

Valletta, Malta

Baroque palaces crowd honey-stone streets above one of the world's great natural harbours. Malta's capital packs more UNESCO heritage per square metre than almost anywhere on earth — and it's almost all walkable from the ship.

Docked (Valletta Waterfront)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Maltese & English

Best months: Apr–Jun, Sep–Oct

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Valletta Cruise Port (Pinto Wharf), Floriana — docked, no tender

Walk to centre: 15 min on foot or 5 min by free shuttle bus to City Gate

Best For: Baroque architecture, WWII history, Knights of St John heritage

Don't Miss: St John's Co-Cathedral (Caravaggio inside), Upper Barrakka Gardens views

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €8–15 · **Rideshare** ✓ Bolt, Uber, eCabs · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ City Sightseeing Malta

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Valletta Old City Walk** — Stroll the fortified Baroque capital: City Gate, Republic Street, St John's Co-Cathedral (two Caravaggio masterpieces), the Grand Master's Palace...
- **Three Cities (Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua)** — Take a water taxi across the Grand Harbour to the fortified Three Cities — older than Valletta itself, packed with Knights' auberges and WWII history.
- **Mdina — the Silent City** — Malta's ancient walled hilltop capital is 30 minutes by bus or taxi.
- **Malta's Megalithic Temples** — The Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra temples (3600–3200 BC) predate Stonehenge and the pyramids.
- **Blue Grotto Boat Trip** — Motorboat trips run from Wied iż-Żurrieq on Malta's south coast into the Blue Grotto sea cave system — brilliant turquoise water and cathedral-like...

BEST WALKS

- **Republic Street Spine Walk** 2.5 km round trip · 1-2 hrs · Easy–Moderate — The classic Valletta route: enter through City Gate, walk Republic Street past the Grand Master's Palace to Fort St Elmo, then return via Merchant Street for different...
- **Barrakka Gardens & Waterfront Loop** 1.5 km · 45 min · Easy — From City Gate, descend to Upper Barrakka Gardens for Grand Harbour panoramas (and the noon cannon salute at 12:00 and 16:00, Mon–Sat), then take the Barrakka Lift down...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		65°	58°	3d
Jun		79°	70°	1d
Aug		85°	77°	1d
Sep		81°	74°	4d
Oct		75°	68°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:29AM–7:35PM · Jun 5:45AM–8:19PM · Aug 6:20AM–7:51PM · Sep 6:44AM–7:08PM · Oct 7:08AM–6:25PM

Currency: Euro (€)

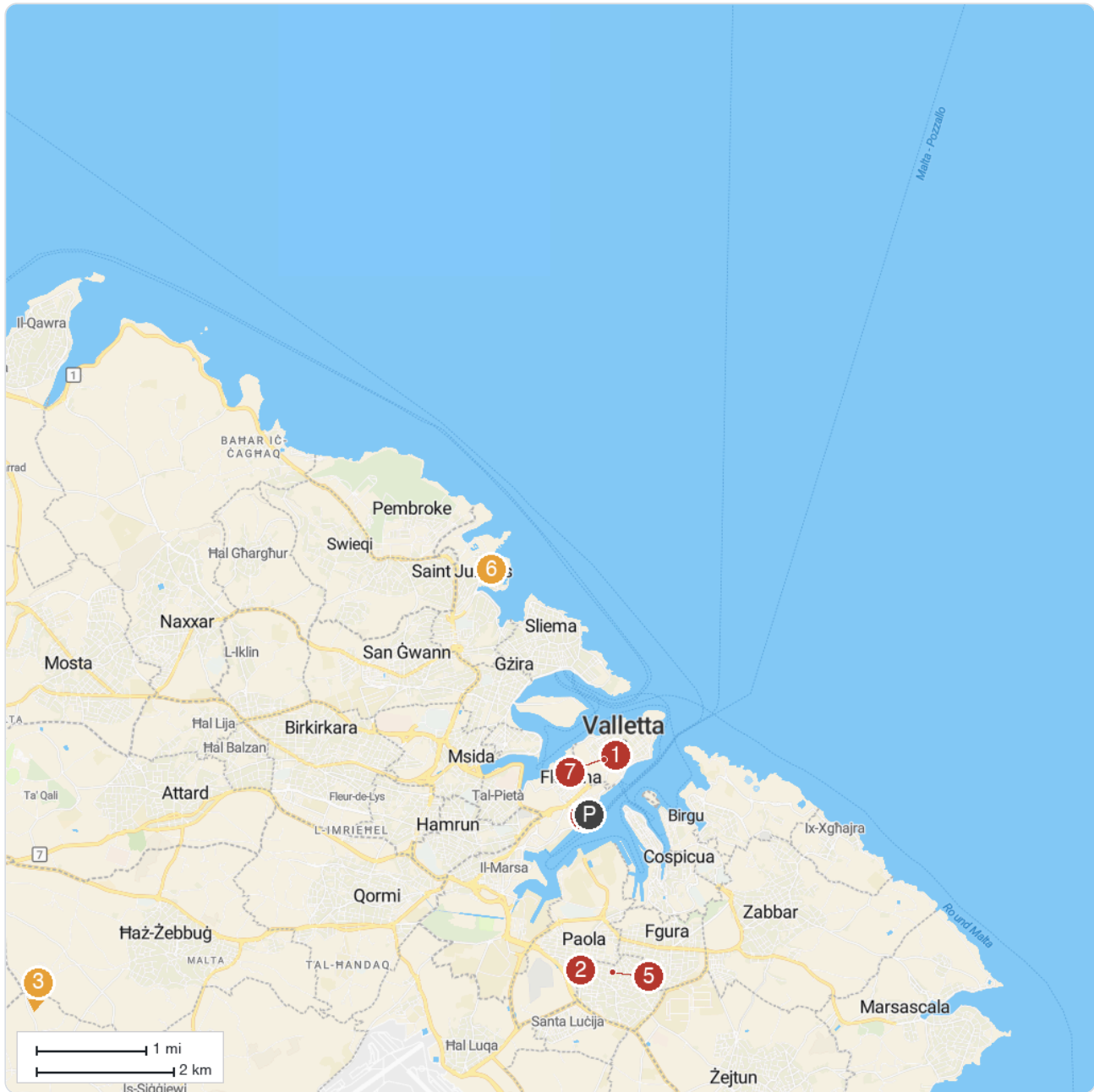
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book St John's Co-Cathedral online. Tickets sell out by mid-morning on busy ship days — pre-book at stjohncocathedral.com (€15 adult, includes audio guide). The Caravaggio paintings alone are worth it.
- Catch the noon cannon salute. The Saluting Battery at Upper Barrakka Gardens fires at 12:00 and 16:00, Monday to Saturday (no Sunday firing) — free to watch, dramatic views across Grand Harbour included.
- Cash is king at smaller venues. Cards are accepted at most restaurants and shops, but small stalls, bus tickets (cash only on board), and market vendors prefer euros. ATMs are plentiful near City Gate.
- Summer heat is intense. July and August see 32°C+ with fierce sun bouncing off white stone streets. Start early, carry water, and duck into churches (free, cool) for breaks.
- Public buses are excellent and cheap. Malta Public Transport covers the whole island from City Gate. Single tickets are about €2 in winter and €2.50 in summer (valid 2 hrs with free transfers); a 7-day Explore card is €25. Mdina, the temples, and the Blue Grotto are all reachable by bus — great for independent explorers.
- Eat Maltese, not tourist-trap. Head one block off Republic Street for pastizzi (flaky savoury pastries, ~€0.50 each), rabbit stew (fenkata), and local Cisk lager. Restaurants on the main drag charge 30% more for the same food.

Valletta, Malta — Port Map

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



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| 1 St. John's Co-Cathedral | 2 Hal Saflieni Hypogeum |
| 3 Laferla Cross | 4 The Valletta Waterfront |
| 5 Hal-Tarxien Prehistoric Complex | 6 Portomaso Casino |
| 7 Knisja ta' Santa Barbara | P Cruise port / terminal |