



DISCOVER MALTA'S LOCAL CRAFTS & HERITAGE





Welcome to Malta — an island steeped in thousands of years of culture, creativity, and craftsmanship. From ancient stone temples to vibrant artisanal workshops, Malta offers an immersive journey into its rich and layered heritage.



Local Crafts: A Living Tradition

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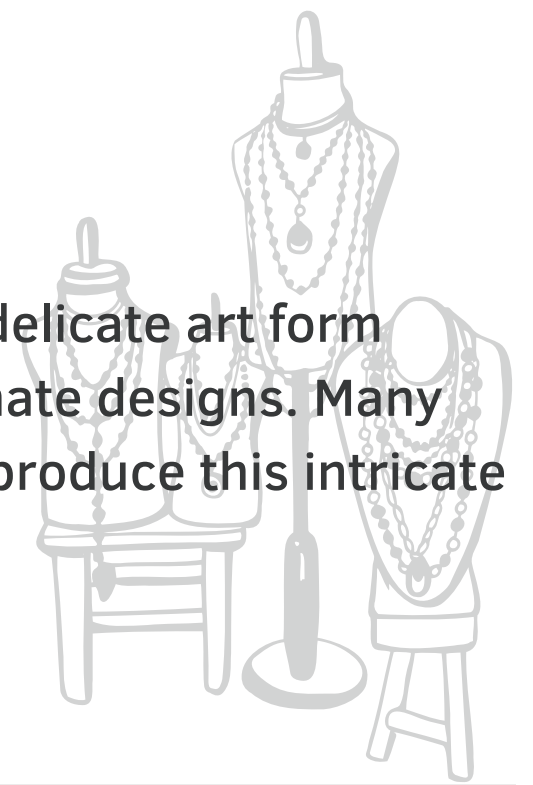
Ceramics & Pottery:

Maltese pottery is distinguished by intricate hand-painted designs and traditional techniques. At Villa Bologna Pottery in Attard, you'll find beautiful, functional ceramics — from tableware to lamps — crafted using century-old methods.



Filigree Jewelry:

A hallmark of Maltese craftsmanship, filigree is a delicate art form where fine silver or gold wires are twisted into ornate designs. Many family-run studios across Valletta and Mdina still produce this intricate jewelry by hand.



Lace Making (Bizzilla):

Malta's traditional bobbin lace, or bizzilla, is made with painstaking precision. This historic craft, once a staple of every Maltese dowry, is still taught and practiced in villages like Għarb on Gozo.



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Glassblowing:

The vibrant, swirling patterns of Maltese hand-blown glass have become iconic. Workshops such as Mdina Glass and Gozo Glass welcome visitors to watch artisans at work.



Local Art & Galleries:

Malta has a thriving modern art scene, with galleries like Lily Agius Gallery in Sliema and The Mill in Birkirkara supporting both contemporary Maltese and international artists.



Artisans

The list below includes those artisans who are interested in being featured, and is not a comprehensive list of all artisans in Malta.

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Heritage Sites:

Stories Etched in Stone
Malta's history stretches
back over 7,000 years —
older than the pyramids of
Egypt. It is home to some of
the world's oldest free-
standing structures,
alongside medieval cities
and Baroque masterpieces.



Megalithic Temples

Explore ancient temple complexes like Ħaġar Qim and Mnajdra, set against stunning coastal cliffs. These UNESCO-listed sites date back to 3600 BCE and remain a mystery in prehistoric architecture.



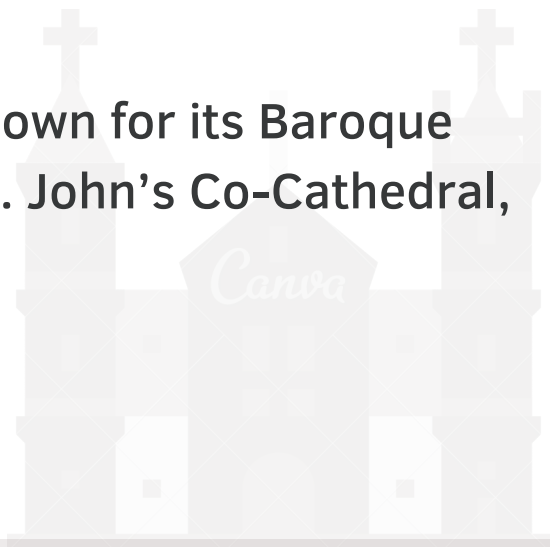
Medieval Cities

Step into Mdina, the “Silent City,” with its narrow alleys and timeless elegance, or Birgu (Vittoriosa), home to the Inquisitor’s Palace and rich in Knights of St. John history.



Fortified Valletta

Malta’s capital is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its Baroque architecture, palaces, and churches — including St. John’s Co-Cathedral, which houses Caravaggio’s masterpiece.



Living Heritage

Beyond the stones and monuments, Malta’s heritage lives in its feasts, music, folk traditions, and the warmth of its people. Don’t miss the seasonal village festas, with their colorful decorations, fireworks, and traditional band marches.

