



Capturing Gozo on Camera



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: The Island of Gozo

BROCHURE CODE: 5544
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

Snap up this rare opportunity to zoom in on Malta and the tiny, yet dramatic island of Gozo. Focus your skills in the company of multi-award-winning photographer, Pete Bullen and bring the incredible cathedrals, landscapes and colours of this location to life through your lens.

Our Opinion

“ If photography is your hobby and your passion, then this is the perfect holiday for you! Explore Gozo and take some fantastic pictures of the beautiful landscape, some amazing sunsets and historical buildings and much more. The multi-award winning photographer, Pete, will show you the best places and help you to get the best out of your camera for unforgettable pictures! ”

Amy Walkington-Gray



What's included?

- **Transfers:** Return airport transfer to/from ferry terminal, ferry ticket (only needed for return journey), return transfers between the ferry terminal and hotel, all transfers during photography days
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights in hotel rooms based on two sharing a twin or double room. A choice of two hotels is available (see the accommodation section for details)
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 5 picnic lunches, 1 dinner
- Experienced photography tutor will provide guidance and coaching from day two to seven
- You will experience the highlights of both Gozo and Malta - the exact agenda is determined by the group's preferences but will include cultural delights, the most scenic landscapes and ancient heritage sites. Your return ferry ticket to Malta on day seven is also included

Trip Overview

Professional photographer Pete Bullen is your guide and tutor for seven days of inspiring active learning, covering your favourite and even your most feared aspects of photography.

In a small group of up to 6 people (beginners and experienced photographers), you'll bring your own equipment and join Pete to focus your individual interests in this fantastic and photogenic location. You will see parts of Malta and Gozo at their very best as you'll be there on either side of the peak summer months.

We haven't forgotten that this week is still a holiday for you and so your photography days out are tailored to meet your preferred pace whilst ensuring the best photographic opportunities.

Around Gozo, highlights include an early morning start to capture the sunrise over the harbour and a sunset stroll to get the views from the cliff tops. You will also explore the wilder parts of the island, learning how to capture the unusual prehistoric cart ruts or the narrow lanes of Rabat's old town and the ancient citadel.

Your day trip to Malta includes a visit to Valetta, the current capital, and a chance to photograph the beautifully restored old capital of Medina now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The magnificent

buildings and tiny winding back streets make perfect studies through your lens.

On this photography holiday Pete will challenge you to consider composition, the rules (and when to break them), help you escape the Auto and Programme modes so you can take full control of your photography. He can also teach you about editing RAW camera files using Adobe Lightroom if you so wish. These valuable skills will improve the pictures you take and how you produce them in future.

Pete Bullen, your photographic guide and coach for the week

Pete fell in love with photography at the age of six when he took his first photograph. A multi-award-winning photographer with work published in magazines and books all over the world, he moved to Gozo five years ago to indulge his three passions: scuba diving, underwater photography and landscape photography. He immerses himself in island life, its culture and history.

Image credits Pete Bullen

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL IN GOZO

You will be collected at Malta International Airport (Luqa) for the two-hour transfer to your hotel on Gozo.

The transfer includes a taxi to the ferry port for the 25-minute crossing and another taxi that will take you to your chosen accommodation at either the Cornucopia Hotel or the Ta'Cenc Hotel & Spa, each a fine place to stay.

You can check into your hotel and will enjoy dinner in the restaurant tonight.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

MEET THE EXPERT AND INTRODUCTION TO GOZO

After breakfast, your photographer, guide and tutor, Pete Bullen, will meet you at your hotel. He will introduce Gozo and discuss your particular interests in order to tailor the week ahead according to everyone's wishes.

On this first day, you may visit Mgarr Harbour, known as the 'Gateway to Gozo', famous for its picturesque fishing boats and pleasure craft. Qala Point (Arabic and Maltese for sheltered haven or bay), with its wild landscape and unobstructed views of Malta and Comino, is a good picnic spot for lunch and more photo opportunities.

It's time then to head to the red sandy beach of San Blas for a walking tour before the day ends with fabulous sunset views from Dwejra.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
3

SUNRISE AND SEASCAPES

You'll start out early today to catch the sunrise over the harbour. The group will then set off to see Gozo's capital Victoria, also known as Rabat. The old town and the goings on in the lively market square, It-Tokk, are always fascinating. The Citadel is visible from almost all of the island, rising up above the surrounding countryside.

After a picnic lunch, you head to the secluded Ix Xhatt l'Ahmar meaning 'Red Bay'. Within sight of the guard post of Fort Chambray, this beach is accessible through a narrow road winding from the village of Ghajnsielem. It's ideal for swimming and for diving, with the wreck of the Malta-Gozo Ferryboat "Xlendi" lying just offshore.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
4

THE WONDERS OF GOZO

The group can arrange with Pete to do a sunrise or sunset trip to the island's ancient ruins on the Ta'Cenc plateau.

The Ggantija "Giant's Temples" in Xaghra are a world heritage site pre-dating The Great Pyramid Of Giza and Stonehenge. They are the oldest freestanding temples in the world. There's plenty of scope around this area for flower, insect and macro photography. You can try out some new skills and techniques here in a place that many believe to be very spiritual.

After a picnic lunch, you will head to the northern shores of Gozo for more awe-inspiring seascapes and the dramatic geological formations of this tiny, surprising island.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
5

GOZO YOUR OWN WAY

Today is free for you to spend at leisure, completely your own way.

You may wish to return to one of the spots Pete has shown you or prefer to seek out your own new location. You might like to try something completely different, with or without your camera in hand!

Gozo has a staggering choice of activities for an island of just 9 x 5 miles. Traditional life carries on as visitors zip through tiny towns on Segway tours or cycling trips, mixing a flash of modern life with the

old ways.

The exciting coastline of tall rock cliffs and sea caves is a playground for climbers and abseilers, kayakers, scuba divers and snorkellers. All year round, there's plenty to see and do - details of all of the available options can be found in the '[Personalise](#)' section of the holiday page.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
6

MARSALFORN SALT PANS AND THE PUNIC TEMPLE

The ancient salt pans at Marsalforn are still in use today, producing sea salt for the islanders and for export. Together with Pete, your group will decide whether to view them at sunrise or sunset as their glistening appearance makes for magical photographs.

The architecture and art collections set in the serene surroundings of Gozo's many churches and shrines are excellent photographic subjects too. The marble Basilica of St. George's in Victoria dates back before 1450 and Gozo Cathedral is a stunning study for your own style of shots, inside and out.

After lunch, there will be time to discuss and edit your images before a trip to the mysterious Punic Temple which is cut into the hillside and offers jaw-dropping cliff-top vistas.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
7

MALTA'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today you ferry across to the beautiful sister isle of Malta to visit the ancient capital Medina with cathedrals, churches, chapels and stunning architecture at every turn.

Above the narrow streets and mysterious alleyways of "The Silent City", the bastions provide an almost 360-degree panoramic view of the island. There are catacombs, cliffs, botanical gardens and the famous dome at Mosta to see, one of the largest standing unsupported domes in Europe.

After lunch, you will explore the lively streets of today's capital, Valletta, on Malta's south coast. You'll have plenty of opportunities to photograph unusual buildings and beautiful locations like the Barracca Gardens built by the Knights of St. John which has incredible views of the Grand Harbour and the fortified Three Cities.

You will be transferred back to your accommodation in time to enjoy your final evening on Gozo.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
8

DEPARTURE

Time to return home with lots of new ideas to try and hopefully some new friends to keep in touch with.

Now you have seen Gozo in all her glory, at sunrise and sunset, you will no doubt miss this wonderful location, its delicious cuisine and friendly locals. We hope you look back fondly on your time spent here with Pete Bullen. You can probably understand why he decided to make Gozo his home, now that you have looked at the island with a photographer's eye.

A taxi will take you to the ferry terminal where you obtain the ticket to board the ferry. When you arrive in Malta, another taxi will bring you to the airport for your flight back home.

Please note: The itinerary is for guidance only, subject to clients' preferences and changes due to weather.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



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.

Other options

ACTIVITIES



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

EXTENSIONS



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.



Extend your stay at Ta' Cenc

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.

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

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 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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Minimum travellers 10, Maximum travellers 20