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Property Name Advanced Gate - Birgu

Address St John Bastion, 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 Gateway

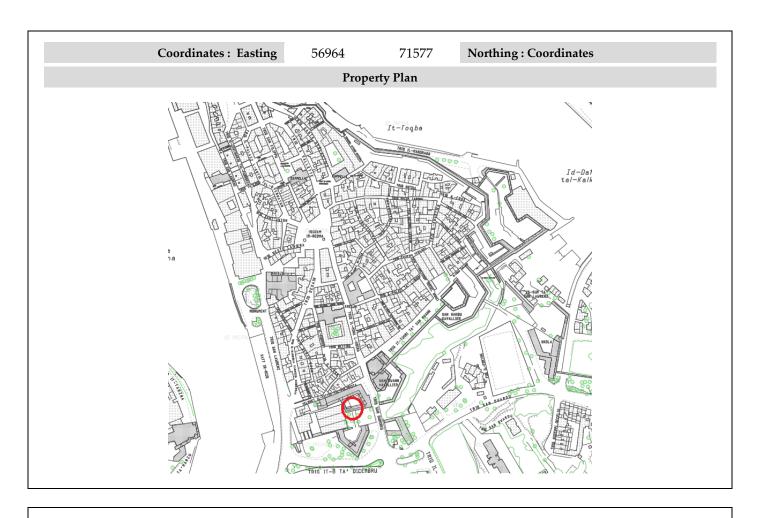
Property Description

A Baroque portal forming the second 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 extended right face of St John Bastion and is approached by an arched bridge and was designed to be 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).

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Recommended **Bibliography**



Property Images

