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This guidebook gave us an excellent overview of the key highlights. The presentation is uncluttered and simple. I'm writing this review many years later, but as I recall the maps were excellent and my husband and I used this throughout our whole trip. We did also purchase other guides to take along but this one was by far our favorite. Indeed it's surface level so if you like detail in a guidebook compliment it with another. I would give it more stars if I could. Prior to going there I immersed myself a bit in the history and I greatly enjoyed The Great Siege by Ernle Bradford. My friend said that he found it a little too textbook-y, but I thought that it was gripping once you know the characters. Malta is full of history. It's relatively short and it brought some of the forts to life for me as I could see the action unfolding from the book. Be sure also to visit a small fishing village, with the colorful striped boats and fish fresh out of the water to your plate. We had a European hake in Marsaxloxx and it was one of the best dishes I've ever had the pleasure to enjoy. We went to Peter's Pool nearby and we had the whole place to ourselves and it was beautiful and incredibly romantic. Finally, if you dive the diving here on a good day is world class. Incredible 100 foot + vis. and huge banks of silvery fish swimming about the underwater caves.

With no DK Eyewitness guide to Malta, this AAA guide handles good general explanations, decent maps, and lots of very good photographs. This guide before the trip will give you a good view of Malta. The maps in the back are fine for walking a few main areas, and the traveler's help section includes how much to tip and how to convert Maltese clothes sizes to European or U.S. sizes. Once in country, this book teams up very well with the Rough Guide to Malta which is very detailed oriented but contains virtual no photographs. The AAA guide has first 30 pages about Malta and it's culture in a easy to read not to heavy section, lays out the various geographical regions, then finishes the book with 6 proposed walks/tours of different areas, followed by 10 pages of practicalities. This and the Rough Guide together are a good combination to take.

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