



The Xara Palace Boutique Hotel is a converted 17th century palazzo and is the only hotel located within the walls of the Silent City of Mdina enjoying unparalleled views of the beautiful Maltese countryside.

Location

Malta International Airport is 7.9Km away from the hotel and Mdina is connected via local transport to all areas of interest in Malta. Hop on Hop OFF Buses also serve this route throughout the whole week. Taxi stands and electric car on demand and parking areas are situated a couple of minutes on foot from the Hotel.

Rooms & Suites

The hotel has seventeen individually designed, luxurious rooms and suites. All have an intimate ambiance and comfortable and traditional setting





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Dining

The culture and way of life all over the Mediterranean has been influenced historically over the millennia by the movements and coming together of highly varied cultures and civilisations over land and sea. Whether you choose the ONE Star Michelin - de Mondion Restaurant perched on Mdina's bastions or the more relaxed, al fresco Trattoria AD 1530 in the palace's courtyard, or if you'd rather enjoy a sumptuous dinner in the privacy of your room, at The Xara Palace we pride ourselves in featuring a cuisine richly steeped in these basic ingredients, yet not bound by the shackles of tradition.





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Spa & Wellness

The hotel offers a mini gym and Sauna. SPA treatments are bookable at Front Desk and delivery in the comfort of your rooms.

Sightseeing Highlights in Malta

MDINA – The old Capital City where the hotel itself is located. The history of Mdina traces back more than 4000 years. According to tradition it was here that in 60 A.D. that the Apostle St. Paul is said to have lived after being shipwrecked on the Islands. Furthermore, it is said that St. Paul resided inside the grotto known as Fuori le Mura (outside the city walls) now known as St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat. Lamp lit by night and referred to as “the silent city”, Mdina is fascinating to visit for its timeless atmosphere as well as its cultural and religious treasures.



Mdina has had different names and titles depending on its rulers and its role but its medieval name describes it best – ‘Citta’ Notabile’: the noble city.

It was home then, as now, to Malta's noble families; some are descendants of the Norman, Sicilian and Spanish overlords who made Mdina their home from the 12th century onwards. Impressive palaces line its narrow, shady streets.



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Mdina is one of Europe's finest examples of an ancient walled city and extraordinary in its mix of medieval and baroque architecture.

Valletta – Malta's Capital city is the Europe's tiniest capital, surrounded by sea and 16th-century bastion walls, has an enduring charm all of its own. A Unesco World Heritage site steeped in history, Valletta is in the midst of a 21st-century revitalisation. It emerged from its year as European Capital of Culture in 2018 with more hotels, restaurants and historic treasures and the momentum has not let up since.

Valletta has an extraordinary density of sights and activities too: from 5,000-year-old 'Fat Lady' statues, to the ornate Baroque legacy of the Knights of St John; from Bastion-top gardens to boat trips on the Grand Harbour. And it isn't all ancient. There's also the City Gate redevelopment, designed by star architect Renzo Piano (of London's Shard fame) inside the bombed-out shell of the Neoclassical opera house.

Buzzing bars spill out onto the city's limestone alleys, concerts frequently grace its copious churches, and the restaurant scene serves the best bites in Malta.

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Marsaxlokk

The small and picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk (pronounced marsa-schlock – meaning southeastern port) is located in the South-Eastern part of Malta, adjacent to Żejtun, Marsaskala and Birżebbuga



The town offers a selection of the finest fish restaurants on the island, peaceful walks around the coast and harbour, as well as for its secluded and untainted swimming zones in the area around Marsaxlokk. Tourists and locals alike make their way to this Sunday market to buy locally caught fresh fish and seafood, as well as everyday items, such as locally produced honey, fruit jam, wine, vegetables, souvenirs, and clothes.

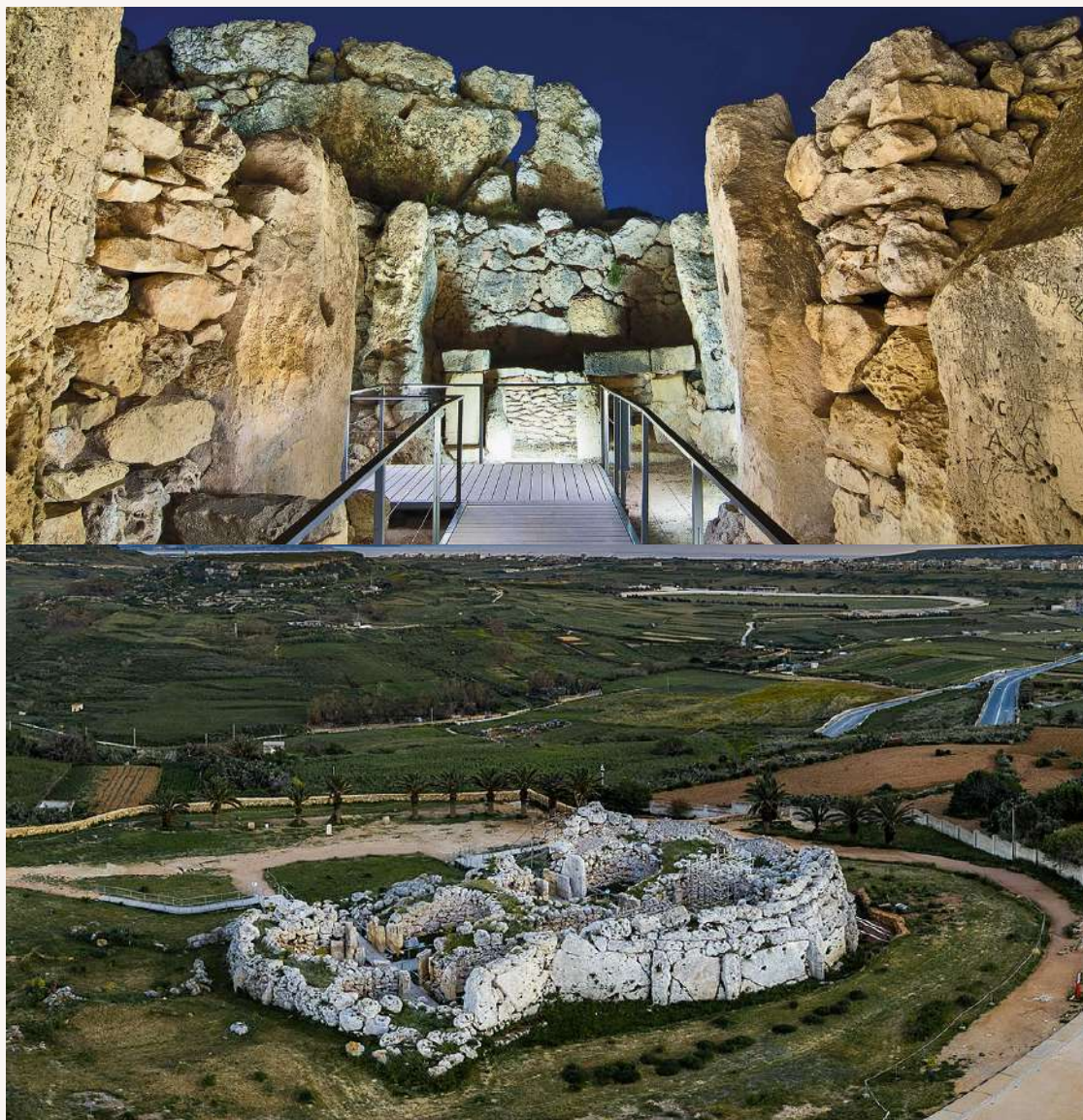


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Megalithic Temples in Malta: The Oldest in the World

Although small in size, Malta is home to the oldest free-standing structures in the world - older than Stonehenge and the Great Egyptian Pyramids! In fact, the Megalithic Temples of Malta date back to 3600-2500 B.C., with the Ggantija Temples in Gozo being classified as the oldest structure in the world, dating back to around 3600-3200 B.C. There are several pre-historic temples scattered around the Maltese islands, seven of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The temples were built using mostly materials such as coralline rock and globigerina limestone.



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Malta Beaches

Most beaches around the Maltese islands are recognised as having some of the cleanest bathing waters around the EU, with a 97% evaluation of excellent quality, placing Malta high on the list among EU states.

A few beaches are also Blue Flag certified, which means such beaches adhere to standards for sustainable development, environmental management, safety and other services





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Gozo and Comino

Steeped in myth, Gozo is thought to be the legendary Calypso's isle of Homer's Odyssey – a peaceful, mystical backwater. Baroque churches and old stone farmhouses dot the countryside. Gozo's rugged landscape and spectacular coastline await exploration with some of the Mediterranean's best dive sites.

The island also comes complete with historical sites, forts and amazing panoramas, as well as one of the archipelago's best-preserved prehistoric temples, Ġgantija.





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To discover the true magic of swimming, diving and enjoying all the activities the sea has to offer, **Comino** is the Island that must be explored. The island's **Blue Lagoon**, with its safe bathing in bright turquoise waters, makes a memorable day out by boat.



Walks and hikes

From mid-November until mid-May or so, you'll find the Islands green and lush. Fields are full of vegetables and waysides are carpeted with fennel, clover, wild iris, myrtle and much more. By late spring, a thousand or more species of plants will be in flower.

Away from the resorts and urban areas of central Malta, there is a surprising amount of countryside, some left almost untouched by modernity. You may be surprised to learn that only around one-fifth of the Maltese Islands is urbanised. Farmers often use traditional labour-intensive methods of the past. Village life still centres on the agricultural and fishing seasons. The Islands offer walkers some of the most stunning views anywhere in the Mediterranean. The first thing to do is to decide what sort of view you prefer – dramatic cliffs plunging into waves, the rocky, scrubland of the garrigue or hidden, lush valleys. En route, you'll come across mysterious, prehistoric sites, cave chapels and secluded palaces of the Knights.



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In Malta, areas that make excellent day hikes, are Melieha, Dingli, Ghar Lapsi, Fawwara, Wardija, all the North and the various bays, and the southern coast with its fishing villages and Delimara Point

Dining in Style

Fork and Cork

Fine Mediterranean Cuisine – The menu changes every season, ensuring a different experience every time you visit. The size of our menu at The Fork and Cork allows us to use the freshest of ingredients, with dishes being prepared on a daily basis.



Address: 20, Telgha Tas-Saqqajja, Rabat, Malta



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Trabuxu

“Providing customers with the finest quality food, a wonderful atmosphere and excellent service. This is our recipe for success”



Address: Trabuxu Bistro 8/9 South Street Valletta

ION

ION Harbour is a Michelin star restaurant which is currently lead by two Michelin star chef Alex Dilling. Situated on the stunning rooftop of Iniala Harbour House, ION Harbour offers a unique dining experience that ventures beyond the usual boundaries of fine dining.



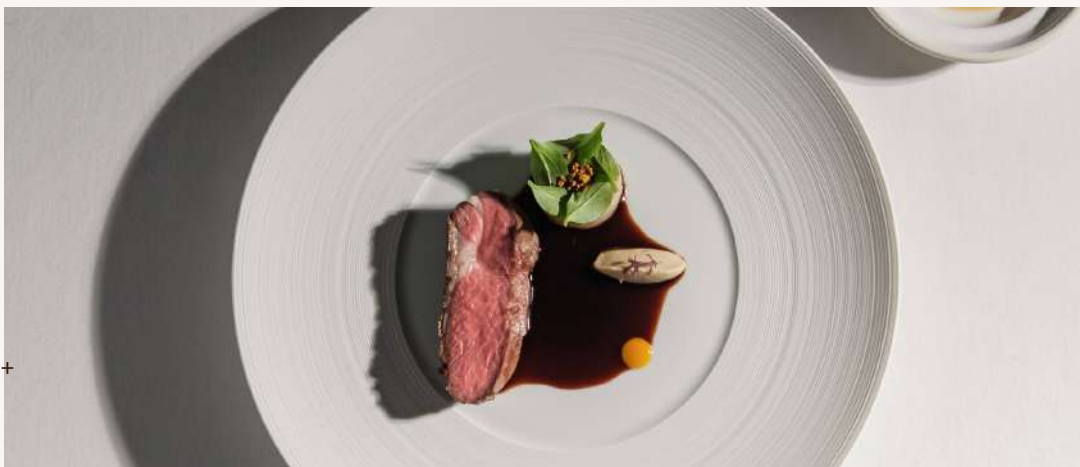
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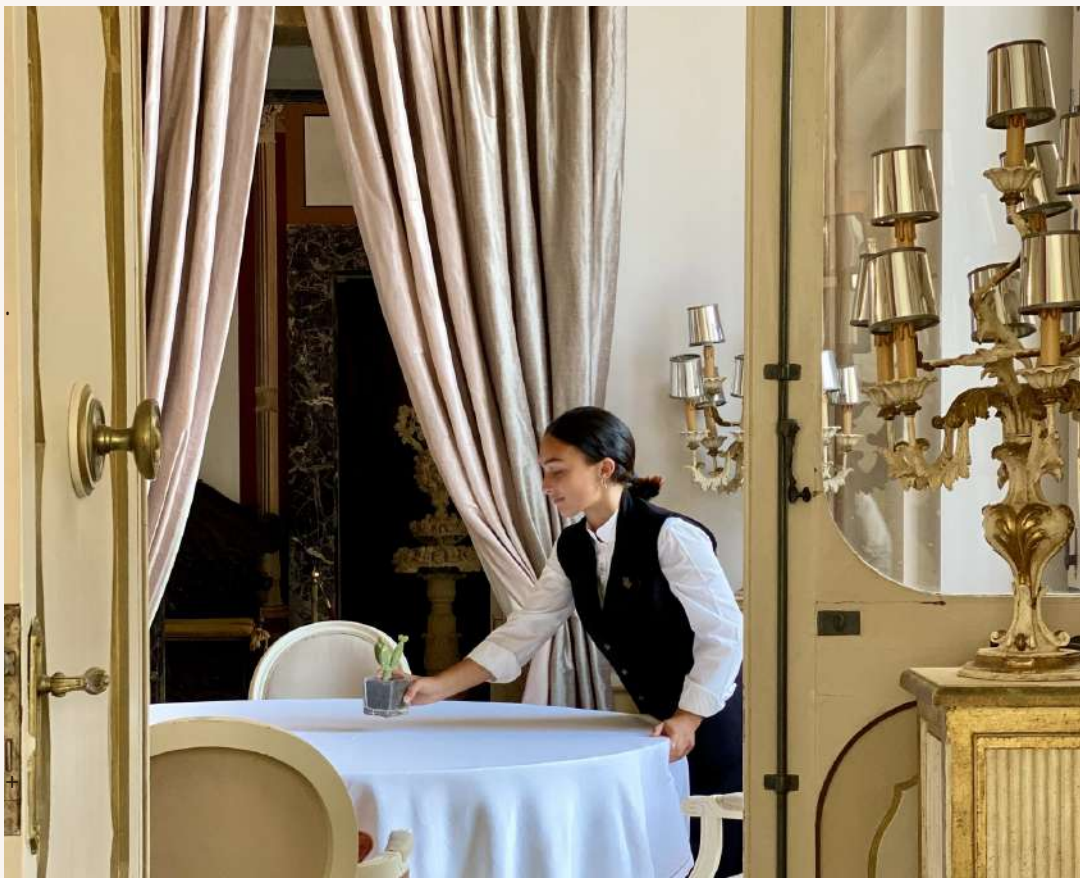
An address that has been synonymous with food, hospitality and entertainment in Valletta for more than 250 years. NONI is the place to have an exciting dining experience, a serious meal that is also warm and fun.



Address: 211 Republic Street Valletta

Palazzo Parisio

The culinary delights of Palazzo Parisio can be enjoyed from morning till night. Breakfast, lunch and our legendary afternoon tea are served in The Garden Restaurant by day, while at night Luna Restaurant offers the finest of dining. As the sun sets, The Garden Bar buzzes with the laughter and chatter of friends and family enjoying evening drinks and snacks.



Address: Palazzo Parisio, Victory Square, Naxxar



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Charles&Ron Café

What can one expect from two creative minds whose love for food is as strong as that for fashion? A diverse, mouth watering menu composed of high-quality ingredients using the best seasonal produce the island has to offer.



Address: 21, St. Paul's Street, Naxxar



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NAAR Restobar

Escape from the ordinary into the most vibrant spot in Balluta Bay! Hypnotic sounds of live music and vegan-forward menu full of rustic nomadic dishes and bursting authentic flavours. Enjoy with sizzling cocktails right by water's edge. Bring your loved ones and friends...you can even bring your dog!



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Address: 1 Triq Censu Tabone Saint Julian's

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Hammett's Maçina Restaurant

The menu is a culinary representation of the island's succession of powers and offers modern Med cuisine. Honestly, you'll be drooling as soon as you walk in!



Address: Triq Il-3i ta' Marzu Xatt Juan B. Azopardo L-Isla



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Tartarun

Tartarun offers quality cuisine in a casual atmosphere. The family run establishment offers a menu that uses fresh ingredients to create delicious local dishes with an international twist. The main focus is local fresh fish which is sourced daily. The name of the restaurant, 'Tartarun', has been borrowed from a special Maltese fishing net.



Address: Tartarun, Xatt is-Sajjieda, Marsaxlokk



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ZEST RESTAURANT

Traditional Asian and Japanese-Peruvian Nikkei cuisine take on a modern twist at Zest, with mouth-watering sushi rolls, fluffy bao buns, tangy curries and delicious ceviche all featured on the menu.



Address: 25 Triq San Gorg St Julians



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TWO BOUYS

Where Melbourne meet Malta



Address : 106 Triq Spinola St Julian's

TICO - TICO

The first of modern-day Strait Street's groovy bars, Tico-Tico is the place to be in Valletta. No need for dinner before you get to Tico-Tico, dine in with a great sharing menu reminiscent of the Barcelona way of life.



Address: 61 Strait St, Valletta



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Cafe Socceity

Outdoor Seating, Seating, Serves Alcohol, Full Bar, Wine and Beer, Free Wifi, Accepts Credit Cards, Live Music, Jazz Bar, Dog Friendly



Address: 13 Triq San Gwann

Alchemy Cocktail Bar

At Alchemy Bar one can experience the mystical blend of high-end cocktail creations, tasty bites, dedicated quality service, and outstanding design in the historic but totally revamped part of Strait Street, formerly known – also by the Mediterranean sailors -, as “the Gut”. The Alchemy Bar features an exclusive and cozy ambiance designed by a renowned, international, award-winning designer



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Events Highlights

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