



# Malta 2023



## 5\* Radisson Blu, St Julian's

**Saturday 23 - 30 September 2023**

**Or**

**Saturday 30 September - 7 October 2023**

We are delighted to make our long-awaited return to the 5\* Radisson Blu Hotel in Malta where we had such a fantastic holiday previously. The hotel overlooks the Mediterranean and all bedrooms have sea views.

As always, there will be two interesting excursions; The Three Cities tour commences with a cruise around one of the world's deepest natural harbours and a backdrop to the two Great Sieges of 1565 and 1942. On the second excursion, you will have a full day guided tour of the Capital city of Valletta and Malta's old capital city, Mdina, also known as The Silent City.

Bridge Programme: Jack Stocken will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme which will include Andrew Robson's Lessons (four mornings), Supervised Play (two afternoons) and Gentle Duplicate after dinner each night, 9pm - 11pm or Supervised Play for those who would prefer a more relaxed game.

As usual, the standard is friendly Intermediate; the Bridge is not suitable for club players that are used to a more serious, competitive 24 board duplicate.

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**Malta:** The Maltese archipelago lies virtually at the centre of the Mediterranean, with Malta 93km south of Sicily and 288km north of Africa. The archipelago consists of three islands: Malta, Gozo and Comino. With superbly sunny weather, expansive beaches, 7,000 years of intriguing history, there is a great deal to see and do. Captivating places of interest are the world famous Hypogeum selected as a place of World Heritage by UNESCO, prehistoric temples and grand palaces, to name but a few.

**Weather:** The climate in Malta is semi-tropical, with year-round moderate weather. The average temperature in September is 28 degrees Celsius.

**The Hotel:** Enviably located in St. George's Bay directly overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the 5\* Radisson Blu Resort, St. Julian's, offers panoramic views along the northern coast of Malta, stretching all the way to the sister island of Gozo. The hotel is located in a peaceful and quiet area, just a kilometre away from St. Julian's with its fashionable hotspots, restaurants and casino. St. Julian's started life as a little fishing village and this working tradition is still in evidence with brightly coloured boats bobbing about on the almost too-blue water. Valletta, the island's historic capital is just a 20 minute drive from the hotel. [www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-resort-malta-st-julians](http://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-resort-malta-st-julians)

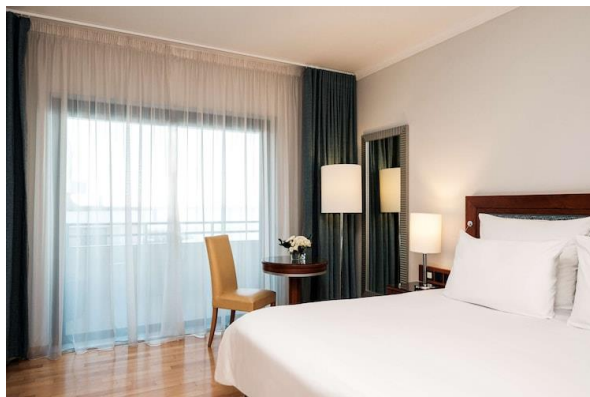
**Bedrooms:** All bedrooms have balconies and sea views and have recently been refurbished. All rooms are designed for total comfort and luxury and come with all the amenities expected of a five-star hotel which include large flat screen TVs, telephone, free high-speed internet (WiFi), air-conditioning, mini bar, coffee and tea making facilities, hairdryer, trouser-press and private safe.

**Superior Rooms with sea views:** guests can lounge on a balcony that overlooks the pool with ocean views in the backdrop.

**Premium Rooms with sea views:** Wake up to full sea views of the Mediterranean.

**Superior Suites with Terrace and sea views:** Enjoy panoramic views of the glittering Mediterranean on the expansive terrace that curves around this premier suite.

Read more about the rooms on this link <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-resort-malta-st-julians/rooms>



**Cuisine:** A richly-assorted breakfast buffet is available every morning from 6.30 - 10.30am in the Kon Tiki restaurant. We will dine in Le Bistro which offers an eclectic menu. For lunch eat at the Edge Lido Restaurant, al fresco dining, at the water's edge of St. George's Bay or indeed take a stroll to the nearby St. Julian's Bay.



**Leisure facilities:** The hotel offers an extensive range of sports and leisure facilities including an outdoor pool complex which comprises of a main freshwater pool with a swim-up bar located in the main area. It also has two seawater pools in the lido grounds, at the water's edge on St. George's coast; a heated indoor pool, Jacuzzi, fully-equipped gym, sauna and Marion Mizzi Wellbeing. Guests can also make appointments for hair and beauty treatments at the hairdresser and beauty salon.



**Golf:** The Royal Malta golf course is just fifteen minutes drive away. Pre-booking is highly recommended. Jack will organise golf groups for those who are interested. Full details of the course may be obtained by looking at the website, [www.royalmaltagolfclub.com](http://www.royalmaltagolfclub.com)

# EXCURSIONS



## The Three Cities and Grand Harbour Cruise

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The Three Cities tour commences with a cruise around one of the world's deepest natural harbours and a backdrop to the two Great Sieges of 1565 and 1942. A detailed commentary will unfold the gallant history of Valletta and the Three Cities connected with these Great Sieges, as well as all the other places of interest including the historical fortifications, battlements and creeks which can only be admired from the sea.

Following this, a drive through Senglea, Cospicua and finally up to Vittoriosa - the historic fortified towns on the other side of the Grand Harbour from Valletta and then a stroll along the restored waterfront and the Maritime Museum, before lunch. After lunch, a brief tour around the Collachio (an area that used to be reserved for the Knights) will show you the many old Auberges of the Knights, and the Inquisitor's Palace.



## Valletta and the Silent City

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A full day guided tour of the Capital city of Valletta and Malta's old capital city, Mdina, also known as The Silent City. The entire city of Valletta, Malta's capital, is inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will visit the Upper Barracca Gardens which command breathtaking views of the Grand Harbour and the Palace of the Grand Master of the Knights of Malta.

After lunch the group will set off to Mdina, Malta's old capital city. The tour includes a visit of Bastion Square and the bastions where one can admire the spectacular views, Palazzo Falson Historic House Museum and a walking tour of the Silent City with its winding medieval streets and impressive architecture. Itinerary su

## Travel, Prices and Booking Conditions

**Booking & Deposit:** Please note that bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a booking form and non-refundable deposit of £250 per person. Please book early so that we can try to accommodate any requests you may have. Booking forms should be completed online on our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk)

**Travel:** You will need to book your own flights but if you book the Air Malta flights below then you can join our coach transfer to/from the hotel for a small additional cost. Minimum numbers apply.

23.09.2023	KM 101	d Heathrow	10.50	a Malta	15.00
30.09.2023	KM 102	d Malta	17.00	a. Heathrow	19.30

The flight times are the same for the second week of 30 September.

BA fly from Gatwick but the flight times are very anti-social! EasyJet and other airlines will also fly to Malta.

### **Price includes:**

- Bridge tuition to include 4 x lessons with Andrew's set hands, 6 x Gentle Duplicates and 3 x Supervised play sessions
- Exclusive use of the Bridge room for the week
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening
- Half board accommodation as detailed below

**Accommodation:** Price includes half-board accommodation as on page 2. ARB Holidays will do its utmost to ensure that requests are granted but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis. However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.

<b><u>Price:</u></b> (No travel)	Superior Sea View:	2 sharing	£1795 per person
		1 person	£2195
	Premium Room with Sea View:	2 sharing	£1995 per person
		1 person	£2645 per person
	Superior Suite: Sea View & Terrace:	2 sharing	£2295 per person



**Insurance:**

It is the responsibility of individuals to ensure they have adequate travel insurance for this trip, to include any activities in which they may be participating. On booking, a signature will be required to guarantee that you have, or will have, made the arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

**Money:**

- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before 1 June 2023, a surcharge, appropriate to the fall, will be charged to all clients on the holiday cost and excursions.
- The deposit is non-refundable.
- The full balance is due by 18 June 2023

**Cancellation:**

The deposit is non-refundable and once the balance has been paid, no refunds will be given, although you should be able to claim on your travel insurance.

**Flights:**

**Guests should book their own flights.** ARB Holidays are not responsible nor liable for guests' independent flights. If a holiday is cancelled or if a guest cancels, then guests should contact their airline for a refund or voucher.

**Extra nights:**

You are welcome to stay extra nights and make your own travel plans. Please book and pay for extra nights directly with the hotel and note that ARBH take no responsibility for extra nights, including cancellations or no shows.

**Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd - Liability:**

In all the arrangements we have made for your holiday, we have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the suppliers of the services used are of an acceptable standard. However, we would point out that we do not own or control the organisations providing transport or accommodation for your holiday. We cannot accept any liability for services provided (carriage by air, sea or land, accommodation and other space), where these services are interrupted by force majeure, which includes but is not limited to acts of God, adverse weather conditions, ash cloud, acts or threat of war, government action, strike, terrorism, civil unrest, fire, failure of public utilities, pandemics, Covid, medical emergency, natural or nuclear disaster or airport closure.

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## MALTA BRIDGE HOLIDAY 2023

### BOOKING FORM

**Please pay the £250 per person deposit via online banking** (email Jack for details) or use telephone banking or visit a branch or ask a family member to make the transfer for you. We do not accept cheques nor credit/debit cards. One booking form per person please (except couples). Fill in an online booking form on our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk) Please do not post a booking form.

1. I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ persons on the trip, detailed as below:

**Names** (including title)

**Room type** (see pages 2 & 5)

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2. **Insurance:** Please sign below to state that you guarantee to have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions as on the home page of our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk)

**Name**

**Signature**

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3. Please note any supplementary requirements here, e.g. vegetarian meals, allergies etc.

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4. Please fully complete the section below in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Address

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5. **Next of Kin:** Please provide the following details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

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