



## IS MALTA GAY FRIENDLY?

**Discover Malta's general attitude towards the gay community and where it stands with regards gay rights.**

Who would opt for discrimination and oppression if they could avoid it? Is Malta gay friendly? Homosexual marriage is allowed in Malta as is the adoption of children by same-sex couples since July 12, 2017, Malta being the 25th country in the world and the 15th in Europe to have legislated in this sense. By October 2015, Malta earned a historic first place in the International Lesbian-Gay Association's 'Rainbow Europe's league for LGBT rights by granting 88% of total rights.

Malta is a country known for its hospitality and you can rest assure that all businesses, events and services listed in this gay trip have been hand picked to assure an equal rights service.

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### **DAY 1, Friday**

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#### *ARRIVAL IN MALTA*

Arrival at Malta International Airport. We will assign staff member to welcome the guests and lead them to the private coaches to be transferred to the Hotel and check-in.

Depending on your arrival time, dinner at The Barracuda Restaurant of local and International renown is housed in a lovingly restored 18th century villa, located just over the water`s edge and overlooking the spectacular view of Balluta and Spinola bay.

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### **DAY 2, Saturday**

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#### *DISCOVERY OF VALLETTA AND GRAND HARBOUR TOUR*

The excursion starts with the visit of Valletta, Malta`s capital. 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.

Then we will board a Luzzu ( which will be charter exclusively for our group. They will sail around the Grand Harbour with an English speaking guide. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1980, Malta`s capital city of Valletta is framed by forts, its skyline punctured by picturesque domes and spires, its golden hue especially tawny under the Mediterranean sun. You`ll also be rewarded with views of `The Three Cities` – Cospicua, Vittoriosa, and Senglea.

The tour including lunch on board and open bar.

Dinner at The Chop House Restaurant, an idyllic location, overlooking the Sliema Harbour and the spectacular bastions of Valletta.

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### **DAY 3, Sunday**

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#### *FREE TIME*

Free time to discover the beauty of Malta and buy souvenirs.

Dinner at Tal Petut in St Julian`s. Intimate, characterful restaurant Tal-Petut occupies a former grocery but feels like a home away from home.

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### **DAY 4, Monday**

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#### *FULL DAY BEACH AND DIVING*

The Maltese Islands' clear blue Mediterranean sea is ideal for scuba diving. All three Islands offer some unique diving experiences with an abundance of reefs, caves and wrecks that make diving here some of the most interesting in the Mediterranean. The calmness and clarity of the sea makes for excellent visibility whilst the risk of encountering dangerous fish is extremely low, creating the ultimate conditions for first time divers and beginners. For the more experienced divers, there are plenty of challenging dives to choose from.

We can also enjoy a day on beautiful sandy beaches on the North of Malta.

Dinner at Gululu in St Julian`s. Gululu – Kċina Maltija, situated on the waterfront in picturesque St. Julian`s bay, is the only casual diner in the area with a full menu of Maltese food.

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### **DAY 5, Tuesday**

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#### *FREE TIME*

Free time to discover the beauty of Malta and buy souvenirs.

Dinner and cocktail at The Mona Lisa in Valletta. Monaliza Lounge is one of Malta's most popular gay bar hangouts for the gay community. It is frequented by all, however it is particularly popular with a more mature crowd, bears, chasers and admirers. This gay bar is ideal for drinks before hitting the parties or to enjoy all night on the open-air seafront terrace with delicious food.

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### **DAY 6, Wednesday**

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#### *FULL DAY BOAT TRIP IN GOZO AND COMINO*

After breakfast, the group will leave for Gozo - Malta's sister Island. They will be transferred by boat, the Fernandes II, A beautiful 38 metre long two masted gaff rigged vessel. (not exclusive charter). Fernandes II has a large forward deck, covered stern deck and a saloon.

We will drop anchor in a secluded bay in Gozo. En-route one sees the panoramic cliffs, coves and inlets. The rest of the morning is spent swimming, and snorkeling or just sunbathing and relaxing on the large decks, while our stewards prepare a delicious Buffet.

After lunch we will sail towards Comino, where we drop anchor in the beautiful Blue Lagoon and spend the rest of the afternoon swimming in the magical crystal clear water of the lagoon.

VIP evening at the Michelangelo Club in St Julian's. It is the latest to the Maltese LGBT club & bar scene (opened in December 2016). Michelangelo's is spread out over two levels and features a state-of-the-art dance floor, bar, chill out zone and private areas.

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### **DAY 7, Thursday**

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#### *DISCOVERY OF HAĠAR QIM TEMPLES AND MARSAXLOKK*

The tour will begin by a visit of Haġar Qim Temple. The temple of Haġar Qim stands on a hilltop overlooking the sea and the islet of Fifla, not more than 2km south-west of the village of Qrendi. At the bottom of the hill, only 500m away, lies another remarkable temple site, Mnajdra found above the Southern cliffs. The surrounding landscape is typical Mediterranean garigue and spectacular in its starkness and isolation.

Then we will reach Marsaxlokk. This idyllic fishing village with its colourful luzzus and unique character make the unrivalled setting for the local market.

They will have a lunch on a local restaurant in Marsaxlokk.

On the afternoon, clients will have free time to discover the beauty of Malta and buy souvenirs.

After a tour of Mdina with a guide, dinner at the De Mondion. Consistently rated amongst the top restaurants in Malta for the soul nourishing cuisine, refinement and excellence, the de Mondion promises discreet yet impeccably attentive service allowing patrons the time and privacy to savour the cuisine, the company and the view.

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### **DAY 8, Friday**

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#### *TRANSFER TO AIRPORT*

According to the time of the departure, the group will be transferred to the Airport.

## The Maltese Archipelago



**FROM** (based on 20 participants):

**945€**/person

**Included:**

Accommodation based on double occupancy in a standard Room (upgrade on request). Catering (breakfast, lunch and dinner mentioned in the program). Cruise day 6. Aqua-activities in open access. Transfer from and to the airport and transport during all the trip as mentioned in the program. Agency fees.

**Not included:**

External transport. Drinks during meals. Concierge services.

The reservation can be firm and definitive only after payment of the total amount.  
Subject to availability at the time of booking.

