



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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| <b>Property Name</b>     | St Louis Gate – Cottonera Lines |                      |         |
| <b>Address</b>           | Triq San Dwardu                 |                      |         |
| <b>Town Name</b>         | Birgu                           | <b>Toponym</b>       | -       |
| <b>Property Owner</b>    | Government                      | <b>Managing Body</b> | Private |
| <b>Guardianship Deed</b> | -                               |                      |         |
| <b>Local Council</b>     | Birgu                           |                      |         |

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| <b>Period</b>                             | Modern (17th to 18th Century AD)                |  |              |
| <b>Phase</b>                              | Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century) |  |              |
| <b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b> | Historical<br>Architectural                     | <b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b> | Outstanding  |
| <b>Property Function</b>                  | Fortification                                   | <b>Conservation Area</b>                           | UCA (Bormla) |

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| <b>Outline Description</b>  | Main gateway   |
| <b>Property Description</b> | <p>This is one of the eight main gateways of the Cottonera enceinte. built around the last quarter of the seventeenth century, the design of which has been generally attributed to the resident military engineer Mederico Blondel It has a Baroque style portal with chamfered and rusticated pilasters, unsculptured block for large escutcheons and cornice mouldings with missing finials. The entrance way is blocked up with a wall that has two window openings and a mucketry loophole probably erected during the French period (1798-1800), The gate has a large sally-port at ditch level. Internally, the gateway has two guardrooms forming a corpo di guardia and the whole gatehouse is enclosed by a boundary wall. Parts of the structure is in ruins.</p> |

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| <b>Scheduled by MEPA</b> | Yes | <b>Degree of Protection</b> | Grade 1 | <b>G.N. No.</b> | 133 | <b>G.N. Date</b> | 2001 |
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| <b>Recommended Bibliography</b> | <p>S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta,2001), 295-300</p> <p>Q. Hughes &amp; K. Thake, Malta, The Baroque Island (Malta, 2003), 144</p> |
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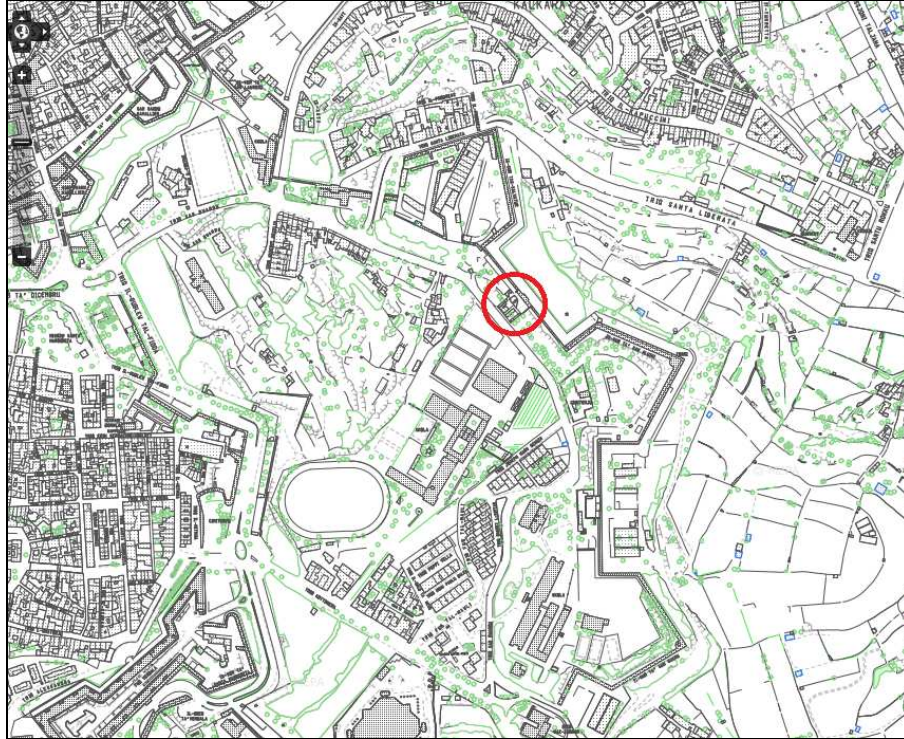
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Northing : Coordinates

### Property Plan



### Property Images

