ARTISAN TRAVEL

Gozo Activity Short Break



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: The Island of Gozo

BROCHURE CODE: 5553
DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

Malta's sister island, Gozo, is said to be its greener equivalent with a landscape and coastline just as inviting. This four-night stay includes three exploration activities of your choosing, all designed to help you discover Malta's tranquil, but just as impressive, counterpart.

Our Opinion

"Gozo is not just splendidly named, for an island measuring just 9 x 4 miles it really packs a punch. Hilltop villages, fertile valleys, delicious local cuisine, Roman salt pans, stunning coastal scenery and more festivals than you could shake a stick at. The best way to explore Gozo's quiet corners is to do activities which is exactly why we set this trip up. I'm sure you will enjoy it as much as I did."

Ali Mclean





What's included?

- **Travel worry-free -** fully organised and run by a trusted, fully regulated UK operator. Read more about our bonding and the types of financial protection that we offer
- **Transfers:** return airport transfer to/from the ferry terminal, ferry ticket (only needed for the return journey), return transfers between the ferry terminal and hotel, all transfers during activity days
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights in a standard hotel room. Upgrades available.
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- **Activities:** a choice of three of the following guided activities; kayaking, climbing, hiking, E-biking and Segway tour. For a supplement, Discover Scuba Diving is also available

***** Hotels in Gozo charge a tourist tax of €1.50 per person per night (up to a maximum of €22.50); this must be paid locally on check in. This tax currently applies to those aged 18 years and over.

Trip Overview

Malta's smaller, more peaceful sister island is known for its tranquil status but the island has many a hidden secret. Its natural landscape provides the backdrop for some incredible adventures for those who want to explore every nook and cranny of this compact 9 x 4-mile island.

During this 4-night stay, you'll choose from an array of activities specifically designed to help you discover more of Gozo. The itinerary includes three adventures but you decide which ones suit you. Whether you want to cycle, kayak, swim, climb, hike or even Segway across the landscape, the choices are yours.

The blue waters are perfect for gliding over on a kayak, giving you a completely different vantage point. Explore the coastlines of Gozo and its even smaller sibling Comino, visit sea caves and discover secluded beaches in one trip.

For those wanting to stay dry, the activities on land are just as exciting. The cliffs are not only a brilliant location for cycling tracks and hiking trails but also an amazing place for those who want a bit more adventure by climbing up and abseiling down.

Your base is the Cornucopia Hotel, an extended converted farmhouse full of local character and only a short walk to the centre of Xagħra where you'll find a number of restaurants lining the square. The hotel is equipped with modern amenities as well as luxury features, such as two swimming pools and a Jacuzzi, and there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy all that's on offer.

From the dazzling coastline to the imposing cliffs and fertile valleys, Gozo is the epitome of small but mighty, and this 4-night break is an exploration of its many wonders.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY 1 — FLIGHTS, ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

You will be collected at Malta International Airport (Luqa) for the two-hour transfer to your hotel in Gozo. The transfer includes a taxi to the ferry port for the 25-minute crossing and another taxi to your comfortable hotel.

Once you're all settled in, there will be an introductory meeting with the local team and a welcome meal in the hotel restaurant.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAYS 2 TO 4 — HALF DAY ACTIVITIES AND FREE TIME

Following breakfast each day, you will choose how you would like to spend your time on this spectacular island.

We have a range of half day activities on offer in our 'Personalise' tab. Click for more details on the remarkable ways you can explore Gozo.

As each activity lasts approximately half a day **(unless you opt to have two Discover Scuba dives)** you'll either have your mornings or afternoons free as well as your evenings. History-lovers may want to see some of the world's oldest free-standing structures at Ġgantija and explore the historic capital, Victoria. We thoroughly recommend trying as much of the local cuisine as possible. For a really special evening why not visit the west side of the island to Dwejra bay for a sunset that rarely fails to disappoint?

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 — DEPARTURE

Unfortunately, it's time for your Gozo activity short break to come to an end. Depending on your flight time, you'll either enjoy breakfast in the restaurant or it will be boxed up to take to the airport. You will then be transferred back to Malta International Airport (Luqa).

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Climbing and Abseiling

Experience the fun and thrill of climbing and abseiling the side of one of Gozo's great cliffs. Expert guides will take you to the best locations on the island to suit your experience and climbing ability. You will learn safety techniques and as your confidence grows, so will your climbs and descents!

It is possible throughout the whole year, however, the main season is from October to May.

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Sea kayaks

Sea kayaking allows you to marvel at the stunning views from a completely different perspective and explore Gozo's beautiful coastline. You can see wonderful beaches, sea caves and imposing cliffs. During paddling breaks, you can also snorkel and take a look at the underwater world.

It is possible to do this activity year-round but it is weather dependent. The main season runs from April to October.



Discover Scuba Diving (DSD), 1 or 2 dives

Gozo is renowned for its dive sites so what better place for you to discover scuba diving? Rather than take the plunge with a certification course, this introduction to diving will help you explore the underwater world without any prior experience.

You have the option of a one or two dive experience of the underwater world surrounding Gozo – supplements apply.



E-biking

Gozo has a great deal to offer a cyclist. Our guides aim to avoid major hills and travel down the country roads and along sea cliffs to make the most of the spectacular views and quaint villages. Our guide will adapt to the level of the guests and offer a balance of easy, fun and technical riding.

This activity is available year-round but some may find it more strenuous in the hot summer months, mid-June to Mid-September.



Hiking

The local guides know every corner of the island and so once you have discussed your interests and fitness, they'll guide you on a suitable hike. All routes are designed to take you into quieter areas with the best scenery.



Segway tour

Segway tours are a unique, memorable and fun way to explore the island. They are eco-friendly, self-balancing, electric transportation vehicles and it is easy to learn to how to ride them. Enjoy Gozo's hidden treasures by 'gliding' through the beautiful scenery without getting tired feet on this two-and-a-half-hour trip.

This activity is available year-round.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Cornucopia Hotel (Nights: 1-4)





An extended converted traditional farmhouse full of character and tranquillity the Cornucopia Hotel waits to welcome you. A family-run hotel which is a real home away from home but with the added luxuries of two swimming pools & a Jacuzzi. With a warm Mediterranean feel running throughout the hotel you will feel like you are in the heart of traditional Gozo.

Located only a short walk away from the main village of Xaghra you will not be too far away from the local shops and restaurants. If you would prefer to enjoy the peace and quiet that the hotel has to offer there are plenty of on-site facilities to keep you entertained.

Facilities:

- Two swimming pools, surrounded by mature gardens and plants providing the ideal location to sit back and relax (sunbeds, umbrellas and towels are available)
- A separate children's pool to keep the younger ones entertained
- A Jacuzzi on the upper deck, pool area
- For those quiet moments - a reading room, a TV room and various sun terraces
- A hotel restaurant with an à la carte menu serving some great food with local fresh ingredients

Room types

Double/Twin Rooms: Your stay here will be in a charming rustic style double or twin en-suite bedroom. Your room will offer either a pool view or a side valley view. There are 20 standard rooms all furnished in the characteristic rustic style typical of the hotel. The rooms are comfortable and decorated in warm Mediterranean style with natural wood furniture and cool tiled floors. All rooms have a balcony or terrace, en-suite bathroom, minibar, trouser press, direct dial telephone, cable LCD TV, hairdryer, ceiling fans and individually controlled central heating/air-conditioning.

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Ta' Cenc Spa Hotel





During your stay on Gozo, you may wish to upgrade the Ta' Cenc Spa hotel. This beautiful hotel is situated on the outskirts of the village and is built on the islands highest point. It offers stunning views over the islands of Malta and Comino as well as the magnificent cliffs as far as you can look. It is surrounded by over 100 hectares of nature and harmonises perfectly with the surrounding countryside where you can just relax or enjoy the beautiful views.

The hotel is a hideaway resort known for its calm, comfort, friendly service and welcoming staff. You will enjoy a unique holiday in a Gozitan atmosphere and escape into the beautiful nature with its flora and fauna and the clear blue sea. General use of the pool, jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and gym is included for the whole stay. It is also a good starting point to explore the sights of Gozo.

Facilities:

- Spa which includes heated sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, hydrotherapy bath, indoor and outdoor lagoon pool and offers treatments
- The pools are situated in the garden and are a good place to relax. The main pool is a family pool with a Jacuzzi and the other one is quieter and for adults only
- Sun terraces on the poolside
- Fully equipped gym overlooking the swimming pool. A consultation with a personal trainer is also possible
- The hotel has got its own private rocky beach and during the warmer months, you can expect umbrellas, sunbeds, showers and toilet facilities
- A concierge team
- The business centre with internet access, fax and photocopying machine and office supplies
- Two restaurants: In the Il-Carubo they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and you can eat 'al fresco' under a 400-year old carob tree. Italian-inspired food and local specialities are served here. The Il-Terrazzo is known for its delicious dishes and has a spacious terrace overlooking superb views of Gozo.

Room types

Double/Twin rooms: All of the room are on the ground level. They are spacious and have either a private patio or a terrace. Facilities include an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, radio, cable TV, minibar, trouser press, a safe, heating and air-conditioning as well as teas and coffee making facilities.

Family rooms: These rooms are specially designed for families and offer enough space for everyone. There is a main bedroom with a seating area and a second room with two single beds. Each has either a patio or a terrace. The facilities include an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, radio & cable TV, minibar, a trouser press, a safe, heating & air-conditioning as well as tea and coffee making facilities.

Trullo: These detached bungalows are circular and offer a unique place to stay. Each Trullo has a beehive style roof, a spacious seating area with a cable TV, an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone & radio, minibar, a trouser press, heating & air-conditioning, a safe and private patio.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 2 people, maximum 4 people.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum Numbers Required For A Holiday To Operate

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: https://www.artisantravel.co.uk/booking-conditions

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

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