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0759 SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BARCELONA AND THE NOU CAMP STADIUM
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02E9 GAUDI’S BARCELONA BY SEGWAY
02E8 DISCOVERING OLYMPIC BARCELONA BY SEGWAY
00FW EXPLORExing BARCELONA AND ITS MANY FLAVOURS
00GE TOUR OF BARCELONA
009B BARCINO, THE HIDDEN ROMAN CITY

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0381 GENOA AQUARIUM, ANCIENT PORT AND BOAT TRIp
Naples
A WALK TO DISCOVER NAPLES AND ITS FLAVOURS

Description
An unforgettable promenade in the heart of Naples to discover its most fascinating nooks and crannies and intriguing anecdotes, and its most characteristic flavours.

What we will see
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Space is limited, so please reserve early.
- This tour will take place entirely on foot.

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Type
- Cultural
- Tasting

Naples
THE ROYAL PALACE OF CASERTA

Description
One of the most visited sites in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. With such credentials the Royal Palace of Caserta (Reggia di Caserta) does not fall short of expectations.

What we will see
- Royal Palace of Caserta and its inner room
- Park of the Royal Palace of Caserta (Free time in the gardens in front of the Royal Palace)
- Grand Cascade

What we will do
- We leave the Port of Naples by coach and head for Caserta and its splendid Royal Palace.
- The Royal Palace of Caserta, which was once the historic residence of Naples’ Bourbon royal family, is recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. It is one of the most visited, and renowned examples of Italy’s rich artistic heritage. The Bourbon King Charles of Naples, struck by the beauty of the landscape at Caserta and anxious that Naples have a worthy seat of
government, decided in 1750 to build a residence that could compare with Versailles.

- Construction started on 20 January 1752 and continued without any interruption until 1759, the year when Charles had to move to Spain. At that point construction work slowed down and when the architect, Luigi Vanvitelli, died in 1773 the palace had not yet been completed. It was therefore his children, Louis and Charles who completed this monumental palace. The palace has a rectangular plan and is made up of blocks surrounding four internal courtyards, covering a surface area of approximately 47,000 square metres.

- The Royal Palace is surrounded by extensive grounds that are three kilometres long and cover approximately 120 hectares. They comprise two sections: the Italian garden and the English garden, the former characterized by various fountains and the famous Grand Cascade, and the latter by thick vegetation.

- The Royal Palace of Caserta is considered a masterpiece of architectural perfection and harmony. One of the largest royal residences in the world, it is largely the product of the artistic genius of Luigi Vanvitelli.

- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.
- We recommend wearing comfortable shoes.

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**Type**

- Sightseeing
- Cultural

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**Naples**

ITALY’S HIDDEN TREASURES - ATRANI

**Description**

We marvel at the Medieval charm of Atrani with a stroll around the town’s alleyways to admire the enchanting panoramic views, visit the amazing churches and immerse ourselves in the relaxed atmosphere typical of small towns.

**What we will see**

- Town of Atrani: historic centre, the Piazzetta, San Salvatore de Birecto and Santa Maria Maddalena (external visit)

**What we will do**

- We leave Naples behind us and head south towards the Amalfi Coast to discover the enchanting small town of Atrani sandwiched between the sea and the plunging cliff and almost connected physically to Amalfi, it is located on a strip of land at the estuary of the Dragone river.
Surrounded by rocky peaks and a picturesque bay, Atrani is the best-preserved coastal town with a typically Medieval structure.

Once there, we can explore the centre – we can stroll in the maze of alleyways, steps and archways and let ourselves be enchanted by the contrast of light and shadows in the characteristic squares, the white façades and the colourful gardens and vegetable plots.

We reach the Piazzetta (town square), the heart of the city, and a marvellous urban courtyard where the locals and tourists from all over the world meet from early in the morning and late at night between bars and restaurant tables and on the steps of the church of San Salvatore.

We take the chance to visit some of the numerous churches, a source of pride to the town due to their artistic treasures and, most of all, for the charm and setting of the places where they were erected. The church of San Salvatore de Birecto stands out among all of them and is where the foremost government authorities were appointed. It was built in 940 but was later remodelled in the Neoclassical style and contains a late 11th-century marble pluteo.

The collegiata di Santa Maria Maddalena is at the foothills of the mountain and was erected in the 13th century as homage to the Madonna for having freed the locals from Saracen plunderers. The majolica-tiled dome and square bell tower have become the symbol of the Atrani skyline.

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Naples

NAPLES: A CITY JUST WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED

Description

A day among the narrow streets of Naples’ enchanting historic centre, with a visit to Posillipo to admire the beauty of the city from a more distant vantage point.

What we will see

- The Maschio Angioino
- San Carlo Opera House
- Galleria Umberto I
- Piazza del Plebiscito, Palazzo Reale, Church of St. Francis of Paola
- Riviera di Chiaia
- Posillipo

Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
What we will do

- We leave the port for an excursion that takes us to the major places of interest in Naples: from the imposing Castle known as the Maschio Angioino – built 700 years ago by Charles of Anjou and subsequently the sumptuous residence of kings and viceroyes – to the San Carlo, one of the most beautiful opera houses in Europe, and on to the Galleria Umberto I, the spectacular arcade built between 1887 and 1890 as part of an effort to revamp the city.
- We then cross the Piazza del Plebiscito, one of the most famous and beautiful of Naples' piazzas. With a surface area of 25,000 square metres it is one of the biggest piazzas in Italy and often serves as a venue for major events. Here we can see the magnificent Palazzo Reale, one of the four residences used by the Bourbon Royal Family in the period of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, and the Church of St. Francis of Paola, which features an impressive pronaos with six Ionic columns.
- We then head along the Riviera di Chiaia, a seafront boulevard of noble palazzi that links Piazza della Vittoria with Piazza della Repubblica in the Chiaia district. The name means 'beach' in the Catalan language and dates back to the time of the Aragonese domination. Here we pass in front of Villa Pignatelli to reach Posillipo, an elegant quarter which occupies a hill in the west of Naples and offers sumptuous views of the gulf and the city.
- At the end of this part of the tour we cross Via Caracciolo, the street named after the hero of the Neapolitan Republic who was captured and sentenced to death by Nelson in 1799. This coastline is truly breathtaking and is indeed considered one of the most beautiful coastal panoramas in the world. Once it was only the beach that separated the road from the sea, but now there is also a substantial man-made reef. At this point we have some free time before we return to the ship.

This excursion involves walking for about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

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Type

Cultural

Naples

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME TO POMPEII

Description

The lava that tragically destroyed Pompei froze a moment in history. To visit this place is equivalent to real time travel.

What we will see
What we will do

- We leave the port of Naples and head for a classical destination of great historic interest: Pompei. A few years after being damaged by a violent earthquake, this ancient city of Oscan origin was completely buried under rocks and ash during the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius in 79 AD. Excavations of this world-famous site, which started in the 18th century, and were resumed in the last century, brought to light finds of inestimable value that have left a profound impression on millions of visitors.

- Our excursion starts at Porta Marina, through which we access the Forum, the centre of political and economic life of the city. The area is dominated by the Roman Temple of Jupiter, built around the year 250 BC in honour of the god Jupiter, and the Basilica, the most imposing public building in Pompei, which was used both as a court of law and a place for conducting business transactions. It was built between the years 130 and 120 BC.

- We then go along the Street of Abundance, Pompeii's lower decumanus (east-west oriented road in a Roman city). The name originates from an ornamental bas-relief on a fountain located in the initial stretch of the road near the Forum. It is still richly decorated and, as such, offers the most interesting route for our visit to the excavations. Along this street we can see many of the most beautiful houses that belonged to the rich bourgeoisie of Pompeii, some of which have two floors.

- Indeed, from here we come to the House of the Ancient Hunt, which dates to the mid 2nd century BC. The sophisticated, and well-preserved frescoes and the typical 'atrium' plan leave no doubt about the elevated social status of the owner. We also visit the House of the Faun - a private noble dwelling of considerable dimensions (3000 square metres) that owes its name to a bronze statue in the centre of the impluvium - and the Thermal Baths.

- The visit to the archaeological excavations involves walking for approximately 2 hours.

- It is recommended that you wear comfortable shoes for the tour of the excavations.

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Type

- Sightseeing
- Cultural
- Most wanted

Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
**ANACAPRI AND CAPRI**

**Description**
A small island that is a destination for a myriad of tourists. During this tour we find out why, with a visit to the island’s two towns, which sit surrounded by a ragged coastline with sheer drops over the sea, and feature wonderful villas and a wealth of shops selling Italian handicrafts and designer goods.

**What we will see**
- Marina Grande
- Anacapri: Villa San Michele and its fine 17th-century furniture and archaeological artefacts
- Capri: Piazza Umberto I, Faraglioni (sea stacks)

**What we will do**
- We leave on board a hydrofoil from the dock where the ship is berthed and we reach the island of Capri, an island of ragged coastlines, natural caves, sheer sea cliffs and high grounds covered in vineyards and gardens, where villas and other dwellings are embedded seamlessly in the surrounding environment.
- From Marina Grande, where the hydrofoil berths, we board a minibus that takes us along a scenic route to Anacapri, the island’s biggest town, which is situated on the northern side of Mount Solaro. The “Ana-“ prefix of the name Anacapri comes from Greek and it means “up” or “above”.
- During our stop in Anacapri we have the opportunity to visit Villa San Michele, the late 19th-century home of Axel Munthe, the famous Swedish doctor and writer. The villa, which is rather eclectic and heterogeneous from an architectural point of view, is located in the Capodimonte area, on the edge of a cliff that overhangs the Bagni di Tiberio below. Immersed in a wonderful landscape, between the green of the Mediterranean maquis and the cobalt blue of the sea, the villa houses **precious 17th century furniture and archaeological remains**, amongst which there are fragments of sarcophagi, busts, Roman floors, marble, columns and a Greek tomb.
- We continue on to the town of Capri, the capital and hub of tourism and the island’s social scene. We stop in the famous, and very central, Piazza Umberto I better known as the Piazzetta which is surrounded on all sides, like a courtyard, by small white houses. It is impossible not to stop here, even just for a coffee or an aperitif. The Piazzetta is the pulsing heart of Capri, the cornerstone around which island life revolves and the ‘world’s living room’ in that it is a meeting place and key attraction for everyone, from tourists to major figures from the worlds of cinema, fashion, politics, and business.
- Before returning by minibus to Marina Grande, from where we go back to Naples, we have the chance to take some photographs, do a little shopping or enjoy a romantic walk and admire the Faraglioni, three spurs of rock to the south east of the island that rise out of the blue waters creating a spectacular scene.

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Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
We enjoy a journey back in time at the archaeological site of Herculaneum, which has preserved its ancient treasures in almost perfect condition.

What we will see
- Archaeological excavations in Herculaneum
- Houses
- Villa of the Papyri
- Collegium of the Augustales
- Suburban Baths and Forum Baths
- Theatre of Herculaneum

What we will do
- Accompanied by a guide, we leave the port of Naples and head south to Herculaneum. In ancient times, the local Roman aristocracy chose Herculaneum as the location for their finest and most luxurious villas, the majority of which commanded magnificent views of the sea.
- While the wooden structures of Pompeii were burned by the ashes, the destruction of Herculaneum was caused by a flood of hot mud that sealed and therefore protected entire homes. This is why today in the archaeological site of Herculaneum visitors can admire inlaid floors, mosaics and even paintings that are in almost perfect condition. The archaeological area, together with the ruins of Pompeii and the villas of Oplontis, was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 1997.
- The excavation work at Herculaneum began officially in 1738 using the method of underground tunnels. The period between 1828 and 1875 saw a campaign of “open air” excavations but these were interrupted for a very long time. Almost all of the area which constitutes the present archaeological site only came to light in 1942.
- During our visit to the archaeological excavations we discover the beauty of this place, with its wealth of unique and fascinating remains. Along the way we discover many luxurious houses, each of which preserves special features: mosaics, paintings, wooden doors or partitions, statues or splendid terraces. One of the most magnificent residences is undoubtedly the Villa of the Papyri in which 58 bronze and 21 marble statues were found, in addition to 1,700 papyrus scrolls (which explains the
name), which were discovered, enclosed in cases, in the library.

- There is also ample evidence of religious life in this place, demonstrated by the Collegium of the Augustales. Dedicated to Augustus, it was always protected by a guard, whose skeleton was found inside, lying in bed. Even recreational activities had an important role, as the presence of the Suburban Baths, the Forum Baths, the Gymnasium and the Theatre of Herculaneum suggest.

- It is recommended that you wear comfortable shoes for the tour of the excavations.

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**Naples**

**TOUR OF NAPLES’ MOST ATMOSPHERIC SITES: NAPOLI SOTTERRANEA, VIA SAN GREGORIO ARMENO AND THE SANSEVERO CHAPEL**

**Description**

This tour enables us to discover some of the most characteristic and authentic attractions of one of the richest cities in the world for contrasts and treasures: Naples.

**What we will see**

- Cappella Sansevero, Anatomical machines
- via San Gregorio Armeno
- Napoli Sotterranea
- Tasting of typical products

**What we will do**

- We begin our excursion by heading to the heart of the historic centre to visit the Cappella Sansevero, a true treasure trove where we can admire priceless works of art and oddities shrouded in mystery. The credit for this splendour must go to Raimondo di Sangro, Prince of Sansevero, who decorated the family chapel with frescoes and sculptures in the 18th century.
- In addition to the works of art, the Chapel hosts two “creatures” devised by the Prince, who was a scientist and an alchemist, together with Giuseppe Salerno, a doctor from Palermo. They are known as Anatomical machines: two skeletons, one of a man and the other of a woman, standing upright, their circulatory systems almost perfectly preserved. Some notary’s deeds...
have been found that date these creations to 1763/64. The techniques and materials used to preserve the system of veins and arteries in such an exceptional way remain a mystery to this very day.

- After visiting the chapel, we take a walk around the historic centre which leads us to Via San Gregorio Armeno, the famous ‘via dei presepi’ (street of the nativity scenes), where skilled craftsmen work all year round to create the small models used in the nativity scenes for which the city is famous. This street, which is popularly known as ‘San Liguoro’, bears traits of the typical Greek town plan, with its stenopoi (secondary streets).

- The next stop is Napoli Sotterranea (Naples Underground), a system of catacombs, tunnels, secret passages and Greek-Roman aqueducts that runs for hundreds of kilometres beneath the city. It is a fascinating, mysterious place which, over the centuries, has been used as a place of pagan worship and a Christian catacomb, as well as housing granaries and water tanks. During the Second World War, it was used as an air-raid shelter.

- When we come back up to the surface, we are offered a taste of typical local products. The specialities of Campania and Naples in particular are an absolute delight for the palate which we cannot miss before returning on board.

- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems and those who suffer from claustrophobia.

- This excursion visits some particularly suggestive locations and, as such, is not recommended to guests of a sensitive disposition or to children.

- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.

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Type

- Cultural
- Tasting

Naples

EXCURSION TO THE CRATER OF VESUVIUS AND TASTING OF TYPICAL PRODUCTS

Description
An excursion to the most famous volcano in the world, for centuries the protagonist, for better or for worse, of the history, of the art and of the destiny of the people living in Naples and the surrounding area. A tasting session of culinary specialities is certainly an excellent conclusion to this wonderful experience.

What we will see
- Somma-Vesuvius Volcanic Complex
- Vesuvius National Park
The crater of Vesuvius
Tasting of typical products
Coral workshop

What we will do

- We set off by coach from the port to see the most famous volcano in the world. On the way to the crater the journey becomes an interesting geology lesson: our guide will explain the geological characteristics of the Somma-Vesuvius Volcanic Complex and provide us with a general introduction to the features of the Vesuvius National Park.
- Vesuvius is an active volcano that has been dormant since 1944. It lies east of Naples and is 1,281 m high. It is particularly interesting for its history and its activity and is the subject of intensive study, especially in light of its danger, because it is only a dozen kilometres from Naples and is close to densely inhabited towns and villages.
- When we reach 1,000 metres above sea level, we continue with the ascent towards the crater of the volcano on foot. At the summit, we can admire a unique landscape, with the ‘great void’ of the crater and magnificent views of the Gulf of Naples. The natural spectacle is undoubtedly a delight for the eyes and will remain indelible in our memories.
- The walk to the summit is a sure way to work up an appetite. So what could be better than sampling some local delicacies in a tasting session of some of the products that are typical of the Vesuvius National Park. A fitting end to a wonderful experience.
- Before returning the ship, we stop at one of the most famous coral workshops. The tradition of crafting this precious natural material, which is linked to the seafaring and fishing traditions, has been preserved over the centuries and continues to create unique masterpieces of high calibre craftsmanship.

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- Eco Natural Trail
- Good for shopping
- Sports Lovers
- Tasting

CAPRI BY FUNICULAR

Description
Discover the wonders of the art and the landscape of Capri, an island that over the centuries has enchanted Roman emperors such as Augustus and Tiberius, as well as artists, writers and intellectuals.

What we will see
Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
• Marina Grande
• Piazzetta, Via Tragara
• Gardens of Augustus
• Marina Piccola
• Faraglioni

What we will do

• At the Port of Naples, we board the hydrofoil which takes us to Capri, leaving the imposing outline of Vesuvius behind us. On the way we enjoy the amazing views of the beautiful Gulf of Naples and catch our first glimpse of the island of Capri with its rugged coastline and sheer sea cliffs.

• After landing in the port of Marina Grande, we take the funicular, which takes us to the town of Capri in just a few minutes. Accompanied by our guide, we come to the famous Piazzetta, a small square that is completely surrounded, like a courtyard, by small white houses. It is impossible not to stop here, even just for a coffee or an aperitif. The Piazzetta is the pulsing heart of Capri, the hub around which island life revolves. It is the ‘world’s living room’ in that it is a meeting place and key attraction for tourists, personalities from the world of cinema, fashion and politics, and businessmen alike.

• We go along Via Tragara, with its splendid luxury hotels and historic villas and come to the Gardens of Augustus. These terraced gardens, which boast many different species of flowers, palm trees and tall plants, command a stunning panoramic view. On one side you can see the Bay of Marina Piccola and on the other the famous Faraglioni, three spurs of rock to the south east of the island that rise out of the blue waters creating a spectacular scene.

• At the end of the visit, we have some free time to dedicate to whatever we most want to do: a little shopping in the many boutiques, a walk around the streets of the centre or a delicious ice cream in a bar in the Piazzetta. Whatever your preference may be, being in this place – so full of charm, with breathtaking views and historical and artistic treasures waiting to be discovered – is an immense pleasure, so much so that we will probably feel sad when we have to bid farewell to this famously beautiful island.

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- Sightseeing
- Good for shopping
- Recommended to families

Naples

PIZZA CHEFS FOR A DAY IN THE HEART OF NAPLES
Description
We will learn about the intriguing history of Naples on a walk through the beautiful historic centre and we will discover all the secrets of Neapolitan pizza in a cookery class in an exclusive location.

What we will see
- Walk through the heart of Naples
- Piazza del Gesù Nuovo
- Piazza San Domenico
- Spaccanapoli and Via San Gregorio Armeno
- Top of the Greco-Roman theatre
- Cookery class: Neapolitan pizza
- Free time in the centre

What we will do
- A coach will take us to the heart of Naples where we will walk through the historic centre, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site because it has been exceptionally well preserved and bears witness to the city’s historical and artistic evolution.
- We will start our journey of discovery in Piazza del Gesù Nuovo, a square that is home to the church of the same name – one of the biggest in the city – which some of the most renowned Neapolitan artists have worked on. Then we will head to Piazza San Domenico, surrounded by elegant buildings owned by the most important Neapolitan families.
- We will cross Spaccanapoli, the city’s main street which splits the historic centre in two, and we will walk along Via San Gregorio Armeno, a street that is renowned around the world for its shops selling miniature Nativity scenes.
- Having feasted our eyes on all the beauty that Naples has to offer, we will stop in front of the entrance to an old Greco-Roman theatre, which is now housed in a building from a later period.
- We will enter through what was once a carpenter’s workshop at the top of the theatre and we will take part in a Neapolitan pizza making class in this exclusive spot, in front of an ancient oven that was discovered here.
- Professional pizza chefs will teach us the art of pizza making through a practical demonstration as they also tell us interesting anecdotes about the history of one of the most famous dishes in the world. The fragrant, delicious Neapolitan pizza will no longer be a mystery!
- After the cookery class, we will have some free time to explore the city centre on our own, letting our sense of discovery guide us, then later we will return to the ship.

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Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
Naples

TAPSY TOUR - POMPEII

Description
We will cross the boundary of the modern world and go back in time to ancient Pompeii on a guided excursion for young and old to relive the splendour and wonders of two thousand years ago on an engaging journey where history comes to life.

What we will see
- Archaeological ruins of Pompeii
- Amphitheatre
- Garden of the Fugitives
- House of the Ship Europa
- Via dell'Abbondanza
- Pompeii-style snack for the kids
- Suburban baths and Forum

What we will do
- Our journey back in time starts at the gates to the archaeological ruins of Pompeii, where we will give the attendant the coin that entitles us to officially enter antiquity.
- We will meet our guide and visit the amphitheatre, with its perfectly designed oval shape and many terraces where we can imagine the audience sitting and watching a gladiator show.
- Our guide will take us around the majestic ruins to the Garden of the Fugitives, where many victims of the eruption were found, caught in the volcano’s fury as they tried to escape from the city.
- We will enter the House of the Ship Europa, with rooms that open out onto the peristyle and many clearly rustic spaces, and we will walk along the Decumanus Maximus and Via dell’Abbondanza, still richly decorated and therefore one of the most vibrant routes on the tour of the ruins. Along this street we can see many of the most beautiful houses that belonged to the rich bourgeoisie of Pompeii, some of which have two floors.
- We will have a break from exploring with a Pompeii-style snack for the kids, who will have the chance to try spelt bread and honey and pomegranate based desserts, typical in ancient Pompeii.
- Our journey through time will continue to the Suburban Baths, sumptuously decorated and located on a picturesque artificial terrace overlooking the sea. Then we will reach the Forum, which was the political and economic hub of the city, where we will conclude our adventure, thanking our guide and returning home with such wonderful memories.
We stroll around the centre of Naples admiring unusual sights off the beaten tourist track for a closer look at the city, using public transport with spectacular surprises in store for us and driving through evocative popular neighbourhoods with of course a final snack in pure Neapolitan style.

What we will see
- Piazza del Plebiscito
- Royal Palace and church of S. Francesco da Paola
- Toledo station
- Pignasecca market
- Montesanto funicular
- Certosa di San Martino and Museum
- Typical Neapolitan street food

What we will do
- We leave the port behind us on foot and go on a stroll around the city centre with a first stop in Piazza del Plebiscito, one of the most beautiful and renowned in Naples that leaves us speechless due to its huge size: 25,000 sq metres, perfect to organise big events.
- Here, we can see the magnificent Royal Palace, one of the four residences used by the Bourbon Royal Family in the period of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, as well as the Church of S. Francesco da Paola, which features an impressive façade.
- From Piazza Municipio, we get on the underground to reach the Toledo station, a truly spectacular project. Completely covered in mosaic tiles, the station is dedicated to light and water and features a light fixture by Robert Wilson replicating the sea waves.
- We get out in via Toledo, famous for its nice shops and boutiques, and cross the colourful Pignasecca market, the oldest in
Naples thanks to which we can take in the city folklore: fish, fruit, vegetables, fried products and local sweets are displayed among stalls selling clothing, accessories and CDs.

- We reach the Montesanto funicular, one of the three that connect the lower part of the city to the Vomero, and climb to the Certosa di San Martino, an imposing monastery built in the 14th century and now home to an extraordinary art collection dedicated to the city including an exhibition of traditional cribs.
- After visiting the museum, we stop to admire the fantastic views from the top of the hill over the entire city. A truly breathtaking sight!
- We then take the funicular back to Naples' city centre (declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site) where we bid farewell to the city with a tasting session of typical Neapolitan street food before walking back to the ship.

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Naples
EASY TOUR OF NAPLES

Description
A unique opportunity to visit the main points of interest in and around Naples, from Posillipo to Spaccanapoli, through the great architectural monuments and the most significant churches, as far as the famous ‘street of cribs’.

What we will see
- Posillipo
- Largo Castello, Maschio Angioino, San Carlo Theatre, Umberto I Gallery
- Piazza del Plebiscito, Palazzo Reale, Church of S. Francesco da Paola
- Piazza Matteotti
- Piazza del Gesù, Spaccanapoli, Church of Gesù Nuovo, Church of Santa Chiara, San Domenico Maggiore, Duomo of San Gennaro
- Via San Gregorio Armeno

What we will do

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• The first stop of the tour is the village of Posillipo where we can enjoy a splendid view of the Gulf of Naples from a rooftop terrace.

• Then we visit Largo Castello, where we can admire the major attractions of Naples, such as the impressive Maschio Angioino, the castle built 700 years ago by Charles of Anjou and later a sumptuous residence of kings and viceroy, the San Carlo Theatre, one of the most beautiful in Europe, and Galleria Umberto I shopping gallery, built between 1887 and 1890 to redevelop the city.

• We then cross Piazza del Plebiscito, one of the most beautiful and famous squares in Naples. With its 25,000 square metres it is among the largest squares in Italy and so is often chosen to host major events.

• Here we can admire the fabulous Royal Palace, one of the four residences used by the Royal House of Bourbon during the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, and the Church of St. Francis of Paola, whose facade, preceded by a portico of six Ionic columns, affords us a spectacular sight.

• Arriving in Piazza Matteotti, we take a stroll up to Piazza del Gesù, from where we head to the world-famous Via Spaccanapoli, the throbbing heart of authentic working class Naples, the lower decumanus that today divides the heart of Naples.

• We come upon a succession of shops, bakeries and churches. These include the main Church of Gesù Nuovo, one of the city’s most important churches, worked on by some of the most prominent artists of the Neapolitan school, the Church of Santa Chiara, with its magnificent majolica cloister, San Domenico Maggiore, a basilica built between 1283 and 1324 by order of Charles of Anjou, and the Duomo di San Gennaro, with its various chapels, including the Chapel of the Treasury, which houses the ampoules containing the coagulated blood of San Gennaro, the object of a very fervent and controversial popular cult.

• Finally we walk down Via San Gregorio Armeno, a street famous worldwide for its crib craft stores.

• The meeting points for pick up / drop off are subject to change according to municipal authorisations.

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Type

- Sightseeing
- Cultural
- Good for shopping

Naples

A TRIP TO SORRENTO

Description

An excursion to discover a jewel of the Gulf of Naples: wonderful Sorrento, with its narrow streets and little squares that have won the hearts of countless visitors.
What we will see

- Piazza Tasso
- Sedil Dominova
- Cathedral
- The Church of Saint Francis
- Marina Grande

What we will do

- We leave the Port of Naples and we head for the motorway, making our way through the towns surrounding Vesuvius to reach Sorrento, the most beautiful and famous of the towns on the eponymous peninsula and one of the jewels of the Gulf of Naples. According to the legend, it is in these waters around Sorrento that the sirens tried to lure Ulysses with their enchanting song.
- Having reached Sorrento, we start our walking tour through the narrow streets, old decumani (east-west oriented roads) that have now been brought to life by the many shops displaying their merchandise. We then follow a route from Piazza Tasso – where there is a statue of Torquato Tasso the famous Italian poet from Sorrento – up to the Sedil Dominova (the seat of power), which represents the old 'seat' where the nobility met to administer the city in the 15th century. Subsequently we admire the Cathedral and the Church of Saint Francis with its adjoining cloister and gardens from where we behold the splendid panorama of Marina Grande, Sorrento’s own fishing port.
- At this point, before going back to the ship, there is some free time that can be dedicated to shopping, to tasting the famous limoncello liqueur made with local lemons, or simply to enjoying the fascinating atmosphere of a place which, not by coincidence, is known around the world and appreciated by tourists for its natural and artistic beauty and its traditions.
- Did you know? According to popular etymology, the place name 'Sorrento' derives from 'Sirenide', which was possibly a name attributed to this area in ancient times because of the legendary sirens of Homeric tradition.
- This excursion involves a lot of walking, it is therefore not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

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- Good for shopping
- Meal not included

Catania

CATANIA AND THE TENUTA DEL GELSO
Description

Important centuries-old traditions and the majestic historical heritage of Catania. On this excursion we will explore two sides of Sicily: its famous food products, which we will of course sample, and its equally famous historical remains, from Magna Graecia to the modern age.

What we will see

- Tenuta del Gelso: citrus grove, country house and wine cellar
- Tasting of typical products made on the wine estate
- Catania Old Town
- Via Etnea and Piazza Stesicoro
- Roman Amphitheatre
- Cathedral of Saint Agatha and Piazza Università

What we will do

- On leaving the port, we will set off for the slopes of Mount Etna, home to the beautiful Tenuta del Gelso, a marvellous 65-hectares wine estate owned by an ancient and noble Sicilian family, devoted to growing citrus fruits, vines and olives.
- The Tenuta del Gelso became famous in the early 19th century thanks to the entrepreneurship of Baron Franz Mannino, who founded a flourishing trade in citrus fruits and wine produced on the estate. Experiencing varying fortunes over the years, the family still holds the reins of the estate, which now boasts an excellent international reputation for the quality of its products.
- During our visit we will admire the citrus grove, home to a number of varieties, from classic Sicilian blood oranges to more exotic miyagawa oranges, several of the rooms in the country house, and the area’s most well-known wine cellar, a place dedicated to the pressing of grapes and a symbol of the family’s ancient tradition of wine-making.
- We will have the opportunity to sample a delicious tasting of typical products from the estate, the perfect end to this journey into the best Sicily has to offer.
- After visiting the estate, we will continue on to Catania, a stunning Baroque city at the centre of a vast plain between the Ionian Sea and the imposing figure of Mount Etna, Europe’s largest volcano.
- From our comfortable coach, we will admire some of the city's most picturesque and characteristic sights.
- We will travel along the central Via Etnea, lined with splendid churches and imposing Sicilian Baroque palaces, and pass through Piazza Stesicoro, home to the 19th century monument dedicated to the Catanese composer, Vincenzo Bellini, a virtuoso work by Giulio Monteverde.
- We will then have the chance to admire the ruins of the Roman amphitheatre, of which the arena and lower order of arches are still visible, just enough to evoke the grandeur of this entertainment venue that was only slightly smaller than the Colosseum.
- A brief stop in the historic centre allows us to visit the Cathedral of Saint Agatha, home to the remains of the saint, and Piazza Università, before we spend some free time in the busiest part of the city.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
The excursion involves some walking.

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**Type**
- Eco Natural Trail
- Tasting

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**Description**
A journey through three thousand years of history in one of Sicily’s most beautiful towns, one of the few in the world to have two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: its Greek ruins and Baroque masterpieces.

**What we will see**
- Neapolis Archaeological Park
- Greek Theatre, Paradise Quarry and Ear of Dionysus
- Island of Ortigia
- Arethusa Spring and Syracuse Cathedral

**What we will do**
- On leaving the port, we will set off towards the Neapolis Archaeological Park, located in the north-west of the modern city, where we will be able to admire what remains of Greek Syracuse.
- Founded in the 8th century BC by the Corinthians, the city was one of the richest and most powerful in the Mediterranean, as demonstrated unequivocally by the monumental ruins of this exceptional site of historical and artistic interest.
- We will visit the imposing Greek Theatre, built when the splendour of the ancient polis was at its peak. Carved partially out of the rock with an extremely large cavea, it was one of the most famous theatres of the ancient world.
- Our next stop is the ancient stone quarry known as the Paradise Quarry. Several earthquakes have caused the collapse of the roofs of the large caves dug to extract stone and the quarry is now open to the elements. Its floor is covered with a lush citrus garden that offers picturesque views.
- The northern side of the quarry is home to a large crevice, opened up by the ancient quarrymen. Caravaggio called it the Ear of Dionysus because its shape is similar to that of an ear.
We will go into the cave to appreciate the **special acoustic effect** that has made it famous all over the world. Since the late 18th century, it has been a destination for travellers, who were fascinated by the charm of this unusual place.

Next, we will visit the [Island of Ortigia](#), the oldest part of the city of Syracuse, which is home to ruins of ancient Greek constructions where the line between myth and reality becomes very thin indeed.

Our next stop is the [Arethusa Spring](#), the mythical backdrop for the tragic love story between a nymph and a hunter.

We will then wander the narrow streets towards Piazza Duomo. Once again, it almost feels as if we could reach out and touch ancient history as we look up at a Baroque masterpiece: the [Cathedral of Syracuse](#), built on the ruins of the Temple of Athena, the Doric columns of which are still visible today.

The transfer to Syracuse takes approximately 1 hour.

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**Type**

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**Catania**

**THE RIVIERA OF THE CYCLOPS**

**Description**

We will set out on a journey of discovery to experience the architectural and natural wonders of the Ionian Coast to the north of Catania: majestic cliff stacks, picturesque towns and historic monuments.

**What we will see**

- Aci Castello and Cyclops Stacks
- Acireale
- Aci Trezza

**What we will do**

- We will leave the port of Catania for **Aci Castello**, a town that grew up around a Norman castle, from which it takes its name, built on rocks made of lava that jut out into the sea.
- We will explore the town’s streets before arriving in the square that is home to the Chiesa Madre church, built from volcanic stone. A spectacular lookout point provides an opportunity to admire the **stunning panoramic views that stretch along the Riviera of the Cyclops**. According to Homer’s *Odyssey*, its towering rock stacks were boulders thrown at the fleeing Ulysses by
Our next stop is Acireale, near Mount Etna, located on a lava field among an expanse of citrus groves. Well-known for its churches, the town’s beauty and imposing buildings ranging from Sicilian Baroque to the Neo-Gothic style are astonishing.

After a pleasant stroll through this picturesque town, we will stop to indulge in a spot of shopping and some free time.

We will then continue on to Aci Trezza, a small town located ten kilometres to the north of Catania along the Ionian Coast. It boasts a long maritime tradition and is an extremely popular destination during the summer. Famous for its breathtaking landscape, it was here that Giovanni Verga set his masterpiece I Malavoglia.

With a last look at the magnificent views of the Riviera of the Cyclops, we will return to the port of Catania.

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GODFATHER: SAVOCA AND FORZA D’AGRÒ

Description
We will visit two quaint ancient villages oozing typical Sicilian charm, where famous director Francis Ford Coppola filmed some scenes from The Godfather trilogy, immortalising some of the most picturesque views in the area on camera.

What we will see
- Village of Savoca: walk through the centre
- Bar Vitelli: a stop with a granita
- Opportunities for incredible photos
- Village of Forza d’Agrò: walk through the centre

What we will do
- We will leave the port of Catania by coach, following a picturesque road that runs inland to the village of Savoca, nestled on a rocky hill amidst citrus groves, vineyards and olive trees.
- Listed as one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, Savoca boasts Medieval streets lined with ancient buildings, whose doors open out onto stunning views of the verdant expanse of greenery right out to the horizon where the gulf of Taormina stands
majestically.

- Accompanied by a professional guide, we will enjoy a **pleasant stroll through the village**, where young Michael Corleone stays in the fictional film.
- We will not be able to resist stopping at the famous **bar Vitelli**, half of which has been converted into a museum where we can admire many ancient objects and photos of the film sets. We will **drink a granita** here in true Sicilian style before continuing our walk.
- We will walk along the village’s main street, which will take us towards the top of the hill where we can **take some amazing photographs**, passing delightful 15th and 16th-century churches and the ruins of the Norman castle and soaking up the stunning views from a height.
- We will return to the coach and after a 30-minute journey we will reach the charming **Forza d’Agrò**, a picturesque village overlooking the coast in the direction of Messina, which was also the setting for some scenes in ‘The Godfather – Part III’ starring Al Pacino and Sophia Coppola.
- We will enjoy another **beautiful stroll through the centre** here, walking along the road that runs from the main square to the Duomo, the splendid Baroque church immortalised by Coppola’s masterpiece.

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**Catania**

**DISCOVER CATANIA WITH TASTING SESSION**

**Description**

A stroll around the charming city centre of Catania as we take in some of its most significant artistic and historical monuments, with two breaks to enjoy traditional food perfect for those who love sweets as well as for those who prefer savoury food.

**What we will see**

- Porta Uzeda
- Saint Agatha Cathedral
- ‘Cuoppo’ tasting session
- Terme Achilliane

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Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France

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What we will do

- We leave the port behind us and venture on a *lovely walk* that takes us to the heart of Catania, a stunning Baroque city at the centre of a vast plain between the Ionian Sea and the imposing figure of Mount Etna, Europe’s largest volcano.
- As we walk along the typical alleyways, we take in the Baroque splendour of Porta Uzeda, providing the backdrop to an unmissable photograph.
- We then continue to Piazza del Duomo, with its **Cathedral of Saint Agatha**, built during the Middle Ages and embellished over the centuries until it took on its current appearance during the 18th century.
- Once at the fish market, we enjoy a break with a **tasting session of typical “cuoppo”**, delicious fried fish served in a parcel.
- We then move on to the ** terme Achilliane**, one of the most significant buildings dating back to Roman Imperial times in Catania. Discovered in the 18th century by the eminent Pince of Biscari, they are located beneath Piazza Duomo and are accessed through a narrow passage near the Cathedral façade. We embark on a journey through the centuries to Ancient Roman times!
- Afterwards, we climb up to see the **Badia di Sant’Agata dome**, where we can admire incredible views of the city.
- We climb down to enjoy a pleasant sampling of a **refreshing granita** in the best tradition of Sicilian cuisine.
- We cross Piazza Stesicoro, dominated by the 19th-century monument dedicated to local composer Vincenzo Bellini and by the remains of the Roman amphitheatre, only partly visible.
- We end our tour with the amazing **Fountain of Proserpine**, a monumental group of sculptures embellished with water features, before heading back to the ship.

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**Catania**

ITALY’S HIDDEN TREASURES - CASTIGLIONE DI SICILIA

**Description**

Castiglione di Sicilia at leisure. The town was selected as one of the most beautiful in Italy and is surrounded by a rugged scenery of rare beauty. Stroll through the characteristic alleyways of the historic town centre searching for monuments and ancient buildings and wander around the wine bars and bakeries to delight our palates.
What we will see

- This excursion does not include a guide, but the assistance of a local escort in Italian/English speaking.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended.
- The cost of food and entrance tickets to tourist sites is not included in the price of the excursion.
- Please note that the local administration of the village offers the opportunity to buy a tourist package directly on site. This is according to the availability of the local public association and for which, we ask you to refer to the staff assigned to the arrival in the village. The local escort on board the bus will give general information on the place and information on how to take advantage of the package provided by the local public association in the village.

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Catania

ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT AGATHA, PATRON SAINT OF CATANIA

Description
The veneration of Saint Agatha is not merely confined to Catania; the figure of the martyr has assumed great importance for Catholicism as a whole and the third most famous religious festival in the world is held in her name. On this excursion, we will visit the main sites associated with the life and worship of the saint in the places where it all began.

What we will see

- Roman column with statue of Saint Agatha
- Cathedral of Saint Agatha
- Church of Sant’Agata alla Fornace
- Church of Sant’Agata al Carcere
- Church of Sant’Agata la Vetere
- Sanctuary of the Madonna del Carmine
- Gourmet stop to sample typical Sicilian granita

What we will do

- Our itinerary in the footsteps of Saint Agatha will take shape along the streets of Catania, starting at the Roman column topped with a statue of the saint. This monument was built in memory of the plague that spread across the island in 1744, during which, according to tradition, Catania remained untouched thanks to the intercession of its patron saint.
• Our holy route continues to the Cathedral of Saint Agatha, home to a chapel dedicated to the saint that contains her remains, an important destination for the faithful who come to pay homage to her every year. * We will then visit the Church of Sant’Agata alla Fornace, which is said to stand on the site of the furnace in which the saint was martyred. * We will then visit two more landmarks of the patron saint of Catania’s human and spiritual life: the Church of Sant’Agata al Carcere (outside visit), built on the ruins of the bastion of the Holy Prison, where the saint was imprisoned before she was martyred, and the Church of Sant’Agata la Vetere, site of the Praetorian Palace in which she was condemned.
• To complete our tour, we will visit the Sanctuary of the Madonna del Carmine, the place where Saint Lucy, patron saint of Syracuse, came to pray during Saint Agatha’s first burial. We will also have the chance to admire an eighteenth-century painting that depicts this scene.
• Before returning to the port, our coach will take us on a brief panoramic tour of the city, during which we will have the opportunity to treat ourselves to a typical Sicilian granita.
• We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
• The excursion involves walking and churches are accessed via steps.
• Appropriate clothing is recommended: shorts, sleeveless and low-cut tops and short skirts are not permitted.
• When the cathedral is being used for religious ceremonies, our tour will be limited to the exterior of the building. Alternatively, there will be a tour of the Collegiata Basilica.

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Type

- Cultural
- Tasting

Catania

BAROQUE CATANIA

Description
In the company of our guide, we will set out to discover Catania, a stunning Baroque city on the shores of the Ionian Sea at the foot of Mount Etna on a huge plain planted with citrus fruits. After marvelling at its beauty, we will also have time to sample a classic granita and brioche.

What we will see
- Centre of Catania
- Piazza Stesicoro, monument to Bellini and Roman Amphitheatre
What we will do

- We will travel by comfortable coach to the centre of Catania, gazing down at some of the city's most well-known and characteristic streets.
- We will pass through Piazza Stesicoro where we will make a stop for a photo of the nineteenth-century monument dedicated to the Catanese composer Vincenzo Bellini, a virtuoso work by Giulio Monteverde.
- We will then have the chance to admire the ruins of the Roman amphitheatre, of which the arena and lower order of arches are still visible, just enough to evoke the grandeur of this entertainment venue that was only slightly smaller than the Colosseum.
- Next, we will continue on foot into the ancient heart of the city, where we will visit the Cathedral of Saint Agatha, built during the Middle Ages and embellished over the centuries until it took on its current appearance during the 18th century.
- Once inside, we will admire the Norman apses and transept, which, in addition to the mullioned windows and precious columns, were revealed during the restoration, creating a particularly picturesque setting.
- The church is home to many works of important cultural and artistic value. These include the tomb of Bellini, two sarcophagi, one of which belongs to Constance of Aragon, and the exquisite Renaissance sculpture of the Virgin placed on the altar.
- The Baroque splendour of Porta Uzeda provides the backdrop to an unmissable photograph that offers an opportunity to immortalise your holiday before we explore the streets of the centre in search of unexpected corners.
- Finally, we will enjoy a pleasant end to our excursion at a city centre café, sampling a refreshing granita and fragrant brioche in the best tradition of Sicilian cuisine.
- During religious functions the visit to the cathedral will only be a tour of the exterior. Alternatively, there will be a tour of the Collegiata Basilica.
- Dress code that is appropriate for the places of worship to be visited is recommended (ladies are expected to wear a shoulder scarf covering shoulders and arms; neither ladies nor gents are allowed to wear shorts).

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Type

- Cultural
- Good for shopping
- Refreshments included

Catania

Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
TAORMINA AND ITS ENCHANTING HISTORICAL CENTRE

Description
No visit to Sicily is complete without experiencing the magical town of Taormina. With its historical and cultural attractions and the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape, this is truly one of the jewels in the island’s crown.

What we will see
- Taormina's historical town centre
- Porta Messina
- Palazzo Corvaja
- The Greek Theatre

What we will do
- We leave the port by coach, taking the motorway to the magical town of Taormina.
- The town enjoys a beautiful natural setting on a small plateau in the foothills of Monte Tauro. What makes this ancient settlement so appealing to visitors, however, is the wealth of fascinating Greek, Roman and Medieval ruins.
- Led through the historical town centre by our expert guide, we pass under the old gateway christened Porta Messina, and make our way into the oldest part of the town.
- A short distance away we find one of the town’s most important building, Palazzo Corvaja, which we are able to admire from outside. The original nucleus of this rather severe-looking edifice is a tower built in the 11th century by the Arabs that ruled the area at that time. The building has been extended at various points over the years, first at the end of the 13th century, then again in the 15th century, when it was used for sittings of the Sicilian Parliament. Neglected for a period after the Second World War, the building was restored thanks to the efforts of the town’s first post-war mayor.
- We continue towards the heart of the old town centre, to see the stunning Greek Theatre. More than just a symbol of Taormina, this Hellenistic construction is one of the most famous landmarks in the whole of Sicily. The original building probably dates to the 3rd century BC. During the reign of Augustus, it was renovated and extended to the point that, with a capacity of 10,000 it was the second largest theatre in Sicily after the one in Syracuse. A vast, publicly owned park of Mediterranean scrub is draped over the slopes to the north-east of the theatre, a fitting backdrop to these spectacular historical remains.
- At this point, we take some free time to stroll at leisure along the charming, narrow streets of the old town or even do a little shopping.
- This excursion is conducted mainly on foot, it is therefore recommended to wear comfortable shoes.

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Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France

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An excursion to the slopes of Mount Etna to discover the amazing Crateri Silvestri, combined with a short panoramic tour of Catania.

What we will see
- Etna
- Crateri Silvestri
- Panoramic tour of Catania

What we will do
- We will set off from the port of Catania on an excursion in search of Sicily’s natural landscapes. En route, we will have the opportunity to enjoy panoramic views as we wind our way up to the village of Nicolosi.
- We will pass through vineyards and valleys created from stratified lava as we continue up to an altitude of 2,000 metres. The vegetation changes as we climb: the Mediterranean maquis at a lower altitude gives way to a series of mountainous landscapes that gradually become more barren as the altitude increases.
- We will eventually reach the peaks of the Crateri Silvestri from where we can admire the volcano in all its spectacular yet terrifying beauty.
- We will have all the time we need to admire the landscape and take scenic photographs before returning back down the slopes towards Catania.
- On reaching the city, we will end our excursion with a brief panoramic tour of the historic centre of Catania, along Via Etnea, lined with stunning churches and imposing palaces in the Sicilian Baroque style.
- In the event of adverse weather conditions the tour may be cancelled.

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Description
Our excursion will visit the fascinating Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. With breathtaking views, its natural environment has been forged by the lava released from the volcano over the millennia.

What we will see
- Picturesque villages on the slopes of Mount Etna
- Dagala
- Monti Sartorius

What we will do
- We will set off from the port by off-road, passing through several small and picturesque villages at the foot of Mount Etna, such as Santa Venerina, Milo and Fornazzo, defying the wrath of the nearby mouth of the volcano.
- We will begin our exciting off-road adventure near Dagala on a dirt track specially created by the Forest Service, offering scenic views of the surrounding slopes and lava formations.
- We will then set off on foot from the off-road for a magnificent lookout point from which we can admire the spectacular panorama. This really is a unique photo opportunity!
- We will finally continue on to the extinct craters of the Monti Sartorius, formed by the impressive lava flow created in 1865, characterised by the typical lines of eruptive cones known as ‘buttonholes’. We will follow a natural path of exceptional botanical and geological interest, allowing us to appreciate the unusual habitat of an active volcano.
- Once our last photos have been taken, we will set off for the return trip to Catania.

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Type

- Sightseeing
- Eco Natural Trail
- Sports Lovers
- Tasting
Description
A relaxing day in Catania with the family!

What we will see
- Giardini Naxos beach

What we will do
- Accompanied by our guide, our coach will take us along the Ionian coast towards Taormina (around a one-hour journey) to Giardini Naxos, the first Greek colony in Sicily.
- We will pass through little town centres and admire the view of Mount Etna and the Mediterranean scrub with its flowers and orange and lemon trees.
- When we get to the beach, we will spend approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes enjoying the sea at Naxos.
- Your guide will provide information about the facilities available to you.

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Type
Water Activity

La Valletta
THE ENCHANTING BLUE GROTTO

Description
An excursion that offers a close-up view of the Blue Grotto, a pearl among Malta’s natural splendours, and a stroll through the evocative streets of Marsaxlokk, where our footsteps seem to awaken centuries of history.

What we will see

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La Valletta

A DAY IN MDINA AND MOSTA

Description
Amidst history and legend this excursion takes us on a journey of discovery of the city of Mdina and of Mosta for an unmissable look at the island’s medieval past.

What we will see
- Mosta: Mosta Dome (Rotunda of the Assumption)
- Mdina: Saint Paul’s Cathedral

What we will do
- The excursion starts with a journey to Mosta, to visit the famous dome known as the Rotonda of the Assumption, which is one of the largest domes in the world.
- We then proceed to Mdina, the splendid medieval city and old capital city of Malta, located almost exactly in the centre of the island, where there are precious cultural and religious treasures in a perfect balance between medieval and baroque architecture.
- Here we visit Saint Paul’s Cathedral that was rebuilt in the 18th century. It is said that the Cathedral was built in the exact location of the house of Publius, Roman governor at the time of Saint Paul’s stay on the island, who subsequently became the first Bishop of Malta.
- There will be 45 minutes of free time before we proceed with our visit to Mdina.

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Type

- Cultural
- Good for shopping

La Valletta

THE MEGALITHIC TEMPLES OF MALTA
Description
Travel back in time on an evocative journey of discovery of the megalithic temples of Malta. An opportunity to visit the authentic architectural marvels and enjoy picturesque scenery.

What we will see
- _a_ar Qim archaeological site
- Megalithic Temple
- Tarxien Temple
- G_ar Dalam Cave
- Village of Marsaxlokk

What we will do
- Our journey backwards in time starts in the Southern part of the island with a visit to the _a_ar Qim archaeological site (standing stones), which includes the biggest megalithic temple of Malta (approximately 3000-2500 BC). To the right of the main entrance there is a 7 metre high, 20 ton monolith which is the largest monolith ever to be used in the entire history of Malta. Our guide will illustrate the complex structure of the temple, an extraordinary example of the architecture and crafts tradition of the time.
- We board the coach again to head for one of the three Tarxien temples, another example of Bronze Age megalithic culture.
- Lastly, we visit G_ar Dalam Cave, where the first traces of life on the island were found dating back to 180,000 years ago. Here we can see fossils of animals that populated the island during the Ice Age.
- Before concluding the excursion we stop briefly at Marsaxlokk to see the picturesque setting of this small fishing village with its stone houses, brightly coloured boats and fishing nets spread out to dry in the sun.
- We recommend wearing comfortable shoes.
- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
- Upon return from an excursion, coaches are not authorized to drop off passengers on the quay where the ship is berthed but only in front of the passenger terminal.

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Cultural
La Valletta

VALLETTA ON FOOT AND A 5D CINEMA EXPERIENCE

Description
A walking itinerary to discover Valletta, the capital of the island, and to see the ‘Malta 5D’ show, a cinematic experience full of special effects for adults and children.

What we will see
- Barrakka Gardens
- Saint John’s Co-Cathedral
- Malta 5D

What we will do
- We leave from the quay where the ship is berthed and after a 500 metre walk we arrive at the other end of Lascaris Wharf where we take a panoramic lift that takes us up to the 18th century Barrakka Gardens. From here we have a magnificent view of Malta’s natural Grand Harbour and the historic cities of Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa.
- We continue in the direction of Saint John’s Co-Cathedral, founded by the Knights Templar of Malta in 1577 and which houses the famous masterpiece by Caravaggio, ‘the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist’.
- The next stop is the fantastic Malta 5D show, a cinematic experience full of 3D images for an unmissable journey through the history of the island. The special effects throughout the film make Malta 5D a perfect show for all ages.
- After some free time we take the panoramic lift again to return to Lascaris Wharf.
- This excursion is conducted mainly on foot, it is therefore recommended to wear comfortable shoes.
- This excursion is not recommended for wheelchair users.
- The excursion is conducted in English or Italian while the ‘Malta 5D’ show is available in all languages.
- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.

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- Sightseeing
- Cultural
- Good for shopping
- Fun
- Recommended to families
- Meal not included

La Valletta

Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
VALLETTA TOUR

Description
An excursion for those who wish to discover the major symbolic places of a city with a surprising artistic, historic and cultural heritage.

What we will see
- Barrakka Gardens, St. John’s Co-Cathedral (external visit)
- Grandmaster’s Palace
- National Museum of Archaeology
- Historic centre

What we will do
- We leave the port to go and explore Valletta, capital of the island.
- Our tour starts with a visit to the Barrakka Gardens, which date back to the 18th century and which command a magnificent view of Malta’s natural Grand Harbour and the historic cities of Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa.
- We head for Saint John’s Co-Cathedral, built by the Knights of Malta in 1577 (external visit) before we proceeding to the Palace which today houses the office of the President of the Republic of Malta and which was once the residence of the Grand Masters of the Knights Hospitaller of the Order of Saint John of Malta.
- We conclude our tour of Valletta with a visit to the National Museum of Archaeology, where there are important relics dating back to prehistoric times and artefacts from the Phoenician, Greek and Roman domination.
- Before we return on board we have some free time to explore the city centre independently.

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Type
Cultural

La Valletta
A SWIM WITH DOLPHINS

Description
A visit to the Mediterraneo Marine Park for all of those who wish to acquaint themselves more closely with splendid bottlenose dolphins and enjoy a unique experience with these magnificent marine mammals.
What we will see

- A swim with the dolphins of the Mediterraneo Marine Park
- Opportunity to buy souvenir photos

What we will do

- We leave by minibus and head for the Mediterraneo Marine Park.
- When we arrive the instructors briefly show us the visit program and give us instructions to prepare us for our encounter with the dolphins.
- Immediately after, we are ready to experience first-hand the beauty, agility and grace of magnificent bottlenose dolphins in all their beauty, agility and grace; we have a special opportunity to swim and interact freely with them in a unique setting under the watchful eye of qualified instructors.
- After our swim we can have a shower and we will also have the possibility to buy souvenir photos of ourselves for a lasting memory of this encounter with these splendid animals.
- Before returning to the port, we have some free time to visit the rest of the Marine Park.
- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.
- This excursion does not include the services of a guide.
- You need to be able to swim and be physically fit to take part in this excursion.
- Minimum age: 8.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Pregnant women are not allowed on this excursion.

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Type

- Water Activity
- Fun
- Recommended to families
- Sports Lovers

La Valletta

MAGIC OF THE SEA AT THE MEDITERRANEAN MARINE PARK

Description

A unique opportunity to visit the Mediterraneo Marine Park and interact with dolphins and other splendid animals.
What we will see

- This excursion does not include the services of a guide.

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Type

- Fun
- Recommended to families

La Valletta

PANORAMIC EXPRESS MALTA

Description

An excursion that will allow you to discover the best of La Valletta and Mdina besides giving you an overview of its history and architecture – two essential goals for all the visitors of the island.

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Type

- Sightseeing
- Good for shopping
- Recommended to families

Barcelona

AROUND BARCELONA BY ELECTRIC BIKE

Description

Let us explore amazing Barcelona by electric bike as we ride around the sights with a refreshing stop to enjoy typical Spanish tapas.

What we will see

- You need to be physically fit to take part in this excursion.
- Minimum age: 10 years.
- Minimum height: 150 cm.
We recommend wearing comfortable shoes and clothing suitable for the season.

A local courier will be present and will provide information in English or Spanish.

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- Recommended to families
- Sports Lovers
- Tasting

Barcelona

GAUDÍ’S MASTERPIECES

Description

Barcelona is the city where the great architect Antoni Gaudí produced his most important and famous works which today define the look of the Catalan metropolis. We will visit four of them, all of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

What we will see

- Parc Güell
- Eixample district and Sagrada Familia
- La Pedrera
- Casa Batlló
- Plaça de Catalunya and port area

What we will do

- The first destination on our excursion will be the highly original Parc Güell, designed by Gaudí at the turn of the last century and created in collaboration with his disciples.
- Entering the park, we will be plunged into a surreal, picturesque setting: fairy-tale buildings, a gigantic salamander decorated with mosaics, forests of columns and a house with spires where the artist lived for twenty years.
- We will return to the coach and a short journey will take us to Eixample, the district that is home to the famous Sagrada Familia church (tour of the exterior). This gigantic work is still under construction decades later, following the plans left by the master architect. Our local guide will point out the most distinctive details of the façade, a demonstration of Gaudí’s incredible creativity in its own right.
- Before continuing our tour, we will have some free time to stroll around the district and do a bit of shopping.
- Then we will continue on towards Casa Milà, better known as La Pedrera (literally “The Quarry”), one of Gaudí’s last works and...
the greatest example of Catalan modernism. The building, the last civil work designed by the master architect, is a true triumph of curved lines with undulating faces, chimneys that coil around one another and the magnificent wrought iron railings resembling breaking waves.

- The next masterpiece that we will visit on our tour is Casa Batlló, a residential building enveloped in a surreal atmosphere. We will admire the façade and roof, covered entirely in glistening multi-coloured scales. The extravagant inventiveness of the shapes is inspired by the legend of Saint George (the patron saint of Catalonia) who fought the dragon, alluded to in the sinuosity of the roof, while the rows of balconies and bone-like structures symbolise the victims.

- On our way back to the ship, we will pass through the commercial heart of the historic centre, the famous Plaça de Catalunya and the port area before bringing this magical day to a close.

- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.

This tour is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

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**Type**

Cultural

**Barcelona**

**MONTSERRAT MONASTERY**

**Description**

An excursion outside Barcelona, immersing us in the majestic nature of the mountain of Montserrat and amazing us with the inspiring ambience at the Benedictine monastery.

**What we will see**

- Mountain of Montserrat
- Benedictine monastery
- Basilica and Our Lady of Montserrat

**What we will do**

- We will leave the port by coach and head north west towards Montserrat. The road that we will travel on crosses charming landscapes that soon become mountainous, with breathtaking views of the surrounding scenery.
- As we approach the summit of Montserrat, the outline of the Benedictine monastery will catch our eye ahead. The vast...
complex lies nestled into the cliff 725 metres above sea level, offering us spectacular views.

- **A guided tour** will lead us around this famous abbey built in the 11th century near a cave where the statue of the Black Virgin was found in 880. The statue is known as ‘la Moreneta’ because of its dark colouring and is still highly revered today.

- The tour of the 15th-century **basilica** is an absolute must, and offers a setting where a strong sense of reflection and privacy reign supreme. Guests who wish to can enter and see the wooden **La Moreneta statue** that lies in a chapel that is accessed through a side entrance.

- Dress code that is appropriate for the places of worship to be visited is recommended.

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**Type**

- Sightseeing
- Cultural

### Barcelona

**SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BARCELONA AND SHOPPING**

**Description**

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**Type**

- Sightseeing
  - Recommended to families

### Barcelona

**THE SAGRADA FAMILIA AND GAUDÍ’S MAGICAL SPLENDOUR**

**Description**

Barcelona is Gaudi’s city: he produced some of his greatest masterpieces there which we will discover one by one and be amazed by their charm.
What we will see

- Sagrada Familia: Nativity façade and Passion façade, church interior, construction works
- Passeig de Gràcia
- Casa Batllò (inside visit)
- La Pedrera (photo stop)

What we will do

- The first stop on our excursion is the Sagrada Familia, the iconic symbol of the city of Barcelona, a destination for visitors from all over the world, believed by many to be one of the most extraordinary man-made monuments in the world.
- It is a majestic Neo-Gothic church inspired by the great medieval cathedrals and built in a Modernist style: the Catalan version of Art Nouveau.
- It was the work of talented architect Antoni Gaudí, who designed it at the age of just 30 and dedicated the rest of his life to completing it. Work began on the church in 1882 and is still ongoing, following the designer’s plans. This will make our visit even more fascinating as we will witness the creation of one of the greatest architectural masterpieces in the world.
- Our guide will show us two of the façades that have already been completed: the Nativity façade and the Passion façade. Then we will enter the church where expert artisans are working on this constantly evolving monument.
- Then we will continue on towards Passeig de Gràcia, the most fashionable avenue in the city with its charming, modern buildings like Casa Batllò, another of skilful Gaudí’s masterpieces.
- Much more than just a building, Casa Batllò holds an entire world of contemporary art, architecture and design, offering visitors a unique, surreal experience. The extravagant inventiveness of the shapes is inspired by the legend of Saint George (the patron saint of Catalonia) who fought the dragon, alluded to in the multi-coloured sinuosity of the roof, while the rows of balconies and bone-like structures symbolise the victims.
- We will end our tour admiring Casa Milà, better known as La Pedrera (tour of the exterior), Gaudí’s last work. The building is a true triumph of curved lines with undulating faces, chimneys that coil around one another and the magnificent wrought iron railings resembling breaking waves.
- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.
- Guests are not allowed to stay on the bus during the stops.
- This tour is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

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- Cultural
- Most wanted
Barcelona

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BARCELONA AND THE NOU CAMP STADIUM

Description
This excursion offers sports fans a sightseeing tour of the city and the chance to visit one of the most sacred sports temples in the world: the Nou Camp stadium.

What we will see
- Montjuïc hill
- Nou Camp Stadium and Barcelona Museum
- Avenida Diagonal, Passeig de Gràcia and Casa Batlló
- Plaça de Catalunya and La Rambla

What we will do
- Our tour exploring Barcelona will start at Montjuïc hill, where the sports complexes built for the 1992 Olympic Games are located and where we can enjoy wonderful views of the surrounding city.
- Then we will head to the Nou Camp stadium, home to Barcelona football club, for an exclusive tour that will take us to the areas reserved for employees: we will go from the changing rooms of great football champions to the pitch where we will tread the grass that has seen some epic finals.
- The stadium museum offers a historic tribute to this great club. We will be able to admire the trophies, photos, shoes and shirts belonging to Barça’s great champions such as Stoychkov, Ronaldo and the “Golden Child”, Diego Armando Maradona.
- Before getting back on board, we will travel along Avenida Diagonal and Passeig de Gràcia for a panoramic view of one of incredible architect Antoni Gaudí’s greatest masterpieces: Casa Batlló.
- At the end of the tour, we will stop for a stroll in Plaça de Catalunya and some shopping on the Rambla, the city’s most famous and iconic street.
- Barcelona Football Club reserves the right to modify the schedule or cancel the tour, even at the last minute.

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- Recommended to families
- Sports Lovers

Barcelona

Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
#COSTAGRAMMER TOUR AT BARCELONA

**Description**
We pick up our cameras as real influencers to capture the essence of Barcelona. An innovative stimulating excursion for those who love to share their emotions with their dear ones and, why not, be the envy of followers!

Become a true #costagrammer: upload your best shots using the #costagrammer hashtag and don't forget to tag our official Instagram costacruisesofficial!

**What we will see**
- This tour is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

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**Type**
- Sightseeing
- Cultural
- Recommended to families

**Barcelona**

GAUDI’S BARCELONA BY SEGWAY

**Description**
We’ll be touring Barcelona on board a Segway that’ll take us to admire the extraordinary works of the Modernist architect, Antoni Gaudí, to whom the city owes much of its fame.

**What we will see**
- Arc de Triomf
- Segway tour in Gaudí’s footsteps
- Sagrada Familia
- Passeig de Gracia: Casa Milà and Casa Batlló
- Casa Fuster designed by Domènech i Montaner
- La Monumental

**What we will do**
- Our coach will take us from the port directly to the Arc de Triomf, one of the city’s symbols, built for the 1888 Universal Exhibition as the main gateway to the fair.
Time for a few, vital, safety instructions and then we’ll each be given our Segway, a fun electric vehicle, similar to a scooter, to wander around at leisure.

Once you feel confident, we can set off to discover the city in the footsteps of Antoni Gaudi, the brilliant Catalan architect, who immortalised Barcelona with his marvellous works.

Our Segways will glide us comfortably past his “Sagrada Familia”, the incredible Neo-Gothic church, the symbol par excellence of Catalan art, with its slender spires and exuberant façades that will take your breath away.

We’ll continue along Barcelona’s most famous shopping avenue, Passeig de Gracia, where the shop windows of major fashion designers alternate with masterpieces of Modernist architecture.

You’ll be able to admire Casa Milà, best known by its nickname, La Pedrera. Gaudi’s most mature work, this building is a triumph of curved lines with undulating façades, chimneys that coil around one another and the rounded wrought iron railings. A little further on stands Casa Batlló, with its façade and roof covered entirely in glistening, multi-coloured scales.

Barcelona is also home to the works of Gaudi’s distinguished colleagues belonging to the Modernist movement, including Casa Fuster, the final work of Domenech i Montaner, which features many of the architect’s characteristic elements, such as floral decorations or trefoil windows.

Last of all, we pass opposite La Monumental, Barcelona’s, if not Spain’s, most famous plaza de toros, specially designed for the corrida.

On our return, we’ll hand back our Segways and you’ll be free to return to our ship under your own steam.

This excursion only has a few stretches on foot. However, it requires a good level of physical fitness.

Minimum age: 16 years.

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Barcelona

DISCOVERING OLYMPIC BARCELONA BY SEGWAY

Description

We’ll be touring Barcelona on board a Segway that’ll take us to admire the architectural buildings and infrastructures left by the 1992 Olympic Games, in honour of which an entire city district was transformed and regenerated.

What we will see

Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
• Arc de Triomf
• Segway tour in the Olympic district
• Parc de la Ciutadella
• Catalonia Parliament Building
• Olympic Port and Playa de la Nova Icaria
• Mapfre Tower and Hotel Arts

What we will do
• Our coach will take us from the port directly to the Arc de Triomf, one of the city’s symbols, built for the 1888 Universal Exhibition as the main gateway to the fair.
• Time for a few, vital, safety instructions and then we’ll each be given our Segway, a fun electric vehicle, similar to a scooter, to wander around at leisure.
• Once you feel confident, we can set off to discover the city and its Olympic inheritance from the 1992 edition held in Barcelona, which left a considerable mark.
• Our Segways will take us comfortably to admire the lush vegetation of the famous Parc de la Ciutadella, built on the land of the old town fortress, and on past the imposing “Catalonia Parliament Building”, built in the 18th century as a military arsenal.
• We glide past the Olympic Port, constructed in the heart of the marine area for the 1992 games as part of the Olympic Village.
• Our route continues alongside the neighbouring beach of Playa de la Nova Icaria, beyond which lies the bright blue, sparkling Mediterranean Sea.
• We’ll ride along the sea front bordered by the beach and lush gardens, another legacy from the Olympic period, embellished with important buildings, such as the Mapfre Tower and the Hotel Arts, two of the city’s highest skyscrapers, in front of which towers the monumental sculpture of the “golden fish” by Frank Gehry, one of the greatest living architects.
• On our return, we’ll hand back our Segways and you’ll be free to return to our ship under your own steam.
• This excursion only has a few stretches on foot. However, it requires a good level of physical fitness.
• Minimum age: 16 years.
• A local courier will be present and will provide information in English or Spanish.

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Type

Sightseeing  Sports Lovers
Description
This excursion is perfect for anyone who loves to discover a city at a relaxed pace, walking through its streets and squares, exploring unusual nooks and crannies, not forgetting tasting some Spanish cuisine.

What we will see
- El Born district: Palau de la Música Catalana and church of Santa Maria del Mar
- Gothic Quarter
- Plaça Sant Jaume, Plaça del Rei, Jewish quarter and Plaça de Sant Felip Neri
- La Rambla and La Boqueria market
- Barcelona Cathedral

What we will do
- Our pleasant walk through the capital of Catalonia will start in the El Born district, today one of the most sophisticated parts of the city. We will walk past the Palau de la Música Catalana, the most prestigious concert hall in Barcelona, and the church of Santa Maria del Mar, one of the best examples of Catalan Gothic architecture.
- Next, we will explore another historic district, the Barrio Gótico or Gothic Quarter, where we will discover works of art and amazing historical views at every step.
- We will cross Plaça Sant Jaume, the heart of political life in Barcelona where the Town Hall lies, and then we will pass through Plaça del Rei. The square is a true gem surrounded by beautiful Gothic buildings. We will continue on to the Jewish Quarter and Plaça de Sant Felip Neri, the scene of some tragic events during the Spanish Civil War.
- Then we will reach the Rambla and the most famous market in the city on one side of it, called La Boqueria. The market sells all kinds of traditional Spanish and Catalan foods, such as the famous Serrano ham, the spicy sausage called chorizo, typical cheeses like mató and manchego, as well as a wide variety of fruit from all over the world. After the visit to the market, we will be offered a drink and a tapa (snack).
- Finally, we will head back towards the port. Along the way, we will stop at the Cathedral, a magnificent Gothic building dating back to the 13th century with typical spires that soar up towards the sky. We will have some free time there before we return to the ship.
- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
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What we will see
- Montjuïc hill
- Avenida Diagonal and Sagrada Familia
- Gothic Quarter and Cathedral
- The Poble Espanyol open-air museum

What we will do
- We will start our ascending Montjuïc hill, which towers over the city at 177 metres high and offers spectacular panoramic views.
- We will cross the city centre and head to the southern part of the city where we will travel down Avenida Diagonal before reaching the stunning Sagrada Familia. Work started on this majestic Neo-Gothic church in 1882 following the design of the great architect Antoni Gaudí and it is still under construction (tour of the exterior).
- We will explore the Gothic Quarter (Barrio Gótico), the medieval district scattered with the old town’s most important points of interest. Most noteworthy of all is the Cathedral, a Catalan Gothic masterpiece built on the site of an ancient Roman basilica (tour of the exterior).
- We will end our excursion by returning to Montjuïc to visit The Poble Espanyol open-air museum. It was built for the 1929 Universal Exhibition to show visitors the many cultural and architectural sides to Spain, with historic recreations of over 100 places of interest across the country.
- In the case that religious celebrations are taking place, the cathedral will only be visited externally.
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Type
- Cultural
- Tasting

Barcelona
TOUR OF BARCELONA

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Barcelona

BARCINO, THE HIDDEN ROMAN CITY

Description
We will travel back through time and discover the remains of the ancient Roman colony of Barcino, the original heart of what is now Barcelona. Traces of its legacy still remain today in the succession of buildings and architectural structures.

What we will see
- Gothic Quarter
- Plaça Nova
- Via Laietana
- Barcelona History Museum
- Plaça del Rei underground complex

What we will do
- Accompanied by our guide, we will begin our walking tour of what remains of Barcino, the Roman town that was the foundation for modern-day Barcelona. As we stroll through the city, traces of this settlement will take us back in time to over two thousand years ago.
- We will venture into the labyrinth of streets that is the Barrio Gótico or Gothic Quarter. This district was the heart of political and religious life in the Middle Ages and, even today, its layout is still faithful to the classic Roman Cardo and Decumanus grid structure.
- In Plaça Nova, traces of the Roman settlement abound in a string of architectural delights. We can still see the two semi-circular towers that flanked the gateway to the Decumanus road, as well as sections of the city's defence walls and the arch of an aqueduct.
- Amidst temple columns and the remains of walls that peep up every now and then, almost casually incorporated into more modern buildings, we will walk along Via Laietana, which takes its name from the first Iberian population to settle in this region. Built in the early 20th century, it has retained the architectural heritage of the Roman walls.
- A must on our tour of the Roman remains is the Barcelona History Museum, known as MUHBA, which has preserved and exhibits Barcelona's rich historical heritage, from its Roman origins to the modern day.
- The highlight of the tour is the Plaça del Rei underground complex where we can admire the remains of an entire district of the Roman city of Barcino, which spans over 4,000 square metres with its narrow passageways.
Space is limited, so please reserve early.
This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

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Type
Cultural

Marseilles

#COSTAGRAMMER TOUR AT MARSEILLE

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What we will see
- Old Harbour: ombrière, Notre Dame de la Garde, ...
- ‘Panier’ Quarter
- Cathedral of Saint-Marie-Majeure
- MuCEM and Fort Saint-Jean

What we will do
- We take out our cameras ready to capture the spirit of Marseille and create a true social photo feature.
- Our guide will be waiting to welcome us as we disembark from the ship. Together, we make our way to the city centre, specifically, a point near the Old Harbour where our tour begins.
- First of all, we reach the ombrière: a sheet of stainless steel acting as a mirror, showing us our upside-down reflex and offering us endless photo opportunities.
- Let us not forget to capture the city’s emblem – the magnificent Notre Dame de la Garde in the Romanesque-Byzantine style. Will we manage to capture all its charm in a single picture?
- We pass by Hotel Intercontinental (former Hotel Dieu) and venture into the old ‘Le Panier’ district: the city’s historic city centre populated by workshops, colourful lively cafés, and many original curiosities ready to be photographed!
We continue towards Marseille Cathedral: it is rather peculiar how a boules court, the game symbol of Provence, is found right in front of the entrance to this imposing church. Why not seize the chance of having our photo taken as we mime a throw?

We then head back to the Old Port and to the area between the Musée des civilisations de l’Europe et de la Méditerranée (MuCEM) and Fort de Saint-Jean, the fortress built by Louis 14th in 1660. From here, we can admire the city in all of its splendour. - an unmissable occasion to capture this breathtaking scenery on camera!

Our excursion has come to an end: we return to our ship ready to post all the emotions we have enjoyed, which will be forever etched in our memories and available on our photo gallery.

Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.

This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

This excursion involves some walking. We recommend wearing appropriate footwear and comfortable clothing.

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**IN THE HEART OF CAMARGUE**

**Description**

We venture in the wild yet charming region of Camargue, visit an ornithological park to see the local flora and fauna up close and visit the lovely Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer for some shopping and relaxation.

**What we will see**

- Tour of Camargue
- Parc Ornithologique du Pont de Gau
- Guided tour of the park
- Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer: at own leisure

**What we will do**

- We leave Marseilles behind us and venture into spectacular Camargue, a series of swamps, ponds and paddy fields where nature still reigns supreme.
- Along the way, we are charmed by the magnificent views and could be lucky enough to spot the famous wild white horses or majestic untamed bulls grazing in the moorland.
- We stop at the Parc Ornithologique du Pont de Gau, which combines the joy of a stroll with the discovery of the bird species
living in the region such as graceful flamingoes, once on the brink of extinction, herons, egrets and storks.

- We walk along paths, footbridges and walkways on a **guided tour** of the park, which covers 60 hectares of unspoilt nature where flora and fauna coexist in harmony in their natural habitat.
- After the visit, we leave the park and head towards the capital of Camargue, **Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer**, a small fishing village with white houses dominated by a relaxed evocative atmosphere.
- Here, we have some free time to **explore the town**. We can wander around the shops, enjoy local specialities or visit the town sights before returning to the ship.

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**Type**

- Sightseeing
- Eco Natural Trail
- Cultural
- Most wanted
- Meal not included

### Marseilles

**EXPLORING MARSEILLE AND ITS MANY FLAVOURS**

**Description**

A tour in search of the true soul of Marseille, a bustling, multicultural city with a long and fascinating history, brimming with the flavours and aromas of Mediterranean culture.

**What we will see**

- The Church of Saint Laurent and the view of the Old Port
- ‘La Major’ Cathedral and Esplanade
- Museum Complex
- ‘Panier’ quarter, ‘La Vieille Charité’ courtyard and loggia

**What we will do**

- We begin our discovery tour of Marseille by taking the shuttle bus from the port to the Church of Saint-Laurent. The little square in front of the church offers **beautiful views of the Old Port** and the hills surrounding the city.
- We make our way downhill from the church towards Marseille’s Neo-Byzantine cathedral, known locally as **La Major**. After a tour around the outside of the building, we have a short stop in the new **Esplanade**, recently completed to coincide with Marseille’s nomination as the ‘European capital of culture 2013’.
- We then make our way to the new **museum complex**, which comprises three institutions: the ‘Musée Regards de Provence’,
the ‘Ville Méditerranée’ and ‘MuCEM’ – the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations. Our guide will provide an overview of each building from the outside.

- We walk onwards, heading into the old heart of the city, the ‘Panier’ quarter, with its artisan workshops and colourful, bustling cafés.
- Before we make our way into the web of narrow streets of the old town, we stop to visit the courtyard and the loggia of ‘La Vieille Charité’, a building that originally served as an almshouse for the city’s poor, but which is now home to a cultural centre and a venue for temporary exhibitions. We then take another short break to sample some local products.
- We make our way back to the Old Port, where we can either board the ship straight away, or spend a couple of hours of free time in the city centre.
- Space is limited, so please reserve early.
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- The order of visits may vary.

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- Cultural
- Recommended to families
- Tasting

**Marseilles**

**TRANSFER TO AIX-EN-PROVENCE**

**Description**

We will have complete freedom to explore Aix-en-Provence, savouring the joy of strolling through its narrow streets, squares and historic buildings, and discovering its colours and aromas with a visit to the local market or an open-air café.

**What we will see**

- Aix-en-Provence
- City centre
- Cours Mirabeau
- Mazarin Quarter
- Place des Quatre Dauphins
- Saint Sauveur Cathedral
- Shops, cafés and local fruit market
What we will do

- We will leave the port by coach and make our way to Aix-en-Provence, a university and spa city and the political hub of Provence, located about 30 minutes away from Marseille.
- As soon as we arrive in Aix-en-Provence, we will immediately notice its sophisticated atmosphere as we walk freely around the romantic streets in the centre, admiring aristocratic residences dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries.
- Our walk wouldn’t be complete without a stroll along Cours Mirabeau, a stunning, tree-lined avenue boasting beautiful fountains and numerous outdoor cafés.
- Another must is the Mazarin Quarter, designed by the Archbishop Michel Mazarin, brother of the famous Cardinal.
- In the same area we can also admire the Place des Quatre Dauphins or “Four Dolphins Square”, with a beautiful fountain adorned by sculptures of four dolphins, and the Saint Sauveur Cathedral, featuring various architectural styles ranging from the 5th to the 17th century, which can be admired from all sides.
- Yet Aix-en-Provence isn’t all history and art, it’s also a vibrant town offering a host of activities. We will set some time aside to independently explore the elegant streets dotted with typical shops, the local fruit and vegetable market or relax at a café.
- This excursion does not include a guide.

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**Marseilles**

**PANORAMIC TOUR OF MARSEILLE AND SHOPPING IN THE CITY CENTRE**

Description

Adagio Tour is an experience created in collaboration with Costa Crociere Foundation and Aism to meet the needs of guests who would like a “slower” pace to better savour the stops and their sights on itineraries with minimum architectural barriers. The ‘Adagio Tour’ version of this excursion is available exclusively on Costa Diadema.

An excursion in what is considered the capital of the South of France: a sightseeing tour of Marseille’s main landmarks and some free time for shopping or simply to walk around the city centre.

What we will see

- ‘La Corniche’ seafront promenade, Escale Borely
- Sainte-Marie-Majeure Cathedral, Fort Saint-Jean, Church of Saint-Laurent (external visit) and Basilica of Notre-Dame de la Garde
The Old Port

What we will do

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Type

- Sightseeing
- Recommended to families

Marseilles

AVIGNON, CITY OF THE POPES

Description
An opportunity not to be missed to explore a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Avignon, 'the city of the Popes': a step back into the history of the church and the Papacy, tracing the splendour of the reign of 7 pontiffs who brought prosperity and prominence to Avignon.

What we will see
- Palace of the Popes
- Free time for shopping and exploring the city

What we will do
- We leave the port of Marseille by coach, and head for Avignon, a journey that takes about one hour. The city of Avignon is famous for having been the seat of the Papacy from 1309 to 1377, a period known as the 'Avignon captivity'. Pope Clement V transferred the Papal court from Rome to Avignon, from where 7 Popes reigned until 1377 and 2 antipopes stayed on almost until the end of the 14th century, bringing a period of prominence and prosperity to the city.
- Our tour takes us to the Palace of the Popes which has been recognised in France as a historic monument since 1840, and as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1995. The building, which is both a palace and a fortress, is one of the most extraordinary examples of Gothic architecture of the 14th century. It was built in two phases, by two popes: to the north, the more austere Palais Vieux (Old Palace) was built during the reign of Benedict XII; the Palais Neuf (New Palace), to the south, was built by his successor, Clement VI. Inside, the now-empty galleries, chambers and chapels give an apparent impression of austerity. The frescoes and handwoven tapestries in the bedrooms and the Papal study however, give a better idea of the pomp and splendour of times gone by.

Costa Fascinosa - Italy, Malta, Spain, France
Before going back to the ship, we have some free time for a walk in the streets of the centre or for shopping.

This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

The duration from the port to Avignone is approximately 1h30minutes.

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- Cultural
- Most wanted

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**Marcellas**

**ARLES AND SAINT-RÉMY: A DAY IN THE HEART OF PROVENCE**

**Description**

Discover the unique atmosphere of history, art and magic in the heart of Provence: from Arles, the city of ancient Roman origins with the light and colours that inspired van Gogh’s most famous paintings, to Saint-Rémy, a town forever associated with the controversial and enigmatic figure of Nostradamus.

**What we will see**

- This tour includes a basket lunch prepared by our ship staff.
- The duration from the port to Arles is approximately 1h15minutes.

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**Type**

- Cultural
- Basket Lunch

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**Marcellas**

**MARSEILLE AND ITS HIDDEN TREASURES**
Description
An excursion for those who want to discover the hidden treasures and secrets of Marseille, a millennial melting pot of people and cultures, a city of indisputable charm and a distinct identity that draws visitors in with its magical atmosphere.

What we will see
- Cathedral of Notre Dame de la Garde and Church of Saint-Laurent
- ‘Le Panier’ quarter
- Vieille Charité and Cathedral of Sainte Marie Majeure (external visits)

What we will do
- We leave from the left-hand side of the port and begin our tour of Marseille with a visit to the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de la Garde which is at the highest point of the city at an altitude of 162 m above sea level, from where we can see the whole of Marseille laid out before us.
- We will then make our way to the Church of Saint-Laurent, a handsome example of Provençal Romanesque architecture, built in pink stone from Couronne, with splendid views of the Old Port.
- It also marks the beginning of the quarter known as ‘Le Panier’ (‘the basket’), which is one of the oldest quarters of Marseille and the old heart of the city. It owes its name to the ‘Le Logis du Panier’ inn, an old establishment dating back to the 17th century. This part of the city is a typical Mediterranean port neighbourhood with the fronts of houses painted in a variety of colours and narrow winding streets. Historically a favoured haunt of sailors, it is now one of Marseille’s most characteristic areas.
- Following a visit to La Vieille Charité – originally an almshouse for the city’s poor, now home to a cultural centre and a venue for temporary exhibitions – we have the opportunity to try a local speciality, the ‘navette’ (‘little boat’), a traditional biscuit flavoured with orange blossoms that is baked in the shape of a boat.
- After a short break, close to La Vieille Charité, we pay a short visit to the Neo-Byzantine Cathedral of Saint-Marie-Majeure – also known by the locals as ‘La Major’ – before heading back to the port.

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Type
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- Cultural
- Recommended to families
- Most wanted
- Tasting

Savona
ANCIENT GENOA: PORT, HISTORIC CENTRE AND A NEW ROADWAY AMONGST WONDERS AND FLAVOURS

Description
Upon the discovery of the heart of the historic centre of Genoa, amongst its sumptuous buildings and flavours.

What we will see
- Lanterna, Castelletto
- Via Garibaldi, Palazzo Bianco, Palazzo Imperiale (exclusive entry for Costa Cruises), House of Columbus, Porta Soprana
- Ducal Palace, Ancient Port, Via San Lorenzo, Porticoes of Sotto Ripa

What we will do
- Taking a scenic route on the motorway along the coast of Riviera di Ponente, we will arrive in Genoa, glimpses of the sea and the Mediterranean scrubland included.
- Skimming the port, we will admire Lanterna, which has always been a point of reference for seafarers, and we will continue, by coach, upon the discovery of the most interesting places within the city until we get to Castelletto, one of the oldest and aristocratic in Genoa which stands on the headland overlooking the historic centre.
- From here one of the city’s historic lifts will take us to the very centre, to the alleyways which Rubens described as ‘Europe’s most beautiful roads’: Via Garibaldi, better known as Strada Nuova. This pedestrian area includes some of Genoa’s most sumptuous squares, built in the 1500s as residences for the most important noble families and which were restored to their original splendour for the occasion of ‘Genoa 2004’.
- At this stage, we will visit the Palazzo Bianco and Palazzo Imperiale (exclusive entry for Costa Cruises) followed by a delicious tasting session.
- From this elegant alleyway, we will go onto a part of the city which historically connected it to the sea, passing by Porta Soprana, the House of Columbus, Via San Lorenzo, the Ducal Palace and the Ancient Port.
- During the free time available until the end of the tour, we can trace the ancient and characteristic Porticoes of Sotto Ripa.
- The transfer to Genoa takes approximately 1 hour.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Places on this excursion are limited. We recommend booking early.

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Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
**Savona**

**GOURMET TOUR: THE LANGHE, THE LAND OF BAROLO AND TRUFFLES**

**Description**
An appealing and gluttonous route across the landscape of the Langhe, covered with vineyards and small villages, as well as castles which dominate the hills and small, typical valleys.

**What we will see**
- Barolo: winery
- Alba: tasting of Tuber Magnatum Pico truffles

**What we will do**
- Our excursion begins with a coach journey to Barolo, where we will visit the small village accompanied by a guide.
- The southern Piedmont area is one of the preferred locations of lovers of excellent produce such as Barolo wine, the true “king” of the table, together with the truffle, rare fruit of this land. We don’t want to stand on the sidelines so we will move onto a family-run winery, where we have the opportunity to taste excellent quality wine.
- The visit continues in the direction of Alba, considered the capital of the Langhe and the Piedmont wines. A guided tour of the historic centre will bring us to our next stop: the tasting of the famous and rare truffle, Tuber Magnatum Pico.
- Full and delighted with all the delicacies, we will return to the port of Savona by coach.

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**Type**
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**Savona**

**ITALY’S HIDDEN TREASURES - FINALBORGO AND NOLI**

**Description**
Centuries of history and suggestive settings transport us back in time to the Middle Ages as we explore two of Italy’s most handsome medieval townships, Finalborgo and Noli.

Costa Fascinosa – Italy, Malta, Spain, France
What we will see

- Finalborgo
- Castel San Giovanni
- Basilica of San Biagio
- Convent of Santa Caterina
- Noli
- The Torre del Canto and the Torre del Comune
- Medieval walls
- Cathedral of San Paragorio

What we will do

- We leave the port by coach, in the company of our tour rep, and make our way to the first stop on our journey, Finalborgo, which is considered one of the most attractive townships in the whole of Italy. The settlement is undoubtedly medieval in origin, although recent research suggests that it was founded several centuries earlier than was previously believed.
- As we stroll through the streets of the old town, the imposing defensive mass of Castel San Giovanni and other notable monuments such as the Basilica of San Biagio, the Convent of Santa Caterina and numerous Renaissance palazzi conjure an almost palpable sense of history.
- We leave Finalborgo for another of the Italian Riviera’s Medieval gems: the town of Noli. This gracious little settlement was home to skilled merchants and courageous navigators who saw it become an independent maritime republic.
- We explore the historic centre on foot, admiring the buildings that recount this fascinating history. There are the Torre del Canto and the Torre del Comune, two of the “seventy-two towers of Noli”, of which but a few remain. Then there are the surviving sections of the defensive walls that once formed an impenetrable barrier around the city, and the 12th-century Cathedral of San Paragorio, one of the emblematic examples of Romanesque architecture in Liguria.

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Savona

THE FLAVOURS AND HISTORY OF ALBENGA

Description

Albenga stretches, as though it was itself a peninsula, towards the sea on the estuary of the River Centa. Accompanied by our tour...
rep, we set off in discovery of the sites and history of this ancient city before sampling a renowned local speciality, Ligurian olive oil.

What we will see
- The entrance into the Museum of Magical Transparencies and the Baptistery are not included but with Costa Cruises, guests will receive a discount on the ticket price.

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**Genoa in Total Freedom**

Description
What we will see
- Genoa, historic centre, Ancient Port

What we will do

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**Savona**

**Savona Discovery & Taste**

Description
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- Cultural
- Tasting

Savona

PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO FROM THE ANCIENT CITY TO THE ELITE MONTE CARLO

Description
The Principality of Monaco is one of the smallest independent States in the world but despite its size it offers an incredible variety of attractions, all to be discovered: from the ancient city, to the Casinos, to the Formula 1 circuit.

What we will see
- Monaco Ville: Royal Palace square, Cathedral
- Monte Carlo: Casino, boutiques

What we will do
- To get to our destination, we will take the coach along the Fiori motorway, offering a suggestive glimpse of some typical Ligurian villages.
- After crossing the French border, we will arrive in the Principality of Monaco, one of the smallest independent states in the world, its origins and history are indelibly linked to the Grimaldi family, who have ruled here for over 700 years. More specifically, Prince Rainier III who reigned from 1949 to 2005, strongly supported the development of the Principality. Owing to his fairy-tale marriage to the American actress Grace Kelly and the numerous initiatives he supported, the Rainier lineage made this tiny State one of the most frequented by international jet-setters, turning it into a place where numerous world events are held, some of which, delightfully for charity.
- Our tour begins with Monaco Ville, the ancient city, which expands over a rock fortified in a very appealing position overlooking the sea. Here, we will have the opportunity to admire the Royal Palace square and, dependent on the arrival time, we may witness the changing of the guard.
- The excursion will lead us to the small Cathedral, the final resting place of both Prince Rainier and his beloved wife, Princess Grace, who was tragically killed in a car accident that is still shrouded in mystery.
Late morning, we will make our way, by coach, to the most well known part of the principality, Monte Carlo, with its Casinos, luxury hotels, sophisticated lifestyle and the streets that, once a year, provide the course for the celebrated Monaco Grand Prix. We can use the free time available as we like, to go on a pleasant walk or shop in the boutiques which offer the most well-known brand labels in the world.

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- Cultural
- Good for shopping
- Most wanted
- Basket Lunch

Savona

GENOA AQUARIUM, ANCIENT PORT AND BOAT TRIP

Description

We will immerse into the undersea world in one of the largest aquariums in Europe, an unmissable attraction located within the charming area of the Ancient Port, which we will be able to also admire from the sea thanks to the wonderful boat ride.

What we will see

- Genoa Aquarium
- Ancient Port
- Bigo

What we will do

- We will arrive, by coach, to the expo area where Genoa Aquarium, one of the most important in Europe, is found. We will immerse ourselves into the multifaceted and colourful submarine wildlife where we will discover tropical fish boasting thousands of colours, sponges and jellyfish, natural corals, sharks with ice-cold stares and the wonderful dolphins, seals and penguins. A genuine, unique and unforgettable ‘tour of the seas of the World’.
- At the end of the visit, we will hop on board the boat to admire Genoa and its lively port from a privileged viewpoint.
- Subsequently, we will have some free time to wander around the area of the Ancient Port. Passing by the former Cotton Stores, which have now been renovated and turned into shops, bars and restaurants, we can admire Bigo, a unique building designed by the famous Genoese architect, Renzo Piano which, together with Lanterna, is seen, by the Genoese people, as one of the most characteristic symbols of the ancient city, named ‘Superba’.
- Steeped in the wonder of what we have seen, we will now return to the coach and get back on the motorway to Savona.
The transfer to Genoa takes approximately 1 hour. The excursion is reserved for guests who do not disembark at Savona.

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Refreshments included
Booking excursions
You can book your excursions before departure at www.mycosta.it by registering and filling in the online form or, on board, by using the interactive TV system from the comfort of your own cabin or by visiting the Excursions Totem (services only available on board selected ships), or at any stage during your holiday by dropping off a completed Tour Order Form in the drop box located in the main hall of the ship. Excursions Office staff will be happy to offer you advice and assistance.

Number of participants
Some excursions require a minimum number of bookings and/or a maximum number of participants. These excursions are available on a first come first served basis, so it is advisable to book them well in advance.

Duration
The stated duration of excursions is subject to change without prior notice and can vary due to unforeseen circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions and/or transport delays. The order of certain visits may also be changed for the abovementioned reasons. You are therefore kindly asked to respect the times announced by the tour guides (stops for food, stops to take photographs, etc.).

Description
The descriptions of excursions are correct at time of publication of this document. In an effort to offer you the highest quality excursions program, in some cases the descriptions may vary slightly from the excursions themselves.

Guests with limited mobility
Please contact our onboard staff the day before your cruise. They will advise you and try to obtain the necessary equipment for your on-shore excursion.

Personalised programs
Private cars, limousines or exclusive visits can be arranged upon request on day of departure by contacting the Excursions Office.

Prices
The prices of excursions include transport available on site, which might include coach, limousine, taxi, funicular railways or boats. Meals and/or drinks are included only when specified in the itinerary of the excursion. Costa Cruises reserves the right to change the prices and itineraries of excursions without prior notice.

Children and kids
Children between the ages of 3 and 13 are entitled to a 30% discount for excursions on cruises in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, 25% for cruises in South America and Transatlantic cruises from/to South America, and 10% for cruises to the Caribbean and Transatlantic cruises from/to the Caribbean.
There is no charge for children up to the age of 3 provided that parents carry them during transportation.

Squok Club
Children between the ages of 3 and 13 can have fun at the Squok Club while their parents enjoy their excursion. The service is free, but must be requested in advance.