farm to table Family run venue offering authentic dishes made from the freshest seasonal ingredients.

Diar il-Bniet is snuggled between houses along a main street in Dingli, an area of Malta where the limestone cliffs tower over the sea and a wind always blows.

Translated directly, it means "House of Girls," a local name whose meaning has been lost to time. But, if nothing else, it is a house full of love—for the land, and the food it produces—bringing the farm to table movement to Malta but remaining steadfastly, beautifully Maltese

Transfer time from The Marriott is approximately 30 minutes

Diar il-bniet



Day 3



Tuk Tuk Adventure in Gozo



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Today the guests will get to visit Malta's sister Island Gozo.

Gozo (in Maltese: Ghawdex) is a small island of the Maltese archipelago in the Mediterranean Sea. After the island of Malta itself, it is the second-largest island in the archipelago. Compared to its south-eastern neighbour, Gozo is more rural and known for its scenic hills which are featured on its coat of arms.

The island itself has a population of around 31,000 people and its inhabitants are known as Gozitans.

It is rich in historical locations such as the Ggantija temples which, along with the Megalithic Temples of Malta, are the world's oldest free-standing structures and also the world's oldest religious structures.

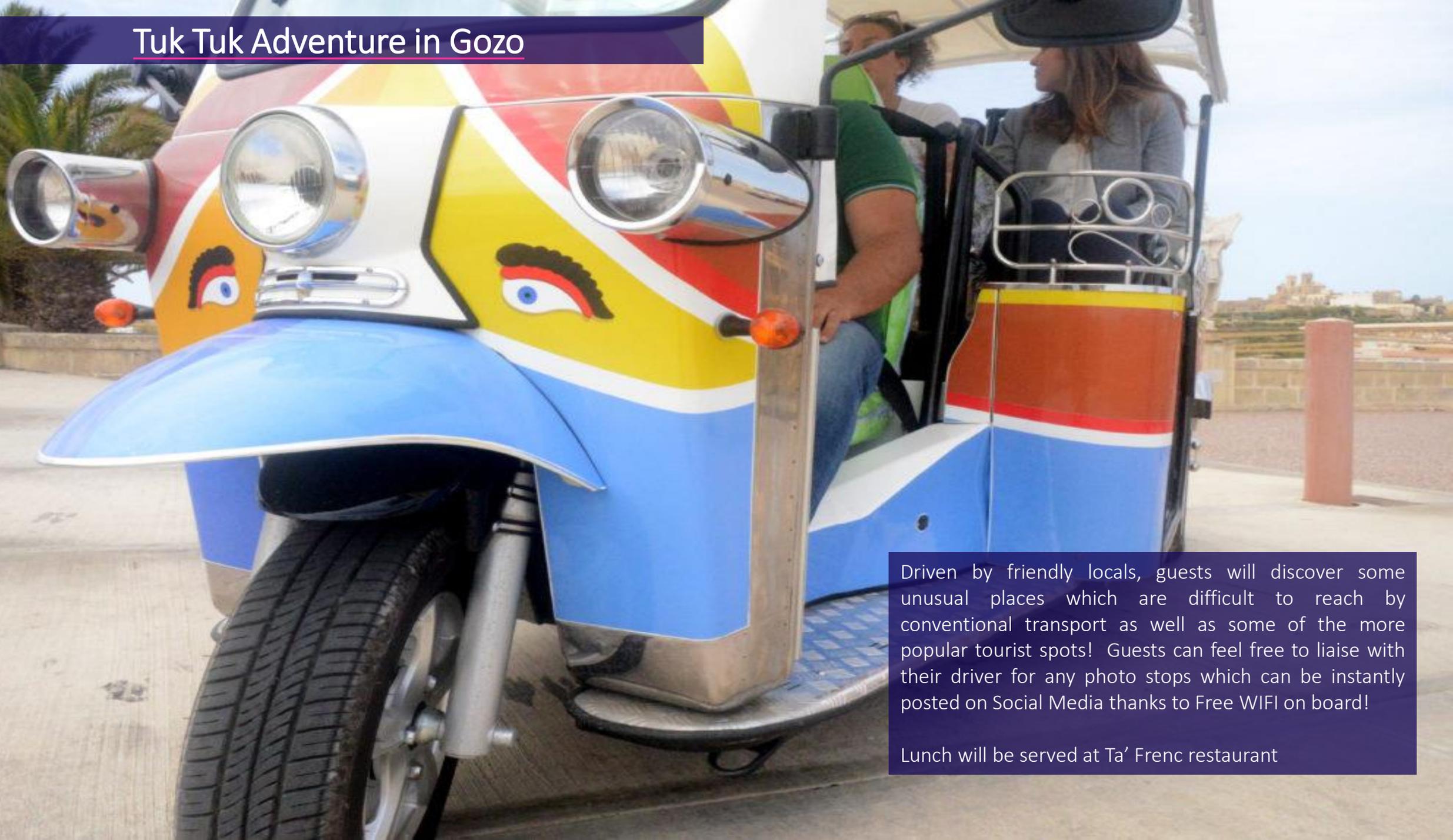
Tuk Tuk Adventure in Gozo



Subject to weather conditions, guests can cross over to Gozo in powerboats (depending on the chosen hotel, they may be able to board directly from the hotel's jetty).

Speedboat crossing from St Julians to Gozo takes approximately 35 minutes.

Tuk Tuk Adventure in Gozo



Driven by friendly locals, guests will discover some unusual places which are difficult to reach by conventional transport as well as some of the more popular tourist spots! Guests can feel free to liaise with their driver for any photo stops which can be instantly posted on Social Media thanks to Free WIFI on board!

Lunch will be served at Ta' Frenc restaurant

Tuk Tuk Adventure in Gozo



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Salt Pans - On the north coast of Gozo, just past Qbajjar Bay and west of Marsalforn, the coast is characterised by a chequerboard of rock-cut saltpans protruding into the sea. These 350-year-old salt pans, which stretch about 3km along the coast, are more than just scenic.

They are part of the centuries-old Gozitan tradition of Sea-Salt production that has been passed down within certain families for many generations. During the summer months, locals can still be seen scraping up the crystals of salt. Once collected, the salt is stored and processed in the caves that have been carved into the coastal rock.

Tuk Tuk Adventure in Gozo



On the way, guests will stop for Wine-tasting at Tal-Massar Winery – where wine becomes an experience...

Discover the beauty of Gozo and taste some unique award-winning wines made from love and grapes..

Meet the owner and live his daily challenges as he strives to make exceptional wines...

During this wine-tasting session, 4 wines will be tasted, each accompanied by some Maltese authentic snacks such as 'hobz biz-zejt' (Maltese bread with tomato paste and olive oil), 'Galletti' (Maltese water biscuits), Maltese sausage and home-grown tomatoes & olives among others.

Tuk Tuk Adventure in Gozo



Lunch will be served at Ta' Frenc Restaurant which is an authentic old farmhouse is surrounded by beautiful country views of Xaghra, Zebbug and Marsalforn valley. The restaurant has its own herb garden situated at the entrance which was inspired and named after Frances Bissile who visits Gozo and Ta' Frenc regularly and the wine cellar.

Tuk Tuk Adventure in Gozo



After lunch, guests will stop for an amazing experience to get to know the island in a different way!

You could choose from different painting experiences like “Creative with natural Gozo’s pigments & herbs”: in this session you get to know Gozitan’s Pigments and its properties with your senses and at the same time you connect to Gozo and its nature.

After collecting different Gozo's pigments, you will be able to paint your own POST CARD & PAINTING from the Gozo colour spectrum.

After the painting, guests can collect different herbs and create their own.

Barracuda



The Barracuda restaurant must be one of the longest surviving successful fine dining restaurants in St. Julian's, Malta. Barracuda combines a number of magical ingredients; located in a prime upmarket area on the popular St Julian's sea front, housed in one of the most picturesque historic buildings on the island, elegant and welcoming interiors, magnificent unobstructed views of the dreamy Mediterranean and bustling St. Julian's, top-notch service and one of the freshest and tastiest menus around.

Barracuda is a 5-minute walking distance from the Marriott

Day 4



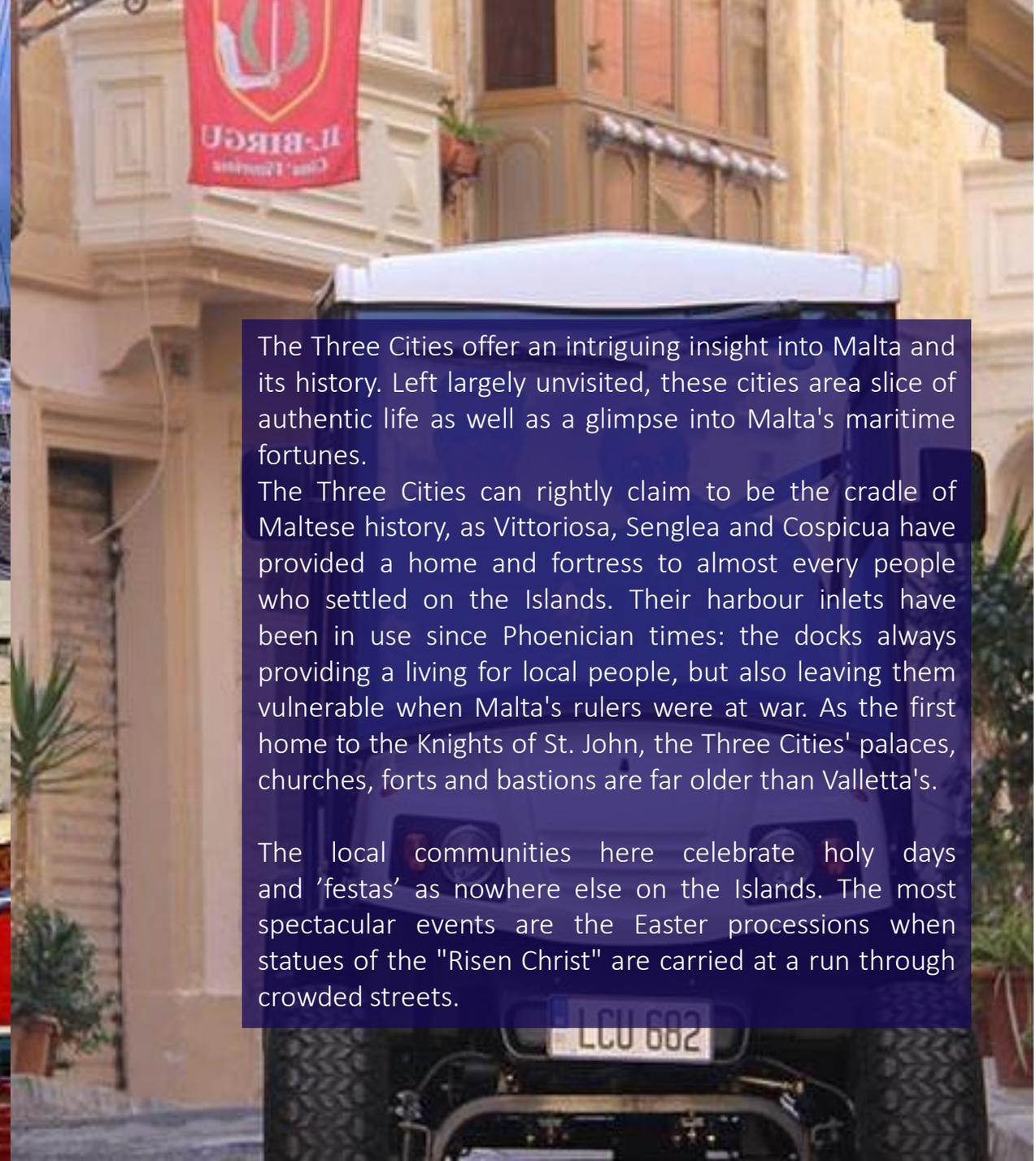
Discovery of The Three Cities



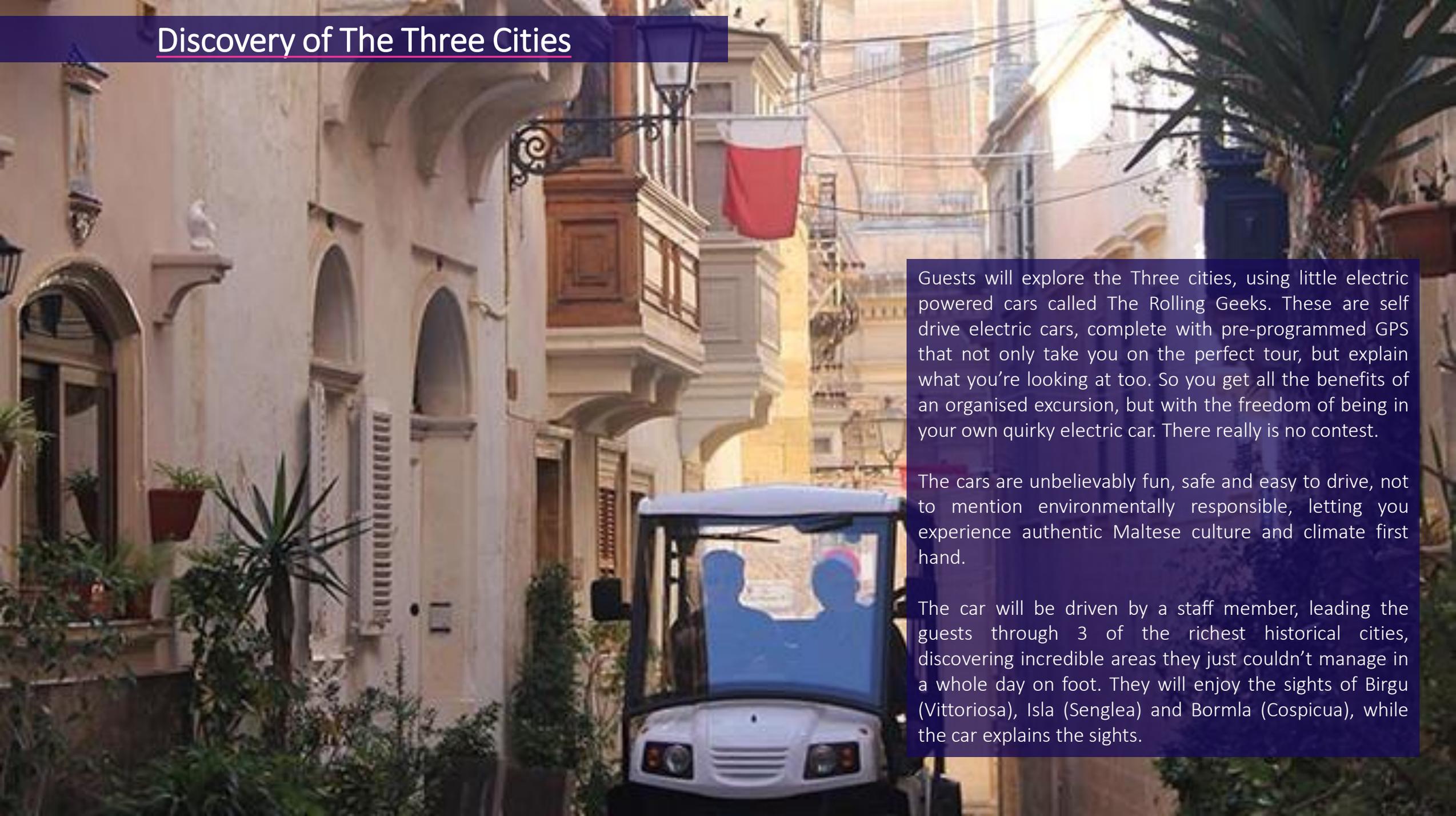
The Three Cities offer an intriguing insight into Malta and its history. Left largely unvisited, these cities area slice of authentic life as well as a glimpse into Malta's maritime fortunes.

The Three Cities can rightly claim to be the cradle of Maltese history, as Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua have provided a home and fortress to almost every people who settled on the Islands. Their 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.

The local communities here celebrate holy days and 'festas' as nowhere else on the Islands. The most spectacular events are the Easter processions when statues of the "Risen Christ" are carried at a run through crowded streets.



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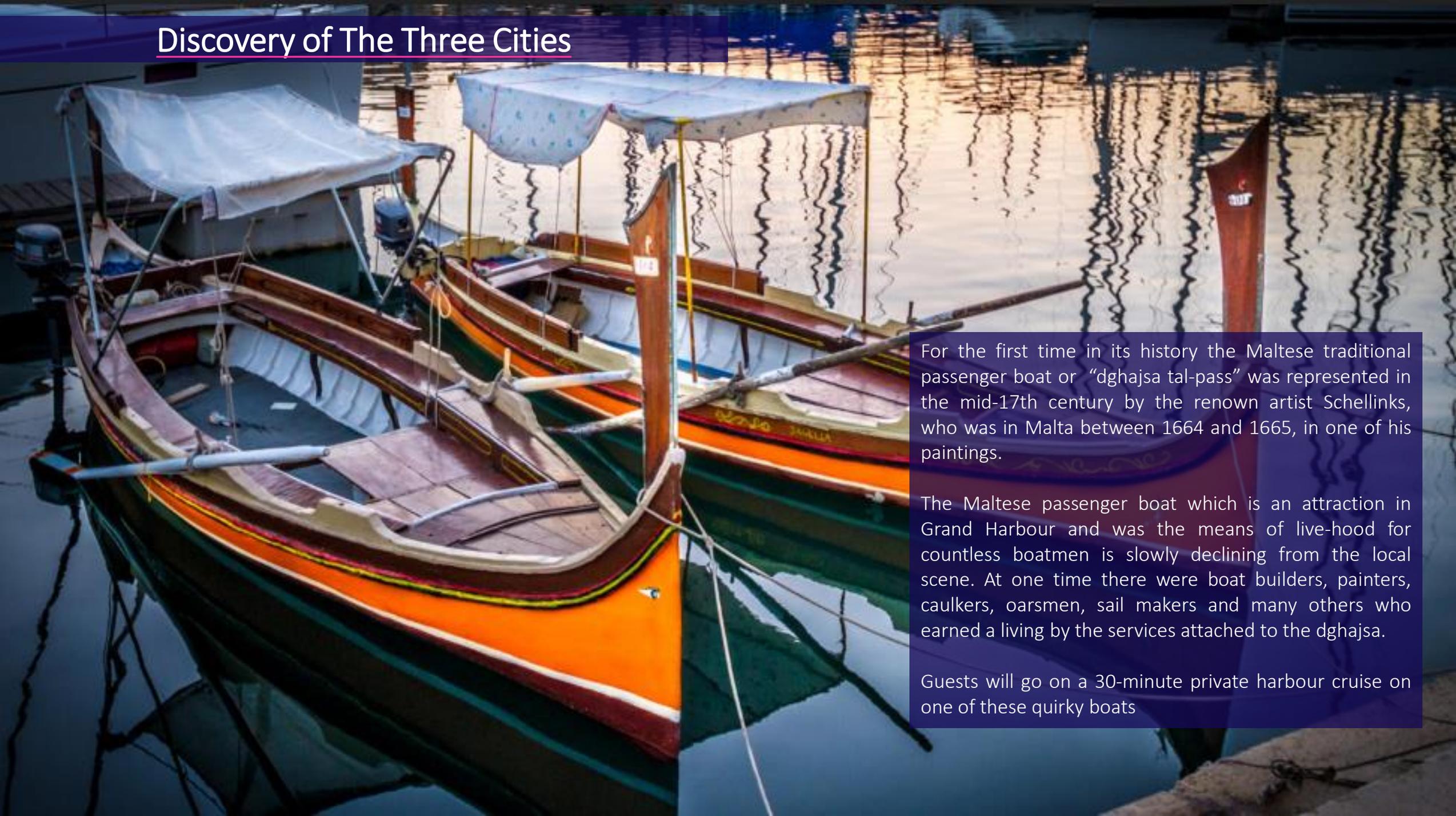
A narrow street in a historic Maltese town, likely Valletta. The street is lined with light-colored buildings featuring arched windows and doorways. A red and white flag hangs from a balcony on the left. In the foreground, a white and blue electric car, known as a 'Rolling Geek', is driving towards the camera. The car has a canopy and is carrying several passengers. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

Guests will explore the Three cities, using little electric powered cars called The Rolling Geeks. These are self drive electric cars, complete with pre-programmed GPS that not only take you on the perfect tour, but explain what you're looking at too. So you get all the benefits of an organised excursion, but with the freedom of being in your own quirky electric car. There really is no contest.

The cars are unbelievably fun, safe and easy to drive, not to mention environmentally responsible, letting you experience authentic Maltese culture and climate first hand.

The car will be driven by a staff member, leading the guests through 3 of the richest historical cities, discovering incredible areas they just couldn't manage in a whole day on foot. They will enjoy the sights of Birgu (Vittoriosa), Isla (Senglea) and Bormla (Cospicua), while the car explains the sights.

Discovery of The Three Cities



For the first time in its history the Maltese traditional passenger boat or “dghajsa tal-pass” was represented in the mid-17th century by the renown artist Schellinks, who was in Malta between 1664 and 1665, in one of his paintings.

The Maltese passenger boat which is an attraction in Grand Harbour and was the means of live-hood for countless boatmen is slowly declining from the local scene. At one time there were boat builders, painters, caulkers, oarsmen, sail makers and many others who earned a living by the services attached to the dghajsa.

Guests will go on a 30-minute private harbour cruise on one of these quirky boats

Discovery of The Three Cities



Lunch will be served at Don Berto restaurant, sitting exactly on the Waterfront and Marina.

Don Berto Restaurant is a Casual/Fine Dining Restaurant offering a contemporary Mediterranean Cuisine, honouring many different cooking traditions and culinary methods providing dishes in a style and creation of its own.

Farewell dinner at De Mondion



This evening will start with a transfer to Mdina in a fantastic vintage car. Malta has an interesting fleet of vintage cars, dating from the 1930's to the 1970's, most of which are British and American models.

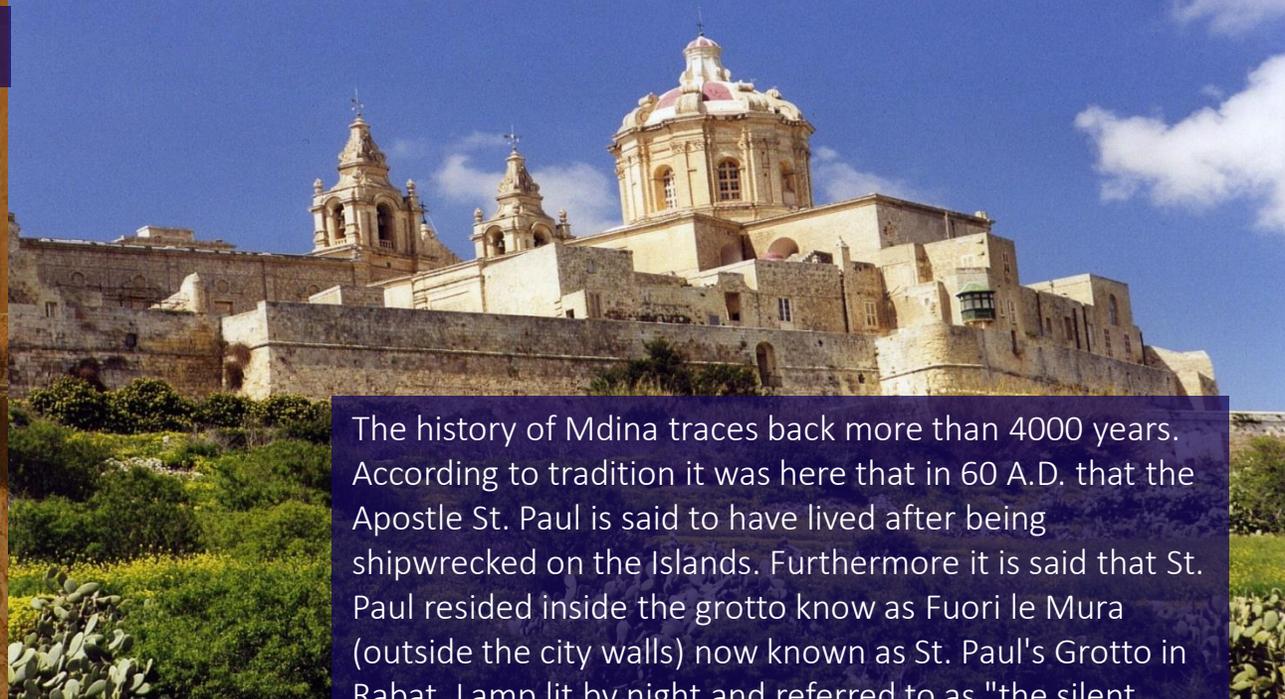
The reason for this is that from the early 1900's there were many Maltese emigrating to the UK, USA, Australia and Canada and on their return to Malta, some of these people brought the cars back with them.

Malta has a very well organised Vintage Car Association and the very owners of the cars will drive the cars themselves on the evening, making this a very special touch indeed.

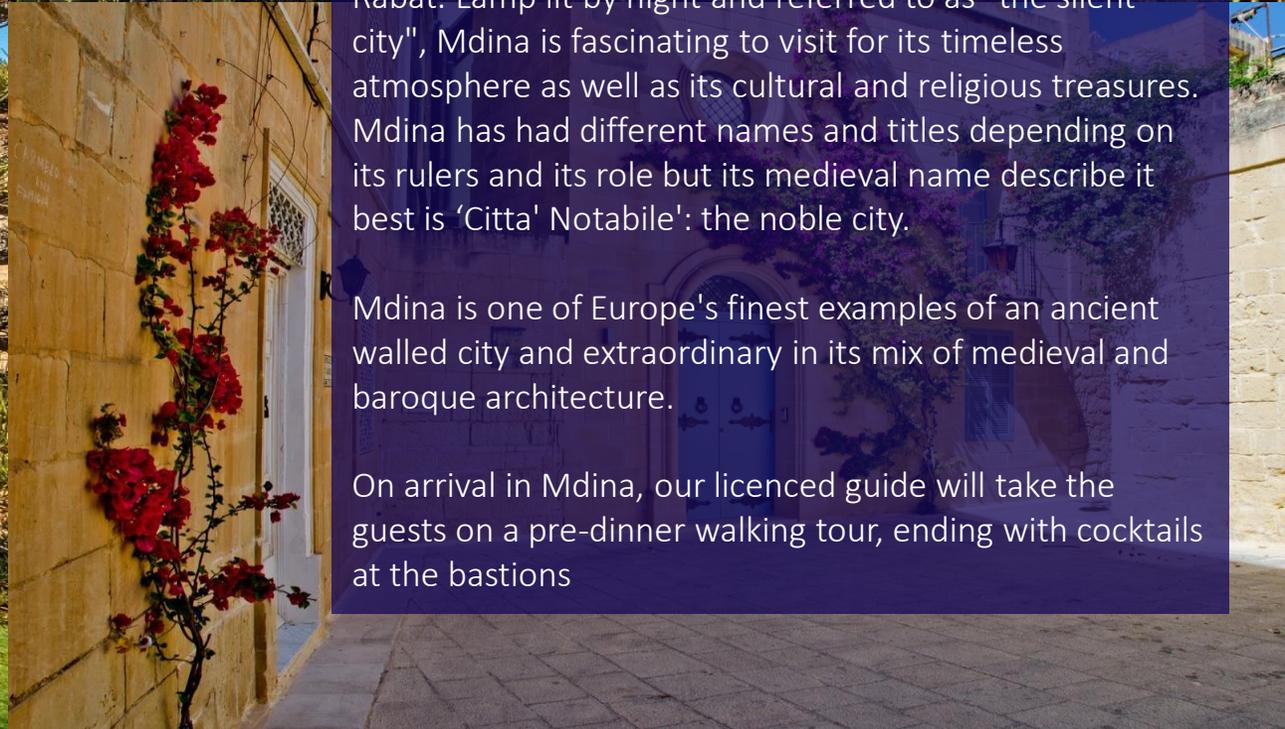
Transfer time to Mdina is approximately 20 minutes



Farewell dinner at De Mondion



The history of Mdina traces back more than 4000 years. According to tradition it was here that in 60 A.D. that the Apostle St. Paul is said to have lived after being shipwrecked on the Islands. Furthermore it is said that St. Paul resided inside the grotto know as Fuori le Mura (outside the city walls) now known as St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat. Lamp lit by night and referred to as "the silent city", Mdina is fascinating to visit for its timeless atmosphere as well as its cultural and religious treasures. Mdina has had different names and titles depending on its rulers and its role but its medieval name describe it best is 'Citta' Notabile': the noble city.



Mdina is one of Europe's finest examples of an ancient walled city and extraordinary in its mix of medieval and baroque architecture.

On arrival in Mdina, our licenced guide will take the guests on a pre-dinner walking tour, ending with cocktails at the bastions

Farewell dinner at De Mondion



The De Mondion restaurant at The Xara Palace in Mdina has consistently rated amongst the top restaurants on the island. In 2008 and 2010, The Definitively Good Guide restaurant survey bestowed the de Mondion with the title of the best restaurant in Malta for the year.

Set atop Mdina's centuries-old bastions, the de Mondion enjoys truly stunning 180-degree views of Malta, the panorama providing a spectacular accompaniment to the restaurant's comfortable and convivial setting. The service is discreet and attentive, leaving the guests with time to savour the refined cuisine, the company and the view.

The cuisine combines the finest seasonal produce with innovation and expertise to create tantalizing dishes of a style we like to call Modern Mediterranean.

This restaurant has recently been awarded a Michelin star, making it the perfect choice for this special night

Farewell dinner at De Mondion



Day 5



Departure



Guests will be assisted by our Staff for hotel checkout and private limousine transfer to the airport, which normally takes place 2.5 hours prior to flight time

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