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QALA PARISH CHURCH

The church has what is probably the best painting in Gozo, an oil on canvas of the Conception by Federico Barocci di Urbino.

Qala is the village that has the famed Sanctuary of the Immaculate Conception, that once made the village very famous. Now the village parish church is dedicated to St Joseph.



JESUS OF NAZARETH CHURCH XAGHRA

The church was built in the early 1900s from Archpriest Rev. Joseph Diacono's plan and supported by Treasurer Canon Francis Sultana.

This is Gozo's sole church devoted to Jesus of Nazareth, featuring a central hall, main altar, and side altars. The titular artwork by Lazzaro Pisani portrays Jesus before Pilate, with the addition of symbolic angels holding eucharistic or passion symbols.



XAGHRA BASILICA

Upon stepping into the Basilica, its grandeur immediately captivates. Every pillar is sheathed in marble featuring intricate inlaid designs.

The lovely statue of Marija Bambina is displayed in a decorated niche most of the year and placed under a pavilion for festa week, ending on September 8th.

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GHARB PARISH CHURCH

One of Gharb's main religious festivities is the Feast of the Visitation, celebrated annually on the first Sunday of July. It honors the Visitation of Our Lady.

The feast marks the biblical event in Luke (1:39-56), when Virgin Mary visits her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, and celebrates their joyful encounter as expectant mothers.



GHASRI PARISH CHURCH

In Ghasri, Gozo, the Corpus Christi Church, a Roman Catholic parish, was authorized by Pope Benedict XV on May 19, 1921, making it a recent addition to the diocese.

In 2007, the painting needed restoration due to creases and detachment from its frame. The restoration was sponsored by BOV and carried out by Emanuel Zammit, following his other works in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Gozo.



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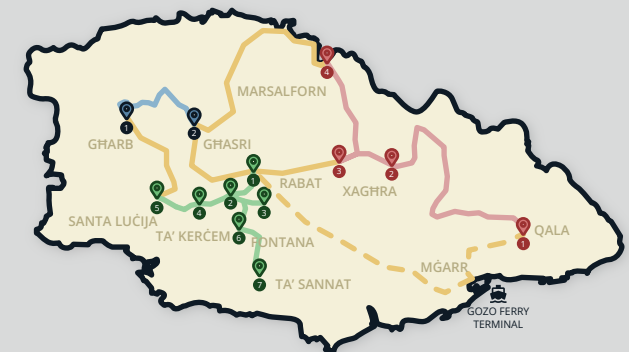
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MARSALFORN CHURCH

In times past, Marsalforn functioned as Gozo's main port until the seventeenth century, giving way to Mgarr harbor's growth.

The church is dedicated to St Paul Shipwreck. Tradition says Saint Paul left Malta after three months via the small port beneath the church, the closest Maltese port to Sicily's Pozzallo.

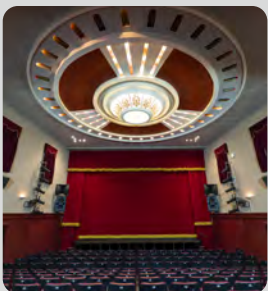
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GOZO CATHEDRAL (CITTADELLA)

The Cathedral of Gozo stands in the middle of Iċ-Ċittadella. It has been a site of worship since the Borg in-Nadur phase of the Maltese Islands, around 2500 BC.

Notable attractions include the baroque Cathedral, the trompe l'oeil dome, and the statue of Santa Marija.



ORATORJU DON BOSCO RABAT

The feast of St John Bosco is celebrated on the nearest Sunday to 31st January. The Bishop of Gozo celebrates High Mass in the morning followed by the blessing of pets.

Another procession, in the form of a marian pilgrimage, is held annually on the Feast of Mary Help of Christians on the 24th of May.

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ST GEORGE'S BASILICA RABAT

St George's is one of the oldest parishes in Gozo, standing on a site where one of the earliest Christian communities on the island has flourished.

The main festivities are celebrated in July in honor of St George. The titular feast is on the third Sunday of the month.



TA' KERĊEM PARISH CHURCH

Due to the parish church's joint dedication, Ta' Kerċem hosts two religious feasts. One honors St Gregory the Great on the 12th of March, celebrated on the nearest Sunday.

The second feast, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, occurs on the second Sunday of July, lasting nine days.



SANTA LUĊIJA CHURCH

Santa Luċija, a hamlet in Ta' Kerċem, derives its name from the central church. The original chapel, dedicated to St. Lucy, dates back to 1575.

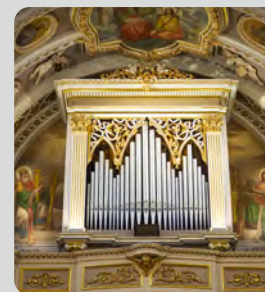
Inhabited by country folk and a few old houses around the church, it celebrates the local feast for St Lucy annually on the nearest Sunday to December 13th.



FONTANA PARISH CHURCH

Fontana Parish, the sole Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine, displays artworks by noted creators: Giuseppe Cali, Silvio Galimberti, Lazzaro Pisani, Paul Camilleri Cauchi, and Robert Caruana Dingli.

Celebrations include the titular feast in June and the feast of St Andrew, the parish's patron saint and fishermen's protector, on the Sunday nearest to November 30th.



TA' SANNAT PARISH CHURCH

Ta' Sannat, an ancient locality on Gozo, became one of the earliest parishes established in 1688. Initially, a chapel dedicated to St Margaret of Antioch served as the first church.

Annually, towards the end of July, her revered feast day draws numerous visitors and devout pilgrims from far and wide. The charming village offers a unique blend of historical significance and spiritual allure.

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