

War Museum to serve Victory Kitchen food



Heritage Malta is to literally give a taste of what wartime conditions were like in Malta by serving Victory Kitchen food at the War Museum on August 13.

The event will mark the arrival of the vital Santa Marija Convoy in August 1942.

Victory Kitchens were set up by the government to feed the people as food became scarce.

Operation Pedestal, better known as the Santa Marija convoy, was a determined effort to fight a convoy through to Malta. Thirteen merchant ships and the tanker Ohio, under heavy escort, entered the Mediterranean on August 10, 1942 but only five of the ships managed to survive the trip to Malta. The Ohio, with decks almost awash, was towed into Grand Harbour on August 15, 1942. Although 53,000 of the original 85,000 tons of supplies sent to Malta ended on the seabed, the remaining 32,000 tons were crucial for Malta to survive the siege.

The commemoration will be held at the National War Museum, Lower Fort St Elmo, Valletta on Thursday August 13 between 7.30 and 11 p.m. The event will consist of a guided tour of the National War Museum, a demonstration of weapons used during WWII, open air screening of a documentary about Operation Pedestal on the terrace of the museum and a meal consisting of pork stew made of pork cuttings, potato, onion shavings, water and wine.

Tickets for this event can be bought from the National War Museum or the National Museum of Fine Arts in Valletta, the Malta Maritime Museum in Vittoriosa, the Domvs

Romana in Rabat or the Gozo Museum of Archaeology. Price is €20.00 for adults and €10 for children.

Comments

Joe Fenech (3 weeks, 3 days ago)

Malta has lost it completely!!! You enter the LOUVRE - the world's best art museum for 9E !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Gee, 20E for a piddly museum and some poor food...!!!!!!!!!! U ejja, halluna nies!!!!

Ludwig Flask (3 weeks, 3 days ago)

"Price is €20.00 for adults and €10 for children" - well done Heritage Malta, you have very good marketing managers!

Marton Saliba (3 weeks, 3 days ago)

Why doesn't anyone get over the war...

why would I go and eat victory kitchen food where I can make even better stuff from my own fridge, fruit of a world which staggers to keep peace and, so far, managing?

Christopher Grainger (3 weeks, 3 days ago)

N. Azzopardi : nowhere in Europe has free museums and galleries ? ever been to the UK ? All of the major museums and galleries are free.

gaffarena joseph (3 weeks, 3 days ago)

I, know that heritage malta is in need of funds, but do not try to cope these funds by charging euro 20,to have a taste of victory kitchen food.

You could have made the price euro5,and try to bring the food by calling for sponsors. Come on try to change the price,after all we all make mistakes

claire farrugia (3 weeks, 3 days ago)

@n.azzopardi

especially when you consider the average pay that people earn in malta, and what they earn in Germany, the prices in Malta have risen at an unacceptable rate and what people earn stayed the same. I had to pay three times as much for the same toiletry articles in Malta, and at least twice as much for food articles from the supermarket as I pay in Germany. in fact I had intended to come to Malta in summer again, but had to cancel everything cause compared to germany EVERYTHING is more expensive (except the buses). But this is my opinion of course, you may not agree with me.

claire farrugia (3 weeks, 3 days ago)

hi for your information i live abroad and not in malta, so i do not know what you meant by your comment i should stay home and drink coffee, for sure i would prefer to stay home and drink coffee than pay 20 euros for a museum visit with victory kitchen food i did not comment that this event should be free of charge, I said 5 euros would be a more reasonable price and 10 euros for children is definitely too high a price.....if people pay such high prices then they would encourage that such events continue to be organized and offered at such high prices and this should definitely not be encouraged.

and here in germany, yes you have to pay some small fee for museums, but there are special rates for students and there are days where some museums are free of charge as well. and every year there is an event where all museums are free of charge and if you do not want to pay anything to go to a museum you can go wait for this day

Joe Fenech (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

Nissugerixxi li jgibu qassis jghid ir-ruzarju jew qassis ibiegh l-indulgenzi. Dawn kienu xeni komuni li jghatu aktar awtenticita. Prosit tassew!

N.Azzopardi (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

@claire farrugia

It seems that you don't go abroad much, at least lately. Nowhere in Europe you can go and visit a Museum for free. Not even a public toilet, cause you have to insert 1 Euro coin for the door to open. I was in Germany last April and I tell you, nothing is cheaper then here. I challenge you to give me one address of a German Museum which is entrance free. Even some Churches and Cathedrals are with entrance fees. To keep maintaining these treasures, obviously there are high costs. Ms Farrugia just stay home and enjoy your cup of coffee.

S Sammut (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

Nice idea for Heritage Malta to organise such event! However, I do not see the point to serving victory kitchen food! At that time people had no choice! Nowadays we have a choice, so better to serve just wine :-)

Mark J Magri (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

In those days food was provided free in the Victory Kitchen.

On the 13 of August of this year it is provided at 20Euros for adults and 10Euros for kids.

What a difference!!

God forbid us to come to those days of War Poverty....

claire farrugia (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

what a shame for 20 Euros here in germany I can eat at one of the best restaurants in town

people should boycott this event to send a message that they do not tolerate this, this is stealing....although as an idea it is very interseting, but if it were for a just fair price like 5 euros or are they doing it for the tourists??????

@graham cocker

20 euros is still too expensive even if it includes the tour of the war museum and the other things

boycot these events so they will learn to make good prices in the future

in germany museums are much much much cheaper if not free of charge, why are we so special in malta?????

J.Borg (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

@ Joseph sammut

nahseb li int trid iddahhak man.....

<http://www.wgc-group.com/barracuda/img/barracuda-menu-2008.pdf>

Joseph Sammut (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

Kullhadd irid b'xejn.

Someone mentioned VK used muntun and not majjal and at that time black bread. I think Malta Heritage, once going through the pains of promoting such an event should have gone through this detail as otherwise people like me would still not know what VK was all about: I mean like Ms. Caruana said, we still cook pork, white bread and drink wine, which in my opinion would be a grossly misplaced item in such an event. Authenticity gone wrong.

Ronnie Gauci (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

@ R.Gauci

That was a speciality in those days since cheese was very scarce, they paid extra for that treat.

I agree with most of you that the price is too high, a family of four will have to fork out Euro60 (Lm26) but at least will have the privilege of tasting some gaxin. Prices for us Maltese should be discounted. Do all visitors be obliged to eat there? What if I only want to visit the site without eating, will I have to pay full price??

N.Azzopardi (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

@J. Grima

Just to mention a few of the luxury items that are being bought by the majority of Maltese and we have a choice are: Air-conditions; flat screen TV's; mobile phones. air tickets, restaurants, camcorders; digital cameras, cars. A never ending list, not to mention the super 5 tickets sold, people attending concerts. Come on and admit that people nowadays are living a different life style, and for those who says that they cannot efforts. I say," most probably you are living beyond your means"> One last things Mr. Grima, how about the stocks, shares and bonds offered, they are sold outright and over subscribed. Yes poverty my foot.

Joe Fenech (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

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M. Spiteri (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

My oh my - there goes what we're never short of, whether in dire straits or in the seven years of plenty - GEMGEM GEMGEM. Ok - prices for lots of things have gone up - but I don't know where you people live, because when I go out to eat - I rarely see empty places - and people are not ordering chips and a pint of beer! new cars on the road - now we're up to almost 300,000! But all this is irrelevant - heritage Malta, like FWA are doing an excellent job - let's just go and support. People paid god knows how much to watch a concert, whats 20 euros for culture. I wish Heritage malta would produce a programme on tv to show people how much it takes to preserve our heritage - to make right the mess some restorers have made in the pass - to instill in us a sense of pride in our nation. Stuff some victory kitchen food in our mouths - that should stop the gemgem.

J Micallef (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

@ peresso

In life their is given reason & hidden reason. I bet that they want to make money like

normal private company to save their jobs, as the projects they are doing they all got stucked in a stand still thus Malta Heritage ended without income & the government does not want to allocate money. Thus their income is not rounding up to the expenses & all are afraid of become become redundant.

Mr Peresso i think you are in the marketing sector, but im an ordinary man & i learnt nothing is for free in life! For me Eur70 is expensive with my salary.
So Maltese & tourists will pay the same??

Alfred Cassar (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

@J Borg

Can you pls tell us which is the 'posh restaurant' offering dinner at €20? U hallina man
The article above state that you pay €20 for the guided tour, documentary, demonstration and of course the meal.

Joseph Sammut (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

@JBorg: the best dinner ever at a posh restaurant for Euro20 per adult: iddahhakx.

Galea. L (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

The prices charged by Heritage Malta are out of this world especially considering our wages/salaries/pensions and the dire situation everyone is in.

Madeline Caruana (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

I agree that sights like these, must be free of charge especially that we are Maltese and still cook traditional meals or else one can give a donation to cover minimum expenses.

philip pace (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

While praising Heritage Malta, I have certain reservations regarding this event.

1. The price is expensive.

2. This event has been launched in the wrong time.

The main reason regarding my reservations is that there are too many events happening in August. This year shall be remembered as a very dismal year for the Maltese population as we had to face price explosions re the Water and Electricity bills and two days ago the incredible new gas cylinders prices.

The Government is focusing on the wrong projects.

If the normal paypacket was twice as much as it should be to reflect the 'goodness feeling' that we are in EU would have been a bonus to the different venues that are going to held in August.

With the hicking up of the prices of the most important and neccessary things in life, just to live in normal circumstances is proving too difficult to many Maltese families, irrespective on how many sacrifices they make.

It is simply not the right time to hold these events as the money in the pocket is nearly gone.

J.Borg (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

With Euro 20 per adult.....you could go and have the best dinner ever in a posh restaurant.

and not go to taste the victory kitchen and a tour of the war museum.....who decides these prices.

or the expenses to refurbish the war museum, the government wants to collect the money from us people.

R Peresso (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

@ J Micallef

you're won't be paying for only the meal, but for the presentation, entrance and the rest!... actually at that price the meal can be considered free.

J. Grima (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

@ N. Azzopardi

Although you are right about the choice we have on luxury items, I would like to point out that we don't have a choice on the high standard of living and our ridiculous wages. So what's the point of having a large choice of items when you really can't afford to spend the extra penny?

stephen farrugia (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

The " Victory Kitchen " after the next budget.... :)

R.Gauci (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

B'id wahda fil-borma u bl-ohra thokk s***a tal-Victory Kitchen!!! Misshom jkantawha ukoll waqt il-lejla !!

j micallef (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

OK, so a family of 5 like us will cost me Eur 70eur, no way i prefer to stop at the waterfront.

I did not expect it to be free, but at a decent price.

Very expensive price for me, an ordinary man with minmum wage!! I guess.

These heft prices we have to pay for food during government organised events are upsetting people a lot, a typical example are events organised by the environmenta Dipt, agriculture dipartment etc.

They should makemake sure the contractors not only pay the fee to participate, but also to sell at reasonable price, & the tip of the iceberg is to give receipts, as i went to several events & the food stalls not even had a cash register. Then we heard the panel beater story last time.

Come on!!

Manwel Debattista (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

What's the fuss about? People are eating Victory Kitchen food today. Not possible to name names, but just ask your parish priest or your mayor or councillors who visit homes regularly. Or ask those politicians who are honest enough to admit what they see when they do home visits. And it's not only the working class who have been reduced to this state. So save yourself the entrance fee and visit free of charge many homes where people live at or just below the poverty line.

Graham Crocker (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

R. Caruana, learn how to read.

Its 20 Euros for :

1. guided tour of the National War Museum
2. a demonstration of weapons used during WWII
3. open air screening of a documentary about Operation Pedestal on the terrace of the museum
- 4.a meal consisting of pork stew made of pork cuttings, potato, onion shavings, water and wine.

The meal costs 5 Euros i.e. Im2.15. Its cheaper than McDonalds Meal, considering they give you wine and water. You cant expect everything to be free.

N.Azzopardi (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

@ Anthony Dimech

Taf meta irrepeta ruhu dak iz-zmien, meta kollna insiebu nixtru cikkulata Diserta biss. Il-lum l'ixkaffi tas-supermarkets mimlijien b'xelta li ma tispicca qatt. Il-lum hadd ma jikmandana x'nieklu.

vincent a galea (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

What a great idea!

Well done Heritage Malta.

Anthony Dimech (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

Jekk se nibqaw sejrien kif sejrien nahseb li bhal dak iz-zmien se nergaw nigu!

R. Caruana (3 weeks, 5 days ago)

Blimey...Crikey!!

€20.00 for watered-down Stuffat tal-Muntun (never saw pork on the VK menu) and 2 slices of dark bread?? That was the typical VK fare. And, of course, the wine must have been obtained through the infamous 'black market'.