



Malta - Gozo Island Adventure



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group

VISITING: The Island of Gozo

BROCHURE CODE: 4012

DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

Gozo is a stunning Maltese island of coastal and countryside delights which has long been a firm favourite with our families. The price of this holiday includes all activities and you will spend an active week enjoying kayaking, diving, snorkelling, and rock climbing alongside sampling the delicious cuisine of this unique island.



What's included?

- **Transfers:** Return airport and activity transfers (private airport transfers may incur a supplement)
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' hotel accommodation
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch (during cooking class)
- **The following activities are included:** Discover Scuba Diving*, Sea Kayaking, Climbing/ Abseiling, Cooking Class (order is subject to change)
- All equipment, tuition and supervision from fully qualified instructors
- Services of our local guides and representatives

* 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

The island of Gozo is a little-known Mediterranean wonder that is home to one of our most popular family adventures. Just half an hour from Malta by ferry, it showcases an extraordinary natural environment ideal for an activity-filled week away. We have made the most of our local connections and expertise to find the very best locations and activities in and around the island. With group sizes of no more than 24, you will enjoy a highly personalised experience.

All activities are included in the holiday price. You'll have the chance to go snorkelling and diving at some of the top scuba sites in Europe. The Gozitan cliffs offer excellent spots for rock climbing, while its many inlets are perfect for kayaking, both of which will be on the agenda during your stay.

Based in the northeastern village of Xaghra, you will be close to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Ġgantija Temples, which at 5500 years old are amongst the world's oldest freestanding structures. Gozo has been occupied by everyone from the Ancient Romans and the Arabs to the French and the British, with evidence of this rich history very much present in its lifestyle, language, and cuisine. The week will be filled with opportunities to learn more about the local way of life first-hand and tasting island delicacies. This makes it ideal for families looking for that perfect mix of activities and culture.

Based at the rustic and welcoming Cornucopia Hotel, you will be within easy walking distance of the main town and will be able to make use of the hotel's facilities, including its sun-soaked terrace and swimming pool.

*The international health requirements for diving are very strict and we need to be notified of any pre-existing medical/health issues in advance. If a participant has any pre-existing medical/health conditions, a doctor's certificate will be required stating that they are safe to partake in the activity.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your accommodation (it takes approximately two hours with a 25-minute ferry crossing between Malta and Gozo). Dinner is not included tonight; the hotel has a fantastic restaurant and there are other options available locally.

Please note that the order of activities is a guide only and they are subject to change upon arrival.

Included Meals: None

DAY
2

DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING OR SNORKELLING

Discover Scuba Dive (or Try Dive) is an ideal introduction to the world under the sea. You will begin with registration (you will be issued with some paperwork prior to going on holiday you will need to complete). You will then be provided with the full equipment necessary and begin the short course in the classroom to introduce this fantastic activity. A full safety briefing will be given along with plenty of time for questions and answers. The day starts with a practice dive to get you used to the equipment and sensations and then a second dive where hopefully you will encounter some of the wonderful marine life.

Please note: for safety reasons, those aged 8 and 9 will be offered the chance to try a 'Bubble Maker' session. They can experience a shallow dive in pool-like conditions and a second dive up to 2m in a very calm area with no boats. Parents can join their children on this dive as long as they stick to a 2m depth. Those under the age of 8 years old will have the opportunity to snorkel on the surface of the water and view the same vibrant marine life as the other members of the group. For children 8 years and over participation in any dive will be at the guide's discretion.

Included Meals: BreakfastDAY
3

COOK LIKE A LOCAL

Today is designed to give you an insight into Gozo, its people and its traditions. At the heart of the culture lies a very healthy enjoyment of delicious food. We don't like to give too much away about what today includes, as it is a real treat, but you will most certainly learn about what the locals like to eat and how to cook it. Of course, lunch is included today.

Included Meals: Breakfast, LunchDAY
4

SEA KAYAKING AND BEACH AFTERNOON

Gozo's coastline is irresistible, and once more you will be back out on the water, kayaking on the stunning waters. Following your guide along the coast, you will paddle your 'sit on top' kayaks for around two and a half hours with two to three people (children under the age of ten will typically travel with two adults) per craft.

After your exciting morning, the group can enjoy the local beach for some free time to explore and relax. You can spend the afternoon enjoying the beach, swimming, and snorkelling (equipment not provided) and the cooling Mediterranean Sea.

Lunch is not included but there are delicious café options at the beach.

Included Meals: BreakfastDAY
5

FREE DAY

Today has been left free for you to set your own agenda. Relax by the pool and enjoy the sunshine, head to the beach, take a day trip to Valletta (Malta's capital) or unwind in a spa. It is entirely up to you. Those wanting to absorb more island culture can wander around the town of Xaghra with its rustic stone buildings and delightful shops selling locally made goods.

An inexpensive hop-on, hop-off bus service can get you quickly around the island should you wish to travel further, taking in more of the island's natural beauty and historic delights. We can also look at arranging E-bike hire on request, please ask one of our Travel Experts.

Included Meals: BreakfastDAY
6

CLIMBING

Today families will take part in the activity of rock climbing with our local instructors. Amazing Mediterranean vistas await you as well as exciting climbing routes. Once you have reached the top you will be rewarded with wonderful views.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
7

FREE DAY

Today has been left free to do as you wish, either relax at the hotel, explore the local area, or add on some extra activities. Please speak to our Travel Experts for further details.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
8

DEPARTURE

Airport transfers will be arranged depending on your individual flight plans and breakfast will be included at the hotel. If you are tempted to stay on for another week, please speak to our Family Travel Experts.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Extend your stay at Cornucopia

If you don't want to leave Gozo just yet then we can arrange for you to extend your stay in order to take advantage of the other activities on offer here. Your extra night or nights will be spent in one of the double/twin rooms (based on two people sharing) and includes breakfast.

Included

Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Cornucopia Hotel (Nights: 1-7)



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.

Cornucopia Hotel - bungalow option



Located across the very quiet road from the main hotel building, the Cornucopia also offers a small number of bungalows which families can pay a supplement if they would like to opt for a larger accommodation. These offer the chance for a bit more space and privacy, whilst still being within a few short steps from the hotel and its amenities. Very comfortable and traditionally decorated, they are popular amongst families on our Gozo trip.

Each offers wonderful views across the valley and consists of a main dining area, kitchen and between one and three bedrooms (they can accommodate families of varying sizes). The bungalows also have the advantage of a communal swimming pool and terrace for guests and are in an ideal spot for you to relax and enjoy the sunshine after a day's adventure. All of the bungalows are equipped with air-conditioning for guests' comfort.

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 4 persons, maximum 24 persons (approximately)

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

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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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