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ROBERT ARRIGO & SONS TRAVEL TOURISM MALTA

WWII Malta: The Island Fortress

This day combines historic locations with the most dramatic chapters in Malta's WWII history.

Our journey takes us to Valletta, Malta's wartime capital and command centre. Walking through streets repeatedly struck by Axis bombing, we explore the story of the siege, the civilian population, the Royal Navy and RAF, and the strategic importance that made Malta such a formidable obstacle to Axis operations in North Africa.

We will delve into Malta's remarkable civilian experience: Strait Street - the heart of Malta's WWII red light district, St George's Square and Queen Victoria Square, emblematic of the struggle and location for the award of the George Cross to the people of Malta by King George VI in 1942. We continue to the Siege Bell Memorial overlooking the Grand Harbour and discuss the devastating attacks on the dockyard and surrounding harbour communities. From here, the magnificent Grand Harbour provides the perfect setting for recounting the arrival of desperately awaited convoys, culminating in Operation Pedestal and the arrival of the battered tanker SS Ohio in August 1942. The tour continues underground with a visit to the Lascaris War Rooms; the secret command complex from which Malta's air defence was coordinated and where, in 1943, Allied commanders directed the invasion of Sicily.

Duration: 8 hours
Entrances: Lascaris War rooms, WWII Shelters, Siege Bell, Grand Harbour
Transport: Included.
Guide: Historian guide included.

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