



## The Feast of St Paul's Shipwreck

Valletta comes alive each year for the Feast of St Paul's Shipwreck, as church bells ring out, streets are dressed in banners and lights, and the city fills with a deep sense of devotion and celebration.

The feast commemorates the arrival of St Paul in Malta following his shipwreck in AD 60—a defining moment in the island's history that shaped its Christian faith and cultural identity. For Valletta, this day is both sacred and communal, uniting religious tradition with the vibrant spirit of the city.

At Iniala, we hold a deep appreciation for the way our community honours this cherished tradition. To mark this occasion, we are delighted to offer a carefully curated one-day itinerary, offering full immersion in the feast day celebrations on 10 February.

Through our Community & Social Responsibility partnerships, we proudly support the local organisations that steward the celebrations. These close relationships allow us to offer rare, behind-the-scenes access to sacred and social spaces not ordinarily open to the public, including private guided tours of the Collegiate Church of St Paul's Shipwreck and a visit to the workspace where volunteers create the street decorations for the feast. Located on East Street, directly opposite the Iniala Spa entrance, this immersive tour reveals the craftsmanship, trades, and community spirit behind the celebrations.

We invite guests to arrive a few days before the feast, or remain after the feast, to enjoy these exclusive cultural experiences that offer deeper insight into the feast and its living traditions.

It is our genuine pleasure to share these meaningful experiences with you. Come celebrate with us.

For further information, please contact Angie at [angie@iniala.com](mailto:angie@iniala.com).



## One-day Itinerary

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10th February 2026 , Valletta, Malta

### Morning

08:30: Breakfast in the hotel or walk to the closest cafe nearby.

09:30: Attend a solemn morning Mass at the Collegiate Parish Church of St Paul's Shipwreck (wear modest clothing). Best to arrive 20–30 minutes early for seating.

11:30: Walk through Republic Street toward Merchant Street; soak up decorations, band club rehearsals and street atmosphere.

### Afternoon

12:45: Witness the Marċ tas-Siegħa (midday band march). Good viewing: Republic Street or Merchant Street for processional street-level action; alternatively, stand near St John's Square for a central perspective.

14:00: Light lunch in the city (book if you want a sit-down restaurant). Use this time to rest and check the evening procession route/timings.

15:30: Explore Valletta's heritage sites opened for the feast. You might also choose to walk back to the hotel (not more than a seven-minute walk) for a one-hour siesta.

17:00: Position yourself along the procession route: recommended vantage points—Triq San Pawl (adjacent to the parish), Republic Street (central) or Upper Barrakka Gardens (elevated view). Arrive 15 minutes early for a good spot. Luckily, the hotel is only a four-minute walk away.

17:30: Evening procession begins (statue of St Paul, relics, band accompaniment). Expect pauses for band performances and communal devotion; be respectful and allow stewards space.

### Evening

20:00: Fireworks and evening band concerts (Barrakka/Barrakka Gardens recommended for views). After fireworks, streets remain lively—enjoy late dinner or drinks around Valletta. Walk to your hotel with ease.





## A Gentle Guide

### Travel & Timing:

Book accommodation early. If you would like to dine at any particular restaurant in Valletta, ask our Guest Experience team to place a booking in advance on your behalf, as the popular spots get taken fast.

### Respect:

The feast is primarily religious—dress modestly in churches and during the procession; avoid loud behaviour during masses.

### Crowds & Safety:

Pick a clear meeting point with your group; keep valuables secure; follow steward/police instructions.

### Weather & Comfort:

February can be cool/windy—bring warm layers and comfortable shoes; a small umbrella if rain is forecast.

### Photography & Participation:

Photos are welcome, but do refrain from using the flash during masses; joining celebrations respectfully is encouraged. The Maltese people love their church and street festivities, and are very happy to welcome you to join their celebrations.

### Accessibility:

Some streets have cobbles/steps—check accessibility in advance and position accordingly. All the celebrations are held within walking distance of the hotel and the Church of St Paul's Shipwreck. This allows you to walk back and forth from the celebrations to the hotel with ease. Pace your day and enjoy the experience.