

NICPMI Inv. No. 1524

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Property Name	Main Gate - Birgu		
Address	St John Bastion, Birgu		
Town Name	Birgu	Toponym	Local Council Birgu
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	
Guardianship Deed			

Period	Modern (18th Century)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (18th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	UCA (Birgu)

Outline Description	Main gateway
Property Description	Also known as the Porta Superiore. This is a Baroque portal forming the third and last of three gateways leading into the fortress of Birgu, built in the early decades of the eighteenth century as part of the overall rehauling of Birgu's fortifications. The gate is set in the right inner flank of the bastion and originally had a large drop-ditch cut out in front of it (now filled in). This gate was fitted with a 'a la Vauban' wooden drawbridge, the inner half of which retracted (when in the lifted position) into a basement (cantina) just inside the passage way (now covered over). A marble inscription is affixed to the facade and a corpo di guardia is built into the passageway.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	133	G.N. Date	2001
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta,2001), 244-51
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Coordinates : Easting

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Property Plan



Property Images

