

Gozo

Captivating
Island



Ggantija Temples © F.W. Hutter.

Those who have never been to the Maltese Islands cannot perhaps fully appreciate what drew Ulysses to the Island of Gozo, apart from the alluring nymph Calypso, for a seven-year hiatus.

Talk about taking a long break from work! Then again, it was no desk job he was getting away from. Following the fall of Troy Ulysses was sailing back to his kingdom of Ithaca where new challenges awaited him.

The island of Ogygia which Homer describes as the famed home of the nymph Calypso in his epic 'The Odyssey' has been identified as Gozo, Malta's sister Island.

However, it was not only Ulysses who was captivated by the Island. More recently, Scottish-born comedian Billy Connolly bought a traditional farmhouse on Gozo and, like many other personalities from around Europe, has made it his happy home.



Traditional Gozo lace © F.W. Hutter.



Ramla L-Hamra Bay.



Gozo crossing © F.W. Hutter.

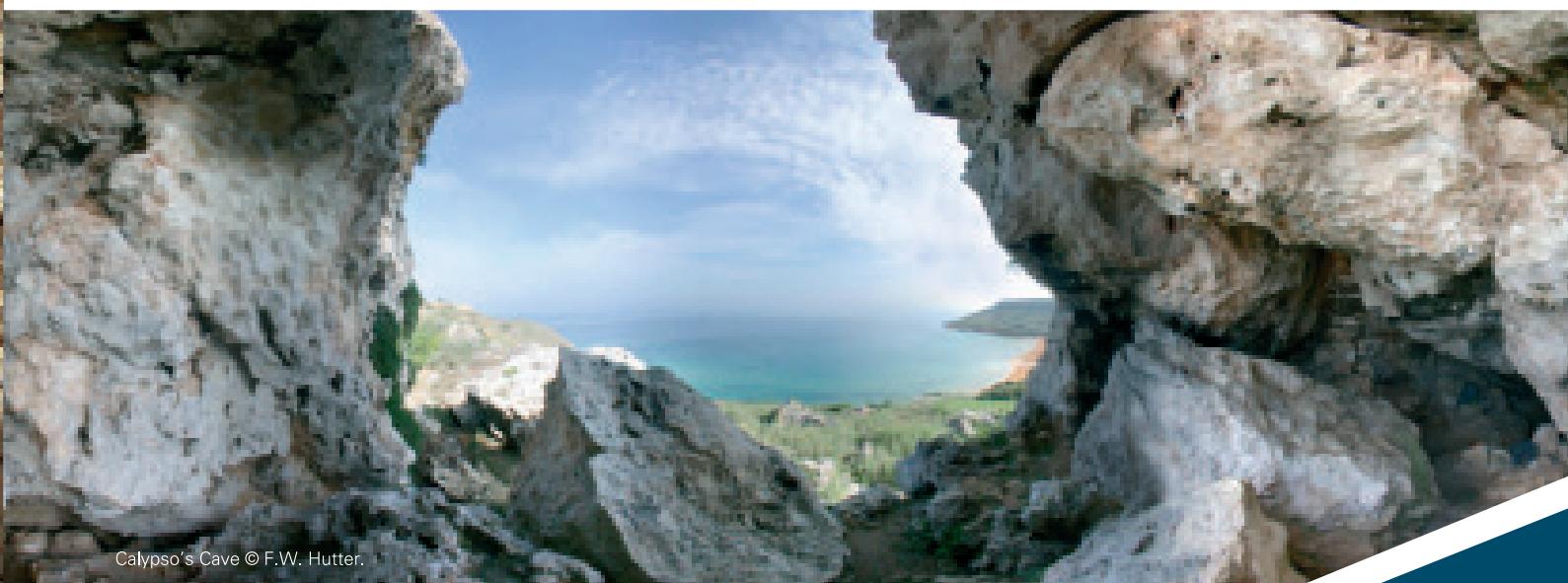
Though only five kilometres of sea separate Malta and Gozo, the islands are distinctly different from each other. Gozo is a third of the size of Malta, more rural and simple, greener, less bustling but still full of life.

A conference and incentive destination in its own right, Gozo has the facilities to prove it. It has its own luxurious 5-star and 4-star hotels, yet authentic farmhouses to suit the most exigent contemporary clients are its speciality. The Island's size and natural setting conspire to make it a prime location for high-powered board meetings, small conferences, workshops and incentives.

It offers a rural Mediterranean setting for entertainment and outdoor activities combined with all the right professional trimmings enabling conference delegates and incentive participants to make use of premium facilities. The Island also has numerous restaurants to accommodate guests, serving both local and international cuisine.



Gozo's Cittadella, Medieval ambience.



Calypso's Cave © F.W. Hutter.

Gozo is a must-visit location. It is almost always included in delegates' social programmes as well as pre- and post-conference leisure-time arrangements. It is particularly renowned for team-building events, dinners, barbeques, active day tours and outdoor activities.

The Island's colours and flavours are brought out by the radiant skies above it and the blue sea surrounding its spectacular coast is simply waiting to be discovered. Few destinations radiate the warm, magical charm of Gozo. Even fewer can effortlessly blend work with pleasure, in a setting which is peaceful and intriguing at once.



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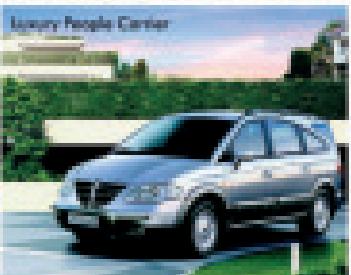
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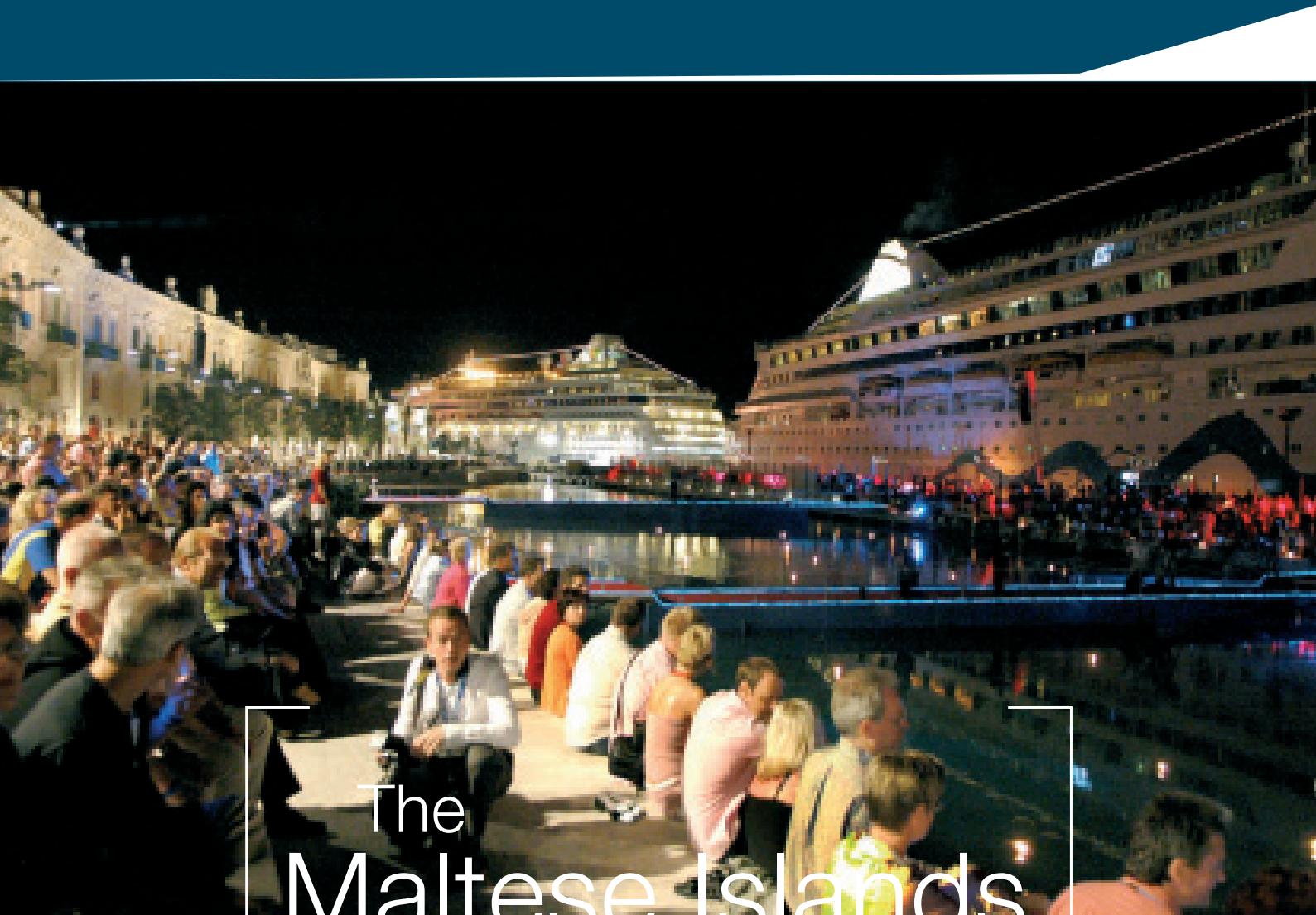


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The Maltese Islands

So much to
experience

MALTA IS A DESTINATION LIKE NO OTHER. THE BLEND OF CUTTING-EDGE MODERN AND AUTHENTIC ANTIQUE SIT SIDE BY SIDE, IN COMFORTABLE HARMONY, MAKING THIS AN INTERESTING DESTINATION TO EXPERIENCE AND DISCOVER.

THE MELTING POT OF CULTURAL INFLUENCES, THE LAID BACK CAFÉ LIFESTYLE OF THE GOOD-NATURED LOCALS AND THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE ISLANDS, SET THE SCENE FOR A FRUITFUL CONFERENCE OR MEETING AS WELL AS AN INCENTIVE TRIP TO WRITE HOME ABOUT.



Grand Harbour venue for grand events.

The size of the Maltese Islands – Malta, Gozo and Comino - greatly facilitates the planning of an event-packed programme. When distances are so short, one can plan to take delegates through a business meeting, a historic excursion, a gala dinner and a stint at the theatre, all in one single day.

Malta's excellent climate, the safety of the environment, the strong communications network and the authentic hospitality of the Maltese people all contribute to enhance the delegates' experience of Malta.

The Islands cater for anything from an eight-strong board of company directors seeking upscale accommodation and elegant entertainment, to a sales meeting for 1,000 company representatives and 2,500 association annual general meeting. Corporate events, incentives and media launches have all been held on the Islands - and by some very reputable companies, too.

When it comes to meeting facilities, besides the fact that conference hotels have their own conference halls and meeting rooms, Malta offers a highly interesting choice of conference centres.

The Mediterranean Conference Centre has carved for itself a unique status among European historic conference centres. This massive 16th century edifice was erected by the Hospitaller Order of St. John, originally serving as one of the most efficient hospitals in the whole of Europe.

The building is now an award-winning transformation of its former self, yet it remains the architectural gem it once was. It includes nine halls, the largest of which can take up to 1,400 persons and other breathtakingly enormous halls with original vaulted ceilings. The extensive space afforded serves well for large receptions, product launches, gala dinners and business fairs.

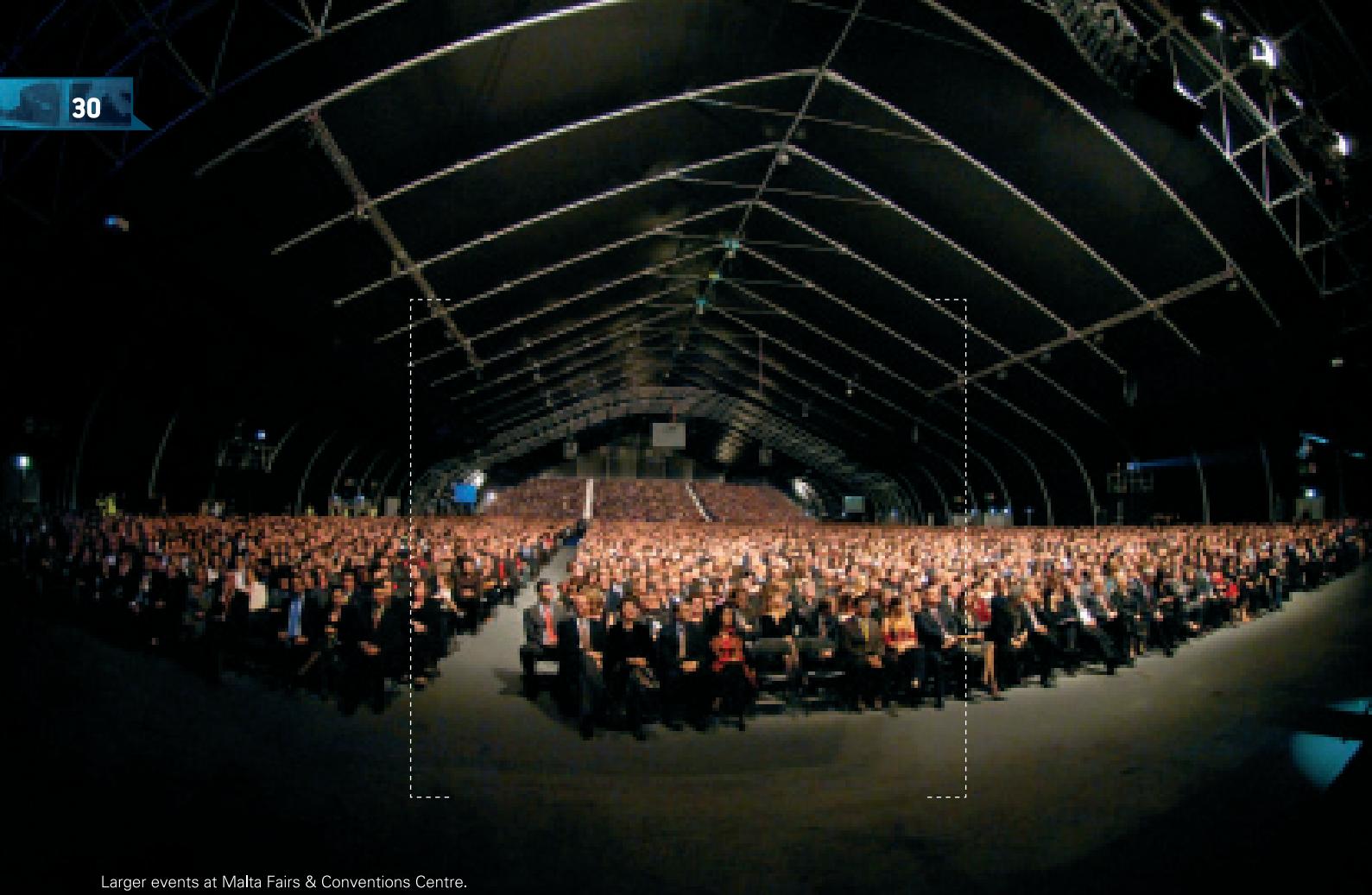


Authentic touch of Malta
at Mediterranean Conference Centre.

There is then the ultra-modern Hilton Conference Centre. Located within the Portomaso Complex and adjacent to the Hilton Malta with a direct link between the two, the Centre offers a total seating capacity ranging from 80 to 1428 delegates and the benefit of being close to a highly popular shopping and entertainment area.



Barbecue area at Hilton Malta.



Larger events at Malta Fairs & Conventions Centre.

The new Malta Fairs & Conventions Centre has been set up with the aim of accommodating the larger meetings and events providing for up to 10,000 seated delegates. With a 17.5m apex it offers a great event venue with plenty of space for imaginative events.

Yet another most interesting facility becomes available in 2008 offering a completely different concept. The Montekristo Estate provides a combination of extremely attractive indoor and outdoor venues, centred around a typically Maltese 'Pjazza' with a mellow taste of rural seicento, immersed in the most beautiful Maltese countryside and surrounded by acres of vineyards. The Wine Vaults, with their high arches, mahogany ceilings, marble floors and charming walls of old Malta stone, arching out into a number of underground tunnels hewn out of the living rock provide an out-of-the-ordinary venue both for meetings as much as for events.

Facilities also exist for the erection of temporary 'tension structures', taking up to 4,500 delegates in unique locations and surrounds such as the highly suggestive site of the Valletta Waterfront, along the historic and picturesque Grand Harbour quays.

The Maltese Islands offer a host of other attractive sites for memorable meetings and events, including the Island of Gozo as well as Comino. Moreover, the stable weather which is generally highly favourable throughout the year extends the potential of a dynamic destination unparalleled in most other parts of Europe.



Banqueting at Montekristo Wine Vaults.

THESE HAVE EXPERIENCED THE MALTESE ISLANDS

HUNDREDS OF CONFERENCE ORGANISERS WERE SATISFIED WITH THE MEETINGS THEY HELD IN MALTA, WHICH PLAYED HOST TO THOUSANDS OF THEIR ELATED DELEGATES.

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Flight times to Malta

Stockholm	4.15 hrs	Brussels	3.05 hrs
Moscow	4.05 hrs	Frankfurt	2.55 hrs
London	3.40 hrs	Paris	2.55 hrs
Amsterdam	3.15 hrs	Rome	1.30 hrs

Contact Points

Should you require more information about the Maltese offer for conference and incentive groups, please contact the Malta Tourism Authority – we'd be more than glad to help!

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Sample Event Programme

MALTESE DMCS ARE WELL EXPERIENCED IN DEVELOPING THE MOST INTERESTING PROGRAMMES LINKED TO PARTICULAR CLIENTS' INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS. THE FOLLOWING IS A 'TASTER' OF WHAT ONE COULD LOOK FORWARD TO, BASED ON THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY THE MALTESE ISLANDS.

Day 1

Afternoon and evening: Arrival of delegates

20:00 hrs: Welcome reception at hotel



Day 2

Keynote address

Coffee break

Plenary session

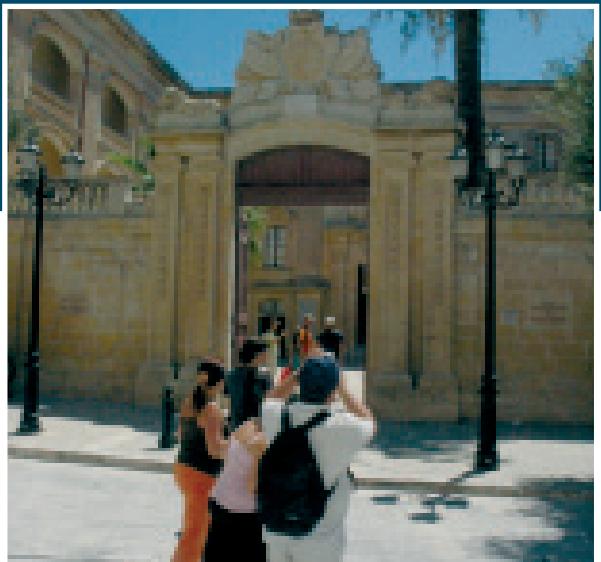
Lunch

Rabat and Mdina: Departure from hotel for a visit of Rabat, followed by an excursion to Mdina, Malta's silent fortress city and the Island's old capital. This medieval capital can trace its origins back more than 4,000 years. Mdina is the seat of several noble houses, including the Islands' oldest titled family, created barons in 1350. The city commands a spectacular vista of the island.

Return to hotel

Gala Dinner: Transfer by vintage cars to Malta's current capital – Valletta for Gala Dinner themed on the Knights of Malta at the breath-taking Mediterranean Conference Centre. Guests are welcomed with pageantry and entertained to a glorious medieval banquet in style.

Return to hotel



Day 3

Concurrent seminars

Coffee break

Continuation of seminars

Lunch & Tea: Transfer to Valletta Waterfront for lunch by the sea followed by visit to the historical fortress capital of Valletta, 'the city built by gentlemen for gentlemen'. The excursion includes visits to St John's Co-Cathedral, the Grandmaster's Palace Staterooms and is followed by tea and cake at Upper Barrakka Gardens.

Return to hotel

Maltese Night: Transfer to authentic Maltese tavern, serving traditional Maltese cuisine for a sumptuous meal in an informal environment, accompanied by music and entertainment to get delegates to unwind and socialize.

Return to hotel



Day 4

Concurrent workshops

Coffee break

Closing speech

Lunch on boat & Gozo visit: Guests will be picked-up from the hotel pier for a schooner transfer where they will savour a buffet lunch accompanied by entertainment as well as an interactive event on board. Once guests disembark in Gozo, they will discover Malta's sister Island by Jeep during a fact-finding mission, which includes visits to the Cittadella, the Azure Window, Ggantija temples and Calypso's cave.

Return to Malta

Dinner at Hotel



Day 5

Breakfast & checkout

Delegates can choose from: Spa treatment, taster dive, bike trail to Gozo and a yacht charter cruise

Day at leisure - Departures

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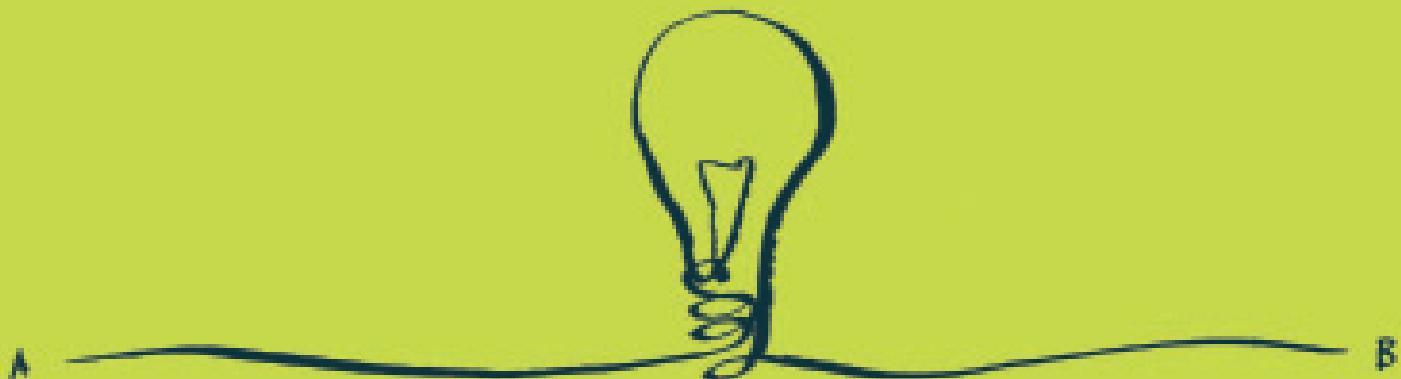
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De Redin	128	3.02	160	84	48	80	
De Paule	131	3.02	148	76	46	80	
I+II+III			230	132	46	140	
Spinola	780	3.42	260	132	46	517	
Perellos	92	3.13	110	50	40	48	
Foyer			84	60	30	50	
The Boardroom	42	3.08	30	24	15	20	
Grandmasters	963.6	8	1056	522	100	550	
Gallery		3.64	246				
Vilhena	93	3.64	100	60	30	48	
Wignacourt	103		130	66	35	60	
Foyer		3.03	80	48	30	50	
Pinto	135	3.08	180	84	38	70	
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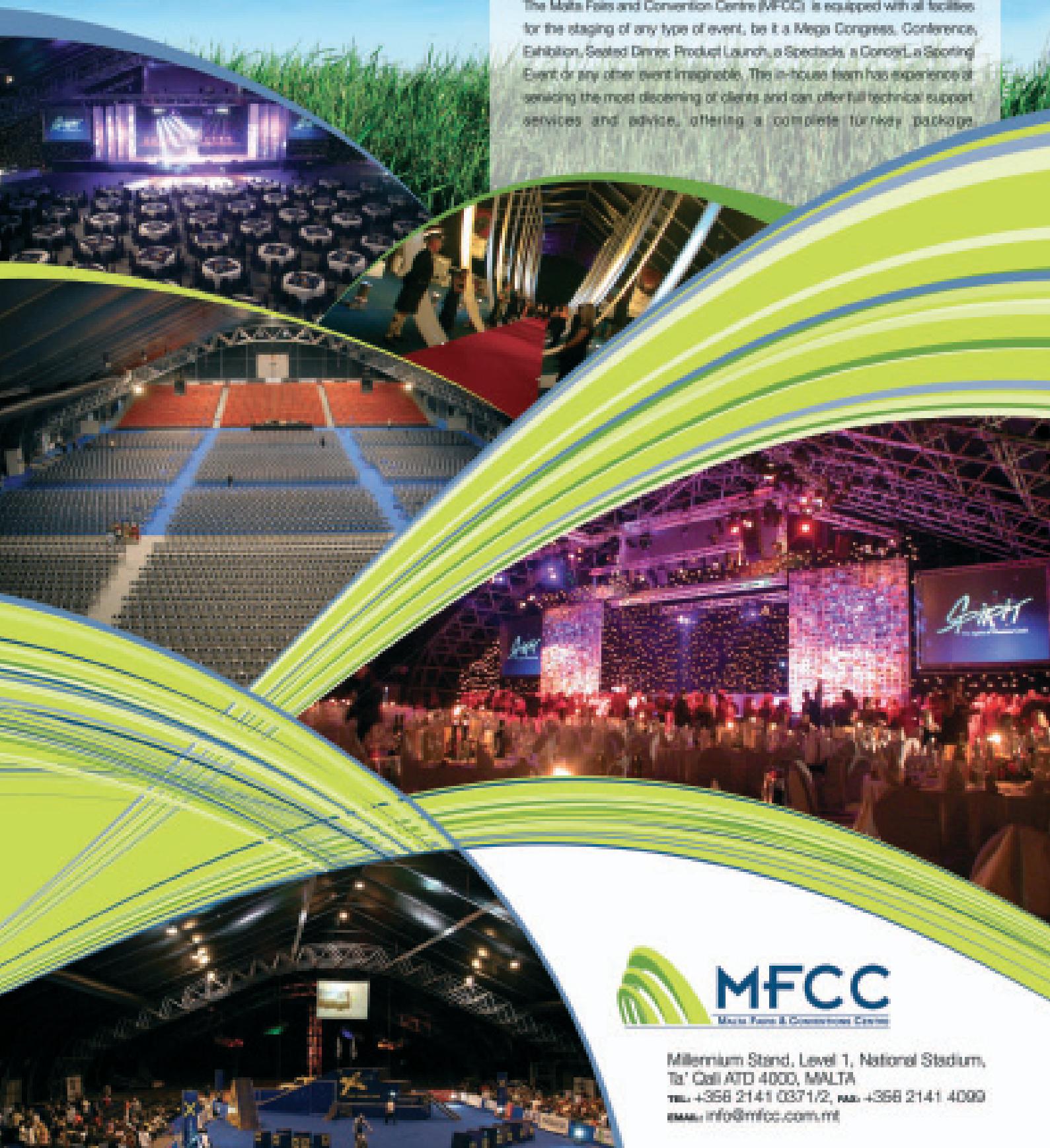
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Wine Vaults excluding tunnels	980	4.6	300	125	85	559	1,000	
Arena	294	3	350	130	90	260	350	
Arena - Using surrounding seating			900	680				
Foyer 1	292	3.5	320	130	90	170	350	
Foyer 2	207	3.5	250	90	60	140	220	
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CONFERENCE FACILITIES Meeting Venues	Dimensions		Capacity					
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