

The Maltese Islands are a fascinating prospect for visitors

An archipelago at the heart of the Mediterranean, Malta is typical in many ways of southern Europe, best renowned for its hospitality and charm



Malta's rich history, with its numerous twists of fate, has bequeathed the Islands a special legacy. Malta is a unique, English-speaking nation at the southernmost tip of Europe and an eclectic example of time-honoured tradition and modernity living comfortably side by side.

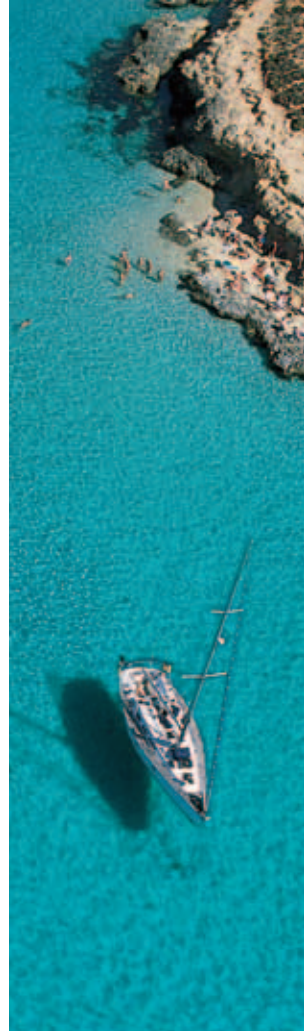
The Mediterranean Conference Centre was created through the restoration of the *Sacra Infermeria* or Holy Infirmary of the Order of the Knights of St John, and lies in the Island's 16th century capital Valletta. A Unesco World Heritage City, Valletta is sited in a magnificent position astride a steep peninsular with breathtaking views over two impressive, natural harbours.

Valletta is the country's historic heart but one which is very much the pulse of the nation. Here, the business of government and commerce goes on much as it has for over 400 years among the grandeur and splendour of its palaces and the charm of its narrow streets.

Further up the coast, lie the 19th and 20th century towns of St Julian's and Sliema where five-star hotels, cafés, restaurants and shops provide a vibrant, cosmopolitan life and a contemporary contrast to the historical setting of baroque Valletta.

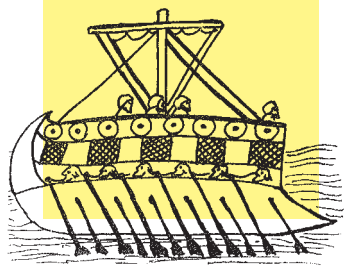
Across a short stretch of water is Gozo, Malta's sister Island. Here, you'll find a quieter pace of life determined by the seasons, agriculture and fishing. Gozo offers relaxing time out from the business of your stay.

It is these many faces of Malta which make the Islands such an interesting choice for conference and incentive travel. Malta's compact size gives you the advantage of creating an interesting programme by changing pace and style with ease. Experience a variety other destinations cannot offer!





THE SEAFARING PHOENICIANS ESTABLISHED TRADING STATIONS IN MALTA'S PROTECTED HARBOURS. THOUSANDS OF YEARS EARLIER THE ISLANDS WERE INHABITED BY A TEMPLE BUILDING CULTURE.



MILLENNIA OF HOSPITALITY

The Islands' strategic location attracted traders and settlers over the millennia and all left their mark on the culture of the Islands; in its language, architecture and artefacts. Few other nations have such a wealth of cultural heritage in such a concentrated area. The possibilities this heritage affords make Malta a very special host for your event.

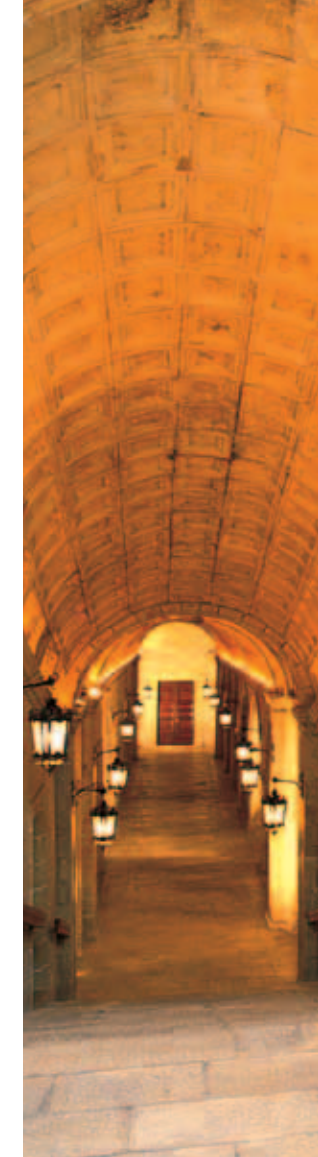
The ancient, seafaring Phoenicians are the first known people to have settled on the Islands. Though several thousands of years before, Malta was inhabited by a temple-building culture whose megalithic structures, now Unesco World Heritage monuments, are found across the Islands. The Apostle St Paul is one of the first recorded individuals to have commented on the hospitality of the Islanders when he was shipwrecked on Malta in AD 60.

Of the list of cultures and nationalities that ruled Malta, two periods made most imprint on Malta's history – the 268 year rule of the Knights of St John and the British period from 1800 to the 1960s. In fact, Malta could lay claim to being a first experiment in European union as the Knights were drawn from Europe's main noble families. The British era meanwhile gave Malta its bilingual status and many aspects of its modern public administration.

The Order of the Knights of St John pioneered at the *Sacra Infermeria* what were in their time advanced medical techniques for the care of the sick and wounded. Irrespective of social status or creed, patients were equitably cared for. Today, the *Sacra Infermeria* building once again plays host to myriad nationalities as a venue for international conferences.

THE LONG WARD IS 155 METRES LONG MAKING IT ONE OF THE LONGEST HALLS IN EUROPE, TODAY THE STUNNING SACRA INFERMERIA HALL.





PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Given the Islands' history, it's not surprising that Malta today has a sense of tradition in giving visitors a warm welcome. Getting to Malta itself, couldn't be easier. At maximum of around three hours flying time from most European capitals and with excellent long-haul connections, the Islands are easily accessible.

On arrival, you'll find that Malta's size is a distinct advantage for conference and incentive travel when time is of essence. The compact nature of the Islands means getting from airport to hotel and onward to the Mediterranean Conference Centre couldn't be easier. Even Gozo is only an hour away with a combined drive and ferry crossing. The majority of four and five star hotels are located just 20 minutes from the airport and equally from the Mediterranean Conference Centre.

Malta has established and highly-experienced destination management companies well equipped to organise all events from the smallest incentive groups to the largest international conferences. At the Mediterranean Conference Centre we provide assistance in devising your programme, work hand in hand with your preferred destination management company and our team to ensure a remarkable event.

Our DMC partners are adept at putting together some of the most innovative and exciting hospitality itineraries and activities to complement your programme. Choose from the theatrical and historical pageantry of themed dining in our vaulted hall to the action-packed challenges of outdoor pursuits.

The splendid architectural heritage of the Islands is never far away. Imposing palaces, floodlit bastions, ornate baroque churches, Grand Harbour, formal gardens, intimate courtyards and timeless village squares all provide perfect backdrops to your stay. There is also a vibrant, living culture to explore and weave into your programme. Choose from summer festas and traditional religious festivities to a lively theatrical, arts and music scene. There is something to include all year round.

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conferences

A VARIETY OF HALLS FROM 1,700M² DOWN TO 78M² WITH SEATING CAPACITY FOR 1400 DELEGATES TO SMALLER GATHERINGS

banquets

HALLS ACCOMMODATING UP TO 1,500 GUESTS. UNIQUE MEDIEVAL BANQUETS WITH ENTERTAINMENT OR SMALLER HALLS CATERING FOR INTIMATE FUNCTIONS

theatrical events

world famous performances

OPERA • ORCHESTRA • DRAMA • BALLET

exhibitions

MAGNIFICENT EXHIBITION SPACES
TOTTALLING OVER 1,900M²

The 16th century building now the Mediterranean Conference Centre has long been one of Valletta's most remarkable landmarks. Located towards the tip of the Valletta peninsula, the MCC stands for distinction with magnificent views across the Grand Harbour.

The sheer size and scale of the building coupled with its conversion into a modern conference centre in 1979 makes the MCC such an impressive architectural feat today. The sensitive and innovative restoration won international acclaim with the coveted 'Europa Nostra' Award for its successful blending of fine old architecture with modern technology.

In addition to conferences, it offers one of the finest venues in the Mediterranean for a range of events including product launches, exhibitions, conventions, banquets and theatrical performances.

The Mediterranean Conference Centre is a rare example in the region of a heritage building functioning to the exacting demands of the 21st century. The Centre's long experience and reputation as a unique quality venue is confirmed by its membership of the prestigious International Conference and Convention Association (ICCA). A member also of the Historic Conference Centres of Europe (HCCE), the Mediterranean Conference Centre is one of Europe's largest conference centres within a historical setting.

The Centre boasts of impressive spaces, such as the main auditorium, Republic Hall, seating 1,400 in theatre style, the elegant and unique La Valette Hall that offers an imposing banqueting venue for up to 900, as well as a host of individually-styled smaller halls suited for receptions and more modest-scale conferences and seminars. In total, the Centre offers an area of over 7,000 square metres.

The MCC also offers a full complement of audio-visual equipment including interpretation facilities. All rooms have independent sound, light and climate control. When it comes to providing receptions and banqueting, we have selected the largest catering partner on the Island to guarantee you a quality dining experience. The Centre is equipped with an in-house fully-fledged kitchen situated below the La Valette Hall. Given the vast experience of our catering partner, the Centre has the capability to provide up to 4,000 covers a day.

Whether you're seeking to launch a new product or host a multinational convention, the Mediterranean Conference Centre offers a truly unique combination of flexibility, atmosphere and impeccable service.



Has hosted
international
and governmental
conferences

Republic Hall



Grand historical
setting of the
former courtyard

1,400 people
theatre style
in a total area
of 728m²

Simultaneous
interpretation
facilities

With a seating capacity of 1,400, this elegant theatre-style hall is the largest in the Mediterranean Conference Centre. It is ideal for large-scale meetings or conferences and is equipped with theatre lighting and sound systems, audio-visual facilities as well as simultaneous interpretation facilities for up to six languages. All the 408 seats in the stalls area may be removed as required. Historical architecture and modern technology blend to

perfection. The deep red theatre curtain and comfortable seating combined with the traditional honeycomb stone create a unique, warm and pleasing ambience. World famous orchestras, operas, ballets and theatrical performances have been produced on the magnificent stage of Republic Hall.



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THE IMPOSING REPUBLIC HALL HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN WHAT WAS ONCE THE MAIN COURTYARD OF THE *SACRA INFIRMERIA*. AT 728 SQUARE METRES, IT IS MALTA'S LARGEST AUDITORIUM

Imposing,
Long Ward of
the *Sacra
Infermeria*

Sacra Infermeria Hall



1,700m² with a
dramatic length
of 155m

Capacity:
1,500
banqueting style;
4,000
for cocktails

Once the Long Ward of the Holy Infirmary, it is one of the longest halls in Europe and was recognised as an architectural feat in the 16th century. This extraordinary and magnificent space covers a total area of 1,700 square metres and is 155 metres long.

Fairs and expositions of all sorts can be comfortably set up here. Owing to its versatility, it can be used as a banqueting hall accommodating 1,400 guests seated to dinner or 4,000 for a stand-up cocktail-style reception.



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An architectural
gem of a
banqueting hall

La Valette Hall



1,500m²
900 guests seated
1,500 guests
for a stand-up
reception

Perfect venue
to create themed
evenings

The La Valette Hall is the main banqueting hall at the Centre. Formerly the Holy Infirmary's Great Magazine Ward, it is an architectural gem with a combination of splendid vaulted ceilings throughout its length, making it one of the most elegant and stunning banqueting halls on the Island. Covering 1,500 square metres, it seats 900 guests. Alternatively, the hall

can accommodate up to 1,500 guests for a stand-up occasion. The pleasure of dining in the La Valette Hall becomes a truly unique and unforgettable experience when the food and the atmosphere are combined to create a themed night: perhaps a medieval banquet complete with jugglers or the 'Night of the Knights' with waiting staff dressed in 17th century costumes.

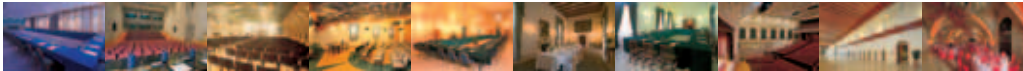


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450 delegates
theatre style;
250 classroom
style

Michel' Angelo Grima Hall



Interpretation
facilities for
up to six languages

Modern styled
comfort



Michel' Angelo Grima Hall comfortably accommodates 450 delegates in theatre-style seating or up to 250 delegates in classroom style. The interpretation booths can cater for up to six languages simultaneously. This modern-styled hall is furnished to high levels of comfort with excellent lighting and wood panelled walls.

Superb contrast
of modern
facilities with
old stone

Temi Zammit Hall



Seats 230
theatre style

Interpretation
facilities for
up to five
languages



Constructed along similar architectural lines to the larger Republic Hall, the Temi Zammit Hall is more moderate in its dimensions without losing any of the historical character. It is 20 metres long by 9 metres wide and is graced by a high ceiling. The artistic combination of the modern lighting, plush seating and ancient stone walls create an unforgettable sense of space.

The Temi Zammit Hall has been furnished as a raked theatre with fixed seating. The flat stalls area, which accommodates 60 delegates, can be removed. The maximum capacity of the hall is 230. High level interpretation facilities are also available.

Suited to
small-scale
events

Vassalli and David Bruce Halls



Eclectic design
in a historical
setting

Interpretation
facilities



These two halls share many intrinsic features. Of more modest proportions, 16m x 11m and 12m x 9m respectively, they lend themselves to smaller gatherings of a more informal nature, creating a more personal, intimate atmosphere. They are ideal for seminars, training sessions, meetings and smaller conferences.

The Vassalli Hall is the larger of the two and has been refurbished in a unique, modern style with an eclectic concept of lighting and décor that contrasts with the historic atmosphere of the Centre. This hall accommodates up to 150 delegates in theatre-style seating or 70 in classroom style. The interpretation facilities allow for five languages. David Bruce Hall seats up to 90 in theatre-style and 30 delegates at tables, with interpretation facilities for three languages.

Ideal for
exhibitions,
receptions and
small banquets

Cotoner Hall



The hall is named after the 17th century Grandmaster Nicholas Cotoner, who was the founder of Malta's first School of Anatomy, within the Holy Infirmary. With its high ceiling and wonderful 400-year-old stone walls, the Cotoner Hall is the Mediterranean Conference Centre's second dedicated exhibition space. Alternatively, it may also be used for small-size banquets or receptions. The Cotoner Hall measures 26.4 metres by 7.2 metres and is set off by 15-metre-high walls.



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Intimate halls
ideal for executive
& incentive groups

La Cassiere & Girolamo Cassar Halls



The smallest and most intimate of all the halls at the Centre are La Cassiere and Girolamo Cassar Halls. They are almost entirely dedicated to catering functions and therefore suitable for executive dinners, perfect for incentive groups, as well as for all sorts of special occasions involving small groups. The halls can each take up to 60 guests in banquet style, and up to 100 persons for stand-up cocktail receptions. The La Cassiere and Girolamo Cassar Halls lie adjacent to one another. Their proximity provides the possibility of them being used concurrently for the running of parallel seminars.

Business Centre and VIP Lounge



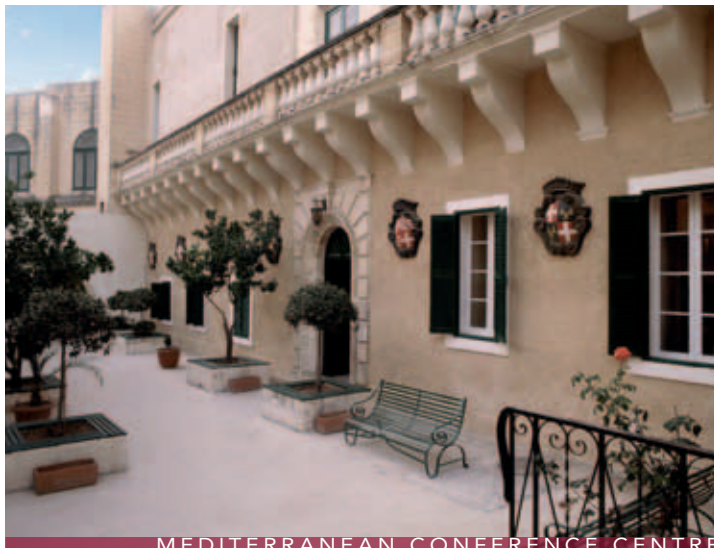
The Business Centre is an ideal space as a back end office. It is the hub of all office activities during meetings. Modern in style, the Business Centre is equipped with work stations complete with internet connection, printers, fax machine, photocopiers, direct telephone lines. High speed WIFI connection is also available.



The VIP Lounge has recently been converted for the use of distinguished guests. It is tastefully furnished with parquet flooring, plush sofas, ambience lighting and an inbuilt bar.

Ideal venue
for small occasions
and weddings

Perellos Suite



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The Perellos Suite, housed within the *Sacra Infermeria*, is an ideal venue for very small occasions. With a seating capacity of 20 this hall is mainly used for Civil Marriages. The intimacy of the place and the newly restored historic artifacts make this space a unique spot for such distinctive moments. The hall is named after Grand Master Raymond Perellos who erected this Chapel dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament in 1712 in order to convey the Holy Communion to patients housed in the *Sacra Infermeria*. It has long since been deconsecrated and used for social activities.

The Courtyard which is adjacent to the Cotoner Hall and runs alongside the vast building is a pleasant open-air space. The blooms of bougainvillea and hibiscus provide vibrant colour and the high walls and citrus trees offer soothing shade on summer days.

The Courtyard is the perfect location for all fresco receptions where light refreshments are served. It is also an ideal spot for coffee breaks where delegates enjoy being out in the open for informal conversation during seminars and conferences. Or it can simply be a relaxing meeting point before or after conferences.