

Travel into the depths of Sardinia's history at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Su Nuraxi Barumini. This complex dates back to the seventeenth century BCE, and includes an ancient stone *nuraghe,* a cluster of towers, and a village dating back to the thirteenth century BCE. A local guide will walk you through the sprawling remains of a thriving civilization, and then you'll get the chance to stroll through the quaint commune of Barumini on your own.

Afterwards, savor an included traditional lunch at a nearby family farm.

Cancellation policy as per Booklet.



Join the Taste of Sardinia optional tour for a multisensory experience. You'll meet a local who will demonstrate how to decorate bread, and you'll have the opportunity to try your hand at these techniques based on centuries of culinary tradition. We will have the opportunity to savor lunch with a culurgiones (rolled stuffed pasta) demonstration, followed by a stop a local pastry shop.

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Set out for a tour of one of Malta's best-known prehistoric temples, Hagar Qim, which means "free-standing boulders." This megalithic temple complex was constructed more than 5,200 years ago. The large stone complex contains rooms formerly devoted to animal sacrifices, burnt offerings, and ritual oracles, making it one of the oldest religious sites on Earth. Next, explore the area Napoleon dubbed "The Three Cities," settled as early as the time of the Phoenicians. A trio of historic fortified towns—Cospicua, Senglea, and Vittoriosa—ring the Grand Harbor. Vittoriosa, also known as Birgu, was settled by the Knights of St. John in 1530 when King Charles V of Spain granted them the territory of Malta. After resisting an Ottoman siege in 1565, in which a force of 700 knights overcame 40,000 Turkish soldiers, the knights ushered in Malta's Golden Age. Cospicua, the largest 43of the three, is a double-fortified harbor city known for its majestic bastions, built by the Knights of Malta. Today the city is also dominated by its old dockyard, one of the features that endured the terrible bombing campaigns of World War II. And

Senglea, set atop a narrow promontory extending into the Grand Harbor with an area of just over half a square mile, is Malta's smallest locality but also its most densely populated.

After lunch at a local restaurant (included in the cost of the optional tour), you'll have some free time for independent discovery in Vittoriosa before returning to the ship in the mid-afternoon.

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Midina, Rabat, & Vittoriosa Optional; tour. You'll start the morning with a drive to Mdina. This ancient walled city represents nearly thirty centuries of history, part of which you'll discover as you make your way through its narrow cobbled lanes with your local guide. We'll also make our way through nearby Rabat, the quaint village that's located on Mdina's doorstep (and once considered to be its suburb), on the other hand, is known for its quiet, more rural character and natural beauty. Finally, you will visit what some refer to Vittoriosa as a "mini villettta," full of relics hailing from the Middle Ages dotting crooked yet pristine alleyways.

Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

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On this full-day optional tour, you'll witness some of the best examples of the Sicilian Baroque architecture in the area, when you visit towns in *Val di Noto* (southeast Sicily)—part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your day begins with a visit to the *Ragusa Ibla* (Ancient Ragusa), where you'll tour the majestic Church of Saint George. This afternoon, your journey continues in the city of Modica, where you'll entice your taste buds with local chocolates during a tasting, followed by an included lunch.

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