



Photography Weekend



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: The Island of Gozo

BROCHURE CODE: 5554
DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

With dramatic countryside and incredible seascapes, there are few better locations than Gozo for a hands-on approach to landscape photography. Guided by award-winning photographer Pete Bullen, this four-night trip will sharpen your skills and inspire you with every click of the camera.

Our Opinion

“Gozo is a photographer's dream. From the bustling streets of the capital Rabat (Victoria) to the dramatic seascapes and undulating countryside, there is variety in abundance. You won't struggle for human subject matter either. There seems to be a religious festival every week and a particular favourite of mine is watching the locals playing Bocce, the Gozitan version of Boules. You'll find some real sun-wizened characters there believe me!”

Ali Mclean



What's included?

- **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 photography days
- **Accommodation:** 4 nights in a standard hotel room. Upgrades available.
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 picnic lunches, 1 dinner
- **Activities:** experienced photography tutor will provide guidance and coaching on days two and three. A choice of activity on your free day (please note that activities MUST be booked in advance to check availability): kayaking, climbing, hiking, E-biking, or Segway. For a supplement, Discover Scuba Diving is also available

Trip Overview

Gozo's landscape deserves more than a quick holiday snap. That's why this 4-night break is all about capturing the real essence of Malta's sister island with your camera.

You won't waste any time having to find the best spots either. Instead, professional photographer Pete will guide you around the island to a mixture of well-known locations and hidden gems.

Pete lives on Gozo and has completely immersed himself and his work in the land and culture. With his help, you'll get insider knowledge of the island as well as tips on how to take full advantage of your camera settings.

Though this holiday is geared towards landscape photography, you will discuss your interests with Pete beforehand so that he can tailor the itinerary to suit. The beauty of this small island means you can go from photographing the ancient Citadel to the sweeping land and seascapes in one day. If you would also like to be active, the photography days can involve as much walking as you like.

Pete is a brilliant photographer and his passion comes across in all of his lessons. He will help you with composition and you could even learn more about image editing using Adobe Lightroom. Simply talk to Pete when you meet him to let him know exactly what you want to get out of your time here.

You will also enjoy the sights of Gozo away from your camera lens during a half-day activity of your choice. However, whether you kayak, climb, bike, or hike over your surroundings, you may not be able to resist putting your new camera skills to good use.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

FLIGHTS, ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

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

Once you have checked into the hotel, there will be an introductory meeting with the local team before a welcome meal in the restaurant.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

LAND, SAND AND SUNSET PHOTOGRAPHY

After breakfast, Pete will meet you at the hotel to discuss your objectives for the next couple of days.

Of course, the itinerary is up to you but you may want to head back to Mgarr harbour where you first saw Gozo. Here, you can photograph the fishing boats, yachts and ferries that cross the glistening waters that separate Gozo from its much larger neighbour, Malta.

Qala point is another area of interest. As the easternmost point in Gozo, you'll get phenomenal views out to sea.

A picnic lunch is included at one of the photogenic spots so you can have more time to admire and capture the views.

Pete will also usually recommend San Blas beach. Its red sands against the blue waters make for a beautifully contrasting photograph. What's more, it's usually quite a peaceful place with hardly anyone around.

Located on the west of the island, Dwejra Bay is an ideal location for sunset views and stunning photographs. Watch the sun dip into the darkening waters as the dramatic coastal formations sit in the foreground.

Once the sun has set, you'll go back to the hotel and have a free evening to spend as you please. We recommend trying some of the fabulous local food.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
3

PHOTOGRAPHING THE SUNRISE, CITIES AND SEASCAPES

After breakfast, it's an early start for the chance to photograph the sun as it rises over the harbour. We promise you won't regret this wake-up call. The colours and light at this time of day are incomparable and we're sure this is the spot you'll take some of your favourite photographs of the holiday.

Though the landscape is perfect for capturing on camera, the cities and towns are just as photogenic. In Rabat (Victoria), you'll learn more about the fascinating capital and visit the towering Citadel.

After the everyday bustle of the city, Pete uses his insider knowledge to take you to lesser-known spots such as Ix-Xatt l-Aħmar. Translating as 'red beach', this is a swimming area that not many tourists know about. Instead, you're likely to get a more authentic insight into Gozo as the locals use these crystal-clear waters for a refreshing swim. A picnic lunch is also included at one of your locations.

You will then say goodbye to Pete as you make your way back to the hotel for a free evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
4

HALF DAY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Following breakfast, you have a free day to choose one of the half-day activities on offer. Use our '[Personalise](#)' tab to find the activity to suit you. All activities are included in the price except the Segway tour which comes with a small extra charge and the introductory scuba dive which is a full-day activity. These activities are specifically designed to help you get out and explore Gozo even further.

Please note that activities **MUST** be booked in advance to check availability.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
5

DEPARTURE

Unfortunately, it's time for your Gozo photography weekend to come to an end. You will have breakfast before the two-hour return to the airport in Malta.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Sea kayaking

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. A picnic lunch is included.

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

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Climbing/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!

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



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.



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 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.



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.

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 island's 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 under a 400-year old carob tree. Italian-inspired food and local specialities are served

The Il-Terrazzo is known for its exquisite dishes and has a terrace

- Bar

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

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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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