Intangible Cultural Heritage in Malta: music, traditions, festivals and customs



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Overview

Malta- 3 islands (Malta, Gozo and Comino)

Area: 316 km2

Population: 450,000

Most densely populated country in EU:

1,265 inhabitants per m2



- Tourism is a main piller of the economy
- Infrastructure is well developed
- Over 1.2 mln tourists
- Sunny weather and beatiful sea
- Rich historical and cultural heritage

Introduction

 No matter its small size and the numerous invasions by different nations, Malta kepts its identity and is proud with its rich intangible heritage.

Maltese Music and Dances

- Maltese folklore music and dances
- Music bands







Maltese Instruments

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Maltese traditional clothes





Maltese Festivals

 Feast days are the life of the Islands and some holy days are actually national holidays, such as the feast of Santa Marija in mid-August. However, the most important events to all villages are their individual <u>festas</u>, honouring their parish patron saint.



Village Feasts

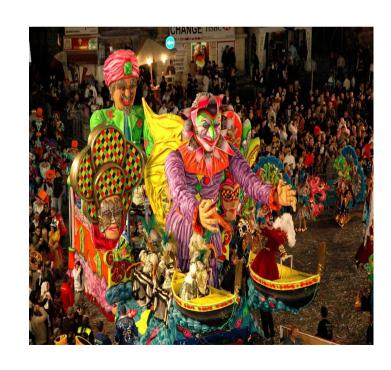
- Each village and towns has at least 2 feastone for each parish church
- Each locality prepares its own fireworks





Other Festivals

- Fireworks Festival
- Arts Festival
- Notte Bianca
- Jazz Festival
- Wine Festival
- Carnival
- Strawbery Festival
- Chocolate Festival





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