

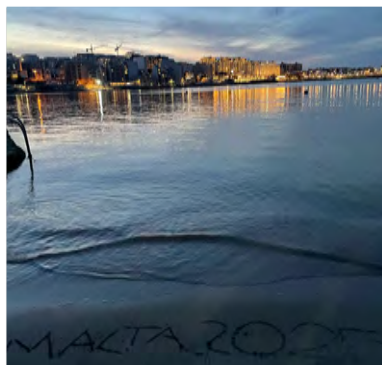
Malta

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About me

Bongu! As you probably already figured out, my name is Anna. I've been all around the world (my recent travel destinations include Cyprus, the Seychelles and Argentina) and I came back home from Malta just two days ago. I love going on adventures in foreign countries and I'm thankful for being able to share my experiences with all of you on my travel blog!



A Mediterranean Escape

From Vienna to Malta via a direct flight in just two hours... doesn't that sound luxurious? But it's very true, that's about the time it takes to travel to this Mediterranean paradise.

Natural Beauty all around

Malta's landscapes are striking: cliffs, caves, and crystal-clear water. I recommend a trip to the Blue Grotto, which can only be seen and admired by boat. You can enjoy the glowing sea caves whilst feeling the calmness of the turquoise water all around you. It is a magical experience, you have to believe me!



This is my best friend (and travel companion) Sophie and me on our boat ride to the *Blue Grotto*.





Cities to explore

St. Julian's: This is a real hotspot for nightlife, although I have to say, the atmosphere felt a little bit too crazy for me. There's endless (gentleman's) clubs and (shisha) bars, restaurants, weed stores and everything else you can probably think of.

Marsaxlokk: It is a colourful fishing village known for its Sunday market and traditional luzzu boats with the eyes of Osiris on each one of them (they stand for protection, this tradition comes from the Arabic culture). When I was walking through this charming little city (enjoying my pistachio-cannoli), I felt completely at ease, and even the masses of tourists couldn't change that.

Valetta: The capital city of Malta is definitely worth a visit. With its huge harbour full of yachts and fishing boats and even bigger offer of cute little cafés and ice-cream stores it's the perfect place for some sight-seeing and strolls through the city. There's a complex system of narrow streets which makes the cozy atmosphere (unlike all other capital cities, Valetta is quite small and village-like) complete. In case you want to learn something about Malta's history, I would recommend visiting "The Malta Experience". It's like a cinema that features a 45-minute documentary about everything that has happened in and to Malta in the past.

Medina ("The silent city"): A silent, walled city with (again) narrow alleys and sweeping views. Home of churches and chapels (in Malta there's 365 churches in total, our tour guide told us). Truly one of the most mysterious places I've visited...

Rabat: This is just a small village neighbouring Medina that is rich in history, featuring Roman villas and catacombs.

Mgarr (a rural village): home of one of the most beautiful beaches I've ever seen (it's hidden behind these rocks)



Food Highlights

Maltese food is a delightful fusion of Mediterranean flavours. Don't miss trying:

- "Pastizzi" (flaky pastries filled with ricotta or peas)
- "Fenek" (stewed rabbit) -it's a traditional Maltese dish, but I want to be honest with you, I didn't try this because I refuse to eat rabbit...
- "Kinnie" (a bitter-tasting traditional soft drink, made of various citrus fruits)
- And of course Pizza!!!
(The best pizza-place in St. Julian: "Salumeria Gardens".)

