Day 14 Friday 7 June

SLIEMA - MDINA - SLIEMA

Today’s excursion takes you to the ancient citadel of Mdina. The history of Mdina dates back more than 4,000 years. The Phoenicians realised the strategic importance of the site and began fortifications around 1000 BC. When the Romans arrived they renamed the city Malta. In 60 AD St Paul was shipwrecked here; in 170 AD the Saracens gave it its present name, Mdina and reinforced the defensive walls and towers. This happened again in 1091 when the Normans took over the island. Mdina is often called the ‘Silent City’ and is thought to be due to the fact that much of its population left to live in newer capital of Vittoriosa. Today, Mdina has a population of only around 300 people. Leaving Mdina through the ‘Greek Gate’ you stop off at the catacombs before arriving in Dingli. After lunch you visit the botanical gardens of San Anton and the imposing Mosta Dome, built in 1860 it is the fourth largest dome in the world. Be amazed at the story of the WWII bomb which pierced the dome in 1942! Enjoy the craft centre at Ta’ Qali where you will have some free time for browsing and shopping.

Breakfast ● Lunch
Overnight Sienna

Day 15 Saturday 8 June

SLIEMA

You have a completely free day today to explore the island at your own pace.

Breakfast
Overnight Sienna

Day 16 Sunday 9 June

SLIEMA - GOZO - SLIEMA

A full day today as you make your way via a 20 minute ferry crossing to Gozo, Malta’s sister island. Gozo is a three-hilled island and much greener, rural and picturesque than Malta. Here you visit the citadel of Victoria, the national shrine and pilgrimage of Ta’ Pinu, the bay of Xlendi – the prettiest bay on the island and an ideal swimming spot. Here you will also find the natural wonders of Xenia Window – a natural arch, the Blue Hole and Inland Sea – created thousands of years ago when two huge limestone caves collapsed. Gozo is famed for its woolen goods and handmade lace, excellent mementos of your visit.

Breakfast ● Lunch
Overnight Sienna

Day 17 Monday 10 June

SLIEMA - THREE CITIES - SLIEMA

Today you explore the ‘Three Cities’ of Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea. Your first visit today begins with Vittoriosa, or Birgu, Vittoriosa has a long history of maritime mercantile and military activities and is the oldest of the ‘Three Cities’. After walking through a maze of narrow streets you arrive at the old quay for a harbour and creek tour on a ‘fergatina’. Cospicua is the largest of the ‘Three Cities’. Inhabited since the Neolithic times it has seen many changes and witnessed many historic events and was very badly damaged during WWII. Your final stop today is Senglea, the smallest of the cities. Once joined by a narrow land bridge to the city of Cospicua, Senglea has played an important role over the millennia. It played an important role in the Siege of Malta (1565), in 1798 it was heavily involved in a blockade against the French, and it suffered great damage during WWII. Today it is a delightful coastal town and you will enjoy taking photographs from the beautifully restored ‘vedette’, or watchtower.

Breakfast ● Lunch
Overnight Sienna

Day 18 Tuesday 11 June

SLIEMA - HAGAR QIM - SLIEMA

Visit a modern limestone quarry and enjoy a presentation which brings together old and new techniques and explains one of Malta’s foremost trades of quarrying and stone decoration called ‘Limestone Heritage’. From here you visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hagar Qim, its 5,000 year old temple is the best preserved limestone temples and pre-historic site in Malta. You proceed to Wied ez-Zurrieq where, weather permitting, you can take a boat trip to see the famous Blue Grotto (cost not included). After lunch you arrive in Marsaxlokk, it beautiful waterfront lined with hazzu (fishing boats) painted in the traditional bright colours. Visit the market place and peruse the goods on offer before returning to your hotel in Sienna. Tonight you say goodbye to Tunisia and Malta a farewell dinner.

Breakfast ● Lunch ● Farewell Dinner
Overnight Sienna

Day 19 Wednesday 12 June

MALTA - FRANKFURT - SINGAPORE

Shortly after breakfast you leave the hotel and travel to the airport for your flight home via Frankfurt and Singapore.

Breakfast ● Meals in flight
Overnight in flight

Day 20 Thursday 13 June

SINGAPORE - ADELAIDE

After a short layover in Singapore you flight departs for Adelaide.

Overnight in flight
Meals in flight

Day 21 Friday 14 June

Arrive Adelaide early morning.
Day 1  Saturday 1 June
GAFSA - RED LIZARD - TOZEUR
Leaving Gafsa behind you travel south to board the Red Lizard train at Metlouin. A spectacular journey awaits you as you wind your way through the Sahara. Red and pink rock cliffs rise walls to over 300 metres above the train as it weaves its way through the canopy and desert landscape of North Africa’s Atlas Mountains. You continue on to the oasis-town of Tozeur for a two night stay. Tozeur’s history dates back over 2,000 years and you will be delighted by the town’s old quarter and the maze of fascinating and intricate brick houses, arches and ancient walls which make it one of the most distinctive and appealing architectural styles in Tunisia. Dates from palm trees in Tozeur are exported all over the world. In your free time you might like to consider camel riding, biking in the gorges or perhaps a quad bike or 4x4 ride out into the desert. Maybe you would like to try the local Hammam, to drink a refreshing bath and massage? Keep your eye out for the local ladies wearing blue robes (married) and white robes (unmarried) on their dressing.

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Tozeur

Day 2  Sunday 2 June
TOZEUR - CHIBKA - TAMERZA - TOZEUR
A relaxing day today as you travel through spectacular scenery to the villages of Chibika and Tamerza. The old quarters of the villages, once Roman military stations, offer an insight into what life was like in an oasis village. Both supplied by springs and surrounded by palm groves they truly are a delight in the otherwise barren and rugged desert landscape. Time allowing you will have the opportunity to swim in one of the many refreshing pools and waterfalls so don’t forget your bathers!

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Tozeur

Day 3  Monday 27 May
Hammamet - Kerkouane
This morning your tour to Kerkouane, the 4th largest city of Islam and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in 670 AD, Kerkouane is located equidistant from the sea to the mountains. Explore its ancient streets and markets it is worth allowing before allowing for dinner.

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Kerkouane

Day 4  Tuesday 28 May
KAIROUN - SBEITA - GAFSA
Today you continue your tour of Kairouan starting with the Uqba mosque and its towering 115 feet minaret. It is the oldest mosque in Africa and Muslims not able to travel to Mecca make their pilgrimage here instead. Although Non-Muslims are not allowed inside the mosque, you can still admire its impressive architecture from the outside. From here you visit the Aghlabid pool, the only remains of an ingenuous water system which served the city of Kairouan in ancient times. You venture through the Sidi Sahbi manseurin filled with magnificent carvings. Next you arrive in Sbeita, an ancient Roman village housing the remains of a magistrate Are de Triomphe, temples dedicated to Jupiter, Ermion and Mercury and the Medjila cisterns. The Medjila cisterns housed in the same shining sea of colours and mirrors. Sbeita is reached by an elevated causeway, often lined with stalls selling local wares and souvenirs. From here you travel to Gafsa, famed for being the set of the Star Wars movies.

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Gafsa

Day 5  Wednesday 29 May
HAMMAMET - DOUGGA
Today you travel to Dougga, known to the Romans a Thygga. Dougga is one of Tunisia’s premier and well preserved archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With numerous temples, an amazing amphitheatre and a well preserved theatre (still used for plays and concerts throughout the year) Dougga, set high on a hill, dominates the fertile valley below. The site covers 750 sq. metres and a medium level of fitness is required to fully explore the site. Dougga’s impressive ruins give you a glimpse of what life was like in an ancient Roman town.

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Gafsa

Day 6  Thursday 30 May
HAMMAMET - SOUSSE - KAIROUN
Following breakfast you make your way to Sousse to visit the ancient catacombs used as Christian burial and burial place the years of persecution. From here you continue your journey to Kairouan, the 4th largest city of Islam and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in 670 AD, Kerkouane is located equidistant from the sea to the mountains. Explore its ancient streets and markets it is worth allowing before allowing for dinner.

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Kerkouane

Day 7  Friday 31 May
KAIROUN - SBEITA - GAFSA
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Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Gafsa

Day 8  Saturday 4 June
GAFSA - RED LIZARD - TOZEUR
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Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Tozeur

Day 9  Sunday 5 June
TOZEUR - CHIBKA - TAMERZA - TOZEUR
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Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Tozeur

Day 10  Monday 3 June
TOZEUR - CHOTT EL DJERID - MATMATA
Today you journey across the Sahara. Desert salt lakes to Chott el Djerid, the largest of the lakes. Over a thousand years ago this area was part of the Mediterranean and as the continent stretched this inland sea became stranded and is now dry for most of the year. You can understand why many caravans traders became lost in this shimmering sea of colours and mirrors. Chott is reached by an elevated causeway, often lined with stalls selling local wares and souvenirs. From here you travel to Matmata, famed for being the set of the Star Wars movies.

Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
Overnight Matmata

Day 11  Tuesday 4 June
MATMATA - GABES - EL JEM - HAMMAMET
After breakfast you begin your journey back to Hammamet, passing through Gabès, the world famous ‘Fossil Forest’ before arriving in El Jem, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you will see the colossi, built around 230 AD it is said to have housed at least 30,000 spectators and is as large as any in Rome, but in a much better state of preservation. Stand in the arena and imagine the Roman aristocrats indulging in wine and laughter whilst watching the less unfortunate men and beasts fighting for their lives. Around El Jem there is still much to be discovered by archaeologists as serial photographs show a smaller and a much larger amphitheatre not far away from the town of El Jem. You journey on to Hammamet for your last night in Tunisia.

Breakfast • Dinner
Overnight Hammamet

Day 12  Wednesday 5 June
TUNISIA - MALTA
Today you say farewell to Tunisia and make your way to the airport for your flight* from Tunis to Luqa. Once you have cleared customs you will be met by a professional guide ready for the spectacular view you will encounter across the Grand Harbour and coastline. Your next stop is Valletta, the islands colourful and bustling capital city. You begin your exploration of this historic island with a half day tour to Valletta, the islands colourful and bustling capital city. You begin your exploration of this historic island with a half day tour to Valletta, the islands colourful and bustling capital city. You begin your exploration of this historic island with a half day tour to Valletta, the islands colourful and bustling capital city. You begin your exploration of this historic island with a half day tour to Valletta, the islands colourful and bustling capital city. You begin your exploration of this historic island with a half day tour to Valletta, the islands colourful and bustling capital city.