

Malta's capital city is surrounded with beautiful baroque buildings and churches. **Valletta** is a fortified peninsula overlooking Marsamxett Harbour and the Grand Harbour on either side. Panoramic scenarios of various parts of the islands, as far as Mdina, can be enjoyed from numerous points.

The Upper Barrakka and Lower Barrakka Gardens in Valletta provide a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour and Cottonera region. Fort St Angelo and the Gardjola Bastion spearhead their respective towns of Vittoriosa, on the left, and Senglea, on the right. At noon and at 16:00 the re-enactors' unit fires one of the saluting guns which is situated beneath the viewing gallery. From the Upper Barrakka one may take a lift down to the Valletta Waterfront and enjoy spectacular 360° views of Malta on the way down.

Malta's old capital city, **Mdina**, is characterised by mediaeval as well as baroque architecture. Mdina Cathedral dominates the main square and characterizes the town with its unique skyline. From the city's bastions one can enjoy the panoramic view of Malta's north and eastern landscape.

Victoria, Rabat, is Gozo's commercial and cultural capital. It is a reference point for anyone who wishes to explore Malta's sister island, whether on foot or by car. To cross to Gozo one needs to cross by ferry, which takes around 25 minutes.