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GUIDE MICHELIN

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The Third Edition of the MICHELIN Guide Malta is Unveiled Today

- **The five existing one-MICHELIN Star restaurants all retain their distinction**
- **One restaurant is newly awarded a Bib Gourmand**
- **Four restaurants are added to the selection**

The MICHELIN Guide Malta 2022 is revealed today. It features 31 restaurants spread across the islands of Malta and Gozo.

The five restaurants which have retained their one-MICHELIN Star status are: **Under Grain**, Valletta; **Noni**, Valletta; **ION – The Harbour**, Valletta; **Bahia**, Balzan; and **De Mondion**, Mdina.

We are pleased to confirm that Bahia retains its MICHELIN Star, having moved from a spot in Lija to elegant new premises within the Corinthia Palace Hotel in Balzan. The talented kitchen offers three menus: 'Past' features sophisticated dishes inspired by eras of Maltese history; 'Future' explores new, sometimes daring combinations of flavors; while seasonal à la carte 'Present' focuses on local ingredients.

A new Bib Gourmand joins the selection, bringing the total number of 'Bibs' to four. **Grain Street** in Valletta is from the same stable as MICHELIN-Starred restaurant Under Grain and serves great value sharing platters. The three other restaurants that retained their Bib Gourmands are: **Terrone**, **Birgu**; **Rubino**, **Valletta**; and **Commando** in Mellieħa. These restaurants all represent the very definition of a Bib Gourmand: good quality, good value cooking.

Gwendal Poullennec, International Director of the MICHELIN Guides, said: "Thanks to the increasing optimism surrounding Covid-19, many people are starting to think about travel and holidays once again. The beautiful islands of Malta and Gozo should be on everyone's list. Five MICHELIN Stars, 4 Bib Gourmands and 22 recommended restaurants mean there is plenty of choice when it comes to eating out".



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Besides Grain Street, inspectors found three other restaurants worthy of a place in the MICHELIN Guide. **Marea** in Kalkara is a cool, contemporary restaurant with a tiered terrace overlooking the Grand Harbor, and its kitchen mixes Mediterranean food with Japanese influences. **AKI** in Valletta is a stylish basement restaurant with an Asian-influenced menu. As for **Rebekah's** in Mellieħa, it is located in a former farmstead and specializes in hearty Mediterranean flavors.

Poullennec went on saying: "All 31 restaurants recommended to our readers are varied and individual and reflect the very best that the islands offer. Some are traditional, others are contemporary – and thus they truly represent the two sides of Malta that make it such an appealing destination".

The full 2022 selection for Malta is available on the MICHELIN Guide website <https://guide.michelin.com/en/mt/restaurants> and on the App, available for free on iOS and Android:



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Bahia	Balzan	
De Mondion	Mdina	
ION - The Harbour	La Valette	
Noni	La Valette	
Under grain	La Valette	
Commando	Mellieħa	
Grain Street (NEW)	La Valette	
Rubino	La Valette	
Terrone	Birgu	
59 Republic	La Valette	SELECTED
Aaron 's Kitchen	La Valette	SELECTED
AKI (NEW)	La Valette	SELECTED
Briju	Gżira	SELECTED
Caviar & Bull	St Julian's	SELECTED
Chophouse	Sliema	SELECTED
Fernandõ Gastrotheque	Sliema	SELECTED
Guzé Bistro	La Valette	SELECTED
Hammett's Macina	Senglea	SELECTED
KuYa	St Julian's	SELECTED
Marea (NEW)	Kalkara	SELECTED
Rebekah's (NEW)	Mellieħa	SELECTED
Root 81	Rabat	SELECTED
Susurrus	St Julian's	SELECTED
Ta' Frenc	Xagħra	SELECTED
Tartarun	Marsaxlokk	SELECTED
The Fork and Cork	Rabat	SELECTED
The Golden Fork	Attard	SELECTED
The Harbour Club	La Valette	SELECTED
The Medina	Mdina	SELECTED
Tmun	Mgarr	SELECTED
Zest	St Julian's	SELECTED



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