

*Al ritorno dal viaggio di istruzione, in classe, tra l'entusiasmo dei ricordi e il racconto di aneddoti particolari abbiamo realizzato una mini brochure di Malta in lingua inglese che presentiamo*

## THE ISLAND OF MALTA AND ITS ATTRACTIONS

Malta is a small island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Different people from Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East have lived and ruled Malta until 1900s. The capital city is La Valletta.



Malta lies 93 km. south of Sicily and it is formed by five islands, but Malta is the largest. The islands are mostly low and rocky. The coastlines have many bays and cliffs. Malta has hot, dry summers and cool, sometimes rainy winters.

The people of Malta have a mixture of Italian, Arab and English origins. Almost everyone is Roman Catholic. The main languages are English and Maltese. The Maltese language is a form of Arabic but it is written in the Latin alphabet. Most of the people live in the cities.

Tourism is Malta's major industry.

## HISTORY

People have lived on the Maltese islands for more than 5,000 years. The ancient Romans conquered the islands in 218 B.C. Later, Arabs, Normans, and Roman Catholic knights ruled Malta.

The knights built many palaces and military forts. Then in 1814, after the Napoleonic wars, Great Britain took control of the island and ruled for more than 100 years. Malta gained independence from Britain in 1964 and it is part of the Commonwealth.



# TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

The most important tourist attractions are the monuments, but also the sea and the beaches.

The capital city Valletta has a lot of monuments, in particular the Cathedral; inside the Cathedral we can admire some pictures painted by Caravaggio, then palaces and gardens. Mdina, the ancient capital, has a lot of churches and spectacular city walls.



Other features are the wooden balconies in the most typical houses and the coloured doors different for each house to make the house unique, to personalize the house. Then we have the "eye" that is painted on each side of the luzu, the typical fishing boat, it is a symbol of protection from evil.







For all these reasons it's great to visit Malta!





