HBAA Agency
Engagement Retreat
13th June – 15th June
The Residing Hotel
Urban Valley Resort

Upon your arrival you will receive a warm welcome from the Urban Valley Resort & Spa, a Four-Star Superior Resort in Kappara. This resort is a designer finished estate with tennis courts, swimming pools, two restaurants and 121 rooms and suites overlooking the natural reserve of Ghollieqa Valley.

This reserve is home to prickly pears, carob trees and features the traditional hajt tas-sejjieh (rubble wall). The main focus of this hotel is sustainability and it is encouraged for you to walk through the land with smells of fresh camomile and artichokes being grown and nurtured by Executive chef, Matthew Azzopardi.
Day 1 – Thursday 13th June 2019

Morning Departures from the UK

Afternoon arrivals into Luqa Airport, Malta
Meet and Greet by Alpine Sterling and transfers to Urban Valley Resort
Check in and time to relax

14:00 Departures from the hotel to the Three Cities for Rolling Geeks
This tour is a repeat of the tour later on in this program. This is aimed at those of you who are departing on EZY8824 and EZY1998 early on the 15th of June.

Enjoy the three cities through the Rolling Geeks. The Rolling Geeks are little electric powered cars, very easy to drive, complete with pre-programmed GPS showing you where to go and what to look at when you’re there.

Explore the incredible views from Gardjola Gardens with so many awe-inspiring churches, traditional piazzas, and architectural riches to see or start off by enviously scopeing out the yachts in the beautiful, Grand Harbour Marina. Then enjoy the trendy waterfront lined with cafés and restaurants, before touring to the secluded sandy beach of Rinella Bay.

The Rolling Geeks will drive you past all of the following museums so feel free to step out and allow yourself to be transported back in time whether it’s at the Maritime Museum, the Inquisitor’s Palace, Malta at War Museum, all three located in Birgu (Vittoriosa) or Fort Rinella in Kalkara.

Dress Code: Please wear comfortable shoes and protect yourself from the sun – a hat and sunblock are advisable.

16:15 Return to the Hotel
19:00 Bus departures

*Dress Code: Smart Casual. This evening will include a little bit of walking & dinner will be served al fresco.*

19:30 Arrival in Mdina, the medieval former capital city of Malta

Brief walking tour with our guide and dinner in a venue within the city.

22:30 Departures back to The Urban Valley Hotel
Day 2 – Friday 14th June 2019

Dress Code: Casual
09:15 Agency Engagement Meeting - Arrival and Refreshments at the Merill Suite.
09:30 Welcome by Conventions Malta
   Round Table Discussion “Challenges of Booking International Events”
11:00 Refreshment Break
11:15 Round table Discussion continues
12:30 Open Mic Session
13:00 Lunch

14:15 Departures from the hotel to Valletta, Malta’s Capital City.
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Enjoy a tour of the Capital City of Valetta with a tour guide with time to visit the St John’s Cathedral, the Upper Barrakka Gardens and enjoy a Boat tour to enjoy the City by sea.

In the course of the afternoon, we will also have the opportunity to visit the Mediterranean Conference Center (MCC) - a 16th Century building originally built as the hospital for the Knights of St John.

This venue has long been one of Valletta’s most remarkable landmarks located towards the tip of Valletta with magnificent views across the Grand Harbour. The Centre boasts of impressive spaces, such as the main auditorium, Republic Hall, seating 1,400 in theatre style, the elegant and unique La Valette Hall that offers an imposing banqueting venue for up to 900, as well as a host of individually-styled smaller halls suited for receptions and more modest-scale conferences and seminars.

18:00 Departure from Valletta
18:30 Arrival at the Urban Valley Resort to change for dinner.
19:45  Transfer to the Westin Dragonara Resort
20:00  Reception and dinner at Quadro

*Dress Code: Smart Casual*

After a day exploring the Capital City, indulge in fresh fish, seafood and succulent meat at one of the top fine dining restaurants in Malta, located at the 5-star Westin Dragonara Hotel.

Quadro Restaurant is the ideal elegant and sophisticated dining venue for special occasions and business dinners

22:30  Return back to Urban Valley Resort
Day 3 – Saturday 15th June 2019

09:00 Check out of Hotel

*For those of you departing on KM102 & FR3883, please bring your luggage along.*

*Dress Code:* Please wear comfortable shoes and protect yourself from the sun – a hat and sunblock are advisable.

09:30 Departures from the hotel to the Three Cities for Rolling Geeks. Program as mentioned earlier.

12:30 ‘Taste History’ Lunch served at the Inquisitor’s Palace

14:30 Transfers organised to the airport for those departing, and to the Urban Valley Resort for those staying.

Afternoon departures back to the UK