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Property Name	St James Cavalier - Birgu
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Address Triq Torri ta' San Gwann, Birgu

Local Council Birgu **Town Name** Birgu **Toponym**

Property Owner Government **Managing Body**

Guardianship Deed

Period Modern (18th Century)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)

Historical **Cultural Heritage Cultural Heritage** Architectural Type & Value

Property Value Outstanding

Assessment

Fortification **Property Function** Conservation Area UCA (Birgu)

Outline Description Cavalier

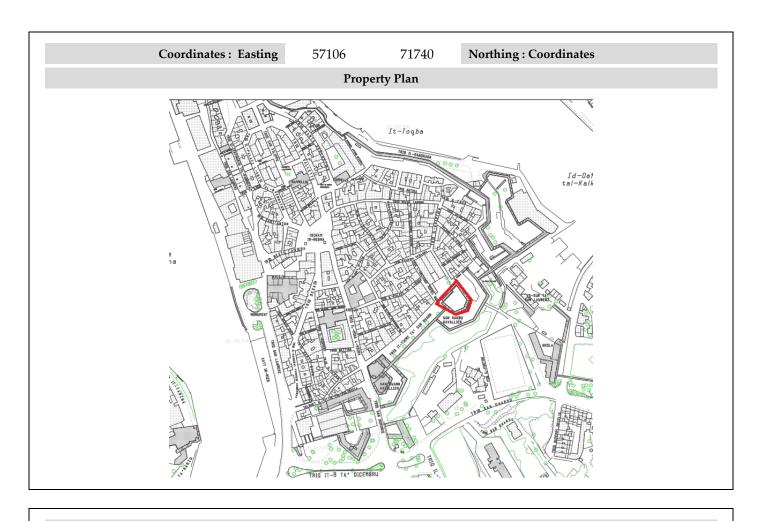
Property Description

St James Cavalier is a small pentagonal platform raised on two barrel vaulted casemates. It was designed to mount a battery of guns on its roof. The artillery platform is accessed by an open ramp/flight of steps placed along the gorge of the cavalier. The parapet contains twelve embrasures, four on each flank, and two on each face. The cavalier contains a doorway in its left flank which leads down via a tunnel to the sally-port in the right flank of St James Bastion. The date of construction of St James Cavalier is unknown, but the structure only begins to appear in the course of the eighteenth century.

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Recommended **Bibliography**



Property Images





