

Intangible Cultural Heritage in Malta: music, traditions, festivals and customs



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Overview

Malta- 3 islands (Malta, Gozo and Comino)



Area: 316 km²

Population: 450,000

Most densely populated country in EU:

1,265 inhabitants per m²



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- Tourism is a main pillar of the economy
 - Infrastructure is well developed
 - Over 1.2 mln tourists
 - Sunny weather and beautiful sea
 - Rich historical and cultural heritage

Introduction

- No matter its small size and the numerous invasions by different nations, Malta keeps its identity and is proud with its rich intangible heritage.

Maltese Music and Dances

- Maltese folklore music and dances
- Music bands



Maltese Instruments

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Maltese traditional clothes



Maltese Festivals

- Feast days are the life of the Islands and some holy days are actually national holidays, such as the feast of **Santa Marija** in mid-August. However, the most important events to all villages are their individual **festas**, honouring their parish patron saint.



Village Feasts

- Each village and towns has at least 2 feast-one for each parish church
- Each locality prepares its own fireworks



Other Festivals

- Fireworks Festival
- Arts Festival
- Notte Bianca
- Jazz Festival
- Wine Festival
- Carnival
- Strawberry Festival
- Chocolate Festival





Thank
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