

## **REPORTING AFTER A VERY SUCCESSFUL BIRGU TOUR.**

04<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Led by a very qualified and knowledgeable guide M/s Agnes Spiteri, a sizeable group of 51 members and friends of the Association of Lyceum Past Students, have gathered at Couvre Porte Birgu today, for a most interesting cultural tour organized by A.L.P.S.

A brief description by the guide at the start of the tour, gave the general history of the three old cities and how they came to be named. A short walk into Birgu saw the group entering the Inquisitor's palace where a very comprehensive explanation was given. Luck being on our side today, it transpired that a new exhibition had just been initiated at the palace.

Many interesting and historical items are on display and such exhibits will continue to be seen and admired up to January 2015.

The participants enjoyed a half hour tea/coffee break and then proceeded on foot to the nearby Maritime Museum on the waterfront. Again, a full explanation was given to all those present. Everyone was then left to roam about and to admire everything that is on display at the maritime museum.

Weather permitted another short walk to a nearby restaurant ' Al Bacino ' where we all shared lunch and relaxed under the old city arches, that still carry much history on this part of the island , at least from the past 200 years or even more.

Thanks to the kind generosity of the Birgu Archpriest, the San Lawrenz parish church was opened for us in the afternoon around 15.00hrs. Our spiritual director Fr.William Bartolo celebrated Holy Mass and delivered a most pleasing homily that makes us aware of present time way of living.

The tour came to an end with many happy faces and very rewarding remarks that gives to the organizing committee of A.L.P.S. great satisfaction, knowing that the members who have participated, really enjoyed this day.

Let us hope that we can again have a good attendance for the next cultural tour to Valletta and which is scheduled for the 29th day of November 2014. We shall be having experienced guides to show us around St. John's Co.Cathedral and afterwards we shall be seeing the President's

Palace also at Valletta. Book early by sending the form with food choices that can be extracted from the last issue of the ALPS Newsletter Sept 14. See you again soon.