

# Malta: The Mediterranean on a dime named #3 on the New York Times “52 Places to Go in 2016”

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA, January 8, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Mediterranean island of Malta was named #3 on the prestigious New York Times “52 Places to Go in 2016” ( <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/01/07/travel/places-to-visit.html? r=1> ) list in its Sunday Travel Section scheduled to come out January 10, 2016. A European country situated between Sicily and the North African coast, has three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Valletta, Malta’s capital, was named the European Capital of Culture 2018.



An excerpt from The New York Times describes Malta as, “An affordable Mediterranean playground with a superb climate, sublime beaches, megalithic temples ( <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/132> ) and a distinctive crossroads culture.” The article further described the Archipelago, “There are three inhabited islands to explore - Malta, home to buzzing Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage city of stunning limestone buildings; Gozo, more tranquil and with a dramatic coastline filled with great spots for diving; and idyllic, car-free Comino, which has one hotel and few residents.”

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Paul Bugeja, CEO, Malta Tourism Authority, stated “We are very pleased that Malta was named number three by such a prestigious newspaper as the New York Times. Since reestablishing a Malta Tourism Authority presence in the US two years ago, we have seen an increase in the number of Americans visiting Malta, however, now with this New York Times Travel Section spotlight, we will lure even more visitors from the US to discover the ‘hidden gem’ of the

Mediterranean.”

About Malta

The sunny islands of Malta, in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, are home to a most remarkable concentration of intact built heritage, including the highest density of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in any nation-state anywhere. Valletta built by the proud Knights of St. John is one of the UNESCO sights and the European Capital of Culture for 2018. Malta’s patrimony in stone ranges from the

oldest free-standing stone architecture in the world, to one of the British Empire's most formidable defensive systems, and includes a rich mix of domestic, religious and military architecture from the ancient, medieval and early modern periods. With superbly sunny weather, attractive beaches, a thriving nightlife and 7,000 years of intriguing history, there is a great deal to see and do. For more information on Malta, visit [www.visitmalta.com](http://www.visitmalta.com)

PHOTO: Valletta Harbor in Malta

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