



When you come to this place, you put your watch forward an hour and turn the clock back 5000 years.

The world's oldest free-standing structure, the megalithic Ggantija temple, was constructed here in around 3600BC. Soon after, the temples of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra were built, the huge rocks and stones being levered into position using wood or antlers. Carvings on the stones and artifacts found here indicate that the temples were used for religious rituals, including sacrifices, though the whole structures seem to have served as calendars; at sunrise on the first day of each season, light enters through sun-aligned portals and illuminates megaliths within. Of course, you may prefer looking at more recent constructions, in which case you might like to consider the pyramids in Egypt. They are a full thousand years newer than these temples. **WHERE IS THIS PLACE?**