



# Northwest Malta

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## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Tarragon (p88)
- ➔ Giuseppe's Restaurant & Wine Bar (p81)
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## Best for Views

- ➔ Ras il-Qammieh (p82)
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- ➔ Sweethaven (p82)

## Why Go?

Balmy sandy beaches, watersports, boat trips, birdwatching, horse riding, and walks along the dramatic coastline – Malta's northwest beckons as a prime location for laid-back holiday fun.

Buġibba and Qawra form Malta's largest resort area, with facilities galore, and the area now has the added attractions of the fabulous new Malta National Aquarium set on the beautifully landscaped Qawra promenade, with stunning views.

Beaches on the northwest coast range from the wonderfully accessible Mellieħa Bay, a long stretch of white sand speckled by sunbeds, kiosks and watersports, to the more remote Ghajn Tuffieħa Bay, less crowded because of its steeply stepped approach. You can go off the beaten track here too, in search of Selmun Bay, the wildest beach and a well-kept locals' secret, or roam to discover splendid views from the cliffs at Ras il-Qammieh, Malta's westernmost point.

## When to Go

- ➔ Malta's major beach zone gets busy over July and August. Schools are out, prices are higher, and the weather is at its hottest. If you're after a party scene, it's at its height during this time.
- ➔ If you're looking for sunshine and off-season bargains, travel in April, May, September and October (it'll only be hot enough to swim in May and September).

## Northwest Malta Highlights

1 Explore the dramatic underwater seascape while scuba-diving off the **Marfa Peninsula** (p82).

2 Exult in vast coastal views from the wild headland of **Ras il-Qammieh** (p82).

3 Make the long climb down to the near-empty **Ghajn Tuffieha Bay** (p78) on a quiet spring day.

4 Enjoy the setting on the Qawra promenade and the fabulous underwater inhabitants of the **Malta National Aquarium** (p85).

5 Take a speedboat trip across navy-blue waters, launching off from lovely **Golden Bay** (p78).

