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"MALTA & ROME"

11 days, Thursday, September 20, to Sunday, September 30, 2018

Tour cost from Toronto on Alitalia, based on double occupancy: \$4195.00 - Single room supplement: \$765.00

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Thursday, September 20:

Depart Toronto Pearson airport on Alitalia at 22:25 with dinner and a light breakfast served on board.

Day 2 - Friday, September 21:

Arrival in Rome at 13:00 with a connecting flight to Malta at 16:50 arriving in Valletta at 18:15. Meet and Greet your guide with private coach & transfer to the centrally-located 3-star hotel, check-in, and walk to a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3 – Saturday, September 22:

After breakfast, walking tour of the fortified historical centre of Malta's capital, Valletta, classified in its entirety as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/131>); 11:00 AM we will enjoy "The Malta Experience" where you discover 7,000 years of history in a audio visual show, after which we cross the road & enjoy a fully guided tour of the La Sacra Infermia. Valletta will also be Europe's "cultural capital" in 2018(www.gov.mt/en/about%20malta/valletta/pages/european-capital-of-culture-in-2018.aspx). The old town is inextricably linked to the history of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, originally an order of "fighting monks," similar to the Knights Templar, established in the context of the Crusades. Built after the 1565 Great Siege of Malta, and named after Grand Master Jean Parisot de la Valette, Among the highlights of our visit will be St. John's Cathedral with its stunning baroque interior, decorated with paintings by artists such as Caravaggio and Flemish tapestries, and a crypt with tombs of Grand Masters, including La Valette; Republic Street, the main shopping street; the imposing walls and gates ramparts built by the Knights in the late 16th century, featured on UNESCO's tentative list of world heritage sites (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/982>); the 17th-century Manoel Theatre, a miniature version of Milan's La Scala: Following a break for lunch we then visit the National Library on Republic Square, where the archives of the Knights of St. John are kept; and the 'Holy

Infirmary,' located beneath the Mediterranean Conference Centre with a capacity of over 600 beds a state-of-the-art hospital at the time of its establishment by the Order in 1574. Dinner tonight is on your own.



< *Panoramic view of Valletta in 1801 (free of copyright c/o Wikimedia Commons)*

Day 4 – Sunday, September 23:

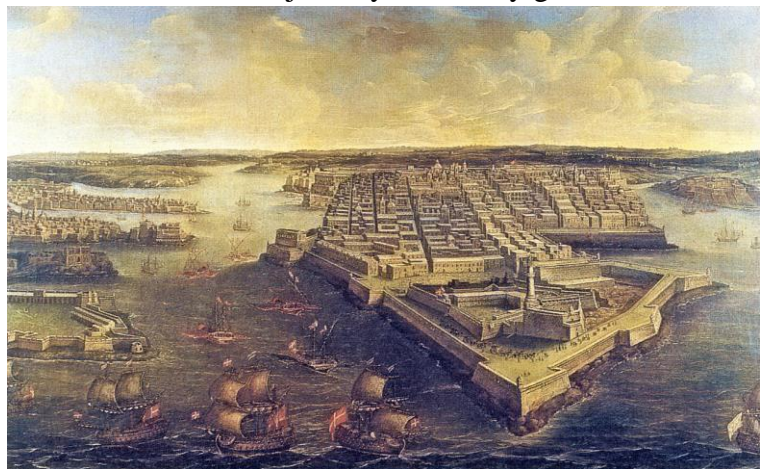
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This morning we will have a full morning guided tour of the Grand Master's Palace. This building built in 1571 has always hosted the government in Malta, first the knights, then under the British it served as the Governor's Palace, and now it hosts the President's office as well as the House of Representatives.

The Grandmaster's Palace & the State Rooms are built around two courtyards. Inside is the famous Council Chamber and other rooms and passages which are all splendidly furnished. The Palace armoury is also located here and is well worth visiting. Following some free time for lunch you can carry on your visit of the Palace or Fort St. Elmo. Group dinner this evening in a local restaurant.

Day 5 - Monday, September 24: **BIRGU “Maritime City of the Knights”**

Following-breakfast we meet in the lobby of the hotel and make the short journey to the city gate to embark on a full day walking tour of the original Collacchio; the historical centre of Birgu an area of narrow streets containing “The Inquisitors Palace and St Joseph's Oratory, Maritime Museum, Main Square & Fort Angelo. No group dinner this evening.



Panoramic view of Valletta in 1800

Day 6 – Tuesday, September 25:

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Morning excursion to Malta’s picturesque “Old City,” located high on a ridge in the island’s interior, known to the Romans as Melita and later divided into two parts, Mdina and Rabat; this was the island’s capital before the Order arrived and decided to settle on the coast. Mdina/Rabat boasts ancient city walls and gates, fine residences of aristocratic families, as well as churches and catacombs, associated with the arrival here in 60AD of St. Paul, who reportedly converted the Roman governor to Christianity. This afternoon you can visit Ta’Qali market and roadside stands before returning to Valletta via the coastal resorts of Sliema and St. Julian’s. Final dinner in Malta at a local restaurant.

Day 7 - Wednesday, September 26:

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Free morning in Valetta for some last minute shopping and sightseeing before transferring to the airport for your short flight to Rome where on arrival you will meet your private coach and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Brief orientation tour of the local area. Dinner on your own.

Day 8 - Thursday, September 27:

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This morning we focus on Vatican City, with thorough visits to St. Peter’s Basilica with its huge central altar, papal crypt, treasury, massive dome and Michelangelo’s evocative Pietà, as well as the Vatican Museum, featuring frescoes by Raphael, paintings by Giotto, and antiquities such as the celebrated Hellenistic sculpture, Laocoön. But the absolute highlight will of course be the Sistine Chapel, venue of the papal elections, with Michelangelo’s superb paintings. In the afternoon, leisurely exploration (on foot) of the picturesque district around Piazza Navona and the Pantheon. No group dinner this evening, and there may be an opportunity to attend a classical music concert (optional).



Day 9 - Friday, September 28:

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Morning exploration of “Imperial Rome,” featuring the still very impressive ruins dating back to the time of the Roman Empire and rulers such as Caesar, Augustus, Nero, and Trajan. Highlights will include the Colosseum, the Imperial Forums and the Roman Forum (flanked by the over-the-top Monument to King Victor Emmanuel, known as the “Wedding Cake”!), the Circus Maximus, the triumphal arches of Constantine and Titus, and Trajan’s Column. In the afternoon, leisurely walking tour to the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps.

Day 10 - Saturday, September 29:

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Following breakfast in the hotel the day is free for you to explore Rome. Farewell group dinner this evening in a local restaurant.

Day 11 – Sunday, September 30:

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Following a leisurely breakfast there will be a late morning private transfer to Fiumicino Airport for your return flight at 15:15 with arrival in Toronto at 19:05

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Included in the tour price are:

- Return flight with Alitalia and partner carriers, including all airport taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges;
- Accommodation in 3-star hotel in Malta and a 4-star hotel in Rome, based on double occupancy – the single room supplement is \$720.00
- Daily breakfast and a total of four dinners;
- All transfers, sightseeing, and excursions as described in the itinerary;
- Arrival & departure group transfers in Malta
- Tours in Malta with private coach and Licensed Tour Guide from Sept 21 to 25
- Entrance fees to Malta experience, Sacra Infermeria, Inquisitors Palace, Maritime Museum, Fort St. Angelo Ggatiya Temples, The Citadel, Grand Masters Palace State Rooms, Palace Armoury, Fort St. Elmo, Palazzo Pariso & Gardens, St. Paul's Grotto, Mdina Cathedral, St. John's Co. Cathedral & Manoel Theatre and Grand Harbour Cruise.

Not included are:

- All items of a personal nature;
- Wine, beer, mineral water and similar beverages with dinners;
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Travel insurance, available on request.



Galley of the Order of the Knights of St. John (photo by Myriam Thyges c/o Wikimedia Commons)

APPLICATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the "Knights to Malta" Tour, departing September 20 - 30, 2018.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750.00 person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be for the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

Name as on Passport. Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS: _____

Postal Code: _____ PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a single room required: YES _____ NO _____.

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: (Dietary, special physical needs, frequent flyer number, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

Insurance - Please call the office for premiums then record on application form and add amount to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

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All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____ Other _____

Decline Insurance _____ (Please sign here if you decline the insurance).

PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

*I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any Special requests and included payment".

Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost
60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour.

We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume

any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.

3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.
4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions is to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIR:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases, it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, in some cases you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in **almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.**

It is the airline that makes the live reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy not ours that prevents us from assigning you specific seats. I assure you if a request is made it is followed up on by our staff when they submit the names to the airline 30- 60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If the ideal seat is an absolute must for you, we suggest you book our tour land only and make your own air arrangements, so you can better control the individual booking. Pauwels would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare we can find but note this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure and the rules and booking conditions of the applicable airfare will apply.

We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above.