



L-Aħrax Tower

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This was the sixth of the 13 coastal watch towers built by Grand Master de Redin in 1658. A blockhouse and an artillery battery were later added to it, and its defensive role continued until 1918, when it passed on to the British Naval Authorities for use as a Naval Hydrophone Station. A floor was constructed above the blockhouse, and further rooms added to the roof. At the start of the Second World War, it reverted back to the Military Authorities, and a room was built at the entrance to the ditch of the battery.

Din l-Art Helwa has restored the tower and set up a permanent interactive display focusing on marine life, flora and fauna of the surrounding environment, which is interesting to both adults and children alike. A documentary about the history of the tower and the sea, is screened in a separate room, so as to provide a varied experience.

About the Venue

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The Ditch Room is set up with tables and seating for up to 18 persons, with overhead projector and drop-down screen facilities. This may be used as a meeting or activity room, complete with airconditioning. The two British period rooms in the upper floors of the tower provide bunk beds and sanitary facilities for up to 16 persons.

A viewing terrace facing the Gozo-Comino Channel is an ideal place to host astronomy nights, as it faces a dark sky area. The large platform surrounding the Tower is perfect for outdoor events.



Capacity & Facilities

250 people seated outdoors

500 standing

Kitchen Space: Yes

Toilet: 1

Parking: Yes

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