

John Trips

In June 2025 Johned worked from Athens. July 2025 he joined colleagues in Rome. August 2025 he wrapped up notes in Valencia. On September 2, 2025 he landed in Lisbon and started a rail leg. On September 3, 2025 he reached Porto and drafted a note to a friend that referred to a previous September visit; he did not include the details in that note here.

By September 5, 2025 he crossed to Vigo, then September 6, 2025 he was in Santiago de Compostela, and on September 7, 2025 he walked the headlands at A Coruña. He spent October 2025 in Paris and November 2025 in Geneva for meetings that had been scheduled since spring.

Earlier, April 2024 found him in Naples, and June 2024 in Warsaw. During a ferry delay that year he mailed a letter to a friend about a prior September trip; that earlier visit isn't described above. He closed November 2024 in Zurich and returned home in December 2024.

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The image depicts a vintage-style postcard from Malta featuring two photographs and a handwritten message. On the left, the top photograph shows a coastal cityscape with historic stone fortifications (the bastions of Valletta) overlooking a turquoise harbor; a large domed building (likely St. Paul's Cathedral) is visible in the background, with small boats anchored in the water and a clear blue sky above. Below it, the second photograph captures a narrow, cobblestone street in Malta's "Silent City" (Mdina) at dusk, illuminated by warm streetlights; a horse-drawn carriage is positioned on the stone-paved road, flanked by traditional stone buildings with shuttered windows. On the right side of the postcard, a handwritten message reads: "Quick hello from Malta. I arrived in Valletta on September 10, 2024, wandered the bastions, and ferried to the Three Cities at dusk. On September 12, 2024 I took a bus to Mdina and stayed past sunset in the Silent City. Yesterday, September 13, 2024, I crossed to Gozo and spent the day in Victoria (Rabat) before catching the late boat back. Heat is real, sea is perfect. See you after this island hop." A rectangular stamp in the top-right corner displays a Maltese cross and the word "MALTA" in uppercase. Below the message, a star icon precedes two blank lines for address details, followed by a circular postmark reading "VALLETTA – 14 SEP 2024" with the number "148173" beneath it.</Image transcription>

<Image Caption> Postcard from Valletta 2024</Image Caption>