



WIN YOUR PHOTO ON A BRADT GUIDE COVER + A TRIP TO THE MALTESE ISLANDS

Have you got a cracking shot of Malta? An image that sums up the beauty and diversity of this Mediterranean isle? Then we want to see it! And it could earn you a free trip...

Malta is endlessly photogenic – from the twisty alleys of medieval Mdina to the alluring waters of the Blue Lagoon, this is not an island shy of the camera. Ancient historic sites, boat-bobbed harbours and astounding sea cliffs tempt photographers at every turn, each click capturing yet another side to this compact but diverse archipelago.

And that's what we want from you – have you got an image that sums up Malta? Perhaps a shot of the temples of Hagar Qim & Mnajdra sinking into the sea; Gozo's coast rising from the waves; a British postbox set against Mediterranean architecture; or maybe a smiling fisherman tending his nets.

Bradt, the award-winning guidebook publisher, is on the lookout for an inspirational cover for its new guide to Malta. And, being Bradt – renowned for its pioneering spirit and wonderful quirkiness – it's not after a bog-standard shot. No, Bradt wants something a little different, and an image that does justice to these oft-overlooked islands. Send in your shots – you could be on to a winner.

THE PRIZE

The winner of this competition gets a double whammy. First, the winning image will potentially be used on the cover of the new Bradt Malta guidebook – a prize any budding photographer can be proud of.

Also, the Malta Tourism Authority is offering the winning photographer and a companion a seven-night trip to Gozo, Malta's sister island. The prize includes flights from the UK and accommodation at the elegantly rustic Kempinski Hotel San Lawrenz (*bottom right*), a grand hotel built to blend in to the surrounding landscape and pamper its guests.

GLORIOUS GOZO

The Maltese archipelago, floating to the south of Italy, consists of three main islands: Malta, Gozo and tiny Comino. Malta is a big draw: its beaches are alluring, its towns a delight to wander, its historical sites – ranging from ancient temples to colonial British throwbacks – always fascinating. But for a taste of an even more laid back Mediterranean lifestyle, make the short hop to neighbouring Gozo.

Covering an area of just 67 sq km, Gozo has everything that big sister Malta has – just fewer people. The land is lush, the locals more relaxed and the pace of life a delightful crawl. Plus the restaurants here are some of the best around – keep it authentic and dine on divine *hobz biz-zejt* (Maltese bread), melt-in-the-mouth *pastizzi* (flaky pastry parcels) and *gbejniet*, the national cheese. The fish, plucked fresh from the Med, is also fantastic.

Gozo is a great place for history buffs, too. The island is home to the oldest free-standing, man-made structures in the world; the temples of Ggantija (Giant's Temples) were built more than 5,000 years ago – that's 1,000 years before the first Egyptian pyramids.

However you choose to spend your time on Gozo, you won't be disappointed. Stay at a glorious hotel such as the Kempinski Hotel San Lawrenz, spend the day exploring the island – perhaps snorkelling or diving at Dwejra and the Inland Sea or wandering the streets of charming capital Victoria – then, as you watch the sun dip into the Med, raise a glass of Maltese (or Gozitan) wine to this picturesque isle.



WHAT IS BRADT LOOKING FOR?

The winning image will be one that sums up the diversity and appeal of the Maltese Islands, perhaps combining one of Malta's impressive historical sites with the sea, or a shot of Valletta's steep streets. However, images of other areas will be considered.

Avoid close-ups of Malta's famous colourful boats (too cliché) and images similar to those used on other Malta guide covers. Very arty/abstract images are not appropriate. For an idea of Bradt's style, take a look at the covers of its other guides at www.bradtguides.com.

Most of all, Bradt wants images that are:

- Bold, striking and colourful
- Clean and uncluttered
- Representative of the Maltese Islands
- Portrait format (or suitable to be cropped to portrait proportions) with an uncluttered space at the top for title text

HOW TO ENTER

Submit images to: malta@bradtguides.com (with 'Malta cover' as the subject line) or on CD to 'Malta Cover', Bradt Travel Guides, 23 High Street, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks SL9 9QE (note, CDs will not be returned). Closing date: 31 October 09. Images must be submitted as digital files, no smaller than 216mm x 115mm (portrait) at 300dpi. Entrants must label all images with their name and subject of the photo. Bradt reserves the right not to use any image from the competition if it won't work on a commercial basis. In this event, Bradt will select a winning image to be published inside the book. Malta Tourism Authority reserves the right to use images submitted for promotional purposes.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The prize is a seven-night stay for two adults in the Kempinski Hotel San Lawrenz on a B&B basis. The prize includes: return flights with easyJet from the UK (subject to availability) and transfers. The prize does not include travel insurance, personal expenditure and other incidental costs. Prize is subject to availability and non-transferable; no cash alternatives. Winner must be one of the person/s travelling. Prize can't be redeemed during July, August and September, Easter, bank holidays, Christmas and other school holidays. Prize must be taken by end June 2010. The winner may be required to participate in publicity. Malta Tourism Authority reserves the right to withdraw the prize should it later be found out that the terms and conditions were not adhered to. For full terms and conditions see www.wanderlust.co.uk.



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