Gozo Tourism Entrepreneurship Award 2026

This award recognises entrepreneurs who demonstrate exceptional vision, innovation, leadership and dedication in developing successful tourism-related businesses, while making a positive contribution to the growth and development of Gozo's tourism industry.

1. Benefits & Recognition

Receiving a Gozo Tourism Award represents recognition of excellence, dedication and contribution to Gozo's tourism industry. Award winners will benefit from:

- **GTA website recognition:** Publicity and recognition through the official Gozo Tourism Association website.
- **Social media exposure:** Dedicated recognition and promotional coverage through GTA's social media channels.
- **Television exposure:** Visibility through the televised broadcast of the Gozo Tourism Awards ceremony in Malta.
- **National recognition:** Winners will also be recognised at the Malta Tourism Awards, scheduled for May 2027.
- **Official digital winner badge:** A branded Gozo Tourism Awards 2026 Winner badge for use on websites, professional profiles, email signatures and promotional material.
- **Nominee recognition:** All eligible applicants whose entries are accepted will receive a commemorative plaque and an official Gozo Tourism Awards 2026 Nominee Digital Badge in recognition of their participation.

2. Award Objectives

- Recognise individuals or business partners whose entrepreneurial skills, creativity and dedication have made a positive impact on Gozo's tourism sector.
- Highlight innovation, initiative and successful business development in tourism.
- Celebrate leadership, adaptability, perseverance and high standards in tourism enterprise.
- Acknowledge contributions to Gozo's economic, social, cultural or environmental development.
- Inspire others to develop and share entrepreneurial skills and achievements within Gozo's tourism industry.

3. Applicant Details

Full name of applicant:

Date of birth of applicant: **ID Card Number:**

Name of establishment / business / entity:

Business address:

Email address:

Contact number:

Role in the business / nature of entrepreneurial involvement:

4. Declaration & Consent

I confirm that the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete. I agree to participate in the Gozo Tourism Awards 2026 and understand that the application will be assessed by an independent judging panel.

I acknowledge that GTA will process the information supplied in accordance with its privacy notice and may contact me for further information or an interview. I consent to GTA's use of submitted photographs and relevant materials for the promotion of applicants, their achievements and the Awards across social media and other promotional channels.

Signature: **Date:**

5. Statement in Support of the Application

Please explain your achievements with specific examples, particularly developments and milestones during 2026. The independent judging panel may not be familiar with your business. You may attach additional pages if necessary. Alternatively, you may present your supporting statement in a format of your choice, provided that all the questions outlined below are adequately addressed.

A. Entrepreneurial Vision & Innovation

Describe the business idea, entrepreneurial initiative or innovations you introduced, and what makes them distinctive. (Suggested: 150–250 words)

B. Business Achievements & Development

Outline important business milestones, growth, improvements or achievements, particularly during 2026. (Suggested: 150–250 words)

C. Leadership, Management & Resilience

Explain your leadership and management approach, including teamwork, adaptability, challenges overcome and problem-solving. (Suggested: 150–250 words)

D. Contribution to Gozo's Tourism Industry

Describe the positive impact of your business or initiatives on Gozo's visitor experience, tourism offering, community or local development. (Suggested: 150–250 words)

6. Supporting Documentation

Applicants are encouraged to submit relevant supporting material that demonstrates their entrepreneurial achievements and strengthens the application.

Required

- ☐ Recent photograph of the applicant
- ☐ Copy of applicant's ID card (both sides)
- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Signed declaration and consent

Recommended supporting documentation

- ☐ Curriculum Vitae or brief entrepreneurial / business profile
- ☐ Customer testimonials or guest reviews (Google, Facebook, Booking.com, etc.)
- ☐ Relevant qualifications, training certificates or professional recognition
- ☐ Relevant published material, media or social media evidence
- ☐ Evidence of contribution to Gozo's tourism, community or local development
- ☐ Other evidence of achievements or contribution

Supporting documentation should be directly relevant to the Award.
Quality and relevance are more important than quantity.

7. Eligibility & Assessment

- Applicants must be actively involved in a tourism-related activity in Gozo.
- Applicants must be Maltese citizens or residents in Gozo or Malta.
- The Award is open without restriction on sex, age or race.

8. Conditions & Regulations

1. Applications must be submitted by the individuals concerned.
2. Applications will be assessed by an independent judging panel consisting of a chairperson and three other members.
3. The judging panel will consider entrepreneurial vision and innovation, business achievements and development, leadership and management skills, resilience and adaptability, and contribution to Gozo's tourism industry, together with relevant supporting documentation.
4. The judging panel may request further information, seek clarification or invite an applicant for an interview during the adjudication process.
5. GTA may request photographs or video footage in connection with the presentation and promotion of the Awards, subject to appropriate permissions.
6. Applications must be duly completed and accompanied by the required supporting documentation and signed declaration and consent (Page 2).
7. GTA reserves the right to verify the information and supporting documentation provided by applicants.
8. The decision of the independent judging panel shall be final.

9. Submission of Applications

Closing date: Thursday, 11 February 2027, at 12:00 noon.

Completed applications, together with all required supporting documentation, must be submitted by Thursday, 11 February 2027, at 12:00 noon, either:

- **By hand:** Delivered to the Gozo Tourism Association, Santa Marta Street, Victoria, Gozo.
- **By email:** Sent to **info@islandofgozo.org**

Application clarification period: Applications received by the closing date may be reviewed for completeness. **Until 18 February 2027**, GTA may contact applicants to clarify information, address omissions or provide outstanding supporting documents. This period does not extend the deadline for new applications.

Gozo Tourism Awards Ceremony: Thursday, 25 February 2027, at a venue to be announced.

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Inspiring the Future of Tourism in Gozo.