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Property Name	French Curtain - 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 (16th to 18th Century AD)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (16th Century)

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

Architectural **Property Value** Outstanding Assessment

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

Outline Description Curtain wall

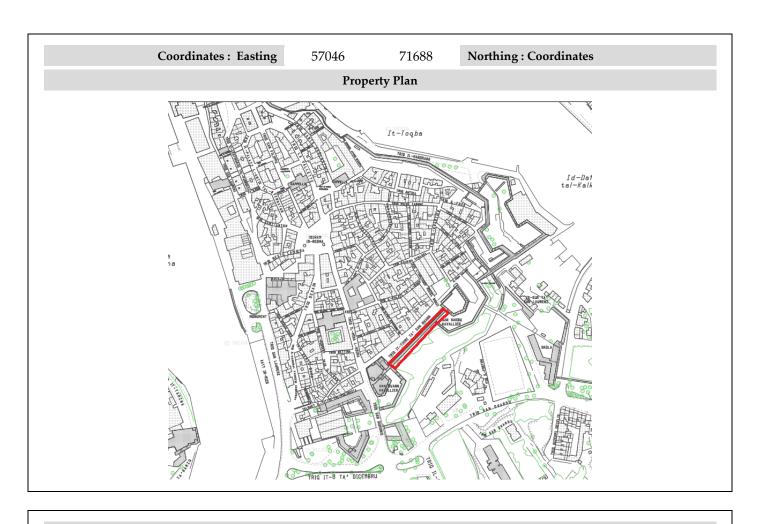
Property Description

French curtain is a long straight curtain which links St John Bastion with St James Bastion. The curtain was original served by a raised platform for all its length but this was demolished. The parapet of the curtain contains a number of embrasures, a few of which were filled in and blocked up by the British military. A small sally-port provided access through the curtain to the platform of St James Bastion. A central potion of the cavalier was demolished during WWII and was replaced by a buttressed modern section.

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Recommended **Bibliography**



Property Images







