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WATERCOLOUR OF MARSAXLOKK FISHING HARBOUR IN MALTA BY ARTIST G.L.GALIA

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Description

Marsaxlokk is a traditional fishing village located in the south-eastern part of Malta, with a population of 3,277 people. The village's name comes from marsa, which means "port" and xlokk, which is the local name for south east. The word is related to the name for the dry sirocco wind that blows from the Sahara, comparable to the equivalent Catalan word, "xaloc". It was in the "bay of the sirocco" (Xlokk) that the first Phoenicians landed and set up trading posts on Malta, during the ninth century BC. During the Great Siege of Malta, Marsaxlokk harbor was also used as an anchorage by the Turkish fleet. Overlooking the northern arm of Marsaxlokk Bay is the hill of Tas-Silg, which contains remains of megalithic temples of the Tarxien phase, with later alterations resembling the Hagar Qim model. Bronze Age material has also been found scattered around the area. From the end of the 6th century BC to the 1st century AD, the hill was used as a religious site, notably as a temple dedicated to Astarte/Hera. Marsaxlokk was part of Zejtun Citta Beland in the past years. The Tas-Silg site was used again for religious purposes sometime in the 4th century AD, when it was ada...

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