

What to do while in Mellieħa

THE MELLIEHA COUNTRYSIDE

Built on a hill and surrounded by a series of valleys and ridges Mellieħa presents a wide selection of interesting country walks with ever changing views. Hundreds of ramblers, both local and foreign, have put Mellieħa top on their agenda especially during the Autumn to Spring spell.

Some suggested country walks are:

Starting from the Red Tower walk straight on to the Point of il-Qammieħ Ridge, and enjoy panoramic views of Mellieħa Bay, Mellieħa Village, the cliffs on to Fomm ir-Riħ, Gozo and Comino and the blue sea all around.

Starting from Marfa walk along the coast road or on the rocky shore to the Gozo Ferry at Cirkewwa. Enjoy the sea and the small inlets.

From Mellieħa towards Selmun, walk through Selmun Village and past Selmun Palace, the former summer residence of the Grand Master of the Order of St. John. Here the road forks into two different country walks leading to the cliffs and Ghajn Hadid or to Fort Campbell overlooking St. Paul's Islands.

From Mellieħa go westwards towards Manikata, Ghawseġ Bay and along the cliffs to Popeye Village, enjoying the cultivated fields or the natural garigues, the fresh air and the clean environment.



Above: the countryside: ideal for walks in the country
(photo by Malcolm Grima)

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Tips to help you plan.

- **Camping:** Practically everything is provided for on site at a licensed campsite situated in the outskirts of Mellieħa.
- **Swimming and Sunbathing:** Six of the largest sandy beaches in Malta are within walking distance from the heart of the town. The relatively long coastline is all practically accessible on foot.
- **Water Sports:** Almost all hotels in the locality offer a variety of water sports for the adventurous holiday maker. Jet skis, water skiing, para gliding, rowing, paddling, wind surfing are amongst the popular sport disciplines available on most beaches.
- **Bird Watching:** A Nature Reserve situated in Mellieħa Bay is open to visitors on weekends.
- **Places of Interest:** Mellieħa offers a number of interesting places to visit. Details may be found elsewhere in this booklet.
- **Shopping:** Practically anything you may need is available in town.
- **Health and Fitness:** Spas, gyms and fitness centres can be found in most hotels and tourist complexes.
- **Outdoor Activities:** Especially in summer, outdoor activities are organized from time to time. These will be open to both locals and visitors. Ask around and don't miss out on what is going on.
- **Venturing beyond:** From Cirkewwa Quay, merely five minutes away from town by bus, one can board frequent ferries to Gozo and Comino.



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