**CONFRÉRIE DE LA CHAÎNE DES RÔTISSEURS**

**BAILLIAGE NATIONAL DE MALTE**

**GRAND CHAPITRE**

**20TH – 23RD MARCH 2025**

**PROGRAMME**

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Siège Locale:

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**BAILLI DELEGUE`S ADDRESS**

Cher Confrȅres, Consoeurs and Guests,

It gives me great pleasure to announce our forthcoming Malta Grand Chapitre.  
  
Malta is at the crossroads of a Mediterranean culture dating back over 6000 years and over these millennia has garnered a smorgasbord of cultural influences - in its’ language, architecture, customs and cuisine.  
  
Our brotherhood, which traces its roots to 1248, was re-established in 1950, with Malta joining in 1981. As we approach our 44th anniversary, I invite you to come and share the Maltese twist on this unique worldwide concept with us.  
  
I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.  
  
Vive La Chaȋne

Dr. Joseph Xuereb

Bailli Délégué de Malte

Membre du Conseil Magistral

**MALTA GRAND CHAPITRE 2025 – PROGRAMME**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Event** | **Cost €** |
|  |  | Registration fee for members and guests. | 30 |
| Thursday 20th March | Tour 1  1400hrs | A guided tour of the Silent City of Mdina or Citta Vecchia, the old medieval capital city of Malta, situated on a hilltop and surrounded by bastions and fortifications. Return via the scenic coastal road with breathtaking views of Dingli Cliffs. The tour takes approximately 3 hours. | 70 |
| Friday  21st March | Tour 2  0900hrs | A guided tour including:  The Upper Barrakka Gardens for a panoramic view of the magnificent Grand Harbour;  The Knights of Malta Conventual Cathedral of St. John which houses ecclesiastical treasures and works of art -the interior design of this church was intricately carved in situ by the famous artist and Knight Mattia Pret. Tthe Cathedral contains eight Chapels each of which is dedicated to the eight langues of the Order. The painting depicting the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, by Caravaggio, is the most famous work of art in the church. (See also Note 4);  Casa Rocca Piccola - a privately owned family home belonging to the Marquis de Piro. This Casa provides unique historical evidence of customs and traditions of the Maltese nobility over the last 400 years.  The tour takes approximately 6 hours and includes admission tickets and lunch. | 150 |
| Friday 21st March | 1900hrs | **A Reception followed by a Welcome Dinner at the Grand Hotel Excelsior in Floriana**.  The dress code for this event is Lounge Suit and Chaîne Ribbon. | 150 |
| Saturday  22nd March | Tour 3  0900hrs | A visit to Ghar Dalam, Malta`s oldest prehistoric site, containing a vast collection of ancient bone remains of animals that were stranded and became extinct at the end of the last Glacial Maximun;  The open market at the picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk;  A guided tour of the Three Cities of Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua which claim to be the cradle of Maltese history. Left largely unvisited they are a slice of authentic life as well as a glimpse of Malta`s maritime history. The cities’ palaces, churches, forts and bastions provided a home of the Order of St. John before the city of Valletta was built in the middle of the 16th century.  The tour takes approximately 5 hours and includes admission tickets and lunch. | 130 |
| Saturday 22nd March | 1845hrs | **Induction Ceremony** followed by a **Reception and Gala Dinner at the Phoenicia Hotel in Floriana**  **The dress code for these functions is Black Tie/Cocktail or Long Dress and Chaîne Ribbon**. | 170 |
| Sunday  23rd March | Tour 4  0900hrs | From the hotel to Cirkewwa for the Gozo ferry to start a day-long tour visiting:  The 3600BC megalithic temple complex of Ggantija;  The Citadel in the heart of Victoria, the capital of Gozo - built by the Knights of Malta to protect the inhabitants from coastal piracy;  Dwejra, known as the Azure Window, an inland bay with an arch leading to the open sea;  Xlendi, an urban village of Byzantine origin popular with diving enthusiasts;  A visit to the Shrine/Basilica of Ta Pinu, a sanctuary where the Virgin Mary is reputed to have appeared to a village peasant woman in 1883.  Then return to the ferry for the return journey to the hotel  The tour takes about 9 hours and includes admission tickets and lunch. | 150 |

Please see notes on page 4

**Notes on the Programme of Events**

1. All tours are subject to a sufficient response.

2. Tours depart from and return to the Grand Hotel Excelsior in Floriana, which is a short walk from the Phoenicia Hotel. A shuttle bus service is available between the two hotels every 20 minutes until 8.00pm.

3. Hotel accommodation is to be booked directly with the hotel.

The Phoenicia Hotel is offering discounted corporate rates for Chaine members when using the link below:

[https://reservations.phoeniciamalta.com/landing?&chain=24447&hotel=6884&adult=2&arrive=2024-06-18&depart=2025-12-31&promo=CHAINES2024&SRC=30&filter=sbe&Currency=EUR&rate=NWJZ](about:blank)

The Grand Hotel Excelsior will entitle our members and guests to a 10% discount on the online rates, except for the non-refundable rate category by entering  EVENTSBOOKER in the ‘Add Code’ section.

4. Visitors to St. John`s Cathedral are not permitted to wear pointed heels to protect the marble tombstones.

5. Every effort will be made to ensure the above programme is strictly adhered to although changes may become necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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| **Bailliage** | |  | | | | | |
| **Rank** | |  | | | | | |
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| **Telephone number**  **of lead person** | |  | | | | | |
| **Comments and special dietary requirements** | |  | | | | | |
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| **EVENTS BOOKING** | | | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | | **Price**  **per person €** | | | **Number** | **Total** |
| Registration Fee | | | 30 | | |  |  |
| Thursday  20th March  Tour 1 | Guided Tour of Citta Vecchia, the silent City of Mdina | | 70 | | |  |  |
| Friday  21st March  Tour 2 | Guided tour of the Upper Barracca gardens, St. John`s Cathedral, Casa Rocca Piccola, lunch included | | 150 | | |  |  |
| Friday  21st March | Reception and Welcome Dinner at the Excelsior Hotel, Floriana. | | 150 | | |  |  |
| Saturday  22nd March Tour 3 | Ghar Dalam, Marsaxlokk Fishing Harbour, The Three Cities- Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea, lunch Included | | 130 | | |  |  |
| Saturday  22nd March | Induction Ceremony, Reception and Gala Dinner at the Phoenicia Hotel, Floriana. | | 170 | | |  |  |
| Sunday  23rd March Tour 4 | Full day guided tour of the Island of Gozo. lunch included. | | 150 | | |  |  |

**TERMS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Payment to be made by bank transfer **not later than 20th February 2025** to the following account:

Bank: BOV San Gwann Branch

Account name: Bailliage National de Malte

Bank`s BIC: VALLMTMT

IBAN: MT43 VALL 2201 3000 0000 4002 3676 549

All bank charges relating to the transfer are assumed by the payer.

Please ensure your name is shown on the bank transfer form.

The completed Registration and Events Booking Forms and a copy of the bank transfer voucher are to be emailed to [cagatt1000@gmail.com](about:blank). Reservations without payment cannot not be accepted as confirmation.

Booking fees (except the registration fee), will be refunded in full if a cancellation is made before 20th February 2025. No refunds will be made for cancellations after that date.

VIVE LA CHAINE