

Durgan Travel *presents...*
9 Days/7 Nights
CATHOLIC
PILGRIMAGE TO
MALTA

Your Choice of Departures:

March at \$TBA*

April at \$TBA*

Early May at \$TBA*

October/November at \$TBA*

*Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for discount cash and check rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*).

**VALID
PASSPORT
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Must be valid for 6 mos.
beyond return date

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OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~MALTA: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to the island of Malta (*via intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – THE ISLAND OF MALTA: Upon arrival at Malta International Airport, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer. Board our private motorcoach for the drive to the resort area of St. Julian's for check-in and a welcome beverage at the first-class *Hotel Cavalieri* (or similar). The *Hotel Cavalieri* is within easy walking distance to all the popular attractions in this well-established resort area. Located directly on the water's edge overlooking picturesque Balluta Bay and the Mediterranean Sea beyond, the hotel is on the doorstep of the Portomaso Yacht Marina, the Paceville nightlife area, the Casino and Spinola Bay – the heart of St Julian's! The remainder of the day is free to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) *Hotel website:* www.cavalierihotel.com.mt

DAY 3 – THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL: After breakfast at our hotel, we will embark on a full-day guided sightseeing tour "in the footsteps of St. Paul," who brought Christianity to the island in 60 A.D., after surviving a shipwreck en route to Rome. We'll visit the Mellieha sanctuary, the monument dedicated to St. Paul, St. Paul's Bay (including a ride on a "Luzzu" boat towards St. Paul's Islands, the site of the shipwreck), the old Capital City of Mdina (including entrance to the cathedral, built on the site of the house of the island's first bishop), and St. Catald's Catacombs in Rabat. We will enjoy lunch before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – GOZO: After breakfast, we will head to Malta's sister island, Gozo, for a full-day tour. After a 20-minute ferry ride, we will see that Gozo, although similar to Malta in history and development, offers a unique setting due to its traditional character. Our guided tour in Gozo begins with a visit to the Megalithic Temples of Ggantija, followed by the Old Citadel in Victoria & Calypso cave. We will enjoy lunch, as well as a visit to Xlendi Bay and Dwejra, where we will be able to admire the Inland Sea. After our ferry ride back, we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – DINGLI CLIFFS~MOSTA DOME~MERIDIANA WINE ESTATE: After breakfast, we will head to Dingli Cliffs. With its steep drops, this is the highest point on Malta, about 250 meters above sea level. Popular for country walks and picnics, it offers not only open sea views over the tiny, uninhabited isle of Filfla, but also views of inland Malta and nearby Buskett Gardens and Verdala Palace. Next, we'll visit Mosta Dome, built in the 19th century, which is the fourth largest unsupported dome in the world and the third largest in Europe. Then we'll visit the

Meridiana Wine Estate, established in April 1987 to produce "world-class wines reflecting Maltese character." We'll take a tour of the vineyard and enjoy a light lunch, with a wine-tasting! Lunch will include nibbles of traditional Maltese foods, like timapana, bragjolini, and Maltese cheesecake. We'll finish our excursion with a visit to a traditional Maltese bakery in Qormi. Dinner and overnight. (B, LL, D)

DAY 6 – VALLETTA: After breakfast, we will embark on a full-day tour to Valletta, the capital city. Our excursion will include visits to the Upper Barracca Gardens, St. John's Co-Cathedral, which houses Caravaggio's masterpiece – *The Beheading of St. John* – and Grandmasters' Palace. We will stop for lunch, and then we will enjoy the Malta Experience Multi-Vision Show, which depicts 5000 years of Maltese history. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – SENGLEA-COSPICUA-VITTORIOSA: After breakfast, we will take a full-day tour around the three cities on the Grand Harbor opposite Valletta: Senglea, Cospicua, and Vittoriosa. We will also visit St. Lawrence Church and the Inquisitors' Palace. Lunch is on our own. Upon returning to our hotel, we will have a private Holy Mass in the Mellieha Sanctuary. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 8 – THE SOUTH OF MALTA: After breakfast, we will embark on a full-day guided sightseeing tour through the South of Malta. We'll begin with a visit to the Tarxien temples, the most complex of all temple sites in Malta, which date from 3600 to 2500 BC. Consisting of four megalithic structures, the temples are renowned for their detailed carvings, which include domestic animals carved in relief, altars, and screens decorated with spiral designs and other patterns. Then we'll visit the Blue Grotto (boat ride included), the fishing village of Marsaxlokk and Ghar Dalam's prehistoric caves. Private Holy Mass can be booked in the church at Tarxien. We will enjoy lunch before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – MALTA-BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to Malta International Airport to board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight. (B)

OUR CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- * Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- * Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- * Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-intermediate city-Malta and return, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- * All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- * 7-nights' accommodations at the first-class *Hotel Cavalieri* (or similar), based-on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- * Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- * Breakfast (B) each morning, 4 restaurant lunches (*drinks excluded*) (L) and one light lunch (LL), and dinner (D) every evening.
- * Full services of a professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- * Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- * Expert English-speaking guides where required.
- * All room and meal taxes (for included meals)
- * Complimentary Durgan Travel flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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