

Gozo Island, Malta

Malta's quieter sister island moves at its own unhurried pace — where temples older than Stonehenge stand beside baroque church domes, red-sand beaches meet crystal-clear coves, and the scent of wood-fired bread drifts through limestone villages.

 Tender port  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  Maltese & English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender to Mgarr Harbour quay

Walk to center: ~30 min uphill to Victoria; taxis/HOHO at pier

Best For: History, beaches, local food

Don't Miss: Ggantija temples (3600 BC) & Victoria Citadel ramparts

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €12–20 to Victoria ·  **Rideshare**  Bolt, Uber, eCabs ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ggantija Temples & Xaghra Village** — The UNESCO-listed Ggantija megalithic temples (3600 BC) are among the oldest free-standing stone structures on Earth — older than Stonehenge and the...
- **Victoria Citadel (Cittadella) & Ramparts** — The medieval walled hilltop city at the heart of Gozo is free to enter.
- **Dwejra Bay, Inland Sea & Blue Hole** — Though the Azure Window arch collapsed in 2017, Dwejra remains spectacular.
- **Ramla Bay — Red Sand Beach** — Gozo's premier beach is famous for its rich, reddish-gold sand — rare in the Mediterranean.
- **Gozitan Food & Market Tour** — Gozo's food culture is distinctly its own: wood-fired ftira flatbreads topped with local sheep's milk cheese (gbejniet), slow-cooked rabbit stew, and...

BEST WALKS

- **Mgarr to Victoria (Rabat) Citadel Walk** 4 km · 1.5–2 hrs · Uphill · Moderate — A steady uphill walk from the ferry port through the village of Ghajnsielem and up to the walled hilltop capital.
- **Marsalforn Seafront & Salt Pans** 3 km · 1 hr · Flat · Easy — A flat coastal promenade stroll from the resort town of Marsalforn westward along 350-year-old rock-cut salt pans still harvested by local families.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	59°	3d
Jun	75°	70°	0d
Aug	81°	78°	1d
Sep	79°	75°	4d
Oct	74°	70°	8d

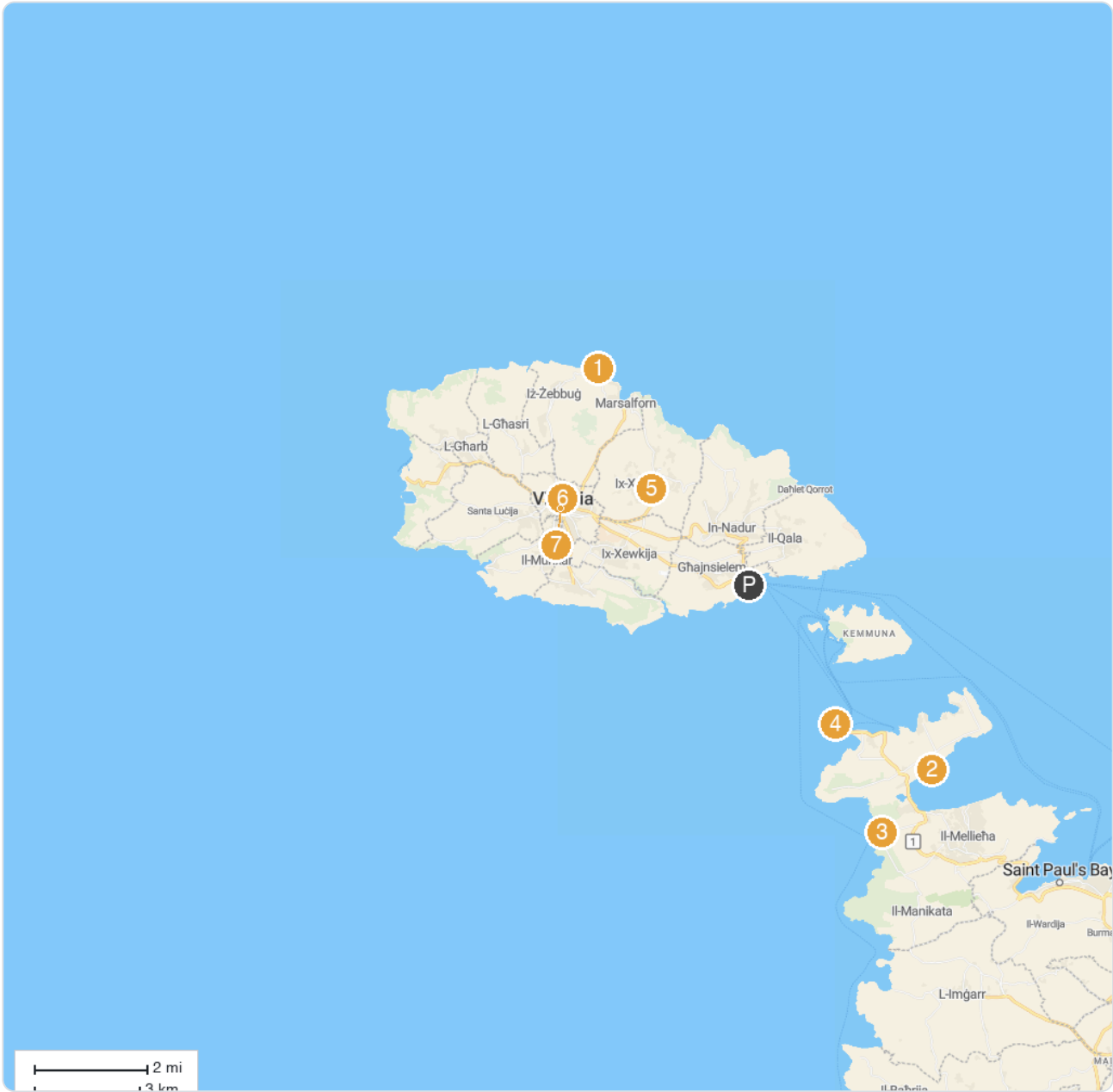
 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:29AM–7:36PM · Jun 5:45AM–8:21PM · Aug 6:21AM–7:52PM · Sep 6:45AM–7:09PM · Oct 7:09AM–6:26PM	
Euro (€)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch your tender timing. Last tenders back to the ship fill up fast. Build in an extra 45–60 minutes of buffer, especially in peak summer when the quay gets congested.
- Hop-On Hop-Off is the easiest option. Both operators (City Sightseeing and Gozo Sightseeing) park right at the pier exit. They cover all major sites and sync with ship arrivals — buy tickets on the bus.
- Try the Gozo ftira. Stop at Maxokk Bakery in Nadur for wood-fired ftira flatbread fresh from the oven — a uniquely Gozitan taste you won't find on the main island.
- Ggantija is worth the entrance fee. At ~€10 it's excellent value for one of the world's oldest buildings. Pair it with the nearby Ta' Kola Windmill (included in the ticket).
- Hondoq cove is near the port. If you just want a beach swim, Hondoq ir-Rummien is only a few kilometres from Mgarr — clear turquoise water and a great view of Comino, without the trek to Ramla.
- Carry some cash. Public buses (€2.50), cave boat rides (~€5), and small bakeries are cash-only. ATMs are in Victoria and Marsalforn, not at the pier.

Gozo Island, Malta — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Qolla l-Bajda Battery | Historic coastal battery from the Knights' era. | 2 | WWII Beach Post - Ta' l-Imgharqa | A preserved World War II coastal defence post. |
| 3 | Popeye Village | Original film set of the 1980 Popeye movie. | 4 | P29 Wreck | Scuttled patrol boat wreck, now an artificial reef for divers. |
| 5 | Ġgantija Archaeological Park | Ancient megalithic temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. | 6 | Gran Castello Historic House | A historic house showcasing traditional Gozitan life. |
| 7 | Il-Ħaġar Gozo Museum | Museum of Gozitan culture, art, and history. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |