

Ensemble Experience VALLETTA, MALTA

Ship/Sailing:	Celebrity Century	September 19, 2008
Tour Date:	September 26, 2008	
Ship Time in Port:	7:00 am	- 4:00 pm
Tour Name:	<i>Casa Rocca Piccola and Palazzo Parisio</i>	
Half-Day Tour:	Depart: 9:00 am	Return: 1:00 pm

Spend a delightful morning visiting two of Malta's most exquisite stately homes. Your excursion begins with a tour of the magnificent Casa Rocca Piccola, home of the 9th Marquis and Marchioness de Piro. Privately owned and a much loved family home, this mansion provides a unique historical look at the customs and traditions of the Maltese nobility over the last 400 years. Within its beautiful rooms you can see a collection of exquisite furniture, silver, paintings and hundreds of other items that add to the aesthetic riches of this country. Beneath the palace are the fascinating World War II Air Raid Shelters that provide a dramatic and exciting addition to the tour of the house.

After your visit walk to the Upper Barracca Gardens for a spectacular panorama of the Grand Harbor and the three historic cities of Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa. Then board your coach for the drive to Naxxar where you will visit the magnificent Palazzo Parisio, the family seat of the descendants of the late Marquis Scicluna. This stately home and its magnificent gardens have been superbly and intricately restored and are resplendent in all their former and opulent glory. At the end of the tour, enjoy some free time here and a glass of Buck's Fizz served (weather permitting) in the gardens. Then it is time to return to the pier and the ship.