

MALTA HOSTED ★★★★★



29 NIGHTS

Your centrally located, boutique style hotel, features modern self-catering studio units with breakfast daily. You'll be situated in St. Julian's, in the heart of Malta's entertainment district, within a five-minute walk to the beach, and the trendy Spinola Bay. Enjoy easy access to public transportation and Valletta (only six kilometres away). Enjoy the indoor heated pool and free WiFi. You will have five cultural excursions included, to explore the local culture.

DEPARTS

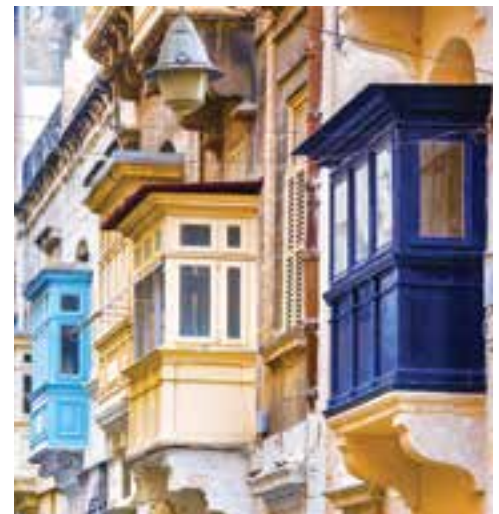
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Toronto \$5,895* p.p.

Group size: 20 maximum

INCLUDES

- **Round-trip airfare**
- Plaza Premium airport lounge pass†
- Airport transfers in country
- 29 nights studio accommodation at the George Hotel with breakfast daily
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- Daily housekeeping (excludes kitchen)
- Complimentary WiFi and access to indoor pool and spa (all beauty treatments at an extra cost)
- Three full-day excursions, including Valletta, Mdina and Gozo
- Two half-day excursions to Three Cities and to the South of Malta
- Local tourist taxes and gratuities
- Merit Travel tour host**



*CDN\$ p.p. dbl. occ. Taxes included. Professional fee of \$65 plus HST per booking is not included. Single supplement: \$1,750. †Plaza Premium airport lounge pass applicable at Toronto, Vancouver and Edmonton airports only. Airfare available from most Canadian airports, please enquire. **Minimum 15 passengers required for a Merit Travel tour host. ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON, M5V 2H1 | Canadian owned ©Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved. ON-4499356/4499372 | BC-34799 | 111 Peter Street, Suite 200, Toronto, ON, M5V 2H1 t.co/coc ©Merit Travel is a registered trademark of Merit Travel Group Inc. All rights reserved.

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: SIGHT SEEING ●●○

Appropriate for travellers who are physically fit and comfortable with longer days of touring by transport and by foot and do not require mobility aids.

FACILITIES:

Notes for you to keep in mind during your stay.

Accommodations: Your self-catering studio has a living room with sofa and kitchen equipped with refrigerator, hob, microwave, dishwasher and kitchenware as well as a double bed and bathroom with shower and hair dryer. All studios have a balcony, work-desk, TV, free WiFi, telephone, mini-fridge, safe and daily housekeeping (except kitchenware).

Amenities & Services: The George Hotel is located in St. Julian's in the heart of Malta's entertainment and leisure areas and offers ease of accessibility to the island. This Boutique hotel is a short walk away from the magnificent Mediterranean Sea, the sandy beach at St. George's Bay and the trendy Spinola Bay. Easy access to all public transport, Valletta is only 6 km away and the hotel is 8 km from Malta International airport. The George Hotel offers complimentary WiFi in all public areas and rooms, a spa, an indoor pool, lobby bar, breakfast room, conference room and concierge app available for guests to communicate with staff via mobile phone. St. Julian's is just 657 feet from the bus station and a five-minute walk to the beach. There is also an on-site bar, restaurant, and market.

Note: roof top pool and bar are closed in the month of March.

ITINERARY | BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER = (B, L, D)

Day 1 Feb. 28, 2020 | DEPART TORONTO - MALTA

Lufthansa flight 471 departs Toronto 6:00p.m. arrives Frankfurt 7:45 a.m. (following day). Then connects with Lufthansa flight 1276 departs Frankfurt 10:35a.m. arrives Malta 1:05p.m.

Day 2 Feb. 29, 2020 | MALTA (D)

Upon arrival, your local representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3 - 30 Mar. 1 - 28, 2020 | MALTA (B)

Enjoy your days at leisure in Malta. Breakfast will be served in the breakfast room, located in the mezanine level of the hotel. The following five excursions are included with the option to add more excursions with your Merit Travel tour host.

Day 2 Mar. 4, 2020 | MALTA (B)

Included full-day excursion to Valletta:

Today enjoy a full-day tour of Valletta, the capital city. We drive to the city built by the Knights of St. John. During the walking tour of Valletta, we shall visit the main streets and monuments and St. John's cathedral with the Caravaggio paintings. From Barrakka gardens, we will enjoy a panoramic view of the grand harbour of Malta. Situated at the lower part of Valletta, we will visit Casa Rocca Piccola, one of the first houses of the aristocracy which was opened for the public. Time at leisure for lunch and to enjoy the city before returning to hotel.

Day 10 Mar. 8, 2020 | MALTA - MARSAXLOKK (B)

Included half-day excursion to the south of Malta:

After breakfast take part in a half-day tour of the south of Malta (boat trip to the Blue Grotto not included). We drive to the cozy fishing village of Marsaxlokk, situated in the south east of Malta. Anchored in the harbour, you can't miss the Maltes 'Luzzu', a typical fishing boat with a pair of eyes placed in front by the fishermen to ward off evil spirits.

Weather permitting, you will have the option to take a boat ride to the Blue Grotto, a natural arch with a 40 m cave in the cliff surrounded by crystal clear blue sea. In the archeological park of Hagar Qim, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we will discover the most ancient history of Malta; the Megalithic Temples which date back to 3,600 BC.

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Day 13 Mar. 11, 2020 | MALTA - MDINA (B)

Included full-day excursion to Mdina:

Spend a full day in the city of Mdina. Mdina is the old capital city of Malta, built 200 m above sea level. During excavations, remains from the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines and Arab period were unearthed. Today it is referred to as the silent city where only 230 people live. Outside the walls of the city, one finds the town of Rabat where we will visit St. Paul's catacombs, the underground burial chambers dug during the Roman period. We will also see Casa Bernard, a typical Maltese townhouse full of antiques. We will also visit Mosta's majestic Dome, one of the largest in Europe.

Day 17 Mar. 15, 2020 | MALTA - VITTORIOSA - COSPICUA - SENGLEA (B)

Included half-day excursion to Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea:

Today you will be visiting The Three Cities: Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea - the first is the original city of the knights of St. John who settled there in 1530. We will also visit the Collachio district, the medieval part of the city with narrow winding streets. The inquisitor's palace is the only one in the world open to the public. Here we will see the piano nobile, the torture chamber and the main prison cells. We will end with a short harbour cruise on a traditional Maltese dghajsa boat, with fantastic views from the sea of The Three Cities and Valletta.

Day 17 Mar. 18, 2020 | MALTA - GOZO (B, L)

Included full-day excursion to Gozo:

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Gozo. The sister island of Gozo is reachable in 20 minutes by ferry from Malta. Laid back lifestyle defines the small island, with a population of no more than 25,000 people. In the heart of the island, we can find Ggantija temples, considered as the oldest free-standing monuments in the world. Not to be missed is Dwejra Window (the Azure Window) and the citadel, the old capital city where only six people live today. Lunch is included and we will have time to feel the calm atmosphere and relaxing landscape of the island, as well as have a look at Gozo's well-known crafts.

Day 30 Mar. 28, 2020 | MALTA (B, D)

Day is at leisure. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 31 Mar. 29, 2020 | DEPART MALTA - TORONTO (B)

Lufthansa flight 1313 departs Malta 6:25 a.m. arrives Frankfurt 9:05 a.m. Then connects with Lufthansa flight 470 departs Frankfurt 1:50 p.m. arrives Toronto 4:20 p.m.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITY

Merit Travel Group Inc. doing business as Merit Travel, acts solely as agents for the Travel Service Suppliers such as hoteliers, airlines, ground service operators, bus operators, etc. who are providing their facilities as described in this brochure. We do our best to select such suppliers but exercise no control over them and cannot be held responsible for the failure of these suppliers to carry out any obligations. Any and all bookings made with these suppliers by us, for you, are subject to the terms and conditions of each and every such supplier. Supplier liability may also be limited by law, tariffs, or conditions set forth in their documentation, tickets, etc. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Merit and its directors, officers, employees, affiliates, successors, assigns, agents and other representatives are not responsible for any and all claims for losses, damages (whether direct, indirect, special, punitive, or other consequential damages, lost profits or opportunities) delays, illness, injuries, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, or anxiety (whether based in contract, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, and even if Merit and the Travel Service Suppliers have been advised of the possibility of damages to such party or any other party) arising from:

- (a) Fault or negligence or omissions on the part of the said travel service suppliers;
- (b) Illness, theft, strikes, mechanical problems, quarantine, governmental intervention, weather conditions, acts of hostility or violence, and any other grounds beyond our control;
- (c) Your failure to obtain passport, visas, other travel documents or inoculations
- (d) Your failure to advise us the name of the traveller exactly as it appears on the passport;
- (e) Your failure to report on time at an airport or ground transfer facility;
- (f) Material damages, theft or other mysterious disappearances of your goods;
- (g) Personal injuries or death;
- (h) Force Majeure – an event(s) beyond our, or our supplier(s), reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, strikes, lockout or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts of restraints imposed by governmental authorities.

PRICING

All prices are per person in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. GST, HST and provincial taxes are applicable on tours as noted.

INCREASE IN TOUR COSTS

Merit reserves the right to increase tour prices in the event of an increase in government and airport authority imposed taxes and fees, fuel and currency surcharges, supplier price increases, or any other cost increase. If the increase is greater than 7% of the tour cost, the client may cancel the booking within seven days of notification and obtain a full refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of \$750 per person is required at the time of booking. Full and final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Deposit requirements for some tours may vary. You will be advised of such cases at time of booking.

LIABILITY

Merit cannot assume responsibility for any costs incurred for any travel arrangements purchased separately from the Merit tour. Merit's responsibility shall extend only to the provisions of advice as to industry-standard or supplier recommended connections and check-in times.

Provided Merit supplies such advice, they shall not be responsible for missed connections or departures, regardless of the cause.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN (INSURANCE)

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, medical and hospital insurance, baggage insurance, and various additional insurances are available and HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. If you choose not to purchase insurance, you are

required to sign an Insurance Waiver Form. Note that if you choose not to purchase insurance, you are fully liable for any and all penalties imposed as stated under Cancellation Policy on this page. Please speak to your representative at the time of making reservations about insurance.

REFUNDS

The nature of travel involves risks and unpredictable weather and thus Merit cannot assure any departure or arrival times at any point of an itinerary. Your right to receive a refund is limited.

There will be no discounts or monies refunded for any missed or unused services.

Merit reserves the right to cancel the tour for any reason. Should this occur, a full refund will be made to the traveller.

CANCELLATION POLICY

While Merit will do its utmost to minimize any penalties charged, there are irrecoverable costs associated with your tour. The following penalties will be considered the costs incurred with cancellation:

- (A) 90 days or more prior to departure: Loss of total deposit.
- (B) 89 – 60 days prior to departure: Loss of 50% of total tour cost.
- (C) 59 days or less prior to departure: Loss of 100% of total tour cost.

Cancellation penalties for some tours will vary and there may be additional penalties associated with the airfare. If so, these policies will be noted separately at time of booking and will prevail.

TOUR CHANGES

We reserve the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines or vessels due to conditions beyond our control. In such cases we will do everything possible to ensure the locations visited, the excursions taken and the hotels offered are similar to the ones originally planned. Any change to itineraries will not result in eligibility for a refund.

REVISION FEE

Changes to your tour reservation might not be possible. Should you request a change and we are able to accommodate it, you will be subject to any charges imposed by the airline or tour suppliers. In addition, we reserve the right to charge a \$50 revision fee for any change made after the deposit is paid. A change in name or departure date may constitute a cancellation, and the corresponding penalties may apply.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers travelling internationally must travel with a passport. Many countries require the passport to be valid for 6 months beyond the traveller's return date. Visas may be required for some destinations. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain at the passenger's expense, all documentation required by all relevant authorities. In the event that the passenger does not possess the correct documentation, the air carrier has the right to refuse passage.

DESCRIPTION

Every effort has been made to describe and produce the travel services and photographs as accurately as possible in the printed tour description. However we reserve the right to correct errors and we will make all reasonable efforts to inform you should any significant changes occur.

Please note that the living standards and local conditions during your tour may be different from what you are accustomed to at home.

CONSENT

Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute your consent to the above terms.

If you encounter any concerns during your tour, please inform your local travel service provider. If the matter cannot be resolved, please inform Merit Vacations in writing upon your return.