

# **Our Journey**

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### Sliema: Our Military History





## Ta' Sliema

The name Ta' Sliema means 'of peace' in Maltese, which is quite ironic because it is such an active city.

#### A little about Sliema

- It's found on the northeast coast of Malta
- A promenade known as the Sliema Front, which lines the coastline, is the ideal location for joggers and walkers and a popular gathering area for people during the summer.
- It was once a quiet fishing village, hence its name, but has now developed into a busy shopping village
- Residents of Sliema are stereotypically known for their usage of English as a first language, although this is changing in the 21st century due to demographic shifts.
  Maltese people from Sliema are referred to as Slimiżi.



Ta' Sliema has many awesome historic military places to visit.

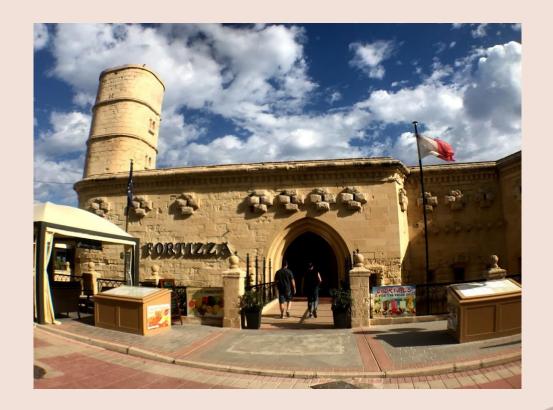
Here are just a few of these areas





The De Redin Towers are a series of small coastal watchtowers built in Malta by the Order of Saint John between 1658 and 1659. Thirteen towers were built around the coast of mainland Malta, eight of which still survive, one of which in Sliema.

# IL-**FORTIZZA**



Sliema Point Battery also known as Il-Fortizza, is an artillery battery in Sliema, Malta. It was built by the British between 1872 and 1876. The battery was later used as a searchlight position, and it is now a restaurant known as Il-Fortizza (The Fortress).

# TIGNÉ BATTERY



Tigné battery, AKA Garden Battery is an artillery battery in Sliema, Malta. It was built by the British between 1889 and 1894. The battery is located at Tigné Point. Tigné Point was originally several fortifications and a British barracks complex. The area was redeveloped in the early 21st century and now contains many modern buildings and shops.



St Joseph School Sliema first opened its doors on the 9th June 1881 by the congregation of the sisters of St Joseph which was founded sister St Emilie De Vialar. The school is over 140 years old and has gone through many students and teachers. Some of the most famous people who have attended the school are Lea Sammut, Christa Borg Parnis, Meagan Friggieri, Emma Manicaro, Clarice Bartolo, and most importantly, Ms Mary Rose Formosa.



