



**Heritage
Malta**

Calendar of Events

**July - December
2023**

Who we are



Heritage Malta proudly manages over 90 museums, landmarks, national monuments and underwater sites. It seeks to provide its various audiences with an enhanced experience during visits to these museums and sites. From prehistoric caves to subterranean passageways, geology to ethnography, from the management of seven World Heritage Sites to industrial and underwater heritage, there is no interest that is not catered for.

The national agency is also committed to bringing culture closer to the people by facilitating interpretation and accessibility, both physical and intellectual, and curating museums and sites into spaces for the exchange of ideas and knowledge. With its professional team of highly respected curators and archaeologists, architects, digital and scientific experts conservators and restorers, Heritage Malta welcomes you to be part of a spectacular past.



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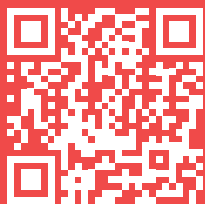


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Type of Event

- Lecture
- Members' Event
- Student Passport
- Special Opening
- Performance
- Re-enactment
- Seminar
- Taste History
- Thematic Event
- Workshop



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Embracing our Heritage

This programme effectively preserves and celebrates the rich cultural legacy of a community or region. However, to ensure its success, the programme should focus on several key aspects.

The initiatives outlined in this programme provide a wonderful opportunity for the public to engage with various aspects of Malta's history and culture while enjoying themselves through interactive experiences. The programme aims to go beyond mere admiration of heritage and encourages people to actively live and experience it, recognising its role in shaping the national identity.

The programme comprises a carefully curated, diverse range of events to cater to different audiences. Children, teenagers, and the general public are all targeted through the jam-packed calendar of activities running until the end of the year. The events include fun-filled and educational activities specifically designed for kids, offering them a chance to learn about heritage in an entertaining manner.

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By offering a wide array of events, the programme aims to make heritage accessible and appealing to a broader audience. The hands-on and interactive nature of the activities ensures that participants can actively engage with Malta's history and culture, creating a more immersive and memorable experience.

This programme signifies a shift towards a new understanding of accessibility to heritage. It encourages people not only to observe from a distance but to actively participate and engage with the heritage that forms the nation. By promoting experiential learning and providing opportunities for the public to connect with heritage on a personal level, the programme aims to foster a deeper appreciation and sense of ownership among the community.

Overall, the programme offers a well-rounded approach to heritage engagement, combining educational elements with entertainment, and catering to a diverse range of interests and age groups. It seeks to create a meaningful and enjoyable experience for participants, leaving them with a deeper understanding and connection to Malta's rich history and culture.



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Noel Zammit
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An even better second half

The first half of 2023 has flown by in a whirlwind of events which sparked great interest and saw thousands of people flocking to Heritage Malta's museums and sites. This being our first full year in a while without Covid-19 restrictions, we look back on the past six months with deep gratitude and thankfulness.

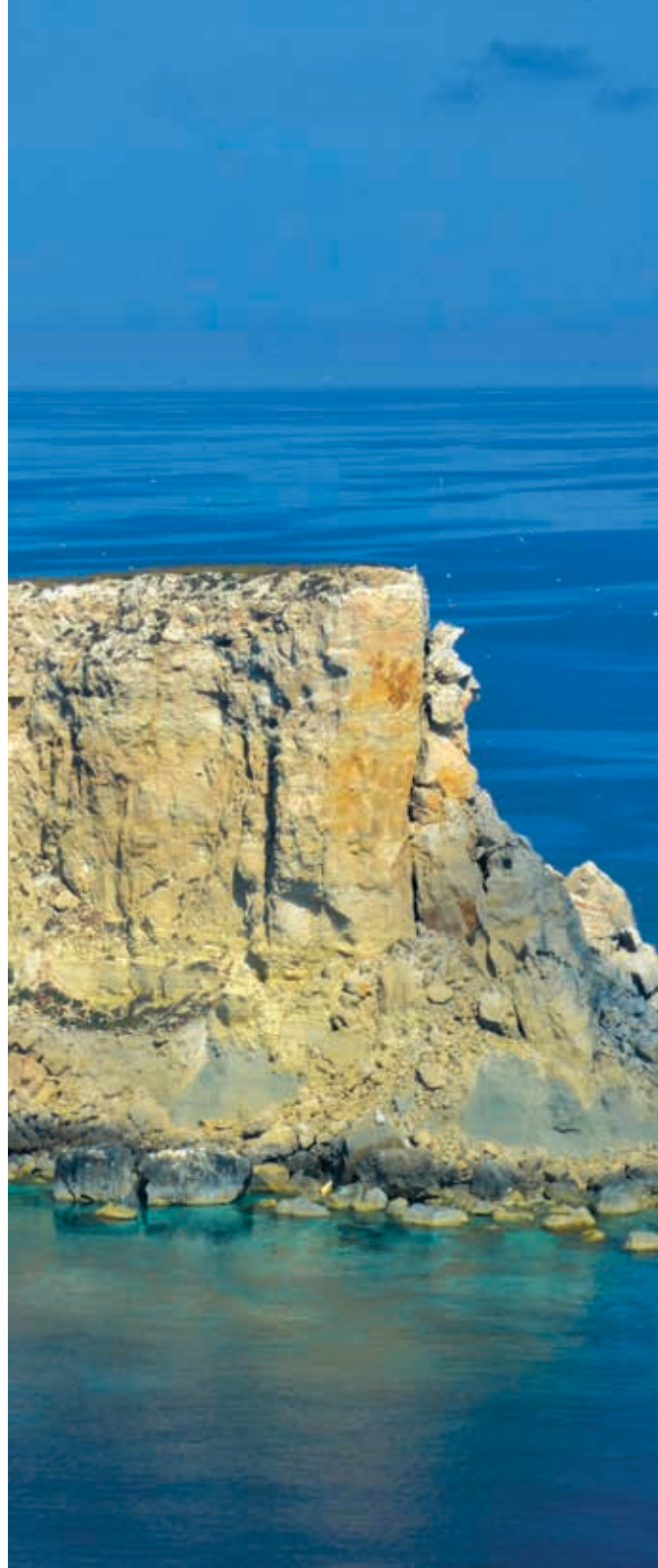
Heartened by the public's overwhelming response, we now present our calendar of events for the second half of the year. Starting with our much-awaited crowd-pullers for the hot summer months and ending with our cosy Christmastime concepts, the July – December calendar is bound to attract a wide and varied audience.

Fun-filled, hands-on edutainment family activities, large-scale exhibitions and smaller espressos, re-enactments, curatorial talks, thematic tours, public lectures, special openings of closed sites, harbour cruises, heritage trails, equinox events, and Taste History's exclusive gastronomic delights are just some of the experiences lined up for the next six months.

In the ensuing pages, we are also offering a first glimpse of this year's Student Passport Summer Programme, an annual initiative through which youngsters are not only kept active during the summer holidays but are also introduced to various aspects of Malta's history and culture while enjoying themselves in hands-on experiences. Our student summer programme is a perfect example of how Heritage Malta is placing people of all ages at the centre of its mission to make heritage constantly available to everyone, everywhere. The programme also embodies the agency's constant endeavours to give its visitors a more holistic and exciting experience through innovative and creative means aided by the latest technology.

With a portfolio including baroque auberges and palaces, catacombs, forts, natural landscapes and UNESCO-listed archaeological parks, Heritage Malta is the face of the Maltese Islands, duty-bound to ensure that our nation's stories are preserved for posterity and made accessible for everyone to experience and enjoy. This calendar of events, along with the student summer programme, illustrates our efforts to accomplish this mission.

It will be our pleasure to host you in the coming months. We promise to make your experience as edutaining as possible, and to make you feel Part of Us.



July-August 2023



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July

- **02**
Villa Frere: Open Day
Villa Frere, Pietà
- **02 & 09**
Filfla Tours
Filfla route
- **18 & 20**
Harbour Cruise:
The Great Siege
Grand Harbour & Marsamxett route
- **28**
Themed Tour
MUŻA, Valletta

August

- **06**
Villa Frere: Open Day
Villa Frere, Pietà
- **25**
Ta' Kaccatura – Curator's
Tour
Ta' Kaccatura & Għar Dalam, Birżebbuġa

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SUMMER PROGRAMME 2023

10 July - 15 September

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September 2023

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- **03**
Villa Frere: Open Day
Villa Frere, Pietà
- **08**
Victory Day Celebrations
Fort St Angelo, Birgu & Fort St Elmo and the National War Museum, Valletta
- **20 & 21**
Autumn Equinox
Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Archaeological Complex, Qrendi
- **21**
Mario Coleiro – Floriana
Heritage Trail
Floriana route
- **30**
Abbatija tad-Dejr & St Augustine's Catacombs: Curator's Tour
Abbatija tad-Dejr & St Augustine's Catacombs, Rabat
- **30**
Heritage Malta 20th Anniversary Celebrations: Open Day
All open Heritage Malta museums and sites



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October

2023

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- **01**
Heritage Malta 20th Anniversary Celebrations:
Bighi Open Day
Heritage Malta Head Office, Kalkara
- **01**
Villa Frere: Open Day
Villa Frere, Pietà
- **06**
Roman Expansion in the Mediterranean
St Paul's Catacombs, Rabat
- **07**
Notte Bianca – Extended Hours & Free Admission
Valletta museums
- **08**
Gran Castello Historic House: Free Admission with Guided Tours, marking its 40th Anniversary
Gran Castello Historic House, Cittadella, Gozo
- **13**
Dark Tales at Fort St Angelo
Fort St Angelo, Birgu
- **13 & 14**
BirguFest - Extended Hours & Reduced Admission Rate on Saturday
Fort St Angelo & the Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu
- **20 & 21**
Siege of Malta and the War of Cyprus – Compagnia San Michele
Fort St Elmo, Valletta & Fort St Angelo and the Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu
- **22**
Ta' Mintna Catacombs: Jum l-Imqabba
Ta' Mintna Catacombs, Mqabba
- **22 & 29**
In Guardia!
Fort St Elmo and the National War Museum, Valletta

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● 27

Lejlet il-Wahx
St Paul's Catacombs, Rabat

● 28

Taste History Event
Gozo site

● 28

Turkish Cemetery Tour
Turkish Cemetery, Marsa

● 29

Ġgantija Archaeological Park
– Reduced Admission Rate with
Guided Tours, marking the
Archaeological Park's 10th
Anniversary
*Ġgantija Archaeological Park,
Xagħra, Gozo*

● 29

Castellamare by Historical
Re-enactment Group of Malta
Fort St Angelo, Birgu

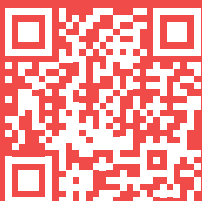


St Paul's Catacombs

November 2023

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- **03**
Meet the Experts at the Grand Master's Palace
Grand Master's Palace, Valletta
- **04**
Ta' Haġrat & Skorba: Curator's Tour
Ta' Haġrat Megalithic Site & Skorba Prehistoric Site, Mgarr
- **05**
Villa Frere: Open Day
Villa Frere, Pietà
- **05, 12 & 26**
In Guardia!
Fort St Elmo and the National War Museum, Valletta
- **09**
L-Inkwizizzjoni – L-ewwel sessjoni: L-Inkwizizzjoni: Meta? Kif? Min u għaliex?
Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu
- **11**
Ġewż, Lewż, Qastan, Tin!
Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu
- **19**
Castellamare by Historical Re-enactment Group of Malta
Fort St Angelo, Birgu
- **25**
The History of the Old Abattoir: Curator's Tour
Valletta Design Cluster, Valletta



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Inquisitor's Palace

December 2023

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- **03**
Villa Frere: Open Day
Villa Frere, Pietà
- **03 & 17**
In Guardia!
Fort St Elmo and the National War Museum, Valletta
- **07**
L-Inkwizizzjoni – It-tieni sessjoni: Il-bini ta' palazz għall-Inkwizituri
Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu
- **09 & 10**
Christmas at the Fort
Fort St Elmo and the National War Museum, Valletta
- **16**
Christmas Special Event
Fort St Angelo, Birgu
- **17**
Student Passport VISA Activity
Fort St Elmo and the National War Museum, Valletta
- **21**
Winter Solstice
Haġar Qim & Mnajdra Archaeological Complex, Qrendi



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Exhibitions 2023

May - September

From Aphrodite to Eros –
Mythology on the Greek Vases
in the National Collection
*The National Museum of
Archaeology, Valletta*

June - December

*The National Museum of
Natural History: 50 years in
Mdina, a photographic journey*
*The National Museum of Natural
History, Mdina*

July - August

Schrine by Alexandra Aquilina
MUŻA, Valletta

August - September

*The Langue of Italy: Building an
Identity*
MUŻA, Valletta

August - October

NOUS by Joseph Farrugia
MUŻA, Valletta

September - December

*BeLoved Malta: Stories of Sexual
Identity*
Main Guard, Valletta

October - November

Caged Spaces – Patrick J Fenech
MUŻA, Valletta

October - July 2024

*The Maltese Bride: 18th – 19th century
bridal wear in Malta*
Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu

October - December

*Fare Convito – Banqueting under the
Order of St John*
*The National Museum of
Archaeology, Valletta*

October - December

Pathos – Chris Ebejer
MUŻA, Valletta

26 - 29 October

Il-Malti: Il-Mixja sal-Għarfien Uffiċjali
Malta Book Fair

November - December

Maritime Dockyard
The Malta Maritime Museum, Birgu

November - January 2023

The Crib's Journey with St Francis
Grand Master's Palace, Valletta

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Abroad

March - September

Streamline - The Form of Progress
Design Museum Den Bosch,
s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands

May - May 2024

Bilingual Cippus of Malta
Louvre, Abu Dhabi, UAE

October - March 2024

Mattia Preti - Knight of Malta
Royal Lazienki Museum, Warsaw,
Poland

November - March 2024

The Mark of Jorge Juan - The Legacy
of an Enlightened Scientist
Museo Naval de Madrid, Madrid, Spain



Accessibility

2023

The Education and Outreach Department within Heritage Malta regularly organises multidisciplinary and interactive activities that target audiences with different abilities.

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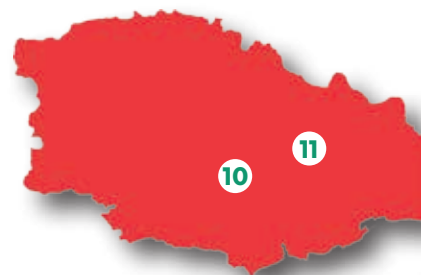
Museums & Sites

OPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS



1 Valletta

National Museum of Archaeology
Fort St Elmo
Grand Master's Palace
National War Museum
MUŻA - The National Community Art Museum
Fortress Builders Interpretation Centre
Underground Valletta



2 Pietà

Villa Frere Garden



3 Birgu

Inquisitor's Palace
Malta Maritime Museum
Fort St Angelo

4 Hal Tarxien & Paola

Hal Tarxien Prehistoric Complex
Hal Saflieni Hypogeum



5 Birżebbuġa

Għar Dalam Cave and Museum
Borġ in-Nadur Prehistoric Complex

6 Qrendi

Haġar Qim Prehistoric Complex
Mnajdra Prehistoric Complex



7 Mdina & Rabat

National Museum of Natural History
Domvs Romana
St Paul's Catacombs



8 Mġarr

Skorba Prehistoric Complex

Ta' Haġrat Megalithic Site

9 Mosta

Ta' Bistra Catacombs

10 Victoria

Gozo Museum of Archaeology

Gran Castello Historic House

Old Prison

Gozo Nature Museum

11 Xagħra

Ġgantija Archaeological Park

Ta' Kola Windmill

With a total surface area of just 316km², the Maltese Islands cherish an outstanding patrimony. The distinctiveness and longevity of its story is the result of the Archipelago's position at the crossroads of the Mediterranean and its endowment with formidable natural havens. Heritage Malta, the National Agency for museums, conservation practice and cultural heritage, manages a cornucopia of museums and sites ranging from geology to industrial heritage, archaeology to ethnography, palaces to underground cemeteries, including seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

All Heritage Malta Museums and Sites are closed on 1 January, Good Friday and on 24, 25 & 31 December.

Further details may be obtained from www.heritagemalta.mt



Underwater Sites

THROUGH APPROVED DIVE CENTRES

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The location of the Maltese Islands at the centre of the Mediterranean has created an inextricable link between the archipelago and the maritime history of the Mediterranean. Malta's human story stretches back over 8,000 years and is reflected in the archaeologically rich landscape of the islands. Millennia of human activity are also reflected on the seabed surrounding Malta and Gozo, ranging from a 2,700-year-old Phoenician shipwreck, Roman and Early Modern shipwrecks, to dozens of aircraft crash sites, submarines and battleships from both world wars. This diversity and unique range of underwater cultural heritage sites has made Malta the curator for a unique and well-preserved cultural resource that is global in nature and belongs to all humankind. A distinctive characteristic of Malta's underwater cultural heritage sites is their deep-water location, ensuring site preservation whilst maintaining the authenticity and integrity of many historic wrecks.



Underwater

- 1 Spitfire
- 2 JU88
- 3 Fairey Swordfish
- 4 Schnellboot S-31
- 5 HMS *Urge*
- 6 HMS *Olympus*
- 7 HMS *Trusty Star*
- 8 ORP *Kujawiak* L72
- 9 HMS *Southwold*
- 10 HMS *Russell*
- 11 HMS *Nasturtium*
- 12 JU88 South
- 13 SS *Polynesian*
- 14 Martin *Maryland*
- 15 SS *Luciston*
- 16 B24 *Liberator*
- 17 Douglas *A-1 Skyraider*



Malta, 8000 years of history

3800 BC

Late Neolithic

Construction of complex megalithic structures and communal burial places, and crafting of fine objets d'art.

1500 BC

Late Bronze Age

Flourishing of fortified settlements.

218 BC

Annexation to Rome

Thriving of economic and artistic pursuits, and endowment of towns of Melite and Gaulos with fine properties.

800 BC

Phoenician and Carthaginian dominance

Foundation of Phoenician colony and trade hub, and eventual metamorphosis into a Carthaginian dependency.

2000 BC

Early Bronze Age

Fresh wave of colonisation and arrival of new technologies, repurposing of megalithic temples.

5900 BC

Early Neolithic

First evidence of cultivation in the Maltese Islands.

1530
Early Modern Period
Transformation into a regional maritime hub and world-class stronghold, and an exponential increase of population count.

1964
Sovereign State
Achievement of Independence, establishment of Republic, termination of foreign military presence and accession to the European Union.

535 AD
Middle Ages
Succession of diverse dominations and abandonment of coastal settlements due to intensification of hostile incursions.



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