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Make Your Reservations Online

Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursion reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at

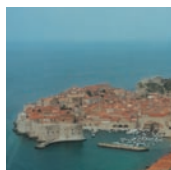
www.hollandamerica.com

Book online now, up until five days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information.

Remember, online shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted shore excursion request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Shore excursion reservations are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour more than 10 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 10 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the shore excursion. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser.





Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship (cathedrals, churches, etc.), we recommend dressing conservatively (shorts and sleeveless sundresses should not be worn), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. In-room dining is available on board.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TIME EACH TOUR DEPARTS?

The on-board Shore Excursion Order Form in your stateroom will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your shore excursion tickets, which you will receive on board. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at www.hollandamerica.com.

I HAVE A DISABILITY. HOW DO I KNOW WHICH TOURS WILL BEST SUIT ME? WILL I HAVE A PROBLEM (DIS)EMBARKING THE SHIP?

Guests with disabilities should inquire in advance whether a shore excursion will be able to accommodate their needs. We have graded the Shore Excursions according to the relative level of activity they entail. The walking icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please refer to the "Choosing Your Tours" section in this brochure for specific information on the walking icons. It is important to keep in mind that shore excursion operators are subject to the laws of their own country including with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States. Please speak with the Shore Excursion Office as to whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. In this regard, the decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their mobility assistance

device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

DO ALL THE PORTS AND TOURS IN THIS BROCHURE PERTAIN TO MY CRUISE?

Not necessarily, as this brochure may cover more than one sailing. Please refer to your cruise itinerary to determine which ports you will visit, then turn to those port sections to see the tours. Not all tours in each port are available on all ships or all cruises.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER TOURS OFFERED THAT ARE NOT PUBLISHED IN THIS BROCHURE?

Yes, we often add tours to our program after the brochure is published. For additional tours that may now be available in the ports you are visiting, please check our website at www.hollandamerica.com.

I AM TRAVELING WITH FRIENDS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE SAME MOTOR COACH

The departure location for each shore excursion is printed on your shore excursion tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

TOUR DURATIONS

This brochure is designed to help you select the excursions most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursion Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursion Order Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursion Presentation or visit the Shore Excursion Office.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at www.hollandamerica.com. Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursion Order Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.



What fascinates you? A cooking class with a local chef? A private car, complete with driver and guide, so you can explore near or far? A chance to encounter wildlife or view natural wonders up close? The Collections of Holland America Line represent a small subset of the shore excursions you will find in this brochure. Each collection offers its own particular focus and is available only in select ports.



Medallion Collection

A series of exclusive experiences designed to accommodate our most discerning guests, our Medallion Collection tours are each carefully chosen to provide an in-depth perspective.

They offer unparalleled access to events and sights not normally readily available. First-class style, smaller groups, multi-day Overland Adventures—elite activities for a privileged few.



Encore Collection

Been there, done that? Think again. Our Encore Collection, designed especially for repeat guests, lets you discover what lies beyond the well-known attractions you've

already seen. Barbecue with Argentine gauchos, bike the tree-lined boulevards of Barcelona, ride an Icelandic pony across a windswept beach near Reykjavik. These tours showcase hidden gems, unusual angles and inside stories that will bring you back time and again.



World Wonders Collection

Natural treasures, architectural marvels, technical wonders: to the Seven Wonders of the World we add our own nominations based

on decades of leadership in global travel—the sandstone city of Petra, the *moai* statues of Easter Island, and the Great Wall of China, among others. What they have in common is the ability to inspire awe.



Signature Collection

This exclusive touring option for independent-minded travelers lets you completely customize and maximize your time ashore by reserving private transportation (along with an English-speaking driver and guide) in advance. Whether you travel by car or minivan, customized boat, classic floatplane or stretch SUV limousine, you choose the companions, sights and pace that perfectly suit you.

TO WHOM IS THE SIGNATURE COLLECTION SUITED?

The Signature Collection is for solo travelers, couples, families, friends and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and luxury transportation. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION

Each type of transportation will be of the highest grade available in that port. Not all modes of transportation are available in all locations. For information about the transportation sizes and availability, please see our website at www.hollandamerica.com.

ALSO INCLUDED

The cost includes the service of a driver and English-speaking guide, unlimited mileage, road tolls, parking fees and bottled water.

NOT INCLUDED (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Guests' entrance fees for attractions are not included in the price due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests participating. We strongly recommend that you bring some local

currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in some ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

ITINERARY PLANNING

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Port Lecturer and/or Shore Excursions Manager can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time, location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration in order to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

PRICING

The cost of each type of transportation will be published online at www.hollandamerica.com.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS

The fastest and easiest way for you to reserve and pay for your Signature Collection experience is on the Holland America Line website. Visit us online at www.hollandamerica.com. Please note the cost will be per mode of transportation (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to make the reservation. The price shown on the website is the total cost for the transportation, driver and guide (not a per-person price). In many ports, availability is extremely limited. We encourage you to reserve as early as possible.

PAYMENT & TOUR VOUCHERS

Your credit card will be charged after your reservation is confirmed. Next, start planning what you'll do with your Signature Collection experience in each port. On board the ship, you will be given a tour voucher and a form to advise the Shore Excursions Office of the itinerary you have chosen.

BOOKING ON BOARD

The Signature Collection may be available for booking once you are on the ship, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the Shore Excursions Office on board.

DISSEMBARKING THE SHIP

In some disembarkation ports, a private vehicle, driver and guide can be used for sightseeing en route to the airport. When booking, please advise the total amount of luggage for your party. Vehicle size and luggage space may limit the number of guests in the vehicle.



How to Choose Your Tours

Choose the shore excursions that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the shore excursions best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you interpret this brochure.



EASY ACTIVITY: Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



MODERATE ACTIVITY: Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



STRENUOUS ACTIVITY: Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



PANORAMIC TOURS: Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these excursions offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation from the vehicle during the tour. As vehicles outside the United States are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace will be gentle and taking your time is encouraged.



LIMITED CAPACITY: The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.



MEAL: This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, or dinner on evening tours.



SNACK: This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.



Shore Excursion Prices



The Benefits of Booking With Us

Prices can be found on our website at www.hollandamerica.com and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. Prices for children 12 years of age and under are available on some, but not all, tours. If no child's price is published online, the tour may be available to children at the adult rate; however, all children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 21 or older, regardless of rate. A general guideline to pricing is found under each tour listing with symbols as follows:

\$ – up to \$50USD

\$\$ – \$51USD to \$100USD

\$\$\$ – \$101USD to \$150USD

\$\$\$\$ – more than \$150USD

When you book your shore excursions with Holland America Line, you can count on our Signature of Excellence[®] to consistently offer a superior experience ashore:

QUALITY

Clean and comfortable transportation equipment; we engage professional independent tour operators dedicated to customer satisfaction.

SAFETY

Tour operators have contractually agreed to comply with local government requirements and to carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage claims.

CONVENIENCE

English-speaking guides; tour departure times set to coincide with the ship's schedule as well as with that of other tours so that guests desiring to do so can take multiple tours.

PEACE OF MIND

If a tour that you have purchased through Holland America Line returns late to the ship, we will almost never leave without you. In the very rare event that the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call (with independently booked tours, you are responsible for rejoining the ship at the next port of call).

VARIETY

Around the globe, our programs include "A Taste of...", Off the Beaten Track, Panoramic, Medallion, flightseeing and motor coach tours, with such adventures as camel rides, kayaking, diving, rock-climbing, glacier hiking and private vehicle/vessel touring.

VALUE

Our award-winning shore excursions offer superior quality and competitive pricing; our guests consistently rate their shore excursion experience as excellent.



How to Book More Than One Tour in Each Port

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class with an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. To make combining easy, for tour departure times and durations, visit our website at www.hollandamerica.com.



Argostoli, Cephalonia, Greece

Leisurely Cephalonia



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

The Monastery of St. Andrew is famous for housing a bizarre relic which is claimed to be the sole of St. Andrew's right foot. During the 1953 earthquake the whitewashed covering of the inside of the church was loosened and revealed frescoes dating back to the 13th and 17th centuries which are now considered to be the island's biggest artistic treasures. Next, visit the Rombola winery and gain insight into the production methods of the famous and rare Rombola wine made from a local species of grape which comes in red, white and sweet Muscat. Kourkoumelata village was rebuilt after the earthquake of 1953 by a wealthy local citizen who financed the whole village to be reconstructed in neoclassical style. Here you will have the opportunity to wander through the village and admire the sweeping views of the sea below. A photo stop will also be made at the Castle of St. George before you return to the port.

Cephalonia Highlights



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Commence your island scenic drive through olive groves, vineyards and thick cypress glades as you climb Mt. Ainos and pass the city of Sami, where *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* was filmed. Melissani lake is an underground lake fed by subterranean channels with water running to the opposite side of the island. Partly open to the elements, the cave is visited via a manmade tunnel which will lead you to the shore of the lake. From there, small boats rowed by a master oarsman will take you over the lake. The boat passes through a channel whose walls sprout eccentric-looking stalactites. The ceiling, more than 300 feet high, and the light coming in from the entrance create a spectacular and eerie effect of dancing color. Fiskardo village is the most

picturesque village on the island, being the only settlement that was not devastated by the 1953 earthquake. Enjoy some free time here to stroll past the waterfront *tavernas*, cafés and shops before you return to the port of Argostoli.

Melissani Lake & Drogarati Cave



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Cephalonia is the largest of the Ionian island renowned for its many caves, fir forests and fine beaches. From the pier at Argostoli, you'll head to Drogarati cave. Take a flight of steps leading down to a cavern of orange and yellow stalactites and stalagmites. One of the great chambers has such fine acoustics that Maria Callas came here to sing, and concerts are occasionally held here in the summer. Next you will travel in a northerly direction, passing the town of Sami en route to the subterranean lake of Melissani. A small boat will be waiting to take you on a breathtaking trip across its mysteriously salty, subterranean water. You will find yourself surrounded by a vast, shimmering play of blue and violet colors, created by the sun filtering through a hole in the ceiling 100 feet overhead. The headwater is in Argostoli, and it enters the cave by traveling across the island and through holes in the coastline. Your tour continues along the coast with views across the strait to the neighboring island of Ithaca. You'll pass through Aghia Efthimia at the base of Cephalonia's northernmost peninsula before turning west to Myrtos. Sheer white cliffs carpeted in green *maquis* vegetation frame a stunning crescent beach of tiny white pebbles and patches of sand against the deep blue sea.





Arrecife, Canary Islands, Spain

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle
Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Island of Fire Mountains & Camel Ride



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Travel to the Fire Mountains, reminiscent of a lunar surface, the result of the continuous volcanic eruptions between 1730 and 1736. Have some fun with a camel ride around the crater of the volcano! Exploring by motor coach, you will continue through the park. The scenery has not changed since the eruptions. On the way back to the ship, you will ride through the wine district of La Geria, with a stop at one of the cellars for some wine tasting.

Jameos del Agua & Mirador del Rio



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

You will depart from the Port of Arrecife, capital of Lanzarote, to the northern part of the island, passing through Tegui and the Costa Tegui tourist resort. Tegui was the old capital of the island and is well known for its architecture. Continue to the Mirador de Haria, with its gorgeous view of the Valley of 1,000 Palms, and the Mirador del Rio designed by Cesar Manrique, with a panoramic vista of Graciosa Island. You will stop at



Jameos del Agua saltwater lake, home to a native species of blind crabs. On the way back to the ship, discover some interesting aspects of cultivation in the villages of Mala and Guatiza.

Lanzarote Island Tour & Camel Ride



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$

Lanzarote, known as the Mythic Island, features sculpted, breathtaking volcanic landscapes of lunar-like beauty. Begin with a drive to the Montañas del Fuego (the Fire Mountains) at Timanfaya National Park, and mount a camel for a unique and fun ride to the volcano's crater. Then, switch to a motor coach tour. Enjoy a typical wine tasting (one varietal) at a *bodega* in the La Geria wine district. At the Mirador de Haria, there is a spectacular view of the Valley of 1,000 Palms. After lunch, continue to a volcanic grotto and lava tube formed when the lava met the Atlantic Ocean, creating an underground lake and an outdoor pool surrounded by subtropical vegetation. Return to the capital and the ship with a stop at Jameos del Agua saltwater lake, home to a native species of blind crabs.

Cesar Manrique & Canary Culture



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

Cesar Manrique was born in Arrecife in 1919. He began his studies at La Laguna, and continued at La Escuela Superior de Bellas Artes de Madrid. The Jardín de Cactus was the last work of Cesar Manrique and is a symbol of the island's history with more than 10,000 cacti set in a converted amphitheatre-like quarry. Cochineal beetles live in the cacti, and their larvae are used to produce the natural food coloring of the same name. Visit the Cesar Manrique Foundation, custodian of the works of the artistic genius. It is housed in what was Cesar Manrique's own residence—El Taro de Tahiche. Taro is an island word for a construction of stones placed upon each other without the use of cement. The house was built in 1968 on unusual terrain, over five lava bubbles and a *jameo*—a collapsed volcanic passage. The museum offers a fascinating look at traditional life on Lanzarote, tracing the agricultural and rural traditions of the island.



Lanzarote Beach Transfer



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Depart from the Port of Arrecife, capital of Lanzarote, and head to the southern part of the island. Your destination is the small village of Puerto de Carmen, one of the most visited areas on the island. Here you will find Pena Grande beach, situated in the center of Puerto del Carmen and bordered by a beautiful coastal promenade. The beach boasts more than a half-mile of sand, and its calm waters make it a favorite with windsurfers and swimmers. Take Advantage of this sublime spot to do some fishing, diving and windsurfing (extra charges apply). The waterfront promenade is lined with restaurants and cafés for your dining pleasure. After a relaxing morning, you will be escorted back to the ship.



Barcelona,
Spain

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

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Gaudí's Barcelona



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

For a general introduction to the history of Barcelona, your coach travels through the Barceloneta fishing quarter, up Colon Avenue, and past the Columbus monument. You will enter the upper Eixample area where the Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Church is located. Take photos of this marvelous structure, unique in both artistic and architectural form. Outside and inside, your guide will show you the church—the most famous of all Gaudí's creations. The tour continues to Güell Park, just 15 minutes away. The park is a unique representation of Gaudí's imagination and work. Return to the city along the Passeig de Gracia, Barcelona's widest avenue, with many Modernist buildings designed by Gaudí and other important architects of the time. A stop will be made at La Pedrera, also known as Casa Milá, to enjoy from outside one of the masterpieces of Gaudí's art. End your tour with an understanding of the special relationship between Gaudí, the architect, and the city.

Panoramic Barcelona



Approximately 2 - 2½ hours • \$

This panoramic drive-through is an ideal overview of Barcelona. From your motor coach you'll head to the scenic viewpoint of Montjuïc Mountain for photos, then continue through the city, along Passeig de Gracia—the wide boulevard that connects the Gothic Quarter to the district of Gracia. Watch for the Spanish Village, the Olympic Stadium, the Columbus Monument and the modernist church of La Sagrada Familia.

Picasso & the Gothic Quarter



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Embark on a journey through the narrow streets of Barcelona's Gothic Quarter. See St. James' Square—home to the Town Hall and the buildings of the Catalán government. In the Gothic Quarter, you will stroll to the Gothic church of Santa Maria del Mar. Continue to the Picasso Museum, only a five-minute



walk away, situated in beautifully preserved Gothic palaces. The collection of Picasso's work features some of his schoolbook sketches and works from his early days in Barcelona and Paris.

Please note: Not available on Sunday afternoons or Mondays.

Girona, Figueres & the Dalí Museum



Approximately 9½ hours • \$\$\$

A 1½-hour drive north from Barcelona brings you to Girona—the “immortal city” full of rich historic treasures. Visit the Jewish Quarter and walk to the Isaac el Cec Jewish Center and the Municipal Cultural Center. Step inside at the Arab Baths with their beautiful arches. Your motor coach will take you to Figueres for lunch before you stop at the Dalí Museum. The Theatre-Museum at Figueres was built by Dalí himself, and is where his first exhibition was held. Inside, you will find a huge collection of art, including the *Rainy Taxi*, as well as the crypt where Dalí is buried, the Sala Mae West (a scenography of a living room, which turns into the face of Mae West through an optical illusion), and a portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

A Discovery Walk in Barcelona



Approximately 2½ hours (varies slightly) • \$

The best way to get acquainted with any historic city is on foot. With lightweight audio players and a detailed map, this program offers an easy walking tour of the ancient cobblestone streets and historic sights of Barcelona's famous Gothic Quarter. The audio player is yours for the day, so you can spend as much time as you'd like, or as little, at each spot. And since there are no schedules to keep, you are free to have a meal, take a break for refreshments, or spend time shopping whenever you want. A stereo i-pod that is worn comfortably around your neck as you explore Barcelona's historic sights. The player's headsets or earpieces allow you to listen to all the facts and history of this memorable city while walking through the streets at your own pace. Simply consult the customized map to find each location and then go to the indicated number on the player for a detailed description of the site and its history. Follow the suggested route or set out on your own adventure, moving about the city with ease thanks to your map and audio directions. There are more

than 30 points of interest programmed into the player, so your exploration of Barcelona's ancient Gothic Quarter is limited only by your personal wishes. From the city's most famous promenade, the lively Las Ramblas, to the beauty and majesty of Barcelona's Cathedral and its cloisters, your stroll through the Gothic Quarter will be the highlight of your visit to this vibrant and historic city.

Please note: Present photo ID (such as a driver's license) when picking up your i-pod. Duration of tour depends on personal preference. Transportation to the starting point is at your own expense.

Barcelona Sights & Flamenco Show



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Enjoy a driving tour of Barcelona and a spicy flamenco dance demonstration. Your guide will point out the main highlights of this charming city, beginning with the old Gothic Quarter. From there, you will be driven up the Passeig de Gracia. This street showcases many of the city's Modernist buildings—some designed by the famous architect Antoni Gaudí who died a pauper but today is immortalized through his architecture. You'll stop at Gaudí's Sagrada Familia Church with its monstrous towers, then the coach will continue to the Plaza España and Montjuïc, site of the 1992 Olympic Games. Step into the Pueblo Español (a composite reproduction of some of the prettier villages of Spain) for an introduction to traditional Spanish village life. You'll also enjoy a 30-minute Flamenco dance performed by four stylish, professional artists. Savor the cultural show as you taste dry Spanish wine or the tangy local *sangria* along with snacks.

Flamenco with Dinner



Approximately 3 hours with drinks • \$\$\$

Enjoy a dinner of mixed seafood at a leading Andalusian restaurant before an exciting performance of Spanish dance. Flamenco is an artform that originated in Andalusia and comprises three elements, the song (*el cante*), the dance (*el baile*) and the guitar (*el toque*). Among the gypsies of Andalusia it was an used as an expression of poverty, oppression and personal grief. Over time, Flamenco has also become a means of express-

ing happiness as it incorporated elements of Spanish music in lighter forms (*alegrías, bulerías, fandangos*). Contemporary Spaniards have re-established an interest in Flamenco as a commercial form of music and, although some regard this as having stifled the intimacy and spontaneity of Flamenco, it has undoubtedly opened up the art to a wider audience. You will watch in fascination as the elements of this exotic, provocative, flamboyant dance are performed for you and you will see classical Flamenco booming once again.

A Taste of Barcelona: A Tapas Tour



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Enjoy a brief orientation tour of Barcelona with a stop in the Gothic quarter, where you can admire outside views of the Cathedral, and at Gaudí's church of La Sagrada Familia. At two different bars in the heart of the Paseo de Gracia, you will experience literally a "taste of Barcelona," sampling two traditional *tapas* washed down with a drink. Then, you will have free time to browse in the shops before returning to the ship.

Please note: Tastings will vary depending on the fresh products available seasonally.

Barcelona by Bicycle



Approximately 2½ - 3 hours • \$\$\$

This bike tour offers a different way to discover Barcelona's squares, monuments, beaches and people, in a city that has over 100 kilometers of bicycle lanes and an extensive pedestrian old town. You'll pedal about five miles through the old town and along the sea front, with a stop at the harbor. Pass by the Ciudadela Park, the Arc de Triomf, Palau de la Música Catalana (a Modernist building), the Cathedral, Plaça del Rei, St. Jaume Square, Plaça Reial, Plaça del Pi, the Ramblas shopping street, Plaça dels Àngels, the statue of Columbus, the Old Port, the beaches and the Olympic village. The terrain is flat and is suitable for all ages.

Please note: Tour not recommended for children aged 12 and under. Sports clothing and sunglasses are recommended.



Barcelona Highlights Options

This tour can be taken by guests who are returning to the ship (Option A), **and** by guests whose cruise ends in Barcelona and are transferring to the airport (Option B).

A. Barcelona Highlights



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$ (for guests returning to the ship)

Enjoy a driving tour of Barcelona. Your guide will point out all the highlights beginning with the 13th-century cathedral located in the Gothic Quarter, and you'll step inside to admire the interior. From there, you will drive up the Passeig de Gracia. This street showcases many of the city's Modernist buildings—some designed by architect Antoni Gaudí. You'll stop at Gaudí's Sagrada Familia Church, then the coach will continue to the Plaza España and Montjuïc, site of the 1992 Olympic Games.

B. Barcelona Highlights with Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 hours • (for guests transferring to Barcelona Airport)
With prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Take the Barcelona Highlights tour as described above. Then, you will transfer to Barcelona Airport, where you will be reunited with your luggage in time for check in.

Please note: This option is available only to guests whose flight leaves Barcelona at 3:00pm or later.

Montserrat Monastery

This tour can be taken by guests who are returning to the ship (Option A), **and** by guests whose cruise ends in Barcelona and are transferring to the airport (Option B).

A. Montserrat Monastery



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$ (for guests returning to the ship)

Ride by coach to the Montserrat Mountain Ridge, six miles long, three miles wide and 4,050 feet high. This peculiar mountain range is the site of the monastery where people come to worship *La Moreneta*—the black Madonna who is the patron-virgin of

Catalonia. On a natural platform at 2,380 feet above sea level, you will visit the Benedictine Monastery, founded in the 11th century. The Benedictine community now numbers 80 monks, and has served the shrine for almost a thousand years, dedicated to a life of prayer, work and welcoming pilgrims. Montserrat is also home to the Escolans—the oldest boys’ choir in Europe.

Please note: The drive to Montserrat is 60 minutes each way. An initial panoramic tour of Barcelona will be traffic permitting. Be prepared for long lines at the monastery.

B. Montserrat Monastery with Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 hours • (for guests transferring to Barcelona Airport)
 With prepaid transfer voucher – \$
 Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Take the Montserrat Monastery tour as described above. Then, you will transfer to Barcelona Airport, where you will be reunited with your luggage in time for check in.

Please note: This option is available only to guests whose flight leaves Barcelona at 3:00pm or later.

Essence of Bodegas Torres



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

This tour will take you to visit one of the most important Spanish cellars, Bodegas Torres, situated in Vilafranca del Penedes between Barcelona and Tarragona. Tradition and quality are the essence of Bodegas Torres—a family-owned company linked with wine for more than three centuries. In 1870, the Torres family founded their first winery, and generation after generation has understood the importance of respecting traditions and maintaining quality. Bodegas Torres now trades in more than 120 countries and owns 1,350 hectares and 111 *pagos* or delimited vineyards, where specific kind of wines are developed. During your tour, you will gain an appreciation of what wine culture means to Bodegas Torres, from planting the vineyards to wine-making, to the aging of the wine in the cellars and to the design and marketing of Torres packaging and products. A tasting of five different wines (white, rosé and red) and an aperitif will be offered. You can buy some wine if you like.



Brest, France



Parish Closes of Brittany



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$

Depart from Brest and drive to Saint-Thégonnec via the direct road. Saint-Thégonnec was once one of the Léon’s richest parishes. Its walls are a stark reminder of the rivalry between the neighboring parishes. The rivalry with builders in nearby Guimiliau also produced a wealth of lovely buildings over the course of two centuries—a Calvary, a triumphal arch, an ossuary chapel and a fine porch. The Calvary dates from the 17th century, and the funeral chapel boasts a remarkable scene of the entombment. The ornate organ feature beautiful floral symbols. Next, in Guimiliau, you’ll see the competitors’ effort, with a beautiful porch and the most complete calvary with more than 200 sculpted characters. Drive back to Brest via the Elorn valley.

Mythical Coast



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Drive to Plouguernau, where the highest lighthouse in Europe is found. This impressive structure guards the Abers Coast, which is finely decked out in golden sandy beaches and ever-changing landscapes. Since the 5th century, this Léon country has held the history of Welsh and Irish immigrants who landed here on their mission to bring Christianity to Brittany. It is called the Coast of Legends, and here you will discover the peculiar coastline that is a mixture of small capes, rocky islets and large estuaries (*abers*). Just before reaching the little harbor of Porsall, you will see the Aber Wrac’h and the Aber Benoit, each possessing a charming, deeply-indented coastline. Next you’ll see the rocky promontory of Saint Mathieu Point, where the ruins of Saint Mathieu Abbey stand proudly. The beauty of this site will cast a spell on and you will have time to wander around, breathing in the history that permeates the salty air.

Quaint Quimper



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Setting out from the pier, drive approximately one hour to Quimper, the ancient capital of Cornouaille. With a distinctly Breton character, Quimper takes its name from *kemper*—a Breton word which means the confluence of two rivers. The Steir and Odet rivers flow through this relaxed, cathedral city. Your guided walking tour begins with an exploration of the twin-spires of St. Corenthin's Cathedral. Dominating the skyline of Quimper, the cathedral was built between 1240 and the 15th century. It was not until 1856 that the two spires were added, symbolizing local wealth and the originality of Gothic art in Brittany. The cathedral itself is the earliest Gothic building in Lower Brittany and has a strong Norman influence. Don't miss the vibrant stained-glass windows dating from the 15th-19th centuries. The city itself, once completely walled, has retained the aspect of a fortified town with a covered way and watchtower more than 500 years old. Since 1690, Quimper has been known for the production of *faïence*—elegant hand-painted pottery which often features decorative flowers and animals and is framed by blue and yellow borders. Originally created as wedding presents and heirlooms, *faïence* is now exported to collectors worldwide. In this traditional setting enjoy approximately one hour on your own to wander among the fine houses and handicrafts shops before returning to the ship by motor coach.

Morlaix & Château de Kerjean



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Leaving the port of Brest your coach will drive to Morlaix for a guided walking tour of the old part of the city. Morlaix is quite famous for its colossal viaduct which crosses the deep valley carved by the River Dossen. You will pass by Ste Méline's Church, a flamboyant Gothic edifice with modern stained-glass windows and walk down Rue Ange de Guernisac—a charming street lined with fine corbelled and half-timbered houses. Note the Duchess Anne's house—a corbelled mansion dating from the 16th century—and the famous pedestrian streets whose picturesque, 15th-century houses are adorned with statues of saints and gargoyles. The low-fronted shops feature wide windows. Finally,

you will drive to Château de Kerjean, built around 1550. Kerjean is surrounded by both inner and outer fortifications has preserved the tradition of many manor houses and castles of its era, including a terrace with arcades and a chapel with timber work. The different periods of Kerjean Estate's history are illustrated by models and paintings and through a rather extensive collection of Breton furniture in the rooms of the chateau. You will have time to stroll in the park among Renaissance fountains, dovecote and the pillory.

Lovely Locronan



Approximately 3¼ hours • \$\$

Locronan is an interesting little town that once prospered from the manufacture of sailcloth. Traces of its Golden Age are found in its granite houses built during the Renaissance, in the old well, the large church and a pretty chapel. Walk with your guide to view the highlights of Locronan. The quaint Ronan church and the Penity Chapel form a harmonious ensemble. The 15th-century church is notable for its unity of style and incredible stone vaulting. The decoration of the pulpit relates the life of Saint Ronan and the 15th-century stained glass depict scenes of the Passion. After your visit, leisure time will be allowed to explore among the fine houses and craft workshops. Drive from Locronan back to the pier at Brest.

Brittany Countryside, Concarneau & Pont Aven



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$\$

Departing from Brest, you will head straight to the bustling fishing port of Concarneau. With all the charm of a walled town, Concarneau is enclosed in granite ramparts but its popular resort facilities attract many visitors. It is France's third-largest fishing port for tuna, supports two fish canneries and holds a colorful fish market. You will drive through the city and get acquainted with the city sights of Concarneau. Walk through the old town—a maze of narrow alleys that cover the islet linked to the mainland by two small bridges. You will see massive ramparts built in the 14th and 17th centuries, and associated fortified buildings. After lunch, drive along the scenic coastal road passing

by Cabellou Point where you will have a fine view of Concarneau and the walled town. You'll stop for photos at Trevignon Point, where fishing boats are berthed in the tiny port west of Trevignon en route to the town of Aven. Aven lies in a very pleasant setting at the point where the river of the same name opens out into a tidal estuary. The River Aven used to serve numerous mills, but today, only one mill remains in operation. The picturesque town was a favorite resort for painters and the Pont-Aven School, headed by Paul Gauguin, was formed circa 1888. The city is also famous for its butter cookies—Galette de Pont-Aven. Enjoy free time at leisure to explore this traditional town before rejoining your guide and motor coach for the drive back to Brest.



Cádiz, Spain

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
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Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

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A Taste of Cádiz



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

View the highlights of Cádiz as you head out of town to Jerez de la Frontera, a town that boasts a strong Moorish influence in its

architecture, and is the sherry capital of the world. In a warm, dry micro-climate, away from the marine environment of Cádiz, the uniquely sweet sherry grapes grow well. Visit a local cellar to taste some of the region's famous sherry wines and snacks.

Arcos & Jerez



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Leave the pier in Cádiz and follow the highway to Arcos de la Frontera. The famous route of the White Villages begins here in Arcos, a monumental city set on an escarpment bounded by the Guadalete River. Arcos is the quintessential whitewashed Spanish town, and captures the very essence of Andalusian quaintness in its location nestled before the Cádiz mountain range. Visit the church of Santa María de la Asunción, where Roman, Gothic and Mudejar styles meld seamlessly. Stroll through the city and enjoy time at leisure before you continue to Jerez de la Frontera—one of the most illustrious cities of southern Spain. The Romans called Jerez “Asta Regia;” it was later controlled by the Emir (or Caliph) of Cordoba; and finally, it was conquered by King Alfonso X and returned to the Spanish fold. Between its extraordinary history, stunning monuments, and world-class sherry wine, Jerez de la Frontera is steeped in age-old Andalusian flavor. To taste it for yourself, you will visit one of the famous bodegas (cellars) and try some sherry wine. Afterwards, take a short panoramic drive through Jerez and return to the ship in Cádiz.

The Carriage Museum



Approximately 4½ - 5 hours • \$\$

Set out on a drive to Jerez, passing the Constitution Monument and the cathedral of Cádiz. You'll take the old road to Jerez de la Frontera to discover a town whose climate makes it possible to cultivate the types of grapes that produce the three main sherry varieties. Enjoy a short walk through the narrow streets of this charming town before stopping at a local cellar for a wine tasting. Next, you will stop at the Royal Andalusia School of Equestrian Arts—a centenary institution protected by the Crown. Only the very best horses are taught to dance to music here. Visit the facilities of the school and the famous Carriage Museum.



Panoramic Cádiz & Jerez with Sherry Tasting



Approximately 3½ hours • \$

Touring past the most important highlights of Cádiz will be the focus of your tour today: Spain Square, San Carlos Walls, Alameda Apodaca, Carmen's Church, Genoves Park, Santa Catalina and San Sebastian Castle, La Caleta Beach and its fantastic scenery, the Roman Theatre, the old Royal Prison, and the Puertas de Tierra walls that separate the new city from the old town. Continue through "new" Cádiz to glimpse the lollipop-shaped telecom building, Victoria Beach and the hotel district of Cádiz. Watch for the all-important football (soccer) stadium as you head out of town on the road to Jerez. Jerez de la Frontera is famous for its strong Moorish influence and is widely known as the sherry capital of the world. In fact, it was the town's Moorish name, Scheris, that gave sherry wine its name. Tucked into the fertile hinterland of Cádiz, Jerez de la Frontera enjoys its own micro-climate which enables the grapes to grow ripe and sweet. Here, you will visit the cellars or *bodegas* as they are called in Spain to learn about the process of making sherry, from grape cultivation to bottling. You can taste the wine if you like! Relax for the return ride to Cádiz, passing the Alcázares and the cathedral en route.

Stunning Seville



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$\$

A drive through Andalusia's cork plantations brings you to Spain's fourth largest city. Your walking tour begins with the magnificent Alcazar—a monument to the Moorish occupation of Spain, surrounded by glorious gardens. Following an in-depth walking tour around the old Jewish Quarter, lunch is served buffet-style at a local hotel. In the afternoon, a panoramic drive will show you the new and cosmopolitan part of Seville. The Torre del Oro and La Giralda Tower are seen during the tour.

Please note: The Alcazar is closed on Mondays, and other unforeseen closures may occur, in which case a visit to the Casa Pilatos will be substituted. It is a two-hour motor coach ride each way to Seville.



Cádiz, Sherry & Horses



Take the old road to Jerez de la Frontera, whose climate makes it possible to cultivate the different types of grapes that produce the three main different sherry varieties. Enjoy a short walk through the narrow streets with a stop at a local cellar for a wine tasting. Add to this city tour with a visit to ONE of the following:

A. Equestrian Horse Rehearsals

Approximately 4½ - 5 hours • \$\$

The Royal Andalusia School of Equestrian Arts is a centenary institution protected by the Crown where only the very best horses are taught to dance to music. Visit the facilities of the school with about 20 minutes to observe the horse movements during their rehearsal.

Please note: Available Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.

B. Horse Show

Approximately 5 - 5½ hours • \$\$

Visit the facilities of The Royal Andalusia School of Equestrian Arts where you will have one hour to observe the fabulous horse show for which the school is famous, and thirty minutes to visit the stables.

Please note: Available Tuesday and Thursday only.

C. A Local Horse Farm

Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

At a farm known for raising quality livestock, you learn about the horse-breeding business. See the facilities and stables, carriages, colts and clinical labs. An indoor arena allows a view of the animals.

Please note: Available Saturday only.

Cádiz Walking Tour & the Flamenco Dance



Approximately 3 - 3½ hours • \$\$

As you head out on your tour, watch for the Mudejar-style tobacco factory, built in 1741, which now serves as the Congress building, Santo Domingo Church, the old Royal Prison in Andalusian neoclassical style and the Roman theatre as you travel

through Cádiz. You will also pass the ancient Phoenician port of La Caleta, the botanical gardens and the castle walls that once protected the town. Leave the motor coach at Plaza de España and start your walking tour to the Plaza de la Mina (once a monks' vegetable patch), and the outside of the Cádiz Museum. On Calle Ancha, there are beautiful 19th-century palaces and the Cathedral, where you can step inside to view an eclectic transition from 13th-century Baroque style to neoclassical. Finish up at the Flamenco Place la Cava for a stylish demonstration of typical Spanish dance, together with some *tapas* and drinks.



Cartagena, Spain

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Approximately 4 or 8 hours
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Cartagena Highlights



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Discover the highlights of Cartagena, originally settled in 223 BC. The city flourished under Roman, Muslim and Arab rule, and today offers a vast cultural legacy. Start your tour with a walk up to the Concepción Castle. From here, panoramic views sweep over the city and the harbor to the Byzantine Rampart. Walk along the sea wall to reach the Town Hall square and the main

avenue, admiring interesting modernist buildings from the beginning of the 19th century. Finally, you will visit the archaeological site of Muralla Púnica—the remains of the old wall that protected the city during the Carthaginian occupation.

Murcia & Fuensanta Monastery



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

A pleasant one-hour drive through the foothills of the Sierra de Carrascoy brings you to Murcia, a city settled by the Moors in the 9th century, offering an array of architectural delights. Your first stop is the Monastery of the Virgin of Fuensanta, with a view of the Murcian orchards, prolific in both fruits and vegetables. You'll visit the lovely Church of San Juan de Dios, followed by a stop to visit the Cathedral—a mix of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, currently undergoing restoration. Free time is offered to stroll, relax in a café and people-watch, or browse in one of the local shops.

Journey to Elche



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$

Take a short panoramic drive through the city of Cartagena, then admire the Paseo del Puerto coastal road to Elche. Here you will find the palm-tree forest of Europe, unique at this latitude. The municipal park will introduce you to the plants and palms of the area, and at Huerto del Cura, an exotic garden features the rarest species of palm trees. The garden has a great botanical diversity and is the ideal place for a delightful stroll. The fountains and the main lake at the heart of the park are in Arabian landscape style—the area was occupied for centuries by Muslims. Take time to admire the area of the park and for lunch on your own.

Lorca Highlights & Castle



Approximately 5½ - 6 hours • \$\$\$

Built above the ruins of an impressive castle, Lorca is one of the largest cities in Spain. It is known as the Baroque City or the City of Hundred Coats of Arms. Enter the Middle Ages through the



“time-capsule” that is Lorca, to discover a place where the present meets the past. You will walk through the fortress—one of the best-preserved castles in Spain. Note the grand shields, the Baroque doors, bell towers, arches and balconies of forged steel. Also included is a stop at the exhibition area and the living history element of the castle where you may see people in costume going about chores in their medieval lifestyle. Next, step inside the Embroidery Museum for a look at the exquisite detail involved in this intricate art. End your tour with a stroll through the Old Town before you return to Cartagena and the ship.



Casablanca, Morocco

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Approximately 4 or 11 hours
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Fez: the Cultural Capital



Approximately 13 hours • \$\$\$\$

Drive from the Casablanca pier via the highway to Fez, the spiritual and cultural capital of Morocco. On the way, you will pass through Rabat with a brief tour of the city before continuing to Fez. As an introduction to this holy city, you will first visit the

Batha Museum which displays a variety of hand-crafted pottery that traces Morocco’s cultural history. Drive to the Royal Palace of Fez, an example of Arab-Islamic architecture, with beautiful drawings and decorations. At the main gate of the city you will pass by the former Jewish quarter with its synagogue standing as a witness to the co-existence of Muslims and Jews in an atmosphere of respect. In the Babr’ssis section, your walking tour begins with a stop at a wool dyeing factory. At a tannery, you will see leather for slippers, jackets, wallets. View the Attarine School, founded by the Merinide Dynasty in the 14th century, and Al Quaraouiyine University—the first university in Morocco, and the second in the Arab and Islamic world. Take a photo of the 14th-century fountain in the Nejjarine area before you return to Casablanca.

Casablanca Highlights



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Casablanca is the economic capital of Morocco. From your motor coach you will walk through Place Mohammed V, the main square. At Casablanca’s New Medina—a modern development in a traditional style—you will find the magnificent Royal Palace, the recently built Great Mosque, the Regional Law Courts, Notre Dame de Lourdes Church and the central market. Driving along the coastal road, see the golden beaches of the Ain Diab Resort and enjoy a refreshment.

Please note: Due to traffic congestion in Casablanca, it may not be possible to stop at certain sights.

Hassan II Mosque & Casablanca Sights



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

Explore Casablanca, the economic capital of Morocco. From your motor coach you will walk through Place Mohammed V—the main square. At Casablanca’s New Medina, a modern development in a traditional style you will find the magnificent Royal Palace and the recently-built Great Mosque (Hassan II Mosque). Step inside this magnificent building for a visit. You will find that it is a typical example of stunning Arab-Islamic architecture. You will also see the Regional Law Courts and the central market. Driving along the coastal road, you will see the

golden beaches of the Ain Diab Resort and enjoy a refreshment before you return to the ship.

Please note: Due to traffic congestion in Casablanca, it may not be possible to stop at certain sights.

The Imperial City of Rabat



Approximately 5½ - 6 hours • \$\$

It is a one-hour drive to Rabat, capital of Morocco and one of the four Imperial Cities. See the vast courtyard outside the Royal Palace and the 12th-century Hassan Tower gracefully dominating the ruins of a mosque. In the Old Town, you will discover the fascinating *souks* (markets) and the Oudaya Kasbah. See where the Roman town of Sala stood outside the walls of Rabat, and the remnants of a fortified cemetery built in the 14th century.

Magical Marrakech



Approximately 12½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Marrakech, founded almost a thousand years ago, nestles at the foot of Morocco's mighty Atlas Mountains. Set off by motor coach for the 160-mile trip with a rest stop en route. Once in Marrakech you will pass by the Koutoubia Minaret, a 12th-century Moorish monument. Walk among the gardens and hedges of fragrant rosemary to see the ornate Saadian Tombs. At the Bahia Palace, you will see the Harem. Lunch will be served at a deluxe hotel before you visit Jamaa El Fna Square, where soothsayers, acrobats, snake-charmers and water-sellers mingle.

Please note: It is a 4-hour motor coach ride each way to Marrakech.



Catania, Sicily, Italy

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Approximately 4 hours

Car – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Minivan – half day: \$\$\$\$

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The Archaeological Park of Syracuse



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Siracusa (or Syracuse) boasts a warm climate, blue skies, a beautiful bay, and the ancient ruins of a Greek city that was the rival of Athens. Neapolis Archaeological Park was created in 1952-55 and contains most of Greek and Roman Siracusa's classical monuments. Today you will have access to the Greek Theatre and part of the Latomia del Paradiso, one of the ancient stone quarries. The other monuments can be viewed from a distance—powerful monuments in this unique place, where the work of man and of nature try to out-rival each other. The Greek theatre (5th century BC) is one of the largest and best-preserved theatres of the ancient world. The Roman amphitheatre, hewn out of the rock, dates from 2nd century AD. The entrance and gangways for animals and gladiators can still be seen. The Ropemakers' Cave takes its name from the cord-makers who once worked there, spinning and braiding their hemp in a pleasantly cool atmosphere. The Ear of Denys is an artificial grotto resembling the form of an ear lobe, 190 feet long, from and up to 33 feet wide and 70 feet high, gradually narrowing at the top, almost like a pointed arch. It is famous for its exceptional echo, which enabled Denys the Tyrant to overhear the talk of the prisoners he confined in a lower room.

The Wines of Barone di Villagrande



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

The Barone di Villagrande Farm on the slopes of Mt. Etna has belonged to the Nicolosi family since ancient times. In 1727, a decree issued by Emperor Charles VI conferred privileges and the title of Barone di Villagrande to the Nicolosi family in recognition their passion for viticulture. Their skill in the production of fine wines was legendary. The farm lies 1800 feet above sea level in a natural, south-facing amphitheatre in the heart of the DOC Etna and Etna Bianco Superiore appellation zone. The ideal location, the volcanic soils and the typical mountain climate create a unique condition allowing production of wines with moderate alcoholic content but rich in fixed acidity and tannins. The red wines are stylish and firm, while the whites are long and structured with a delicate, penetrating aroma. The ancient wine cellars have maintained their historic aspect, with stainless and oak barrels aging side by side. The top-of-the-line Barone di Villagrande wines is Red Sciara. This red offers intense, broad scent of the fruits of forest with a back aroma of liquorice; soft with spiced end. As you arrive at Barone di Villagrande farm, the owners will show you the old cellar and will introduce you the range of the wines produced in the winery, accompanied by a delicious refreshment of typical Sicilian products.

Taormina & the Greco-Roman Theatre



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Begin with a pleasant drive to the city that is the essence of Sicily—Taormina—built in the 3rd century BC by the Greeks, and later completely renovated by the Romans. Perched on a terrace overlooking the sea, its medieval character will delight you. Your guide will introduce you to Taormina's delights on a guided walk that includes the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele and the bustling main street of Corso Umberto, which is lined with former mansions with enchanting architecture and balconies that brim with flowers. Stop briefly in the inner courtyard of the medieval Corvaja Palace for a look at a richly painted original Sicilian *carretta*, or carriage. Follow your guide up to the narrow street that leads to Taormina's impressive Greco-Roman theatre,

which dates back to the 2nd and 3rd centuries BC, and still hosts performances today. The theatre's dramatic location is nothing less than breathtaking, with an incredible view of the Bay of Naxos and Mt. Etna in the distance. At the 15th-century Palazzo Corvaja see an excellent example of the characteristic black and white lava and pumice-work of Taormina architecture. Stroll Corso Umberto, the main street of Taormina, bounded by the Porta Catania, Porta del Centro, Clock Tower and the Porta Messina. The Piazza IX April terrace offers superb photo opportunities with its fine panoramic view over the Gulf of Taormina.

Please note: Buses are not permitted in the town. Lifts are used from the parking area to the town.

Classic Syracuse



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Syracuse boasts a warm climate, blue skies, a beautiful bay and the ancient ruins of a Greek city which was once the rival of Athens. It was converted to Christianity by St. Paul, who preached in the quarries here. Visit the city's Greek theatre that dates from 5th century BC and is one of the largest and best preserved theatres of the ancient world. Its seats, hollowed out of the rock, are carefully shaped for the spectators' comfort. At the Ear of Denys you will encounter a strange phenomenon—an artificial grotto in the form of an earlobe, 213 feet long and 76 feet high, which enabled the tyrant Denys to overhear the talk of the prisoners he confined in a lower room. You will also stop at the cordmakers cave, which gets its name from the cord makers who worked there, being able to spin and plait their hemp in a pleasantly cool atmosphere. You'll see the Arethusa Fountain, the legendary cradle of the city which runs with fresh water despite its proximity to the sea. Like many Christian churches, Syracuse's 7th-century cathedral was built on the foundations of a former pagan temple, using the original nine columns which can be seen on the north side and the 19 columns of the nave. Its monumental baroque façade is lined with oleanders. Inside, note the 13th-century font and the St. Lucy Chapel.

Please note: It is approximately a one-hour drive each way to Syracuse.

A Drive to Mt. Etna



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

See some of the legendary beauty of Sicily as you visit Mt. Etna, driving south on the highway through vineyards, citrus groves, and villages. You will learn that Etna is a very active volcano—the largest in Europe at 10,723 feet high. It has erupted more than 130 times. On the flanks of the volcano, enjoy the panoramic view of the city of Catania, overwhelmed by an eruption 300 years ago, and walk around Crateri Silvestri, created by the lava flow of the 1983 eruption. These small craters are set amid bare fields of gray lava that stretch for miles.

Military Landing Museum & Catania Sights



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

The collapse of the Axis forces in North Africa occurred in the early days of November, 1942. Their defeat at el-Alamain was compounded by the almost simultaneous landings of the Anglo-American forces in Algeria and Morocco. The Allies then believed that they could gain control of the central and western sea basin, and overthrow the Axis powers. The Allied Chiefs of Staff attending the Casablanca Conference decided to attack Sicily, marking the beginning of Operation Husky. Sicily was chosen because it was the only Italian target that the allied fighters based in North Africa and Malta could easily reach from aircraft carriers. The “Mincemeat” operation had directed attention on Sardinia, so Sicily was depleted of defence forces at the time. The British took Catania on the 5th August, 1943, after a long and difficult battle at the Simeto Bridge. American and British wounded and lost amounted to more than 5,000 men. The historical War Museum in Catania, a facility that depicts the campaign in detail, invites you to explore. It is set on three stories and covers an area of 3,000 square meters. On your way back to the pier, enjoy a brief orientation along the main street of Catania.

Please note: About two hours walking is required inside the museum.



Civitavecchia, Italy

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The Vatican's Sacred Scenes



Approximately 11 hours • \$\$\$\$

Depart Civitavecchia's pier for a drive to the Eternal City of Rome. Spend the morning with free time in the historical center for shopping, browsing and lunch on your own. Then, get ready for a unique experience: a private Vatican tour. You will begin at the Porta di Bronzo, the Bronze Gate, and you will immediately see many outstanding Bernini masterpieces, including a somber statue of the Emperor Constantine. A graceful Bernini staircase leads to the entrance of the magnificent Royal Room. Adorned with paintings by Vasari and Raphael, this private papal chamber is a fitting site for the Pope's meetings with international Heads of State. It is from this room that he appears on the Balcony of Blessings to bless the crowds in St. Peter's Square. At another “off limits” balcony in this same room, you can enjoy a superb view of the nave of St. Peter's, from a papal vantage point! Next, by special permission, you will have the unusual privilege of visiting the Pope's private place of worship, the Paolina Chapel. The



Chapel contains two important works by Michelangelo which are not normally seen by visitors—The Conversion of St. Paul and The Crucifixion of St. Peter. The Chapel also offers an intimate and dramatic view of the Sistine Chapel. Within the Sistine Chapel itself, you will be dazzled by Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes, restored to their original colors and full glory. The effect is absolutely stunning! To conclude your private showing, you will have the rare opportunity to see the Papal Treasures—carefully preserved clothing, richly adorned vestments, precious jewels, hundreds of priceless gifts presented over the centuries by kings and queens and Heads of State, and incomparable objects of art created for the Renaissance Popes by Bernini and Cellini.

Eternal Rome & a Private Visit to the Vatican



Approximately 12 hours • \$\$\$\$

Drive 90 minutes to the heart of Rome, passing St. Paul's Basilica, the Pyramid of Caius Cestius, Circus Maximus and stopping at the Trevi Fountain. Walk to Piazza Venezia (Venice Square), along Imperial Forum Avenue and then stop for a view of the Roman Forum. On the far side, you'll see the Colosseum and the Arch of Constantine. After lunch, drive to the Vatican State and step through the embrace of Bernini's spectacular colonnades to the vast expanse of St. Peter's Square. Enter Christendom's largest church—St. Peter's Basilica. Then, after it is closed to the public, explore the richest storehouse of art in the world in the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, whose glorious ceilings will leave you in awe.

Please note: Dress respectfully for visiting religious monuments, covering knees and shoulders. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour requires approximately two miles of walking over uneven surfaces with extended periods of standing and about 50 steps. Not available Sundays and Catholic holidays.

A Papal Audience at the Vatican



Approximately 11½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Here is a once-in-a-lifetime experience—to be in the audience for a blessing from the Pope, and still have time to see some of Rome's famous highlights. Relax on a 90-minute motor coach



journey to the Vatican. From the parking area, you will walk to your reserved seat. At approximately 10:15am, Pope Benedict XVI will appear and bless the audience, speaking for approximately 1½ hours. After this amazing experience you will re-board your motor coach and drive to a local restaurant for a typical Italian lunch. Then, venture into the Via Veneto area for approximately two hours of free time for shopping or exploring Rome on your own. Meet your escort for an orientation drive of the Eternal City, through the Borghese Gardens and along Via Veneto to Barberini Square with its Triton Fountain. At Piazza Venezia you will see the monument to King Victor Emmanuel II. Drive by the Forum, the Colosseum, Circus Maximus and Palatine Hill where the Roman Emperors resided. Pass through St. Paul's Gate and glimpse the Pyramid of Caius Cestius on the way back to the ship.

Please note: This excursion is only available on Wednesdays. The Audience will be held either in St. Peter's Square or in the Aula Paolo VI, depending upon weather conditions. You will arrive early to avoid lines and crowds, so there will be some waiting. Dress respectfully for the Audience, with knees and shoulders covered. Comfortable shoes, water, a hat and sunscreen are recommended.

Highlights of Rome



Approximately 10 - 10½ hours • \$\$\$\$

In the Eternal City, enter the vast expanse of St. Peter's Square through Bernini's Colonnade, and step into Christendom's largest church—St. Peter's Basilica. In the apse is the splendid gilt and bronze throne, also designed by Bernini. Take time to see the Pieta—Michelangelo's masterpiece in white marble. Leaving the Vatican, drive along the Tiber River, passing Aventine Hill for a view of the imposing remains of the Imperial Palaces and the Circus Maximus. Pass by the Forum where vestiges of the Roman Empire remain. Visit the Colosseum and drive by Venice Square, the heart of Rome with its flamboyant memorial to King Victor Emmanuel. Stop at the Trevi Fountain where King Neptune's Tritons guard the sparkling waters of Rome's most beloved monument. Toss in a coin to ensure your return to the Eternal City! A typical Italian lunch will be served before some free time for shopping or to continue sightseeing on your own.

Please note: Dress respectfully for visiting religious monuments,



covering knees and shoulders. This tour does not visit the Vatican Museum or the Sistine Chapel.

Italian Countryside & Catacombs



Approximately 9 hours • \$\$\$\$

In Rome you will visit the Catacombs—a curious underground maze of tunnels where the early Christians, persecuted by the Romans, practiced their religion in secret. In the Roman Hills lies a wealth of beautiful countryside. You will follow the Appian Way, one of the first ancient Roman military roads into the countryside dotted with farmhouses, villas and palaces. In Rome's wine growing hinterland, you will stop at Montegiove Farm House. The Count Raimondo Moncada will introduce you to the history of his noble family before an aperitif on the terrace overlooking the Tyrranean Sea and the beaches of Anzio and Nettuno—theatres of the American Landing during World War II. Enjoy a typical local brunch in the farmhouse with home-made wine from the farm. After brunch, drive through the lovely towns of Genzano and Ariccia to Lake Albano in the crater of an extinct volcano. Free time is allowed in medieval Castelgandolfo, where the Popes have kept their summer residence for centuries.

Panoramic Rome & St. Peter's Basilica



Approximately 9 hours • \$\$\$\$

Travel to the center of the Eternal City, with a drive past its most famous highlights: the pyramid of Caius Cestius, Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Venice Square, Piazza Barberini, Via Veneto and the Borghese Gardens. Crossing the Tiber River, you will enter the Vatican City for a visit to St. Peter's Basilica. Pass through Bernini's awesome colonnade and step into this massive basilica that lies at the heart of Roman Catholicism. It houses Michelangelo's *Pietà*, one of the most famous sculptures in the world. Outside, you'll see the impressive square which, on special occasions, is filled with people from around the world. Enjoy lunch and free time before returning to the ship.

Please note: Dress respectfully for visiting religious monuments, covering knees and shoulders.

Etruscan Treasures: Tarquinia & Tuscania



Approximately 8½ - 9 hours • \$\$\$

Begin your tour with a drive to Tarquinia, founded in the 7th century BC, and now known as a magnificent Etruscan burial ground. You will see the Palazzo Vitelleschi, an excellent example of early Renaissance architecture, and visit the Archeological Museum which houses the remains of the mysterious Etruscan population. Visit the Necropolis which contains thousands of tombs dating from the 6th to the 1st century BC, many of which have not yet been explored. At Lake Bolsena, you will have lunch in a lovely restaurant. This lake is situated in the northern Lazio region, and is mainly fed by rainwater. On the fertile shores, in addition to oak and chestnut woods, there are farms of olives, grapes and vegetables. Tuscania village is located on a plateau nearby, above the river Marta, and is one of the oldest towns of Italy—a cradle of the Etruscan civilization from 900 - 700 BC. Take a walk in the medieval city center and admire two great Paleo-Christian basilicas built in the 9th century, which are still well-preserved. The ancient walls lend an air of serenity to this charming place.

Please note: This tour is not available on Mondays.

Roman Holiday



Approximately 11 hours • \$\$\$\$

Today you will follow in the footsteps of Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck in the famous romantic fairytale movie *Roman Holiday*. Begin with a walk to the Spanish Steps, then continue on foot to the Trevi Fountain, where you will toss in a coin to ensure your return to Rome. Reach the Pantheon and enjoy a delicious Italian *gelato* ice cream just like Princess Ana did. After this short stop, continue to the Campo De' Fiori area, where you will have some free time to stroll around the open-air souvenir market. Meet your bus nearby and head for the beautiful Palazzo Brancaccio—the last Roman Patrician Palace built in 1880 in the heart of the Eternal City. Located on Colle Oppio, the ancient Roman hill near Emperor Nero's Domus Aurea, between the Colosseum and the famous Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, it stands in a beautiful old park among Roman ruins, centuries-old



plants and fountains, pine trees, palms and laurels. Here you can admire the small but charming Hunting Lodge, full of rich decorations. In the palace you'll find enchanting banquet rooms where Princess Mary Elisabeth Brancaccio gave sumptuous parties. *Roman Holiday* was filmed inside the halls of the Palazzo Brancaccio. Within the magnificent rooms of the Palazzo, a traditional Italian lunch will be served, and here you will also see the original Vespa that took Princess Ana and her beloved journalist around the Eternal City! After lunch, you will drive past the Colosseum and catch a glimpse of the Roman Forum before reaching the "Mouth of the Truth" which, according to legend, will bite your hand off if you lie. Lastly, board your coach for the return trip to Civitavecchia, full of special memories to be treasured forever.

Transfer to Rome



Approximately 10 hours • \$\$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore on their own. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to the city. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions before arrival in Rome.

A Glimpse of Rome with Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Depart Civitavecchia and head to the Eternal City by motor coach. In Rome you will drive through the lovely Borghese Gardens, then along Via Veneto—Rome's famous, elegant and outrageously expensive shopping street—with the most fashionable sidewalk cafés, luxury shops and up-market hotels. Drive through Piazza Barberini with the Triton Fountain, and past the Roman Forum, the Colosseum (the most Roman of Imperial Monuments), the Circus Maximus (where chariot races took place during the Roman Empire, immortalized in *Ben Hur*), and Palatine Hill with the Residence of Roman Emperors. Pass

through St. Paul's Gate and watch for the Pyramid of Caius Cestius. Continue on the old Ostiense Way to St. Paul's Basilica where you will have 30 minutes free time for a visit. End your tour with a drive to the airport.

Please note: Available only to guests with flights at 3pm or later.



Dubrovnik, Croatia

All guests must carry a passport to go on tour. Photocopies are not accepted.

Signature Collection Private Car, Minivan or Yacht



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Yacht – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per yacht

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle or vessel, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



Panoramic Konavle



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

This tour is specially designed for guests with limited mobility. Enjoy the opportunity to see the Dubrovnik region at a relaxed pace. Thanks to the Rebuild Dubrovnik Fund, this marvelous city has been reclaimed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Even a glance at it from the panoramic viewpoint will reveal its character and charm. A 60-minute drive south of Dubrovnik through the Konavle Region will bring you to the old watermill where a local

inhabitant will explain a traditional way of flour making. Enjoy a welcome with local brandy in front of the old water mill and a snack of local delicacies and wine.

A Cultural Evening in Dubrovnik



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

Many facets of Dubrovnik's cultural life are united in the historical Old Town. Meet an internationally acclaimed artist and enjoy a classical music concert in a medieval church. The Rector's Palace was once the seat of Government of the independent Republic of Dubrovnik (abolished by Napoleon in 1808), and today houses a collection of paintings, furniture and medieval weapons. Dubrovnik House is situated next to historical tower of St. Dominic. Your visit to the Dubrovnik House is hosted by one of Dubrovnik's artists whose work is on display. Browse a classical array of paintings and Dubrovnik souvenirs while enjoying two types of local brandy, liqueurs, *Arancini* (sweet oranges), *Limuncini* (sweet lemons), caramelized almonds and quince candy. View the Dominican Monastery and walk to the Church of St. Saviour. In this church, you will be treated to a 40-minute classical quartet concert consisting of pieces composed by Croatian and international composers.



Dubrovnik & Croatia's Countryside



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Thanks to the Rebuild Dubrovnik Fund, this marvelous city has been reclaimed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enter the city through the Pile Gate and visit the amazing courtyard of the Sponza Palace, known for its elaborate stone carvings. You'll see the Dominican church and monastery, and view the outside of the Rector's Palace. In the Konavle region, a 45-minute drive south of Dubrovnik, spend an afternoon in an idyllic natural setting. At the Konavoski Dvori Restaurant, perfectly situated in an old water mill next to the Ljuta River, lunch on traditional delicacies. Local red and white wines, as well as bottled water, are included. Return to Dubrovnik for a brief shopping stop in the Gruz Harbor area.



Dubrovnik's Riviera



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

From a scenic view point, take in a magnificent view over Dubrovnik and its Riviera, then a pleasant drive leads along the coastline and through the picturesque villages of the green and fertile Konavle valley. You are headed to Cavtat, with a palm-lined seashore and numerous cafés. During a short stop here, walk along the beautiful seafront promenade. Now, your coach will return you to Dubrovnik's Ploce Square at the eastern entrance to the Old Town. A refreshment will be served before you watch a performance including regional costumes, songs and dances from various Croatian provinces.

Please note: The tour includes a walk between the Ploce Square and Pile Square of approximately 2,000 feet over a paved area.

Historic Dubrovnik



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

"Those who seek paradise on Earth," George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "should come to Dubrovnik"—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Drive by coach to the view point south of town, then cross the stone bridge to walk down the broad, stone-paved avenue known as the Stradun. It is the city's main artery, lined with graceful stone palazzi where people both work and live. Your visit will include the cathedral (1667) and the Dominican monastery, with its unique collection of baroque paintings. See the Sponza Palace which is notable for its column courtyard with elaborate stone carvings, and the Rector's Palace and Onofriou's Fountain will be viewed from the outside. Enjoy free time for shopping or browsing in the Old Town.

Please note: Audio headsets will be used to enhance the experience on this tour.

Kolorina Sea Kayaking



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$\$

Your kayaking adventure will start with a coach ride to Pile Square, just in front of the Old Town of Dubrovnik, and after a short walk you will find yourself at Kolorina Bay where the fun

starts! Following brief introduction, your instructor will lead you under the Lovrijenac Fortress and the southern parts of the City Walls towards the island of Lokrum and to the Betina Beach where you will have time for snorkeling. A snack will be served at the Betina Beach. Your tour will end with a coach ride back to the ship.

Please note: Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.

Cultural Dubrovnik



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

Explore the old town of Dubrovnik, entering the 13th-century city via the Pile Gate. See the Sponza Palace with its elegant courtyard and elaborate stone carvings, the Dominican church and monastery, the Rector's Palace and the Church of St. Blaise. Walk along the city's main thoroughfare, whose graceful stone *palazzi* house shops and residences. Just 30 minutes away, visit the small town of Cavtat, with a palm-lined seashore and numerous cafés. Take a short walk along the beautiful seafront promenade. Next is the Glavic House—a traditional family home in the Konavle region, producing brandy, wine and olive oil. Enjoy a lunch of traditional Croatian specialties, locally produced wines, brandy, and delicious desserts as local musicians entertain you.

A Taste of Croatia



Approximately 7½ - 8 hours • \$\$\$

Calling all wine-lovers and connoisseurs! Drive along the spectacular Adriatic coast west of Dubrovnik passing the Elaphite archipelago and villages along the coast. The first stop is at Ston, where a spectacular 13th-century defensive wall surrounds the town and continues high up into the mountains. Don't miss the ancient salt pans that are still in use today. Continue past beautiful vineyards and small villages to the Peljesac Peninsula. You'll visit the cellar of the Milos family—famous for their vineyards in Ponikve. Taste some of the wines produced here, including red wines named Plavac and Fatiga. After the cellar visit, you will stop at the home of the Bartulovic family, for a typical local lunch. En route back to Dubrovnik there will be a short stop in the small town of Slano.



Evening Cruise



Approximately 3 - 3½ hours • \$\$

This is a unique opportunity to explore Dubrovnik inside and out. Enjoy a panoramic sail from the modern harbor, along the coast to the ancient harbor of the walled city, and dock in the Old Port as mariners have been doing for centuries. Along the way, you will be entertained by a group of musicians playing a medley of Dalmatian and international songs. Sip on a welcome drink of *prosecco*, or domestic herbal brandy. Disembark in the historical Old Town and spend some time exploring the city on your own. You will have time for dinner in one of many local restaurants if you wish. Return to the ship will be by motor coach.

Please note: Dinner is not included in the tour price.

Konavle Biking



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Your tour begins with a drive eastward through the lovely countryside of Zupa Dubrovacka (the Parish of Dubrovnik) and the picturesque villages of Kupari, Srebreno, Mlini and Plat. Take in the scenery of the Konavle Valley, Croatia's southernmost region, shaped by the hills bordering Bosnia and Herzegovina in the north and northeast. Steep cliffs, coves and capes extend from Prevlaka and Molunat in the far south to Cavtat. This area of 33 villages is renowned for its traditional stone architecture, lush greenery and, above all, for its rich cultural tradition in handicrafts. The prosperity of this fertile farming area and bountiful oasis were fostered by strong ties to the Republic of Dubrovnik. Its name comes from the Latin *canales*, due to numerous channels providing potable water from Vodovadja village to Cavtat. Your biking adventure begins in the village of Gruda, located in the center of the valley. You will ride over dirt roads and through the picturesque Konavle fields, abundant with vineyards, olive groves and orchards, crossing the bridges over the Konavocica and Ljuta Rivers. Stop on the river bank for photos and refreshments.



Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Guests participating in these shore excursions will be among the first to disembark the ship. Board the tour bus with your luggage, as all tours will proceed directly to the airport upon conclusion. Transportation to the airport is included in the tour price listed. These tours can only be booked on board.

Transfer to Fort Lauderdale or Miami Airport

\$ Fort Lauderdale Airport • \$ Miami Airport

Available to guests who are not participating in Holland America's "Fly Cruise Plan" and do not have a prepaid voucher in their travel documents. Direct motor coach transportation from the ship to the airport upon the conclusion of your voyage.

Fort Lauderdale City Sights & Airport Transfer



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • Available May - October only
 Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):
 With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
 Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):
 With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
 Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

Drive through Port Everglades and turn past the striking bronze sailfish fountain of the Broward Convention Center as you cross the Intracoastal Waterway. View famous Fort Lauderdale Beach and the Bahia Mar Yacht Basin en route to Las Olas Boulevard—the Rodeo Drive of Fort Lauderdale. Discover the inland waterways, luxury homes and mega yachts of the "Venice of America." You will see the Riverside Hotel and Stranahan House, the oldest structure in the city. Head towards the downtown financial district, with its many award-winning buildings, You will also see the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and the Museum of Discovery and Science. Leaving the bus, you will follow your guide on a stroll along the New River, past Al Capone's former residence, to the new Riverfront complex, a 50-million-dollar complex of plazas, fountains and planted areas, interspersed with

an unusual assortment of shops and restaurants. There will be a little free time to browse or shop before heading to the airport.

Land & Sea Excursion & Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • Available November - April only
 Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):
 With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
 Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):
 With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
 Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

Experience the highlights of Fort Lauderdale, including the Arts & Sciences District, and the Riverwalk and Las Olas Boulevard, with its boutiques, cafes, and galleries. Then, you will board a double-decker yacht or paddlewheeler-style boat for a 90-minute journey down the New River, out into the Intracoastal Waterway to Port Everglades. Pass by the historic Stranahan House, luxury homes, mega-yachts and sailboats, Navy ships and submarines, and Burt Reynolds' restaurant. See why the city is known as the "Venice of America." Bring your camera and sunscreen for the upper deck! Re-board your coach and transfer to the airport.

Everglades Airboat Ride & Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours
 Transferring to Fort Lauderdale Airport (flights after 2:30pm only):
 With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
 Transferring to Miami Airport (flights after 4:00pm only):
 With/without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
 Guests who are returning to the ship – \$\$

The Everglades is an expanse of swampland known for natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Your tour includes a ½-hour "airboat" ride into this vast wilderness. Birds, fish and other animals inhabit this curious corner of the country. Tour an authentic Seminole Indian village, and during a narrated tour of the reptile exhibit, you'll have a chance to hold a notorious Everglades alligator, or pet a Florida panther during the interactive wildlife show.

Funchal, Madeira

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle
Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Scenic Madeira



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Wind through the streets of Funchal, then through a eucalyptus forest and past the village of Monte on the way up to Pico do Arieiro at an elevation of 5,937 feet. Admire beautiful views and landscapes as you proceed to the village of Santo da Serra for a light refreshment. Return through the resort town of Machico and stop at a wine lodge in Funchal to taste some local blends.

Please note: Visibility from all scenic outlooks is dependent upon the weather and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

Cabo Girão, Câmara Fishing Village & Reid's



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Discover both “sides” of Madeira, on this island that is distinctly Portuguese but has a noticeably English “accent.” You’ll begin with a drive along the island’s west coast to Cabo Girão—the highest sea cliff in Europe and the second-highest in the world at 1,902 feet. There are stunning views out over Funchal and to the distant horizon. Look for the inhospitable terraces that hug



the side of the cliff and are farmed even today. Next you’ll stop at Câmara de Lobos, a delightfully picturesque fishing village that was painted by Winston Churchill during his stay in Madeira. Today, Câmara de Lobos is a thriving fishing center, and the quaint houses around its small bay belong to many of the island’s fishermen. These are some of the oldest dwellings on the island. End your tour with a chance to relax over afternoon tea at Reids Hotel. This Madeira institution is famous for its lovely gardens and grounds, as well as for its association with the Funchal Botanical Garden—the Reid family sold to the government the land on which the gardens are located. Refreshments served will include tea or coffee, finger sandwiches, scones and cakes.

Please note: The dress code at Reid’s Palace hotel is smart casual (no jeans, shorts or tennis shoes).

Eira do Serrado & Monte Basket Sleigh-Ride



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Head inland from Funchal to the viewpoint on Pico do Serrado (3,592 feet) for an amazing panorama over the island. Sample *Ginga*, a liqueur traditional to this region, with a slice of homemade cake. Next, you are headed to Monte, a village noted for its many fine gardens and twin-towered church. For the highlight of your tour, you will embark on an exciting, ten-minute wicker sleigh-ride from Monte back to Livramento. This was once a popular form of transportation on Madeira! Your sleigh is pulled by two people and does not travel fast. In Funchal, visit an embroidery factory and sample some Madeira wine.

Please note: The sleigh ride is at a moderate pace; however, all forms of transportation involve inherent risk, so all guests participate at their own risk. Sleigh operates weather permitting.

Unforgettable Scenery of West Madeira



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$

The magnificent coastal and inland scenery of Madeira will leave you breathless. From the ship, leave for the picturesque fishing village of Câmara de Lobos, made famous by none other than Winston Churchill. Continue to Cabo Girão, second-highest sea cliff in the world, then you’ll visit Ribeira Brava for a refreshment stop at a local seaside café. Next you will take the north





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coast road through Encumeada Pass for more incredible views of Madeira’s north and south coastlines. Coming down the mountains, you will visit the village of São Vicente and admire the waterfalls along the lovely road on north coast near Porto Moniz. After lunch, cross the Paúl da Serra Plateau and head towards the south of the island, with a short break on the way to Funchal.

Cable Car to Monte



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

In the old part of Funchal, you will board a cable car for a scenic trip up to the town of Monte. Next, you’re off on a brief adventure with a basket sleigh ride down to Livramento. The tour then continues to Pico dos Barcelos, which offers a fantastic panorama of the whole of Funchal city, its bay, harbor and the surrounding hills. Back in Funchal, you’ll have a chance to taste Madeira wine.

Please note: The sleigh ride is at a moderate pace; however, all forms of transportation involve inherent risk, so all guests participate at their own risk. Sleigh operates weather permitting.

Botanical Beauty



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Departing the port, the coach takes you along the sea front avenue to the Funchal Farmer’s Market. Enjoy the sounds and scents of this market with its enormous variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Then, proceed to the village of Monte and walk across the village to admire its beautiful gardens and landscapes. On the far side, board the cable car for a ride over breathtaking views of the valleys that lead to the Botanical Gardens of Madeira. Here you will learn why Madeira is known as the “Floating Garden”—these gardens are beautifully laid out across terraces that climb from 600 to 900 feet in elevation. You will have free time to explore the path winding between dragon and coral trees, hibiscus bushes and an abundance of flowers both indigenous and exotic, with sensational city views. Return by coach to Funchal, stopping to visit the famous wine cellars of Madeira.

Please note: Wear casual, comfortable shoes.



Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 hours
Car/minivan – half day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



Upper Rock Walking Tour



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Gibraltar is best appreciated on foot, in the company of a knowledgeable guide. Learn about the natural wonders, local flora and fauna, splendid views and military fortification Gibraltar has to offer. By cable car it’s only a short panoramic ride to the top. View the huge catchment area and Catalan Bay before walking along a wooded path to admire St. Michael’s Cave. A minibus will take you to the Apes’ Den, home of Barbary apes. See the Great Siege Tunnels, excavated in 1779-83, then you will pass the Moorish Castle and enter the heart of the city. Guests wishing to stay in town and do some duty-free shopping are welcome to return to the ship on their own.

Please note: The cable car is a popular attraction and therefore a delay may be encountered. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Dolphin Watch



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$\$

Cruise aboard Europe’s top dolphin-watching boat, offering front row bench seating for all guests in either sun or shade, with a full bar, lounges, restrooms and a dolphin center. Study the

cetaceans in the bay and Straits of Gibraltar, with the coastline of Africa only a stone's throw away—the local waters are home to three species of dolphin, the striped dolphin, the bottle-nose and the common dolphin, as well as seven species of whale, flying fish, turtle and sunfish. Live commentary explains the world of the dolphin, and the history and landmarks of Gibraltar.

Returning to the pier, you will transfer back to the pier. Guests who wish to walk into town (approximately 300 yards) may do so, but must make their own way back to the ship.

Please note: The seating on the boat is on hard benches in a covered, outdoor area. This tour is dependent upon weather conditions.

Gibraltar: A City Under Siege



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

A cable car will whisk you to Gibraltar's Top Station for fabulous views and to the Middle Station to see the Barbary Apes. You will see these tailless monkeys roaming free. Keep your possessions close and please do not feed or touch these wild animals. Visit the "Great Siege Tunnels" carved out of solid limestone, and the first buildings ever constructed by the British in Gibraltar, which now house the *Gibraltar—A City Under Siege* exhibition. A drive through the old town will take you to Nelson's Anchorage to see the 100-Ton Gun. The Gibraltar Museum features a 20-minute film depicting the evolution of the past 200,000 years. Guests wishing to stay in town and do some duty-free shopping are welcome to return to the ship on their own.

Please note: The cable car is a popular attraction and therefore a delay may be encountered. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Top of The Rock: Gibraltar On Your Own



Duration varies • \$

Make the most of your time in Gibraltar, with sightseeing and time for shopping. By cable car take in the great views of Gibraltar from the Botanical Gardens to the Apes' Den and up to the summit. On a clear day you will see the coast of Morocco, the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. An easy-to-use audio guide will provide you with an insight into the history of the Rock of Gibraltar. You will have free time to explore Main Street, with familiar names as well as smaller shops selling every-

thing from fashion to designer sunglasses, Chinese linen to electrical equipment. Relax in the Irish Town pedestrian area in a pub or café.

Please note: The cable car is a popular attraction and therefore a delay may be encountered. This tour is unguided. Guests are responsible for making their way back to the ship at their own expense.

Gibraltar's Highlights



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$\$

Pass the American War Memorial and the headquarters of the remaining British Naval forces in Gibraltar as you head toward Europa Point. Take some photos of the Straits and Bay of Gibraltar, the Spanish mainland and, on a clear day, the African Continent. Proceed to the Upper Rock area to visit St. Michael's Cave and the "infamous" Barbary apes. You will drive past the Moorish Castle and the Tower of Homage which still bears the scars of battle to enter Upper Town area's narrow streets. Guests wishing to stay in town and do some duty-free shopping are welcome to return to the ship on their own.

Fortress Gibraltar



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

This tour departs from the quayside and takes you directly to the British-Spanish Land Frontier. Your driver/guide will provide a brief overview of Gibraltar's history along the way, and will point out the areas you will be visiting once you get to the World War II Tunnels. Then, proceed to Europa Point, site of the Trinity Lighthouse, to take in the stunning views this area affords—this is where the raging Atlantic Ocean mingles with the calm waters of the Mediterranean Sea, the busy Straits of Gibraltar, the African coastline and the famous Spanish Costa del Sol. Continue to the Nature Reserve, home of the Northern Defences Sector. You will learn about Gibraltar's fascinating history on the way, and will hopefully catch a glimpse of the famous Barbary apes (*Macaca sylvanus*) roaming free around the area. Enjoy the numerous photos exhibited within this facility, and take a stroll at your leisure.

Panoramic Gibraltar with Tapas or Elegant Tea Options



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Travel north across Gibraltar to the border between this small colony and Spain, and to the Spanish mainland beyond. You are headed towards Catalan Bay, and from this vantage point overlooking a Genoese-style fishing village, you will be able to savor the spectacular views of Spain and North Africa. Next you will proceed along the outskirts of town, passing the American War Memorial and the Trafalgar Cemetery to arrive at Europa Point. From here you can admire views of the coast of North Africa, just 12 miles across the famous Straits of Gibraltar. From here you will appreciate why this territory was, and continues to be, of such strategic importance to the British Navy. Choose one of the two options (A or B) below to complete your panoramic tour:

A. Panoramic Gibraltar with Tapas

Enjoy the Panoramic Gibraltar tour as outlined above, then you will stop at the Waterfront Restaurant for a delicious taste of local *tapas* (appetizers). Soak up the views overlooking the marina and relax as you try typical Mediterranean cuisine and glass of wine.



B. Panoramic Gibraltar with Elegant Tea

Enjoy the Panoramic Gibraltar tour as outlined above, then you will stop at the renowned Caleta Hotel. The location and proximity to the beach and the clear blue Mediterranean Sea makes the hotel unique on the peninsula. Take in the scenery as you savor a delightful morning or afternoon tea or coffee accompanied by a tempting selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes.



Half Moon Cay, Bahamas

Many of the shore excursions and watersport “toy” rentals on Half Moon Cay require that you sign a waiver release form. Please obtain a copy of this waiver from the Shore Excursion Office on board the ship to expedite the process for yourself and your fellow tour participants.

Deep-Sea Fishing



Approximately 2 hours (1½ hours fishing time) • \$\$\$

Try snagging “the big one,” as you fish the waters of Half Moon Cay in search of wahoo, snapper and grouper, assisted by the crew. Fishing is catch-and-release. All equipment provided.

Please note: Bring a hat and sunscreen. No restrooms available.

Eco Lagoon Kayak Adventure



Approximately 1½ hours (1 hour paddling) • \$

Join an island guide on a kayak adventure on Bone Fish Lagoon. The lagoon comprises over 1,400 square acres of protected habitat and is home to numerous species of flora ranging from red mangroves to the ornamental silver buttonwood tree. Wear your swimsuit, and a hat and sunscreen.

Horseback Riding by Land & Sea



Approximately 1½ hours (45 minutes of riding) • \$\$

Saddle up for the experience of a lifetime! After a short tram ride to the corral you’ll receive an orientation before setting out on a ride along winding trails up to the highest point on the island for a panoramic view of Half Moon Cay and the surrounding islands before you continue along the bay, back to the corral. Enjoy a refreshment as your horse is “dressed” for swimming in a special saddle pad and a rope halter (no saddle), then you’ll venture into the ocean for the sensation of riding a horse while it’s swimming!

Ride the tram for the trip back to the Welcome Center.

Please note: Wear your swimsuit under jeans or long pants. Bring tennis shoes, sunscreen, towel and camera. Sandals not permitted. Minimum age is 10 year. Maximum weight is 250 lbs.

Stingray Adventure



Approximately 1½ - 2 hours • \$

Enjoy an educational encounter with the southern stingrays that make their home at Half Moon Cay. A short tram ride brings you to Stingray Cove where you'll learn about the stingrays' behaviors, habitat, feeding and breeding. After a safety briefing, grab your snorkel gear and enter the wading area with your guide to touch the rays' silky wings and feed these amazing creatures. A safety net ensures that other marine life remains outside the area. Return to the Fort San Salvador Welcome Center by tram.

Please note: Changing and restroom facilities are available. Mask, snorkel, safety vest and aqua shoes are provided. Refreshments and underwater cameras are available for purchase.

Parasailing



Approximately 1 hour (5-minute ride) • \$\$

Don a "parachute" and take off from behind a speed boat as the wind catches your chute, lifting you into the sky. A platform is attached to the boat for a dry landing. Life vest provided.

Please note: Maximum weight 250 lbs. Wind conditions dictate whether guests parasail in pairs or as singles. Altitude varies but may be as high as 450 feet.

Aqua Trax Adventure



Approximately 1 hour (30-minute ride) • \$\$

Experience Half Moon Cay from the natural inner saltwater lagoon on a guided personal watercraft adventure! After a short tram ride, you'll arrive at the safety briefing area and have time to get used to your personal sit-on watercraft. Depart single file with a lead guide and a guide bringing up the rear. Traveling along the picturesque shoreline of the island you'll navigate around the natural reef formations, inlets, islands and sand spits

before stopping for a cool drink. Buoyed courses will allow you to test your watercraft skills. With your guide, you'll briefly stop at the tidal outlet, the Indian village and Stingray Cove.

Please note: Minimum age is 16. Bring a valid driver's license. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.

Guided Tour by Bicycle



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$

Explore the island retreat on smooth, newly-resurfaced roads, pedaling from the oceanfront water sports rental center along Half Moon Beach to Bone Fish Lagoon. Your guide leads you to locations of historic significance and describes the history of the early inhabitants to the present day. The guide also identifies the flora and fauna on the island, pointing out plants used for medicinal purposes by the locals, and the many species of birds in this renowned, bird-watching sanctuary.

Please note: Ride covers approximately three miles. All bikes are equipped with baskets, flags and helmets. Minimum age is 12 years. Water and soft drinks are included.

Historic Nature Walk



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$

Join an island guide for an informative and moderately paced 1½-mile walk on a sandy path through this tropical paradise, viewing tropical palms, sea grape trees, curly-tailed lizards and bananaquit birds. Your guide tells tales of Bahamian history, beginning with the island's first visitors, piracy, slavery and the present-day. You will also stop at some small historical ruins.

Kayaking



One-person kayak – \$ per hour
Two-person kayak – \$ per hour

Look down as you paddle across the beautiful, crystalline waters of the bay, and you'll see fish, coral and a sandy bottom rich with marine life. Paddle solo or with a partner for fun in the sun!

Floating Foam Mats



All day • \$

Do nothing! Relax on a floating foam mat and while away the day on the beach or on the water. Wear plenty of sunscreen!

Sunfish Sailboats



\$ per hour (1 - 2 guests per boat)

Sunfish sailboats offer a fun and interesting way for amateur sailors to improve or practice their skills. Instruction is provided. All participants must wear a life vest.

Hobie Catamarans



\$ per hour (1 - 4 guests per catamaran)

Sail a hobie-cat on Half Moon Cay's beach with breezes to push you along and clear water below! Instruction is provided. All participants must wear a life vest.

All-Day Snorkel Gear Rental



\$

Designed especially for those who are new to snorkeling, this tour is based on the beach. Rental Staff members will be on hand to provide assistance with fitting gear if needed. There is no coral at this site, so you will be able to stand up whenever you wish.

Eco Lagoon Cruise



Approximately 1¼ hours • \$

Board boat with glass bottom viewers and cross the lagoon, as you learn about Half Moon Cay and the Bahamas' history, culture, flora and fauna. Stingrays, nurse sharks, lemon sharks, bone fish, conch, sea urchins and assorted marine life are raised here. Half Moon Cay is also an official sanctuary for birdwatching. Through the boat's glass floor, discover a series of living reefs, where fish, coral and anemones are plentiful. Your final stop will be at a reconstructed Arawak Indian fishing village.

Glass-Bottom Boat



Approximately 1 hour (45-minute boat ride) • \$

Explore the undersea world without getting wet on a glass-bottom boat. The crystal-clear waters provide great visibility, and ideal opportunity to appreciate the unique coral formations and colorful tropical fish that abound in this unspoiled environment.

Snorkel by Boat



Approximately 1½ hours • \$\$

Travel by boat to a site off the coast of Half Moon Cay to snorkel from the boatside in limpid waters that teem with gloriously colored fish and coral. All snorkel equipment will be provided.

Please note: Wear your swimsuit; bring sunscreen and a towel.



Harwich,
England

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



Roman Colchester with Airport Transfer Option



This tour can be taken by guests who are returning to the ship (Option A), **and** by guests whose cruise ends in Harwich and are transferring to the airport (Option B).

A. Roman Colchester



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$ (for guests returning to the ship)

Transfer from Harwich to the nearby Roman town of Colchester. One of the most important of the Roman towns in England, and once the capital city, Colchester still boasts much of its original wall and, of course, the magnificent Castle Museum. Since the 16th century, the castle has taken on many roles, including those of ruin, library and prison for witches. Today, it is an award-winning museum featuring many hands-on displays that help to explain Colchester's long and complicated past. The castle itself is the largest keep ever to have been built by the Normans. It was constructed on the foundations of the Roman Temple of the Emperor Claudius. In addition to your visit to the museum, you will enjoy a short guided walking tour of Colchester and some free time to explore or shop.

Please note: This option is available only to guests who are returning to the ship.

B. Roman Colchester with Airport Transfer



Approximately 6¼ hours • (for guests transferring to London airports)
With prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$
Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$\$

Take the Roman Colchester tour as described above. Then, you will transfer to one of London's airports, where you will be reunited with your luggage in time for check in.

Please note: This option is available only to guests whose flight leaves London at 4:30pm or later.



Katákolon, Greece

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Ancient Olympia with Village, Zorba, Museum, & Vineyard Options

The small fishing village of Katákolon is your gateway to the mystical site of ancient Olympia, 25 miles to the east. The sanctuary of Olympia has the appearance of a park, and as you step back 2,000 years into the past, imagine the area crowded with athletes, orators, merchants and philosophers surrounding the Temple of Zeus with its forty-foot statue of the god, the ruins of which you will see today. It's easy to imagine the roar of the spectators as the athletes took their marks on the marble starting blocks, and to picture the temples, treasuries, porticoes and statues as they were. After your visit to Olympia, choose from the three options A - D below to complete your tour:

A. Ancient Olympia & Village



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$

Visit Olympia as outlined above, then stop briefly in Olympia village before returning to Katákolon port.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the site.



B. Ancient Olympia & Zorba



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$

Visit Olympia as outlined above, then proceed to Katákolon.

Enjoy a refreshment on the seafront as you are entertained by the sights and sounds of Greek music and Zorba dancing. At the end of the tour, return to the ship by bus or stroll through the village.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the site.

C. Ancient Olympia & the Museum



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Visit Olympia as outlined above, then you will take the short walk to the newly renovated museum. The exhibits here are findings from the excavations at the site. The most prized exhibit is a 4th century Parian marble statue of Hermes of Praxitelis, a masterpiece of classical sculpture from the Temple of Hera. Other exhibits to visit are a sculptured head of Hera and the pediments and metopes from the Temple of Zeus.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding at the site. Museum is closed Monday mornings.

D. Ancient Olympia & Mercuri's Vineyards



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Visit Olympia as outlined above, then you will continue to the Mercuri Estate, known not only for its wines of supreme quality but also for its magnificent location. This is the area where the Refosco grape was first planted after being imported from Italy. In 1930, the Mercuris built a modern winery and distillery, updated again in 1990 with the latest technology. You are invited to experience the beauty and charm of the vineyards, to see the old and new wineries, and also to have a taste of the locally produced wines.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the site.

Mercuri's Vineyard & Winery



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

After a short drive through picturesque villages and unspoiled scenery, you will arrive at the Mercuri Estate, known not only for its wines of supreme quality but also for its magnificent location. This is the area where the Refosco grape was first planted after being imported from Italy. In 1930, the Mercuris built a modern winery and distillery, updated again in 1990 with the latest technology. You are invited to experience the beauty and charm of the vineyards, to see the old and new winery, and also to have a taste of the locally produced wine.



Kerkira, Corfu, Greece

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



Albanian Adventure



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

You will depart the port of Corfu on a hydrofoil headed for the Albanian port of Saranda. Here you will board a coach and travel to the ancient town of Butrint. Ancient Butrint was an important Greco-Roman port city, and is now an impressive UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was inhabited continuously from the 7th century BC until it was abandoned in the 18th century AD. Its impressive walls are reminiscent of ancient Mycenae in Greece, but its most noteworthy excavated remains are early Hellenistic and Roman. Of special interest is the circular baptistry dating from the 6th century AD, paved with mosaics. Enjoy lunch in Saranda then proceed to the port to embark the hydrofoil for the return trip to Corfu. Upon arrival in Corfu town, take a scenic drive through Corfu town, where your guide will tell you about the history of this charming town before you return to the vessel.

Palaces of Corfu



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Pass through the main part of the town and head out into Corfu's lush and verdant countryside of olive, orange and lemon trees. Your destination is the village of Gastouri, where you will visit Achillion—the mansion built by the Empress Elisabeth of Austria and later owned by Kaiser Wilhelm II. Its beautiful gardens and statues have been left intact for visitors to admire. Continue to Kanoni for a distant view of the convent of Vlacherna and Mouse Island. Next, visit the Mon Repo Palace, built in 1828 for the second British Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands, Sir Frederic Adam in 1828. It was then utilized as the summer residence of the High Commissioner, while the official residence was the Palace of St. Michael and St. George in Corfu itself. The second son of King George I, George II was born here in 1869. The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip was born and baptized here in 1921. The Greek Royal family spent their summer holidays at Mon Repo, hosting their guests (Tito of Yugoslavia, Haile Selasie of Ethiopia, Nasser of Egypt). At the end of your visit you will return to the port.

Please note: This tour is not available on Mondays.



Achillion, Kanoni & Corfu



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Pass through the main part of the town and head out into Corfu's lush and verdant countryside of olive, orange and lemon trees. Your destination is the village of Gastouri, where you will visit the Achillion—the mansion built by the Empress Elisabeth of Austria and later owned by Kaiser Wilhelm II. Its beautiful gardens and statues have been left intact for visitors to admire. Continue to Kanoni for a distant view of the convent of Vlacherna and Mouse Island. Return to town by a different route and take a walk through the narrow streets of the old district. Stop at beautiful St. Spiridon church before returning to the ship.

Achillion Palace & Private Villa



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$\$\$

Take a scenic drive through Corfu Town, passing the Old Fortress, Cricket Square, the Palace of St. George and St. Michael and its elegant arcade buildings. The tour will then continue to the one-hundred-year-old Achillion Palace built by the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, adorned with fabulous statuary and mementos of its former owners. Enjoy sweeping views of the countryside, then make a special visit to a beautifully renovated private villa. With warm hospitality, the owner welcomes you to a traditional luncheon, served with refreshments, wine or *ouzo*.

Please note: Weather permitting, you may use the pool located in the beautiful garden. Bring your swimsuit and a towel.

Paleokastritsa & Corfu



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This excursion leaves the port and heads to Paleokastritsa—perhaps the most picturesque resort on the island, with fine beaches, wooded hills and crystal-clear sheltered bays pierced by black rocks. Visit Paleokastritsa's monastery, founded in 1226, with a beautiful church. Shady archways and lovely gardens enhance the restful atmosphere. Continuing on, a stop will be made at Kanoni—with old cannons still in position. Enjoy a



magnificent view across the bay to the convent of Vlacherna and Mouse Island. Now head back to Corfu Town for a walking tour. You will visit the Church of St. Spiridon, the patron saint of the island, which contains a priceless collection of icons. Passing narrow, balconied streets and Parisian archways, you come across the Town Hall and the Cricket Square which is still used today.

Kickin' Corfu! A Four-Wheel-Drive Adventure



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

Get behind the wheel of a four-wheel-drive vehicle and drive along the main coastal route, and up a country road, through olive groves and the village of Ano Korakiana. The road up Pantokrator Mountain features 27 zig-zag turns, and leads to the old village of Sokraki. Stretch your legs on a walk through the narrow winding streets of the village and enjoy a *meze* (traditional light snack) with a glass of local wine. Set off again along a country (dirt) lane to admire the beautiful panoramic view of the island as well as the magnificent view of the old town of Corfu. Returning to the narrow asphalt road, pass through Troubeta, Arkadades, Makrades and Lakones. You will stop for a view of Paleokastritsa before returning to the port.

Please note: Bring your driver's license. All vehicles are manual transmission Suzuki Vitara or Samurai and are self-drive. A guide vehicle will accompany the caravan. Four guests per vehicle.

Panoramic Corfu



Approximately 2½ hours • \$

This special program, designed for guests who prefer a limited amount of walking, includes the key features this idyllic Greek Island offers. From Bella Vista, a natural balcony perched on the hillside above Paleokastritsa, absorb the panorama of rocky promontories, deeply formed bays and crystal clear turquoise waters as your coach heads back to town. Finally, a scenic drive through the Venetian sector of Corfu Town will charm you before returning to the port. Optionally, you may disembark in town to continue your day exploring the sites and shopping opportunities, making your own way back to the ship.



King's Wharf, Bermuda

Aquarium & Caves by Bus



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Get acquainted with beautiful Bermuda and its main attractions as you travel on a pink, air-conditioned bus. Tour picturesque Harrington Sound with its beautiful bays and coves. En route, you will view charming pastel-colored homes with architecture unique to this island. Highlights include admission to the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo where you can see everything from chattering cockatoos to tiny seahorses, more than 75 species of fish, pink flamingos and more. Also included in your tour is admission to the beautiful limestone caves, where you will view wondrous formations of stalactites, stalagmites and crystal-clear lakes. For those not wishing to negotiate the 81 steps into the caves, the gardens around this area are beautifully manicured and are a great spot to relax or browse in the gift shop.

Destiny Glass-Bottom Boat Cruise



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Coral reefs, a shipwreck and fish feeding are all part of this fascinating tour. Come and discover the magic with your friendly Bermudian crew aboard the *Destiny*, an air-conditioned 78-foot luxury cruiser. During your tour, your crew will share with you their knowledge of Bermuda's past, as well as current events, and welcome any questions you might have as you journey to the beautiful sea gardens. Once there, you'll float over shallow coral reefs and learn about Bermuda's unique underwater eco-system. Your captain will then carefully maneuver over the *Vixen*, a 19th-century shipwreck. While at this location you'll watch in wonder as hundreds of endemic fish swirl to the surface for you to feed. Prior to returning to the ship, you will have an opportunity to drift silently in search of turtles, still too shy for human contact. A great two hours spent on the water!

Please note: Wear comfortable shoes. Bottled water is included.

Hamilton & St. George Highlights



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Enjoy a driving tour of Hamilton and then spend time discovering “Ye Olde Town of St. George”—Bermuda’s first capital. At the Dockyard, embark an air-conditioned public ferry for the approximately 25-minute scenic cruise through the Great Sound to Hamilton, the present-day capital of Bermuda. Board a pink-and-blue air-conditioned bus and head out of town as your driver/guide points out highlights of the city. View the many pastel-colored houses on the way to St. David’s for a photo stop at the lighthouse. You will drive by Carter House, which is believed to be the oldest dwelling in Bermuda, built around 1640. Pass through St. George en route to Fort St. Catherine, built in 1614. The fort houses many interesting artifacts, including replicas of Britain’s Crown Jewels. Re-board the bus for the short drive back to the Town Square for approximately 45-minutes of free time to shop and sightsee at your leisure. You can visit St. Peters Church, the oldest Anglican Church in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere, or view the replica of the *Deliverance*, whose passengers colonized the island in 1612. In the Town Square, view a cedar replica of the stocks and pillory used to punish criminals, or browse in the many quaint shops. Leaving St. George, continue along the South Shore passing by John Smith’s Bay Beach before returning to the ship via public ferry.

Please note: Admission to the Deliverance is not included. Upon returning to Hamilton you may go directly back to the ship via the public ferry or spend some time independently exploring the city. If you choose to remain in Hamilton, a public ferry/bus ticket will be provided. Returning to the ship prior to sailing will be your responsibility.

Restless Native Catamaran Cruise



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

The fun begins the moment you step aboard the *Restless Native*—a spacious and comfortable 50-foot pink sailing catamaran—for an adventure you won’t want to miss. The boat is famous for its hot home-baked cookies (prepared fresh on board daily!) and you’ll feel like you’re out with family and

friends. Complimentary iced tea and lemonade are served all day as well as complimentary snacks and tasty rum swizzles after your swim. You can snorkel in shallow water in a secluded and picturesque cove. You can sunbathe in the roomy hammocks, or relax in the comfort of the interior cabin with its full amenities. You’ll be entertained by stories about Bermuda’s history, culture and geology and you’ll learn more about the underwater world than you could have imagined. You’ll receive clean, quality snorkel gear, and best of all, a snorkel tour with an expert guide. It’s a great day out, and fun for the whole family. The interesting gift shop on board stocks many unusual items.

Please note: Wear your swimsuit under your clothes; bring a towel and sunscreen.

“Wildcat” Round-the-Island Sightseeing



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$\$

The islands of Bermuda provide beautiful scenery that makes for a unique *WildCat* tour. The 50 foot high-speed, powered catamaran is a fusion of passion, engineering and technology and will allow you to experience a complete circumnavigation of Bermuda lasting 2½ hours. Varying sea conditions that can be found on the two coasts of the island give an experience that suits all tastes. Points of interest include Hamilton and St. George Harbours, the Royal Naval Dockyard, the North and South Shores, Castle Harbour and the homes of the rich and famous in Tuckers Town.

Please note: Not recommended for children under 4 years of age, pregnant women or anyone with a condition likely to be affected by a high-speed ride. Maximum weight is 300 lbs. Route subject to change due to sea conditions.

A Dockyard Walk with the Admiral



Approximately 45 minutes • \$

Join the “Admiral” for a lighthearted walking tour of the Royal Naval Dockyard. You’ll enjoy the Admiral’s narration, his colorful 18th-century naval costume and the many interesting facts and stories he’ll relate about this historic area. Upon leaving the ship, you’ll walk at a leisurely pace into the old Victorian dockyard, visiting the Victualling Yard where the food and drink of

the Navy was stored in cedar barrels, the Camber from which Britain invaded the United States in 1814, and the King's Stairs. Your tour ends at the Clocktower Centre, where you may choose to browse in the shops or return to the ship at your leisure.

Dolphin Dip



Approximately 1½ hours • \$\$\$\$

The Dolphin Dip includes a ten-minute introduction and 20 minutes of dolphin time which is a combination of both shallow water and deep water interaction. Half the time is spent sitting about waist-high on a submerged platform where the dolphins come right up to your lap and you'll have a lot of hands-on interaction with them. The other half of the program takes place in the deeper water where you are observing the dolphins swimming under and around you, having a chance to see them through a mask and experience more interaction with them. All programs require participants to wear life jackets. Swimming is done on the surface of the water—there is no underwater diving involved. Use of a life jacket is required throughout the program.

Please note: Dolphin swim program is not recommended for pregnant women. Minimum age is 8 years. Participants must be able to get in and out of the water without assistance. Duration does not include check-in time and walking to and from the site.

Scenic South Shore Highlights by Taxi



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

During this three-hour tour your driver/guide will point out many different attractions. As you make your way through the Royal Naval Dockyard you will become acquainted with Bermuda's West End, including Somerset village. Your first stop will be at the Heydon Trust Chapel, a tiny cottage that dates back to 1616. From Heydon Trust, you will pass over Somerset Bridge, one of the smallest drawbridges in the world. Your next photo stop will be Gibb's Hill Lighthouse, reputed to be one of the oldest cast-iron lighthouses in the world. As your tour continues along South Shore Road, en route to Hamilton for a scenic tour of the city, you will stop at one of the island's famous pink-sand beaches. As your excursion continues back the Royal Naval Dockyard, your driver/guide will take you along Harbour Road

(North Shore) for incredible views of Hamilton Harbour and the colorful limestone houses for which Bermuda is so famous. Your tour concludes in the Dockyard where you may spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

Please note: There is not sufficient time to climb to the top of the Gibb's Hill Lighthouse.

Famous Homes & Hideaways Cruise



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Join Captain Ronnie O'Connor for a sightseeing cruise in Bermuda. This tour will give you a wealth of well-researched historical facts as well as lots of humorous personal stories about the island. Cruise along the shoreline to view charming colonial homes painted in pastel colors and steeped in history, as well as exclusive the neighborhood known as Millionaire's Row. Your captain will point out the homes of the rich and famous—as Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones, playwright Eugene O'Neal whose daughter was married to Charlie Chaplin, and illustrator William Denslow, most famous for his work on *The Wizard of Oz*. Discover tranquil island hideaways only accessible by boat. You will see classic Bermuda landmarks such as Gibb's Hill Lighthouse, which is the oldest cast iron lighthouse in the Western Hemisphere. Learn more about the Island's past and present, flora and fauna and wonderful marine life as you gently cruise Bermuda's exquisite turquoise blue waters. The memories of this tour will remain with you long after you leave this beautiful island.

Please note: Bottled water or soda provided during the cruise.

Glass-Bottom Kayak



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

This tour will be one of the highlights of your stay in Bermuda. Glass-bottom kayaks are a fantastic way to view the beautiful underwater world of corals and fish. Not only will you be able to see the ocean floor, you will feel safe and secure, as these special kayaks are extremely stable and easy to handle. After boarding your kayak you will be given instruction on how to paddle. The group will then paddle along beautiful shorelines made up of lagoons and fascinating rock formations at a relaxed pace for

approximately one hour. Along the way, watch for herons and Bermuda longtails, depending on the season. Often the water is calm and clear enough to see coral reefs and fish. Your Bermudian tour guide will provide you with information about the island's endemic flora, history and marine eco-system. Your tour ends with the choice of a cooling swim or relaxing on the kayak transfer boat. Bottled water and safety vests are provided. Your tour includes approximately 45 minutes' kayaking. The tour will go to the best site depending upon the weather conditions of the day.

Please note: Kayaks are two-seater and have a combined weight limit of 400 lbs. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.



Kusadasi, Turkey

Signature Collection Minivan or Midibus



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle
Midibus – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted. The midibus is offered only in Turkey and seats 11 - 25 guests.

Ephesus



Approximately 3 - 3½ hours • \$\$

A visit to Ephesus is a visit to one of the best preserved ancient cities in the world. Ancient historians believed that Ephesus was founded by the Amazons, but now it is believed to have been the

Hittite city of Apasa. With your guide, you will see the Odeon, where the advisory council held its meetings and the Baths, as well as many other columns, monuments and ruins, including the Celsus Library and Great Theatre. Return to Kusadasi for shopping and a Turkish carpet demonstration, or go directly back to the ship.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites.

The Best of Ephesus



Approximately 7 - 7½ hours • \$\$\$

Begin this tour with a visit to the house of Virgin Mary, where Jesus' mother is said to have lived the last years of her life. The site has been officially declared a shrine of the Roman Catholic Church and was visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967. Then, visit ancient Ephesus, one of the most magnificent and best-preserved archaeological sites in the world. See the Odeon Theatre, the Market Basilica, Curetes Street, Bath, Celsus Library, Marble Street and the Great Theatre with a seating capacity of 25,000 people. You will also visit the Basilica of St. John and the Museum of Ephesus. Lunch will be a buffet and grill in the garden of a "showcase" Turkish village, weather permitting. A folkloric show will entertain you during lunch. Returning to Kusadasi you can choose to shop in town, see a Turkish carpet demonstration, or return to the ship.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites.

Three Ancient Cities: Priene, Didyma & Miletus



Approximately 6 - 6½ hours • \$\$

Brimming with ancient history and magnificent architecture, this tour visits Priene, best known for its 4th-century Athena Temple bankrolled by Alexander the Great. A five-thousand spectator theatre built in the 3rd century is next, along with a gymnasium and a stadium at Anatolia. Continuing to Didyma, you'll see the majestic Temple of Apollo—considered to be one of the great monuments of antiquity, built in 560 BC. Journey back in time via the Sacred Way of Didyma en route to Miletus. This ancient



road was once flanked by lions, sphinxes and statues of priests. Miletus itself is the last stop, with ruins of the theatre, thermal baths and the stadium. Stay in Kusadasi to shop, attend a Turkish carpet demonstration or return directly to the ship.

Please note: Tour includes a Turkish lunch with unlimited local drinks at a restaurant in Didyma overlooking the Temple.

Cocktails & Concert in the Theatre at Ephesus



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$\$\$

Transfer to Ephesus for a private cocktail party to meet the conductor of the Aegean Chamber Orchestra. Enjoy light conversation in the Odeon Theatre before walking down the marble road to the Ephesus Theatre as the Romans did in centuries past. You will be seated for your concert in the very same theater in which the Apostle Paul preached to the Ephesians, but tonight, instead of a sermon, you will enjoy the music of the Aegean Chamber Orchestra, under the stars and in an absolutely unparalleled, fantastic environment.

Ancient Ephesus & the Virgin Mary's House



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Begin this tour with a visit to the house where Jesus' mother is said to have lived the last years of her life. The site has been officially declared a Catholic shrine and was visited by Pope Paul VI in 1967. Next, continue to Ephesus for a visit to the Great Theatre dating back to the Hellenistic period. In the 1st century AD, the theatre was reconstructed and expanded by the Romans to a seating capacity of 25,000. This is also the place where St. Paul preached to the Ephesians. It is still used for performances today, and the acoustics are excellent. The Marble Road which runs between the theatre and the Celsus Library is part of a sacred walkway that you will take to reach the Celsus Library and Hadrian's Temple. The temple was dedicated in AD 118 to Hadrian, Artemis and the people of Ephesus. This impressive Corinthian-style temple has beautiful reliefs on the porch, and the Ephesians believed that the Medusa head on the porch would protect the city from its enemies. Return to Kusadasi to enjoy the traditional Turkish experience of sipping apple tea while watch-

ing a myriad of colors unfold before your eyes during a carpet demonstration. Those interested in purchasing a carpet can do so with confidence. Those not wishing to stay can transfer directly back to the ship, or remain in town for browsing in the shops.

Please note: Although this tour is designed not to involve uphill walking, there is extensive walking at the site. Wear non-slip shoes.

Beautiful Beach & Enchanting Ephesus with Private Guide



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$\$

Gather your friends and family to visit Ephesus, one of the best-preserved ancient cities in the world, with a private guide. Ancient historians believed that Ephesus was founded by the legendary Amazons, but nowadays Ephesus is believed to be the ancient Hittite city of Apasa. Today you will view the Odeon Theatre where the advisory council held its meetings, as well as the famous baths. You will also see many other ruins, columns and monuments, including the unmatched Celsus Library. After your visit to Ephesus, drive through the countryside through groves of olive and fruit trees. Arriving at a five-star hotel, you will be shown to a lounge chair complete with umbrella, towel and a bottle of water. Relax, swim, and enjoy lunch on the hotel terrace overlooking the sea. Optional watersports are available at the hotel for an additional charge. Return to Kusadasi for shopping and a Turkish carpet demonstration, or head directly back to the ship.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at Ephesus. Wear your swimsuit; bring a towel. Your group must consist of 4 to 10 people.

Kusadasi Highlights & Villages



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

Visit the house of the Virgin Mary, declared a place of pilgrimage in 1892 by the Archbishop of Smyrna. Archaeological evidence showed that the little house dates from the 6th century but that the foundations were from the first century AD. From a distance you will see the Great Theatre of Ephesus, the remains of the Artemis Temple (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World), and Selçuk Castle on Ayasuluk Hill. In Sirince Village,

experience the perfect synthesis of Turkish and Greek culture, and world-famous Turkish hospitality. Stroll through the streets where the houses are kept in Greek style on the outside while the interiors are distinctly Turkish. There will be time to shop for handicrafts and souvenirs if you wish. Light refreshments will be served at a local village before returning to the ship.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites.

Ephesus & Terrace Houses



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Visit the ruined city of ancient Ephesus, founded by the Carians and Lelegs. You will see the glorious Celsus Library façade, restored and reconstructed in the 1970s, the Great Amphitheatre, and Temple of Hadrian. Then, you will view the “Terrace Houses” located opposite the Hadrian’s Temple—a newly excavated section that can be visited with special permission only. The wealthy and important people of Ephesus used these houses which are finely decorated with mosaics and frescoes giving a true impression of the ancient lifestyle. Back in Kusadasi, you may disembark for shopping and a carpet demonstration, or go directly back to the ship.

Please note: Bring sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding and congestion at the sites.

A Taste of Kusadasi: The Village of Sirince



Approximately 6 - 6½ hours • \$\$\$

Your day will be full of surprises and discoveries of local culture. Depart for a day in Sirince village, the perfect synthesis of Turkish-Greek culture, stroll through the streets and see the beautiful, typical Greek houses. You will have time to purchase some local handicrafts that the local village ladies sell on the streets. Enjoy a short stop to taste some of the local wine. The village is famous for its local grape and other fruit wines, and features a charming church dedicated to St. John. Lunch will be arranged in a local home to taste and understand the real culture of the village. A fortune teller will visit you after you have tasted

your Turkish coffee to read your coffee cup! Yes, this truly is a slice of real village life. At the end of the day, you will have time for a carpet demonstration and shopping in Kusadasi.

Dine Among the Ruins



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$\$\$

Don’t miss this incredible opportunity to savor delicious cuisine in a setting that is utterly beyond compare—among the ruins of ancient Ephesus! You will be picked up from the pier and driven to the ruins. Take in the sunset view as you are walking up the marble road to the Celsus Library as the Romans did millennia ago. Dinner will be served in front of the remains of the Celsus Library which was constructed in AD 117. You will dine under the stars among some of the most prized ancient architectural achievements in the world with a magnificent library view—a once-in-a-lifetime experience. A classical music trio from the Aegean Chamber Orchestra will play for you during dinner. Take fabulous memories with you as you return to the ship.



La Goulette,
Tunisia

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

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Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

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Sidi Bou Said & Carthage



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Tour along the coast to the picturesque village of Sidi Bou Said—an artist's paradise, with blue and white sugar-cube houses scattered across the hillside above the sea. There will be ample time to stroll and admire the typical architecture and local handicrafts, or to relax over some refreshing mint tea. Just down the hill lie the impressive ruins of Carthage, founded in 800 BC by the Phoenicians. It was from here that Hannibal began his legendary journey. The Romans destroyed and rebuilt Carthage in 146BC, and it became the Roman Empire's second city after Rome. View the impressive Baths of Antonius Pius and the amphitheatre, as well as the Punic ports during your visit to the ruins.

Transfer to Tunis



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore on their own. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to the city. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking host will be on the transfer motor coach to answer questions.

Bardo Museum & Souk Shopping Experience



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Take a short drive into Tunis, the Tunisian capital, with its impressive Colonial-style boulevards and bustling *medina* (Old Town) quarter—the ancient heart of the city. Savor the sounds, sights and aromas of the markets; barter a little and soak up the atmosphere. Stop at the Bardo Museum, housed in the 19th-century Palace of the Beys. The Bardo Museum is famous for its outstanding collection of mosaics and major finds from Carthage, as well as early Christian and Muslim relics. Take a

guided tour of the most significant displays, including the Virgil room housing a spectacular Roman mosaic from Sousse.

Please note: There are no elevators at the Bardo Museum. Most of the exhibits are on the second and third levels. The Bardo Museum is closed on Mondays; the Museum of Carthage will be substituted.

Best of Tunisia



Approximately 7 - 8 hours • \$\$\$

Visit the incredible site of Punic and Roman ruins at Carthage, including the Tophet, where human sacrifices were offered to the gods. You will see the stunning Thermes D'Antonin, the theatre and the amphitheatre. Carthage was once Rome's most dangerous enemy and bitter rival, reputedly founded by Queen Dido from Phoenicia. Today, the ruins of this settlement remain scattered among the area's more modern construction, including the enormous Roman public baths near the seashore, the five-story amphitheatre where Christians were sacrificed, and the Punic ruins of temples, monuments and columns will be your window on the history of these two great civilizations. Next, visit the Bardo Museum which includes one of the richest collections of Roman mosaics in the world. Housed in the palace which was once the residence of the Beys of Tunis, the Bardo's collection of artifacts also includes statues and jewelry displaying exquisite workmanship, design and variety. The coach will then take you to the bustling *medina* (Old Town) quarter. Disembark your coach to take in the organized chaos of the city—fruit stalls, waterbearers, leather merchants and carpet weavers. View the great Ezzitouna Mosque before a buffet lunch at the Phoenix Restaurant. Finally, you will visit Sidi Bou Said—one of the prettiest villages in Tunisia—famous for its Moorish architecture of white houses with blue shutters covered in bougainvillea. A short walk uphill brings you to the village that sits proudly at the top of a cliff, commanding stunning views of the Gulf of Tunis. Browse in the shops selling crafts and enjoy a mint tea at one of the cafés, or opt for free time for shopping and walking around.

Please note: There are no elevators at the Bardo Museum. Most of the exhibits are on the second and third levels.



Panoramic Tunis



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Relax for a scenic drive from La Goulette to Bourguiba Avenue, seeing St. Vincent's Cathedral, the Tunis Theatre and the 7th November Square en route. You'll pass through the modern city of Tunis, heading to the entrance of the *medina* (Old Town), past the *kasbah* (fort) and through Belvedere Park. Proceed to Gammarth, passing by La Marsa, and to Sidi Bou Said—a whitewashed village perched on the hillside above the blue Mediterranean—for a brief stop. Pass by the ancient city of Carthage, the Tophet and the Punic Ports. In the Magon district, you'll glimpse the Antonin Baths and Byrsa Hill. Snap a photo of Saint Louis Cathedral before heading back to the ship.

Please note: You are welcome to stay on the motor coach at any of the restroom or photo stops.

Off the Beaten Track: Ichkeul Natural Park & Utica's Roman Ruins



Approximately 6½ - 7 hours • \$\$

Take a trekking adventure in a natural reserve. Ichkeul is situated on the Mateur plain, 15 miles south west of Bizerte and 10 miles north of Mateur. The area was designated as a biosphere reserve in 1977, and the park includes the largest freshwater area in the country—the most important water supply for Tunisia. Follow your guide into the park and during your walk you may view the various animals that roam freely in the reserve. Switching from nature to ancient history, you will next drive directly to the Roman ruins and museum at Utica. This old Phoenician settlement was founded around 1100 BC and contains Roman and Punic ruins. The remains of several houses reveal decorated flooring dating back to Phoenician, Roman and Byzantine times.

Please note: Bring a pair of binoculars to help view the birds from a distance. A box lunch will be provided by ship.



Le Havre, France

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Car – full day: \$\$\$\$

Minivan – half day: \$\$\$\$ • Minivan – full day: \$\$\$\$

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



Landmarks of Paris & Views from the Seine



Approximately 10½ hours • \$\$\$\$

It is a three-hour motor coach ride from Le Havre to the timeless city of Paris via the *autoroute Normandie*. Upon arrival in Paris, you will stop at the Eiffel Tower and Trocadero area for a photo opportunity, and then pass Notre Dame Basilica. Transferring to the Trocadero Dock, you will board a *bateau mouche*-style riverboat and cruise through Paris along the River Seine. Enjoy lunch along the way. Continuing with your tour in the afternoon, you will drive past many of Paris' famous landmarks, including the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées and l'Opéra. On the way back to Normandy, you can simply relax and take in the rural scenery.

Please note: It is a three-hour motor coach ride each way to Paris. Due to traffic congestion in Paris it may not be possible to stop at certain sights.

Paris

Highlights



Approximately 10½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Depart from Le Havre with an approximately three-hour drive to Paris by freeway. Upon arrival in Paris, see the main sights during an orientation tour by motor coach: Place de la Concorde designed by Ange-Jacques Gabriel in 1755 and completed over a period of 20 years; a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower—Paris' most famous symbol opened in March 1889 for the World's Fair; la Madeleine; the Louvre—one of the world's greatest museums; the Pyramid, the Trocadéro and the Arc de Triomphe. Lunch will be served in a French *brasserie*. After lunch, you will continue with your panoramic drive. Stops for photos and shopping will be made as traffic conditions allow. Drive back directly to Le Havre via the freeway.

Transfer to Paris



Approximately 10 hours • \$\$\$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore Paris on their own. Your motor coach departs Le Havre and makes the three-hour (each way) trip to Paris with a guide on board in the morning to answer your questions. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately four hours to shop and explore on your own.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time.

D-Day Landing Beaches



Approximately 10 hours • \$\$\$\$

Of the 3.1 million Allied troops ultimately sent into action during the Battle of Normandy, more than half were Americans. Today's tour honors the Allied troops, beginning with a motor coach drive from Le Havre to Caen and then to the "English" beaches at Arromanches. Here, the Landing Museum tells you the story of the D-Day assault and the incredible courage of this



remarkable mission. You'll stop at a local restaurant for lunch, then at Omaha Beach, where some of the U.S. troops landed. A stop at the American Cemetery at St. Laurent-sur-Mer allows time to wander among the rows of white crosses, then you'll re-board the coach and return to the ship in the late afternoon.

A Taste of Normandy: Cheese & Cider



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

This journey into the heart of the Auge region leads to the town of Lisieux, offering timber-framed houses and a 12th-century cathedral. You will pass by Saint Peter's Cathedral where Saint Theresa had the revelation and visit the chapel of Carmel where Saint Theresa is interred. High atop a hill stands the Basilica of Lisieux—one of the most popular pilgrimage places in Normandy. Dedicated to Saint Theresa, the church consecrated in 1954, hosts many items from the Saint. Next you will drive to a farm to observe the production of Norman cheeses such as Pont Lévêque, Livarot and Petit Pavé d'Auge. Enjoy a fine taste of the finished product, served with a cup of traditional Normandy cider.

Land of Impressionism: A Day with Claude Monet



Approximately 10½ hours • \$\$\$\$

The inspiration for Claude Monet's impressionist genius began here in Normandy, in the tiny village of Giverny. Travel about 2½ hours by motor coach through rural France to the famous garden and farmhouse that are so memorably captured in the works of the master. Discover for yourself the lily ponds, the footbridge, the winding paths and the immaculately-tended, landscaped garden's of the artist's home and studio. Inside the house, you will see pastel-colored rooms and rustic furniture, as well as the Japanese engravings which Monet himself hung on the colorful walls. Before leaving Giverny, you will have a chance to wander through the American Museum where the works of famous American impressionists are on display. After this interesting visit, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. The final stop on your tour is in Rouen, the capital of Normandy and an



important historic city. The cathedral here is a splendid example of Gothic architecture and was painted more than thirty times by Monet. You will walk through the historic center of the town before re-boarding your coach to return to the ship.

Transfer to Honfleur



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore Honfleur on their own. Your motor coach departs Le Havre and makes the approximately 30- to 45-minute trip to Honfleur with a guide on board to answer your questions. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately two and a half hours to shop and explore on your own.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time.

Historic Rouen



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Flamboyant architecture and a tumultuous history beckon the visitor to Rouen, the capital of Upper Normandy. This age-old city is a historic enclave located approximately 1^{1/2} hours from the port. The central part of Rouen is a living tribute to the will of the people and the power of restoration, having been faithfully rebuilt and lovingly maintained after several World War II bombings. Reserved for pedestrian traffic only, this core area is where you'll find the highlights of your visit. Begin with a visit to the Gothic cathedral—its imposing and striking architecture dates back to 1201 and has been completely immortalized by Monet and his fellow impressionists. Strolling the unmistakably French cobblestone lanes, you will pass the elegant, arched Gros Horloge clock tower—a landmark symbol for Rouen. 15th- and 16th-century timbered houses line the streets leading to the Vieux Marché (Old Market), and you will see the very spot where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death and burned at the stake in 1431. Enjoy some time at leisure before returning to the ship.



Lisbon, Portugal

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
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Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

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Lisbon Sights, Sintra & Cascais



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$

See some of the most important landmarks of Lisbon: the Tower of Belem, the Monument to the Discoveries and the Jeronimos Monastery. Continue to Sintra, a hillside town hailed by Lord Byron as a “Glorious Eden” for its dense, subtropical vegetation. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant, and you will have some free time to explore the main Town Square, where the 15th-century Royal Palace is located. Shop, browse, or simply visit one of the cafés that spill out onto the sidewalks. Next, visit Cascais for time on your own to explore the early 20th-century manors.

Lisbon & Estoril



Approximately 3 - 3½ hours • \$

Departure from the pier along the Tagus river front to Baixa, the old business and shopping district, with its narrow streets and famous squares of Comércio and Rossio. Drive along Liberty Avenue, a charming old boulevard lined with gardens and known for its unique black and white mosaics on the sidewalks. At King Edward VII Park, enjoy a splendid view over Lisbon's

center and old town. Passing under an 18th-century aqueduct, you will reach the express road to Estoril—a resort town known for the many famous personalities exiled here during World War II. There will be some free time to stroll along the sea walk, photograph the Casino gardens or relax in an outdoor café. The drive back to the ship will be along the beautiful scenic road of the Atlantic coast line. At the mouth of the harbor, you will enter Lisbon via its famous monumental district that celebrates the glorious heyday of global exploration. One last photo stop near the spectacular memorial to Prince Henry the Navigator is also the ideal place to see the suspension bridge across the river and the statue of Christ the King on the far bank.

Fatima & Batalha



Approximately 7½ - 8 hours • \$\$\$

Approximately 90 minutes from Lisbon is the “Lourdes of Portugal,” which, according to Roman Catholicism, is the site of miracles. Your guide will explain the legends as you explore the area around the imposing modern basilica. After lunch at a leading restaurant, continue west to Batalha for a visit to the magnificent 14th-century Gothic church of Santa Maria da Victoria. It is a great place to explore and is of historical note because Prince Henry the Navigator’s tomb is located here.

Winery & Arrabida Range



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

If you’ve visited Lisbon before, take advantage of the opportunity to explore some of Portugal’s smaller towns that have a certain timeless feel to them before visiting the natural sights that can only be found outside the city limits. Depart from the pier and cross the Tagus River Bridge, headed towards the statue of Christ the King. From the viewpoint there, admire the magnificent view of the city of Lisbon. Continue to the sheltered slopes and town of Azeitão, known for its famous Moscatel de Setúbal wine. You will have the opportunity to taste the local wine and learn about its production while visiting the wine lodge. Proceed towards the Parque Natural da Arrabida that covers the small range of limestone mountains that stretches along the coast between Sesimbra and Setúbal. The road snakes across the top of the ridge and

affords astounding views of Setúbal and Tróia. This Natural Park was established to protect a wild, beautiful landscape and rich variety of birds and wildlife. The name Arrabida comes from Arabic and means “a place of prayer,” and the wooded hillsides are indeed a peaceful and secluded retreat. The sheltered, south-facing slopes are thickly covered with aromatic and evergreen shrubs and trees, such as pine and cypress.

Medieval Obidos



Approximately 4¼ hours • \$\$

A scenic 1½-hour drive through the beautiful Portuguese countryside leads to the medieval town of Obidos, dating back to 308 BC. Since King Diniz first gave the town to his young bride, Obidos has been given as a wedding gift to all Portugal’s queens. You will feel as if you are traveling back in time as you explore the picturesque streets. Visit the 17th-century Parish Church of Santa Maria, with its magnificent interior tiles in blue and white. From Pillory Square, continue exploring the narrow lanes on your own. There are fine shops to browse in, or you may want to hike up to the castle (now a hotel), or explore the old lookout path on top of the city walls. This free time in Obidos is an excellent opportunity to do some great craft shopping or soak up the ambience in one of the charming outdoor cafés.

Sintra, Cascais & Queluz



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

The 15th-century Palace of Queluz, built in the style of Versailles, is your first destination. Then, see the thick forests and surreal architecture of Sintra that draw thousands of visitors each year to this old village resort nestled in the hills. View the outside of the Royal Palace and stroll the Square at Sintra or visit the shops. Your tour will then continue via the Ramalhao Road to Cascais and Estoril—famous resort towns on the Portuguese Riviera.



Lisbon Highlights with Airport Transfer Option



Choose option A below if you are returning to the ship and option B if you are transferring to the airport.

A. Lisbon Highlights

Approximately 3½ hours • \$
(for guests returning to the ship)

Enjoy Lisbon's highlights: Avenida da Liberdade, with its mosaic-lined sidewalks, Black Horse Square, and the Park Edward VII viewpoint with a magnificent view of the city. You will visit Jeronimos Monastery, a 16th-century architectural masterpiece designed in the Gothic-Manueline style that was built to commemorate the discoveries of the Portuguese navigators. Continue with a visit to the Maritime Museum and nearby, you will see the lavishly decorated Belem Tower where Portuguese explorers were given a rousing send-off, and the Monument to the Discoveries, built to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the death of Prince Henry the Navigator—the man behind the caravels and Portugal's fabulous colonial wealth. You will also have the opportunity to see, stretching across the River Tagus, the April 25th Bridge, sister to the Golden Gate, with the towering Christ the King statue on the far side. After your tour, you will return to the ship at the pier in Lisbon.

B. Lisbon Highlights with Airport Transfer

Approximately 3 hours
(for guests transferring to the airport)
\$ with prepaid transfer voucher
\$\$ without prepaid transfer voucher

Take the Lisbon Highlights tour as outlined above, then continue to Lisbon's airport in time for your flight.

Please note: This option is available only to guests with flights departing after 2:30pm. The transfer option (B) will not include a visit to the Maritime Museum.



Livorno, Italy

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
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Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

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Medieval Siena, San Gimignano & Wine Tasting



Approximately 11 hours • \$\$\$\$

Siena is a glorious city of winding narrow streets that cling to steep hillsides. It boasts an unmatched, enchanting medieval atmosphere and the buildings surrounding the central Piazza del Campo symbolize the golden age of the city. Between 1260 and 1348, wealthy citizens contributed to a major program of civic development, and the stunning results are still there to enjoy today. A nasty bout of Plague and an 18-month Florentine siege worked to freeze Siena in time, and now most of its medieval buildings have been carefully renovated and restored. Your guided walking tour includes the church of San Domenico, which contains the relics of the famous Saint Catherine, including her preserved head; beautiful frescoes by Sodoma in the chapel; the Piazza del Duomo, with its magnificent cathedral in black and white marble, built on Siena's highest hill; the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption with a beautiful inlaid marble floor and pulpit by Nicola Pisano; the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo with its original 13th century palaces (the Palazzo Pubblico has been the seat of Siena government since the 13th century); and the 300-foot-tall Torre del Mangia bell tower.



You'll have some free time to either shop and browse, or to climb the bell tower's 505 steps for a beautiful view across Tuscany (entrance fee extra). Next, proceed to a local winery for an Italian lunch with wine tasting. After lunch, you'll have some free time in the town of San Gimignano—chosen by Zeffirelli as the setting for his masterpiece *Tea with Mussolini*. Explore the interesting churches, palaces and shops, the Piazza della Cisterna, the Devil's Tower, the 11th-century cathedral and Piazza del Duomo, the Old Podestà Palace, the 1353 Florentine fortress, or the simple Sant'Agostino Church that hides a heavily decorated Rococo interior by Vanvitelli—architect to the kings of Naples.

Please note: In Siena the guided tour is a walking tour. The streets of Siena are steep and a large amount of walking is required. Not suitable for wheelchairs or handicapped.

A Taste of Tuscany:

Lucca, Villa Lucchese & Farmhouse



Approximately 9½ hours • \$\$\$\$

After a 45-minute drive, you will arrive at the walled city of Lucca for a walking visit to the beautiful Cathedral of San Martino, Piazza Anfiteatro, the Church of San Frediano, Guinigi's Tower and the outside of the Church of San Michele. Browse on your own, then meet up back in the Piazzale Verdi to leave Lucca by coach. Stop at a typical farmhouse to enjoy a Tuscan lunch and, depending on location, visit wine cellars or the gardens accompanied by the owner. A 15-minute coach ride brings you to Villa Torrigiani—one of the most important and beautiful houses in the Lucchese territory with beautiful fountains and trees. Step inside the villa and then you will have time to stroll around the garden on your own.

Please note: Most shops will be closed on national holidays, on Sundays and on Monday mornings.

Tuscan Countryside & Wine Tasting



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Traveling to Montecarlo di Lucca takes approximately one hour through the Tuscany countryside. Upon arrival, you will have 20 minutes of free time to wander at leisure, then rejoin the bus for a 15-minute drive through the Tuscany countryside to the wine

cellars. Take a tour of the wine cellars where the wine-making process will be explained, then it's time to enjoy tasting the wine with some local delicacies before returning to the ship.

Please note: Montecarlo village is extremely small; there are a few shops and the village consists of one road. Most shops will be closed on national holidays and on Sundays.

Tuscan Landmarks: Florence & Pisa



Approximately 10½ - 11 hours • \$\$\$\$

Journey approximately 1½ hours through the countryside of western Tuscany to Florence. Upon arrival, you'll begin a half-day walking tour to Brunelleschi's masterpiece cathedral in pink, green and white marble, and its adjacent Bell Tower and Baptistry. See the copy of Michelangelo's *David* in the Piazza della Signoria and visit the Church of Santa Croce. Free time may be allocated for shopping. Next, dine at a local Florentine restaurant before a 40-minute freeway drive to Pisa. In Pisa, you will have 30 minutes' free time at the amazing Piazza dei Miracoli with the Leaning Tower, Cathedral and Baptistry. Across the street is a row of street stalls selling souvenirs and leather bags.

Please note: The motor coach parking area is located approximately two miles from the city center. The walking portion involves approximately two miles of extensive walking on cobblestone streets. There is a 30-minute standing visit at the cathedral. For visiting religious monuments, local custom requires covering knees and shoulders. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Audio headsets will be used to enhance the experience on this tour.

Transfer to Florence



Approximately 9½ hours • \$\$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore Florence on their own. It consists of a 1½-hour motor coach ride from the ship to the city center. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately five hours to shop and explore on your own.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to



be at the drop-off point at the given return time. On Sundays most shops are closed with the exception of some souvenir shops. Most museums are closed on Mondays.

Discover Cinque Terre



Approximately 9 - 9½ hours • \$\$\$

Depart by coach from Livorno pier to Manarola, an enchanting village with its tiny typical fishermen's wharf. You'll tour this village, before you start your walk along the *via dell'amore* (the Path of Love) carved in the steep cliffside that plummets into the sea. The 20-minute walk is characterized by typical Mediterranean scenery, deep scents of plants and herbs and the fascination of isolated inlets. Arriving in Riomaggiore, the oldest village in the Cinque Terre, you will transfer by boat to Vernazza (or by local train in case of inclement weather). After a short tour of this interesting and picturesque village that closely hugs its small harbor, you will have some free time for lunch and shopping on your own. Return by local train to La Spezia and board the coach for the return drive to Livorno by coach.

Please note: Bring credit card and cash as lunch is on your own.

Lucca & Pisa



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

In the northwest corner of Tuscany lies the ancient city of Lucca. This charming walled city started out as a Roman colony in 177 BC and graduated to provincial capital of Tuscany in the Middle Ages. A 45-minute drive from Livorno will bring you to this gorgeous walled city, where you will set out with your guide on a walking tour through its narrow, winding streets. Once you reach the Church of San Michele, you will be given the option to spend the remainder of your time at your leisure or remain with your guide. Continue to the Church of San Frediano, founded in the 6th century and also view the Piazza Anfiteatro—which has been built upon the remains of an ancient Roman Amphitheatre. After free time or your guided tour, you will meet back in Piazzale Verdi to re-board your motor coach. You are now headed to Pisa, where the bus will park outside the Old Town and you will walk to Miracle Square. A highlight of your day will be a guided

tour inside the massive cathedral and around the outside of justifiably famous Leaning Tower and the stunning Baptistry.

Please note: Most shops will be closed all day on Sundays and on Monday mornings. Audio headsets will be used to enhance the experience on this tour.



Marseille, France

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

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Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

A Day in Provence



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$

Leaving the harbor of Marseille, your motor coach will take you first to Roussillon, a village that stands on the highest hills between the Coulon Valley and the Vaucluse Plateau. These striking hills are often captured in the work of Van Gogh. Enjoy a guided walk and free time. On the way to Gordes, you will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Gordes is a spectacular sight rising in picturesque tiers on the Vaucluse Plateau. Enjoy the atmosphere of this charming village and stroll through the small paved, sometimes stepped, alleyways, with vaulted passageways and arcades of old, tall houses and rampart ruins.



Marseille Highlights



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Begin your tour with a motor coach ride through the Old Port where the Greeks landed in 600 BC. But here, the cafés, boats and restaurants are classically French. Drive along the Corniche J.F. Kennedy to the Notre Dame de la Garde Basilica—the most magnificent building of its kind in southern France, built in the mid-1800s in Roman-Byzantine style. It is well worth climbing the 120 steps to look inside. It stands on a limestone spire, and offers a glorious 360° view of the city below. The basilica boasts beautiful *ex-votos* on the walls and a stunning marble statue in the crypt. The view from the lower level is also quite splendid. You'll stop at the old port for about an hour to explore at your leisure before returning to the ship.

Le Castellet & Bandol



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Begin this excursion with a scenic drive to Le Castellet—a typical Provençal hilltop village—perched on wooded hills above the vineyards. This remarkable stronghold, formerly owned by the Lords of Les Baux, boasts well preserved ramparts, a carefully restored 12th-century church, and a castle dating back to the 11th century. Entering by the two fortified gates, called *le portail* and *le portalet*, you will start the visit with a guided walking tour around the narrow streets up to the castle which is now home to the town hall. Time at leisure allows you to explore the arts and craft workshops—painting, pottery, hollow-ware—before rejoining the motor coach for a drive to the seaside resort of Bandol. Bandol is a pleasant, small resort on a pretty bay and is sheltered by high wooded slopes. Enjoy some free time for a refreshing drink in one of the inviting waterfront cafés, or take a stroll past the fashionable boutiques before returning to Marseille.

Arles & Les Baux



Approximately 8½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Leaving the harbor of Marseille, your first stop will be at the city of Arles. A walk through the old town's narrow streets reveals

St. Trophime Church—a masterpiece of the late Provençal Romanesque style. Continue past the Town Hall, rebuilt in 1673 with its obelisk from Arles' Roman circus. At Forum Square, you'll see the center of town—a meeting point over the centuries for artists such as Van Gogh. Walk to the Amphitheatre dating back to the days when the Romans occupied Arles. Re-board your coach for a drive through the Provençal countryside to the village of Les Baux. You will stop at a restaurant located within an Olive Oil Mill. Relax with an aperitif before enjoying a luncheon offering typical Provençal specialties, then visit the mill and learn about the production of fine olive oil. In the town of Les Baux located high atop a rocky spur, a fortified castle lies in ruins above small provincial old houses. Enjoy a walking tour through the village, with time at leisure to explore on your own.

Chateau Neuf du Pape & Avignon



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$\$

The most intoxicating of all the wines of the Rhône was named after the town of Chateau Neuf. Your coach will take you to the town whose original vineyards were planted on land belonging to the Avignon popes. Your first stop will be at a local winery to taste the yields of age-old tradition. Then you will continue to Avignon where lunch will be served. The city of Avignon is caretaker to the art and culture of the Vaucluse region—it sprawls along the banks of the Rhône River, surrounded by ramparts and dominated by the massive Dome Rock. The cathedral and the Palace of the Popes stand atop the rock, towering majestically over the rest of the town. After a guided tour, you will have some time at leisure in Avignon.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. The Palace of the Popes visit is and outside visit only.

Panoramic Marseille



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Visit Marseille from top to bottom without having to walk, as you will be sitting in comfort on the upper deck of an open coach. You will hear a commentary through an individual headphone as you drive through Le Vieux Port or Old Port, where the



Greeks landed in 600 BC. But here, the cafés, boats and restaurants are classically French. Continue to Vallon des Auffe—a tiny port tucked away in an idyllic spot, and enjoy a photo stop at the Notre Dame de la Garde Basilica built in the mid-1800s in a Roman-Byzantine style. This church is one of the most magnificent buildings of Marseille, and from the top of the bell tower the Virgin Mary looks over the town. Discover the very chic quarter of the Corniche J.F. Kennedy before arriving at the Avenue du Prado where many embassies are located. During your drive, you will enjoy the coastline which offers lovely views of the offshore islands dominated by the Marseilleveyre Massif. On the way back to the ship, you will drive through the very famous Rue de Rome where the “natives” like to shop and stroll. This tour will give you a real feel for the South of France.

Please note: Guests must be able to walk up a staircase to access the open deck.

Transfer to Aix-en-Provence



Approximately 4 hours • \$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore the area on their own. It consists of a half-hour motor coach ride from the ship to Aix-en-Provence. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time.



Messina, Sicily, Italy

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In the Footsteps of the Godfather



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

For fans of *The Godfather* movie series, many of the places visited on this tour will seem familiar. Begin with a brief drive through Messina and along the freeway to Roccalumera. From there, the coastal road, bordered by villas, flowering gardens, and picturesque villages, leads to the historical artist town of Savoca. In a private house in the village, Bar Vitelli houses a collection of local artisans' tools and photographs taken when Francis Ford Coppola shot scenes of *The Godfather II*. After a refreshment, stroll along the village's main street past Santa Lucia and San' Michele churches for a view over the valley. At Forza d'Agro, a 20-minute drive away, you'll find a charming little village overlooking the Arab-Norman castle of Capo Sant'Alessio. In 1990, Al Pacino and Sophia Coppola shot scenes here for *The Godfather III*. From the main square, a lane meets the circular steps that ascend to the Gothic-Catalan portal in front of the Church of San Agostino, or Triade. See the Baroque Chiesa Madre church before returning to Messina.

Please note: Guests must be able to walk approximately one mile over uneven terrain, gravel paths, inclines and 30 steps.



Taormina & the Greco-Roman Theater



Approximately 4 ½ hours • \$\$

Pass Messina's Viale Boccetta and Immacolata Church, then travel by freeway to Taormina, about 31 miles away. The road is a gravity-defying series of tunnels and switchbacks. Taormina is situated high on Mount Tauro, overlooking the calm Ionian sea, with a delightful medieval character and many interesting shops. The town dates back to AD 39. On your walking tour of Taormina, admire Palazzo Corvaja and the impressive theater built by the Greeks in the 3rd century BC and later renovated by the Romans. Renowned for its unique acoustics, it is still used for open air performances. Stroll the Corso Umberto, a mostly pedestrian street, where shops beckon you to explore.

Please note: Strenuous uphill walking is involved. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a hat. At the Greco-Roman Theater there are steps and walking is on uneven ground.

Castelmola & Taormina



Approximately 6 ½ - 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

Founded in the 6th century BC by Greeks from Naples, Taormina was subsequently taken over by the Romans. Today the influences of both are found in the ruins of the town's Greco-Roman theatre. The beauty of Taormina has been documented by writers for centuries, and the town is one of Sicily's most impressive resorts. It has all of the qualities that attract visitors, incredible views, ancient ruins, and an abundance of quaint shops and boutiques. Many of its narrow cobblestone streets are closed to traffic, making the main part of Taormina accessible only on foot. Stroll through this charming resort town perched high on a cliff overlooking the Bay of Naxos. Your guide will introduce you to the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele and the bustling main street of Corso Umberto, which is lined with former mansions with enchanting architecture and balconies that brim with flowers. Stop briefly in the inner courtyard of the medieval Corvaja Palace for a look at a richly painted original Sicilian *carretta*, or carriage. Also enjoy the panoramic views of the bay and snow-capped Mt. Etna in the distance. Follow your guide up the narrow street that leads to the Greco-Roman Theatre,

Taormina's famous antiquity that dates back to the 2nd and 3rd centuries B.C., and still hosts performances today. The theatre's dramatic location is nothing less than breathtaking, with an incredible view of the coast. Next you'll head to Castelmola. This tiny village is strategically located near Taormina and enjoys splendid panoramic views. The focus of the village is the attractive Piazzetta del Duomo with its fine, intricate paving. Lunch will be served at a local hotel overlooking the beautiful Bay of Naxos.

Please note: Strenuous uphill walking is involved. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat. At Greco-Roman theatre there are many steps and walking is on uneven ground. To reach the village of Castelmola, an uphill walk is required with approximately 70 steps.

Tindari Ruins



Approximately 4 ½ hours • \$\$

Depart the Port of Messina and pass by the Viale Boccetta and Immacolata Church. Proceed to Tindari by way of the Tyrrehenian Coast with views of the Aeolian Islands. Tindari, founded by the Greeks and later rebuilt by the ancient Romans, is still a small town with a unique character. Highlights are the Greco-Roman Theatre and the Roman Villa and the Santuario della Madonna Nera church. Take advantage of some free time for souvenir shopping before heading back to Messina.

Please note: It is approximately a ¼-mile uphill walk from the bus to the sanctuary. From the sanctuary to the Roman ruins is approximately ¼-mile each way. Guests with walking difficulties are kindly asked to take this into consideration. Appropriate attire is required to enter the Black Madonna Sanctuary.

Classic Messina



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This tour provides sightseeing in and around Messina. Begin your tour with a short orientation drive through Messina's main street, Via Garibaldi. Visit the Cathedral Treasury, where you can admire the sumptuous Madonna golden mantle and a collection of important historical and artworks donated by kings, bishops, noblemen and even local people as a token of faith and

thanksgiving. Stop at the Cathedral, almost entirely rebuilt after the earthquake of 1908. It features an interesting 15th- to 16th-century finely-carved central doorway. View the Astronomical clock which operates only at noon. A large bell tower, 100 feet tall, holds the largest astronomical clock in the world. Don't miss the Orion Fountain in the Cathedral square next to the Duomo. Built in 1547, its polygonal basin portrays Orion, one of the legendary founders of the city.

Please note: There will be approximately 45 minutes of walking involved for this tour. Modest attire is required for this tour; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered.

Panoramic Slopes of Mt. Etna



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Leaving the port of Messina you will head towards the lovely village of Zafferana, driving south on the motorway through a fertile paradise of green vineyards and golden citrus groves. Passing through Santa Venerina village, the scenery becomes increasingly forbidding as you approach the Park of Mt. Etna. At 1,800 feet above sea level, this small village boasts enchanting, wild scenery. At a local hotel, a refreshment will be served as you enjoy panoramic views of the Sicilian coast that was overwhelmed by an eruption 300 years ago. The volcano has erupted more than 130 times, killing more than a million people. The volcano dominates the entire coast of Sicily, and its mass outrivals all of Italy's other mountains.

Please note: The drive from Messina to Zafferana is about one hour and half each way, traffic permitting. Bring a light jacket or sweater. In the event of fog or inclement weather, views are limited.

Scenic Mt. Etna



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Majestic Mount Etna at 11,000 feet is Europe's largest active volcano. Leaving Messina, you will pass through many villages, all closely connected to the volcano's history. As you drive up the mountain's scenic lower slopes and switchback road, the views include forest, orchards and vineyards. Mt. Etna's flanks are covered in cones and craters and the remnants of streams of lava. At 6,200 feet, you will visit the Silvestri Craters and see the 1983

and 2001 lava flows. Continue down the mountain through lemon groves and chestnut and pine forests, which blend with the hardened lava and endless volcanic cones.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Due to the high altitude, bring a light jacket or sweater. It is a two-hour drive each way to Mt. Etna.



Monte Carlo, Monaco

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Jewels of the Côte d'Azur: Nice, Eze & Monaco



Approximately 8½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Sightsee along the French Riviera, driving by way of the lower Corniche with its superb views. Enter the resort city of Nice along the beautiful palm-laced Promenade des Anglais with a stop in the old city. Your next destination is the village of Eze, perched on a craggy peak above the Mediterranean. Stroll its steep, narrow stone streets, and a delicious luncheon (or dinner on afternoon/evening calls) will be served at a local restaurant. Next, you will drive to Monaco. Escalators and elevators will transport you to the top of the Rock, for a walk past the Oceanographic Museum, the

Prince's Palace and the Cathedral. By motor coach, you will follow the Grand Prix Circuit to the Monte Carlo Grand Casino, surrounded by immaculate gardens. Cross the street to admire the Hotel de Paris, if you like, or take in some window shopping at the boutiques around the corner. The Café de Paris Casino is open for those who would like to flirt with Lady Luck.

Please note: This tour does not include time at the Grand Casino. Guests may enter the Casino on their own during the one hour at Casino Square. Dress code for the casino: no shorts, tank tops, tennis shoes or sportswear. The Casino opens at noon on Saturdays and Sundays and at 2:00pm Monday through Friday. Persons under 18 will not be admitted. The Cathedral may be closed during religious services, especially on Sundays. There is an entrance fee charged at the Casino and passport identification is required. This tour is not available May 18- May 25 during the Grand Prix.

Stars of the Côte d'Azur: Cannes, Grasse Perfume Factory, St. Paul de Vence



Approximately 8 - 8½ hours • \$\$\$\$

This is a highlight-packed tour along the famed French Riviera that begins with a drive to Cannes, host of glittering film festivals. In Cannes you will enjoy a sightseeing tour and, time permitting, a brief stop at the elegant La Croisette Avenue allows time to admire the famous hotels or window shop at the Rue d'Antibes. Then, your motor coach will turn north, proceeding inland to Grasse—birthplace of the French perfume industry—where you'll visit a perfume factory and learn all about one of the world's oldest distillation processes. En route to St. Paul de Vence, you will stop for a delicious lunch (or dinner on afternoon/evening calls). Then, explore this 16th-century walled village whose ramparts remain remarkably intact. Browse in the wonderful boutiques that line the narrow cobblestone lanes.

A Taste of the Riviera



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

From Monaco, your motor coach will take the Middle Corniche to the medieval village of Eze, perched on a craggy peak above the Mediterranean. This town is closed to traffic, so you will walk

along the narrow cobblestone streets. Then, continue to Nice with views of Beaulieu, Cap Ferrat, Villefranche, Nice, and Cap d'Antibes. Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Nice and the old town where tall houses, bright with flowers, exclude the glare of sun and keep the streets cool. Enjoy a walk on Cours Saleya, the elegant promenade of Old Nice, with the famous flower market held here. At a Wine Cellar, taste a selection of five cheeses and three wines. Return to Monaco on the Lower Corniche along the coast at the foot of the mountains of the Côte d'Azur.

Please note: On Mondays there is a brocantage (antiques and curios) fair at Cours Saleya instead of the flower/fruit market.

St. Paul de Vence & Scenic Drive



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$

Depart Monaco on the Middle Corniche road that winds along the coast as far as Nice, where you will drive through town, passing the famous Promenade des Anglais. Now, you head inland to St. Paul de Vence—a medieval city with an imposing silhouette. Perched high upon an escarpment, St. Paul de Vence is the quintessential fortified town of Provence, and its ramparts are still amazingly intact. Painters such as Modigliani, Signac and Soutine met at a local café which has since become the sumptuous Colombe d'Or. Return to Monte Carlo via the freeway.

Nice & Eze



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Your adventure will begin with a spectacular scenic drive along the lower Corniche, past famous Riviera resorts, to the city of Nice. Take the palm-lined Promenade des Anglais, named for the town of English Colony which financed the street. See the Negresco Hotel with its ornate Rococo façade, and the Russian Orthodox Cathedral with six domes and colorful ceramics. Disembark your motor coach in the Old Town area and walk the Cours Saleya—a charming promenade that leads to the markets of Nice. Tall houses washed in delightful colors shade the narrow streets. At the flower market, stroll among the stalls in search of the finest blossoms. Re-board the coach, and your drive continues along the Middle Corniche to the town of Eze, perched high



above the sea on the face of a cliff. Time is allowed here is time to wander through the cobblestone streets and browse in the shops.

Please note: On Mondays there is a brocantage (antiques and curios) fair at Cours Saleya instead of the flower/fruit market.

Panoramic Riviera



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Begin with a drive on the Great Corniche—the highest of the three roads on the Riviera. Below you is a marvelous panorama of the Italian coast, Cap Ferrat, Eze, and the principality of Monaco. You will pass by the village of La Turbie, then cross the Middle Corniche (1,217 feet) where the descent begins. Stop in the square at the foot of Eze village. Above you, this strangely isolated settlement clings to a rocky spike. From a viewpoint on the Middle Corniche you will see from the tip of Cap d'Ail to the Estérel, Beaulieu, Nice, Villefranche-sur-Mer, and Cap d'Antibes. Passing through the city of Nice, you will drive by Beaulieu and Eze-sur-Mer. Cypress trees and pines line the way through Cap d'Ail as your coach returns to Monaco via the Lower Corniche.

Highlights of Monaco & Monte Carlo



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Monaco, home to the royal Grimaldi family, is a principality of fairytale beauty. Your coach will take you to the foot of the famous Rock of Monaco, where you will proceed to its top by escalators and elevators. A guided walking tour through the narrow streets takes you past the Royal Palace, the Oceanographic Museum and the cathedral that houses the tomb of Princess Grace. Board your motor coach for a drive along the Grand Prix Circuit to the Casino Square. Enjoy an hour to window shop at the elegant boutiques of major Parisian jewelers and couturier houses nearby.

Please note: This tour is not available May 18- May 25 during the Grand Prix, and does not include time at the Grand Casino. You may enter the Casino on your own during the time at Casino Square. Dress code for the casino: no shorts, tank tops, tennis shoes or sportswear. Casino opens at noon on weekends and at 2:00pm Monday through Friday. Persons under 18 will not be admitted. Cathedral may be closed during religious services, especially on Sundays.



Naples, Italy

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Panoramic Naples



Approximately 3 hours • \$

The highlights of Naples unfold before you on this scenic motor coach tour, including the Royal Palace façade adorned with Greek, Roman, Gothic, Byzantine, Norman, Spanish, Bourbon and Italian statues. Watch for the Royal San Carlo—one of the most famous Opera houses in the world and view the Maschio Angioino castle.

The Amalfi Coast & Sorrento



Approximately 8 - 9 hours • \$\$\$

Ride along the fabulously scenic Sorrentine peninsula to the enchanting village of Sorrento. You will disembark the coach and make good use of some free time available in the heart of the town, rich in typical local produce, interesting sites of cultural interest, and fashionable shops. Enjoy a lunch of local specialties then, from Sorrento, the coach will make its way along the renowned Amalfi road. Take in panoramic vistas including the view over Positano as you make your way to Amalfi village. You will hear about the history of this lovely village—one of the

oldest maritime republics of Italy—and enjoy some free time in the village, the harbor area, or inside the imposing local cathedral. On the way back to Naples, visit the craft center situated at the bottom of Mount Vesuvius to see a cameo-making demonstration.

Please note: Traffic can be unpredictable. Your patience during delays is greatly appreciated.

Shopping in Sorrento



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Skirting the Bay of Naples, in the shadow of awesome Mt. Vesuvius you will discover Sorrento—a village that is brimming with character and overflowing with picturesque street scenes and charming people. Sorrento inspired the Greeks' and Romans' art and industry, and you will find an extraordinary collection of wood work, mosaics, furniture, embroidery and porcelain. Browse and shop on your own, making purchases that will become treasured mementos of your voyage. Time permitting, you will stop at a crafts center at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius.

A Taste of Naples: Pizzas & Piazzas



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Take a panoramic drive around Naples, then you'll head to Posillipo Hill, Mergellina, and past the famous Maschio Angioino Castle. You'll stop at the Piazza Plebiscito for a chance to see the outside of the Royal Palace and the San Carlo Opera House. Enjoy some free time before stepping into a local restaurant in the historic center of the town. See expert pizza-makers demonstrating how to make a real Neapolitan pizza. Pizza will then be served to everyone before returning to the port.

Sorrento & Pompeii



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$

A one-hour drive brings you to Sorrento, brimming with character and picturesque streets. Woodwork, furniture, embroidery, mosaics and porcelain can be found here. A typical Italian lunch will be served in Sorrento. At the foot of Mt. Vesuvius, walk

through the remarkable ruins of Pompeii—widely considered by archaeologists to be the finest example of an ancient Roman town. With the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79, the excavated city was buried beneath tons of ash and lava. Tour Pompeii on foot, passing baths, theatres, temples, markets and forums.

The Ruins of Pompeii



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

From the pier, it's a 45-minute ride by motor coach to the remarkable ruins of Pompeii, almost perfectly preserved since the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. Learn about the excavation technique and what the residents were doing at the time of the eruption, and you'll gain an insight into the lives of the ancient Romans as you discover baths, theatres, temples, markets and the huge forum. A stop at a local cameo factory is included before your return to the ship and the present-day by motor coach.

Please note: Bring a hat as shade is limited. Wear comfortable walking shoes.



Ancient Herculaneum



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Head out by motor coach to the excavated city of Herculaneum (known as Ercolano in Italian). The upper-class Romans built their beautiful villas and maintained luxurious properties in Herculaneum, most of them overlooking the sea. When Vesuvius erupted in AD 79, hot ash charred or consumed all the wood of the structures in Pompeii (Herculaneum's more famous neighbor.) Herculaneum's destruction was the result of a flood of hot mud which buried, sealed and protected entire buildings. This means that today there are still marvelous inlaid marble floors, mosaics, and paintings, and carbonized wood exposed to visitors. Explore on foot with your guide. A stop at a local cameo factory is included before you return to the ship.

Please note: Bring a sunhat as shade is limited. Wear comfortable walking shoes.



A Cruise to the Isle of Capri



Approximately 7½ - 8 hours • \$\$\$\$

Begin with a jetfoil ride to the Island of Capri, taking in several lovely sights, including Capri and Anacapri, then enjoy a typical Italian lunch. Roman emperors such as Caesar Augustus and Tiberius vacationed on the island, and you'll see the magnificent remains of their Roman villas. Capri is a popular destination for artists and the wealthy. This tour, although escorted, is unstructured, with time to explore, browse or shop.



Navplion, Greece

Mycenae & Epidaurus



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$

Journey along the picturesque winding road passing typical Greek villages on your way to the World Heritage Site of Epidaurus. Known throughout the Hellenistic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments, Epidaurus was dedicated to Aesclepius, the god of healing who restored health to the sick and, reputedly, sometimes even life to the dead. The city was filled with curative spas and baths, and only priests had access to some of the healing rites. Today most of the ruins have been reduced to their foundations with one exception, the remarkable theater. Built into, rather than above the ground, and set overlooking a valley, the theater is known for its astonishing acoustics. Restored in 1954, it hosts modern productions of the ancient classics as well as musical recitals of performers such as the late Maria Callas. Enjoy a traditional Greek luncheon; then, continue along the Argive Plain to visit the site of ancient Mycenae. Although excavations had begun here in 1841, it wasn't until 33 years later that a self-styled archaeologist, Heinrich Schliemann, unearthed

Mycenae's treasures. Enter the site via a walkway lined by impenetrable cyclopean walls through the Lions Gate, where Clytemestra received her husband, Agamemnon on his return from Troy. Once inside the gate, explore the Royal Palace, the shaft graves and the remains of the city walls. An archaeological briefing within the Treasury of Arttreus, also known as the Tomb of Agamemnon, enhances your understanding of these sites.

Ancient Corinth & Canal



Approximately 4½ - 5 hours • \$\$

Visit the famous Corinth Canal which is four miles long, 70 feet wide and has sloping sides 170 feet in height. It connects the Ionian and Aegean seas, providing a maritime "short cut." Your next stop will be in Ancient Corinth. The ruins that lie in this area are a surprising mix of an ancient 6th-century BC Greek city and a 44 BC Roman city—the latter, was built after Julius Caesar placed a colony on this desolate site. See the ruins and excavations of both, including a Christian Basilica, the starting lines of a Greek racetrack, a sacred spring with its bronze lion's-head spouts and the elaborate Roman fountain of Peirene.

Ancient Corinth & Mycenae



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$

Ancient Corinth, a city blessed with a superb location, fertile plains and virtually impregnable refuge. Excavations reveal that the ancient city was huge and wealthy; a survivor of the numerous invasions but devastated by earthquakes. St. Paul lived and worked in Corinth for 18 months, making converts where he could. The Bema (platform) where the Roman governor tried him is still visible. See one of Corinth's most striking ancient buildings – the Temple of Apollo, seven of whose original columns still stand. Walk through the remains of the Market Place, a colonnaded square once surrounded by many small shops. See the celebrated Fountain of Priene, which has produced water from earliest times, and the Lechaion Road, formerly the main thoroughfare to the port of Lechaion. Continue along the Argive Plain to visit the site of ancient Mycenae. Although excavations had begun here in 1841, it wasn't until 33 years later that a self-styled archaeologist, Heinrich Schliemann, unearthed

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Mycenae & Palamidi Castle



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Drive inland across the Argive Plain through orange and lemon groves, past the ancient cities of Tiryns and Argos, to reach “well-built Mycenae, rich of gold,” as described by Homer in *The Odyssey*. Tucked into a fold in the hills and lost to time for centuries is Agamemnon's citadel, just a short walk from where your coach parks. Although excavations had begun here in 1841, it wasn't until 33 years later that Heinrich Schliemann, an entrepreneur turned self-styled archaeologist, unearthed Mycenae's treasures. A controversial figure, Schliemann believed in the accuracy of Homer's epic poems, and to the amazement and dismay of scholars, governments and the world, he was right. Enter the site via a walkway lined by impenetrable cyclopean walls through the Lions Gate, Europe's oldest existing example of monumental statuary. It was here that Clytemnestra received her husband Agamemnon on his return from Troy. Walk to the first shaft tomb, where in 1874 Schliemann excavated the famous golden death masks, now on display at the Archaeological Museum in Athens. This site affords magnificent views over the Argive. Visit the eerie Beehive Tomb a short distance away from the citadel. Also known as the Treasury of Atreus, this could be the tomb of Agamemnon. Enter the impressive grave through a 10-foot corridor and stand in its cool, dark interior marveling at this monument to Mycenaean building skills. Returning to Navplion, drive to the top of the massive fortified area known as the Palamidi. Perched on a crag over 700 feet high, Palamidi has commanding views of the town, the harbor and the Argive Plain. It consists of three self-contained castles linked by vaults, corridors and secret passages now reside within the outer walls of the complex. The city's symbol, the Lion of St. Mark, appears over the entrances, a reminder of the fortress' Venetian

occupation. You may return to the ship via coach or descend by foot the over 850-step staircase that leads back down to the harbor and your ship.

Epidaurus & Palamidi Castle



Approximately 3¾ hours • \$\$



Journey along the picturesque winding road passing typical Greek villages on your way to the World Heritage Site of Epidaurus. Known throughout the Hellenistic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments, Epidaurus was dedicated to Aesclepius, the god of healing who restored health to the sick, and reputedly, sometimes even life to the dead. The city was filled with curative spas and baths, and only priests had access to some of the healing rites. Today most of the ruins have been reduced to their foundations with one exception, the remarkable theater. Built into, rather than above the ground, and set overlooking a valley, the theater is known for its astonishing acoustics. Restored in 1954, it now hosts modern productions of the ancient classics as well as musical recitals of performers such as the late Maria Callas. Returning to Navplion, drive to the top of the massive fortified area known as the Palamidi. Perched on a crag over 700 feet high, Palamidi has commanding views of the town, the harbor and the Argive Plain. Started by the Francs, and later enlarged by the Venetians, three self-contained castles linked by vaults, corridors and secret passages now reside within the outer walls of the complex. The city's symbol, the Lion of St. Mark, appears over the entrances, a reminder of the fortress' Venetian occupation. Guests may return to the ship via coach or descend by foot the over 850-step staircase that leads back down to the harbor and your ship.

Naxos, Sicily, Italy

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A Drive to Mt. Etna



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Majestic Mt. Etna, at 11,000 feet, is Europe's largest active volcano. Leaving Messina, you will pass through many villages, all closely connected to the volcano's history. As you drive up the mountain's scenic lower slopes and the switchback road, the views include forest, orchards and vineyards. Mt. Etna's flanks are covered in cones, craters and the remnants of streams of lava. At 6,200 feet, you will visit the Silvestri Craters and see the 1983 lava flow. Continue down the mountain through lemon groves, chestnut and pine forest, which blend with the hardened lava and endless volcanic cones.

Please note: Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes for walking at Mt. Etna. The ground around the Silvestri Craters may be uneven. Due to the high altitude, bring a light jacket or sweater.

Castelmola & Taormina



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Founded in the 6th century B.C. by Greeks from Naples, Taormina was subsequently taken over by the Romans. Today



the influences of both are found in the ruins of the town's Greco-Roman theatre. The beauty of Taormina has been documented by writers for centuries, and the town is one of Sicily's most impressive resorts. It has all of the qualities that attract visitors— incredible views, ancient ruins, and an abundance of quaint shops and boutiques. Many of its narrow cobblestone streets are closed to traffic, making the main part of Taormina accessible only on foot. Your guide will introduce you this charming and popular resort town perched high on a cliff overlooking the Bay of Naxos. Take a guided walk that includes the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele and the bustling main street of Corso Umberto, lined with former mansions with enchanting architecture and balconies that brim with flowers. Stop briefly in the inner courtyard of the medieval Corvaja Palace for a look at a richly painted original Sicilian *carretta*, or carriage. Also enjoy the panoramic views of the bay and snow-capped Mt. Etna in the distance. Follow your guide up the narrow street that leads to the Greco-Roman theatre. Taormina's famous antiquity dates back to the 2nd and 3rd centuries B.C. and still hosts performances today. The theatre's dramatic location is nothing less than breathtaking, with an incredible view of the coast and Mt. Etna. Next you'll visit Castelmola, a tiny village is strategically located near Taormina with splendid panoramic views. The focus of the village is the attractive Piazzetta del Duomo with its fine, intricate paving.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat. At Greco-Roman theatre, there are many steps and walking is on uneven ground. To reach the village of Castelmola an uphill walk is required with approximately 70 steps. Motor coaches are not permitted to enter the town of Taormina. Lifts are used to transport guests from the parking area to the town center. Taormina is very crowded in peak season. During the summer months, the theatre is used for performances and a stage set-up is in place.

In the Footsteps of the Godfather



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

For the fans of *The Godfather* movie series, many of the places visited in this tour will seem familiar. Begin with a brief drive along the freeway to Roccalumera. From there, the coastal road, bordered by villas, flowering gardens, and picturesque villages, leads to the historical artist town of Savoca. In a private house in



the village, Bar Vitelli houses a collection of local artisans' tools and photographs taken when Francis Ford Coppola shot scenes of *The Godfather II*. After a refreshment, stroll along the village's main street past Santa Lucia and San'Michele churches for a view over the valley. At Forza d'Agro, a 20-minute drive away, you'll find a charming little village overlooking the Arab-Norman castle of Capo Sant'Alessio. In 1990, Al Pacino and Sophia Coppola shot scenes here for *The Godfather III*. From the main square, a lane meets the circular steps that ascend to the Gothic-Catalan portal in front of the Church of San Agostino, or Triade. See the Baroque Chiesa Madre church before returning to Messina.

Please note: Guests must be able to walk approximately one mile over uneven terrain, gravel paths, inclines and 30 steps.

Murgo Winery with Mt. Etna Option

Visit a Sicilian winery for a taste of local varietals amid stunning scenery and return directly to the ship (Option A), **or** continue from the winery to the slopes of Mt. Etna for a full-day Sicily experience (Option B).

A. Murgo Winery



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$\$

Depart from Naxos on a scenic drive to one of the famous estates of the Etna region. This region is characterized by a micro-climate with frigid winters and temperate summers, abundant rainfall and a wide temperature range. These conditions sharply contrast with those of the rest of Sicily, which is generally drier and hotter, but they also influence the maturation of the grapes and create a unique local flavor with conservation of primary bouquets and total acidity. The particular taste of Etna wine is due to the lava soil, rich in potassium and mineral salts. You'll visit the San Michele Estate whose winery and the cellars are situated in an ancient, typical Etna-style building. The vineyards are in a single area, distributed on large terraces. All around is the wonderful panorama that stretches from the Taormina promontory to Capo Mulini. Mt. Etna dominates this magnificent scene, towering up to its summit at 11,000 feet. The vineyards cover 25 hectares and the density ranges from 3,000 to 5,200 vines per hectare. The method of cultivation is the "espalier" system with "hooded cordon" pruning. There is no irrigation except during initial planting. The varietals cultivated are those typical of the

region: Nerello Mascalese, Nerello Mantellato, Caricante and the Cataratto.

Please note: There is a moderate amount of walking involved during this tour and suitable footwear is advised as some surfaces may be uneven. The visit at winery involves 45 minutes' walking and there are approximately 30 steps to negotiate at the wine cellar.

B. Murgo Winery & Mt. Etna



Approximately 7 hours • \$\$\$\$

Enjoy a visit to the Murgo Winery as outlined above, then proceed to the Mt. Etna lava flow created by the eruptions of 1992. Here you will have time to inspect on your own the area involved in the eruption which started in 1991 and continued until March 1993, a time span of 473 days—the longest flank eruption at Etna since the mid-17th century. Estimates of the volume of the 1991-1993 eruption are between 205 and 250 million cubic meters of lava, making this the largest eruption since 1669.

Please note: There is a moderate amount of walking involved during this tour and suitable footwear is advised as some surfaces may be uneven. The visit at winery involves 45 minutes' walking and there are approximately 30 steps to negotiate at the wine cellar. Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes for walking at Mt. Etna. Due to the high altitude, bring a light jacket or sweater.

A Taste of Sicily



Approximately 5½ hours • \$\$

Leaving the port in Naxos, you will drive to the village of Mascalucia, located on the slopes of Mt. Etna. This is one of Sicily's most charming villages resplendent with 17th-century churches. Near the historical center lies the Villa Trinit farm, whose rural buildings date back to 1609. 2000 years ago, there was a Roman settlement on this hill 1,300 feet above sea level. Today, amid the lava stone of Mt. Etna, there is a botanical park known for its collection of native and exotic plants. You will visit Villa Trinit Garden to see its mandarin plantation, fruit trees and vegetable gardens. The farm is still irrigated with the traditional *saye* system, which your guide will explain. You may even have the chance to pick fruit right from the trees. Citrus, prickly pears

and nuts grow here. The farm also produces delicate and fruity extra-virgin olive oil, dried tomatoes, Etna flowers, honey and many kinds of Sicilian fruit marmalade. You will have a typical Sicilian lunch with Etna wine served alongside. The farm's owners, Donna Marina and Barone Salvatore Bonajuto, will be more than happy to demonstrate the methods of preparing old Sicilian cuisine.

Please note: This excursion involves walking for approximately 30 minutes. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Taormina



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Taormina is situated high on Mount Tauro, overlooking the calm Ionian sea, with a delightful medieval character and many interesting shops. The town dates back to AD 39. On your walking tour of Taormina, admire Palazzo Corvaia and the impressive theatre built by the Greeks in the 3rd century BC and later renovated by the Romans. Renowned for its unique acoustics, the theatre is still used for open-air performances. Stroll the Corso Umberto, a mostly pedestrian street, where chi-chi shops beckon you to explore and invest in dazzling Italian fashion and whimsical nick-nacks.

Please note: Coaches are not permitted to enter Taormina. Lifts are used to transport guests from the parking area to the town center. Taormina is very crowded in peak season. During the summer months, the theatre is used for performances and a stage set-up is in place.



Palermo, Sicily, Italy

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Mysteries of Palermo



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This excursion will start with a panoramic tour of the city giving you the chance to admire its most beautiful monuments: Teatro Politeama, Teatro Massimo, the Quattro Canti, the Royal Palace and Piazza Pretoria. You'll then visit the impressive catacombs of the Capuchin Friars, where more than 8,000 mummified bodies of monks, noblemen and citizens are dressed in their original 15th-century clothes. The most disconcerting sight is the near-perfectly preserved body of Rosalia Lombardo (a baby girl), who died in 1920 at the tender age of two. The tour continues to the Palazzo Chiaramonte Steri, built in 1307 by the wealthy and powerful Chiaramonte family. It belonged to Andrea, the last descendant, who was executed in 1392 across from the entrance to the building, and became known as Palazzo Steri, or *lo Steri*, derived from the term *hosterium* which means fortified dwelling. Lo Steri became the residence of the Spanish viceroys and in the 17th century was the seat of the Tribunal of the Inquisition. It is still possible today to see the writings, drawings, and paintings of the nameless victims who were imprisoned here after their trial. These telegraphs to despair are found in the *carceri Filippine*



(Philippine prisons). Lo Steri is a three-story structure, and the façade is embellished by two orders of exceptionally beautiful three-light mullioned windows. The essential lines of this particular form of Gothic architecture have earned it the specific appellation of Chiaramontan style, much used in that period in civil buildings in Sicily. The Great Hall, dating from the 1300s, is famous for the beauty of its wood ceiling, with its paintings of biblical episodes and tales of chivalry. It also houses the original *La Vucciria* by Renato Guttuso.

Please note: Tour is not suitable for children; not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Temple Valley Wonders



Approximately 8½ hours • \$\$\$\$



Impressive, ancient ruins string out along a ridge below Agrigento in the Valley of Temples. You will visit many of them, beginning with the vast Temple of Jupiter (Zeus). Had this now-ruined temple ever been completed, it would have been one of the largest in the ancient world. The entablature was supported by 55-foot-tall columns, between which stood colossal statues, one of which is now on view in the Archeological Museum. Nearby, the Tempio dei Dioscuri was a hex-style temple with only four of its columns remaining. The small rose at the corner of the entablature is a typical decorative feature. Alongside is a sacred area dedicated to Demeter and Persephone—the underground gods—and two sacrificial altars. Dating from the late 6th century BC, the Temple of Hercules is probably the oldest of the Agrigento temples, built in the ancient Doric style. Eight of its columns have been restored. To the left you can see the deeply-grooved ruts thought to have been made by ancient wheeled vehicles such as chariots. The deep marking is possibly due to the ruts having been later used as water channels. The Temple of Concord is the largest, most majestic and best-preserved of the Doric temples in Sicily. It has a peristyle of 34 tufa limestone columns, although its original stucco facing has disappeared. And finally, the Tempio di Hera Lacinia (dedicated to Juno, or her Greek equivalent, Hera) has a partially-preserved colonnade. On the eastern side is a sacrificial altar and, behind the temple, an ancient water cistern. Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

Please note: The drive from Palermo to Agrigento is approximately

two hours. There will be two hours of walking, including free time. Much of the walking will be on uneven ground, slightly uphill with steps to negotiate. Not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Wear sturdy walking shoes and a hat. Appropriate attire is required at the restaurant.

Palermo & Monreale



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Tour the amazing city of Palermo beginning with a ride from the pier to the downtown core, and discover a city that was a Phoenician stronghold and a Roman trading center. Reminders of all the city's conquerors exist still—there are traces of Roman, Arab and Norman monuments to be seen. Visit the cathedral, built in 1185 by an English Archbishop. Under Muslim rule it became a mosque and was later re-consecrated to Christianity. In its chapel there is a silver urn containing the remains of St. Rosalia. Next is Monreale—just a few miles from Palermo. This small hilltop town seems like an unlikely place to find a famous cathedral that boasts some of the finest Norman architecture in Italy. A marvelous, 6340-square-meter mosaic, depicting scenes of Christ and the apostles, graces its stunning interior.

Please note: Tour includes steps and ten minutes of uphill walking.

Panoramic Palermo



Approximately 2½ - 3 hours • \$\$

This motor coach tour features the best of Palermo's sights at a relaxed pace. Begin with a drive to the central part of town. Highlights you will see include the Norman Palace, which began life in the Saracen period, but was altered by the Norman kings. See the magnificent cathedral, built in the 12th century by an archbishop, and transformed into a mosque after the Muslim era. Housing six royal tombs, the basilica was restored to the hands of Christianity by the Normans. The remains of Palermo's protector, St. Rosalia, are stored in the chapel, in an urn of pure silver. Watch for the notable landmarks of the Massimo Theatre and the Felice Gate, and the thoroughfare of Corso Vittorio Emanuele. Marina Square is a favorite gathering spot amid the Garibaldi Gardens. Enjoy a short sightseeing tour of Mondello before returning to the pier.

Cefalù: A Seaside Town



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

One of Sicily's most charming resorts is located on the northern coast of Sicily, halfway between Palermo and Capo d'Orlando. Cefalù is best explored on foot, so you'll leave your coach for a guided walk through this fine example of a medieval city, with narrow streets and elaborate architecture. At the center of the village is a 12th century Norman Cathedral built during the reign of Roger II. The presbytery is covered with beautiful mosaics on a gilded background, displaying a surprising variety of color and forming an admirable expression of Byzantine art. Next you will enjoy nature's own palate of ocean blue and sunshine yellow, enhanced by the hues of honey-colored buildings and a gently weathered patina throughout the town. Little pieces of Sicily's history will come to life during your free time for shopping in Cefalù. Pick up a souvenir of your visit, or you may wish to enjoy a frothy cappuccino or ice-cream in one of the quaint cafés.

Please note: The tour requires two hours of walking in Cefalù.

A Taste of Sicily: A Cooking Lesson



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$\$

The beautiful Antica Masseria is an ancient farm not far from town, but in the heart of the Sicilian countryside. You'll visit the 18th-century *baglio* (country house) and the small church consecrated as a Sacred Family Oratory, where mass is still celebrated. Enjoy the shade of old palms, weeping willows, climbing roses and wisteria. The atmosphere of the farm and the house captures the essence of Italian nobility and the charm of a bygone era. On arrival at the *baglio*, you'll be welcomed by the charming Baroness Di Salvo, who will tell you about the ancient house. Then, she'll begin a cooking lesson based on the preparation of some typical Sicilian dishes, showing you the main ingredients and procedures as she goes. Don an apron and join in if you like! At the end of the cooking course, you'll taste the dishes shown during the lesson. After your delicious lunch, there's time to relax in the garden in the shade of the magnificent, lush vegetation, or to purchase products and mementos in the small store.

Please note: Baroness Di Salvo does not speak English. Her comments and cooking instructions will be interpreted by your guide.



Palma de Mallorca, Spain

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Caves of Drach



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

A fascinating blend of scenery, history and geology, this tour leaves Palma by motor coach, passing through the old harbor town of Porto Cristo, founded in the Middle Ages. Nearby are the Caves of Drach—a series of mysterious caverns that hide the world's largest underground lake. The play of shadow and light on the caves' walls create fascinating abstract images. Continue to Manacor, famous for its olive wood and cultured pearl inlaid furniture industry, with time to browse at the pearl factory. The return motor coach ride is across the island's fertile plains, through many typically picturesque farming communities.

Please note: Considerable walking and stair-climbing is involved. The pearl factory is closed on Sundays.



Palma de Mallorca Highlights



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Today you will discover Palma de Mallorca, the capital of the Balearic Islands, with a population of 300,000, and a flourishing

economy. Among Palma's lovely sights is the Gothic-style Bellver Castle—a unique circle-shaped castle built in the early 14th century. Admire the extensive panoramic landscape below, across the city and surrounding countryside. Next is a guided tour of Palma's lovely 13th-century cathedral. Next, see the outside of the adjacent Almudaina Palace. This monument was once the palace of the Mallorcan kings, and before that, an Arab fortress. The next stop is the bullring for a look at architectural engineering in this city's unique style.

A Taste of Mallorca:

Paella in Palma



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$\$

Your chef and guide will take you to the market to buy the ingredients to make the Paella, offering tips on how to choose the best fish and vegetables. You will then be driven to an old house where another chef will be already working on the Paella, cooked open air. You will see all steps on how to proceed, and a suckling pig will be roasted as well. Once finished, you will taste and enjoy this delicacy before returning to the ship.

Please note: In case of rain, the demonstration will be held on the terrace; not the open air. The house, being an historic building, does not have air-conditioning.

A Taste of Palma: Costa Nord & Wine Tasting



Approximately 5 - 5½ hours • \$\$

Discover the Mallorca's North Coast (Costa Nord)—a 40-mile-long mass of lime rock that, for centuries, has formed a wall against winds and invasions. On arrival in Valldemosa, your first stop will be at the Costa Nord Foundation, established to promote the culture and landscape of the Tramuntana mountain range. Academy Award-winning actor Michael Douglas guides you on a documentary tour of the place where he has made his home for more than 20 years. Enjoy some free time to explore Valldemosa—one of the most beautiful villages on the island, with cypresses, olive trees, almond trees, orange trees and palms dating back to Carthusian times. Driving to Puerto de Andratx, you will have a chance to stroll before returning to the ship.

Valldemosa & Chopin



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$

A short motor coach drive past olive trees and local vegetation brings you to the quaint 14th-century village of Valldemosa, located at the foot of the Northern Mountain Range. Its former royal residence, the Cartuja, is the first stop on your tour. The residence became a Carthusian monastery in the Middle Ages, and your guide will show you the chapel, a pharmacy, the monks' library and their cells. Valldemosa's shining moment was in 1838, when George Sand and Frederic Chopin came to live at the monastery. Their stay here is well documented, and a collection of their furniture remains, including a piano where Chopin composed some of his masterpieces. George Sand later wrote a book about their time here, entitled *A Winter in Majorca*. Every summer, the Cartuja hosts the International Piano Festival, so a 15-minute concert makes for a fitting end to your tour.

Off The Beaten Track: Kayaking in Mallorca



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Journey by kayak along the coast in the region of Calviá. See the clear, crystalline water and, if the weather permits, you can jump in and discover the fascinating sea depths. You will also visit some old quarries before returning to the ship.

Mallorca Uncorked



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

It's a 30-minute drive to Els Calderers de San Joan, a manor in Mallorca's valley, where you can imagine the Mallorca of two hundred years ago among out-buildings for cattle-breeding, farming activities and indigenous animals. Enjoy a taste of *sobrasada*—a local sausage made from pork. Your destination is Macia Batle cellars located in the village of Santa María del Camí, in the heart of the traditional wine region of Mallorca. First, view the old vineyards with their indigenous varieties of Manto Negro, Callet and Prensal, all wines of the Binissalem-Mallorca D.O. See how the wine is made, how it matures in French and Russian oak

barrels and the painstaking process that results in wines of high quality, capable of satisfying the most demanding palate. The agreeable sun and the microclimate of Mallorca join the soft winds of the Mediterranean to guarantee a top-quality wine. Taste and perhaps purchase these delightful products before returning to the ship.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Palma by Bicycle



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

This active and beautiful biking tour takes place in Palma, capital and largest city of the island of Mallorca. Ciutat, as the locals know it, is a city open to the sea and the bay for which it is named. Discover it in a different way, by biking around the nicest spots of the city itself. The tour begins on the charming and exclusive Maritime Promenade (Paseo Marítimo), where a vast number of boats are moored in the busy clubs. Cycle close to the old walls of Palma and the antique defensive wall that has been preserved along the path of the sea promenade, which will lead you to Parque del Mar, a park with a lake exclusively created to reflect the ancient cathedral, one of the few in the world built right next to the sea. From there, you will be guided to the most impressive sights of the Old Town, from Modernist architecture by Gaudí to the magnificent plazas and churches, and some of the busiest streets for shopping, where most of the city life takes place. Altogether, this is a fantastic experience not to be missed. Return to ship along the maritime promenade.

Please note: Wear sunglasses and activewear. Minimum age is 12 years.

Mountain Bike Mallorca



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$\$

This bicycle adventure is not for the faint of heart. It covers approximately 22 miles and requires three hours of consistent cycling. For those who are able, this tour offers a great way to see Mallorca in peace and quiet, and for the sake variety, it is divided into two decidedly different parts. Part one, the nature trail, takes

you along a path that runs parallel to a stream, sometimes crossing it, and sometimes even through it! You'll see flora and fauna endemic to the island and you'll get a feel for the characteristics of the Mallorcan countryside. Part two takes you back to civilization, starting from the village of Es Capdellà. You'll follow the old donkey cart path that used to join this village with the Finca of Galatzó. From here the journey continues on paved and unpaved roads, passing through the village of Paguera for a glimpse of Mallorcan life, and back to Santa Ponsa.

Please note: Minimum age is 12 years. A helmet is provided. Wear sunscreen and practical shoes (no sandals).

Modernist Art & Architecture in Palma



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

Explore Palma's rich contemporary art tradition, including the modernist works of Joan Miró and earlier paintings and sculpture that were inspired by the light and atmosphere of the island. Begin your "gallery walk" with a visit to the Casal Solleric—a Baroque building dating from 1763 (also known as Can Morell). This stunning building was acquired by the Palma City Council in 1975 and is used for visiting art exhibitions and cultural events. Next, you will see the turn-of-the-century Grand Hotel, designed by Catalán Modernist architect Lluís Domènech y Montaner. Step inside the Es Baluard Museum—Palma's new Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art. This fascinating facility was built from scratch behind the Renaissance façade of the ancient San Pedro Fortress, located in the heart of Palma. The building also symbolizes the lifestyle of the Mediterranean by including the external spaces as part of the museum enclosure, establishing a constant indoor/outdoor flow. It represents a unique architectural and art experience all in one location.



Piraeus, Greece

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle
Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Ancient Corinth & Canal



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Visit the famous Corinth Canal which is four miles long, 70 feet wide and has sloping sides 170 feet in height. It connects the Ionian and Aegean seas to provide a short cut. Your next stop will be Ancient Corinth. The ruins that lie in this area are a surprising mix of an ancient 6th-century BC Greek city and a 44 BC Roman city—the latter, was built after Julius Caesar placed a colony on the desolate site. See the ruins and excavations of both, including a Christian Basilica, the starting lines of a Greek race-track, a sacred spring with its bronze lion's-head spouts and the elaborate Roman fountain of Peirene.

Panoramic Athens



Approximately 3 hours • \$

The remains of ancient Athens constitute one of the brightest jewels of the Mediterranean—a city that stood for more than 25 centuries. You will pass the Arch of Hadrian, the statue of Lord Byron, and the Temple of Olympian Zeus, which took 700 years to complete. Continuing on towards Constitution Square, view



the former Royal Palace where the Evzones National Guard keep watch in their traditional costume over the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. See the all-marble Olympic Stadium built for the modern Olympic Games in 1896. Pass by the National Gardens and drive along University Street, whose numerous neoclassical buildings include the University and the Library. A photo stop will be made at the foot of the Acropolis. Shopping time is allowed at the end of the tour.

Please note: There is 180 - 300 yard walk from ship to motor coach.

Athens, the Acropolis & Cape Sounion



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$\$\$

Begin your tour with a drive past marinas and resort towns to the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion, built in the 5th century BC. The temple's location, 180 feet above the sea, affords a magnificent view of the blue Aegean and distant islands. Many cruise ships passing Sounion today still pay their respects to Poseidon by lowering the ensign, blasting the ship's whistle, and pouring a libation over the side of the ship. On your way back to Athens, you will stop at a leading hotel for lunch, then continue to the natural fortress of the Acropolis which rises from the city. Its symbolic ruins have survived for 25 centuries and have remained a part of the Greek culture for the entire world to appreciate. Pass Hadrian's Arch, indicating the border between the Greek and the Roman cities in Ancient times. You will pass the Temple of Olympian Zeus, which took 700 years to complete, Constitution Square, the Presidential Palace and the all-marble Olympic stadium built in 1896.

Please note: Involves considerable walking with an uphill climb to the Parthenon. The marble steps are slippery, especially when it rains. Wear comfortable, rubber-soled shoes, sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding at this site.

Athens & the Benaki Museum



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$

You will drive through the heart of Athens passing numerous points of interest such as Constitution Square, the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, the Royal Palace, Hadrian's Arch and the



Olympic Stadium. From the Herodion Theatre, admire a magnificent view of the Acropolis. The Benaki Museum has recently undergone thorough modernization and has been extended with the addition of a new wing. There are more than 30,000 items illustrating the character of every period of Greek history—antiquity, Roman domination, medieval and Byzantine times, the fall of Constantinople, the Ottoman and Frankish occupation, the war of Independence, and the formation of the modern state.

Please note: There is 180 - 300 yard walk from ship to motor coach.

Transfer to Athens



Approximately 4 hours • \$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore Athens on their own. It consists of a 40-minute motor coach ride from the ship to the city center. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will show you to the old town (*Plaka*) area and advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately two hours and twenty minutes to shop and explore on your own.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. On Sundays most shops are closed with the exception of some souvenir shops.

Acropolis & Plaka



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Visit the most famous temple of the Ancient City of Athens—the Parthenon, dedicated to Athena, the patron goddess of Athens. You will walk up a winding path to the Acropolis, passing through the Propylaea, and see the famous Erechtheum Temple and the Porch of the Caryatids in the distance. The Acropolis stands 230 feet above the city and offers amazing views of Athens below. Continue to the Plaka—Athens' old town that is shrouded in an amazing sense of history and drama, gods and glamour, for a guided tour and free time for shopping.

Please note: Involves considerable walking with an uphill climb to the Parthenon. The marble steps are slippery, especially when it

rains. Wear comfortable, rubber-soled shoes, sunscreen and a hat as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding at this site.

Ancient Corinth & Mycenae



Approximately 8½ hours • \$\$\$

Visit the famous Corinth Canal which is four miles long, 70 feet wide and has sloping sides 170 feet in height. It connects the Ionian and Aegean seas to provide a short cut. Your next stop will be Ancient Corinth. The ruins that lie in this area are a surprising mix of an ancient 6th-century BC Greek city and a 44 BC Roman city—the latter, was built after Julius Caesar placed a colony on the desolate site. See the ruins and excavations of both, including a Christian Basilica, the starting lines of a Greek race-track, a sacred spring with its bronze lion's-head spouts and the elaborate Roman fountain of Peirene. After lunch you will visit the somber and mighty ruins of ancient Mycenae, vestiges of a kingdom which, for 400 years, was the most powerful in Greece. Enter the Citadel of Mycenae on foot, approaching it through the famous Lion Gate. Inside are the shaft graves discovered by Schliemann. You will also visit the Beehive Tomb, known sometimes as the Tomb of Agamemnon—the Greek Commander-in-Chief during the Trojan War.

Athens & the Acropolis with Airport Transfer Option

This tour can be taken by guests who are returning to the ship (Option A), **and** by guests whose cruise ends in Piraeus and are transferring to the airport (Option B).

A. Athens & the Acropolis



Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • \$\$ (for guests returning to the ship)

No one introduced Athens to the world as elegantly as Milton did—"Athens, the eye of Greece, mother of arts and eloquence." Your visit today will begin with the most famous temple of the Ancient City—the Parthenon, dedicated to Athena, the patron goddess of Athens. Walking up a winding path towards the Acropolis, you will pass through the Propylaea, and see the Erechtheum temple and the Porch of the Caryatids in the distance. Reinforced by the hand of man, the natural fortress of



the Acropolis stands 230 feet above the city. You cannot help but be in awe of the view below. On a drive through the city, some of the highlights include Constitution Square, the Royal Palace where the Evzones keep watch in their traditional costumes, the Temple of Zeus and the Olympic Stadium.

Please note: This tour involves a considerable amount of walking with an uphill climb to the Parthenon. The marble steps are slippery, especially when it rains. Comfortable, rubber-soled shoes are highly recommended. Sunscreen and a hat are also recommended as shade is limited. Expect dense crowding at this site.

B. Athens & the Acropolis with Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • (for guests transferring to the airport)
With prepaid transfer voucher – \$
Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Take the Athens & the Acropolis tour as described above. Then, you will transfer to Athens International Airport, where you will be reunited with your luggage in time for check in.

Please note: See notes above. This option is available only to guests whose flight leaves Athens at 3:00pm or later.



Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle
Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Mt. Teide



Approximately 7½ hours • \$\$\$

On this tour, you'll travel through mountains and valleys to experience the “moonscape” of Las Cañadas, the greenery of La Esperanza and the lush fields of the Orotava Valley. Proceed along the freeway that bisects the island, to the picturesque village of La Esperanza which marks the beginning of the forest of the same name. The road winds westward along the crest of the mountain range that forms the backbone of the island. Pause for photos at Mirador de Otuno, offering a panoramic view of the northern coast of the island. Enter Cañadas National Park through the gateway of El Portillo Las Cañadas at over 6,600 feet. The park features a huge volcanic crater devoid of life. Your coach will wind through unusual landscapes before skirting the enormous peak of Mount Teide which dominates the area at over 12,270 feet (the highest point in Spain). The volcanic rocks found there are surprisingly colorful—black lava, red magma, white pumice and the bright green rocks through which the road is cut. Returning to Santa Cruz, you will stop at the Humboldt Viewpoint and at Puerto de la Cruz for lunch. Before leaving the area, visit the Botanical Garden founded in 1788. There is a huge variety of palms, and the centerpiece is a huge South American



fig tree whose enormous branches and roots form an outlandish tree house. The tour concludes with the drive along the northern freeway back to the harbor.

Gardens of the Valley



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Discover the peace, tranquility, and abundant color of the beautiful plants, flowers, and vegetation that inhabit the Canary Islands. You'll pass along the highway to Puerto del la Cruz to visit the Jardín Botánico (Botanical Garden) that was founded in 1788 by the royal decree of Charles III of Spain. The purpose was to form an area where plants, shrubs, and flowers brought by the Conquistadors from the New World could acclimate to Spanish soil. Many of the plants in the garden are the original specimens delivered shortly after the opening of the garden. The centerpiece is a huge South American fig tree whose enormous branches and roots have created an outlandish tree house. Your second stop will include the Risco Bella Garden—a unique style of garden in complete contrast to the Botanical Garden. This venue features attractive waterfalls and colorful terraces of local flowers. Finally, you'll see the Orchid Gardens of Sitio Litre—part of the history of Puerto de la Cruz in that many distinguished visitors such as Agatha Christie, Alexander von Humboldt, and Marianne North have visited this site. The delightful garden abounds with color and tranquility, with the main attraction being the largest collection of orchids in the Canary Islands.

Anaga Mountains



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Embark on a fascinating journey to view the diverse scenery of the island. From the beaches to the mountains, this tour offers something for everyone. Pass through the busy harbor of Santa Cruz with its Nautical School & Club en route to the fishing village of San Andrés. You'll have a chance to take photos at Las Teresitas Beach, a mile-long strip of beach with 216,000 tons of golden sand imported from the former Spanish Sahara. Leaving the coastal road from San Andrés, the coach will climb to El Bailadero—the highest point offering views over the wild land-



scape. Head through a tunnel cut into the Anaga Mountains, then slowly descend into the valley below. Continuing your journey you will visit the hidden village of Taganana, renowned for its goats' milk and vineyards. While you're here, sample the goat cheese and wine produced in the area. Then you will begin your return journey, climbing to the viewpoint at English Point, where you will be treated to a splendid panorama of the Anaga Mountain Range and the tiny village of Pedro Álvarez. You'll make a short photo stop at Cruz del Carmen Lookout, then make your way to the old Spanish capital city of La Laguna, staunchly maintaining its colonial atmosphere at an altitude of 1,800 feet. Visit La Iglesia del Cristo church where you will find examples of Gothic-Baroque architecture and a rich altar adorned in shining silver.

Santa Cruz & the Pyramid Park



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Combine a panoramic city tour of Santa Cruz with the Pyramid Park of Tenerife. You will drive through the boulevards of Santa Cruz passing several luxury hotels, the local botanical park and the old bullring (bullfighting is now prohibited in the Canary Islands). You will head far into the hills for a panoramic view of the entire city of Santa Cruz. En route to the Pyramid Park and Candelaria, you'll cross the Guimar Valley where the pre-Hispanic pyramids are situated. Pyramid Park is Tenerife's newest attraction. The world-famous adventurer Thor Heyerdahl, who captained the *Kon-Tiki* and *Ra* boats across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans respectively, discovered the pyramid site on one of his voyages. After your visit to the park, you will return to the ship via the town of Candelaria, visiting the basilica where the figure of the Black Madonna, Patron Saint of the Canary Islands, is housed. Legend has it that well before Christianity was brought to the Canaries, an image of the Virgin Mary washed ashore in Candelaria and was worshiped by the local Gauches who were oblivious to its significance.

Please note: An inside visit of the basilica cannot be guaranteed in advance due to the possibility of unscheduled closures.

Free Bird Catamaran



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$\$

Board the *Free Bird* catamaran in the harbor of Puerto Colon for a unique opportunity to see the pilot whales and dolphins that frequent the waters off the coast of Tenerife. Heading south from the port area, you will be given a short city tour prior to boarding the catamaran. You'll pass the main tourist areas, the village of Los Cristianos and the large resort of Playa de Las Americas as you cruise for three hours. There will be a chance to swim from the boat for 15 - 30 minutes, conditions permitting.

Please note: Wear your swimsuit; bring sunscreen and a towel. The catamarans vary in size, with restrooms on board and limited shade.



Santorini, Greece

All Santorini tours depart from Athinos pier. Panoramic Santorini returns to Athinos pier. All other tours end in Fira Town where there is a moderate walk and approximately 30 steps to reach the cable car and donkey ride (included in your tour cost) that will return you to the Fira pier area, and the tender return to the ship.

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.



Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Oia Village, Siglas Winery & Nomikos Foundation



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

The first stop on your tour will be the village of Oia, perhaps the most beautiful village on the island. It was almost completely destroyed in the 1956 earthquake, but has been slowly restored continuing the ancient tradition of dwellings excavated from the cliff face, with the cave-like houses clinging to the slope of volcanic rock. The most picturesque of the two main village streets is paved with marble and lined with tiny shops, cafés and restaurants, all waiting to be explored. If you prefer you can “lose yourself in the maze of tiny streets over the rock, looking at the strange and interesting houses, superb chapels, and abandoned mansions. The views from the cliff are quite amazing, offering the best photo opportunities on this unique island. Next you will visit the small winery of Siglas. You will have the opportunity to wander through the vineyard and see the strange Santorini basket-like vines, watch how the wine is produced on the premises and then sample the results yourself! Your final stop is at the Nomikos Foundation. On display are fascinating three-dimensional photographic reproductions, representing the prehistoric wall paintings of Akrotiri. Get a glimpse of what life was like in the 17th century BC! The terrace in front of the building offers great views of Fira, the main town. Your tour ends with a ten-minute walk down to the cable car station, or if you prefer you may stay in town and return to the ship at your leisure.

Panoramic Santorini



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Embark your motor coach and head to the tour's first stop at the Profitis Ilias (Prophet Elias) Mountain, offering the best views on the whole island—a perfect photo opportunity. Descending the mountain, you will stop on the way to Oia Village to visit a winery. Here, you will have the opportunity to see how the wine is made from the unique Santorini grapevines. The drive to Oia will definitely acquaint you with the inspiring

volcanic nature of the island; the views from various different angles are quite spectacular. This picturesque town features blue-domed churches, old two-story mansions, and narrow cobblestone streets lined with tiny shops selling hand made ceramics, paintings and semi precious jewelry. This is an ideal location to capture the beauty of this remarkable island.

Profitis Ilias & Oia Village



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

From the Mountain of Prophet Elias, enjoy the best views of this gorgeous island. You're headed to Oia, and along the way you will learn of the inspiring volcanic nature of the island. Oia is a picturesque town with blue-domed churches, old two story mansions, narrow cobblestone streets lined with tiny shops selling hand made ceramics, paintings and semi-precious jewelry. This is an ideal location to capture the beauty of this remarkable island. Returning to Fira, walk with your guide to the cliffside road where you may proceed to the cable car at your own leisure.

Crater Cruise & Hot Springs



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$

A local *caiique* (boat) will take you on a short trip to Nea Kameni to sail along its volcanic shores. The black volcanic rocks and the white pumice offer strange formations and beautiful views. Disembark for a 45-minute hike to the crater of the still-active volcano. Observe the lava fragments and the volcanic rocks, and once you have reached the crater, relax and enjoy the view of Santorini and the amazing cliff of Caldera. Back in the *caiique*, sail to the thermal springs of Palea Kameni. The boat will stop in the green sulfur waters whose temperature sometimes reaches 37 degrees centigrade. Experience bathing in the waters (due to high sulfur levels light colored bathing suits may be discolored). From here, the *caiique* will take you back to the ship or the cable car.

Please note: There is no shade on the volcano. Wear sunscreen and good walking shoes. Consider the nature of this tour when booking.



The Essence of Santorini



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$

From Athinios it is a 25-minute drive to Profitis Ilias mountain—the highest point of Santorini towering 2,000 feet above the sea and offering splendid panoramic views of the island. At the picturesque village of Oia, you will have some free time to wander the narrow cobblestone lanes, encountering whitewashed buildings, cafés, and shops with beautiful arts, crafts and souvenirs. Your next stop is a local winery, where you will learn that the rich volcanic soil of Santorini produces unique wines, some of which you will have the opportunity to taste. You will then head to the Panagia Episkopi Church, the oldest Byzantine church on the island, dating back to the 11th century. Pirates, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and fire have yet to breach its walls. Finally you will drive to Kamari, a coastal village with black sand beach. Here, enjoy a traditional lunch (or dinner for afternoon tours) at the quaint village of Pyrgos, before heading back to Fira Town, where you are free to spend some time or return to the ship.

Hidden Villages of Santorini



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Just 15 minutes from Athinios lies Megalochori, the largest village of the Santorini plain. Known as the village of intellectuals, Megalochori is characterized by hundreds of small white houses, as well as vineyards and beautiful churches. Walking through the village along narrow alleyways, you will encounter a variety of traditional mansions and visit the quaint Church of the Virgin Mary, with its collection of ecclesiastic artifacts. Continue to Eborio Village to visit the ruins of the medieval Fort Kasteli. Your final stop will be the volcanic beach of Perissa—an endless stretch of intriguing black sand. At the heart of summertime entertainment, Perissa is the most popular beach on the island with a wide variety of taverns, restaurants and beach bars. Time will be allowed for swimming and enjoying this famous beach.

Please note: Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel.



Toulon, France

St. Tropez & Port Grimaud



Approximately 8 hours • \$\$

Leaving Toulon, you will follow the wooded coastline to the fashionable waterfront of St. Tropez. The harbor life of St. Tropez teems with activity. Fishing vessels and yachts with billowing sails form a tapestry of color on one of the Riviera's most resplendent bays. Enjoy an approximately two-hour stroll through the narrow streets of St. Tropez, browsing among an endless array of brightly-painted cafés, pastry shops, cabarets, luxury boutiques, galleries and antique stores. Before rejoining your group, savor lunch at your own expense at one of the many small bistros on the waterfront. Not far from St. Tropez is Port Grimaud and its curious village. Designed by the renowned architect, François Spoerry, the harbor of Port Grimaud boasts interesting multi-hued houses roofed with Roman tiles. Canals and tiny squares accent the small town and its modern complex of luxury housing that looks like an old fishing village. At the marina, board a motor launch and embark on a comfortable 20-minute journey through the waterways of this quaint village.

Please note: Lunch is not included in the price of the tour.

Aix-en-Provence



Approximately 4¾ hours • \$\$

Begin by driving through the lovely Provençal countryside to the charming old town of Aix. Your guide will lead you on a walking tour of the Cours Mirabeau, one of the city's wide avenues shaded by 200-year-old trees. Built on the site of the city's medieval ramparts, it forms a verdant tunnel to protect pedestrians from the heat of the Provençal sun. On your walk, you will notice the elegant façades of the mansions along the Cours with their wrought iron balconies and finely-carved doorways. View the old Mazarin District begun by Archbishop Michel Mazarin in 1646. Originally inhabited by artisans and separated from other parts

of the city, it later attracted the nobility and is noted for its walled gardens. Discover beautiful St. Sauveur Cathedral, with its many different and contrasting architectural styles. This eclectic legacy of building is the result of structural additions and renovations done between the 5th and 18th centuries. Most notable are the 12th-century Romanesque nave, where bits of a Roman-era wall were used in a new wall, and the 15th-century Gothic portal.

Highlights of Toulon & Cassis



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Leaving your ship, you will drive through the downtown area of Toulon—a city well known for its ties to the ancient Romans, who called it Telo Martius for its strategic maritime location. Toulon still harbors a major French naval base, and is now an attractive and bustling city despite hard times during World War II. The Toulon fleet scuttled its own ships upon arrival of the Germans, and many Allied landings took place along the coast here in 1944. As you leave town en route to Cassis, watch for the scenic views and cliffs of the massif on the way. Cassis, a small town nestled at the base of a medieval castle, is widely regarded as one of the most romantic places on Earth. This charming fishing port awaits your exploration and is filled with the aromas of Provençal herbs and the salty tinge of the sea. Stroll through the streets with your guide and then enjoy the harbor at your leisure.

Bormes les Mimosas



Approximately 3½ hours • \$\$

Leaving your ship, you will pass through the Massif des Maures breathtaking landscape to reach the charming village of Bormes les Mimosas. Clinging to the side of a steep mountain slope, this medieval amphitheatre-shaped village spreads out in tiers over an exceptional landscape overlooking the Mediterranean. It abounds in mimosa, oleander, chamomile and eucalyptus. The road from Toulon affords a wonderful view of the town. Enjoy a walking guided tour, crossing the old streets typical of a Provençal village, so steep that one is known by the expressive name of “neck-breaker!” The signs Parcours Fleuri, near the church, lead to a flower-lined walk around the castle, which has been partially



restored to be a residence. Beyond the castle, the terrace provides a fine view over Bormes, Cap Bénat, and the islands of Port Cros and Le Levant. Inspired by the light and exceptional beauty of the area, numerous artists are established in the old village—painters, potters, sculptors, silk screeners. You will have some time to visit the many workshops before returning to Toulon.

Le Castellet with Sanary or Wine Tasting Options



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Departing from Toulon, you will head to Castellet—a typical Provençal hilltop village. Perched on a wooded hill above the vineyards, this remarkable stronghold, formerly owned by the Lords of les Baux, has well-preserved ramparts, a carefully restored 12th-century church and a castle dating back to the 11th century. Entering by two fortified gates, *le portail* and *le portalet*, you will begin a walking tour around the narrow streets up to the castle which now functions as the Town Hall. You will see the St. Sauveur church with its lovely windows before taking in the view inland towards Ste Baume and Paul Ricard Circuit. Time at leisure allows you to explore the arts and craft workshops, scouting for paintings, pottery and hollow-ware. Choose from the two options (A and B) below to complete your tour.

A. Le Castellet & Sanary

Visit Le Castellet as outlined above, then you will visit Sanary sur Mer—a lovely 16th-century port in the heart of Provence. This city of light and of contrasts will welcome you with its colorful façades and shaded walkways, vineyards and hundred-year-old olive trees. The “Roman” tower, dating only from the 13th and 14th centuries, was used for the defense of the region, while the church bell of Notre Dame de Pitie (16th century) was rung by the resident hermit to warn of enemy ships on the horizon.

B. Le Castellet & Wine Tasting

Visit Le Castellet as outlined above, then you are invited to stop at a famous vineyard (Domaine de Souviou or similar) to taste some local wines. This very beautiful Provençal winery features an adjacent chapel surrounded by 32 hectares of vineyards. Some very fine wines are produced here, and the 2,500 olive trees are famous for their rare olive oil. Your wine tasting session will include red, white and rosé wines.



Tripoli, Libya

Sabratha



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Sabratha is a site of fabulous ruins and a spectacular panorama over the Mediterranean Sea. The name derives from the Phoenician word meaning grain market, and here you will view a number of the wonders including the Forum, with its splendid grey granite columns and magnificent porticos, the Basilicas, the Temple of Liber Pater, and the Mausoleum of Bes. You will marvel at the Roman theatre, one of the only monuments intact that boasts imposing columns of different styles—fluted and plain. Some of the tops are adorned with masks and animals and the theatre’s pulpit is embellished with stunning reliefs. The theatre was a gift from Septimus Severus, the Roman Emperor born in the region of Tripolitania. A selection of the mosaics that were found on display is now housed in the Roman Museum on the site, which you will visit before the return journey to the port and the ship.

Leptis Magna



Approximately 8½ - 9 hours • \$\$\$

Depart from the port of Tripoli and proceed through the scenic Libyan countryside towards Leptis Magna, a magnificent site that was the birthplace of one of Rome’s Emperors. Your tour of this imposing site commences at the Arch of Septimus Severus, erected in 203 to commemorate the visit of the emperor of the same name. You’ll also see Hadrian’s Baths and the Palestra, constructed on the basis of the baths in Rome and encompassed by a colonnaded portico of ornate Corinthian-style columns. Delight in the Forum, bound by a two-story colonnade embellished by the head of Medusa. The Market Place was constructed during the Augustinian age, and altered during the Severan era. View the striking remains of this rectangular courtyard surrounded by an octagonal portico. All these buildings were primarily constructed

out of hard limestone and large quantities of multi-colored marble were imported from Italy, Greece and Asia Minor. The most magnificent structure of this site, the Roman theatre, is one of the oldest theatres of the Roman world and is located a short distance from the main site. After this historically rich tour, you are invited to a traditional Libyan lunch under large tents. You will finish with a visit to the amphitheatre of Leptis Magna, constructed in AD 56, boasting unrivaled acoustics and accommodating up to 16,000 spectators.

Tripoli Highlights



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

Your tour commences with a drive to the Green Square, where you will visit the Red Castle that houses the National Museum. Exhibits date from prehistoric times, through Libyan tribal history and include an impressive collection of mosaics, statues and artifacts from the Classical period. Admire examples of Islamic architecture and folklore exhibits. Over the centuries, the Red Castle has developed into a citadel, boasting a labyrinth of courtyards, alleyways and houses. You may tour this fascinating area, before being led towards the Medina—the old part of the city. In the Medina, delight in the *souks* (markets), and view the old hotels known as *khans*, the small squares, traditional houses and a string of mosques, the largest and unquestionably most beautiful of which is the Ahmed Pasha Karamanli mosque. You will pass by the imposing Italian church, the Gurgi mosque and finally arrive at the Arch of Aurelius. This majestic arch was erected in honor of the emperor Marcus Aurelius and it has quite miraculously managed to stay intact to this day, as the inhabitants of Tripoli have always believed that as long as the arch remains undamaged, their town will survive. From here you will return to the ship.



Valencia, Spain

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 7 hours

Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



Valencia Sights



Approximately 4 - 4½ hours • \$\$

Drive along the Avenida del Puerto, past the bullring and central station. At the Square Central Market, set out on a walking tour to admire the Gothic-style buildings that house the Silk Exchange exhibition pavilion. Your drive then continues to the Carmen Quarter Cultural Centre. Near the City of Arts & Science designed by the architect Calatrava, you will visit the Fallas Museum. At Torres de Serranom view the Plaza of the Virgin of the Forsaken Basilica. Visit the Cathedral and enjoy an outside view of the Miguelete Tower before returning to the ship.

City of Porcelain: The Lladró Arts Center



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Complement your visit to Valencia with a trip to the City of Porcelain—the Lladró Art Center. Having only recently opened their door to visitors, Lladró now lets you explore behind the scenes of its incredible creations. From the pier it is a half-hour to the City of Porcelain. Upon arrival, enjoy a multimedia presentation of the history and inspiration of its art before begin-

ning a leisurely stroll through the production facilities. See the pouring of the molds, the immense kilns used for firing, and the artisans delicate work of hand-painting each piece. The sculptures born in the City of Porcelain are exported to more than 120 countries. From Lladró, return to Valencia and the National Ceramics Museum housed in the sumptuous former palace of Valencia's nobility, the Marquis of Dos Aguas. The alabaster work on the main façade is a beautiful example of Baroque design and within this extravagant home are sweeping staircases and opulent rooms peppered with the history of ceramics. Finally, you will return to the ship via motor coach.

Sagunto & Caves of San José



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Sagunto, which lies on the coast north of Valencia, has a history dating back more 2,000 years, encompassing battles with Hannibal and settlements by the Romans, Goths, Moors and Christians. You will see here a magnificent castle and 1st-century Roman theatre. The old part of town includes a Jewish quarter and the Gothic church of Santa Maria. Head up to Vall D'Uxo where the San José Caves are located. A boat trip on a subterranean river shows you the Bat Cave, the Dog Kennel and Diana's Lake. Relax for a panoramic tour of Sagunto before returning to the ship.

Valencia Oceanographic & Bullfight Museum



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Take another look at Valencia in a tour that combines both the old style and traditions of the city with the latest technology. Enjoy a panoramic drive on some of the most important avenues of the city—Avenida del Puerto and Avenida Aragón, crossing the river to where the bullring and Bullfight Museum are located. Inside the museum you will learn all about the *Corrida* (bullfighting). Enthusiasts are divided into two groups—those who admire the bull, and those who admire the bullfighter. Starting at the birth of the *tauramaquia*, you will follow the sport's history from the golden age through today. Proceed to the empty bullring, where your guide will explain further. Next, the modern

part of your tour begins. At the Oceanographic, discover an authentic marine park that includes the principal seas and oceans of the planet. Covering 27 acres with a volume of nine million gallons, this is the largest oceanography park in Europe, with one section for fish and invertebrates, and other for marine mammals. Areas such as the Dolphinarium, Sea Lion's Island and the Atlantic Ocean will be visited. By way of the Paseo de las Moreras, it is a short drive back to the ship.

A Taste of Valencia: Requena Wine Cellars



Approximately 5 hours • \$\$

Requena is 30 miles inland from Valencia and at 2,300 feet above the sea level. The economy of the region is based on Cava sparkling wine and still wines. 20,000 people inhabit the little Gothic city of Requena, whose buildings such as San Salvador Church, the Castle (only the Tour of Homage remains), and the cellars which are perfectly preserved. Today you will have the chance to see one of the most important cellars in the area, with more than 100 years' production history behind it. In the cellar, you will have also a chance to taste the wine and enjoy some light snacks. Explore the town of Requena, including the Church of San Salvador and take a short walking tour through the narrow streets. You'll also have a chance to purchase a bottle of wine, if you like!

Valencia by Bicycle



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Jump on a bike and pedal your way through Valencia, along the Paseo de la Pechina, following the Turia Gardens to the San José Bridge. Ride past the Serranos towers into the heart of the medieval walled city, taking Naquera Street to the Virgen Square. View from the outside the Basilica, the Cathedral and Generalidad Palace. Continue along Almudín Street to Archbishop Square to see the romanesque door of the Cathedral. Avellanas Street leads to the Palace of the Marquis Dos Aguas—the city's finest baroque monument—and the National Ceramics Museum. Pass the old University, the Patriarca Church and the Glorieta Gardens with 100-year-old *ficus* trees. Ride by the Music Hall to the City of Arts & Sciences—a brand new landmark of

Valencia featuring futuristic, white architecture designed by Santiago Calatrava. After viewing this complex, head back to the tour's starting point, following the riverbed over many historic and modern bridges, past the Fine Arts Museum and skirting the Viveros Gardens.

Please note: Three hours spent bicycling. Minimum age is 12 years.



Valletta, Malta

Signature Collection Private Car or Minivan



Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle
Minivan – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vehicle

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Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.



A Taste of Malta: Marsaxlokk & Wine Tasting



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Board your coach, which will take you southeast to Marsaxlokk fishing village with colorful *luzzu* fishing boats bobbing about. Browse through the market selling local handicrafts or relax in one of the many waterfront cafes. Marsaxlokk Harbour was where the Turks arrived in 1565 at the start of the Great Siege, and where Napoleon and his troops landed in 1798, ending the Knights' rule on the island. Proceed to Ta' Qali' winery and head to the Upper Terrace (weather-permitting) with a breathtaking view of the vineyard, Mdina and the Mosta Dome. Hear about

the vines, planting methods and other details, then enjoy wine tasting with some local cheese and biscuits. Re-board your coach for a short drive to the nearby glass-blowing factory. Watch the process involved in producing glass items of different shapes and sizes. The founder's daughter will explain the different steps of the process. Visit another artisan's studio before returning to the ship via the coastal road.

Malta's Capitals Old & New



Approximately 4½ hours • \$

Take the scenic route to Malta's old capital, Mdina—one of the world's finest examples of a living medieval city. Stroll through the city's streets and let your guide give you an introduction to the Valletta's history and orientation to the town itself. From the bastions, enjoy the fantastic view over the valley and the surrounding areas. After your walking tour, take advantage of some free time to visit either the Cathedral or another historical site pointed out by your guide, or simply relax at one of the pavement cafés and watch the world go by, Malta-style. There is also the option of souvenir shopping. Visit the cathedral, then ride by motor coach to Valletta—the present-day capital. You'll walk to St. John's Co-Cathedral, complete with elaborate in-laid marble tombstones and monumental artwork. View the Grand Master's Palace from the outside—it now houses the Parliament and the President's Office. Your last stop is at the Barracca Gardens on the highest point of the 16th-century walls that the Knights of St. John built to protect their city. Take in the splendid view of the Three Cities and Fort Ricasoli.

Dghajsa Cruise & Walking Tour of Vittoriosa



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

Board a traditional Maltese Boat called a *dghajsa* for a cruise across the harbor that drew Carthaginians and Swabians, Hapsburgs and Aragonese, Romans and British to form a nation. Disembark at Vittoriosa jetty for a walking tour of this fascinating city. View the Victory Monument recalling the Great Siege of 1565, pass the Maritime Museum, which is housed in the old Naval Bakery, built over the site of the old slipway where the Knights used to repair their galleys, and your guide will point

out some buildings that housed the Knights of Malta. Visit the Inquisitor's Palace—an architectural gem, and see Fort St. Angelo, the Knights' most impressive fortress. The Freedom Monument commemorates the departure of the last British Forces in Malta in 1979. Return to your *dghajsa* for the ride back to Valletta.

Malta's Mysterious Megaliths



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

This excursion showcases the archaeology of Malta—long associated with pre-historic, megalithic structures that date back 6,000 years. First visit Hagar Qim's shrines to Mother Earth. Next is Tarxien, featuring replicas of the figures that were found here. You will stop to see the originals in the Archaeological Museum in Valletta. This building was once the Auberge de Provence, built in 1575 and now houses an important collection of archaeological finds from all over the island.

The Malta Experience & Panorama



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Drive to the *Malta Experience* in Valletta—a 45-minute movie presentation on Malta's history. Then, set out on a scenic drive to see as much as possible of this island that traces its history back 6,000 years. Head towards the southeast and pass through the picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk with its quaint harbor, and colorful *luzzu* fishing boats. Proceed north, past Mdina, Malta's old capital, passing through St. Paul's Bay en route to Selmun Castle—now the Selmun Hotel. Enjoy refreshments on the terrace while taking in views of the bay. From the coastal road, you can spot the island where St. Paul was shipwrecked in AD 60.

Medieval Mdina & Mosta



Approximately 4 hours • \$

Take the scenic route across the island with a stop to see a glass-blowing demonstration at Malta's crafts village. Then, you're headed to Malta's old capital, Mdina—a living medieval city. Stroll through the city's streets and enjoy the fantastic view from the bastions. Visit the Cathedral before a short drive to Mosta. Mosta's dome is the fourth largest unsupported dome in the world. During WWII a bomb pierced the dome, and landed, unexploded, in the church—don't miss the replica of the bomb, which is housed in the sacristy of the church. Admire the panoramic views of Malta en route back to Valletta.

Off the Beaten Track: Malta Safari by 4-Wheel-Drive



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$\$

See parts of Malta rarely visited by tourists, on an action-packed half day full of scenic beauty and fun. Your driver will proceed directly to the north of Malta to Mellieha. See the Red Tower built by the Knights and a panoramic view over the Maltese Islands. Visit Popeye Village where the original movie was shot, and Golden Bay, recently made famous by Brad Pitt in the shooting of the film *Troy*. Stop for a swim (weather-permitting). Proceed to Fomm ir-Rih and Dingli Cliffs, where sloping terrain, dotted with tiny cultivated plots, ends sharply on the edge of steep cliffs that drop straight into the sea.

Please note: Wear your swimsuit under your clothes; bring a towel. Due to vehicle capacity and configuration, there may be some separation of guests in larger groups.





Venice, Italy

Signature Collection Private Motor Launch



Approximately 4 or 8 hours

Motor Launch – half day/full day: \$\$\$\$ per vessel

This exclusive new tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights of Venice in the comfort and privacy of your own motor launch. With your private motor launch, and the personalized attention of your boat captain and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters.

Please note: This tour is not available on disembarkation day to those guests who are disembarking in Venice.



Venice Sightseeing



Approximately 4½ hours • \$\$

Transfer by motor launch to St. Mark's Square—the heart and soul of Venice, with palatial arcades and charming cafés. Your guided walking tour passes the Byzantine façade of St. Mark's Cathedral, originally constructed in the 9th century, with domes and bronze horses. At the exquisite Doges' Palace, the former residence of the Dukes of Venice and the seat of the Venetian government from the for 800 years, climb the Golden Staircase to marvel at the paintings of Tintoretto and Veronese. Cross the famous Bridge of Sighs to reach the prison and view the cells. In the square are small workshops of glass manufacturers and you will stop here before returning to the ship by motor launch.

Please note: Due to restrictions inside St. Mark's Cathedral, your guide will provide detailed narration before you enter. Only one group may enter at a time, so there may be a considerable wait outside. The visit to the Doges' Palace involves a lot of stairclimbing.

Guests who have difficulty with stairs can wait in the lobby. Modest attire is required in the church; knees, shoulders and midribs must be covered; bags/backpacks are not permitted in the Doges' Palace.

The Jewish Ghetto & Panoramic Venice



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$

A motor launch will take you to the Cannaregio Canal for a visit to the medieval Jewish Ghetto, the first in Europe. Along the canal you will see St. Mark's Square and the Doges' Palace, the Lido of Venice, St. Peter's of Castello, and Fontamente Nuove before reaching the Ghetto. In 1516, all the Jews in Venice were confined to the islet of Cannaregio. By day, Jews leaving the Ghetto had to wear identifying badges and caps. Nowadays, only a few Jewish families live in the Ghetto. However, the quarter has retained its ethnic character. There are kosher food shops, a Jewish baker, a Jewish library and five synagogues. There is also a shop selling glass rabbis and Hanukkah lamps. Visit two of the five Synagogues and the interesting Jewish Museum on your own. Upon completion of the tour, stay in town and return to the ship independently, or return directly to the ship via motor launch.

Murano & Burano



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$

Today you will visit two of the Venetian Lagoon's 40 islands—Murano and Burano. In 1291, when furnaces were banned from Venice as a fire precaution, the manufacturers of exquisite glassware were transferred to Murano. Glassware was one of the few Venetian exports and as such, the secrets of this skillful craft were tightly guarded. Glassmaking was considered a privileged occupation, and glass artisans were allowed to marry into the nobility. Today, the Murano products of blown-glass mirrors, chandeliers, goblets and intricate works of art are renowned worldwide. There's time to visit one of the many workshops and to shop. Burano is next—brightly painted houses decorate this small and cheerful fishing village that is best known for its lacemaking. Admire these beautiful works that require hours of labor, and maybe even purchase some, if you like.

Treasures of Venice



Approximately 4 hours • \$\$\$

Board a motor coach for a transfer to Piazzale Roma. From here you will cross the small bridge over the Rio Novo for a walking tour of Venice. Narrow Venetian streets lead you on foot to the Scuola Grande di San Rocco, whose Tintoretto paintings and school make it one of Italy's most prized buildings. Pass through Campo San Polo—an enormous square dating back to the 15th century. Watch for the Palazzo Mocenigo (designed around 1550 by San Michele) and the church of San Silvestro, famous for another Tintoretto masterpiece, *The Baptism of Christ*. You will reach the 1588 Rialto Bridge—the first bridge to be built of solid stone after the collapse and decay of earlier wooden structures. Traditional trade stalls, crowded, colorful quayside food markets and shops still border the Grand Canal here. Finally, walk through the Calle Mercerie to St. Mark's Square to admire its beautiful basilica and belltower. You will have 50 minutes free to explore on your own before meeting the motor launch for a transfer back to the port.

A Taste of Veneto:

Tasty Treviso



Approximately 6½ hours • \$\$\$\$

Slow Food tours are designed for all lovers of ancient tastes and flavors—for those who do not want the important tradition of eating delicious, meaningful food to fade away, but still want to live life at human pace in harmony with nature. Your journey will start with transfer to Roncade, a small town located near Treviso, where you will visit an artisanal cheese factory. Here, you will watch a cheese making session and enjoy a tasting of different kinds of cheese, including the traditional Casatella Trevigiana produced with raw milk. Since early times in Treviso, when farms produced more than peasant families needed, it was made into butter, cheese and ricotta right on the farm. Artisan methods were used, and it was delivered to the dairy cooperatives in each town or village. Casatella's name comes from the Venetian dialect *Casata*, meaning cheese that was “made at home.” Next, you will continue by coach to Treviso, one of the major cities in Veneto region, and stroll through its enchanting



medieval center. Don't miss the Piazza dei Signori square flanked by the Palazzo dei Trecento and Torre Civica buildings. Here you will have a chance to try a *cicheto*, a typical apéritif usually served with small canapés, in one of the cafés on the square. And finally, you will savor a relaxing lunch in a restaurant located in the historical Santa Maria dei Battuti building dating back to the 13th century. This amazing edifice also houses the University of Treviso. Your tour will end with the ride back to Venice.

The Peggy Guggenheim Collection



Approximately 2½ hours • \$\$

Your tour will commence with a sailing by private motor launch from the pier to Zattere Ai Saloni landing point. You will pass through Giudecca Canal and you will see from the boat the Redeemer Church by Palladio, and Zitelle Church, both on Giudecca Island. After a short but lovely walk through a less-traveled part of Venice, you will arrive at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection housed in the Palazzo Venier dei Leoni, which faces the Grand Canal. The Museum guide will take you through the exhibits and explain the late heiress' exceptional collection of abstract and surrealist masterpieces by Picasso, Alexander Calder, Jackson Pollack, Max Ernst, Paul Klee, Marc Chagall and Salvador Dalí. After the guided visit, you will have some time at your leisure to stroll in the beautiful garden. You will then walk back to the motor launch for the transfer back to the ship.



Verona: The City of Romeo & Juliet



Approximately 6 hours • \$\$

Follow the highway from Venice to Verona, then set out with your local guide on a walking tour. Admire the arena built in 30 BC, which once rivaled the Colosseum and is the third largest arena in the Roman world. In Piazza delle Erbe, discover a square that has been the center of Veronese life since the days of the Romans. A Venetian lion stands atop a column to the north of the Piazza, signifying Verona's absorption by the Venetian Republic in 1405. The Maffei Palace, built in 1668, today houses luxury apartments and elegant boutiques. Don't miss Piazza dei Signori, where a 19th-century statue of the poet Dante graces the

Square, gazing out upon the 14th-century Palazzo della Ragione—the Veronese law court. Behind Dante’s statue lies the Renaissance Loggia del Consiglio (1493), whose council chamber boasts a fresco that includes the figures of Catullus and Pliny. Continue to Juliet’s balcony where Romeo is said to have scaled the wall at Casa di Giuletta at 27 Via Cappello. Pose for a photo in the small courtyard and check out the names inscribed on the wall by visitors seeking eternal love. You will have free time at leisure before boarding the coach for the drive back to Venice and the port.

Please note: Lunch is not included in the tour price.

A Venetian Night



Approximately 3 hours • \$\$\$\$

Leave the pier by private coach for a short drive to Piazzale Roma. Upon arrival, your escort will lead you to Palazzo Zeno located at Campo Ai Frari. Enter this beautiful palace, take your seat, and enjoy the lovely ambiance. Then, the show begins: a quartet formed by a pianist, a violinist, a double bass player and a guitarist will play famous excerpts and will accompany two sopranos, two tenors and one basso as they sing a repertoire of famous Opera excerpts as well as Italian, Neapolitan and Venetian popular songs. During the show, sparkling wine or soft drinks will be served at your table. At the end, your escort will lead you again to Piazzale Roma where the coach will be waiting to take you back to the port.

Nighttime Gondola Serenade



Approximately 2 hours • \$\$

Venice is best admired from the water, and the city provides especially lovely viewing at night, with moonlit reflections glistening on the water. An evening ride by gondola along the magical canals of Venice is an experience to treasure forever. You will transfer by launch from the ship to the gondola landing pier near St. Mark’s Square. There, board your gondola and you will gently glide, six per gondola, through the canals to the sounds of serenading musicians.

Please note: Operates weather, tide and wind conditions permitting.

Venice on Your Own with Airport Transfer Option

This tour can be taken by guests who are returning to the ship (Option A), **and** by guests whose cruise ends in Venice and are transferring to the airport (Option B).

A. Venice on Your Own



Approximately 4 hours • \$ (for guests returning to the ship)

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore Venice on their own. Transfer by motor launch for a ride to St. Mark’s Square. You will be dropped off at a central location and given time to explore Venice on your own. Your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey.

Please note: Guide service, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time.

B. Venice on Your Own with Airport Transfer



Approximately 5 hours • (for guests transferring to the airport)

With prepaid transfer voucher – \$

Without prepaid transfer voucher – \$\$

Upon disembarkation, you will claim your luggage which will be stored in the baggage deposit area at the pier. Take the Venice On Your Own tour as described above. Then, return to the pier to retrieve your luggage, which will be put on the bus for your transfer to the airport.

Please note: Guide service, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. This tour is available only to guests with flights departing after 5:00pm.

GUIDES, SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION:

In certain interesting but off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best excursion packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

SELF-GUIDED EXCURSIONS:

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

CONDITIONS:

Shore excursions are "Non-Holland America Line Services" for the purposes of your Cruise Contract. This means that shore excursions are not owned or operated by Holland America. Refer to your Cruise Contract for a full statement of your rights and obligations as well as those of the Owner of the Ship, Holland America Line Inc. and certain other persons and entities with respect to Non-Holland America Line Services. In particular, please note that you are assuming the entire risk of utilizing Non-Holland America Line Services subject only to whatever terms or arrangements are made by you or on your behalf with the third party furnishing the Non-Holland America Line Services. Holland America does not assume liability for injuries or damages that occur during or as a result of shore excursions, nor is Holland America Line liable for loss of or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever. Shore excursions are subject to cancellations or changes. Shore excursion operators reserve the right to deny participation to guests based on such criteria as they may establish. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult aged 21 or older.

ABOUT PRICING, REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS:

Rates and descriptions are current as of the printing date. Prices are subject to change without notice and descriptions may vary from the actual tour provided. All cancellations that are made less than 10 days prior to cruise departure are subject to a 10% cancellation fee. There will be no exceptions. In addition, if you cancel your tour reservation after the booking deadline stated in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board, or if you cancel a Signature of Excellence® shore excursion within 10 days of sailing, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged.

