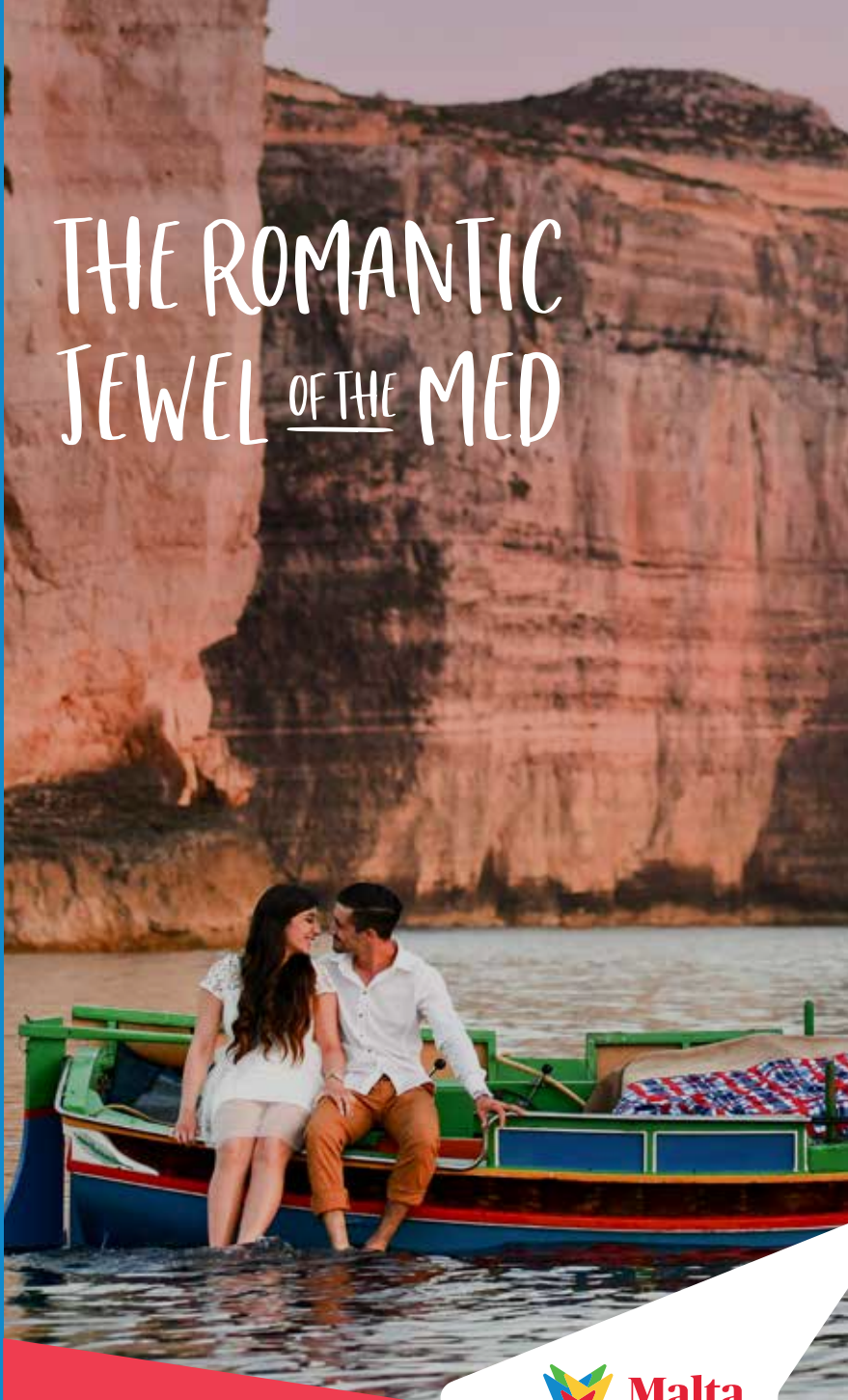




THE ROMANTIC JEWEL OF THE MED

MALTA & GOZO



Malta
Gozo & Comino

UNFORGETTABLE WEDDINGS



A WEDDING IN THE MALTESE ARCHIPELAGO IS LIKE NO OTHER. STEEPED IN HISTORY, THE ISLANDS OFFER IDYLIC VENUES AND SPECTACULAR VISTAS.

The Maltese and Gozitan people have an ingrained culture of family and celebration, and delight in sharing their sunny Mediterranean home with couples from around the world in search of making their own special memories. This land of honey-coloured stone and **cobalt blue seas** could be your own special paradise. The wedding you design will be one of style and elegance.

Malta is a breeze to get to. There's no shortage of flights from a host of airports. It's compact and therefore not difficult at all to get around and it offers so much in which visitors may indulge.

Communication is easy - English is an official language, together with Maltese, and is spoken everywhere. A wedding should be **unforgettable**. In Malta, yours will be. A wide selection of wedding venues is on offer, from modern to historic, both indoors and open air. Your special day could be a simple but refined ceremony on the beach or be as grand as you desire in a real castle.



Upper Barrakka Gardens, Valletta, Malta

SPOILT FOR CHOICE



As for scenic backdrops, you are **spoilt for choice**. Hilltop gardens, picturesque bays and the shimmering expanse of the Mediterranean are beauties to behold. You are assured of returning home with a delightful wedding album and **memories to cherish forever**. It won't just be wonderful for the happy couple; guests will enjoy a memorable experience

too. There is a variety of **comfortable accommodation** available from which they can easily explore the sights, enjoy thrilling action sports, indulge in a luxury spa or simply relax by the pool.

IDYLLIC VENUES AND MUCH MORE



Mdina, Malta

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPREAD YOUR CELEBRATIONS ACROSS DIFFERENT VENUES, YOU WILL BE WELL SERVED IN MALTA OR GOZO.

Holding your event in more than one place on the same day is easy given the short distances. For those who would like a religious service, Malta offers a **myriad of resplendent churches** and caters for many denominations.

The options for the wedding reception are varied too. Large get-togethers are very much part of the traditional

Maltese wedding, but you can opt for anything **from buffet to barbeque to banquet**. You'll benefit from having the expertise of chefs who source fresh ingredients and have experience of serving large parties in style. **Everything is bespoke**. If you opt for a smaller, more intimate party, you will find that the level of service and attention to detail is just as high.

How about an indulgent five-star hotel with Mediterranean views, a 17th century palazzo with gilded ballroom, a fine villa with lush gardens, a limestone oasis with a thirty-foot waterfall, the terraces of a country vineyard or converted farmhouse?

GETTING AROUND

KAROZZIN



VINTAGE BUS



Transport arrangements range from **functional to romantic and luxurious**. It is easy to lay on a coach to carry your guests to venues, especially with journey times relatively short. For brides and grooms, there are splendid vintage cars or modern limousines available or, for something equally special, consider a horse-drawn carriage, known as *karozzin*, or a brightly painted traditional boat, a *dghajsa*, for crossing the Grand Harbour.

Throw in lovely Mediterranean flowers, and a **dash of your own imagination**, and you have created an unforgettable day for you and your guests.



DID YOU KNOW?

Malta has no shortage of churches. With 365 churches across the islands, you will be spoilt for choice. Most are Roman Catholic, but you will find places of worship for many other religions.



"IT WAS SPECTACULAR - THE SCENERY, ATMOSPHERE AND FOOD WERE SECOND TO NONE! THERE IS NOT ONE SINGLE THING I WOULD CHANGE ABOUT MY DAY."

Elaine Wynn, Ireland.

LET THE PLANNERS DO THE WORK

"EVERYTHING FROM THE INITIAL BOOKING TO THE WEDDING WEEKEND ITSELF WAS TAKEN CARE OF. WE HAD SO MANY COMMENTS ABOUT HOW AMAZING OUR EVENTS WERE."

Meera and Sukraj, Belgium

Wedding planners guide you every step of the way and attend to everything for you. You'll be in **safe hands** with experts who can cater for any request, from the mundane to the **extraordinary**. Some have been called upon to make unusual arrangements – one couple decided to make a grand entrance by parachute! They have everything covered, even the smaller but so very important things - for example, making sure a garment steamer is ready to greet the wedding dress off the plane.

Planners can even offer some particularly **local suggestions** for wedding favours, from names engraved on limestone to Maltese wine or the finest Mediterranean olive oil.



VALLETTA WATERFRONT
Malta

"WE COULDN'T HAVE WISHED FOR A MORE PERFECT WEDDING - IT WENT OVER AND BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS! WE TRULY WERE BLOWN AWAY! WE WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND MALTA AS A WEDDING DESTINATION."

Nimisha & Kunal, UK



RED CARPET, NOT RED TAPE



Malta's wedding planners go the extra mile to make sure all your needs and desires are met. When it comes to the paperwork, they make it simple. You need to arrive a mere three days in advance to complete the formalities, then you have **plenty of time to relax** and prepare. The paperwork isn't cumbersome, and all the documentation is in English. The main documents you need to provide are certificates of no impediment (proving that you're not married already) and your birth certificates.

The formalities for same sex weddings and civil unions are easy. Malta does not distinguish or discriminate any union. In fact, it takes pride in welcoming same-sex couples. Every year the country rates highly on the **European Rainbow Map Index** for outstanding achievements in equality laws and a relaxed lifestyle.

"WHAT AN AMAZING WEDDING WE HAD. EVERYONE WAS IN AWE OF THE VENUE AND SIMPLY HAD AN AMAZING TIME. OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL THOSE THAT HELPED MAKE OUR DAY SO SPECIAL, IN PARTICULAR THE FLORIST, STRING QUARTET, REGISTRAR & THE DJ."

Mr & Mr Hogarth, UK



RED TOWER
Mellieħa, Malta

As important as your big day is, you'll want to bookend it with a relaxing time for you, your family and friends. That's why Malta is such an **exciting place to choose**. The history and the sights are incredible. See temples that are older than the Pyramids, marvel at the **splendid architecture** of the Knights of St John, spot the legacy of the British era in red phone and letter boxes, enjoy a boat trip or a harbour cruise or spend time by the pool or at the beach.

NOT JUST ONE DAY!



A DREAM COME TRUE



GOING BIG FOR INDIAN WEDDINGS

An emphasis on the family and a desire to involve all generations in celebrations is innate in Maltese culture. The locals give great importance to weddings, and always **rise to the occasion**.

It is not surprising that Malta has become a popular destination hosting **spectacular Indian wedding parties**, involving hundreds of guests and lasting several days. The country has the cultural knowledge and the right suppliers to deliver your dream wedding. Months of preparation go into

the planning to ensure everything is as impressive as it should be.

One thing Malta has in common with India is a history as part of the British Empire. It's why the country **speaks English** and drives on the left.

But what makes it very different from the mother country is the weather. Malta is drenched in **Mediterranean sunshine**.

"FOR THE INDIAN WEDDING COMMUNITY, IT IS SIMPLY A DREAM COME TRUE, A REACHABLE ISLAND PARADISE. VENUES IN MALTA ARE UNIQUE, MAJESTIC AND HISTORICAL.

These range from stone age heritage sites to open air medieval squares. The island offers the most sophisticated light and sound equipment available in the industry, turning a palazzo into an incredible attraction. Boats can be decorated for celebrations carrying 200 guests and more. It's the most hassle-free destination we have ever had to operate in when compared to any other city in Europe."

Nitin Mathur, CEO, Backstage Productions, India.

The Maltese Islands have been the location for many movies and, when you visit, you'll be following in the footsteps of Bollywood superstars Salman Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and Aamir Khan. Here, the staging of an Indian wedding is much like a Bollywood blockbuster itself – months in the planning, **high professionalism and meticulous attention to detail**, but the difference is you and your family and friends will be the stars of the show.



HONEYMOONS

ALL NEWLY-WEDS WANT THE PERFECT HONEYMOON WITH WHICH TO START THEIR MARRIED LIFE AND PLACES DON'T COME MUCH MORE ROMANTIC THAN THE MALTESE ISLANDS.

Stay in a **luxury honeymoon suite** with captivating sea views or an elegant boutique hotel brimming with character and charm. Dine by candlelight on a terrace looking out to the Mediterranean and end your day with a night-time stroll along the beach, under the stars. Charter a yacht for the day to enjoy the **dramatic coastline**, head off to the crystal blue waters of Comino and lay anchor at a secluded cove, or relax and be pampered in one of the many luxury spas dotted around the islands. Some offer special **all-inclusive packages** for honeymooners.



BE TREATED LIKE ROYALTY

The sights are quite something. Malta's capital, Valletta, is **rich in architecture**. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site with a stunning Cathedral, an open-air opera house, theatres and museums. The shops are a delight, and its gardens provide **superb views** over the Grand Harbour. Other places worth exploring are the walled city of Mdina and the cute fishing village of Marsaxlokk. A tour of vineyards with wine tasting is a good way to spend a day in the sun or, for adventure, there is diving and snorkelling, kayaking and rock climbing.

For the **ultimate hideaway**, escape to the laid-back island of Gozo, which offers natural beauty, wonderful history and friendly locals. It's the ideal place to wind down after all the excitement of the wedding.

By coming to Malta, you'll be following in the footsteps of Royalty. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip lived on the island as newlyweds. They have visited several times since, even for their Diamond wedding anniversary.



