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and  
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Charles J. Tharp, President (570) 344-9784  
Present "Another Tour with a Difference"

**Reservations are no longer being taken for the Aspects of Malta and Rome tour which has been postponed until the fall.**

***Aspects of Malta & Rome<sup>1</sup>***

*Featuring Valletta, The Three Cities, Marsaxlokk, Gozo, The Blue Grotto, Mosta, Dingli Cliffs, Rome, Tivoli, and the Vatican*

*Dr. Marie Noël Keller RSM, Host (570) 674- 6776  
Tuesday, March 24th – Saturday, April 4th, 2020  
\$ 2995 Double Occupancy*

***Day 1: Tuesday, March 24: Dallas, PA- JFK, NY-Rome Italy***

*We will depart from Misericordia University [in a van, at an additional cost] to JFK from John Passan Hall at 3 PM. Our Alitalia plane #611 departs at 10:45 PM. You can access your boarding pass 24 hours before the flight. The Group reservation number is TOEZWV.*



***Day 2 Wednesday March 25: Rome- Valletta, Malta***

*We arrive in Rome at 12:05 PM and leave for Malta on Alitalia # 886 at 4:20 PM. After arriving in Valletta, the Capital of Malta at 5:45 PM we will check into our hotel in Sliema, a resort town near the sea where we will stay for the next 6 nights. Later we will meet for a Welcome dinner. You may even want to walk on the promenade after supper!*

***Day 3: Thursday, March 26: Valletta***

*We will begin this day by attending "The Malta Experience," an introductory audiovisual which will give us an historical context to Malta's turbulent 7,000-year history from prehistoric settlements up to the modern-day. This will be followed by a tour of La Sacra Infermeria (Holy Infirmary) dating back to 1574. It is a hospital that claimed some of most groundbreaking treatments for its time, such as the use of honey to treat wounds and the serving of food on silver plates to prevent the spread of bacteria. A local guide will take us to Upper Barrakka gardens located near 16<sup>th</sup> century St. Peter & Paul Bastion. Here we will see views of the Grand Harbor*

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<sup>1</sup> Itinerary times are subject to change.

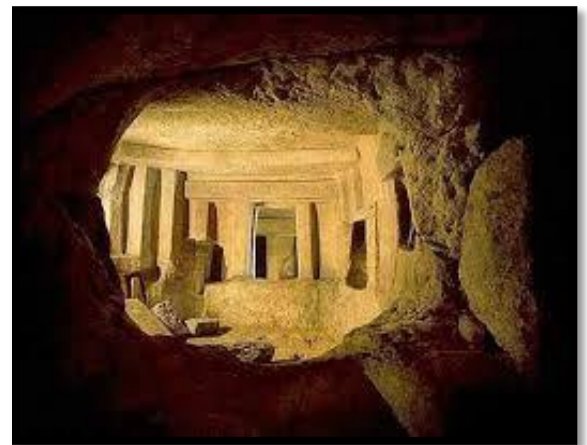
before descending to the Lower Barrakka via some of the cities notable statues and monuments including one dedicated to Winston Churchill. Next we will visit St John's co-cathedral with its museum and oratory. May I suggest Is-Suq tal-bet Valetta's food market and its 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorian covered market with its diversity if you would chose to have lunch. Afterwards you are on your own but I would suggest you might want to visit the Grand Master's Palace and State Rooms.

**Day 4: Friday, March 27: Cottonera - The Three Cities**

Today we will take a pleasant ferry ride to "The Three Cities" a conglomerate of some of Malta's most intriguing and historical cities that predate the arrival of the Knights of St John. A guide will show us around. There will be time for lunch at Birgu's Victory Square if you choose. Afterwards you will be on your own, but there will be time for you to visit either the Inquisitor Museum or the Maritime Museum before we return to Valletta, via ferry.

**Day 5: Saturday, March 28: Marsaxlokk [marsa-schlockk] and The Hal Saflieni Hypogeum**

We will begin this day walking around the fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Its market is very interesting and many different items are sold here: freshly caught fish, locally produced honey, fruit jams, wine, vegetables, souvenirs and clothes. You will be given time to experience this! Afterwards, we will be taken to visit the world's only known prehistoric underground temple believed to have been used between 4000 BC and 2500 BC. This UNESCO world Heritage site includes the bones and coffins of more than 7,000 people which were found in natural caves.



**Day 6: Sunday, March 29: Gozo**

A local guide will take us on a full day excursion to Gozo, the main island in the Maltese archipelago. We will begin in Victoria, Gozo's Capital, which was re-named after the Queen of England, but is commonly referred to as Rabat by the locals. We will visit its UNESCO world heritage Citadel which rises high above the narrow winding streets of the city, plus see some of Gozo's main attraction. We will visit the Folklore museum and the World War II Shelter. Afterwards there will be some free time to explore some of these places or Victoria's bustling St Georges Square, where you can eat or relax in one of the restaurants..

**Day 7: Monday, March 30: Mosta – Mdnia [Malta's Old Capital] – Dingli Cliffs**

Today we get to investigate the Island's most impressive architectural treasures with a guide. We will start by viewing the fascinating Rotunda Dome often revered as the third largest dome in the world, then tour Mdina's medieval ramparts, St Paul's cathedral and famous Bastions. Enjoy some free time at Ta Qali Crafts Village where we can shop for local handicrafts local craftspeople whilst enjoying the panoramic view of the island, or view "The Knights of Malta" video. After lunch, we will visit St. Paul's Grotto and continue to Dingli Cliffs. These cliffs offer a spectacular view of the open sea and the nearby mysterious and ancient paired grooves in the rock also known as Cart Tracks.



**Day 8: Tuesday, March 31: Blue Grotto – The Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples**

Today we will explore the southern side of the island, home of its famous Blue Grotto and its panoramic viewpoint . A 25 minute boat ride will take us through the fascinating world of the caves, which were created by waves and other natural elements. Ten minutes away is a megalithic temple complex with Neolithic temples which were built around 3600-3000 BC, They are 1000 years older than the Pyramids. We will visit it.

**Day 9: Wednesday, April 1: Rome**

We will take a short flight on Alitalia #888 which departs at 11:40 AM and arrives in Rome at 1:10 PM. We will check into Cardinal St Peter for the next three nights. Enjoy the remainder of the day exploring and strolling around this ancient and medieval city. There is no end to what you can see and experience in Rome! I will help you choose. Dinner is on your own.



**Day 10: Thursday April 2: Hadrian's Villa – Villa d'Este**

Today we travel east of Rome to a town that is associated with elegant residences and two famous UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Renaissance palace of Villa d'Este, known for its extravagant, gardens and water fountains, and the ruins of Hadrian's Villa once the grand estate of the Emperor of Rome. Dinner is on your own.

**Day 11: Friday April 3: The Vatican**

A before it opens to the general public excursion to the Vatican Museums and St Peter's is a **optional experience** available to you today. The day or the rest of the day is for you to fill as you wish. We will conclude with a Farewell Dinner.

**Day12: Saturday April 4: Rome, Italy- JFK, NY**

Our return flight to the US is at 10:40 AM. We will arrive at JFK at 2:15 PM and from there we will be transferred to the van taking us to Dallas.

## **Package Inclusion Overview**

### **Meal Inclusions:**

- ✓ Breakfast and dinner as per half-board in Malta
- ✓ Breakfast in Cardinal St Peter, Rome
- ✓ Farewell Dinner in Rome

### **Also Included** visits of:

- ✓ The Malta Experience
- ✓ Sacra Infermeria
- ✓ St John's Cathedral, Museum and Oratory
- ✓ Marsaxlokk and The Hal Saflieni Hypogeum
- ✓ Folklore Museum and World War 11 Shelter
- ✓ Blue Grotto Boat Trip
- ✓ St Paul's Grotto
- ✓ Mnadjra Temple complex
- ✓ Hadrian Villa
- ✓ Villa D'Este

### Accommodations\*

- ✓ Valetta (7):
- ✓ Rome (3): Cardinal St Peter

### **Transportation:**

- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Ferry / Boat rides
- ✓ Bus transportation as per itinerary

**Local Guides:** Valetta, Cottonera, Gozo, Mdnia, Tivoli

**Tour manager throughout the trip.**

*Note: Tipping \$5 per day for guides/drivers not included.*

Travel Guard Insurance: See Chuck if you would like it.

If interested send *a 250.00 deposit made out to TRANS WORLD TRAVEL, LTD*  
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