This walk explores some of Valletta’s backstreets, and affords some great views.

**Start** City Gate  
**Distance** 2.25km  
**Duration** One hour

1. **The Renzo Piano–designed City Gate** is an inspiring new structure channelling the heritage of Valletta’s original 1633 city entrance.

2. **Renzo Piano’s 2015 Parliament Building** is simultaneously architecturally bold and in sync with centuries of history.

3. **The Auberge d’Italie (1574)** now houses MUŻA, Malta’s new National Community Art Museum.

4. **The National Museum of Archaeology** is housed in the Auberge de Provence; highlights include the ‘fat ladies’ statues from Ħaġar Qim.

5. **St John’s Co-Cathedral** is the most important church of the Knights of St John and is filled with glorious baroque excesses.

6. **History from the Great Siege through to the Cold War’s end is covered in the National War Museum in Fort St Elmo.**

7. **The Lower Barrakka Gardens** contain a little Doric temple commemorating Sir Alexander Ball, the naval captain who took Malta from the French in 1800.

**Take a Break...** High-end bistro Noni combines traditional Maltese and Mediterranean flavours.

**Classic Photo** Across the Grand Harbour towards Fort St Angelo.