This beautiful garden was the main Protestant cemetery in Malta for approximately half a century during early British Rule, until 1856. The burials are mostly of British servicemen, officials and businessmen and their families, some of whose descendants still live in Malta today, as well as some Maltese.

The most famous Maltese buried here was Mikiel Anton Vassalli, known as the father of the Maltese language, who died on 12 January 1829. The monuments which have survived are predominantly in the neoclassical style, and Din l-Art Ħelwa was awarded the Silver Medal by Europa Nostra in 2002 for its restoration. It is located on St Philip’s Bastion in Floriana, further down from the Grand Hotel Excelsior.
The large open grassy spaces of this garden lend themselves well to outdoor events. Film festivals, poetry readings, artisan markets and receptions have proved very successful, due to the elegant and unique setting, coupled with breathtaking views of Pieta’ and Marsamxett Creeks.

Capacity & Facilities

Reception out in garden - up to 250 standing

Kitchen Space: Yes

Toilet: 1

Parking: Yes (Sat/Sun and daily by arrangement)