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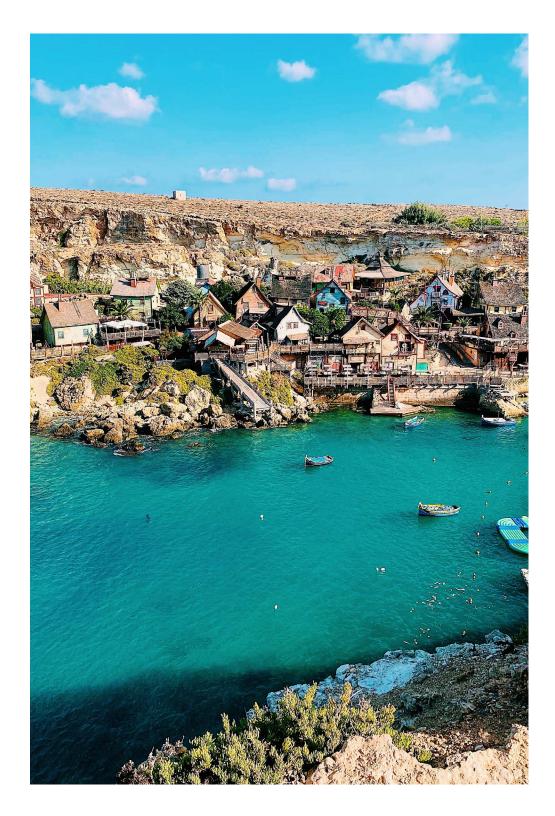
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#### **VALLETA**

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#### **ISLAND BAY**

Depart early to transport you to a different side of Malta — one where the rugged cliffs of the coast fall away into crystal clear water, sea caves glimmer ethereal blue, and colorful fishing villages beckon from the shore.

Have breakfast on deck as you enjoy the scenery of the undeveloped south floating by before anchoring for a swim at the breathtaking St. Peter's Pool, named for the apostle who is believed to have been shipwrecked on Malta on his way to Rome around 60 AD.

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#### **BLUE LAGOON**

Today is pure beach bliss. Beach lovers will want to spend the morning on either Golden Beach or at the quieter Paradise Bay, while divers might want to return to Cirkewwa to dive the reef.

After a long, lazy lunch at anchor, the yacht will make the short trip across to the island of Comino, to arrive at the Blue Lagoon just past 4 pm, when the tour boats have departed. This is one of the most photographed lagoons in the Mediterranean, and little wonder, with startlingly azure waters contrasting vividly with the limestone formations all around.





#### **MGARR - GOZO**

Get up early and enjoy the tranquillity of the lagoon with a wake-up swim before breakfasting on deck, saltwater drying on your skin in the morning light. The captain will move the yacht before 8 am to avoid the crowds arriving and ruining the peace and quiet.

If you're in the mood for more lagoon action, then Comino's much lesser known Emerald Lagoon (or Crystal Lagoon) is a superb option, as there's no beach so people can only swim from boats, while scuba divers might prefer motoring to the northeast of the island to explore the Santa Maria Caves.





#### **GOZO**

Choices abound for your day on Gozo. A must-see for divers and snorkelers is Dwerga, once the home of Malta's iconic Azure Window. Those upset about the collapse of the famous limestone arch will be consoled to discover that the rockfall has created an underwater paradise for divers, with huge limestone blocks creating passageways and an almost eerie topography. The site also offers the Blue Hole, one of the great dive sites of Europe, the inland sea lagoon, and a beautiful natural swimming pool.

Gozo also is home to the UNESCO-listed Ggantija temples, a megalithic temple complex that is more than 5,000 years old, while history lovers will also want to visit the capital of Victoria, where a spectacular citadel sits atop the hill.





#### **VALLETA**

The yacht will leave early for the return to Valetta, perhaps stopping for a swim at St. Paul's Bay, the place where St. Paul's ship was believed to be wrecked. Advanced divers can also dive the Imperial Eagle Wreck and the Jesus statue on the seabed, rounding out an exceptional yacht charter in Malta.





<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The proposed itinerary is just a suggestion. The beauty of a private charter is the ability customize your adventure.