

# 20 Fun Facts ABOUT MALTA



Malta is not one island – it is an archipelago.



It is among the world's smallest and most densely populated countries – it is the smallest country in the EU.



The Maltese island of Comino is virtually uninhabited.



The Maltese language is a mix of Arabic, French & English. Most Maltese speak three languages fluently - Maltese, English & Italian.

## 93%

OF THE POPULATION IS  
ROMAN CATHOLIC



CHURCHES - ALMOST ONE  
FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

## 359



UNESCO WORLD  
HERITAGE SITES

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Home to the 3rd largest unsupported church dome in Europe, which also survived a fallen bomb after it failed to detonate during WWII.



Valletta was the first ever planned city in Europe and holds a record as one of the quickest scaled cities in the world – completed in just

## 15

years



Valletta was the European Capital of Culture in 2018.



The University of Malta is the oldest university in the Commonwealth, outside of Britain

## ONLY



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European countries, including Britain, that still drive on the left hand side of the road.



There are no forests, mountains or rivers in Malta.



They filter their drinking water straight from the sea, as it is their only source of freshwater.



Hundreds of reefs, caves and ancient wrecks make it a diving hotspot and frequently voted one of the world's best diving locations.



Rabbit Stew is the national dish, and Kinnie is a locally made drink unique to Malta, which is made of soda, chinotto bitter oranges, spices and herbs.



The Maltese are  
**HUGE** fans of  
**Eurovision**



It is a popular filming location for big-budget productions such as Gladiator, Captain Philips, Assassins Creed, Troy, The Da Vinci Code and Season 1 of Games of Thrones.



A whole village was specifically built in Malta for the musical production, 'Popeye'.



It is home to a range of endemic wildlife including the Maltese Ruby Tiger Moth, Schembri's Spider Fly and Maltese Field Beetle