



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Faussebraye – Floriana Lines		
Address	Gnien Milorda to Portes des Bombes, Floriana		
Town Name	Floriana	Toponym	Local Council Floriana
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Various
Guardianship Deed			

Period	Modern (17th to 18th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	UCA (Floriana)

Outline Description	Faussebraye
Property Description	<p>The fausse-braye (technically a 'braye' or 'braga' as it is detached from the ramparts to its rear) is a continuous tenaille trace type of wall that spans all along the width of the land front of Floriana. It was added by Maurizio Valperga in 1670. The work consists of a continuous wall designed to serve as a shield for the base of the main ramparts. Two bastions anchor the faussebraye at its extremities. The structure is largely rockwork towards the Grand harbour side of the enceinte. In the 1720s a gateway was (Porta dei cannoni) was built into the faussebraye to serve as the main entrance into Floriana/ Valletta. Various sally-ports were also cut into the faussebraye to enable communication with the covertway and outer works. The section of faussebraye which enclosed the salient and foot of San Salvatore Bastion (overlooking Pietà) was called the Basso forte della Concepcion. The faussebraye has survived largely intact except for a section at Porte des Bombes which was demolished to make way for the passage of modern vehicular roads.</p>

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), 281-89
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

