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Gozo - Short Break Island Explorer



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group **VISITING:** The Island of Gozo

DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

Gozo, Malta's sister island, is often regarded as a greener alternative with an equally inviting landscape and coastline. This four-night holiday includes three activities of your choice, each designed to showcase Gozo from a different, adventurous perspective.

Our Opinion

Gozo is best explored by being active, which is why this short break holiday includes a variety of adventures for your family to pick and choose from. Our local partners in Gozo will make sure that you have a fantastic time away; we always receive incredible feedback from our customers.











What's included?

- **Transfers:** Return airport and activity transfers, including to/from ferry and ferry ticket
- Accommodation: 4 nights in a standard hotel room. Upgrades are available.
- Meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- The following activities are included: a choice of three of the following guided activities; kayaking, climbing, hiking, E-biking (min age 16) and Segway tour (min age 16)
- All equipment, tuition and supervision from fully qualified instructors
- Services of our local guides and representatives

Trip Overview

Gozo, Malta's sister island, is the perfect place for your family to enjoy a variety of activities while exploring the charming island on this fantastic, 4-night holiday.

With three adventures included in the itinerary, you get to choose which ones suit you best, each one being specifically designed to help you discover more of Gozo in a different way. Whether it's kayaking, climbing, hiking, e-biking or even Segwaying across the landscape, the options are all yours.

The crystal blue waters are perfect for gliding over on a kayak, providing a unique vantage point. Discover the coastlines of Gozo and its smaller sibling, Comino, visit sea caves, and uncover secluded beaches all in one trip.

For those preferring to stay dry, the land-based activities are equally thrilling. The cliffs and countryside provide an excellent location for e-biking tracks, hiking trails, as well as climbing up and abseiling down for a more adventurous experience. You can also explore the island on Segway, or upgrade one of your activities to a diving session in the clear waters that surround Gozo.

Your base will be the Cornucopia Hotel, an extended converted farmhouse filled with local charm and located only a short walk away from Xagħra's village centre, where numerous restaurants line the square. The hotel is well-equipped with modern amenities and family-friendly features, such as two swimming pools and a Jacuzzi, offering plenty of





opportunities to indulge in all that's on offer.

From the stunning coastline to the imposing cliffs and fertile valleys, Gozo is a small but mighty wonderland, and this 4-night getaway is the perfect exploration of its many highlights.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY 1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your accommodation (it takes approximately two hours with a 25-minute ferry crossing between Malta and Gozo).

After getting settled in, you'll have an introductory meeting with the local team, followed by a welcome meal in the hotel restaurant.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAYS 2 to 4

HALF DAY ACTIVITIES AND FREE TIME

After breakfast each day, you'll have the freedom to choose how you'd like to spend your time on this stunning island.

Our <u>'Personalise'</u> tab offers a range of half-day activities for you to choose from. Click for more details on the incredible ways to explore Gozo.

Since each activity lasts approximately half a day, you'll have free mornings or afternoons, as well as evenings. History enthusiasts may want to visit some of the world's oldest free-standing structures at Ġgantija and explore the historical capital, Victoria. We strongly recommend indulging in as much local cuisine as possible – the food here is fantastic! For a truly special evening, head to Dwejra Bay on the west side of the island for a sunset that rarely disappoints.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5

DEPARTURE

Unfortunately, it's time for your short break on Gozo to come to an end. Depending on your flight time, you'll either have breakfast in the restaurant or it will be packaged for you to take to the airport. You'll then be transported back to Malta International Airport (Luqa).



Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Climbing and Abseiling

Experience the fun and thrill of climbing and abseiling the stunning cliffs of Gozo. Expert guides will take your family to the best locations on the island to suit your experience and climbing ability. You will learn safety techniques and as your confidence grows, so will your climbs and descents!

It is possible throughout the whole year, however, the main season is from October to May. Minimum age for participation is 8 years.

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Sea Kayaking

Sea kayaking allows you to marvel at the stunning views from a completely different perspective and explore Gozo's beautiful coastline. You can see wonderful beaches, sea caves and imposing cliffs. During paddling breaks, you can also snorkel and take a look at the underwater world.

It is possible to do this activity year-round but it is weather dependent. The main season runs from April to October. Minimum age for participation is 8 years, and please be aware that children aged 14

years and under must share a kayak with at least one adult. Kayaks are sit-on in style.





Hiking

The local guides know every corner of the island and so once you have discussed your family's interests and fitness, they'll guide you on a suitable hike. All routes are family-friendly and designed to take you into quieter areas with the best scenery. Minimum age for participation is 8 years.



E-biking

Gozo has a great deal to offer cyclists. Our guides aim to avoid major hills and travel down the country roads and along sea cliffs to make the most of the spectacular views and quaint villages. Our guide will adapt to the level of the guests and offer a balance of easy, fun and technical riding.

This activity is available year-round but some may find it more strenuous in the hot summer months, mid-June to Mid-September. Minimum age for participation is 16 years.





Discover Scuba Diving (DSD), 1 or 2 dives

Gozo is renowned for its dive sites so what better place for you to discover scuba diving? Rather than take the plunge with a certification course, this introduction to diving will help you explore the underwater world without any prior experience (you will be issued with some paperwork prior to going on holiday, which you will need to complete).

You will be provided with the full equipment necessary and begin the short course in the classroom to introduce this fantastic activity. A full safety briefing will be given along with plenty of time for questions and answers. The day starts with a practice dive to get you used to the equipment and sensations and then a second dive where hopefully you will encounter some of the wonderful marine life.

You have the option of a one or two dive experience of the underwater world surrounding Gozo – supplements apply. Minimum age for participation is 10 years.



Bubble Diving

Bubble diving is a fantastic way for 8 and 9 year olds to experience a shallow dive in pool-like conditions, where they can get to grips with child-friendly Scuba equipment. For children 8 years and over participation in any dive will be at the guide's discretion.



Segway Tour

Segway tours are a unique, memorable and fun way to explore the island. They are eco-friendly, self-balancing, electric transportation vehicles and it is easy to learn to how to ride them. Enjoy Gozo's hidden treasures by 'gliding' through the beautiful scenery without getting tired feet on this two-and-a-half-hour trip.

This activity is available year-round. Minimum age



for participation is 16 years.

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Cornucopia Hotel (Nights: 1-4)







Cornucopia Hotel is a locally-owned farmhouse which had been converted and extended to serve as a rustic and welcoming base for your time exploring this remarkable island. The hotel is less than 15 minutes' walk to the traditional village square of Xaghra where families can make use of the selection of restaurants and small shops.

Decorated in traditional Gozitan style from the limestone walls to the arched restaurant, it has a traditional feel and a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere.

Hotel facilities

- The hotel restaurant serves up a delicious á la carte menu with a focus on local produce. There is also an extensive wine list which includes local Gozitan and Maltese options
- The 350-year-old bar which still displays the original arched farmhouse ceiling is a lovely place to enjoy a pre or post-dinner drink
- There are two freshwater swimming pools designed with families in mind. The
 upper deck pool is set amongst expertly maintained gardens, ideal for children's
 explorations. It includes a children's splash pool and a Jacuzzi area. Situated next to
 the shaded terrace, a poolside al fresco lunch can also be enjoyed here
- Just a few steps from the hotel lounge there is a second pool surrounded by sunbeds and umbrellas. Drinks, snacks and lunch are served around the pool
- Indoors there is a large TV and games room
- · Free Wi-Fi is available throughout

Guest room types





DOUBLE OR TWIN ROOMS

There are 20 standard rooms in total, decorated in a simple rustic style and offering either a pool or valley view. All rooms have a balcony or terrace, en-suite bathroom, minibar, TV, hairdryer and air-conditioning.

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Cornucopia Hotel - bungalow option







Located across the very quiet road from the main hotel building, the Cornucopia also offers a small number of bungalows which families can pay a supplement if they would like to opt for a larger accommodation. These offer the chance for a bit more space and privacy, whilst still being within a few short steps from the hotel and its amenities. Very comfortable and traditionally decorated, they are popular amongst families on our Gozo trip.

Each offers wonderful views across the valley and consists of a main dining area, kitchen and between one and three bedrooms (they can accommodate families of varying sizes). The bungalows also have the advantage of a communal swimming pool and terrace for guests and are in an ideal spot for you to relax and enjoy the sunshine after a day's adventure. All of the bungalows are equipped with air-conditioning for guests' comfort.

Ta' Cenc









During your stay on Gozo, you may wish to upgrade the Ta' Cenc Spa hotel. Sat on the outskirts of the village and built on the island's highest point, the hotel offers stunning views of the islands of Malta and Comino. Over 100 hectares of nature surround the hotel, offering a fantastic opportunity for families to explore the area and enjoy the local nature.

The hotel is a hideaway resort known for its comfort, family-friendly service, welcoming staff and bustling Gozitan atmosphere. General use of the pool is included for the whole stay for both adults and children, so the kids can have a splash about while parents relax by the poolside. Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna and gym use is also included, for both adults and children (children allowed from 9 am - 12 noon).

Facilities

- Spa facilities including a heated sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, hydrotherapy bath, indoor and outdoor lagoon pool. Treatments may also be booked (payable locally)
- The hotel has two pools, including the main family pool with an integrated splash pool and Jacuzzi
- Spacious poolside sun terraces mean that you can spread out and set up your base by the pool for the day
- Fully-equipped gym overlooking the swimming pool perfect for any healthconscious parents
- The hotel's own private rocky beach is great for some exciting exploration during your stay. During the warmer months, you can expect to see umbrellas, sunbeds and showers. Toilet facilities are also available
- A concierge team
- The business centre with internet access, fax and photocopying machine and office supplies
- Two restaurants: In the II-Carubo they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and you
 can eat 'al fresco' under a 400-year old carob tree. Italian-inspired food and local
 specialities are served here. The II-Terrazzo is known for its delicious dishes and has
 a spacious terrace overlooking superb views of Gozo.

Room types

Double/Twin rooms: all of the room are on the ground level. They are spacious and have





either a private patio or a terrace. Facilities include an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, radio, cable TV, minibar, trouser press, a safe, heating and air-conditioning as well as teas and coffee making facilities.

Family rooms: these rooms are specially designed for families and offer enough space for everyone. There is a main bedroom with a seating area and a second room with two single beds. Each has either a patio or a terrace. The facilities include an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone, radio & cable TV, minibar, a trouser press, a safe, heating & air-conditioning as well as tea and coffee making facilities.

Trullo: these detached bungalows are circular and offer a unique place to stay. Each Trullo has a beehive style roof, a spacious seating area with a cable TV, an en-suite bathroom, hairdryer, telephone & radio, minibar, a trouser press, heating and air-conditioning, a safe and private patio.

Please speak to our Family Travel Experts for a quotation.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 2 people, maximum 8 people.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our booking conditions.





Minimum and maximum age

The minimum age for this holiday can be found in the 'Key Facts' section of the holiday overview.

Younger family members may be able to participate but may not be able to take part in all activities. Please contact one of our Travel Experts if you have any questions.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: https://www.activitiesabroad.com/booking-conditions

Please note: our payment and cancellation terms will be unique to each booking - they will be confirmed with you at the time of quotation. The terms listed above are noted as a guide only

