

ACCESS STATEMENT: ST THOMAS TOWER

Introduction:

This impressive fort isn't just any old tower — it's actually the largest watchtower on the island, built back in 1614 as part of the Wignacourt towers to protect Malta's coastline from enemy landings. Perched on the il-Ħamrija headland, the tower had a clear mission: to guard Marsaskala Creek and St. Thomas Bay from invading troops. In the 18th century, it was even strengthened with an artillery battery — making it one of the most formidable coastal defenses of its time. Step inside and you'll uncover tales of daring pirates, brave Maltese defenders, and epic naval battles that once raged along our shores. With real artifacts, interactive exhibits, and captivating stories, it's a fun and educational experience for visitors of all ages. Whether you're a history lover, a family looking for adventure, or just curious to explore something unique, St. Thomas Tower is a must-visit spot in Malta's south.

Pre-arrival:

Prices:

- Adult: €7
- Pensioner: €6
- Children u/16yrs: €3

A Heritage Pass for all eight FWA attractions (valid for one week) can be purchased for €50 Adult, €95 Family (2 Adults plus 3 children under 15).

Current Prices can be checked from the following sources:

Via the website: <https://wirtartna.digitickets.co.uk/tickets?branches.branchID=3874>

The premises do not provide any wheelchairs or mobility scooters to rent, and visitors are requested to make their own arrangements in respect to these facilities.

Guide and assistance dogs will be allowed to accompany their owner, and water can be provided on request. Otherwise, no pets are allowed inside the facility.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the War Rooms. Smoking is permitted in the ditch outside the War Rooms.

Visitors should be aware that areas of the War Rooms, including the reception and museum shop, are monitored by CCTV.

Transport:

By car: St Thomas Tower may be found on any GPS navigator. The Tower is located across the street from the now-dilapidated Jerma Palace Hotel. There are plenty of public parking spaces available around the Tower and in the surrounding streets.

By bus: St Thomas Tower is served by buses no. 91, 92 and 93 departing from the Bus Terminus in Valletta.

Taxi Service: Any taxi service available.

Wheelchair access:

All the site is wheelchair accessible. The entrance is wheelchair accessible, and so are all the floors of the tower by means of a lift.

Ticket Desk:

The ticket desk is located in the museum reception area from where all entrance tickets can be purchased by card. There is a concession for visitors over 60 years upon presentation of valid identification.

Toilets:

There are two toilets. One is at level -1 and the other is at level 3. The toilet at level 3 is wheelchair accessible.

Catering:

No catering is available. We have a small gift shop in the reception area.

Opening hours:

Mon-Sun 10:00-16:30.

Closed: Sundays, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.