

## Notte Bianca, again a success

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As the many who flocked to Valletta for Notte Bianca can surely testify, the fourth edition of this festival can once again be described as a resounding success.



People crowded the streets of Valletta until the early hours of Sunday morning, as they walked along the streets, greeted with the occasional waft of popcorn, doughnuts and the ever popular imqaret.

Every nook and cranny was crowded with people enjoying some of the various activities the capital city had to offer on this special night. Freedom Square was a hive of activity, as the entrance into everything else that was going on.

The tours around different aspects of Valletta's history, which have proved to be a hit in the past, were put on once again this year, and people could choose between ghosts, scandals, and the homes of some of the most important people to ever set foot on Malta.

Music emanated from most corners of Valletta as different bands, both local and international, played their music and entertained the crowds. Entertainment included mediaeval reenactments at the Old Opera House.

President of Malta, George Abela, together with his wife (pictured above) were guests of the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Dolores Cristina and her husband, to visit Valletta and meet with the public during this popular festival.

After greeting people in the Throne Room at the Palace, the President and his wife, accompanied by Minister Cristina made their way to Pjazza Regina, for a spectacle of Neapolitan music.

They continued to make their way through the streets of Valletta, even stopping at the Manoel Theatre. The president and the minister were met with enthusiasm and praise for the president's work and the organisers of Notte Bianca, the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts.

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