



## CAFP Study Tour to Malta - November 1 to 12, 2018

*Come join us as we visit the beautiful island of Malta and its sister island Gozo!*



**MALTA:** is a beautiful island located in the center of the Mediterranean, approximately 80 km south of Sicily, 284 km east of Tunisia, and 333 km north of Libya. In Malta we will discover 7000 years of history and wherever we go, the Islands' scenery and architecture provide a spectacular backdrop! The colours are striking: honey-coloured stone against the deepest of Mediterranean blues. Temples, catacombs, palaces, cathedrals and forts are some of the visible evidence left by many through the ages including the Carthaginians, Romans, Arabs, Normans, Knights of St. John, the French and the British.

The Maltese Islands have been described as one big open-air museum. What makes them unique is that so much of their past is visible today. We will explore the Islands' mysterious prehistory, retrace the footsteps of St. Paul and see where the Knights of St. John defended Christendom. More information about Malta can be found [here](#).

During this study tour, we will visit historical sites, meet current and former parliamentarians as well as business leaders. The preliminary planning is in place and CAFP is working closely with our contacts in Malta to finalize our detailed program. Some arrangements will depend on the size of the group.

**Please note that the tour will be strictly limited to 25 people, on a first come, first served basis.**

**The approximate cost of the 11 day visit, for the land portion\*, will be \$3,000.00 CDN per person, based on double occupancy (all taxes included). Single supplement occupancy rates are an additional \$ 900.00 CDN. A non-refundable payment of \$1,035.00 CDN per person is required by April 1, 2018 to reserve your place.**

**The final balance is due August 1, 2018.**

Deposits must be made by credit card online [here](#) or by calling the CAFP office toll free at 1-888-567-4764.

*\* Arrangements for air travel to and from Malta, including ground transportation from the airport to the hotel, are the responsibility of the participant. The land portion of our tour will begin with a reception at the Kempinski Hotel, Gozo, on November 1.*



## **Proposed Schedule – November 1 to November 12, 2018 \*\***

*\*\*The detailed day-to-day itinerary is currently being developed.*

November 1

Meals included (0)

Arrival in Malta and transfer to Gozo. That evening, a cocktail reception will take place at the [Kempinski Hotel](#).

November 2

Meals included (B, L, D)

Bus tour of Gozo, which will include: the Salt pans, old Azure window site in Dwejra Bay, Calypso Cave, Ta' Pinu Basilica. We will have lunch on the square in Xaghra followed by an afternoon visit to nearby Ġgantija Temples. Group dinner: [Ta' Frenc Restaurant](#)

November 3

Meals included (B, L)

Check out, followed by a morning tour of the Citadel in Victoria. Late morning ferry to main island. Lunch and tour of Palazzo Parisio Gardens and Palace. Overnight: [Excelsior Hotel](#). Evening free to explore and rest.

November 4

Meals included (B)

Malta Experience multimedia show and adjacent tour of the Holy Infirmary of the Knights. Lunch on your own. Mid-afternoon cruise of Valetta Harbour leaving from Sliema. Evening dinner on your own.

November 5

Meals included (B, D)

Tour of St. John's Co-Cathedral and Cravaggio paintings. Visit of National Library. Noon hour gun salute at the Upper Barrakka Gardens. Lunch on your own, followed by Parliament tour. Reception hosted by the Government of Malta, followed by dinner at [Scoglitti Restaurant](#).

November 6

Meals included (B, L)

Travel to Rabat and visit Domus Romana Roman Villa and Catacombs. Short trip to Medina for lunch and view from the walls. Tour of Palazzo Falson, St. Paul's Co Cathedral in Medina. Drive by Dingli cliffs and quick stop at Mosta Dome. Evening Dinner on your own.

November 7

Meals included (B, L)

Morning guided visit to Hypogeum. Drive to Marasaxlokk for lunch and stroll to see the markets. View Blue Grotto upon return and potential small boat tour for better views. Dinner on your own.

November 8

Meals included (B, D)

Tour of Manuel Theatre Valetta and/or tour of Casa Roca Piccolo. Lunch on your own followed by tour of the National War Museum (open air fort with exhibits of the George Cross awarded to the Maltese people). Dinner at [Aaron's Kitchen](#).

November 9

Meals included (B, D)

Tour Grand Master's palace and Palace Armoury and tapestry in Valetta. Walking tour of Valetta on your own (many cafes, other famous churches like St. Paul Shipwreck, glass blowing shops, underground war rooms). Dinner at Palazzo Preca.

November 10

Meals included (B)

Visit to National Museum of Archaeology.

November 11

Meals included (B, D)

Remembrance Day memorial activity. Bus tour of smaller towns and cart tracks. Group dinner.

November 12

Meals included (B)

Last day of tour. Possible visit of the Island of Comino or various beaches.



### Entry and Exit Requirements:

Canadian citizens using Canadian passports do not require a visa to enter Malta for tourism or business stays under ninety (90) days.

### Pricing Policy:

- These prices reflect the current exchange rate of .64 €/€ and are subject to change until full payment has been received.

### Payment Details:

- *Non-refundable* deposit required to confirm: \$1035 CDN per passenger by **April 1, 2018**. (Deposit will be returned if CAFP cancels the tour.)
- Final balance due **August 1, 2018**.

### Travel Insurance:

- Out of country medical insurance and trip cancellation/interruption insurance are highly recommended.
- CAFP is not responsible for trip cancellation by participants, trip interruptions, lost or damaged luggage, theft or personal injury or other mishaps.

### Inclusions:

- Mentioned hotels, which include breakfast and free Wi-Fi.
- Lunches (L) and dinners (D), at restaurants suggested (or equivalent) with local wine, where available.
- All tours in Malta and Gozo

### Exclusions:

- Optional activities.
- Flights to and from Malta, including ground transportation to hotel
- Individual arrival and departure transfers
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips and personal telephone calls

