IN THE STEPS OF SAINT PAUL - MALTA PILGRIMAGE TOURS



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SHARING HOLIDAYS

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St. Paul in Malta



Christianity has almost 2000 years of history in Malta. According to tradition, it was brought to the Islands by none other than the Apostle Paul himself in around A.D. 60.

Paul was being taken to Rome to be tried as a political rebel, but the ship carrying him and some 274 others was caught in a violent storm only to be wrecked two weeks later on the Maltese coast. All aboard swam safely to land.

The site of the wreck is traditionally known as St. Paul's Island, and is marked by a statue commemorating the event.



Church of St. Paul's Bonfire – St. Paul's Bay

The welcome given to the survivors is described in the Acts of the Apostles (XXVIII)by St. Luke:

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and they made a fire and called us all to warm ourselves..."

As the fire was lit, Paul was bitten by a poisonous snake but he suffered no ill effects. The islanders took this as a sign that he was a special man. This scene is depicted in many religious works of art on the Islands.

According to tradition, the Apostle took refuge in a cave, now known as St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat, Malta.

During his winter stay, he was invited to the house of Publius, the Romans' chief man on the Islands. It was here, according to tradition, that Paul cured Publius' father of a serious fever. Publius is then said to have converted to Christianity and was made the first Bishop of Malta. The Cathedral of Mdina is said to stand on the site of Publius' house.



Pope John Paul II at St. Paul's Grotto in 2010



St. Paul's Grotto – Rabat

The Feast of St. Paul's Shipwreck is celebrated annually on the 10th February, making it the first major feast day and National Holiday. As is traditional with most local celebrations the day is a time for family gatherings and observed by religious ceremonies and processions, the main focus of which will be at the Church of St. Paul Shipwreck in Valletta.





DAY 1: Arriving at Malta Airport – Transfer from Airport to Hotel

DAY 2: VALLETTA - SLIEMA - SENGLEA - COSPICUA - VITTORIOSA

Departure to Valletta: Passing through Sliema, a coastal town situated on the northeast of **Malta**. In Valletta we visit St. John's Co Cathedral, Upper Barrakka Gardens, Grand Master's Palace (outside), Church of St. Paul's Shipwreck that holds the relics of the Holy Saint. Free time. Visiting three cities: Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa.





DAY 3: GOZO

Ferry crossing to the island of Gozo: Ta' Pinu Sanctuary, Dwejra, Victoria, the Augustinian convent. Stay on the beach. Return by ferry to Malta.





DAY 4: MDINA - MOSTA – DINGLI CLIFFS

Visiting Rabat: St. Paul's Cave, the chapel of St. Publius, Saint Paul Catacombs, Franciscan Church, continuing to Mdina: St. Paul's Cathedral, Museum, walk through the streets of the city. Transfer to Mosta: church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Trip to the highest point of Malta, Dingli Cliffs



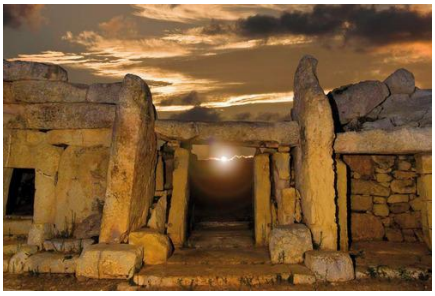




DAY 5: MARSAXLOKK - HAGAR QIM - SAN ANTON GARDENS

Transfer to Marsaxlokk, fishing village. Hagar Qim - the remains of megalithic temples. San Anton Botanical Gardens.







DAY 6: ST. PAUL'S ISLANDS AND COMINO CRUISE

Cruise to Comino and the island of Saint Paul (depending on the weather conditions)



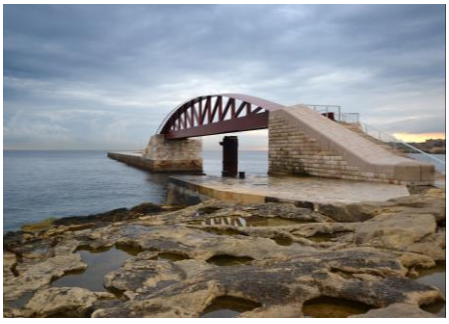


DAY 7 MELLIEHA - POPEYE VILLAGE - HARBOUR CRUISE

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Mellieha. Transfer to Popeye Village. A cruise around the Grand Harbour.







DAY 8: Transfer Hotel to Airport

End of Tour.



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