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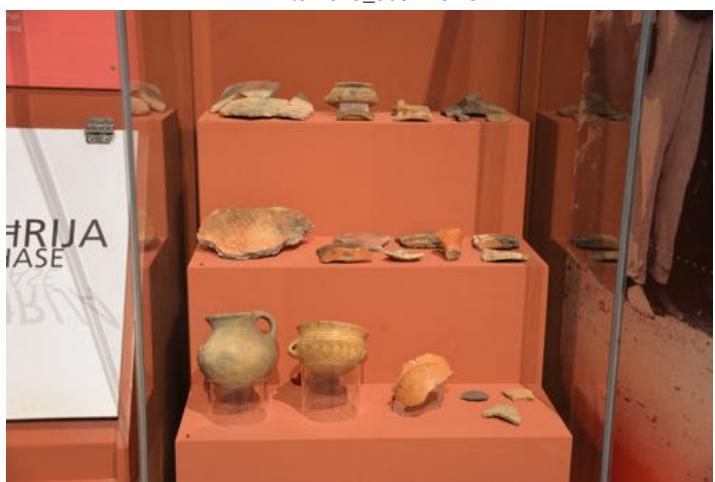
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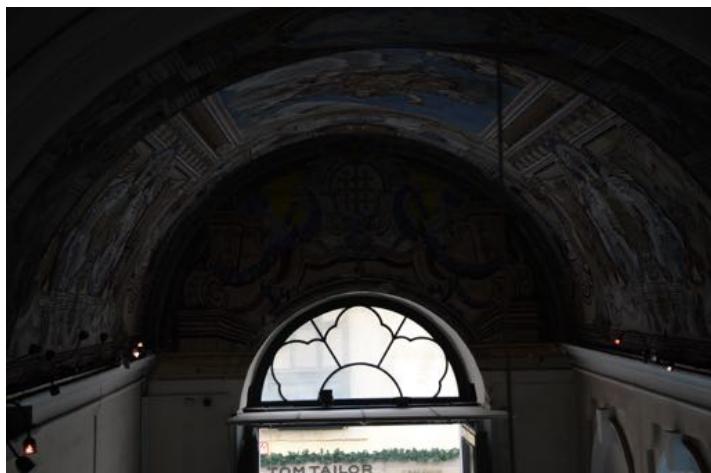
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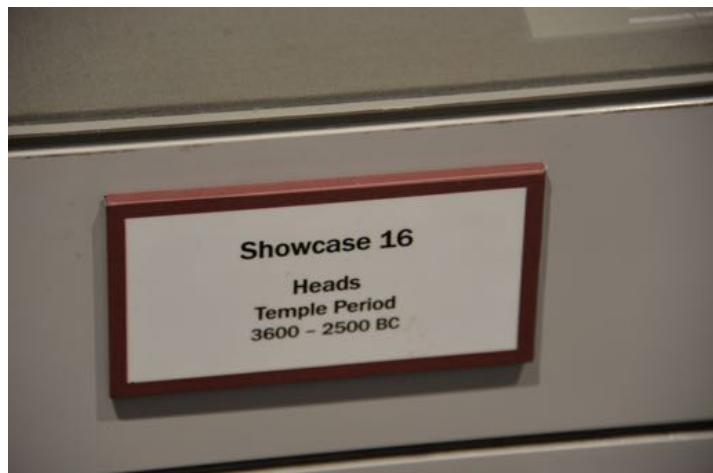
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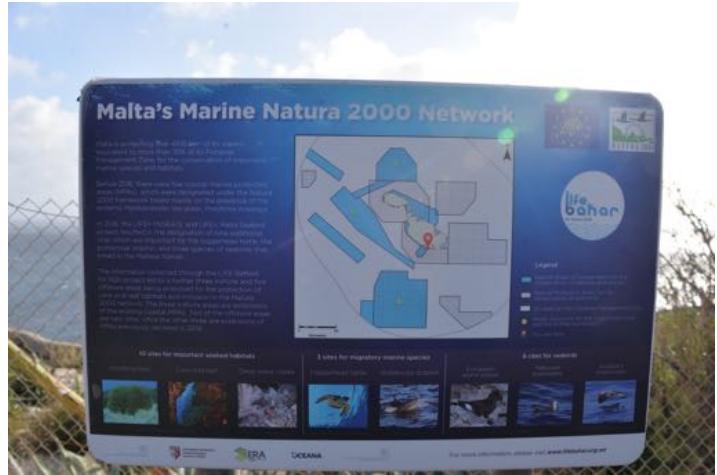
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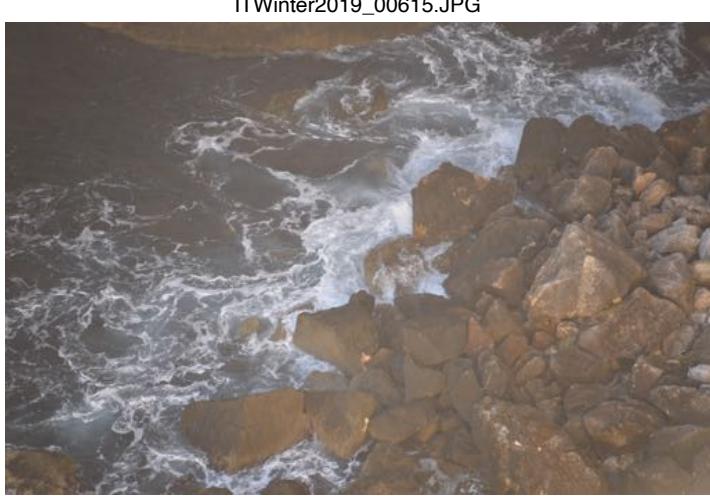
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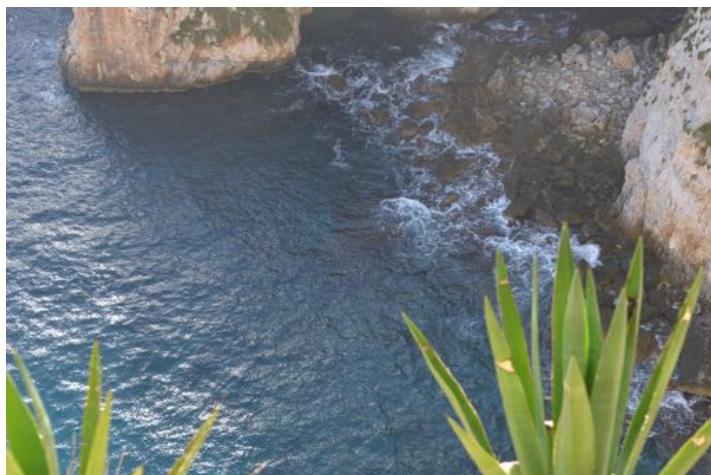
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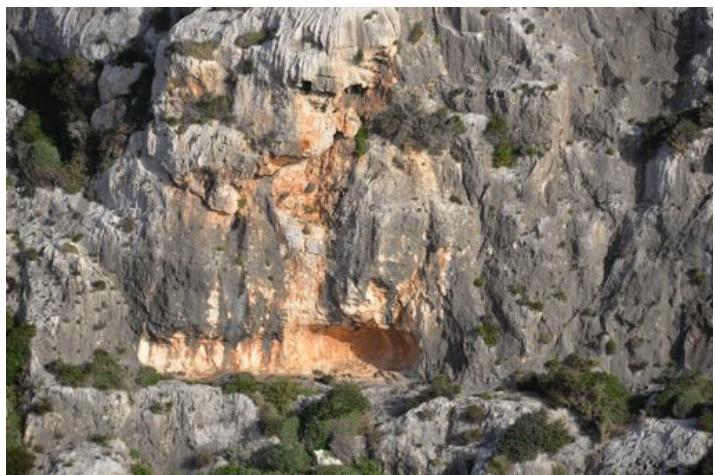
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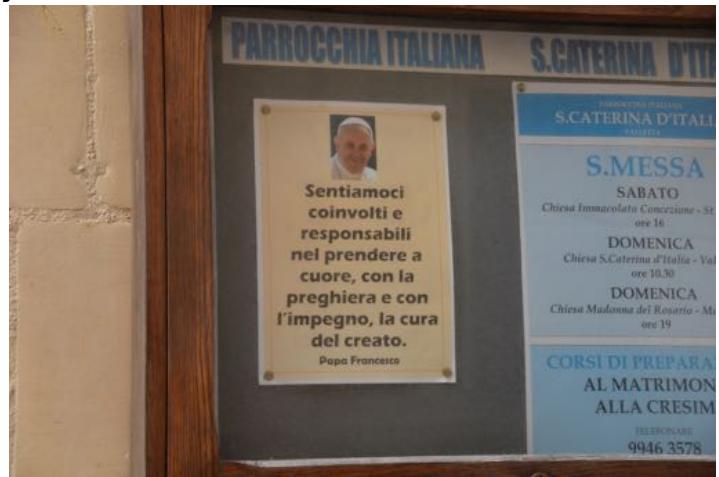
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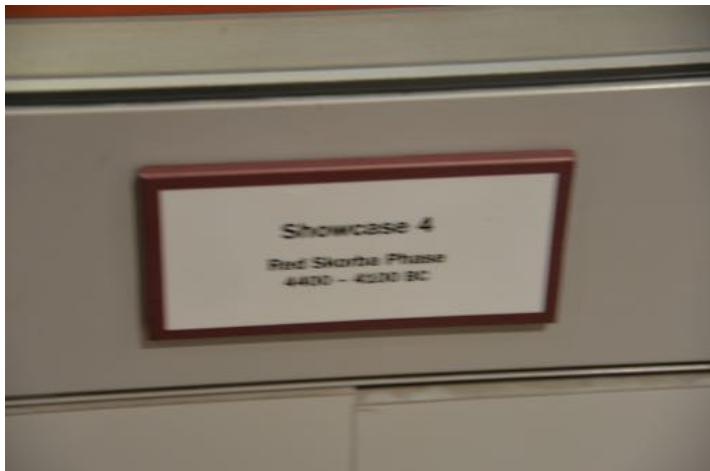
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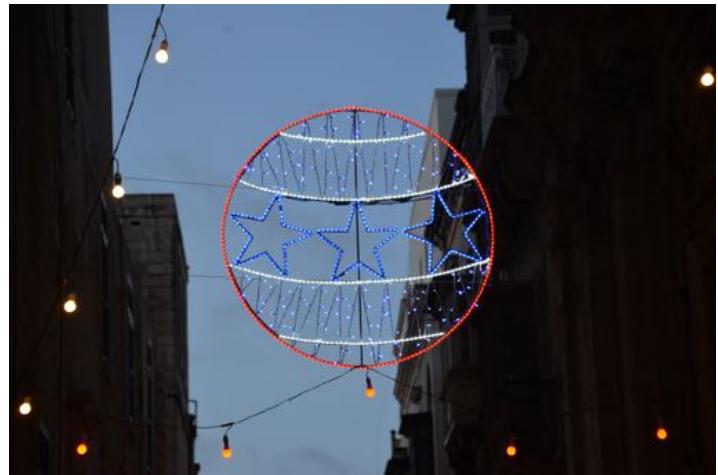
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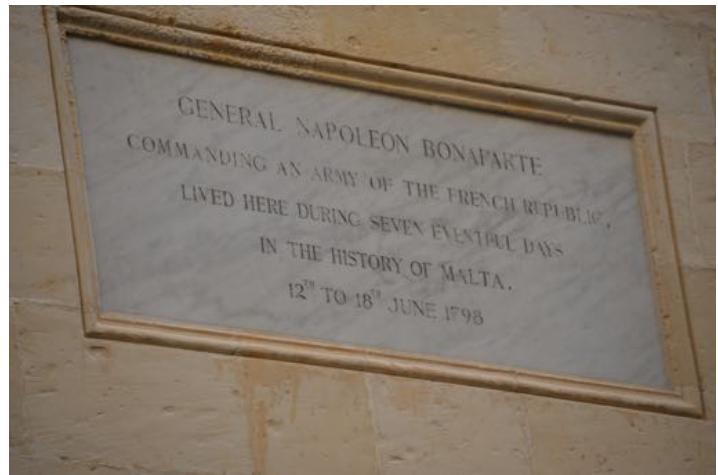
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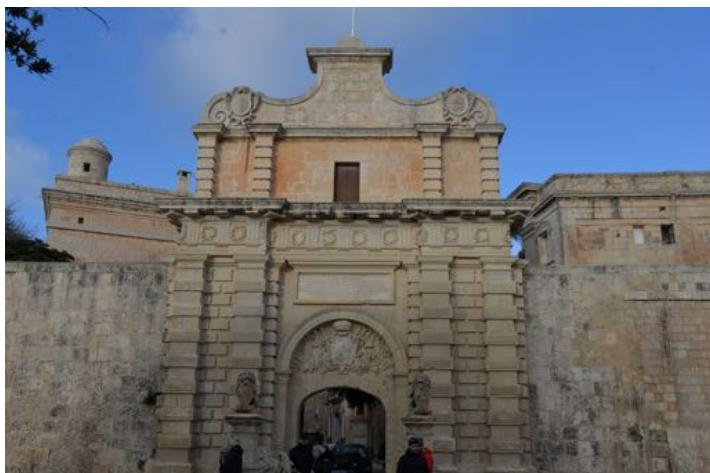
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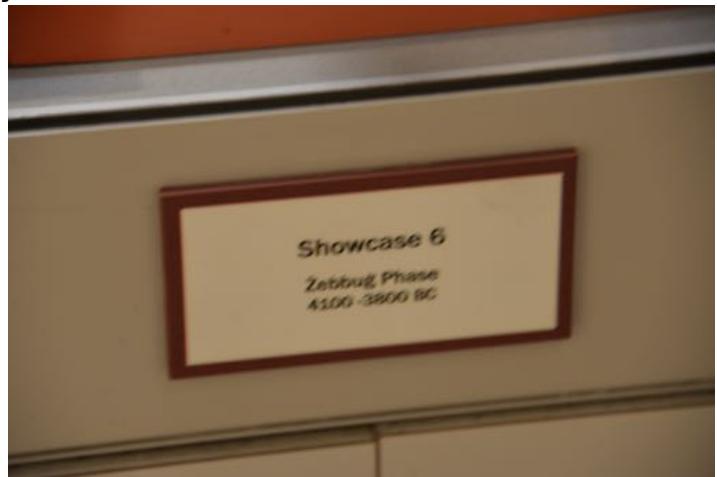
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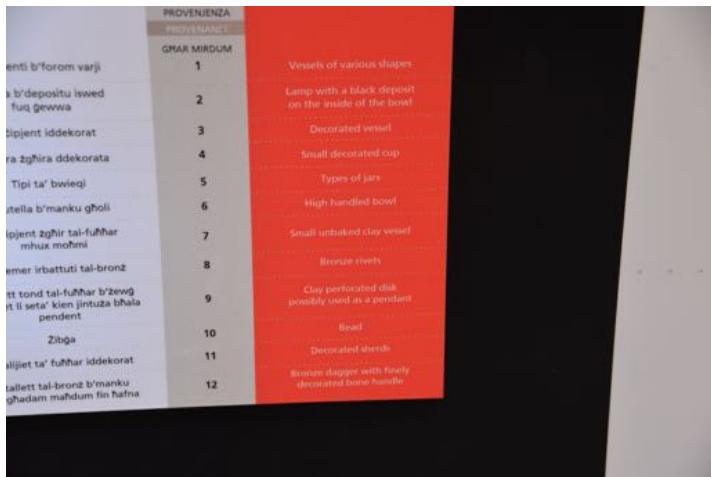
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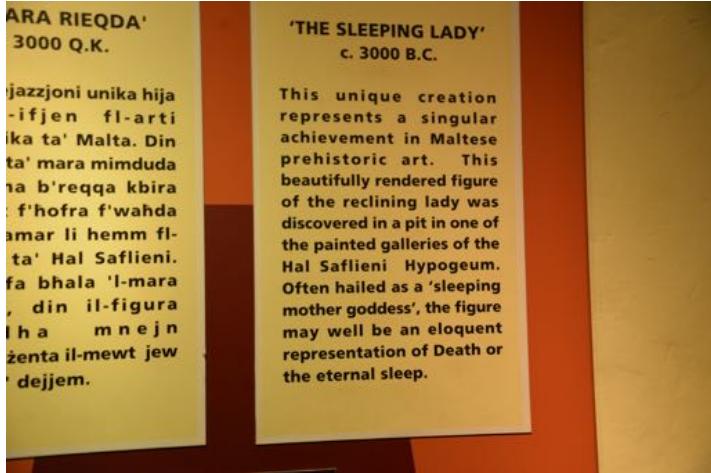
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1	Large lid
2	Decorated handle-sherds
3	High handled reconstructed vessels
4	Decorated sherds
5	Highly decorated bowl. The decoration is very characteristic of the Bahrja phase
6	Small vessel with meander decoration
7	Highly decorated sherds of the Bahrja phase
8	Figurine heads
9	Decorated sherds

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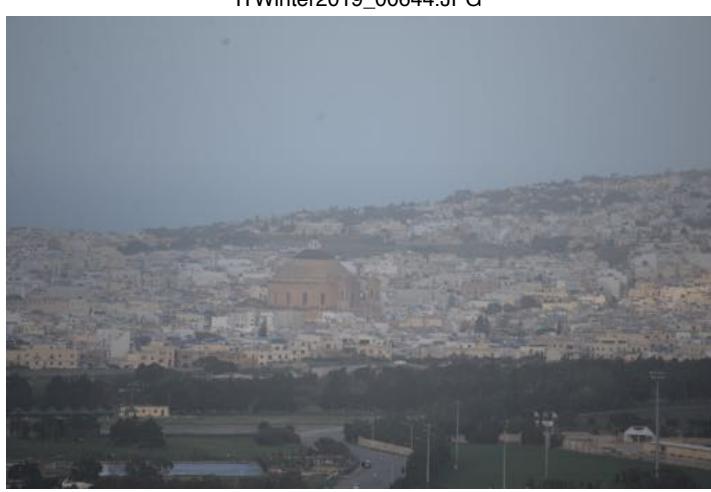
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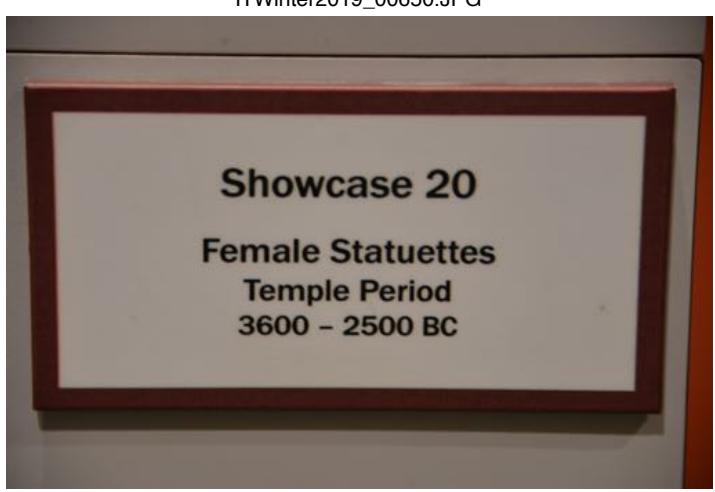
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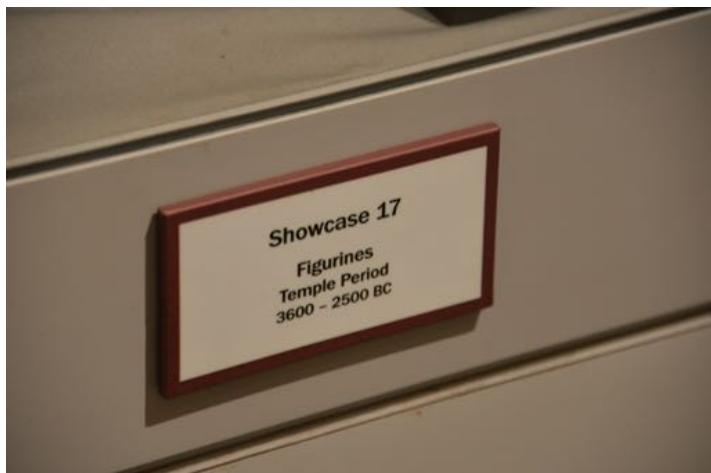
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Who were the Phoenicians?

The Phoenicians are probably the most mysterious protagonists of ancient Mediterranean history. Able sailors and keen merchants, they embarked after the end of the 10th century BC on a search for metals and markets far and wide. They were motivated by political and economic developments in the Near East, in particular Egypt, Israel and Assyria. Their homeland was a narrow coastal strip, stretching from modern-day Syria to northern Israel and including Lebanon. Their cities were built on headlands and small offshore islands overshadowed by the Lebanon mountains; Arwad, Byblos, Sidon and Tyre are the most famous.

The ancient Greeks gave the merchant venturers their name – Phoenicians. However, the Phoenicians seem to have called themselves Canaanites or used the name of the city they came from. Arwadites, Byblians, Sidonians and Tyrians all spoke a common semitic language, Phoenician, which enjoyed widespread diffusion in the ancient world.

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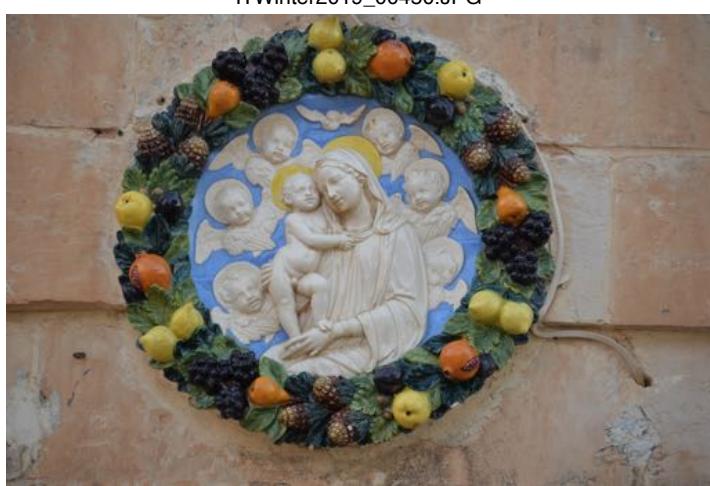
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