

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

03-12 OCTOBER 2025

Catalogue of Events



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Built Limestone and Beyond: 7,000 Years of Architectural History

From ancient temples to iconic Maltese balconies, we're celebrating the stunning structures that shape our everyday life, reflecting the rich mix of Arabic, Mediterranean, and European design.

This year's European Heritage Days will also coincide with Malta's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. As a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union, European Heritage Days remains the most celebrated participatory cultural event across Europe.

Is-Sengħa tal-Ġebbla u Lil Hinn Minnha: 7,000 sena ta' Arkitettura

Minn tempji antiki sa gallariji Maltin ikoniċi, qed niċċelebraw strutturi spettakolari li jsawru l-ħajja tagħna ta' kuljum, u li jirriflettu taħlita rikka ta' disinn Għarbi, Mediterranju u Ewropew.

Il-Jiem Ewropej tal-Wirt ta' din is-sena se jikkoinċidu wkoll mal-Presidenza ta' Malta tal-Kumitat tal-Ministri tal-Kunsill tal-Ewropa. Bħala inizjattiva kongunta tal-Kunsill tal-Ewropa u l-Unjoni Ewropea, il-Jiem Ewropej tal-Wirt jibqgħu l-aktar avveniment kulturali parteċipattiv iċċelebrat madwar l-Ewropa. Kumitat ta' Ministri tal-Kunsill tal-Ewropa. Bħala inizjattiva kongunta tal-Kunsill tal-Ewropa u l-Unjoni Ewropea, il-Jiem Ewropej tal-Wirt jibqgħu l-aktar avveniment kulturali parteċipattiv iċċelebrat fl-Ewropa kollha.



Exhibition / Essebizzjoni



Open Day



Online Exhibition / Essebizzjoni Virtwali



Workshop



Public Talk / Taħdita Pubblika



Tour / Żjara Gwidata

Il-Wirt Rurali f' Selmun / Rural Heritage at Selmun

Arkeo

Saturday 11 October & Sunday 12 October / 15:00-18:00

Selmun Imġiebaħ Visitors Centre

Contact: [Arkeo](#)



A tour of the garigue area accompanied by a small herd of sheep where milking of sheep and cheeselet production, short talks about rural heritage at Selmun, autoctonic animals, honey production will be explored followed by a short coffee/tea break. Demonstrations showing the cooking of a traditional Maltese recipes and pottery making will be held. This event also includes a tour of the complex and scavenger hunt for kids.

No booking required.

Retold: Malta's Global Art Story Returns Home

Arts Council Malta

Friday 03 October - Sunday 12 October / 10:00-17:00

Ħaġar Qim, Qrendi; Inquisitor's Palace, Vittoriosa; MUŻA, Valletta; Victor Pasmore Gallery, Valletta (various locations)

Contact: [Arts Council Malta](#)



From the ancient walls of Mdina to the majesty of Ħaġar Qim, stories once told on the world's most prestigious cultural stages are now returning home. *Retold*, launched by Arts Council Malta as part of their 10th anniversary celebrations, brings together six acclaimed art and design installations that represented Malta at the Venice Art Biennale and London Design Biennale.

No booking required.

Fejn il-Ħitan ilissnu Ġrajjet / Where the Walls Whisper Stories

Bir Mula Heritage Museum

ENG: Tuesday 07 October 17:30-19:00 / Wednesday 08 October 10:30-12:00

MT: Wednesday 08 October 17:30-19:00 / Thursday 09 October 10:30-12:00

Bir Mula Heritage Museum, 79, Triq Santa Margerita, Bormla (Cospicua)

Contact: [Bir Mula Heritage Museum](#)



Kun af kif id-dar inbniet tul iż-żmien. Tgħallem dwar il-ġrajjet u l-persunaġġi li għamlu din id-dar waħdanija.

Discover how the house developed through time. Learn about the events and personalities that have made this house unique.

Book a tour by sending a message [here](#).

The Tour of Salina Nature Reserve and Salt Museum

Bird Life Malta

Sunday 05 October & Sunday 12 October / 10:00-11:30 & 14:00-15:30

Friday 10 October / 14:00-15:30

Salina Nature Reserve, Salina Coast Road, Naxxar, Northern Region, Malta, Northern Region Nxr9030

Contact: [BirdLife Malta](#)



Discover the beauty and history of the Salina Nature Reserve with a guided tour of the reserve, the Salt Museum, and an immersive VR experience. Small-group experience (up to 15 people). The duration is about 1-1.5 hours.

Book a tour by sending a message [here](#).

Enter the Maltaverse: 7,000 Years of Maltese Architecture in Virtual Reality

Dee Dee Chainey-Jones

Friday 03 October - Sunday 12 October, online exhibition

Contact: [Enter the Maltaverse: 7,000 Years of Maltese Architecture in Virtual Reality](#)



‘Enter the Maltaverse’ is an online exhibition showcasing the architectural heritage of Malta and Gozo throughout history. Come along to explore the significance of traditional buildings, temples and related folklore in an online gallery. The exhibition is hosted in ‘the metaverse’, a place on the internet you can visit from the comfort of your own home, just like visiting a real gallery, welcoming people of all ages to explore Maltese heritage together.

No booking required — just click the [link](#).

Tales from the Tombs: The Oldest Protestant Cemetery

Din I-Art Helwa

Friday 03 October 10:00-12:30 / Saturday 11 October 19:00-20:30

/ Sunday 12 October 10:00-12:30

Garden of Rest Cemetery, Triq Vincenzo Dimech, Floriana

Contact: [Din I-Art Helwa](#)



Join DLH’s restless curator Paolo for a Captivating Walking Tour at Msida Bastion Cemetery and Historic Garden. Step into history as our ever-curious curator Paolo leads you through the award-winning Msida Bastion Cemetery and Historic Garden—a beautifully restored, early 19th-century Protestant cemetery adjoining the Floriana bastions. This internationally acclaimed site is more than just a cemetery—it’s a storytelling treasure trove. Paolo will bring the past to life with tales of duels, suicides, murders, and acts of heroism, all set against the backdrop of Malta’s rich colonial past.

Book a tour by sending a message [here](#).

Lejl Mdawwal / Notte Bianca

Festivals Malta

Saturday 04 October 19:00-00:00

Various locations in Valletta

Contact: [Festivals Malta](#)



Organised by Festivals Malta, Notte Bianca is one of the largest annual cultural events in Malta. For one night only, on the first Saturday of October, the capital city lights up in a spectacular celebration of art that is open to the public free of charge. The streets, squares, churches, state palaces, and museums of Valletta are transformed into a stage for numerous exhibitions and live concerts, while many cafés and restaurants extend their opening hours. The entire city of Valletta comes to life for Notte Bianca, guaranteeing a memorable night that truly offers something for everyone.

No booking required.

Open Day at the French Residence gardens

The French Embassy in Malta

Sunday 12 October / 10:00-16:00

7 Triq il-Knisja, Haż-Zebbug

Contact: [Ambassade de France à Malte](#)



The Résidence de France, located in a small 'rural palazzo' in Zebbug, was built in 1716 by one of the island's aristocratic families, the Manducas. The building, with its very simple architecture on the street side, opens onto a 2,000 m² multi-level garden at the rear. This unique space is home to many plant species typical of Malta and the Mediterranean. All these trees provide walkers with shade and fragrance, oxygen and tranquillity. Tours will be in English and French.

Book your spot by sending a message [here](#).

Mill-Preistorja Tagħlima Għall-Ġejjieni

Heritage Malta

Is-Sibt 04 ta' Ottubru / 15:00-18:00

Il-Kumless Preistoriku ta' Ғal Tarxien

Kuntatt: [Heritage Malta](#)



Mill-Preistorja Tagħlima Għall-Ġejjieni huwa avveniment edukattiv u riflessiv li jlaqqa' flimkien bosta kelliema biex jiddiskutu r-rabtiet bejn il-passat u l-preżent, filwaqt li joffru Ғsieb dwar kif nistgħu nibnu futur sostenibbli. B'suġġetti varji li jinkludu l-iżvilupp urban, in-natura, u s-sehem tat-tfal fil-formazzjoni tas-soċjetà, dan l-avveniment huwa miftuħ għal kull min hu interessat fil-wirt tagħna u fil-potenzjal li toffri l-istorja għall-ġejjieni tagħna.

Titli tat-taħditiet:

1. Bla krejn mnejn sa fejn? minn Katya Stroud
2. M'għandniex kwiet: Mill-irħula għall-ibliet – mill-Perit Ruben Abela
3. Id-duwa tan-natura – minn David Cilia
4. Idejn zgħar inibbtu futur aħjar – minn Vanessa Ciantar

Irriserva posthok billi tibghat messagġ [hawnhekk](#).

MUŻAjk Mary Portelli

Il-Ħaġar | Heart of Gozo Museum (Fondazzjoni Belt Victoria)

Friday 03 October - Saturday 11 October / 09:00-17:00

Il-Ħaġar | Heart of Gozo Museum, Pjazza San Ġorġ, Victoria, Gozo

Contact: [Il-Ħaġar | Heart of Gozo Museum](#)



MUŻAjk, is a temporary exhibition at Il-Ħaġar, Heart of Gozo, which showcases contemporary mosaics by Gozitan artist Mary Portelli. Among these artworks one finds a number (7 in all) depicting local architectural landmarks (Citadel, Comino Tower, St Anthony's Battery, Kenuna Tower, Gordan lighthouse, Sopus Tower and the carnival monument in Nadur). These structures are made mostly of ceramic tile which the artist meticulously cut to emulate the actual buildings. They are perched over a variety of tesserae, namely broken crockery, local stone, smalti, shells, mug handles and other media.

No booking required.

Il-Kripta u l-Kappella ta' Sant'Agatha - Storja ta' Fidi Mnaqqxa fil-Gebel

Malta Classics Association

Saturday 04 October 10:00-11:00

St. Agatha's Crypt, Catacombs and Museum, Rabat Malta

Contact: [Malta Classics Association](#)



This lecture will be held in Maltese and in a lecture room next to the Museum below. The lecture is intended for the general non-specialist public and will be giving an overview of the the architectural use and development of the area as a meeting place and focus of worship for the nearby community over the millenia, starting out as Roman catacombs, developing into a place of Christian pilgrimage and worship in the crypt and expanding into a more formal above-ground place of worship and eventually associated with a convent and a school.

No booking required.

Special limited edition card - European Heritage Days

Malta Postal Museum and Arts Hub

Friday 03 October - Saturday 11 October / 10:00-14:00 (closed on Sundays)

The Malta Postal Museum, 135, Archbishop Street, Valletta.

Contact: [The Malta Postal Museum](#)



A specially designed limited-edition postcard to mark EHD 2025. This will be launched on Friday October 3 with a unique handstamp (for that day only), available only from the counter of the Malta Postal Museum.

Price €1.50.

Shaping our Towns and Villages for Contemporary Living

Malta Postal Museum and Arts Hub

Tuesday 07 October 18:30-19:45

The Malta Postal Museum, 135, Archbishop Street, Valletta.

Contact: [The Malta Postal Museum](#)



A public talk by Architect Joanna Spiteri Staines most recent recipient of the MASP President's Award. The presentation will attempt to generate a discussion on new ideas for our towns and villages in terms of how we can shape them for today's living while retaining the very essence of our identity.

No booking required.

Stories in Stone

Malta Postal Museum and Arts Hub

Friday 03 October - Saturday 11 October / 10:00-14:00 (closed on Sundays)

The Malta Postal Museum, 135, Archbishop Street, Valletta.

Contact: [The Malta Postal Museum](#)



Stories in Stone - A city trail of Valletta with an emphasis on niches, inscriptions and other beautiful but lesser-known aspects of our built heritage. Great as a family activity – just pick up a trail pack complete with a map of the city from the MPM Arts Hub at 135 Archbishop Street! When completed, drop your answer sheet into our letterbox and the group with the most correct answers will be offered a curatorial tour of the MPM's unusual collection.

Price €10 per pack.

Mixja Madwarna - Floriana/Il-Furjana

Planning Authority

Sunday 12 October 09:00-12:30

Capuchin Church, Floriana (Meeting Point)

Contact: [Mixja Madwarna](#)



The tour of Floriana, will be led by professionals in the fields of heritage planning and conservation and is ideal for people who would like to know more about past traditions, techniques used in construction, the origins of our localities and practices in urban planning. Throughout the tour, those attending will have the opportunity to discover a number of buildings of particular interest, gain insight into the extensive baroque fortifications built by the Knights, and learn about the typical characteristics of urban conservation areas and places of historical appeal, including gardens, churches, other interesting sites and features.

Book your spot by sending a message [here](#).

Beyond the Bastions

Restoration and Preservation Department and MICAS

Saturday 11 October & Sunday 12 October / 10:00-17:00

MICAS, Ospizio Complex, Bieb il-Pulverista, Triq Joseph J. Mangion, Floriana

Contact: [Restoration and Preservation Department](#) & [MICAS](#)



The Event will showcase the MICAS project in the context of the reimagination of the San Salvatore Bastions from a war machine to a Contemporary Art Space. This will take the form of an Open Weekend, where visitors will be given the opportunity to tour the spaces (within and beyond), attend thematic talks (one per day), and visit the Exhibition 'Beyond the Bastions' about the transformation of the site.

No booking required.

Gudja and the architecture that shaped it

SKALI Gudja

Friday 10 October 18:00-22:00

Gudja

Contact: [SKALI Gudja](#)



A quiz event for teams of 3 participants each distributed in three/two categories according to age. The questions will revolve around the historical aspects of Gudja with particular emphasis on the Architectural treasures it is adorned with. Prizes will be given to the first placed teams in each category.

Book your spot by sending a message [here](#).

Il-Kor Jubilate Deo fil-Parroċċa l-Qadima - Mużika, Poeżija, Storja u Arkitettura

Wirt iż-Żejtun

Saturday 11 October 19:30-21:00 (Audience is to be seated by 19:15)

Old Parish Church of St Catherine, Żejtun

Contact: [Wirt iż-Żejtun](#)



The event consists of a choral concert by the Jubilate Deo choir and reading of Maltese poems in the Old Parish Church of St Catherine, which is a national architectural gem and the only old parish church, already built and serving as a parish church in 1436, and still being used as a church. This event will be commemorating the 50th year anniversary since a similar concert was organised by the then Wirt iż-Żejtun (which functioned in the 1970s) on the same date (11th October), at the same place. It will also commemorate the 15th anniversary since the setting up of the existent Wirt iż-Żejtun. The event will be in Maltese

Book your spot by sending a message [here](#).



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