10 dive spots on the Maltese Islands which will make you fall in love with diving

Pack your bags and prepare your wetsuit, buddy! These beautiful dive sites on the Maltese Islands will have you fall deeply in love with life underwater. Explore the Mediterranean Sea, discover a wreck or two and make friends with all the majestic sea creatures that are waiting for you at these incredible dive spots.

1. The Blue Hole (Dwejra, Gozo)

The Blue Hole at Dwejra, Gozo is one of the most iconic dive spots on the Maltese Islands. You have the famous Azure Window in the background and large coral caves right next door. This place was also used as a set for the popular TV series Game of Thrones.

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2. The Madonna Statue (Ċirkewwa)

The Madonna Statue in Ċirkewwa was placed there by a local dive club many years ago. Today, the area has become home to colourful marine life including amberjacks, barracudas and scorpion fish. Nearby you'll also find the enchanting islands of Gozo and Comino.

3. Santa Marija Caves (Comino)

The Santa Marija Caves are hidden just behind the idyllic Blue Lagoon on the island of Comino. The island is world famous for its crystal clear waters. Here you'll be able to take beautiful photographs, swim through arches and enjoy the thrill of getting there exclusively by boat.

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4. MV Imperial Eagle (Qawra)

The MV Imperial Eagle wreck is located just off the coast of Qawra. Here you can take a photo behind the ship's steering wheel, get up close and friendly with an octopus and visit the impressive statue of Jesus Christ placed there in 1990 to celebrate the visit of Pope John Paul II.

5. Blue Grotto Reef (Wied iż-Żurrieq)

The Blue Grotto is a popular destination for tourists and divers alike. Here you'll find friendly local fishermen taking people out to sea to explore the area's caves and its mesmerising blue waters. The two sided reef offers a glimpse into marine life with colourful fish and octopuses roaming about.



6. HMS Maori Wreck (Valletta)

The HMS Maori wreck is Malta’s most famous and historical wreck, which sunk during World War II. This destroyer ship saw considerable action in her day, and provided valuable assistance to the defence of Malta. She sank in 1942 after a bomb exploded in her engine room while in the docks.

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7. Blenheim Bomber (Xrobb l-Għaġin)

The Blenheim Bomber wreck is located off the coast of Xrobb l-Għaġin. The aircraft lies flat on the seabed at a depth of 42 metres, where you will be met by the remains of a WWII bomber built in Bristol, UK. This historic wreck takes you back in time and gives you a glimpse of Malta at war.



8. Għar Lapsi (Siġġiewi)

Għar Lapsi is made up of two picturesque coves, very close to Siġġiewi. This delightfully peaceful place has direct access to the sea, straight into beautiful, blue waters. Down at 22 metres, in a cavern, you may find an underwater nativity scene, decorated with colourful sponges and algae.

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9. Mġarr ix-Xini Caves (Mġarr, Gozo)

Mġarr ix-Xini is a small, secluded bay on the island of Gozo. Here there are two caves where one can surface and spot seahorses. The valley and shallow waters make this site perfect for night dives. It was also used as the set for the film *By The Sea*, starring Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

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10. Um El Faroud (Wiediż-Żurrieq)

The *Um El Faroud*wreck came about after an explosion in the Grand Harbour. The ill-fated tanker was then moved and has been lying on the seabed off the coast of Wied iż-Żurrieq since 1998. Due to heavy storms

and rough seas, the ship has now broken into two but is nonetheless spectacular.

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