

**Malta Highlighted Events 2023**

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Here are some events confirmed in Malta for 2023. Rigo Malta DMC can manage all land services and additional program around these events. For more information please contact:

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**January 2023**

**Valletta Baroque Festival**

Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Website: <https://www.festivals.mt/vbf>



Since its launch in 2013, the Valletta Baroque Festival has treated audiences to a unique event featuring some of the best soloists and ensembles in the baroque music scene. Spanning over three weeks, the festival offers a quintessential experience of all that is Baroque as it takes place in exquisite venues such as St John's Co-Cathedral, The Verdala Palace, Palazzo Parisio, and Teatru Manoel to name a few. These venues are authentic Baroque spaces adorned with lavish decor, sculptures and paintings that are typical of this period. Organised by Festivals Malta every January, under the artistic direction of Kenneth Zammit Tabona, the festival highlights the enormous versatility of the baroque idiom and its mass appeal. Above all the festival's strength lies in the wonderful baroque settings that one finds in Valletta and the Maltese archipelago; a precious legacy that each and every one of us Maltese treasure

February 2023

**Malta Carnival**

Dates: 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Februray 2023

Website: <https://www.festivals.mt/karnival> (needs to be updated)

To watch main event in the stands, tickets need to be purchased but Carnival many Carnival “floats” can be seen in Valletta during this time.



Carnival is one of the oldest historical festivals in Malta, with just under five centuries of documented history dating back to the Knights of St John's occupancy in Malta. Spread over six days just before lent in Valletta and in villages around Malta and Gozo, Carnival takes over the streets in a spectacle that merges choreography with spontaneous theatre. New artistic creations are born, and old traditions are kept alive and revived, particularly with the revival of satire, a fundamental facet to the historical Maltese Carnival. Carnival is a sensational celebration hosting exuberant parades of spectacular floats, magnificent costumes, and grotesque masks – a true testament to the incredible talent of Carnival aficionados.

April 2023

**Malta Fireworks Festival**

Dates: TBC

Website: <https://www.maltafireworksfestival.com/> (needs to be updated)

Can be seen from various locations for free. There is normally a seated area set up where tickets will need to be purchased.



Normally set over a period of 7-10 days, this amazing show of fireworks light up the skies over Valletta and other magnificent locations in Malta. A true spectacle of lights and creativity.

June 2023

**Malta International Arts Festival**

Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> June till 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Website: <https://www.festivals.mt/miaf>

The street events are free while some events in venues or sites would need tickets to be purchased.



The Malta International Arts Festival runs for 15 days between June and July and presents a varied and multi-disciplinary arts programme that embraces music, visual arts, theatre, dance, opera, installations, films, community projects, and interactive and participatory events that explore and build upon cultural heritage. Drawing audiences during the height of the Maltese summer, the festival revels in Malta's unique historical and geographical setting by featuring site-specific productions with performances staged by such distinctive sites as Neolithic temple sites, Baroque architecture and the stunning Grand Harbour. With a focus on artistic excellence, The Malta International Arts Festival connects local talent with international artists, fostering cross-border and interdisciplinary collaborations, commissioning new work and hosting artist residencies, masterclasses, and workshops. Accessibility is at the heart of the festival, with a diverse programme that appeals to different audiences while promoting broader tastes in culture and the arts. With Malta's remarkable position in the middle of the Mediterranean and abundance of natural and historical attractions, the Malta International Arts Festival presents an appealing highlight of the summer calendar for locals and visitors alike.

July 2023

**Malta Jazz Festival**

Dates: 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Website: <https://www.festivals.mt/mjf>

The street events are free while some events in Theatres or venues would need tickets to be purchased.



Considered by the international jazz community as a ‘true’ jazz festival and a beacon of artistic integrity, the Malta Jazz Festival is organised in mid-July by Festivals Malta and presents a panorama of jazz music in all its facets. In a climate where jazz festivals increasingly water down their line-ups with non-jazz elements, the Malta Jazz Festival stands out as an event that achieves a perfect balance between the savant and more popular elements of jazz, offering a program of world-class musicians that doesn’t compromise on the ‘jazz’ element. Since its inception in 1991, by the late Charles ‘City’ Gatt, the Malta Jazz Festival has hosted the most important jazz musicians, some of which have passed into the annals of jazz history, including Joe Henderson, McCoy Tyner, Michael Brecker, Elvin Jones, Lee Konitz and Paul Bley, among many others. The festival also has a strong local dimension and strives to stimulate the local jazz scene through exchanges, collaborations, commissions and free masterclasses. In the lead-up to the festival the streets of Valletta and other localities resonate with jazz with the ‘Jazz on the Fringe’ peripheral activities.

September 2023

**EuroPride Valletta 2023**

Dates: 7<sup>th</sup> till 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Website: <https://www.europride2023.mt/>



EuroPride Valletta 2023  
*Equality from the Heart*

The Maltese LGBTIQ+ Community is a proud part of a European LGBTIQ+ Movement, but also finds itself at the heart of the Middle East and North African regions where equality is still a far cry. With Malta ranking top of the ILGA Rainbow Index for five years in a row, it is our duty to work constantly in achieving full equality from the heart in Malta as well as in neighbouring communities where LGBTIQ+ phobia and lack of human rights are still rife.

Our target for EuroPride Valletta 2023 is to offer the EMENA (European, Middle East & North Africa) LGBTIQ+ Community a safe port of call whilst providing them a stage where LGBTIQ+ human rights issues can be addressed and discussed. We want to contribute to more diversity and equality in Europe and surrounding regions and help to find ways to have a high level of human rights for all LGBTIQ+ people.