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TAILOR MADE RAIL

London to Malta by Rail and Sea

From £799 per person // 7 days



Travel by train from the UK through France and Italy to the island of Sicily, then hop on a boat and travel across the Mediterranean to Malta on this great island-hopping itinerary. Your holiday includes nights in Turin, Naples and Taormina on Sicily along with 3 nights in historic Maltese capital Valletta.

The Essentials

- Travel by rail from London to the south of Sicily
- Overnight stops in Turin, Naples and Taormina
- A boat train across the Straits of Messina and a ferry ride into the historic heart of Valletta
- Three nights on the island of Malta

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade your hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 6 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Ferry from Pozzallo in Sicily to Valletta
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Turin

Catch a Eurostar service from London St Pancras or Ebbsfleet International this morning and speed under the English Channel to Paris. On arrival, an easy connection (with metro tickets included in your pack) will bring you to the Gare de Lyon. Here, board a high-speed TGV service which will take you south through France and across the Italian border. The landscapes become more mountainous as you head via Chambéry and the Italian ski-resort town of Bardonecchia to Turin. On arrival, make your way to the Starhotels Majestic (or similar) and check in for an overnight stay.



Day 2 - Turin To Naples

You have a free morning in Turin to explore this lovely city with its UNESCO World Heritage listed landmarks and world-class museums, before collecting your bags from your hotel and making your way to Turin Porta Nuova station. Here, board a Frecciarossa service which will take you 550 miles south down the spine of Italy at speeds of up to 190 miles per hour, via Milan and Rome to Naples. On arrival into Naples central station, head for the San Pietro Hotel (or similar) for your overnight stay. Naples is a fascinating destination in its own right, founded in the 2nd millennium BC and with plenty to see. If you have time, why not extend your stay here?



Day 3 - Naples To Taormina

Leave Naples this morning and catch a train south right down into the 'toe' of mainland Italy. You'll reach a town called Villa San Giovanni where the train rolls onto a boat and carries you across the Straits of Messina to Malta. On arrival in Messina, the train rolls onto dry land and you continue your journey along the coast to Taormina. When you get to Taormina, make your way to the Excelsior Palace Hotel (or similar) where you will be staying overnight. There's time to have a wander around town or take in the panoramic sea views before you choose a restaurant for dinner this evening.



Day 4 - Taormina To Valletta

This morning, catch a regional Sicilian train via Siracusa to Pozzallo on the south coast of the island. If you prefer, we can arrange an earlier service so that you have time for lunch and a look around in Siracusa before making your onward journey. When you arrive in Pozzallo, there will be plenty of time to get to the port for your Virtu Ferries service across to Malta. Make sure you're on deck to watch the arrival into Valletta's beautiful Grand Harbour and when you disembark, a private transfer will be waiting to take you to your hotel, La Falconeria (or similar), where you will be staying for the next 3 nights.



Days 5 & 6 - Valletta

Enjoy two full days in Malta's historic capital city. Valletta's 16th century core was built by the Knights Hospitaller and named after a French nobleman and member of the Knights who successfully defended the island from an Ottoman invasion in 1565. There's a huge host of attractions to see here, from the sumptuous interiors of St Johns Co-Cathedral to the Upper Barrakka Gardens, offering stunning views across the Grand Harbour and the Saluting Battery, with a row of cannons that are still fired twice a day.



Day 7 - Valletta To London

After another day to explore, it's time to leave Valletta and catch a flight back to London (not included). If you want to return to the UK without flying, just let us know and we will create a tailor made rail route for you.

Pricing

From £799 per person

Low season (November-March) **from £799pp**

High season (April-October) **from £999pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.