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## Barceló Fortina Malta – a new design-led hotel on the waterfront of Sliema



[Barceló Fortina Malta](#) recently opened its doors after a complete renovation which saw the building transformed into a modern, design-oriented 5-star hotel, home to 183 rooms. This new opening marks the first on the island for Barceló Hotel Group, at an exciting time as Malta was named a must-visit destination for 2024\*. The island will also host its first Biennale, bringing people together to celebrate Maltese culture, art, music, and heritage, which is reflected throughout the experience at Barceló Fortina Malta.

Sitting on the waterfront, the hotel boasts unrivalled views of Valletta over the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. Sophisticated and sleek, Barceló Fortina exudes a buzzy and fun atmosphere and is a glamorous spot from which to explore the historic and culturally vibrant island of Malta.

Rooms are modern and understated with floor-to-ceiling windows allowing light to flood in and the island's beauty to sing. The colour palette takes inspiration from the hotel's surroundings with neutral tones, nodding to the ancient architecture of Valletta and soft blues, in homage to its location on the water. Bathrooms comprise large-double showers and baths against a backdrop of golden stone, to echo the traditional Maltese style. All rooms are complete with balconies for guests to sit back and take in the view whilst the top suites have their own private plunge pool.

Elevated above the ocean is Barceló Fortina's lido, a pool-scene set in an unparalleled position over the bay. Home to one of the island's trendiest restaurant and a bar, guests need not leave. From day to night, DJs take to the floor to enliven the atmosphere, giving residents and visitors alike the sense of being at an exclusive poolside club.

Barceló Fortina Malta Restaurant opens all day and combines the best of local and international cuisine to please the palates of every guest. Snacks are served poolside, and the bar menu comprises a selection of punchy cocktails, ideal for sundowners.

Completing the offering is the hotel's wellness facilities. Active enthusiasts can be kept busy at the gym with state-of-the-art equipment, a sprint track, TRX, a studio for classes and a heated indoor pool. The spa offers an extensive menu relaxing treatments delivered by expert therapists. To continue the relaxation, the spa is home to a sauna, steam room and hydro-pools.

If guests manage to tear themselves away from the hotel, Barceló Fortina Malta is a stone's throw from the island's shopping district, where Maltese boutiques and big stores line the streets and local bars and nightclubs sit side-by-side. Boat rides between Sliema and Valletta depart from the harbour on the hotel's doorstep for those who wish to explore the walled city at its Baroque architecture.

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