



The Knights Hospitallers

FULL DESCRIPTION OF TRAINING CONTENTS

IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE TRAINING: (EN)

Preparation The Order of the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem was one of the first Crusading orders. The Knights fought the armies of Islam and the Ottoman Turks on land and sea as they campaigned across the Holy Land and into the Mediterranean. In 1530, they had made the Island of Malta their headquarters until Napoleon's landing in 1798.

Participants in this course are requested to have a basic knowledge and use of the English language.

They will be asked to complete an online pre-course questionnaire which will give our tutors useful information about their background and about the motivations that have led them to choose this course. This will be followed by our course acceptance and enrolment letters.

They should also prepare for this course by doing some reading or internet research on the history of the Religious Military Orders, and the vital role they had in shaping their country's destiny so as to add their own knowledge and thoughts to the course discussions

Prior to arrival, applicants will receive by email some general information on Malta as well as a list of suggested reading material and research sites together with a detailed programme and contents of our course.

Participants will also be able to log onto the programme's internet site to access information on Malta's historical background with special reference to the Knights Hospitallers.

Objectives This series of lectures strive to illustrate the rise, grandeur and decline of this prestigious Order through their legacy spread all over the Island. A reminder of this can be read on the tomb of Portuguese Grand Master Manoel de Vilhena: "Remember, traveller, that wherever you go in this island, you will discover monuments of his piety, his munificence, his constancy and his charity".

The course aims at motivating teacher of making good use of both published and visual aids to make their teaching more interesting and effective as well as improve their command of spoken English.

Participants are encouraged to exchange knowledge and share personal experiences with the other participants and lecturers as well and to promote field works as an important cultural element dealing with them as a dynamic source of learning.

It aims to emphasize the importance of our cultural and historical roots in relation to our neighbouring countries and to trace the history of the Hospitallers from the 11th. millennium up to the present day. The course should be beneficial to all historians, students and to all those interested in deepening their knowledge on the subject.

Methodology The course is spread over five working days (40 hrs.) and will consist of a series of lectures with site-visits to complement the topics of the day. Highly qualified lecturers ensure a simple approach of the highest levels of learning.

The course will be taught interactively and participants are expected to take an active role in all sessions experiencing for themselves the activities covered in the sessions.

The groups of participants are purposely small in number. This promotes a more dynamic, direct and flexible learning process. Most learning will take place in direct contact with the different public during the number of field works outside the classroom. While in the classroom, presentations in power points, an academic dossier, audiovisual material will be used.

Site visits and field trips are an integral part of the course. Some of the topics to be covered include an introduction to the military religious orders, medicinal practices during the Knights rule as well as the activities carried out by the Order today. Sessions will be practical and should help teachers reflect on their approach to teaching today's students.

There will be ample time for discussion on the topics both in the lecture room and on site. At the end of the day handouts / notes will be given to all participants on what has been covered.

At the end of the course there will be a full discussion and an evaluation session so that participants can report their opinion on the quality of the training. This will be followed by the presentation of Certificates to the participants.

Follow-up The organizers will keep close contact with all the participants either via email or communication in order to be able to answer queries about particular issues related raised in the course. We will also be available to help course participants in drawing up further courses/modules about the Military Religious Orders. In addition participants will be given email contact details of all trainers for future support and guidance.

Participants will be able to access a website dedicated to the project and download the material from the course. They will also be able to view and download photos of the activity as well as have complete access to all participants' contributions. This will help grow and strengthen the relationship between participants and teachers and allow for information exchange and learning even after the course has ended.

All documents and material produced in the course will be made available on line through the association website besides teachers

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will be introduced to various web-based sites which they could use after the course.

Participants will also be receiving our e-newsletters to keep them adjourned on information on future courses, evaluation of new material and to exchange comments on experiences and opinions through Skype or Facebook.

PROGRAMME OF THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES (DAY BY DAY)

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Day 1:

Arrival of Participants.

19.00: Introductory Meeting, Registration of Participants, Welcome Drink.

20.00: Dinner at Hotel.

Day 2:

07.30: Breakfast.

09.00: Lecture 1: Introduction to the Military Religious Orders.

10.30: Coffee break.

11.00: Lecture 2: The Order in the Holy Land and Rhodes.

12.30: Lunch in typical Maltese restaurant.

14.30: Field Work: Birgu - Citta Vittoriosa.

16.30: Discussion.

17.00: Return to Course Venue.

19.00: Dinner at Hotel.

Day 3:

07.30: Breakfast.

09.00: Lecture 3: Solyman the Magnificent invasion of Malta.

10.30: Coffee break.

11.00: Lecture 4: The Great Siege.

12.30: Lunch in typical Maltese restaurant.

14.30: Field Work: Valletta – Citta Umilissima.

16.30: Discussion.

17.00: Return to Course Venue.

19.00: Dinner at Hotel.

Day 4:

07.30: Breakfast.

09.00: Lecture 5: Medicinal Practices during the Knights rule.

10.30: Coffee break.

11.00: Lecture 6: The Knights School of Anatomy and Surgery.

12.30: Lunch in typical Maltese restaurant.

15.00: Field Work: The Hospital of the Order.

16.30: Discussion.

17.00: Return to Course Venue.

18.00: Dinner at Hotel.

Day 5:

07.30: Breakfast.

09.00: Lecture 7: Mdina's Role during the Great Siege.

10.30: Coffee Break.

11.00: Lecture 8: The Legacy of the Knights of St. John.

12.30: Lunch in typical Maltese restaurant.

14.30: Field Work: Mdina, Verdala Castle and Buskett.

16.30: Discussion.

17.00: Return to Course Venue.

19.00: Dinner at Hotel.

Day 6:

07.00: Breakfast.

09.15: Ferry to Gozo.

10.00: Lecture 9: The Order Today in International Law.

12.30: Lunch in typical Maltese restaurant.

14.00: Field Work: The Citadel, St. George's Golden Basilica.

17.00: Ferry return to course venue.

19.00: Evaluation Session.

20.00: Farewell Dinner followed by Presentation of Certificates.

Day 7:

07.00 – 10.30: Breakfast

Departure of participants.

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