

# Gozo (Għawdex) ... the island of Calypso

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# Something about Gozo...



## WHERE ARE WE ON THE MAP ?

- We are in the middle of the Mediterranean sea, to the south of Sicily and not far from Tunisia



The Maltese islands



# THE POPULATION OF GOZO

- Gozo has a population of less than 40,000
- Gozo is the second largest inhabited Maltese island
- The other islands are Malta, with a population of less than 500,000 and Comino with a population of 2 persons



# THE VILLAGES

- The largest villages in Gozo are Victoria, Xagħra and Nadur
- The chart shows the population of all the villages in Gozo
- If you have noticed you can see that there are 14 villages in all

Local council <sup>[61]</sup> ⚡	Area <sup>[62]</sup> ⚡	Population (2014) <sup>[63]</sup> ⚡	Pop. density ⚡
Fontana	0,5 km <sup>2</sup>	985	1970 /km <sup>2</sup>
Għajnsielem	4,4 km <sup>2</sup>	3200	727 /km <sup>2</sup>
Għarb	4,6 km <sup>2</sup>	1539	335 /km <sup>2</sup>
Għasri	5,0 km <sup>2</sup>	525	105 /km <sup>2</sup>
Kerċem	5,5 km <sup>2</sup>	1938	352 /km <sup>2</sup>
Munxar	2,8 km <sup>2</sup>	1454	519 /km <sup>2</sup>
Nadur	7,2 km <sup>2</sup>	4509	626 /km <sup>2</sup>
Qala	5,9 km <sup>2</sup>	2284	387 /km <sup>2</sup>
San Lawrenz	3,6 km <sup>2</sup>	748	207 /km <sup>2</sup>
Sannat	3,8 km <sup>2</sup>	2117	557 /km <sup>2</sup>
Victoria (Rabat)	2,9 km <sup>2</sup>	6901	2 380 /km <sup>2</sup>
Xagħra	7,6 km <sup>2</sup>	4886	643 /km <sup>2</sup>
Xewkija	4,5 km <sup>2</sup>	3300	733 /km <sup>2</sup>
Żebbuġ, Gozo	7,6 km <sup>2</sup>	2956	389 /km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,1 km<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>37342</b>	<b>557 /km<sup>2</sup></b>

Population of Gozo per village

# FEASTS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS



Two largest feasts in Gozo are St George and Sta Marija. Both are held in the capital of Gozo – Rabat (Victoria)



Sta Marija is also a public holiday, celebrated on the 15th of August. Many companies have their shut-down during this period.





## OTHER PUBLIC / NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

- We have several public/national holidays. Apart from Good Friday, Christmas & New Year we have:
  - St Paul's shipwreck (10th Feb.)
  - St Joseph (19th Mar.)
  - Freedom day (31st Mar.)
  - Workers day (1st May)
  - Sette Giugno (7th Jun.)
  - Mnarja (29th Jun.)
  - Victory day (8th Sep.)
  - Independence day (21st Sep.)
  - Immaculate Conception (8th Dec.)
  - Republic day (13th Dec.)





The painting shows the attack of Dragut in the 1551 battle

## MORE ABOUT THE MALTESE ISLANDS...

- The temples in Malta and Gozo are much older than the pyramids
- Before we were independent, we have been ruled by at least 6 countries and empires, the latest are: Romans, Normans, Arabs, Knights of St John, French and English

# OUR SCHOOL...



# SOME INFO...

- ▶ Our school is: Gozo College Secondary School
- ▶ It is situated in the busy capital city of Gozo - Rabat (Victoria)
- ▶ Before it was a boys' only school until 2016 when it became co-ed, meaning that both girls and boys attend the same school
- ▶ It was founded in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- ▶ Our head's name is Ms Mary Jane Camilleri



# MORE INFORMATION...

- ▶ The school population is around 500 boys and girls
- ▶ The student age ranges from 13 to 16 years - grouped in Years 9, 10 and 11
- ▶ There are around 100 teachers teaching 31 different subjects





# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We have several school activities, some of which are:

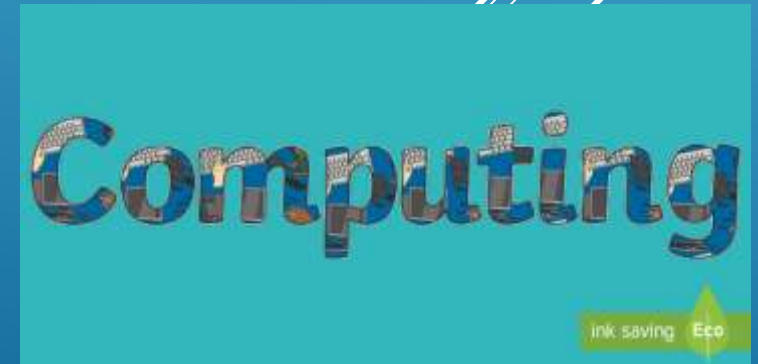
- ▶ Sports days
- ▶ No uniform days
- ▶ Pink October day
- ▶ Photo competitions
- ▶ Going abroad
- ▶ And more...



# MID-DAY BREAK CLUBS

Some mid-day clubs are:

- ▶ Erasmus+
- ▶ Eco-school
- ▶ Music Band
- ▶ Students' Council
- ▶ Board Games Club
- ▶ Computing Club



# SCHOOL TRANSPORT

- Students come from all over Gozo. Most students use school buses. Those living nearby walk it to school or are dropped off by their parents. Few even come by bike.





# OUR CITY & SOME VILLAGES





# QALA & RABAT (VICTORIA) - COAT OF ARMS

Qala



Victoria





# LOCATION



# GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

	Victoria	Qala
Borders	Fontana, Għasri, Kerċem Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ	Għajnsielem, Nadur
Area	29 km <sup>2</sup>	5.9 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	6100	2284
Density	29 km <sup>2</sup>	390/km <sup>2</sup>



# PLACES OF INTEREST



Qala

St. Anthony's Battery

The Cart Ruts

The Menhir

Fbndoqir-Rummien Bay

Ta' Randu Windmill



# PLACES OF INTEREST

## Victoria

Cittadella	Old Prison	Museum Of Archeology
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Villa Rundle Garden

WW1 Shelters

The Astra Theater

The Aurora Theater



# RELIGION AND FEASTS

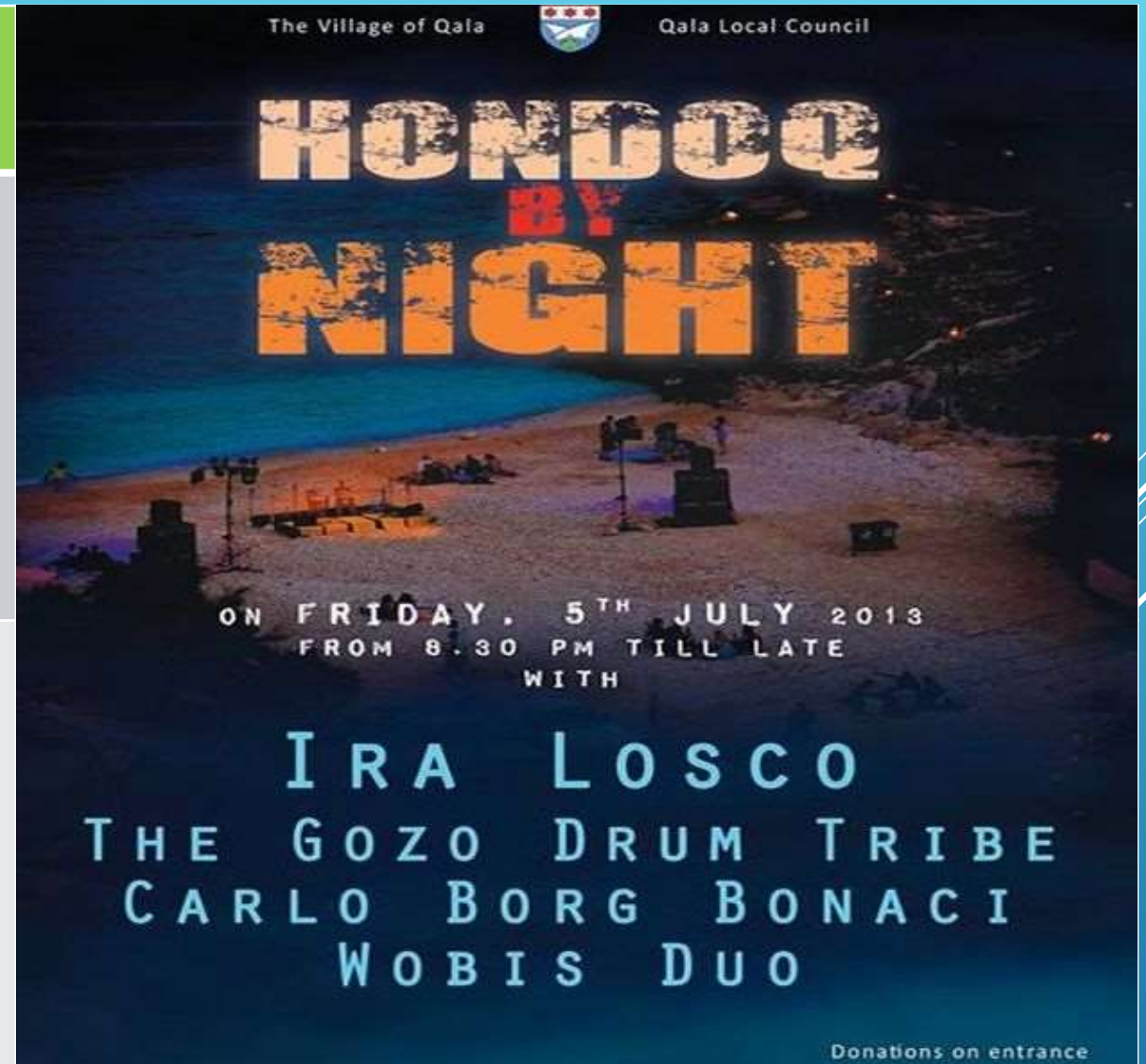
	Qala	Victoria
Religion	Roman Catholic	Roman Catholic
Cathedral	-	1
Basilica	-	1
Church	1	4
Chapel	2	-
Main Feasts	1	2
Patron Saint	St. Joseph	St. Mary, St. George
Date of Feast	First Sunday in August	15th August, The third Sunday of July

# EVENTS

## Qala

Hondoq By Night

Qala International Folk Festival





# EVENTS



Victoria

Horse Racing

Opera



# SAN LAWRENZ AND NADUR



# SAN LAWRENZ

- ▶ The population of San lawrenz is 672
- ▶ The total area 3.6 km<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ This makes it the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest village in Gozo
- ▶ It borders with Għarb and Ta' Kerċem
- ▶ The mayor is Noel Formosa



**San Lawrenz** is built on an area surrounded by three hills, Għammar, Gelmus and Ta' Dbiegi.

San Lawrenz is one of the two Gozitan localities Named after their patron saint.

San Lawrenz was established a parish on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1893.

Until San Lawrenz was declared a parish in 1893, it formed part of the neighbourhood of Għarb.





# VILLAGE FEAST

The village feast of San Lawrenz is celebrated each year on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.

- ▶ During the festive week, a festival is organised by the local council.
- ▶ Some events during the festive week are:
  - ▶ games for kids
  - ▶ traditional Folk Music
  - ▶ rock bands



# DWEJRA

San Lawrenz mostly attracts tourists because of the Fungus Rock in Dwejra.



Before, a lot of tourists used to visit Dwejra to see the Azure Window. Unfortunately it collapsed on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 during a storm.



# NADUR

- ▶ Population 4181
- ▶ Area 7.2 km<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ This makes it the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest village in Gozo
- ▶ It borders with Għajnsielem, Qala and Xagħra
- ▶ The mayor is Edward Said





The word "Nadur" means "look out", and is derived from the arabic word nadara.

Throughout history Nadur played a very important role in the defence of the island from corsairs (pirates).

During the reign of the Knights of St John a watch tower was built by the Grandmaster Nicolas Cotoner, which nowadays is known as Dahlet Qorrot Tower or San Blas Tower for the two bays lying on either side of it.

Another watchtower found in Nadur is Ta' Kenuna Tower built by the British towards the middle of the 19th century. It now serves as a telegraph link between Malta and Gozo.



# RAMLA BAY

Ramla Bay is one of the most popular bays in Gozo and it is the only bay which is completely covered with sand.



# CARNIVAL

The Nadur Carnival is unique in Gozo and Malta. It is a spontaneous carnival. Sunset invites a multitude of masked and hooded creatures to throng the streets of Nadur. In 2005 the Nadur Carnival was the World Carnival Capital.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xt2FSFhETMY>)





# VILLAGE FEAST

The village feast is celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> June, otherwise known as l-Imnarja.

It is dedicated to St Peter and St Paul.





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



## ANY QUESTIONS?

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