



Maltese Jews in the Middle Ages

Valletta, Malta

Event Date: 02 August 2023

Duration: 5.5 Hours

Effort: Moderate 



Tour Highlights

- See all the major highlights of Valletta
- Visit the Silent City of Mdina, St Paul's Catacombs, Jewish Cemetery, Village of Rabat

Additional Information

Inclusions: Location: Rabat A Traditional Maltese Snack. non alcoholic beverage

Moderate Effort: Requires the ability to walk medium distances on uneven surfaces and/or stairs.

An Exclusive Shore Event

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Tour Description

Our first experience, The Marsa Jewish cemetery was established in 1879. The first readable gravestones are from 1887 with the inscriptions in Italian being the oldest - perhaps because there was nobody to write in Hebrew. In these holy grounds lie side by side Jews who escaped from concentration camps, from Budapest or from Tunis, Oran or a German village. Learn about the prominent families of the last 100 years with a focus on the Tayar and Ohayon families.

Next, we will visit the Old Capital City of Mdina. Learn about the bustling Jewish culture of the Middle Ages where their population represented a third before the Edict of Expulsion.

After Mdina we will make our way to the village of Rabat, not before tasting Malta's "go to" savoury snacks - The Pastizzi.

Our last stop will be the village of Rabat. The Arabs, during their 200 years of rule, divided the old Roman City of Melita into two: the citadel became known as Mdina and the rest of the area as Rabat. In Rabat we find St. Paul's Church and Grotto as well as the St. Paul's Catacombs. It is here where we learn the story of a shipwrecked St. Paul (Saul of Tarsus) in Malta. The Christian, Jewish and Pagan Catacombs of St. Paul are not themselves associated with Paul but derive their name from their proximity to St. Paul's Church and Grotto. They are a fascinating labyrinth of 3rd-century AD subterranean tombs and the earliest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta.

Times are approximate and are subject to change depending on local traffic conditions, etc. The order of sites may vary.

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