

Discover Malta's *Film Industry*

In 2025, Malta proudly celebrates 100 years of cinematic storytelling, marking a century since its first feature film, *Sons of the Sea* (1925), was shot on the island. Over the decades, Malta has transformed into a leading Mediterranean film hub, drawing blockbuster productions such as *Napoleon*, *Gladiator*, *Troy*, *World War Z*, *Jurassic World Dominion*, and recently *Jurassic World Rebirth*.

At the heart of this success lies Malta Film Studios, established in 1964 and home to some of the largest water tanks in the world, purpose-built for spectacular open-sea and underwater filming. This cultural tour invites guests to discover this often-overlooked side of Malta, a world where history meets Hollywood.

Step behind the scenes of international film sets, explore fortified locations turned into cinematic battlegrounds and walk through streets that have doubled for ancient cities, royal courts, and fantasy worlds. It's a unique opportunity to experience Malta through the lens of its rich film legacy.



9:15 AM - Meeting Point at Hilton Lobby Area

Guests are kindly asked to assemble in the Hilton Malta Hotel lobby, where they will be welcomed by Malta Enterprise representatives together with a seasoned cultural tour guide.

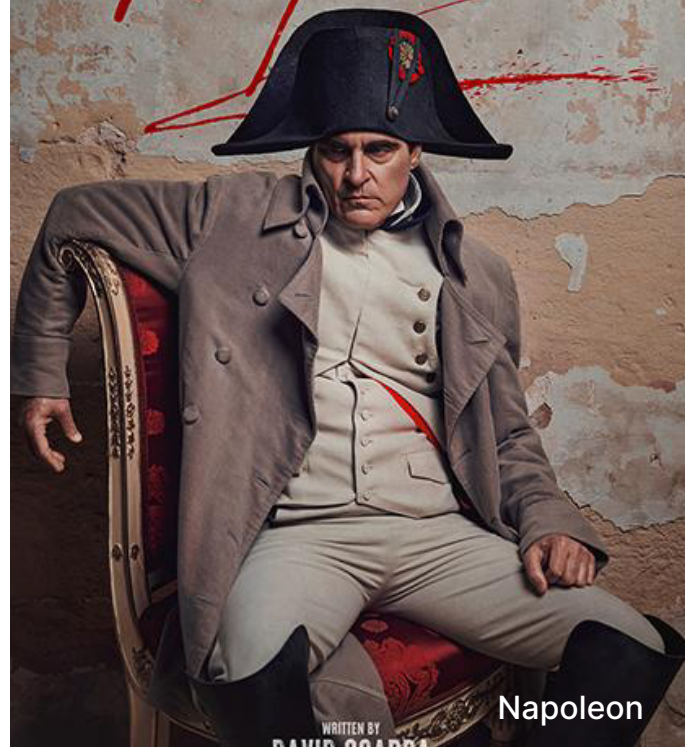
9:30 AM - Departure to Malta Film Studios

Transfer to the renowned Malta Film Studios, situated along the southeastern coast in Kalkara.

10:00 AM - Exclusive Visit to Malta Film Studios

Malta Film Commission Representatives will greet the group, followed by a guided tour of the studios. Established in 1964, Malta Film Studios is one of the oldest film production facilities in Europe. It has played a key role in establishing Malta as a leading filming destination in the Mediterranean.

The facility boasts some of the world's largest water tanks, offering safe and controlled environments ideal for shooting maritime scenes. Over the decades, Malta has hosted high-profile international productions, including Jurassic World, Troy, Munich, World War Z, Assassin's Creed, and the Apple TV+ series Foundation. Thanks to its versatile locations, professional crews, and attractive incentives, Malta has become a prime location for both blockbuster and independent productions.



11:00 AM – Drive-by Fort Ricasoli

The tour continues with a drive-by of Fort Ricasoli. Built between 1670 and 1698 by the Knights of St. John to protect the entrance to the Grand Harbour, Fort Ricasoli is the largest fortification in Malta.

Though currently closed to the public, the site has gained international recognition as a dramatic filming location. Its vast courtyards, defensive walls, and commanding sea views have served as backdrops in major productions, including *Gladiator*, *Game of Thrones*, and *Agora*. Its scale and authentic appearance continue to make it a cinematic treasure.

11:45 AM – Walking Tour of Historic Vittoriosa (Birgu)

Arrive in Birgu, one of Malta's "Three Cities" and among its oldest inhabited areas. Take a guided stroll through its atmospheric streets, rich in history and architectural charm. Once the headquarters of the Knights of St. John before Valletta was built, Birgu played a vital role during the Great Siege of 1565.

The tour includes the picturesque Vittoriosa Marina, nestled among ancient bastions and offering views of both traditional fishing boats and luxury yachts.

1:00 PM - Lunch at Don Berto

Enjoy a relaxed and delicious lunch at Don Berto. Nestled in Vittoriosa with stunning sea views across to Senglea and Valletta. The menu features dishes that are full of flavour, prepared with fresh, local, and seasonal ingredients. With the passion and expertise of its in-house chefs, Don Berto honours authentic Mediterranean traditions to offer guests a true taste of the region.

3:30 PM - Return to Hilton Malta Hotel



Disclaimer

If filming is taking place at the studio locations (such as the Water Tanks or Fort Ricasoli), the group will be redirected to alternative areas. In the event of bad weather, the programme will be relocated to the Three Cities. Every effort will be made to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants.

Lunch at Don Berto

Starters

Soup of the Day G/M

Served with garlic croutons & herb oil.

Bruschetta & Garlic Bread V/M/G

Toasted flat bread, one topped with fresh plum tomatoes, olives, onions, the other brushed with garlic butter & mozzarella.

Mezze Rigatoni Salmon & Prawns G/N/M/F/SH

Sauteed salmon & prawns flamed in pernod, zucchini & pistachio pesto, cherry tomatoes, fresh cream & fresh basil.

Crispy Pork Belly G/M/S/N

Fried pork belly bites tossed in gochujang sauce, crispy onions, sesame seeds, pico de gallo, kewpie mayo, peanuts & spring onions.

Mains Course

Fagottini V/M/G/N/E

Pasta parcels stuffed with Taleggio Cheese & soft pears, tossed in a rich cheese fondue & walnuts.

Sea Bream M/N/F

Fresh fillet of sea bream cooked in white wine & soft herbs, served with zucchini & spinach puree, hazelnut gremolata, wakame & lemon.

Berto's Cheesy Chicken M/G

Grilled chicken breast topped up with provolone cheese & bacon, served with a creamy mushroom sauce.

Pork Shank M

48hrs cooked pork shank, creamy mashed potatoes & rosemary jus.

*All main courses are served with two side orders of your choice

Choose from fries or roasted potatoes, and fresh garden salad or seasonal vegetables.

Desserts

Chocolate Profiteroles
Vanilla Custard Millefoglie
Selection from our ice cream display

€90 includes cultural visit at Malta's Film Studios, transportation and lunch.