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Princess® welcomes you to your Grand Mediterranean cruise and to the Shore Excursion program. All of our excursions involve some walking. We recommend passengers wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes while on tour. To assist in your tour selection, please note the symbol(s) accompanying each tour description. They represent the following:

Icon Definitions



Easy

Although primarily sightseeing tours, these excursions do include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain. They also may include getting into/out of a helicopter or floatplane.



Moderate

Slightly more active, these excursions may include sitting for a period of time aboard a river raft or extended periods of standing, as while sportfishing, for example.



Strenuous

For the adventurous, these are our most active shore excursions. Activities such as canoeing, biking, hiking or kayaking are examples.



Wheelchair Accessible

This symbol indicates tours that can accommodate passengers who utilize a wheelchair. Most tour operators require that wheelchairs are collapsible. Space restrictions may preclude transport of electric wheelchairs and walkers.

Please notify the Shore Excursion Manager onboard your ship so that arrangements may be made prior to your arrival in port.



Meal Included

A meal and beverage is provided.



Snack Included

A snack is provided.



Shopping Opportunity

Shopping opportunities will be available during this excursion.

Categories

Sightseeing & City Tours

Guided tours that show you many of the top highlights of our port city and/or the local area.

Nature & Wildlife

Excursions that allow you to enjoy wilderness areas, view/interact with local fauna or marine life.

Activities & Adventures

Fun, exciting explorations that get you outdoors in the sun or surf: hikes, rides, water sports, beach visits, ziplines, flightseeing and more!

Special Interests

Focused excursions and walking tours that visit select highlights while exploring particular aspects of the port's appeal in greater depth: Cuisine, History, Art/Culture, Religion, or Guided Shopping.

Exploring On Your Own

Resources that help you make the most of an independent exploration of the area.

Badges

Most Popular

Our TOP recommendation as the ONE most representative experience for each port, these tours are always among the most popular excursions we offer.

Connoisseur

Intimate, exclusive experiences to groups no larger than 20 passengers. Each includes a special dining experience, special access or unique hard-to-duplicate experiences not offered on other tours.

Kid-Friendly

Specially designed to be enjoyable for children under 12. Lasting no more than four hours, they visit a limited number of individual sites specifically chosen based on interest/appeal to kids, offer kid-oriented commentary, activities and meals – and are priced affordably.

Off the Beaten Path

These excursions showcase distinctive, more unusual but less-frequented attractions of the port city or local area – perfect for return visitors or those looking for “something different.”

World Heritage Site

These tours visit one or more UNESCO World Heritage List properties.



Toulon (for Provence), France

Toulon has been the great bastion of the French navy since 1494, when Charles VIII chose its superb harbor as the site for a naval shipyard. Today, Toulon is homeport for the French navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carrier "Charles de Gaulle." The city is also the capital of the Var and provides an excellent gateway to the riches of Provence and the Cote d'Azur. To the north and west are medieval Provencal hilltop villages and superb vineyards. To the east lie the fabled coves and beaches of the Cote d'Azur, the setting for the legendary resort of St. Tropez. And everywhere there is the miraculous fusion of sky and sea that forms the essence of Southern France.

Toulon's Upper Town bears more than a strong resemblance to Paris - in the 1840s, the prefect of the Var was that same Baron Haussmann who gave the City of Light its elegant boulevards and architecture. Haussmann first tried his hand at urban renewal here in Toulon.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Aix: The Heart of Provence

TLN-105 Approximately 8 hours / From \$99



This all day excursion combines the best of two worlds. Not only can you experience the sights and sounds of Aix en Provence aboard your comfy air-conditioned motorcoach, but you also have the opportunity to get out, stretch your legs, and walk around this amazing town at your own pace.

Before you leave Toulon, remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a camera to capture the many glorious sights that you'll see during the day. Once you leave the bustling city of Toulon, sit back and enjoy the 90-minute ride to Aix en Provence.

After you arrive in Aix, it may be hard to imagine that Roman soldiers once made their home in this enchanting area. But, like most of Europe, the Roman Empire stretched its influence up into France, or, as it was known in the ancient world, Gaul. And this tranquil spot was the perfect location for a new Roman town. Not only was it conveniently located on the crossroads of Italy and Spain, it also featured a number of thermal springs. So in 123 B.C. the town of Aqua Sextiae was born. The name would eventually change over the centuries to Aix en Provence but water is still very important. In fact, Aix was known as a health resort at the beginning of the 20th century.

Today, the water flows through the city's many beautiful fountains. As you make your way through Aix, your informative guide will point out areas of interest including the lovely Cours Mirabeau, a wide boulevard dotted with magnificent fountains, and lined with cafes shaded by tall sycamore trees. Further on is the Mazarin Quarter. Built in the 17th century, its grid pattern of streets is filled with lovely 17th and 18th century town homes where the well-to-do once lived. Today, it's home to some of Aix's trendy boutiques.

Then, you'll make your way over to Old Town. Built on the site of a former Roman town, you'll travel around a maze of narrow streets dating back to the Middle Ages. Have your camera handy for the stunning Cathédrale St-Sauveur (Holy Savior Cathedral). From the 12th through the 19th centuries, the cathedral was built and rebuilt atop a Roman temple dedicated to Apollo. With its fascinating architectural mix of Romanesque, Gothic and Neo-Gothic elements, plus Roman columns, the cathedral is noted as a National Monument of France. After your guided sightseeing tour, you'll get to explore the town on your own. This is the perfect time to shop, enjoy lunch in a little café, visit the cathedral or just take lots of pictures.

At the end of the day, you'll return to your motorcoach for a relaxing ride back to your ship, enlightened and charmed by this beguiling city.

Special Notes

This tour involves extensive walking over uneven and cobblestoned surfaces. Not recommended for guests with limited mobility.

Shops are closed on Sundays. Bring Euros or credit cards for lunch and additional purchases. Currency may be exchanged onboard prior to your excursion.

Bormes-les-Mimosas

TLN-215 Approximately 5 hours / From \$89



From the rolling Massif des Maures mountains covered in oak and pine trees to the unspoiled beaches often visited by France's president, the village of Bormes-Les-Mimosa offers history, sunshine and captivating old stone houses topped with pink tile roofs. But did you know that this enchanting medieval town is best known for a tree from Australia?

The fragrant mimosa was imported to the French Riviera in the 18th century by the famous British explorer, Captain James Cook and

it thrived in the Mediterranean's sunny and mild climate. Today, there are more than 1,200 varieties of mimosas spread out over an 80-mile route from Bormes-les-Mimosas to Grasse (the world capital of perfume). During this four-hour excursion, your senses will be in for a treat as you take in the quaint beauty (and fragrance) of Bormes-les-Mimosas. Due to a few steep hills, be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring a camera so you can record all the beauty you'll discover on your walk.

From Toulon, you'll travel east through the scenic French Riviera aboard your air-conditioned motorcoach. Bormes-Les-Mimosa will soon come into view, and it should come as no surprise that 20 to 40-foot tall mimosa trees, as well as eucalyptus and cypress enrobe the hillsides. A few of the things you'll notice as you arrive in town are the quaint pink tiled roofs and pastel colored houses that look as if their part of sepia-toned photograph. From the comfort of your motorcoach, your guide will point out landmarks and areas of interest as you make your way into the village where you'll begin your walking tour.

A maze of narrow streets will lead to the top of the village and the ruins of the lovely Chateau de Seigneurs de Fos. Constructed between the 13th and 14th centuries, its well-preserved ramparts date from the creation of the village in the 12th century. Further up the hill is the impressive Chapelle Notre Dame de Constance, a 13th century Romanesque chapel, which is not only known for its splendid stained glass windows but for its phenomenal views. Looking out towards the Mediterranean you'll see the rocky island called the Brégançon Fort. Used in defense of the coast since 118 B.C., today, it's an official state residence for the French President. Among the dignitaries who have visited the residence are President Nixon, and Prince Charles and Princess Diana. At the end of your guided tour, you'll have some time to discover the town on your own. Sit under a shade tree with a refreshing drink in a street side café or visit the Art History Museum which boasts a fine collection of 19th and 20th century artwork and sculpture.

When your excursion comes to an end, you'll climb back aboard the motorcoach, and with your camera filled with wonderful memories, you'll return to Toulon.

Special Notes

This tour requires extensive walking uphill and over uneven and cobblestone surfaces. Not recommended for guests with limited mobility or in wheelchairs.

Bring Euros or credit cards for additional purchases. Currency may be exchanged onboard prior to your excursion.

Hyeres

TLN-225 Approximately 5 hours / From \$69



The French Riviera is full of surprises. From its soothing, Mediterranean breezes to its coastline dotted with long stretches of coves and beaches to its fascinating historical legacy, probably none is more iconic than its charming seaside villages. And the 3,000 year-old hamlet of Hyères embodies the spirit and joie de vivre of the Côte d'Azur.

This five-hour excursion combines a guided and self-guided tour so you can really experience Hyères at your own pace. Hyères has quite a few hills so wear sturdy walking shoes and bring a camera along to record each memorable and colorful moment of your visit. Your adventure begins as you board your air-conditioned motorcoach. After leaving Toulon, you'll travel along a scenic coastal route with the azure Mediterranean right outside your window. Further out you'll see the Iles d'Hyeres, a group of islands near Hyères.

As you approach Hyères, you'll be struck by the thousands of palm trees in and around the town. Seeds were brought here in the 19th century and ever since then palm trees have grown profusely. Known as the palm capital of the world, about 100,000 palm trees are exported each year, giving the town the nickname Hyères Les Palmiers. When you arrive, you'll disembark and follow your guide through the medieval city filled with shops and cafes. Hyères was one of the first health resorts on the Côte d'Azur and looking out at the spectacular beaches explains why luminaries such as Queen Victoria, Robert Louis Stevenson and D.H. Lawrence were among the first visitors.

Continuing on, you'll meander along a labyrinth of narrow streets, past the sienna-colored houses and storefronts and proceed uphill to the old part of town where your guide will point out a number of monuments dating back to the Middle Ages. In the main square sits the Chapel of St. Blaise. Commonly referred to as the Tour des Templiers, it was built in the 12th century by the Templars and used as a commandery. The Saint-Louis church is an excellent example of 13th-century Romanesque and primitive Gothic style with its central stained glass window, arched doorways, and plain exterior.

Climbing further uphill is Le Parc Sainte Claire, an outstanding garden with fantastic views of the peninsula, the bay and the islands. Further on you'll see Le Castel Sainte Clair, a 19th-century home that once belonged to novelist Edith Wharton. Finally, at the top of Hyères you'll see the Medieval Castle of Hyeres. Overlooking the town since the 13th century, its statuesque remnants remain perched on the hill, nestled in the trees. At the conclusion of your guided tour, you're free to explore Hyères on your own.

Then, with the incredible imagery, history and taste sensations from this wonderful journey in mind, you'll enjoy an idyllic drive back to ship.

Special Notes

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Scenic Drive, Sanary-sur-Mer & Bandol

TLN-295 Approximately 4 hours / From \$59



The very name Cote d'Azur conjures up a magical mix of sand, surf, sky and sea. What better way to experience it all than with this four-hour excursion that not only travels along one of the world's most famous coastlines but allows you to stop in two charming villages and experience the magic for yourself?

Your sightseeing adventure begins aboard your air-conditioned motorcoach, you'll head west toward your first destination of Sanary-sur-Mer. Listen as your tour guide points out amazing sights throughout the city, along your scenic route, and offers details regarding the various attractions in the two towns you'll be visiting. Along the way, you'll marvel at the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean on one side of your motorcoach and a series of rambling hills on the other.

Once you arrive in Sanary-sur-Mer, you'll disembark and have 45 minutes to explore this enchanting 16th century town with and without your guide. Unlike most beaches on the Riviera, Sanary-sur-Mer is open and active year 'round. With only 60 days of rain, it's been called the sunniest place in France. Have your camera handy as you discover Sanary's many delights. Want to shop for French fashions, sip a cappuccino or grab a croque madame? In the center of town you'll find shops, restaurants and cafés. Perhaps you'd like to wander around the pretty harbor. Lined with palm trees and homes painted in the pastel shades of Provence, the harbor is known for its 13th century tower, which offers panoramic views from the top. Sitting atop the town's main hill, the 16th century Chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Pitié chapel is noted for its simple architectural design and views over the bay of Sanary.

Then, you'll return to your motorcoach and continue on your journey to your second destination of Bandol. Encircled by hills in a sheltered bay, Bandol is known as the "ville tranquille" for its great weather and peaceful setting. After stepping off the motorcoach, you'll have 45 minutes to take in the sights or relax and absorb the atmosphere. The promenade, which surrounds the harbor, is lined with palm trees, pastel painted houses, cafés and restaurants, and offers an attractive walk. Take a stroll down to the beach and you can see the magnificent limestone calanques that dot the coastline from Bandol up to Marseilles while the harbor hosts impressive yachts. If you're visiting in the morning, the Place de la Liberté is the place to be. The bustling market in the center of town offers a bounty of fresh seafood, flowers, fruits and more.

But as quickly as your tour began, your odyssey comes to an end. You'll rejoin the motorcoach, for a picturesque ride back to Toulon where you'll rejoin your ship as you move onto your next port of adventures.

Special Notes

Bring Euros or credit cards for additional purchases. Currency may be exchanged onboard prior to your excursion.

Most markets and shops are closed in the afternoon from September to April; passengers should expect shopping to be limited.

Castellet, Bandol & Wine Tasting

TLN-305 Approximately 5 hours / From \$119



The Bandol region of Provence is synonymous with wine. The warm Mediterranean climate, endless days of sunshine and over 3,200 acres of rolling hills are the perfect backdrop to some of the world's most delicious wines.

During your five-hour excursion you'll visit a winery and have the opportunity to sample a collection of Bandol's best. (Wine tasting participants must be 18 years of age or over). But, first on your itinerary is a visit to the Provencal village of Le Castellet. You'll take an air-conditioned motorcoach from Toulon and travel along a picturesque route north into the heart of Provence.

Upon arriving in Le Castellet your guide will point out the many historical landmarks that abound in this tiny town that's perched on the edge of a cliff. Unlike many villages in France that showcase mere remnants of their medieval past, Le Castellet gives you the feeling that you've stepped into a 15th century fortified hamlet. Sections of the ancient ramparts still stand, as well as narrow, cobblestone streets, and stone houses adorned with climbing bougainvillea and overflowing pots of geraniums and lavender. And the hilltop castle provides spectacular views of limestone cliffs and a wealth of vineyards. However, there are many 21st century diversions. Art galleries, gift shops, boutiques and souvenir shops are tucked around the corner of nearly every square.

After you've had a chance to tour the town you'll drive south towards Bandol. It's believed that the Greeks began making wine when they settled in the region around 600 B.C. The wine they produced had a renowned reputation by the time the Romans arrived in 125 B.C. Over time, the wines of Bandol have become one of the most internationally recognized wines of Provence. There are many different factors that determine the aroma and taste of wine, from the age and varieties of vines to the climate, soil and terrain. To learn more about Bandol wines, you'll stop at a vineyard near the seaside village for a wine tasting. Whether you're a novice or a connoisseur you'll learn how to check a wine's color and clarity, how to smell, taste, and analyze the wine's flavor and aroma as you sip a glass of red, rosé and white wine.

At the conclusion of your wine experience, sit back and relax as your motorcoach travels back to Toulon and your waiting ship, taking home the knowledge of becoming more familiar with wines and hopefully sharing with your fellow passengers, family and friends.

Special Notes

This tour requires extensive walking uphill and over uneven and cobblestone surfaces. Not recommended for guests with limited mobility or in wheelchairs.

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Bormes-les-Mimosas & Hyeres

TLN-110 Approximately 8 hours / From \$99



Board your motorcoach and drive along the Corniche des Maures to Bormes-les-Mimosas. The winner of the 2003 Gold Medal from the international Entente Floral, this 12th century village is set in a magnificent natural amphitheater with sweeping views of Lavandou Bay.

Bormes is dominated by its 13th century castle, built by the Counts of Provence. After a brief guided orientation, explore the village's steep, flower-lined lanes and medieval covered passageways, a Provencal hallmark. The steepest of these passages is "Le rompu-cuou" - the "Neck-breaker." View the village's coral-colored houses and be sure to stop for photographs along the Parcours Fleuri. This flower-lined walkway near the chapel and the castle provides a panorama of Lavandou Bay, the Dom Forest and the village. Another site of interest is Fort Brégançon, the official retreat of the President of France. Browse the craft studios, art galleries and antique shops during your free time in Bormes-les-Mimosas.

Continue to the coast and Hyeres of the Palms, the oldest seaside resort on the French Riviera. Led by the English, European royalty and notables began frequenting Hyères in the 18th century. Take a guided tour of the medieval old town. Explore the narrow medieval lanes and stroll the wide boulevards below lined with palm trees. Today Hyères is a major center for palm tree production and export. Visit one of the many cafes or restaurants for lunch on your own, and browse the town's craft studios, flower shops, galleries and markets.

Following your time in Hyères, board your coach for the return drive to Toulon, enjoying offshore views of the Iles de Hyères.

Marseille & Aix-en-Provence

TLN-115 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$89



Board your motorcoach and travel west from Toulon passing La Seyne-sur-mer and La Ciotat on the approximately 1 1/2-hour drive to Marseille. Impressive Marseille is France's largest commercial port, and after setting anchor at the harbor, you will no doubt be itching to get to know the largest French city on the Mediterranean coast, a little better.

On arrival into Marseille for a narrated drive about the city, you will pass by the forts of St. Nicholas and St. John, and continue along the Canebiere, Marseille's main street. Notable sights include the impressive Notre-Dame de la Garde, the beautiful Basilica that sits on a hill overlooking the city with a superb view of the Vieux Port. This 19th-century cathedral is decorated in a Neo-Byzantine style, and the interior boasts impressive multicolored marble, mosaics and murals. You will also view the Cathedral de la Major, another striking Byzantine beauty, that was rebuilt in the late 19th century.

Your guide and driver will whisk you away from Marseille, for a drive along the highway straight to your first stop of the day, the unique town of Aix-en-Provence.

This charming city is the former medieval capital of Provence, and boasts elegant 18th and 19th century architecture, wide boulevards, charming sidewalk cafes, and wonderful shopping opportunities.

Your guide will show you around the Old Town, which is home to a stunning 12th-century cathedral Saint-Sauveur d'Aix, and also more than 200 statues, all of which are protected monuments. Then you will be left to freely browse the markets, galleries, antique emporiums and cafes, before enjoying lunch at the café or restaurant of your choice.

After you have fully explored this delightful town, you will board the motorcoach for the relaxing journey back to Toulon, via the highway.

Special Notes

This tour involves extensive walking over uneven and cobblestoned surfaces. Visitors to the Cathedral de Notre Dame must negotiate 167 steps to enter the Basilica. Not recommended for guests with limited mobility or in wheelchairs.

Bring Euros or credit cards for additional purchases. Currency may be exchanged onboard prior to your excursion.

St. Tropez & Port Grimaud

TLN-120 Approximately 9 hours / From \$179



Board your motorcoach and travel north along the coastal road through the seaside villages of La Lavandou, Cavalaire and La Croix Valmer to St. Tropez.

Once a fortified stronghold and later a sleepy fishing village, St. Tropez rocketed to fame after World War II. It became a favorite resort destination for Parisians - especially the directors of France's cinematic New Wave--Roger Vadim supposedly "discovered" Brigitte Bardot at St. Tropez. In the half-century since, St. Tropez became a favorite destination of the international jet set, while its superb sheltered bay drew yachting enthusiasts. Visitors head for that prized waterfront, where the pink and tan houses of the Vieux Port seem to glow in the sun. Enjoy some free time to explore the View Port, with its luxury yachts, tiny boutiques, galleries, cafes and restaurants.

After visiting St. Tropez, continue to the unique seaside resort of Port Grimaud. Beginning in 1962, a coastal wetland was transformed

into a waterside village where houses line over four miles of canals. Each house has a waterfront view, a garden and space to moor a boat. Stone and wood bridges span the canals, connecting the port's islets. Cafés, shops and restaurants are scattered through the community, accessible only by foot or small electric launches. Board your own electric launch for a tour through the village waterways.

Following your visit, board your motorcoach for the return trip to Toulon.

Special Notes

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Sequence of tour stops may vary.



Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy

Livorno is the gateway to glorious Tuscany. Visit Florence - the cradle of the Renaissance - home to the Duomo, the Uffizi and the Ponte Vecchio. Here the Medici fostered a city-state whose cultural legacy is as great as classical Athens. Giants like Dante, Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Galileo infused the West with a new creative spirit. Then there is Pisa, Florence's rival for political power. Pisa, a brash, commercial seafaring town rivaled the great maritime powers of Venice and Genoa. The city was a leader in art and architecture second only to Florence.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular World Heritage Site

Florence, Pisa & Statue of David

LI1-100 Approximately 10 hours / From \$219



Departing from Livorno, you will take a 90-minute motorcoach ride to Florence, one of Italy's most artistically significant cities and arguably the seat of the Renaissance. Once there, you'll start your guided walking tour within the main pedestrian centre as you head to your first destination, the Piazza Duomo Cathedral.

Duomo, or "The Dome" is notable not only for its beauty, but also its architectural importance. Representing the wealth and power of the era, it took 14 years to build using a revolutionary method that was later copied for St. Peter's in Rome and St. Paul's in London. The fourth largest church in the world, the Duomo was consecrated in 1436. Filippo Brunelleschi, master architect of the Italian Renaissance, designed the cathedral's green and white marble façade and magnificent dome.

Follow your guide to see Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistry with its magnificent doors featuring scenes from the Bible sculpted on a series of bronze panels. The doors on the east side of the Baptistry are especially stunning so much so that Michelangelo dubbed them the "Gates of Paradise."

After a short walk, your tour continues to the Piazza Della Signoria, the political heart of the city from the Middle Ages to the present day. The square, which sits in front of the Palazzo Vecchio, or the "Old Palace" is in effect an open-air museum. Copies of some of the world's most renowned statues hold court in the Piazza Della Signoria, including Michelangelo's David. The statue came to symbolize the defense of civil liberties embodied in the Florentine Republic. Be sure to note the eyes of David, with a warning glare, are turned towards Rome.

Continuing on your adventure, you will stop at the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge and the Piazza St. Croce - the final resting place of such notables as Galileo, Machiavelli and Michelangelo.

One look at the crowd at the Accademia and you'll know there's something extremely special inside. What was once the world's first art school is now the home of one the greatest sculptures of all time - David by Michelangelo. While you'll see a replica of the statue in the Piazza della Signoria, the original is truly breathtaking. Sculpted between 1501 and 1504, it stands over 13 feet tall, and is spectacular in its detail. You'll get to spend approximately an hour here, admiring the many works of Michelangelo, and other Renaissance masters.

After your busy morning filled with memorable sightseeing activities, it's time to take a break and enjoy lunch at a first class restaurant. You can also take advantage of some free time for shopping in St. Croce Square.

Refreshed, you'll return to your motorcoach for a relaxing ride through the countryside as you head for Pisa and the Leaning Tower.

A short 15-minute walk brings you to the Piazza dei Miracoli, or Square of Miracles, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The square is dominated by sculptures and monuments, most notably the famous Leaning Tower. The time is yours to enjoy on your own. However, don't let the fame of the Tower distract you from the overall beauty of the other architectural wonders, which were built in the highly original Pisan style. The beautifully decorated cemetery, or Campo Santo, contains 53 cartloads of earth that the Crusaders brought from Jerusalem. And it is said that Galileo, a native of Pisa, used the Cathedral to study the movement of the pendulum, and the Leaning Tower to work out his laws of gravity and acceleration.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach and a scenic return to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The Accademia is closed on Mondays, May 1st and on some other holidays. A visit to the interior of Santa Croce Church will be substituted. The chapels adjacent to the altar are decorated with Giotto's frescoes of St. Francis and St. John. Santa Croce also possesses Donatello's eloquent "Annunciation." Proper attire that covers shoulders and knees is recommended for both men and women for the Church of Santa Croce. Also, photography is not permitted inside.

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

All sightseeing will be on foot, as motorcoaches are not allowed in the main center of Florence. Most of the sights are seen from the outside only.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various sites in the city.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

Florence, Statue of David & Uffizi Museum **L11-105 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$249**



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From the Accademia, you'll follow your guide to the Piazza del Duomo and one of Florence's most recognizable landmarks - the Duomo, or "The Dome" that graces the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Consecrated in 1436, it's the fourth largest church in the world.

The piazza is also home to the Baptistery, one of the oldest buildings in the city, thought to date back to the 4th century. The Baptistery is renowned for its three sets of artistically important bronze doors featuring relief sculptures of scenes from the Bible, as well as its fine 13th Century mosaics and other masterpieces.

Your walking tour resumes as you follow your guide to the Piazza Della Signoria, the political heart of the city from the Middle Ages to the present day. The square, which sits in front of the Palazzo Vecchio, or the "Old Palace", is in effect an open-air museum, with some of the world's most renowned statues holding court.

Continuing your adventure, you will pause for photos at the famous Ponte Vecchio Bridge before stopping for a much-needed break and a delicious lunch, with wine, of course, at a first class restaurant.

Refreshed, you're then ready to explore the renowned Uffizi Museum and Gallery. As one of the oldest and most famous museums of the Western world, it's rivaled only by the Louvre in its collection of Renaissance masterworks. Originally, it was built to serve as administrative offices, but it now displays such notable works as Leonardo da Vinci's The Annunciation, Sandro Botticelli's The Birth of Venus and Rembrandt's self portraits, to name a few.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach and a scenic return to Livorno and your ship. Relaxing in the comfort of your motorcoach, you will leave this jewel of the Renaissance, but take a lifetime of memories home.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not operate on Mondays as the Accademia and Uffizi are closed.

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1.5 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions. There will be a brief restroom stop at the authentic Florentine Leather Factory en route to Florence where you will find the finest "made in Italy" leather articles.

All sightseeing will be on foot, as motorcoaches are not allowed in the main center of Florence. Most of the sights are seen from the outside only. You might encounter considerable crowds and delays at the museums and venues during peak season. Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

This tour uses headsets.



Florence, Pisa, Statue of David & Uffizi Museum

L11-155 Approximately 10 hours / From \$399

Departing from Livorno, you will take a scenic 90-minute motorcoach ride to Florence, one of Italy's most artistically significant cities and arguably the seat of the Renaissance. Once in the city, you'll start your guided walking tour as you head to your first destination, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Historic Center of Florence and the Galleria dell'Accademia and the Uffizi Museum and Gallery, home to some of the greatest masterpieces in the world.

One look at the crowd at the Accademia and you'll know there's something extremely special inside. What was once the world's first art school is now the home of one of the greatest sculptures of all time - David by Michelangelo. While you'll see a replica of the statue in the Piazza della Signoria, the original is truly breathtaking. Sculpted between 1501 and 1504, it stands over 13 feet tall, and is spectacular in its detail. You'll get to spend an hour here, admiring the many works of Michelangelo, and other Renaissance masters.

From the Accademia, you'll follow your guide to the Piazza del Duomo and one of Florence's most recognizable landmarks - the Duomo, or "The Dome" that graces the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Consecrated in 1436, it's the fourth largest church in the world.

The piazza is also home to the Baptistery, one of the oldest buildings in the city, thought to date back to the 4th century. The Baptistery is renowned for its three sets of artistically important bronze doors featuring relief sculptures of scenes from the Bible, as well as its fine 13th Century mosaics and other masterpieces. During the tour, you'll stop at a wholesale showroom specializing in discounted gold items.

Your walking tour resumes as you follow your guide to the Piazza Della Signoria, the political heart of the city from the Middle Ages to the present day. Within the square you'll see some of the world's most renowned statues holding court. From here, you'll walk to the renowned Uffizi Museum and Gallery. As one of the oldest and most famous museums of the Western world, it's rivaled only by the Louvre in its collection of Renaissance masterpieces including such notable works as Leonardo da Vinci's The Annunciation, Sandro Botticelli's The Birth of Venus and Rembrandt's self portraits, to name a few.

Continuing your adventure, you'll re-board your motorcoach for a scenic ride through the Tuscan countryside, stopping at a luxury restaurant to enjoy a delicious first-class meal, wine included, of course.

Refreshed, you'll continue your ride, arriving at in Pisa at the Piazza dei Miracoli, or Square of Miracles, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sculptures and monuments, most notably, the famous Leaning Tower, dominate the square. The time is yours to take photos and enjoy on your own.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach and a scenic return to Livorno and your ship. As you drive through the picturesque scenery, you'll take with you a lifetime of memories.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not operate on Mondays as the Accademia and Uffizi are closed.

This excursion is non-refundable and may not be exchanged once onboard ship.

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1.5 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

All sightseeing will be on foot, as motorcoaches are not allowed in the main center of Florence. Most of the sights are seen from the outside only. You may encounter considerable crowds and delays during peak season. This tour involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces. Not recommended for passengers in wheelchairs or with limited mobility.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues.

This tour uses headsets.



Cinque Terre

L11-160 Approximately 10 hours / From \$159

You and your English-speaking escort will depart from Livorno for a scenic ride to the popular Italian Riviera and Manarola, one of the five villages that make up the Cinque Terre, or "Five Lands." This picturesque area of coastline, the five villages, and the surrounding hillsides are all part of the Cinque Terre National Park and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

As you approach, you'll see homes, shops, and buildings that seem to defy gravity as they cling to the rocky terrain. So, too, do the terraced grape vineyards and olive orchards. Many of these towns are inaccessible by car. Instead, train, boat and walking paths are the main modes of transportation. Upon arrival in Manarola, your local guide will greet you and you'll be introduced into the beauties and the history of the area with a guided tour of the village followed by some free time. Once ready, you'll board a motorboat for a

45-minute Mediterranean coastal cruise along the whole Cinque Terre. The breath-taking scenic beauty, charm and romance of this area is so intense, it's almost unfair. Gratefully, the National Park status helps protect the way of life, as well as the environment. Here, wine growers still use monorail mechanisms to ferry themselves up and the grapes down their unique vineyards, and in some cases have to harvest by boat. If the terraced hillsides are not worked, they will quite literally slide into the sea.

The main portion of your motorboat tour ends in Vernazza. Here, you'll disembark for an hour of shopping and exploring. Notice how the local villagers have adopted to the narrow and steep streets and terrain.

After spending the morning sightseeing, you'll be reach to sample some of the cuisine. You'll return to your motorboat for a short 15-minute trip to Monterosso, the largest, and most "metropolitan" of the five towns. Here, after the guide's introduction of the village, you will have the chance to taste the flavours of the area with a pesto tasting accompanied by a glass of wine produced in the territory.

Then, you'll have an hour and a half to enjoy lunch on your own and more shopping. And there are many specialties to try. The Cinque Terre and surrounding area are known for its seafood, wine and pesto. Monterosso is also where you'll find the only sandy beach in the area. With its crystal blue water and picturesque setting, it's no wonder locals and visitors flock to it.

Take a local train to Levanto, close-by village, where your motorcoach is waiting for you for a scenic return back to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The Path of Love has been closed due to a landslide. Until reopened, tour will start with Manarola and then from there by boat (or by train in case of rough sea) to Monterosso with a stop in Vernazza. A pesto tasting is offered in alternative in Monterosso.

In case of poor sea conditions, this will operate by bus and train. Passengers will go to Manarola by bus and then proceed by train to Vernazza and Monterosso.

Please be aware that the tour involves a steep slope at Manarola and flights of stairs in the other villages.

Please note that Cinque Terre is a popular tour destination; you may encounter crowds.

Euros are required for purchasing lunch and refreshments.

World Heritage Site

Florence & Time On Your Own

LI1-180 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$99



Departing from Livorno, you will take a 90-minute motorcoach ride to Florence, and spend the day getting to know the art, architecture, and culture that have influenced generations throughout the world. Once there, you'll be able to enjoy the insight of a local guide as well as time to explore on your own.

You'll start your day with a guided walking tour in the Historic Center of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your first stop- the iconic Duomo, or "The Dome" that graces the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the most famous building of the Florentine skyline. During your free time later in the day, you may choose to visit the Duomo where, upon entering, you can look up to view the dome's interior, adorned with a fresco of the Last Supper and beautiful stained glass. In the Cathedral Museum you'll see The Deposition, a famous pieta, created by Michelangelo at the age of 80. The face of Nicodemus in this pieta is widely considered to be a self-portrait of Michelangelo himself.

Follow your guide to see Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery, the oldest building in the city. Not only does it host fine 13th Century mosaics, but its known for its magnificent bronze doors featuring scenes from the Bible. In fact, the doors on the east side of the Baptistery are especially stunning, so much so that Michelangelo dubbed them the "Gates of Paradise."

After a short walk, your tour continues to the Piazza Della Signoria, the political heart of the city from the Middle Ages to the present day. The square, which sits in front of the Palazzo Vecchio, or the "Old Palace", is in effect an open-air museum. Copies of some of the world's most renowned statues hold court in the Piazza Della Signoria, including a copy of Michelangelo's David. You can see the original sculpture in the Gallery of the Accademia di Belle Arti, a premier Florence art museum that hosts a number of notable Florentine Renaissance and Gothic masterpieces.

Continuing on your adventure, you will stop at the famous medieval Ponte Vecchio bridge for a chance to take a few photos, then continue on to Piazza St. Croce - the final resting place of such notables as Galileo, Machiavelli and Michelangelo. It's here where the guided portion of your tour ends, and your imaginations take over. Your guide will finalize the time and place you'll meet your escort for the return trip before you're free to spend the next three hours on your own.

Take to the streets and absorb the culture. Sample the Florentine cafes. View the stunning art and architecture of other remarkable highlights including the Uffizi Museum and Gallery, one the Western world's oldest and most famous museums, and Pitti Palace. And, of course, shop for the perfect remembrances of your truly remarkable day, before returning to your pick-up point and your scenic ride back to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate all voyages for the Royal Princess and Pacific Princess voyages.

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

All sightseeing will be on foot, as motorcoaches are not allowed in the main center of Florence. Most of the sights are seen from the outside only. Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and knees is recommended for both men and women for the Church of Santa Croce. Also, photography is not permitted inside. Tour groups are not allowed inside the Church of Santa Croce during mass services. Entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently.

Euros are required for lunch and entrance fees. Plan to exchange currency onboard the ship, or at a local currency exchange

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site**Leaning Tower of Pisa**

L11-200 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$99



Departing from Livorno, you will take a short 30-minute motorcoach ride to Pisa, one of Tuscany's most beautiful cities, and where you'll get to explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Il Campo dei Miracoli, or "the Field of Miracles." That's the home of the famed Leaning Tower, which is actually the cathedral's bell tower, as well the Duomo, the Baptistry, the Monumental Cemetery and museums.

A short 15-minute walk brings you to the Piazza dei Miracoli, or Square of Miracles. There, your guide will give you a brief explanation and history of the Tower. Many people ask why it leans, or what was its original purpose? The Tower was meant to be the bell tower for the Cathedral, but due to its faulty design and loose soil beneath it, it didn't come to be. Unfortunately, it started leaning soon after construction started in the 12th Century. Galileo, a native of Pisa, used this structure of wonder and beauty to help him determine his laws of gravity and acceleration. (He used the Cathedral to study the movement of the pendulum, too.) Your guide will give you much more in-depth information about the Tower.

After your short talk, you'll have a 30-minute break to get up close and take pictures before reconvening with your group. Don't let the fame of the Tower distract you from the overall beauty of the other architectural marvels in the Square, all built in the highly original Pisan style. You'll rejoin your guide to learn more about the other buildings as he or she walks you to the Duomo (the Cathedral) and the Baptistry.

You'll then be on your own for an hour to shop, explore and enjoy the beauty of the Piazza. You may want to visit the beautifully decorated cemetery, or Campo Santo, which contains 53 cartloads of earth that the Crusaders brought from Jerusalem.

Your memorable sightseeing day concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach for your scenic return to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

If you wish to independently visit the Cathedral, the Baptistry or Campo Santo, an admission fee is required, so plan to carry Euros with you. Recently re-opened, admittance to the tower is limited and is not included in the excursion.

Photography is not permitted in the Cathedral.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Tour groups are not allowed inside the Cathedral during mass services. Entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently.

Off the Beaten Path**Lucca**

L11-205 Approximately 4 hours / From \$85



Designed for those who appreciate history and stunning architecture, this four-hour excursion offers a little bit of everything - a guided walking tour, free time, and plenty of photo opportunities.

Board your air-conditioned motorcoach in Livorno and travel north through the Tuscan hills to the ancient city of Lucca. A Roman colony in 180 B.C., the city's the original Roman street plan has been preserved.

When you arrive, your guide will lead you through the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro where traces of the Roman amphitheater can still be seen. As you stroll through the ancient streets, you'll see the church of San Michele in Foro, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. Dating back to the 12th century, this stunning example of Romanesque architecture features one of the most interesting facades in Italy. Outside, its four colonnaded levels of gleaming white marble are inlaid with a menagerie of real and mythical animals. The dimly lit interior hosts a painted wooden crucifix with the Virgin Mary and St. John dating from the late 12th century and a white enameled relief of the Madonna and Child, attributed to the famous Italian sculptor Luca della Robbia.

Continuing on, to the Piazza San Martino, you'll see the Lucca Duomo. Consecrated in 1070 by Pope Alexander II, this beautiful marble cathedral features magnificent Romanesque sculptures on its façade and a much-revered crucifix and notable works of early Renaissance art inside.

Board your motorcoach and return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Photography and video are not permitted inside the Duomo.

Tour groups are not allowed inside the Duomo during mass services. Entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently.

Shopping is limited on Sundays.

World Heritage Site

Leaning Tower of Pisa by Trolley

L11-290 Approximately 3.25 hours / From \$99



Departing from Livorno, you will take a short 30-minute motorcoach ride to Pisa, one of Tuscany's most beautiful cities, and where you'll get to explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Il Campo dei Miracoli, or "the Field of Miracles." That's the home of the famed Leaning Tower, which is actually the cathedral's bell tower, as well the Duomo, the Baptistry, the Monumental Cemetery and museums.

Once you arrive, you'll start your visit at the Pisa Historical Center, boarding the trolley for a 45-minute tour beginning on Via Santa Maria, with its many distinguished buildings. It was intentionally built so that it's impossible to see what comes next, building the anticipation as you approach Miracle Square or Piazza dei Miracoli.

As you approach, you'll see the square dominated by sculptures and monuments, most notably the famous Leaning Tower. Get your camera ready, because you'll no doubt want to take photos as your trolley tour brings you past the noted holy buildings in the Piazza including the Duomo and Baptistry, and of course, the Campanile (the Leaning Tower). The beautifully decorated cemetery, or Campo Santo, contains 53 cartloads of earth that the Crusaders brought from Jerusalem. And it is said that Galileo, a native of Pisa, used the Cathedral to study the movement of the pendulum, and the Leaning Tower to work out his laws of gravity and acceleration.

After your trolley tour ends, you'll have an hour to explore on your own, stop at one of the local cafés just steps from Miracle Field, take in the beauty and history of the area. Then, you'll re-board the trolley for a short ride back to your motorcoach for the short trip back to your ship in Livorno.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Restoration is ongoing at several sites.

Special Interests

Tuscany Wine Cellar & Carriage Ride

L11-300 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$99



Departing from Livorno, you will board your motorcoach for a relaxing scenic ride through the lush Tuscan countryside. In fact, the green rolling hills, wide fields of vineyards and olive groves, small stone villages, characteristic parishes and countryside homes in stone are so beautiful, you'll find pictures of them on postcards and calendars all over the world.

You'll arrive at the estate of one of the area's renowned wine cellars. Once there, you'll tour the winery and learn how these delicious

wines are produced. You'll view the cellars where the wines are aged to perfection. You'll also board a horse-drawn carriage for a romantic journey through the Estate's vineyards, where the Sangiovese grapes are grown. These are the principal grapes used in the production of Chianti. You'll get to see the vineyard cultivation of the red and white wines along with the olive trees that produce some of the area's finest oils in the world.

It's then time to sample the wares! You'll get to taste a variety of the house wines accompanied by bread, olive oil, cheese and salami. You will also have the opportunity to try vin santo - a sweet dessert wine, all made at this estate. You'll be able to purchase your favorites to take back with you.

Your tour concludes with another picturesque motorcoach ride back to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Livorno and the Tuscany Estate is approximately 30 minutes each way.

World Heritage Site

Florence, The Chianti Region & Wine Tasting

LI1-305 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$229



Departing from Livorno, you will take a 90-minute motorcoach ride to Florence, one of Italy's most artistically significant cities and arguably the seat of the Renaissance. Your first destination is the Historical Center of the city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Just a short 15-minute walk, and you'll be in Santa Croce Square. This Piazza once held public meetings, and was where Franciscan monks preached to the people. Now, you'll see many artisans selling their creations, street entertainers, as well as the spectacular Cathedral and other historical buildings. You'll have two and a half hours to do as you please. Enjoy some shopping, browse the artists' wares, or tour the Basilica, the largest Franciscan church in the world. The legend is St Francis, himself, founded it. This superb 14th-century church is the final resting place of many notable Italians including Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo, and where you can view works by other famous artists such as Giorgio Vasari, and Donatello.

After your visit around the Historical Center, you'll meet at Lungarno della Zecca, your pick up point, for your scenic ride through the lush countryside of Chianti to the town of Greve.

The green rolling hills, wide fields of vineyards and olive groves, small stone villages, characteristic parishes and countryside homes in stone are so beautiful, you'll find pictures of them on postcards and calendars all over the world. Many of the area wineries also feature Castellos, or castles. After your busy morning sightseeing, you'll get to enjoy a delicious Tuscan lunch, including wine (of course) in one of the leading Castles in Greve.

After lunch and a visit to the castle's cantina, it's a short ride to Greve, the center and unofficial capitol of the Chianti region. The town dates back to the 11th Century. The Franciscan monastery is still at the heart of the old part of the city, as is the triangular main piazza, where a market has been running more or less continuously for centuries serving the nearby castle communities and hamlets. You'll have 45 minutes for shopping and a visit to the Wine museum (time permitting) before returning to your motorcoach for your ride back to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions. The drive back from Greve in Chianti to Livorno is approximately 1 3/4 hours.

Pisa, San Gimignano & Wine Tasting

LI1-310 Approximately 9 hours / From \$139



An excursion richly steeped in history and filled with world-renowned attractions, your adventure begins as soon as you board your motorcoach in Livorno and travel out into the rolling hills of Tuscany en route to San Gimignano, a small hamlet known as the "city of beautiful towers." During the middle ages, the town was an important center for trade and for pilgrims traveling to or from Rome on the Via Francigena.

As your motorcoach nears San Gimignano, you'll see the famous towers jutting into the city skyline. Built during the Middle Ages by the city's wealthy landowners, there were originally 72 towers but only 14 have survived.

Upon arriving in San Gimignano, disembark and have 90 minutes to take in the city at your own pace. Walk along the narrow cobbled streets of the city's historic center, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, noted for its architecture. One of the first sights you'll want to see is the Piazza Duomo, the heart of San Gimignano. Walking into this plaza is like walking straight into the Middle Ages. Three medieval buildings face one another in this triangular-shaped space - the most important is the Collegiata, a Romanesque cathedral known for its fine frescoes.

After your self-guided tour, return to the coach and make your way to a local winery to learn how Tuscan wines are produced followed by a sampling of house wines accompanied by bread, olive oil cheese and salami.

Your next destination is Pisa. Disembark near the Piazza dei Miracoli known as the "Field of Miracles." Here, your guide will conduct a brief history lesson on this amazing city and then you're off to explore on your own.

Not only is the Piazza the site of the famed Leaning Tower but other historical and architectural treasures are here to be discovered. The Cathedral of Pisa, erected in 1064, is a perfect example of Pisan Romanesque style. Nearby is the Camposanto, the burial place of Pisa's upper middle class. Constructed in 1278 around sacred dirt brought back from a town outside Jerusalem, the long, rectangular stretch of well-tended grass is surrounded by Gothic marble cloisters and filled with funerary monuments.

Of course, you can't miss the free-standing Cathedral bell tower, commonly known as the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Its construction began in 1173 and continued for about two hundred years. Although the name of the architect is unknown, it is known that the 187-foot tall marble tower began to sink to the second floor in 1178. Today, the Tower leans 14-degrees from its center.

At the completion of your tour, you'll climb back aboard your motorcoach and travel along the same stunning scenic route back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Livorno and St. Gimignano is approximately 1 3/4 hours each way.

Exploring On Your Own

World Heritage Site

Florence On Your Own

L11-185 Approximately 9 hours / From \$89



You and your English-speaking escort will depart from Livorno to the jewel of the Renaissance - Florence. During your 90-minute motorcoach ride, your escort will give you some general information about the city, as well as maps to help you plan out your day of adventure.

Your drop off point is near the Historic Center of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Just a short 15-minute walk, and you'll be in St. Croce Square. This Piazza once held public meetings, and was where Franciscan monks preached to the people. Now, you can browse the many artisans selling their creations, enjoy the street entertainers, and of, course, tour the Cathedral. The Basilica is the largest Franciscan church in the world, and legend is St Francis, himself, founded it. This superb 14th-century church is the final resting place of many notable Italians including Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo, and where you can view works by other famous artists such as Giorgio Vasari, and Donatello.

Once you finalize your return time and meeting point, you'll be free to enjoy the next five hours to explore on your own. To get some stunning 360 degree overviews of the city, you may want to climb the stairs of the city's most iconic landmark, the Duomo or "The Dome" gracing the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. It's well worth the trip. Regardless, you'll want to see the dome's interior, adorned with a fresco of the Last Supper and beautiful stained glass. Across the square are Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery, one of the oldest buildings in the city, thought to date back to the 4th century. The Baptistery is renowned for its three sets of artistically important bronze doors with relief sculptures featuring scenes from the Bible, as well as fine 13th Century mosaics and other masterpieces.

Another short walk and you can visit the Piazza Della Signoria, the political heart of the city from the Middle Ages to the present day. The square, which sits in front of the Palazzo Vecchio, or the "Old Palace", is in effect an open-air museum. Some of the world's most renowned statues hold court in the Piazza Della Signoria, including a copy of Michelangelo's David. The original David is located in the Gallery of the Accademia di Belle Arti, a premier Florence art museum that hosts a number of notable Florentine Renaissance and Gothic masterpieces.

As you can see, the city offers so much to see and do. The day is yours to design as you wish. Wander the streets and absorb the culture. Dine like a true Florentine in the cafes. View the stunning art and architecture that influenced the ages up close. And, of course, shop for the perfect remembrances of your truly remarkable day, before returning to your pick-up point and your scenic ride back to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1.5 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

All sightseeing will be on foot, as motorcoaches are not allowed in the main center of Florence.

You may encounter considerable crowds and delays at the museums and venues during peak season.

World Heritage Site

Florence & Pisa On Your Own

L11-190 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$99



Departing from Livorno, you will take a short motorcoach ride to Pisa. While on board, your escort will give you some general information about the city, as well as maps to help you plan out your day of adventure. Here's a tip - You'll need Euros to pay for lunch, shopping and entry fees throughout your day. You can exchange currency onboard ship or at a local currency exchange.

Pisa is one of Tuscany's most beautiful cities. You'll have 60 minutes to explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site. A short walk from your motorcoach the Piazza dei Miracoli, or Square of Miracles. You'll notice that sculptures and monuments, most notably, the famous Leaning Tower, dominate the square. In addition to the Tower, you may want to visit the beautifully decorated cemetery, or Campo Santo, which contains 53 cartloads of earth that the Crusaders brought from Jerusalem or some of the other museums.

Shop, explore and enjoy the beauty of the area before returning to your motorcoach to continue your day of adventure in Florence.

You'll arrive in the Historic Center of Florence, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once you finalize your return time and meeting point, you'll have four hours on your own. Wander the streets and absorb the culture. Dine like a true Florentine in the cafes. View the stunning art and architecture that influenced the ages up close. And, of course, shop for the perfect remembrances of your truly remarkable day. Here's another travel tip - Florence's most elegant shopping street is the Via Tornabuoni, while the shops on the historic Ponte Vecchio have been selling elegant jewelry since 1593. Antiques, leather goods and hand-sewn lingerie are other Florentine specialties. For cappuccino and excellent people watching, try a sidewalk café in the Piazza della Signoria.

Within the Historic Center is a wealth of sightseeing opportunities. St. Croce Square once held public meetings, now you can browse the many artisans selling their creations and enjoy the street entertainers. You'll find the final resting place of many notable Italians including Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo in the superb 14th-century Basilica located there.

To get some stunning 360 degree overviews of the city, you may want to climb the stairs of the famed Duomo gracing the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Across the square is the Baptistery, one of the oldest buildings in the city, known for its artistically important bronze doors with relief sculptures featuring scenes from the Bible.

You won't want to miss the Uffizi Museum and Gallery, one of the oldest and most famous museums of the Western world. It's rivaled only by the Louvre in its collection of Renaissance masterworks. And, you'll find the original of Michelangelo's masterpiece, David in the Galleria dell'Accademia.

As you can see, there is so much to see and do. The day is yours to design as you wish before returning to your pick-up point and your scenic ride back to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1.5 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

All sightseeing will be on foot, as motorcoaches are not allowed in the main center of Florence.

You may encounter considerable crowds and delays at the museums and venues during peak season.

World Heritage Site

Florence On Your Own (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

L11-186 Approximately 9 hours / From \$109



You and your English-speaking escort will depart from Livorno to the jewel of the Renaissance - Florence. During your 90-minute motorcoach ride, your escort will give you some general information about the city, as well as maps to help you plan out your day of adventure.

Your drop off point is near the Historic Center of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Just a short 15-minute walk, and you'll be in St. Croce Square. This Piazza once held public meetings, and was where Franciscan monks preached to the people. Now, you can browse the many artisans selling their creations, enjoy the street entertainers, and of, course, tour the Cathedral. The Basilica is the largest Franciscan church in the world, and legend is St Francis, himself, founded it. This superb 14th-century church is the final resting place of many notable Italians including Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo, and where you can view works by other famous artists such as Giorgio Vasari, and Donatello.

Once you finalize your return time and meeting point, you'll be free to enjoy the next five hours to explore on your own. To get some stunning 360 degree overviews of the city, you may want to climb the stairs of the city's most iconic landmark, the Duomo or "The Dome" gracing the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. It's well worth the trip. Regardless, you'll want to see the dome's interior, adorned with a fresco of the Last Supper and beautiful stained glass. Across the square are Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery, one of the oldest buildings in the city, thought to date back to the 4th century. The Baptistery is renowned for its three sets of artistically important bronze doors with relief sculptures featuring scenes from the Bible, as well as fine 13th Century mosaics and other masterpieces.

Another short walk and you can visit the Piazza Della Signoria, the political heart of the city from the Middle Ages to the present day. The square, which sits in front of the Palazzo Vecchio, or the "Old Palace", is in effect an open-air museum. Some of the world's most renowned statues hold court in the Piazza Della Signoria, including a copy of Michelangelo's David. The original David is located in the Gallery of the Accademia di Belle Arti, a premier Florence art museum that hosts a number of notable Florentine Renaissance and Gothic masterpieces.

As you can see, the city offers so much to see and do. The day is yours to design as you wish. Wander the streets and absorb the culture. Dine like a true Florentine in the cafes. View the stunning art and architecture that influenced the ages up close. And, of course, shop for the perfect remembrances of your truly remarkable day, before returning to your pick-up point and your scenic ride back to Livorno and your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as LI1-185. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book LI1-185. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

The drive between Livorno and Florence is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

All sightseeing will be on foot, as motorcoaches are not allowed in the main center of Florence.

You may encounter considerable crowds and delays at the museums and venues during peak season.



Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

Your gateway to the Eternal City, Civitavecchia has served as Rome's seaport since the 13th century. The port has a long and venerable history. The emperor Trajan built a pleasure villa near the modern city, while Bernini and Michelangelo designed the harbor fortifications.

Yet the Eternal City eternally beckons. The ancient capital of the Western World and the center of Christianity for nearly 2,000 years, Rome provides an inexhaustible feast. Visit the ruins of the Forum, view the splendors of the Sistine Chapel, or climb the Spanish Steps, once the heart of Rome's Bohemian Quarter.

Rome has been a magnet luring the world's greatest artists, architects, and philosophers since the days of the Caesars.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular World Heritage Site

St. Peter's, Sistine Chapel & Colosseum

ROM-100 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$279



Departing from Civitavecchia, your 90-minute motorcoach ride to the heart of Rome takes you through the glorious Roman countryside and along the Tyrrhenian Sea. Once in the city, you'll walk to your first destination, the Vatican Museums.

A testament to the power of papal art patronage and curatorial talent, the Vatican Museums contain masterpieces of painting, sculpture and other works of art collected by the popes through the centuries. Walking through select portions of the museums with your knowledgeable guide, you'll marvel at the astonishingly rich collections and their significance throughout history.

You'll know immediately when you have reached the Sistine Chapel, because all eyes are gazing up at the heavenly ceiling and there is a powerful hush that descends as you enter. The famous Sistine ceiling depicts scenes from Genesis in dramatic and moving detail and Michelangelo's The Last Judgment on the chapel's end wall is striking and powerful. In addition to these famous artworks, the sidewalls are covered with important Renaissance frescoes of Moses, Christ and contemporary popes. But the Sistine Chapel is more than the sum of its artistic wonders; it is a symbolic statement of papal authority and the place in which papal elections in conclave are held to this day.

Your tour continues as you walk through the impressive St. Peter's Square. With its fountains and semicircular colonnades crowned with statues of the saints, the square perfectly frames the Basilica's entrance. The first church here was built by Constantine on the site where St. Peter was martyred and buried. Michelangelo deserves much of the credit for the massive reconstruction and his famous "Pieta" masterpiece is located inside. You'll have an opportunity to purchase religious articles and other mementos of this unforgettable and spiritual experience.

A brief stroll returns you to your motorcoach for a scenic drive to a 1st class hotel/restaurant for lunch. Aboard, you'll have a moment to relax, see the sights, and anticipate your sumptuous meal. A glass of Italian wine, sparkling mineral water and a traditional meal made with fresh, local ingredients is a welcome respite in your day.

Refreshed from lunch, you'll board your motorcoach and travel a short distance to one of the grandest of all Rome's monuments, the Colosseum.

A short walk brings this iconic, imposing structure into view, and you are immediately taken back in time. Once inside, it is easy to imagine the magnificence of ancient Rome. The grandest amphitheaters ever built, no building in existence gives such an impression of imposing size. Be sure to photograph this awe-inspiring icon from several angles to truly capture its architectural significance. The Colosseum holds a special place in the history of the Roman Catholic Church, and on each Good Friday, the Pope leads a torch-lit "Way of the Cross" procession that starts in the area around it.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach and a scenic return to Civitavecchia. Relaxing in the comfort of your motorcoach, you will leave the Eternal City but take a lifetime of memories home.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on Sundays, public holidays and religious holidays due to the closure of the Vatican Museums, which houses the Sistine Chapel (It will be replaced by ROM010)

This Tour will not operate on Regal Princess G426 (Civitavecchia calling on Aug. 15th 2014) and on Regal Princess G429 (Civitavecchia calling on Sept. 14th 2014).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Sightseeing in the Vatican City will be on foot as motorcoaches are not permitted in the vicinity.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. In addition visitors are often required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water at a desk.

Please note that for tour groups on visit to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica the use of headsets owned and provided by the respective site's managements is compulsory.

Visitors must pass through metal detectors at the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk.

You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the Vatican Museum and other venues. Should your guide determine that the queue at the St. Peter's Basilica security check point is longer than a 45-minute wait, they will forego the interior visit of the Basilica and provide you with a full explanation and description while outside. You will be provided more time during your shopping or free period to compensate for not entering the basilica.

Flash photos are not permitted in the Vatican Museum. Photography and video are not permitted at all in the Sistine Chapel.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

The guides usually do not accompany the buses from the ship or on the return drive from Rome to Civitavecchia.

Tour groups are not allowed inside St. Peter's Basilica during religious services. However, entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently. Please be aware that Basilica might close for security reason at any given time without previous notice.

This tour involves a great amount of walking, therefore it is not recommended to Guests with walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

This tour uses headsets. Please be aware that guests will be responsible for the headset devices provided. For both Vatican Museum & St. Peter's Basilica, the headset company will charge 50.00 euro for every missing device.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

World Heritage Site

St. Peter's, Colosseum, Forum & St Peter's in Chains

ROM-105 Approximately 10 hours / From \$229



Board your motorcoach for the approximately 1 1/2 hour drive from Civitavecchia to Rome, enjoying views of the countryside and the Tyrrhennian Sea. Your scenic drive through Rome passes famous landmarks including Trajan's Column, the Arch of Constantine, the Circus Maximus, the Piazza Venezia, the Villa Borghese and the Castel S'Angelo. Disembark near the Colosseum for your walking of the ancient city.

To the Romans, the massive ruin we know as the Colosseum was the Amphitheatrum Flavium, named for the dynasty of emperors who oversaw its construction and completion from 72 - 96 A.D. This enormous arena featured 76 numbered entrances and seating for 50,000 spectators. Gazing down on the what was once the arena floor, you can see the Colosseum's subterranean passages where animals and apparatus were once housed. The entertainments offered ranged from gladiatorial combats to staged sea battles, historic reenactments and even mass executions. Gladiatorial combat lasted until 404 AD, while animal combats endured to the middle of the 6th century. The Colosseum later served as a fortress, prison - even a Christian shrine.

From the Colosseum, make your way past the Arch of Titus - one of the three Flavian emperors who oversaw construction of the great arena - and enter the ruins of the Roman Forum. Nestled between the Capitoline and Palatine Hills, this small valley was the center of political, religious and commercial life in Ancient Rome. Stroll past the ruins of the Temple of Venus and Roma, the Temple of Castor and Pollux, the basilicas of Maxentius and Constantine, and, near the foot of the Capitoline (today's Campidoglio), the great triumphal Arch of Septimius Severus. The ruins bring home the reality of Rome as a world empire that stretched from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf.

Passing the great triumphal Arch of Septimius Severus, continue to St. Peter's in Chains. The basilica was first built in the middle of the 5th century to house the relic of the chains that bound Saint Peter while imprisoned in Jerusalem, given to Pope Leo I by Empress Eudoxia (wife of Emperor Valentinian III). According to legend, when the pope held them next to the chains from of Peter's

first imprisonment in the Mamertine Prison in Rome, the two chains miraculously fused together. The "Mausoleo di Giulio II," created by Michelangelo, was originally intended as part of a funeral monument for Pope Julius II.

After lunch in a local hotel/restaurant, continue to the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica. The great basilica occupies the spot of St. Peter's reputed martyrdom; Constantine the Great, who made Christianity the state religion of the empire, built the first church here. The Basilica and its superb colonnaded square are one of the glories of Western art and architecture. The greatest talents of the Renaissance labored for decades on St. Peter's, the list of great masters includes Bramante, Michelangelo, Raphael and Bernini. Inside of the basilica stands Michelangelo's greatest masterwork, the Pietà.

After your visit, enjoy time to browse for souvenirs and religious articles before the return trip to Civitavecchia.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Dress conservatively when visiting sacred sites. Attire for both men and women must cover shoulders and legs: miniskirts, shorts and capri pants are not permitted at St. Peter's Basilica. Visitors may be required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water.

Please note that for tour groups on visit to St. Peter's Basilica the use of headsets owned and provided by the site's management is compulsory.

Visitors to St. Peter's Basilica may encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays. Should the wait at St. Peter's security checkpoint last longer than 45 minutes, your guide may forego an interior visit. Instead, he or she will provide a full explanation and description while viewing the exterior. Additional shopping time or a free period will be substituted.

Tour groups are not allowed inside St. Peter's Basilica during religious services. However, entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently. Please be aware that the Basilica may close for security reasons at any given time without previous notice.

The guides usually do not accompany the buses from the ship or on the return drive from Rome to Civitavecchia.

The order of the tour may vary but always covering all sites.

This tour involves a great amount of walking, therefore it is not recommended to Guests walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

This tour uses headsets. Please be aware that guests will be responsible for the headset devices provided. The headset company will charge 50.00 Euro for every missing device.

World Heritage Site **Connoisseur**

St. Peter's, Sistine Chapel, Trevi Fountain & Colosseum **ROM-150 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$369**



From the comfort of your air-conditioned motorcoach, your scenic 90-minute drive from the port of Civitavecchia to Rome is resplendent with exciting sights as the Tyrrhenian Sea gives way to the Eternal City.

Discover the spectacular Vatican Museum, a complex that houses one of the most impressive and varied collections of art in the world. Your knowledgeable guide will escort you through richly decorated galleries boasting the largest collection of classical sculpture in the world, plus numerous artworks from the Etruscan, Egyptian, Early Christian, Renaissance and modern periods.

You'll continue on to the Sistine Chapel, small and elegant but huge in artistic significance, and home to the masterpieces of the great artist Michelangelo. A recent restoration has revealed the beautiful colors that were used in his work. The exquisite wall frescoes hanging on the side walls were created by artists such as Botticelli, Perugino, Rosselli, Ghirlandaio and Signorelli, which complete this overwhelmingly beautiful room.

Step outside into the fresh air and stroll through St. Peter's Square, featuring a central obelisk, refreshing twin fountains and semicircular colonnades crowned with statues of the saints designed by Bernini. This striking piazza frames the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica. Follow your guide inside the largest basilica in the world to view masterpieces such as the "Pietà" by Michelangelo. You'll have an opportunity to purchase religious articles and other mementos of this unforgettable and spiritual experience.

A short drive through the heart of Rome brings you to an elegant 5-star dining establishment for lunch. You'll toast your day with a glass of sparkling Italian wine and feast on authentic cuisine, exquisitely prepared. A delicious dessert is a necessary indulgence while on holiday.

Refreshed, your afternoon excursions begin as you walk to the Colosseum, one of the grandest of all Rome's monuments. An imposing and beautiful site, the building is immense and was used by Emperors to entertain the public with spectacular games. Your

tour includes both exterior and interior views of the structure, affording the opportunity to feel like a true gladiator of Ancient Rome.

What better way to end a day in the Eternal City than with the wish that you'll return once more? Legend has it that if you turn your back and toss a coin into the exquisite Trevi Fountain, it is guaranteed that someday you will return to Rome. The Trevi fountain, inspired by Roman triumphal arches, is the largest and most famous Baroque fountain in Rome. Theatrical in design, the Trevi Fountain has been the star of many films shot in Rome, including romantic films such as Three Coins in a Fountain, Roman Holiday, and of course Federico Fellini's La Dolce Vita.

At the end of your day, you will travel back to Civitavecchia in your motorcoach, returning to your Princess ship after an extraordinary adventure in Rome.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on Sundays, public holidays and religious holidays due to the closure of the Vatican Museums, which houses the Sistine Chapel (It will be replaced by ROM050).

This tour will not operate on Regal Princess G426 (Civitavecchia calling on Aug. 15th 2014) and on Regal Princess G429 (Civitavecchia calling on Sept. 14th 2014).

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Sightseeing in the Vatican City will be on foot as motorcoaches, regardless of size, are not permitted in the vicinity.

Visitors must pass through metal detectors at the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk.

You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the Vatican Museum and other venues. Should your guide determine that the queue at the St. Peter's Basilica security check point is longer than a 45-minute wait, they will forego the interior visit of the Basilica and provide you with a full explanation and description while outside. You will be provided more time during your shopping or free period to compensate for not entering the basilica.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. In addition, visitors are often required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water at a desk.

Please note that for tour groups on visit to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica the use of headsets owned and provided by the respective site's managements is compulsory. Please be aware that guests will be responsible for the headset devices provided. For both, Vatican Museums & St. Peter's Basilica, the headsets company will charge Euro 50.00 for every missing device.

Flash photos are not permitted in the Vatican Museum. Photography and video are not permitted at all in the Sistine Chapel.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Tour groups are not allowed inside St. Peter's Basilica during religious services. However, entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently. Please be aware that Basilica might close for security reason at any given time without previous notice.

The Trevi Fountain will undergo restoration. Some parts of the fountain will be covered by transparent panels. Guests will still be able to visit the fountain, but there may be limited visibility.

This tour involves a great amount of walking, therefore it is not recommended to Guests with walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

This tour uses headsets.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

World Heritage Site

Forum, Trevi Fountain & Time On Your Own
ROM-180 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$129



Your adventure in Rome begins when you board your motorcoach at the Port of Civitavecchia for a 90-minute leisurely drive through the countryside, admiring picturesque views of the Tyrrhenian Sea along the way.

Arriving in Rome, your guided tour begins with the romantic Trevi Fountain. You'll walk among the narrow streets that lead to this impressive stone sculpture, where aquamarine water tumbles over the ornate Baroque design. Be sure to throw a coin over your

shoulder to ensure a return trip to Rome.

The city streets are a visual wonderland and photographic opportunities abound. Step lively as you walk through Piazza Venezia (Venice Square) the bustling center of Rome and the hub of city traffic, en route to the Forum.

A marvel of urban planning, the Roman Forum's vast arches, temples and structures demonstrate the ingenuity of early Roman society, which you can appreciate as you pass by them. Originally a marshland area, the Romans turned the grounds into an intricate center of social and political activity. The sophisticated architecture created a unique marketplace as well as a business district, civic center and temples of worship.

As you leave the Forum, the imposing exterior of the iconic Colosseum immediately captures your eye. This is the grandest amphitheater ever built. Although in ruins now, it still gives an impression of imposing size greater than any building in existence. Be sure to photograph this awe-inspiring icon from several angles to truly capture its architectural significance.

You'll rejoin your motorcoach for a short drive through the heart of Rome, en route to St. Peter's Square. With its fountains and semicircular colonnades crowned with statues of the saints, it perfectly frames the Basilica's entrance and vast ornate dome, which is visible from nearly everywhere in the city. You'll have free time to shop for souvenirs in the Square's shops or visit the interior of the Basilica if you choose.

Three glorious hours in Rome await and you have the whole afternoon to explore. Perhaps you'd like to sample the local cuisine, or peruse the boutiques. The choices are endless in the Eternal City - the hardest part of the day is deciding on the sights you'd most like to see.

You'll return to your escort at a designated place and time to meet the motorcoach for your return to port. Your relaxing return is a wonderful opportunity to compare adventures with your fellow travelers.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Euros are required for entrance fees; Euros &/or credit cards are recommended in retail and dining venues; change your money onboard the ship or at a currency exchange in Rome.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. In addition visitors are often required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water at a desk.

Visitors must pass through metal detectors at the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk.

You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the Vatican Museum and other venues.

Flash photos are not permitted in the Vatican Museum. Photography and video are not permitted at all in the Sistine Chapel.

The guides usually do not accompany the buses from the ship or on the return drive from Rome to Civitavecchia.

Please be aware that Basilica might close for security reason at any given time without previous notice.

The Trevi Fountain will undergo restoration. Some parts of the fountain will be covered by transparent panels. Guests will still be able to visit the fountain, but there may be limited visibility.

This tour involves a great amount of walking, therefore it is not recommended to Guests with walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

Lunch and entrance fees are not included.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

This tour uses headsets.

**City Drive****ROM-290 Approximately 5 hours / From \$89**

A 90-minute drive from the Port of Civitavecchia through the countryside begins your motorcoach adventure. Once in Rome, your narrated drive will take you past the city's highlights, allowing for photo opportunities from the comfort of your seat.

No trip to Rome would be complete without viewing the expansive, medieval fortress walls that were designed to protect Vatican City, the Pope and the city's 1,000 inhabitants. Despite its size, the Vatican prints its own stamps and mints its own coins and even has a supermarket just for residents.

The significance of the Catholic Church in Rome cannot be overstated, as is evident in the preservation of its spectacular basilicas and churches. The Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is one of the great basilicas of Rome. Tradition has it that this magnificent structure was built on the site of an apparition of the Virgin Mary, and that the floor plan was miraculously laid out in snowflakes after a storm.

Make sure your camera is ready to capture the landscaped greenery of Villa Borghese, the city's largest public park. Originally built on a vineyard, The 1911 World Exposition was held on its grounds, and some of the pavilions from different countries are still in existence.

The city streets are a unique experience, and surprises are revealed around every corner. Immortalized in Fellini's film, "La Dolce Vita," Via Vittorio Veneto is one of Rome's most famous boulevards. Bustling with activity, the shops and cafes epitomize the cosmopolitan flare of Rome. And as your motorcoach drives through the Piazza Venezia, look for the enormous stone monument built in honor of the first king of a united Italy.

No trip to Rome would be complete without seeing some of its most significant historical landmarks. The center of political, religious and commercial life in ancient Rome, the Forum reveals remnants of an architecturally advanced society. Don't miss a shot of the Colosseum, one of the grandest of all Rome's monuments. An imposing and beautiful site, the building was once used by Emperors to entertain the public with spectacular gladiator games.

Your tour highlights the significance of religion in Roman culture and the next two landmarks are no exception. Tempio Maggiore di Roma, the largest Synagogue in Rome, was built after Italy's unification and the emancipation of Italian Jews. The Synagogue was uniquely designed in a Persian and Babylonian style, which offers a wonderful contrast to much of the city's Baroque ornamentation. Along the shores of the Tiber River stands the Castel Sant'Angelo. Note the statue of Archangel St. Michael, the angel who, it is said, ended a plague that struck Rome in 590 AD when he appeared above the city.

The magnificence of St. Peter's Square must be experienced, and a stop (45 mins) here is a wonderful opportunity to experience this bustling square on foot. There is some time for you to shop for souvenirs and view the historic Basilica before boarding the motorcoach for your return to port.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Guests wishing to visit St. Peter's Basilica must be aware that proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable.

At St. Peter's Basilica visitors must pass through metal detectors. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk.

Guests are advised that long queues to enter St. Peter's Basilica are to be expected.

Please be aware that Basilica might close for security reason at any given time without previous notice.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Lunch is not included on this tour.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

Trevi, Spanish Steps, Pantheon & St. Peter's Square
ROM-380 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$159

Departing from Civitavecchia, your adventure begins with a scenic 90-minute drive to the Eternal City of Rome.

Your guided tour begins with one of the city's most recognized landmarks, the Spanish Steps. With its unique butterfly design, the Piazza di Spagna is Rome's most beautiful stairway, designed in classic Roman Baroque style. At the foot of the stairs, you will find the famous Barcaccia Fountain, the work of Pietro Bernini and his son, Gian Lorenzo.

Your experience continues with a scenic walk to the beautiful Trevi Fountain. You'll stroll through the narrow streets, leading to a small, almost hidden piazza, which unexpectedly reveals this extraordinary landmark. Be sure to have coins in your pocket to partake in the romantic custom of tossing a coin into Rome's most famous fountain. Blue-green clear water cascades over the ornate Baroque stone figures of Trevi, making it a sight to behold and a memorable photograph for your scrapbook.

Continue your walk to the Pantheon, one of the most recognized and oldest monuments in the Eternal City and a truly awe-inspiring look back in history. Built more than 1800 years ago, the magnificent Pantheon stands as a reminder of the great Roman Empire. With its thick brick walls and large marble columns, the Pantheon makes an immediate impression on visitors.

The juxtaposition of old and new is evident in The Piazza Navona, a short walk west of the Pantheon. It is one of Rome's liveliest squares, with many outdoor cafes, restaurants and street performers. Three distinct fountains dominate the piazza, including the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi - the Four Rivers Fountain, the masterwork of Bernini.

After a morning of seeing the sights, a relaxing lunch with a glass of wine awaits you at a local Italian hotel/restaurant. This welcomed respite offers the opportunity to savor local cuisine and décor.

Refreshed, you will walk to the magnificent St. Peter's Square. Striking in scale, with an imposing colonnade, it leads to the greatest symbol of the Christian world, St. Peter's Basilica. The grand, elliptical St. Peter's Square (Piazza San Pietro) was designed by Bernini and built between 1656 and 1667. Framing the Basilica's entrance, this world-famous site is rich in religious and historical significance. On your tour, you will have free time at St. Peter's Square to visit the landmark on your own or to shop and browse at leisure.

At the end of the day, you will travel back to Civitavecchia by motorcoach, sharing observations and favorite moments with your fellow travelers as you return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues seen during the tour.

Sightseeing in the Vatican City (St. Peter's Square) will be on foot as motor-coaches are not permitted in the vicinity.

During the freetime in St. Peter's Square passengers may choose to visit St. Peter's Basilica. Please be aware that visitors must pass through metal detectors at St. Peter's Basilica. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk. Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. Passengers may encounter considerable lines and crowds.

Tour groups are not allowed inside St. Peter's Basilica during religious services. However entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently.

The Basilica may close for security reasons without prior notice.

Guides will explain the Pantheon from the outside; individuals will then have the opportunity to explore inside independently.

The Trevi Fountain will undergo restoration. Some parts of the fountain will be covered by transparent panels. Guests will still be able to visit the fountain, but there may be limited visibility.

This tour involves a great amount of walking, therefore it is not recommended to Guests with walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

This tour uses headsets.

City Drive (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)
ROM-291 Approximately 5 hours / From \$109

A 90-minute drive from the Port of Civitavecchia through the countryside begins your motorcoach adventure. Once in Rome, your narrated drive will take you past the city's highlights, allowing for photo opportunities from the comfort of your seat.

No trip to Rome would be complete without viewing the expansive, medieval fortress walls that were designed to protect Vatican City, the Pope and the city's 1,000 inhabitants. Despite its size, the Vatican prints its own stamps and mints its own coins and even has a supermarket just for residents.

The significance of the Catholic Church in Rome cannot be overstated, as is evident in the preservation of its spectacular basilicas and churches. The Church of Santa Maria Maggiore is one of the great basilicas of Rome. Tradition has it that this magnificent structure was built on the site of an apparition of the Virgin Mary, and that the floor plan was miraculously laid out in snowflakes after a storm.

Make sure your camera is ready to capture the landscaped greenery of Villa Borghese, the city's largest public park. Originally built on a vineyard, The 1911 World Exposition was held on its grounds, and some of the pavilions from different countries are still in existence.

The city streets are a unique experience, and surprises are revealed around every corner. Immortalized in Fellini's film, "La Dolce Vita," Via Vittorio Veneto is one of Rome's most famous boulevards. Bustling with activity, the shops and cafes epitomize the cosmopolitan flare of Rome. And as your motorcoach drives through the Piazza Venezia, look for the enormous stone monument built in honor of the first king of a united Italy.

No trip to Rome would be complete without seeing some of its most significant historical landmarks. The center of political, religious and commercial life in ancient Rome, the Forum reveals remnants of an architecturally advanced society. Don't miss a shot of the Colosseum, one of the grandest of all Rome's monuments. An imposing and beautiful site, the building was once used by Emperors to entertain the public with spectacular gladiator games.

Your tour highlights the significance of religion in Roman culture and the next two landmarks are no exception. Tempio Maggiore di Roma, the largest Synagogue in Rome, was built after Italy's unification and the emancipation of Italian Jews. The Synagogue was uniquely designed in a Persian and Babylonian style, which offers a wonderful contrast to much of the city's Baroque ornamentation. Along the shores of the Tiber River stands the Castel Sant'Angelo. Note the statue of Archangel St. Michael, the angel who, it is said, ended a plague that struck Rome in 590 AD when he appeared above the city.

The magnificence of St. Peter's Square must be experienced, and a stop (45 mins) here is a wonderful opportunity to experience this bustling square on foot. There is some time for you to shop for souvenirs and view the historic Basilica before boarding the motorcoach for your return to port.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as ROM-290. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book ROM-290. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Guests wishing to visit St. Peter's Basilica must be aware that proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable.

At St. Peter's Basilica visitors must pass through metal detectors. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk.

Guests are advised that long queues to enter St. Peter's Basilica are to be expected.

Please be aware that Basilica might close for security reason at any given time without previous notice.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The lift equipped transport will only accommodate non-motorized wheelchairs.

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Lunch is not included on this tour.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

Exploring On Your Own

World Heritage Site

Rome On Your Own

ROM-185 Approximately 9 hours / From \$85



Your adventure in Rome begins when you board your motorcoach at the Port of Civitavecchia for a 90-minute leisurely drive through the countryside, allowing you to admire picturesque views of the Tyrrhenian Sea along the way. Arriving in Rome, you'll walk to St. Peter's Square, which features a central obelisk, refreshing twin fountains and semicircular colonnades crowned with statues of the saints designed by Bernini. This striking piazza frames the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica, which you will have time to explore on your own - or just browse the square's shops at your leisure. You'll feel like a local as you wander through the bustling city streets, sampling local cuisine and perusing the boutiques. Sip a cappuccino at a trattoria or savor a refreshing gelato from a street vendor before shopping for souvenirs and exquisite leather goods. Photo opportunities abound, as around every corner you'll find such historic landmarks as The Roman Forum, the Colosseum and the Arch of Constantine - many within close proximity to each other. City maps and guidebooks are readily available to assist you in maximizing your day.

A wonderful way to maximize your day in Rome is to utilize the hop on & hop off bus system. This upgrade can be purchased on the motorcoach to Rome, depending to local conditions. The bus route stops at the main archaeological sites and historical landmarks. The buses run continuously arriving at each stop about every 20 to 30 minutes.

You'll return to your escort at a designated place and time to meet the motorcoach for a relaxing ride back to port. Your return journey is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on your travels and compare adventures with your fellow travelers.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. In addition visitors are often required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water at a desk.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Flash photos are not permitted in the Vatican Museum. Photography and video are not permitted at all in the Sistine Chapel.

You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the St. Peter's Basilica and other venues.

Lunch and entrance fees are not included.

Please be aware that St. Peter's Basilica might close for security reasons at any given time without advance notice.

Euros are required for entrance fees; Euros and/or credit cards are recommended in retail and dining venues; change your money onboard the ship or at a currency exchange in Rome.

On Sundays and public holidays the majority of the shops will be closed only souvenir shops will be open.

World Heritage Site**Rome On Your Own by Private Train****ROM-190 Approximately 10 hours / From \$119**

A short private shuttle ride from port takes you to your private train car. Embark on a classic adventure as you ride in comfort through the Italian countryside and across the Etruscan Region.

You'll arrive at St. Peter's Station 60 minutes later, and a tour escort will show you the designated meeting place. The 6.5 hours are all yours in the most magnificent city in the world.

Discover independently the magnificent St. Peter's Square that features a central obelisk, refreshing twin fountains and semicircular colonnades crowned with statues of the saints designed by Bernini. This striking piazza frames the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica, which you will have time to explore- or just browse the square's shops at your leisure. You'll feel like a local as you wander through the bustling city streets, sampling local cuisine and perusing the boutiques. Sip a cappuccino at a trattoria or savor a refreshing gelato from a street vendor before shopping for souvenirs and exquisite leather goods. Photo opportunities abound, and around every corner you'll find such historic monuments as The Roman Forum, the Colosseum and the Arch of Constantine - many within close proximity to each other. City maps will be provided on the train and local transportation in Rome is readily available.

A wonderful way to maximize your day in Rome is to utilize the hop on & hop off bus system. This upgrade can be purchased on the private train to Rome, depending to local conditions. The bus route stops at the main archaeological sites and historical landmarks. The buses run continuously arriving at each stop about every 20 to 30 minutes.

Remember, you will need local currency for attractions, meals and shopping. Plan to exchange your money onboard the ship or at a currency exchange in Rome.

Return to your escort at a designated place and time to meet your train for a relaxing ride back to port. Views of the imposing St. Peter's dome offer a fond farewell as you leave the Eternal City but bring its memories home.

Child Price

12 and under reduced

Special Notes

Regular trains in Italy often encounter delays and seating is not guaranteed and A/C often does not work.

The train journey between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately one hour each way, subject to traffic conditions. This tour is not recommended to passengers using a wheelchair.

There are approx 50 steps to negotiate from the platform at St. Peter's Station to the exit.

Depending on local conditions and in case of any technical inconvenience passengers booked on this tour might be reprotected on tour coaches and transferred to Rome by coach.

Please be aware that Basilica might close for security reasons at any given time without advance notice. Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. In addition visitors are often required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water at a desk. You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the St. Peter's Basilica and other venues.

Flash photos are not permitted in the Vatican Museum. Photography and video are not permitted at all in the Sistine Chapel.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Euros are required for entrance fees; Euros and/or credit cards are recommended in retail and dining venues; change your money onboard the ship or at a currency exchange in Rome.

Lunch and entrance fees are not included.

On Sundays and public holidays the majority of the shops will be closed - only souvenir shops will be open.

Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the motorcoach and train.

This tour is not available for voyages ending in Rome.

Special Interests

World Heritage Site

St. Peter's, Sistine Chapel & Colosseum (Guided in Spanish)

ROM-102 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$249



Departing from Civitavecchia, your 90-minute motorcoach ride to the heart of Rome takes you through the glorious Roman countryside and along the Tyrrhenian Sea. Once in the city, you'll walk to your first destination, the Vatican Museums.

A testament to the power of papal art patronage and curatorial talent, the Vatican Museums contain masterpieces of painting, sculpture and other works of art collected by the popes through the centuries. Walking through select portions of the museums with your knowledgeable guide, you'll marvel at the astonishingly rich collections and their significance throughout history.

You'll know immediately when you have reached the Sistine Chapel, because all eyes are gazing up at the heavenly ceiling and there is a powerful hush that descends as you enter. The famous Sistine ceiling depicts scenes from Genesis in dramatic and moving detail and Michelangelo's The Last Judgment on the chapel's end wall is striking and powerful. In addition to these famous artworks, the sidewalls are covered with important Renaissance frescoes of Moses, Christ and contemporary popes. But the Sistine Chapel is more than the sum of its artistic wonders; it is a symbolic statement of papal authority and the place in which papal elections in conclave are held to this day.

Your tour continues as you walk through the impressive St. Peter's Square. With its fountains and semicircular colonnades crowned with statues of the saints, the square perfectly frames the Basilica's entrance. The first church here was built by Constantine on the site where St. Peter was martyred and buried. Michelangelo deserves much of the credit for the massive reconstruction and his famous "Pieta" masterpiece is located inside. You'll have an opportunity to purchase religious articles and other mementos of this unforgettable and spiritual experience.

A brief stroll returns you to your motorcoach for a scenic drive to a 1st class hotel/restaurant for lunch. Aboard, you'll have a moment to relax, see the sights, and anticipate your sumptuous meal. A glass of Italian wine, sparkling mineral water and a traditional meal made with fresh, local ingredients is a welcome respite in your day.

Refreshed from lunch, you'll board your motorcoach and travel a short distance to one of the grandest of all Rome's monuments, the Colosseum.

A short walk brings this iconic, imposing structure into view, and you are immediately taken back in time. Once inside, it is easy to imagine the magnificence of ancient Rome. The grandest amphitheaters ever built, no building in existence gives such an impression of imposing size. Be sure to photograph this awe-inspiring icon from several angles to truly capture its architectural

significance. The Colosseum holds a special place in the history of the Roman Catholic Church, and on each Good Friday, the Pope leads a torch-lit "Way of the Cross" procession that starts in the area around it.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach and a scenic return to Civitavecchia. Relaxing in the comfort of your motorcoach, you will leave the Eternal City but take a lifetime of memories home.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on Sundays, public holidays and religious holidays due to the closure of the Vatican Museums, which houses the Sistine Chapel (it will be replaced by ROM012).

This Tour will not operate on Regal Princess G426 (Civitavecchia calling on Aug. 15th 2014) and on Regal Princess G429 (Civitavecchia calling on Sept. 14th 2014).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Sightseeing in the Vatican City will be on foot as motorcoaches are not permitted in the vicinity.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. In addition visitors are often required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water at a desk.

Please note that for tour groups on visit to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica the use of headsets owned and provided by the respective site's managements is compulsory. It is very important for guests to be aware that they will be responsible for the headset devices provided. For both, Vatican Museums & St. Peter's Basilica, the headsets company will charge Euro 50.00 for every missing device.

Visitors must pass through metal detectors at the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk.

You might encounter considerable crowds, lines and delays at the Vatican Museum and other venues. Should your guide determine that the queue at the St. Peter's Basilica security check point is longer than a 45-minute wait, they will forego the interior visit of the Basilica and provide you with a full explanation and description while outside. You will be provided more time during your shopping or free period to compensate for not entering the basilica.

Flash photos are not permitted in the Vatican Museum. Photography and video are not permitted at all in the Sistine Chapel.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

The guides usually do not accompany the motorcoaches from the ship or on the return drive from Rome to Civitavecchia.

Tour groups are not allowed inside St. Peter's Basilica during religious services. However, entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently. Please be aware that Basilica might close for security reason at any given time without previous notice.

This tour involves a great amount of walking, therefore it is not recommended to Guests with walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

This tour uses headsets.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

Off the Beaten Path

Orvieto & Duomo

ROM-160 Approximately 9 hours / From \$179



Between Rome and Florence lies the city of Orvieto, a 90-minute scenic motorcoach ride from the port of Civitavecchia. A steep, winding road creates a dramatic entrance to this fortified medieval town, home to world-famous vineyards, beautiful, hand-made ceramics and the Duomo, a magnificent 13th century cathedral. Your local guide will greet you upon arrival and orient you to the historic town.

A walking tour through the picturesque streets reveals that few things have been built more recently than the 14th century. Once a citadel of the Etruscans, this ancient hilltop city now stands guard over the bountiful vineyards below, known for producing dry white wines made from the Trebbiano grapes, which are enjoyed and appreciated throughout the world. The highlight to any day spent in Orvieto is a visit to one of the greatest Gothic buildings in Italy, the Duomo. Built in the 13th century to commemorate the Miracle of Bolsena, this stunning structure features elaborate carvings and dazzling mosaic work. In comparison to other cathedrals in Europe, the Duomo is notable for using a wider variety of materials in its ornamentation. The interior chapels are resplendent with frescos,

including Signorelli's masterpiece, "Last Judgment." Your tour includes both interior and exterior views of this architectural wonder.

A welcome respite to your day, lunch is served in a local restaurant and features traditional Umbrian dishes and a glass of locally produced wine. Fresh, homegrown ingredients make each dish a colorful and flavorful delight. After lunch you're free to browse the city's boutiques, which showcase the handicrafts of the area. In addition to the majolica pottery for which the area is known, you'll find intricate lace making, woodcrafts and charming Pinocchio dolls. Of course, the wine from the local vineyards is readily available, and tastings are available in town.

Your day concludes with a return motorcoach ride to port, affording beautiful scenic views and relaxed conversation about all you have seen in the magical city of Orvieto.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Shops may be closed on Sunday's and public holidays. However, souvenir shops will be open.

Tour groups are not allowed inside the Duomo during mass services. If a mass service is taking place, your guide will explain the church from the outside only and you will then be allowed to view the interior on your own.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in the Duomo of Orvieto - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable.

Euros or credit cards are required for purchases.

Photography and video are not permitted inside the Duomo.

This tour may operate in reverse order.

Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the motorcoach.

This tour uses headsets.

Off the Beaten Path

Lake Bracciano & Wine Tasting

ROM-330 Approximately 4 hours / From \$119



Board your motorcoach and travel to Lake Bracciano in the Etruscan countryside some 20 miles northwest of Rome. One of Italy's major lakes, Lake Bracciano is a major source of drinking water for the Eternal City. A volcanic crater lake, Bracciano is also a popular scenic spot with Romans as well as a famous wedding destination. Actors Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes were married at the Castello Orsini-Odeschi, a magnificent feudal castle that stands outside Bracciano town.

The lakeside resort of Anguillara is another popular wedding spot. This medieval town crowns a small peninsular jutting into the lake. Enjoy some free time to explore its lakeside promenade and beaches. Or photograph the town sights, including the town hall and the 15th century Church of San Francesco.

Then continue to the Tuscia wine country, the source of some of Rome's most popular wines. Visit a local wine estate and sample the vintages. The Etruscan countryside is also renowned for its olive oils, cheeses and cured meats - enjoy a selection of treats with your tasting. Wine is available for purchase.

After your tasting, board your motorcoach for the scenic return trip to Civitavecchia.

Child Price

12 yers and under

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

Shops in Anguillara may close during peak times, holidays and on Sundays.

The drive from Civitavecchia to Lake Bracciano is approximately one hour long. The return trip from the wine estate is approximately 45 minutes long.

This tour involves walking over cobblestones and uneven surfaces, therefore it is not recommended to guests with walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

Tour order may vary due to traffic condition, but always covering the same sites.

Trevi, Spanish Steps, Pantheon & St. Peter's Square (Guided in Spanish)**ROM-382 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$149**

Departing from Civitavecchia, your adventure begins with a scenic 90-minute drive to the Eternal City of Rome.

Your guided tour begins with one of the city's most recognized landmarks, the Spanish Steps. With its unique butterfly design, the Piazza di Spagna is Rome's most beautiful stairway, designed in classic Roman Baroque style. At the foot of the stairs, you will find the famous Barcaccia Fountain, the work of Pietro Bernini and his son, Gian Lorenzo.

Your experience continues with a scenic walk to the beautiful Trevi Fountain. You'll stroll through the narrow streets, leading to a small, almost hidden piazza, which unexpectedly reveals this extraordinary landmark. Be sure to have coins in your pocket to partake in the romantic custom of tossing a coin into Rome's most famous fountain. Blue-green clear water cascades over the ornate Baroque stone figures of Trevi, making it a sight to behold and a memorable photograph for your scrapbook.

Continue your walk to the Pantheon, one of the most recognized and oldest monuments in the Eternal City and a truly awe-inspiring look back in history. Built more than 1800 years ago, the magnificent Pantheon stands as a reminder of the great Roman Empire. With its thick brick walls and large marble columns, the Pantheon makes an immediate impression on visitors.

The juxtaposition of old and new is evident in The Piazza Navona, a short walk west of the Pantheon. It is one of Rome's liveliest squares, with many outdoor cafes, restaurants and street performers. Three distinct fountains dominate the piazza, including the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi - the Four Rivers Fountain, the masterwork of Bernini.

After a morning of seeing the sights, a relaxing lunch with a glass of wine awaits you at a local Italian hotel/restaurant. This welcomed respite offers the opportunity to savor local cuisine and décor.

Refreshed, you will walk to the magnificent St. Peter's Square. Striking in scale, with an imposing colonnade, it leads to the greatest symbol of the Christian world, St. Peter's Basilica. The grand, elliptical St. Peter's Square (Piazza San Pietro) was designed by Bernini and built between 1656 and 1667. Framing the Basilica's entrance, this world-famous site is rich in religious and historical significance. On your tour, you will have free time at St. Peter's Square to visit the landmark on your own or to shop and browse at leisure.

At the end of the day, you will travel back to Civitavecchia by motorcoach, sharing observations and favorite moments with your fellow travelers as you return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate on voyages ending in Rome (Civitavecchia).

The drive between Civitavecchia and Rome is approximately 1 1/2 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Tour groups are not allowed inside St. Peter's Basilica during religious services. However, entry will be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently.

Guides will explain the Pantheon from the outside; individuals will then have the opportunity to explore inside independently.

This tour involves a great amount of walking, therefore it is not recommended to Guests with walking difficulties or using wheelchairs. Guests must be able to negotiate the steps of the coach.

Sightseeing in the Vatican City (St. Peter's Square) will be on foot as motorcoaches are not permitted in the vicinity.

During the free time in St. Peter's Square passengers may choose to visit St. Peter's Basilica. Please be aware that proper attire that covers shoulders and legs must be worn by both men and women in St. Peter's Basilica - mini-skirts, shorts and capri pants are not acceptable. In addition visitors are often required to check large bags, video cameras and bottled water at a desk.

Visitors must pass through metal detectors at St. Peter's Basilica. Large bags or umbrellas, bottled water, video cameras, knives or scissors must be checked at the desk.

The Basilica may close for security reasons without prior notice.

You might encounter considerable crowds at the venues.

This tour uses headsets.

This tour may operate in reverse order.



Naples, Italy (for Capri & Pompeii)

Italy's third-largest city, Naples is a bustling metropolis famed for its stately buildings, crowded streets, pizza - and notoriously bad traffic. However, this beautiful city is rich in centuries-old culture and customs. Naples is also your gateway to the Isle of Capri, the fabled Amalfi Coast and the ruins of Pompeii, buried in ash by the cataclysmic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

Naples boasts an ideal location, with both the ruins of Roman cities and the stunning Amalfi Coast in easy reach.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular World Heritage Site

Pompeii, Sorrento & Capri

NAP-100 Approximately 10 hours / From \$269



Your tour begins in Naples with a 30-minute motorcoach ride to the Pompeii ruins. You'll have an opportunity en route to stop at a cameo factory where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashell or coral into beautiful jewelry-true works of art and beautiful keepsake souvenirs.

Pompeii is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 AD. It was a monumental natural disaster that killed thousands and entombed the city under ash. Explore the grounds on this 90-minute guided tour of the excavated city as your guide talks about the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily life-their customs, buildings and cuisine; how they entertained, decorated and lived. The eruption of Vesuvius preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years ago, so that we may learn about the lives of the ancient Romans.

Pompeii before the eruption was known as a vacation community for high society. It had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas.

You'll return to the motorcoach for a 75-minute ride to the charming village of Sorrento overlooking the Bay of Naples and offering breathtaking views. In Sorrento, you'll enjoy an authentic lunch using seasonal ingredients of the Campania region at a local restaurant. Your lunch is followed by free time for a photo opportunity and a stroll down to the Sorrento Pier. Corso Italia is Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard, here you'll find local shops, designer boutiques and cafés. Take a stroll down to the Sorrento Pier.

The next leg of your tour continues on the stunningly beautiful isle of Capri. A 30-minute hydrofoil/jet boat ride delivers you to a cable car and then to world-famous Capri. Upon your arrival in the city of Capri, you can shop the exclusive boutiques and shops of the rich and famous or visit the Gardens of Augustus. This lush garden setting is situated atop a sheer cliff and provides a striking vantage point where you can take in the dramatic views of the turquoise sea below and the Faraglioni stacks, three rock pinnacles formed over time by erosion from the wind and sea.

Your tour concludes with a 55-minute cruise back to Naples via hydrofoil/jet boat ride with stunning views of the coastline as you sit back, relax and enjoy the sea breeze.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not operate in December.

Capri is popular, so you might encounter crowds and delays at the funicular railway, as well as the boarding area for the jet boat in Capri and Naples.

Passengers suffering from motion sickness may wish to take the boat ride to Capri into consideration.

The drive between Pompeii and Sorrento is approximately one hour.

Tour may operate in reverse order and passengers may be required to stand during a minibus transfer to the pier in Sorrento.

This tour uses headsets.

Pompeii & Amalfi Coastal Drive**NAP-105 Approximately 9 hours / From \$199**

Your tour begins in Naples where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a scenic 2 ½-hour ride along the Amalfi coast. Your first stop begins with a 60-minute stroll to Amalfi's main center where you'll have 45 minutes to explore the town or visit the Amalfi Cathedral. Church admission is extra and guests are asked to respect local custom and dress conservatively. (No bare shoulders or shorts and mini skirts.)

The Amalfi Cathedral is a striking structure with 62 steps leading to its entrance. Its façade is Arabic-influenced Romanesque with a bold mix of stripes, arches, mosaics and textures. The bell tower and cupola are decorated with green and yellow tiles. The heavenly Cloister of Paradise is home to the tombs of Amalfi's wealthy merchants and features Moorish styling in white marble. Take a stroll around the courtyard and see its lovely Mediterranean garden as well as the ancient artworks that grace the walkways. The cloister leads into the Basilica of the Crucifix where you can see some amazing frescoes. The cathedral's museum and treasury is located in the basilica. The Crypt of St. Andrew is located in an altar decorated with beautiful Baroque murals dating from 1660.

Next on the itinerary is lunch. We'll stop for a refreshing lunch break further down the coast at a local restaurant or hotel. Enjoy an authentic southern-Italian lunch using fresh, seasonal ingredients of the Campania region.

Afterwards, we'll travel 90 minutes to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii. Discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 AD. This monumental natural disaster killed thousands and entombed the city, yet preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years ago. Explore the grounds of this excavated city as your knowledgeable guide discusses the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily life-their customs, buildings and cuisine. Pompeii was known as a vacation community for high society before the eruption; it had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas.

Following Pompeii, you'll re-board the motorcoach where your tour will continue at a cameo factory. See where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, carving seashell or coral into intricate works of art and beautiful keepsake jewelry.

Your tour comes to an end back in Naples after a 30-minute drive where your ship is docked and awaiting your return.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Due to the closure of the Amalfi Coast to motor-coaches on particular holidays, this tour will not operate on voyage RU1326 (Ruby Princess calling at Naples on Aug.15th).

From November through May, the Pompeii excavations close earlier therefore the routing of the tour may be altered and the photo stop for the Bay of Sorrento will not be done.

Due to local regulations and restrictions, an alternate stop on the Amalfi Coast (Minori, Maiori or Vietri sul Mare) will be made should a parking space not be available in Amalfi.

During the end of month of October and the months of November and December, due to the closure of most of the lunch venues on the Amalfi Coast, lunch might be served in Sorrento or Pompeii instead.

The drive from Naples to the Amalfi Coast takes approximately two hours; the drive from Pompeii to Naples takes approximately 30 minutes.

Roads on the Amalfi Coast are narrow and winding. Passengers who suffer from motion sickness should take this into consideration.

This tour uses headsets

Pompeii & Amalfi Coastal Cruise**NAP-110 Approximately 9 hours / From \$189**

Your tour begins in Naples where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a 45-minute drive to Salerno where a motorlaunch will take you on a scenic 60-minute cruise along the gorgeous Amalfi coastline. It's an ideal photo opportunity for shots of the rocky outcroppings and verdant grottos dotting the cliffs. Upon arrival in Amalfi, you'll have 60 minutes of free time to explore the town or visit the Amalfi Cathedral. Church admission is extra and guests are asked to respect local custom and dress conservatively. (No bare shoulders or shorts and mini skirts.)

The Amalfi Cathedral is a striking structure with 62 steps leading to its entrance. Its façade is Arabic-influenced Romanesque with a bold mix of stripes, arches, mosaics and textures. The bell tower and cupola are decorated with green and yellow tiles. The heavenly Cloister of Paradise is home to the tombs of Amalfi's wealthy merchants and features Moorish styling in white marble. Take a stroll around the courtyard and see its lovely Mediterranean garden as well as the ancient artworks that grace the walkways. The cloister

leads into the Basilica of the Crucifix where you can see some amazing frescoes. The cathedral's museum and treasury is located in the basilica. The Crypt of St. Andrew is located in an altar decorated with beautiful Baroque murals dating from 1660.

Upon return in Salerno, you'll board a motorcoach for a 30-minute drive to Pompeii where lunch will be served at a local restaurant or hotel. Enjoy an authentic meal using fresh, seasonal ingredients of the Campania region.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site uncovers excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 AD. It's a monumental natural disaster that entombed the city and its inhabitants, yet preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years ago. Explore the grounds of this excavated city as your knowledgeable guide discusses the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily life-their customs, buildings and cuisine. Pompeii was known as a vacation community for high society before the eruption; it had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas.

Following Pompeii, you'll re-board the motorcoach where your tour will continue at a cameo factory. See where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashell or coral into beautiful jewelry-true works of art, and beautiful keepsake souvenirs.

Your tour comes to its completion back in Naples after a 30-minute drive where your ship is docked and awaiting your return.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not operate in December.

This tour is not offered on the Crown Princess / Sea Princess and Dawn Princess voyages.

In case of bad weather conditions and rough sea, the motorlaunch ride will be cancelled and the visit of Sorrento will be made instead.

The drive from Naples to Salerno takes approximately 45 minutes; the drive from Pompeii to Naples takes approximately 30 minutes. The drive from Salerno to Pompeii takes approximately 45 minutes.

Passengers who suffer from motion sickness should take this into consideration.

This tour uses headsets

Sorrento & Amalfi Coast

NAP-115 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$159



Your tour begins in Naples where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a scenic 75-minute drive to the stunning resort of Sorrento. Here you'll have 60-minutes of free time to explore the village. Sorrento boasts one of the biggest shopping districts along the Amalfi Coast-from lace sheets and fine furniture to table linens and handcrafted pottery. It's a prime place for shoppers and ambiance seekers alike. Explore the cobblestone side streets and public squares, such as Piazza Tasso and Piazza Antiche Mura for great atmosphere.

Corso Italia is Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard and a window-shoppers delight where you'll find charming local shops, designer boutiques and cafés. Pick up souvenirs, such as a bottle of the local limoncello liquor or spend time enjoying the festive ambiance. Sorrento offers ample photo opportunities with marvelous views that overlook the Bay of Naples. Stroll down to the Sorrento Pier and take in the fresh sea breezes or go beachcombing along the rocky shoreline.

You'll re-board the motorcoach and head further along the Amalfi coast past the charming hillside town of Positano en route to our next stop: lunch at a local hotel/restaurant on the coast. You'll experience an authentic meal using fresh, seasonal ingredients of the Campania region. After lunch, we'll continue a few more miles along the coast to the city of Amalfi.

Upon arrival you'll have 45 minutes of free time to explore the village. At some point you'll find yourself gazing upward at the awe-inspiring Amalfi Cathedral with its 62 steps leading to an impressive entryway. Its striking façade is Arabic-influenced Romanesque with a bold mix of stripes, arches, mosaics and textures. The bell tower and cupola are decorated with green and yellow tiles. The heavenly Cloister of Paradise is home to the tombs of Amalfi's wealthy merchants and features Moorish styling in white marble. Take a stroll around the courtyard and see its lovely Mediterranean garden as well as the ancient artworks that grace the walkways. The cloister leads into the Basilica of the Crucifix where you can see some amazing frescoes. The cathedral's museum and treasury is located in the basilica. The Crypt of St. Andrew is located in an altar decorated with beautiful Baroque murals dating from 1660. Church admission is extra and guests are asked to respect local custom and dress conservatively. (No bare shoulders or shorts and mini skirts.)

Next, we'll stop at a cameo factory where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashell or coral into beautiful jewelry-true works of art and keepsake souvenirs.

Your tour comes to its completion after an approximately 2 1/2-hour drive back to Naples where your ship is docked and awaiting your return.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Due to the closure of the Amalfi Coast to motor-coaches on particular holidays, this tour will not operate on voyage RU1326 (Ruby Princess calling at Naples on Aug.15th).

Due to local regulations and restrictions, an alternate stop on the Amalfi Coast (Minori, Maiori or Vietri sul Mare) will be made should a parking space not be available in Amalfi.

During the end of October and the months of November and December, due to the closure of most of the lunch venues on the Amalfi Coast, lunch might be served in Sorrento instead.

The drive from Naples to Sorrento takes approximately 1 1/2 hours; the drive from Sorrento to the Amalfi Coast takes approximately 1 1/2 hours; the drive from Amalfi to Naples takes approximately 2 1/2 hours.

Roads on the Amalfi Coast are narrow and winding. Passengers who suffer from motion sickness should take this into consideration.

Sorrento & Amalfi Coast Cruise

NAP-120 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$159



Your tour begins in Naples where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a 45-minute drive to Salerno where a motorlaunch will take you on a scenic 60-minute cruise along the gorgeous Amalfi coastline. It's an ideal photo opportunity for shots of the rocky outcroppings and verdant grottos dotting the cliffs. Upon arrival in Amalfi, you'll have 60 minutes of free time to explore the town or visit the Amalfi Cathedral. Church admission is extra and guests are asked to respect local custom and dress conservatively. (No bare shoulders or shorts and mini skirts.)

The Amalfi Cathedral is a striking structure with 62 steps leading to its entrance. Its façade is Arabic-influenced Romanesque with a bold mix of stripes, arches, mosaics and textures. The bell tower and cupola are decorated with green and yellow tiles. The heavenly Cloister of Paradise is home to the tombs of Amalfi's wealthy merchants and features Moorish styling in white marble. Take a stroll around the courtyard and see its lovely Mediterranean garden as well as the ancient artworks that grace the walkways. The cloister leads into the Basilica of the Crucifix where you can see some amazing frescoes. The cathedral's museum and treasury is located in the basilica. The Crypt of St. Andrew is located in an altar decorated with beautiful Baroque murals dating from 1660.

Upon return in Salerno, you'll board a motorcoach for an hour and 90-minute drive to the resort seaside town of Sorrento where lunch will be served at a local restaurant. Enjoy an authentic meal using fresh, seasonal ingredients of the Campania region. Your lunch is immediately followed by an hour of free time to spend at your leisure.

Sorrento boasts one of the biggest shopping districts along the Amalfi Coast—from lace sheets and fine furniture, to table linens and handcrafted pottery. It's a prime place for shoppers and ambiance seekers alike. Get off the main path on to the cobblestone side streets and public squares, such as Piazza Tasso and Piazza Antica for great atmosphere.

Corso Italia is Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard and a window-shoppers delight. Here you'll find charming local shops, designer boutiques and cafés. Pick up souvenirs, such as a bottle of the local limoncello liquor or spend time enjoying the festive ambiance. Sorrento offers ample photo opportunities with marvelous views that overlook the Bay of Naples. Stroll down to the Sorrento Pier and take in the fresh sea breezes or go beachcombing along the rocky shoreline.

You'll re-board the motorcoach following your visit to Sorrento and time permitting stop at a cameo factory, en route to Naples, where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashell or coral into beautiful jewelry-true works of art and keepsake souvenirs.

Your tour comes to its completion back in Naples after a 90-minute drive where your ship is docked and awaiting your return.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour does not operate in December.

This tour will not be offered on the Crown Princess / Sea Princess and Dawn Princess voyages.

The drive from Naples to Salerno takes approximately 45 minutes; the drive from Salerno to the Sorrento takes approximately 1 1/2 hours; the drive from Sorrento to Naples takes approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Due to traffic restrictions of the Sorrento center a short walk from the motorcoach drop off point to the main center and vice versa will be required.

Passengers who suffer from motion sickness should take the motorlaunch ride into consideration. In case of extremely inclement weather and rough seas, the motorlaunch ride may be substituted with a drive of Naples.

This tour uses headsets

Capri

NAP-125 Approximately 9 hours / From \$179



Your tour departs from Naples where you'll walk to the pier and board a jetfoil for an approximate 50-minute cruise to the stunningly beautiful isle of Capri. Transfer by minibus to the town of Anacapri situated high up in the hills on the less populated west side of the island. You'll have 45 minutes to explore the grounds of the Villa San Michele. Built by Swedish physician and author Axel Munthe, this stunning manor is located on the same site where the villa of Roman Emperor Tiberius once stood.

The villa's grounds offer panoramic views from its commanding vantage point perched atop the Phoenician Steps that connect Anacapri and Capri Town. From the San Michele gardens you can take in the views of Capri Town to the Bay of Naples and the Sorrento peninsula to Mt. Vesuvius. Besides the awe-inspiring vistas, the gardens themselves were named some of the most significant in the country. Stroll the gardens and experience a sense of antiquity as you gaze upon statues and relics that date back to ancient Egypt.

The next stop is the east side of the island to the main population center of Capri Town for lunch followed by some free time. Upon arrival by minibus, it's a quick 15-minute walk to a local restaurant where you'll be served an authentic southern Italian meal using fresh, seasonal ingredients from the Campania region. After lunch, you can spend your 90 minutes of free time to shop for souvenirs or visit the verdant Gardens of Augustus. This lush garden setting is situated high atop a sheer cliff that provides a striking view where you can take in the dramatic scenery of the turquoise sea below and the Faraglioni stacks, three rock pinnacles formed over time by erosion from the wind and sea. Afterwards, you'll transfer by funicular to the Marina Grande and take the hydrofoil/jet boat back to Naples.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

In November the tour duration will be shorted to 8 hours. This tour will not operate during the month of December.

Capri is popular, so you might encounter crowds and delays at the funicular railway and the boarding area for the jetfoil boat in Capri as well as the local mini-buses.

Tour includes an approximately 50-minute boat ride to Capri; passengers suffering from motion sickness may wish to take the boat ride into consideration when booking this tour.

This tour uses headsets

World Heritage Site

Connoisseur

Pompeii, Positano & Amalfi Coast

NAP-150 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$359



Your tour begins in Naples with a 30-minute motorcoach ride to the Pompeii ruins. Here you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 A.D. It was a monumental natural disaster that killed thousands and entombed the city under ash. Explore the grounds on this two-hour guided walking tour, as your guide describes the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily life-how they entertained, decorated and lived.

Pompeii before the eruption was known as a vacation community for high society. It had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with detailed mosaics and frescoes decorating the interiors of villas.

The next leg of your tour continues at the charming village of Sorrento. Sorrento was another town that grew wealthy trading with the eastern Mediterranean, and now enjoys a thriving tourist industry. You'll have an elegant lunch with wine at a five-star property in Sorrento. One hour of free time follows, browse the shops along Corso Italia, Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard.

You'll reboard the minibus for a 45-minute ride to Positano, a picturesque town built into a sheer cliff. The tiers of whitewashed houses that cling to the rock face have been the subject of myriad postcards and photos. Once a major trading port in the Middle Ages, today it is a sophisticated retreat for tourism, filled with boutiques, beach shops, fine restaurants and cafés. Enjoy a leisurely hour to explore the town or go shopping.

Child Price

12 years and under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not be offered on the Crown Princess voyages.

During the end of October and the months of November and December, due to low season, most of the shops will be closed in Positano.

The roads of the Amalfi coast are narrow and winding. Passengers who suffer from motion sickness should take this into account.

Due to traffic restrictions of the Sorrento center a short walk from the minibus drop-off point to the main center and vice versa will be required.

World Heritage Site**Pompeii & Time On Your Own In Sorrento**

NAP-180 Approximately 8 hours / From \$99



Your tour begins in Naples where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach and travel 1 1/2 hours on the Autostrada and along the Sorrento coast, with magnificent views of the Bay of Naples and Mt. Vesuvius-the still-active volcano that buried Pompeii in 79 A.D.-in the backdrop.

In the morning, enjoy approximately 2 1/2 hours of free time to explore Sorrento before your afternoon in Pompeii. The village affords splendid views of the sea and the colorful marina below. Stroll the flower-filled main street, Corso Italia, lined with quaint boutiques and sidewalk cafés. This portion of your tour is non-guided and does not include lunch or entrance fees. At a designated time, you'll meet your tour group to return to your motorcoach for the 1-hour drive to Pompeii.

At the Pompeii ruins, you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash from Mt. Vesuvius. Walk the grounds on this 2-hour guided tour of the city. Entering by the sea gate, your walking tour takes in the city's baths, villas, theaters and wrestling grounds. Visit a wine shop where wine bottles still wait for patrons who will never come. Plaster casts mark the positions of the fallen that were swiftly overcome by volcanic ash.

Your knowledgeable guide will point out the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily Roman life-their customs, cuisine and how they entertained, decorated and lived. Highlights include stunning frescoes and elaborately detailed mosaic-inlaid floors of wealthy homeowners' villas, as Pompeii was a vacation community for high society.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Due to earlier closure of Pompeii excavations during the months of November and December, the visit of Sorrento will be made in the afternoon and shops might be closed.

The drive from Naples to Sorrento takes approximately 1 1/2 hours; the drive from Sorrento to Pompeii takes approximately one hour.

Due to traffic restrictions of the Sorrento center, a short walk from the motorcoach drop off point to the main center and vice versa will be required.

World Heritage Site**City Drive**

NAP-290 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$49



Naples has a rich history dating back more than 2,800 years. It's a city that can be overwhelming at first sight, but once you adjust your perspective, you'll fall in love with its distinctively southern Italian culture-from the castles, churches and museums to the origins of the pizza pie. A tour of Naples' historic city center is an education in ancient architecture from medieval times to the Renaissance age to the Baroque period.

You'll take in the hustle and bustle of Naples from the comfort of an air-conditioned motorcoach complete with a knowledgeable tour guide narrating the way. This 2 1/2-hour tour takes you through the historic city center past Naples' marvelous old architecture and public squares, including Via Marina, Piazza Garibaldi and Piazza Carlo III. Also on the tour are Palazzo Municipale, home to the Castle Nuovo and the Naples National Archaeological Museum on Via Foria. This museum of artifacts possesses an important collection of

antiquities from the Roman Empire, including many of the antiques unearthed at Pompeii and Herculaneum, as well as relicts from the Greek and Renaissance periods.

Your tour will also take you past the impressive Piazza del Plebiscito, the largest square in Naples where the Royal Place and the Church of San Francesco di Paola flank this semi-circular piazza. Look for the equestrian statues of Ferdinand I of Bourbon and Charles III of Bourbon as you pass by the church. If this church looks familiar it's because it is based on the Pantheon in Rome.

Other significant buildings include the Teatro di San Carlo, which is the largest opera house in Italy and one of the most distinguished in the world. Opposite the opera house is the Umberto Gallery that dates back to 1887.

Passing the Piazza Vittoria, we'll head towards the sea and stop for a photo opportunity at a viewpoint on posh Posillipo hill overlooking the Gulf of Naples. Enjoy the panoramic views where many a postcard shot was taken.

We'll take a break for refreshments at a local chalet for a beverage before heading back to the ship. As we drive along the waterfront, notice the site where Naples was first founded: Castel dell'Ovo or "egg-castle". Its curious name comes from a Roman legend that claimed the castle was built over an egg placed on the site with the belief that if the egg broke Naples would fall.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Due to changing traffic regulations in the center of Naples, the itinerary might be altered without notice.

World Heritage Site

Pompeii for Kids

NAP-600 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



Board your motorcoach at the pier for the approximate 45-minute drive to the ruins of Pompeii, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The eruption of Vesuvius was a monumental natural disaster that killed thousands and entombed the city, yet preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years.

At the Pompeii ruins, you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash from Mt. Vesuvius. Explore the grounds on this 2-hour guided tour of the city. Entering by the gate, your guided walking tour takes in the city's baths, villas, theaters and wrestling grounds. Plaster casts mark the positions of the fallen that were swiftly overcome by volcanic ash. The highlights include stunning frescoes and elaborately detailed mosaic-inlaid floors decorating interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas, as Pompeii was known as a vacation community for high society. A highlight of this tour will be a visit to the Pompeii Amphitheatre, where you'll learn about the Gladiatorial combats and other entertainment, which took place here.

Your knowledgeable guide will point out the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily Roman life-their customs, buildings and cuisine; how they entertained, decorated and lived. Afterward enjoy 30 minutes of free time outside Pompeii excavations to see a Cameo Factory and for a soft drink or ice cream at a local bar.

On your 25-minute drive back to Naples, you'll have time to reflect on the spectacular ruins of Pompeii as you return to your awaiting ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour uses headsets

World Heritage Site

City Drive (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

NAP-291 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$55



Naples has a rich history dating back more than 2,800 years. It's a city that can be overwhelming at first sight, but once you adjust your perspective, you'll fall in love with its distinctively southern Italian culture-from the castles, churches and museums to the origins of the pizza pie. A tour of Naples' historic city center is an education in ancient architecture from medieval times to the Renaissance age to the Baroque period.

You'll take in the hustle and bustle of Naples from the comfort of an air-conditioned motorcoach complete with a knowledgeable tour guide narrating the way. This 2 ½-hour tour takes you through the historic city center past Naples' marvelous old architecture and public squares, including Via Marina, Piazza Garibaldi and Piazza Carlo III. Also on the tour are Palazzo Municipale, home to the Castle Nuovo and the Naples National Archaeological Museum on Via Foria. This museum of artifacts possesses an important collection of antiquities from the Roman Empire, including many of the antiques unearthed at Pompeii and Herculaneum, as well as relicts from the Greek and Renaissance periods.

Your tour will also take you past the impressive Piazza del Plebiscito, the largest square in Naples where the Royal Place and the Church of San Francesco di Paola flank this semi-circular piazza. Look for the equestrian statues of Ferdinand I of Bourbon and Charles III of Bourbon as you pass by the church. If this church looks familiar it's because it is based on the Pantheon in Rome.

Other significant buildings include the Teatro di San Carlo, which is the largest opera house in Italy and one of the most distinguished in the world. Opposite the opera house is the Umberto Gallery that dates back to 1887.

Passing the Piazza Vittoria, we'll head towards the sea and stop for a photo opportunity at a viewpoint on posh Posillipo hill overlooking the Gulf of Naples. Enjoy the panoramic views where many a postcard shot was taken.

We'll take a break for refreshments at a local chalet for a complimentary beverage before heading back to the ship. As we drive along the waterfront, notice the site where Naples was first founded: Castel dell'Ovo or "egg-castle." Its curious name comes from a Roman legend that claimed the castle was built over an egg placed on the site with the belief that if the egg broke Naples would fall.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as NAP-290. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book NAP-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Due to changing traffic regulations in the center of Naples, the itinerary might be altered without notice.

Special Interests

World Heritage Site

Pompeii, Sorrento & Capri (Guided in Spanish) **NAP-102 Approximately 10 hours / From \$249**



Your tour begins in Naples with a 30-minute motorcoach ride to the Pompeii ruins. You'll have an opportunity en route to stop at a cameo factory where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashell or coral into beautiful jewelry-true works of art and beautiful keepsake souvenirs.

Pompeii is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 A.D. It was a monumental natural disaster that killed thousands and entombed the city under ash. Explore the grounds on this 90-minute guided tour of the excavated city as your guide talks about the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily life-their customs, buildings and cuisine; how they entertained, decorated and lived. The eruption of Vesuvius preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years ago, so that we may learn about the lives of the ancient Romans.

Pompeii before the eruption was known as a vacation community for high society. It had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas.

You'll return to the motorcoach for a 75-minute ride to the charming village of Sorrento overlooking the Bay of Naples and offering breathtaking views. In Sorrento, you'll enjoy an authentic lunch using seasonal ingredients of the Campania region at a local restaurant. Time permitting, your lunch is immediately followed by free time for a photo opportunity and a stroll down to the Sorrento Pier. Corso Italia is Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard, here you'll find local shops, designer boutiques and cafés. Take a stroll down to the Sorrento Pier.

The next leg of your tour continues on the stunningly beautiful isle of Capri. A 30-minute hydrofoil/jet boat ride delivers you to a cable car and then to world-famous Capri. Upon your arrival in the city of Capri, you can shop the exclusive boutiques and shops of the rich and famous or visit the Gardens of Augustus. This lush garden setting is situated atop a sheer cliff and provides a striking vantage point where you can take in the dramatic views of the turquoise sea below and the Faraglioni stacks, three rock pinnacles formed over time by erosion from the wind and sea.

Your tour concludes with a 55-minute cruise back to Naples via hydrofoil/jet boat ride with stunning views of the coastline as you sit back, relax and enjoy the sea breeze.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not be offered on the Crown Princess voyages.

This tour will not operate in December.

Capri is popular, so you might encounter crowds and delays at the funicular railway, as well as the boarding area for the jet boat in Capri and Naples.

Passengers suffering from motion sickness may wish to take the boat ride to Capri into consideration.

The drive between Pompeii and Sorrento is approximately one hour.

Tour may operate in reverse order and passengers may be required to stand during a minibus transfer to the pier in Sorrento.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site**Pompeii**

NAP-200 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Your tour begins in Naples with a 45-minute motorcoach ride to the Pompeii ruins. Pompeii is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 AD. Explore the grounds on this one-hour-and-45-minute guided tour of the excavated city. Your knowledgeable guide will point out the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily Roman life-their customs, buildings and cuisine; how they entertained, decorated and lived.

Known as a vacation community for high society, Pompeii had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas. A typical home in ancient Pompeii had a rather plain rectangular exterior with bare walls and few windows. Although once inside, you would see a formal entryway called an atrium that is open to the sky and lavishly decorated with mosaics, marbles, statues and paintings. There was frequently a basin in the center to catch rainwater. Framing the court were simple sleeping cubicles for members of the family. The central hub was a large study or reception room for the head of the household where books and valuables would be kept. Dining rooms and larger salons for family activities completed the rectangle.

There were no ordinary meals; each was an elaborate affair including several courses. Plates and cups made of earthenware, metal or glass were elaborately embellished. The dining room was the most highly decorated room of the house. As you walk the dining rooms, you can imagine guests reclining on large couches covered with pillows while servants brought platter after platter of food. More elaborate houses could have several courtyards with fish ponds or baths.

Pompeii had a lively commercial life. Most of the shops and storefronts along the Via dell' Abbondanza were open to the street, sometimes with serving windows or counters holding bins or built-in storage jars, and their business owners had living quarters behind or above their stores. While walking around the ruins, you'll need to watch your step as many roads in Pompeii are lined with sidewalks a foot or more above the street level.

The eruption of Vesuvius was a monumental natural disaster that killed thousands and entombed the city, yet preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years ago, so that we may learn about the lives of the ancient Romans.

Afterwards, you'll return to the motorcoach for a 30-minute ride to a cameo factory where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashell or coral into beautiful jewelry-true works of art, and a beautiful keepsake souvenir.

Your tour concludes with a 25-minute drive back to Naples where your ship is docked awaiting your return.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour uses headsets

World Heritage Site**Pompeii (Guided in Spanish)**

NAP-202 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Your tour begins in Naples with a 45-minute motorcoach ride to the Pompeii ruins. Pompeii is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 AD.

Explore the grounds on this one-hour-and-45-minute guided tour of the excavated city. Your knowledgeable guide will point out the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily Roman life-their customs, buildings and cuisine; how they entertained, decorated and lived.

Known as a vacation community for high society, Pompeii had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas. A typical home in ancient Pompeii had a rather plain rectangular exterior with bare walls and few windows. Although once inside, you would see a formal entryway called an atrium that is open to the sky and lavishly decorated with mosaics, marbles, statues and paintings. There was frequently a basin in the center to catch rainwater. Framing the court were simple sleeping cubicles for members of the family. The central hub was a large study or reception room for the head of the household where books and valuables would be kept. Dining rooms and larger salons for family activities completed the rectangle.

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Pompeii had a lively commercial life. Most of the shops and storefronts along the Via dell' Abbondanza were open to the street, sometimes with serving windows or counters holding bins or built-in storage jars, and their business owners had living quarters behind or above their stores. While walking around the ruins, you'll need to watch your step as many roads in Pompeii are lined with sidewalks a foot or more above the street level.

The eruption of Vesuvius was a monumental natural disaster that killed thousands and entombed the city, yet preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years ago, so that we may learn about the lives of the ancient Romans.

Afterwards, you'll return to the motorcoach for a 30-minute ride to a cameo factory where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, intricately carving seashell or coral into beautiful jewelry-true works of art, and a beautiful keepsake souvenir.

Your tour concludes with a 25-minute drive back to Naples where your ship is docked awaiting your return.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour uses headsets

World Heritage Site **Off the Beaten Path**

Herculaneum

NAP-210 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$79



The 30-minute drive south from Naples along the Autostrada affords magnificent views of the Bay of Naples and Mt. Vesuvius-the still-active volcano that caused mass destruction to the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 A.D.

Herculaneum was founded by the Greeks and was named after Hercules, the Greek god. Later it became a Roman city, and in 79 A.D., it met its ultimate demise when Mt. Vesuvius erupted. Herculaneum was buried under approximately 50 feet of mud and ash, and it stayed buried for more than 1,600 years until 1709 when sewage workers digging a well accidentally discovered it. Today, only parts of the ancient city have been excavated, lying virtually underneath the modern cities of Ercolano and Portici.

The excavation site is surprisingly well preserved. Due to the wind direction and the timing of the precipitation, the buildings filled up with the ash-mud mixture instead of caving in structures, which aided the city's preservation. Your 2-hour guided walking tour takes you through wealthy Roman villas with portico gardens, fountains and baths. The highlights include stunning wall frescoes and intricate floor mosaics.

Afterwards, you'll re-board the motorcoach for a 30-minute ride to a cameo factory where artisans have honed their craft for generations. Shop for handmade seashell and coral jewelry, including intricately carved brooches, rings and bracelets before returning to Naples where your ship is docked.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

World Heritage Site

Pompeii, Sorrento & Cheese Tasting

NAP-310 Approximately 9 hours / From \$129



Your culinary adventure begins in Naples where you'll board a motorcoach for a 90-minute ride to a local farmhouse in Sorrento. You'll visit the "frantoio" or olive mill where the tart orbs are pressed into golden drops of olive oil. You'll also visit a wine cantina and witness the art of mozzarella-making. Enjoy samples of the fresh white cheese with salami, wine and mineral water.

You'll return to the motorcoach for a quick 15-minute ride into the town of Sorrento. You'll have approximately 2 hours of free time to explore the village overlooking the Bay of Naples and enjoy lunch on your own. Take in the breathtaking cliffside views, enjoy the sea breezes at the Sorrento Pier, go beachcombing along the rocky shoreline or stroll down Corso Italia-Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard of shops, designer boutiques and cafés. Sorrento boasts one of the biggest shopping districts along the Amalfi Coast—from lace sheets and fine furniture, to table linens and handcrafted pottery. It's a prime place for shoppers and ambiance seekers alike. Get off the main path on to the cobblestone side streets and public squares, such as Piazza Tasso and Piazza Antiche Mura for great atmosphere.

The next leg of your journey continues at Pompeii. Here you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 AD. This monumental natural disaster killed thousands and entombed the city. Explore the grounds on this 105-minute guided tour of the ruins.

Walk the grounds as your knowledgeable guide points out the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily life—their customs, buildings and cuisine. The eruption of Vesuvius preserved a moment in time more than 2,000 years ago providing evidence of how they entertained, decorated and lived. From the ruins we know Pompeii was a vacation community for high society before the eruption; it had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the buildings are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colorful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas. It's fascinating and sobering snapshot of ancient Roman life.

Following Pompeii, you'll re-board the motorcoach and stop at a cameo factory where artisans apply skills handed down for generations, carving seashell or coral into intricate works of art and beautiful keepsake jewelry.

Your tour comes to an end back in Naples after a 30-minute drive where your ship is docked and awaiting your return.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Due to earlier closure of Pompeii excavations during the months of November and December, the visit of Sorrento will be made in the afternoon and shops might be closed.

This tour does not include lunch. Passengers should bring along Euros to purchase a snack during the free time in Sorrento.

This tour uses headsets

Sorrento & Wine Tasting

NAP-320 Approximately 7 hours / From \$99



Your tour begins in Naples where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a scenic 75-minute drive to the stunning resort of Sorrento. Here you'll have 105-minutes of free time to explore the village. Sorrento boasts one of the biggest shopping districts along the Amalfi Coast—from lace sheets and fine furniture to table linens and handcrafted pottery. It's a prime place for shoppers and ambiance seekers alike. Explore the cobblestone side streets and public squares, such as Piazza Tasso and Piazza Antiche Mura for great atmosphere.

Corso Italia is Sorrento's flower-lined main boulevard and a window-shoppers delight where you'll find charming local shops, designer boutiques and cafés. Pick up souvenirs, such as a bottle of the local limoncello liquor or spend time enjoying the festive ambiance. Sorrento offers ample photo opportunities with marvelous views that overlook the Bay of Naples. Stroll down to the Sorrento Pier and take in the fresh sea breezes or go beachcombing along the rocky shoreline.

A wine and food pairing at a scenic vineyard located on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius is your next adventure. A vineyard tour introduces you to the geologic conformation of Vesuvius slopes, the rare characteristics of volcanic soil and a marvelous microclimate come together in one of Italy's most interesting wine producing regions. You'll also visit the cellars for insight into the process by which the grapes are turned into the vintner's liquid creations.

Afterwards, you'll savor a snack of local specialties like bruschetta with Vesuvian olive oil, taste of salami and cheese. Enjoy a flute of Italian champagne, Lacryma Christi White, Red and Rose, Aglianico, Falanghina, and Apricot grappa distilled from the grape pips from Vesuvius.

Re-board your coach for the scenic narrated drive back to Naples on the autostrada. Your experienced guide will fill you in on the vibrant history of the capital city of Italy's Campania region. As you gaze out over the country's second most populated city, you'll be continually intrigued by the hustle and bustle of local life belied by the seeming serenity of the dormant Mt. Vesuvius and the vast sweep of blue that is the stunning bay. This captivating full-day tour has it all.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour is only available for the Ruby Princess, Royal Princess and Regal Princess voyages.

Wine is available for purchase. Visa and Mastercards accepted.

Sorrento, Gragnano & Pasta Factory

NAP-305 Approximately 9 hours / From \$199



Situated on a terrace overlooking the splendid Amalfi coastline, Sorrento shimmers in a tumble of narrow streets lined with rustic villas, sprinkled with orange, and lemon and olive groves and brimming with restaurants and shops. The name of the town has its origins in antiquity and derives from a Greek word meaning "Flowing" due to the form of the town which appears to flow over the limestone tuff on which the town stands, defining the edge of the cliffs.

Curving along the coastline, erosion has carved the rock-face over the centuries into the majestic crags which climb to the skyline, forming the world renowned beauty of the Amalfi coast. Its legendary origins derive from the word Siren or Mermaids, mythical feminine creatures with celestial voices and hideous aspect, whose hands and songs lured unsuspecting sailors to the terror of the rocks, breaking their ships and wreaking romantic and tragic havoc.

Sorrento's charm lies in part in its sun drenched rustic simplicity. Quaint artisan workshops packed together onto a maze of medieval alleys, with the inevitable mix of locals and tourists bustling through the center. The long shadows cast across uneven cobbled streets from overhanging balconies and terraces which almost meet overhead. Just enough space remains for washing to be strung out to dry Italian style from above, spanning the street in the Italian afternoon sun.

Your narrated drive from Naples to Sorrento brings you to a farm house in the Sorrento Hills. It is famous for the production of mozzarella, olive oil and cured meats and it welcomes visitors with a tasting of mozzarella, caciocavallo cheese and salami with bruschetta and wine or mineral water. Fortified for your continuing adventure, you'll drive to the town center where you'll have free time to stroll and shop along the flower-filled main street, the Corso Italia: the ideal place to grab a bite at your favorite sidewalk café.

Next up is Gragnano, a nearby town that takes a leading role in the production of Italy's iconic pasta. Your guide will point out Gragnano's extra-wide main street, where pasta makers once hung strands of spaghetti from rods to dry in the sun and buildings that once housed almost 200 pasta factories during the town's manufacturing heyday a century ago. The townspeople boast of the combination of spring water, mountain air and sunshine that combine to make their local product famous.

Italians consume pasta at a rate of up to 90 pounds a year and the pasta makers of Gragnano contribute about 10 percent of Italy's national production. During a pasta factory tour you'll be introduced to what wheat is used, how the material is blended, shaped, dried and hardened. After Pasta 101, you'll have the opportunity to taste a variety of pastas with wine to complete your pasta immersion and purchase something to enjoy back home.

Returning to Naples via the autostrada, this fascinating full-day tour to Sorrento and Gragnano comes to a close.

Special Notes

The temperature inside the Pasta Factory is hot-humid.

Walking at the Farm-House will be on uneven surface and some steps have to be negotiated.

The Pasta factory will be closed from August 10th to August 25th. This tour will not operate on voyage G426 (Regal Princess - August 14th) and on voyage G427 (Regal Princess - August 22nd).

Activities & Adventures

World Heritage Site **Off the Beaten Path**

Mount Vesuvius Hike & Pompeii

NAP-410 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$129



Board an air-conditioned motorcoach in Naples. From there, you'll take a scenic 45-minute drive south along the Autostrada with magnificent views of the Bay of Naples en route to Mt. Vesuvius-the still-active volcano that buried Pompeii in 79 A.D.

Your motorcoach drops you off at the 3,000-foot level of Mt. Vesuvius where you'll hike to the volcano's crater. The steep gravel path to the crater is approximately 550-yards long. You'll feel the energy of this active volcano as you walk across hardened lava where crevices still exude fumes and heat. The hike takes approximately 40 minutes to walk roundtrip. You'll have approximately two hours total at the Mt. Vesuvius site. It's a vigorous experience that pays off with stunning views of Naples and its bay.

Afterwards, we'll stop at a local cameo factory where you can shop for handmade seashell and coral jewelry, including intricately carved brooches, rings and bracelets before driving to Pompeii with a stop at a local chalet for a 30-minute break.

At the Pompeii ruins, you'll discover the archeological excavations of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash from Mt. Vesuvius. Explore the grounds on this 2-hour guided tour of the city. Entering by the sea gate, your guided walking tour takes in the city's baths, villas, theaters and wrestling grounds. Plaster casts mark the positions of the fallen that were swiftly overcome by volcanic ash. The highlights include stunning frescoes and elaborately detailed mosaic-inlaid floors decorating interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas, as Pompeii was known as a vacation community for high society.

Your knowledgeable guide will point out the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily Roman life-their customs, buildings and cuisine; how they entertained, decorated and lived. Afterward reboard your motorcoach for the 30 minute return to Naples.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

In case weather conditions close the Mt. Vesuvius site, an orientation drive of Naples will be done in place of the hike.

This tour involves extensive walking over uneven terrain. Caution is advised when walking across hardened lava and rocky ground where crevices still exude fumes and heat. Passengers with a history of heart disease or high blood pressure should not participate.

Passengers should wear low-healed comfortable walking shoes, hat, and bring sunblock.

Please note this tour does not include lunch. Passengers should bring along Euros to purchase a snack outside of Pompeii.

This tour uses headsets

Walking Tour with Borbonic Tunnel & Pizza Tasting

NAP-380 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99



Start your tour at the historic port guarded by the imposing Castel Nuovo that looms over the harbor. Charles of Anjou built it in 1279 with ponderous round towers between which Alfonso's Triumphal Arch catches the eye: a splendid example of early Renaissance architecture. The castle is today the venue of cultural events and also houses the Municipal Museum.

Continuing to the Piazza del Plebiscito, you'll have time to soak up the heartbeat of the city. Taking its name from the 1860-1861 plebiscite that joined the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies to the Italian State, Piazza del Plebiscito is dominated by the Royal Palace of Naples (1600). Photograph its formidable, red façade featuring the statues of the eight kings. Capture photos of landmarks like the Church of San Francesco di Paola, the Teatro di San Carlo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and see the Galleria Umberto.

At the Borbonic Tunnel, you'll meet with a guide for a tour of the Naples Underground. Some 150 years after Ferdinand II of Bourbon and his architect Errico Alvino designed it, the Bourbon Tunnel (Tunnel Borbonico), which is the most beautiful underground tour through the Naples "below". See the aqueduct of Carmignano, which served the city of Naples of the '600 Century; a military path of the 19th century named "Bourbon Tunnel"; the bomb shelters used during WWII and buried vintage cars and motorbikes.

At the end of the walk through the Tunnel, you'll arrive at Naples seaside, where you'll see the famous Castle of the Egg in Santa Lucia; with its spectacular waterfront views, it offers a perfect photo opportunity. Enjoy lunch at a typical Neapolitan pizzeria where you'll experience the "original pizza" in the city that boasts the world's first pizzeria back in 1830. Sit back and enjoy classic Pizza Margherita accompanied by a mixed green salad and beverages.

Exiting the tunnel, you'll enjoy the walk along the seaside. Stop and photograph the famous Castle of the Egg, a fortified castle perched in the Bay of Naples. Built on the small island of Megaride, it is now connected to the mainland by a causeway. The site was originally settled by Greek colonists in the 6th century BC. Then the ancient Romans built a villa, finally exiling the last western Roman emperor here in the 5th century A.D. After that it became a monastery, then was destroyed before a castle was built by the Normans in the 12th century. The current castle was built in the 15th century. The name comes from the legend that the Roman poet Virgil buried an egg on the site for protection.

In the 19th century a small fishing village (Borgo Marinari) developed around the castle's eastern wall. This village remains, now known for its marina and restaurants. Then enjoy the short walk back to your ship.

Special Notes

Tour is not recommended to guests with walking difficulties or suffering from claustrophobia. This tour includes extensive walking on both uneven, flat surfaces and several stone steps.

This tour is only available for the Ruby Princess, Royal Princess & Regal Princess voyages.



Mykonos, Greece

Thanks to its proximity to the mainland, Mykonos was one of the first Greek islands to become an international travel destination. During the late '60s and early '70s, Mykonos was famed as a haunt for the rich. The island's nightlife - then and now - was a glittering whirl of colored lights, music, and parties. But there's another side to Mykonos - the neighboring island of Delos. In classical mythology, Delos was the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. Travelers to Delos can stroll among the island's vast ruins, which include three temples consecrated to the Sun God and the famed Lions Walk.

Mykonos town features hip boutiques, restaurants, jewelry stores, souvenirs, taverns and cafés. The island's famed windmills are found just south of the waterfront.

Sightseeing & City Tours

World Heritage Site

Delos: Birthplace of Apollo

JMK-200 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$89



Begin your day at the pier in Mykonos, boarding one of the local kaiki (ferries), which will transport you to the spectacular island of Delos and its most sacred and respected sites.

Located at the center of the Cyclades island group, Delos was perfectly positioned to become an important trade center in the Mediterranean. Today the island is uninhabited, but it was once a hub of activity and an important site of religious significance. According to Greek Mythology, Delos is the birthplace of Apollo, and people came from around the world to this ancient site to pay homage to the God of music, beauty and light. In the early 19th century, a dramatic excavation uncovered beautiful artifacts, mosaics, statues and buildings.

Your two-hour walking tour begins at the first monument, the Agora of the Competialists. This open area has a round shrine where offerings were placed. To the left you will see the Sacred Way, which leads to the Sanctuary of Apollo. The road is lined with marble platforms, which once held spectacular statues donated by kings. The path you will walk follows the same route as the Delia Festival's annual procession.

Continue to The Sanctuary of Apollo, known as the heart of Delos. At one time, three great temples as well as other altars stood in dedication to the god. In this area you will see the base of the marble Statue of Apollo. Parts of this statue are housed in the Delos museum.

Listen for roaring as you enter the Lion District, named for the famous Terrace of the Lions, where nine elegant marble lions once guarded the sanctuary area. The outdoor lions are now replicas, during your free time you can inside the museum and to see five weathered originals.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The Archaeological Museum of Delos is closed on Mondays.

Passengers will be transported by local boat from Mykonos to the ancient harbor of Delos island.

The site of Delos will be explored on foot and involves approximately two hours of walking over relatively even terrain. Low heeled comfortable shoes, water and a hat are highly recommended. Passengers with physical limitations are requested to take this into consideration.

Most Popular

Mykonos Town & Island Drive

JMK-205 Approximately 3 hours / From \$89



Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the rocky countryside en route to one of the most beautiful beaches on the island's south-west coast, Agios Ioannis, home to soft sand, crystalline blue waters and an amazing view of the island of Delos - the historic archeological site and reputed birthplace of the twin Gods, Apollo and Artemis.

Then, continue your drive to the charming village of Ano Mera at the center of the island, home to the lovely Panagia Tourliani Monastery. Originally built in 1542 and dedicated to the Virgin Mary, its impressive architecture, whitewashed exterior and colored

dome have long charmed visitors from around the world.

A beautiful marble fountain sits in front of the church, and its interior houses an impressive wooden iconostasis (altar screen), made in 1775 by Florentine artists. Note the hanging incense holders that line the wall: they're decorated with silver dragons holding red eggs in their mouths, evidence of Eastern influences.

A welcome respite in your day is a stop at Kalafatis Beach, where the deep blue Aegean Sea and golden sand beckon you for a short stroll in the sunshine. Refreshments are available for purchase from local vendors.

Return to Mykonos for your guided walking tour; passengers who do not wish to continue may return to the ship.

Mykonos is a picturesque town with a labyrinth-like maze of tiny streets, white houses and red-roofed churches. Don't be fooled by its small size; it is one of the most cosmopolitan towns of the Aegean. But despite the many shops, boutiques and stylish cafes, the town has not lost its charm and the island's strict building regulations have kept its Cycladic architectural style beautifully intact. Your guided, walking tour through the narrow, winding streets introduces you to some of the area's most treasured landmarks.

Look up and you'll find windmills dotting the landscape. Although no longer operational, they hearken back to the days when the area was once an agricultural powerhouse.

You'll want to have your camera ready to photograph Little Venice, famous for its narrow rows of brightly colored homes that literally sit in the sea. A timeless subject for artists, Little Venice is considered one of the most romantic spots in the Greek Isles.

No tour of Mykonos would be complete without the opportunity to see Paraportiani Church. A true Byzantine jewel, the island's most famous church sits just outside the city walls. Paraportiani is actually five churches, four comprise its base and the fifth is built as the dome on the top. Widely photographed, you won't want to miss the opportunity to capture it with your own lens.

At the completion of your tour, you are welcome to continue sightseeing on your own. As you walk through the streets, don't be surprised if Petros the Pelican, the island's mascot, pops out to say hello.

Child Price
12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Passengers must be able to walk for approximately 3/4 miles over narrow cobble-stoned streets that are uneven in places and have some steps. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration.

Passengers who feel they are unable to participate in the walking tour of the Town of Mykonos will be given the option to return to the ship by motorcoach before the walking tour commences.

The tour finishes in the Mykonos Town after the walking tour. Passengers then have the option of returning to the ship directly or at leisure using the shuttle bus service.

Photography and video are not allowed in the Monastery. Respectful attire must be worn by all who visit the Monastery of Panagia Tourliani. Shorts and bare shoulders are not allowed.

Mykonos Town & Aegean Maritime Museum
JMK-380 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$85



Board your private motorcoach for a brief transfer to the town of Mykonos, a cosmopolitan destination amongst the Greek islands. Your guide will take you on an exhilarating walking tour through the town's labyrinth of winding streets and steep lanes, past whitewashed houses and red-roofed churches, each stunning examples of Cycladic architecture.

Local legend states that if a girl drank from the Tria Pigadia (Three Wells), she was sure to find a husband. Although drinking the well water now is ill-advised, the quaint charm of this spot, the town's sole water supply until the 1950s, has captivated visitors throughout the years and is a wonderful photo opportunity.

Continue walking to the main shopping district, Matoyianni Street, where you'll find exclusive boutiques, galleries featuring local artists and outdoor cafes. As you stroll along this glamorous avenue, keep an eye out for Petros the Pelican, the official mascot of Mykonos.

Seen from miles around, the view of the famed Paraportiani Church, located just outside the city walls, is spectacular - so have your camera ready. Paraportiani evolved over two hundred years, beginning in 1475. Four small churches were joined together, forming a single main structure, and a fifth church was placed on top to form the dome. The iconic whitewashed structure contrasts magnificently against the bright blue sky.

Have you been noticing the windmills? They are a quintessential Mykonos feature, playfully punctuating the landscape. Their snow-white color, pointed roofs and sophisticated design are testament to the island's innovative spirit. No longer operational, they stand proudly as a symbol of Mykonos' rich past.

One of the most romantic spots in Mykonos is the neighborhood of Little Venice, dotted with petite fishermen's huts painted in jeweled tones. These little homes are literally built right on the edge of the sea. Many artists have worked to capture the area's eternal beauty with their brushes and Little Venice is one of the most photographed towns in all of Europe.

Your tour will pause for a cold beverage at a local venue before continuing on to the fascinating Aegean Maritime Museum.

Located in a traditional island house, the museum's exhibits include exquisite ship models from eras ranging from the Hellenistic Period to the 19th century. Built to preserve the study of Greek maritime history and tradition, the museum displays a variety of ancient artifacts, including shipping documents, navigational instruments, and an impressive collection of nautical coins. In the garden, ancient marble gravestones preserve the memory of sailors that were lost in shipwrecks.

At the completion of your tour, you'll have ample opportunity to explore this charming town on your own, shop for souvenirs, sample the local fare or just wander the narrow streets before returning to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour involves extensive walking and travels narrow, cobblestone streets. Not recommended for passengers with limited mobility. Wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunglasses, and adequate sun protection.

Please bear in mind that in the summer months of June, July and August the weather in Greece can be extremely hot. Passengers must note that during the months of July and August the streets of Mykonos will most probably be busy and in some cases crowded. Passengers with physical limitations are requested to take this into consideration when booking the tour.

This tour has an extremely limited availability.

Activities & Adventures

Mykonos Beach Getaway

JMK-590 Approximately 4 hours / From \$39



Have you every pictured yourself experiencing the quintessential Greek Isle moment: relaxing on the beach, refreshing beverage in hand, overlooking the magnificent Aegean Sea? You can turn that dream into a reality on this wonderful three-hour excursion to Platis Yialos, one of Mykonos' most famed beaches.

Board your motorcoach for a 20 to 30 minute transfer to this stunning beach, located on the south side of the island.

Enjoy long stretches of golden sand, refreshing turquoise waters and an abundance of water sports and activities. Platis Yialos or Kalafatis are full-service resort areas and sun beds, umbrellas, refreshments, meals and water sports are all available at extra cost. Small mini-markets are open in the area, so remember to have local currency. A hat and sun block are recommended; the sun's rays are particularly strong during the summer months. Families are welcomed, as this beach is child-friendly.

Child Price

12 years and under reduced

Special Notes

Summer weather may be extremely hot. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel, hat, sunglasses and adequate sun protection.

Sun beds, umbrellas, beverages & water sports are available at extra cost.

This tour operates from June through September.

The transfer to Kalafatis is approximately 25 minutes each way and the transfer to Platis Yialos is approximately 15 minutes each way.

World Heritage Site

Delos: Birthplace of Apollo (Guided in French)**JMK-204 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$79**

Begin your day at the pier in Mykonos, boarding one of the local kaiki (ferries), which will transport you to the spectacular island of Delos and its most sacred and respected sites.

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Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The Archaeological Museum of Delos is closed on Mondays.

Passengers will be transported by local boat from Mykonos to the ancient harbor of Delos island.

The site of Delos will be explored on foot and involves approximately two hours of walking over relatively even terrain. Low heeled comfortable shoes, water and a hat are highly recommended. Passengers with physical limitations are requested to take this into consideration.

Mykonos Town & Island Drive (Guided in Spanish)**JMK-207 Approximately 3 hours / From \$85**

Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive through the rocky countryside en route to one of the most beautiful beaches on the island's south-west coast, Agios Ioannis, home to soft sand, crystalline blue waters and an amazing view of the island of Delos - the historic archeological site and reputed birthplace of the twin Gods, Apollo and Artemis.

Then, continue your drive to the charming village of Ano Mera at the center of the island, home to the lovely Panagia Tourliani Monastery. Originally built in 1542 and dedicated to the Virgin Mary, its impressive architecture, whitewashed exterior and colored dome have long charmed visitors from around the world.

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A welcome respite in your day is a stop at Kalafatis Beach, where the deep blue Aegean Sea and golden sand beckon you for a short stroll in the sunshine. Refreshments are available for purchase from local vendors.

Return to Mykonos for your guided walking tour; passengers who do not wish to continue may return to the ship.

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area was once an agricultural powerhouse.

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At the completion of your tour, you are welcome to continue sightseeing on your own. As you walk through the streets, don't be surprised if Petros the Pelican, the island's mascot, pops out to say hello.

Child Price

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Special Notes

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Mykonos Town & Island Drive (Guided in French)

JMK-208 Approximately 3 hours / From \$85



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12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Passengers must be able to walk for approximately 3/4 miles over narrow cobble-stoned streets that are uneven in places and have some steps. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration.

Passengers who feel they are unable to participate in the walking tour of the Town of Mykonos will be given the option to return to the ship by motorcoach before the walking tour commences.

The tour finishes in the Mykonos Town after the walking tour. Passengers then have the option of returning to the ship directly or at leisure using the shuttle bus service.

Photography and video are not allowed in the Monastery. Respectful attire must be worn by all who visit the Monastery of Panagia Tourliani. Shorts and bare shoulders are not allowed.



Istanbul, Turkey

Istanbul rises from the Bosphorus, a vision of minarets and domes sparkling in the light. The capital of vanished empires, Istanbul is a true crossroad, the only city on Earth to span two continents. This meeting place of Europe and Asia, of Christian and Muslim, is one of the great adventures a traveler encounters. Browse the stalls of the world's largest bazaar, explore ancient mosques and churches, and gaze at the stunning jewels in the Topkapi Palace.

Istanbul has dominated the Straits of Bosphorus for 25 centuries. As Constantinople, capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, it was a metropolis of stunning splendor when the great cities of Europe were mere villages.

Sightseeing & City Tours

World Heritage Site

St. Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapi & Harem **IST-010 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$159**



A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

Your first destination is the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

After a short walk, you'll enter the awe-inspiring Topkapi Palace Museum, a huge walled complex that hugs the Bosphorus. This former palace of Ottoman sultans is now a museum displaying an extraordinary collection of art, artifacts, and jewels, including the famed Topkapi Diamond. The windows promise breathtaking views of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara.

Just inside the palace, the harem offers a revealing look into how the sultans of the Ottoman Empire lived. These private apartments were carefully situated so as not to be seen from the state apartments or courtyards where public affairs were conducted.

A delightful lunch, featuring Turkish specialties and beverages, will be served in a wonderful location surrounded by original Byzantine walls in the old city.

Your tour continues to Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

A short drive away, you'll witness a carpet demonstration followed by a chance to purchase a keepsake to remember your visit to this exciting city. Remember, bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

Please be aware of the ongoing restoration of the Topkapi Palace; some exhibits may be closed or artifacts might be on temporary loan to other museums. Your guide will not accompany you inside the Treasury Section of the palace.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site



St. Sophia & Blue Mosque

IST-020 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$75

A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

Prepare for an up-close-and-personal view of Istanbul as you walk to the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

Just a short walk away, Hagia Sophia comes into view. Also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom, it was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

A short drive away, you'll witness a carpet demonstration followed by a chance to purchase a keepsake to remember your visit to this exciting city. Remember, bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site



Topkapi Palace & Harem

IST-025 Approximately 5 hours / From \$69

Your tour begins with a 25-minute drive in your motorcoach that takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

Your first stop is the awe-inspiring Topkapi Palace Museum, a huge walled complex that hugs the Bosphorus and offers breathtaking views of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara. This former palace of Ottoman sultans is now a museum displaying an extraordinary collection of art, artifacts, and jewels.

Just inside is the Topkapi Treasury, home of the famed Topkapi Diamond, the "Spoonmakers Diamond" and the jewel-encrusted Topkapi dagger. Steps away is the harem, offering a revealing look into how the sultans of the Ottoman Empire lived. These private apartments were carefully situated so as not to be seen from the state apartments or courtyards where public affairs were conducted.

Your tour continues by land with a carpet demonstration and a chance to make a purchase; remember bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing, scenic drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware of the ongoing restoration of the Topkapi Palace; some exhibits may be closed or artifacts on maybe on temporary loan to other museums. Your guide will not accompany you inside the Treasury Section of the palace.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour uses headsets.

St. Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque & Cistern

IST-105 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$179



A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

You'll see the Byzantine Hippodrome, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games through the history of the Byzantine Empire. Monuments on the site include the Snake Column from Delphi and an Egyptian obelisk taken from the Temple of Karnak at Luxor.

Next, you'll visit Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

Your tour continues to the awe-inspiring Topkapi Palace Museum, a huge walled complex that hugs the Bosphorus. This former palace of silk-clad Ottoman sultans is now a museum displaying an extraordinary collection of art, artifacts, and jewels, including the famed Topkapi Diamond. The windows promise breathtaking views of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara.

A brief stroll brings you to a restaurant where a traditional Turkish lunch awaits. Refreshed from your meal, you'll walk to Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

Virtually around the corner is the Underground Cistern, an underground reservoir dating back to the 6th century. This "Underground Palace" prides itself on a roof supported by 336-Corinthian columns and an illuminated interior that's certain to generate a profusion of wonder and conversation.

Just minutes away, you can virtually hear the lively Grand Bazaar and its animated transactions. Your tour continues to this impressive covered market - the largest in the world with over 4,000 shops. You'll view a carpet demonstration and explore the shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers. Topkapi Palace Museum is closed on Tuesdays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers. Blue Mosque is closed until 2:00pm on Fridays. The visit will take place afternoon.

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

Please be aware of the ongoing restoration of the Topkapi Palace; some exhibits may be closed or artifacts maybe on temporary loan to other museums. Your guide will not accompany you into the Treasury Section of the palace.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

St. Sophia, Topkapi, Blue Mosque & Bosphorus Cruise

IST-110 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$159



A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

You'll see the Byzantine Hippodrome, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games through

the history of the Byzantine Empire. Monuments on the site include the Snake Column from Delphi and an Egyptian obelisk taken from the Temple of Karnak at Luxor.

Next, you'll visit Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

A short walk brings you to Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

The Straits of Bosphorus are next on your itinerary, as you board a motorboat for a panoramic cruise that promises to leave you breathless. Whether from the comfort of the interior saloon or on deck, you'll see grand Ottoman palaces and castles, including the Dolmabahce Palace, the Beylerbeyi Palace, and Rumeli Hisar and Anadolu Castles, as you dine on a traditional Turkish lunch.

Your tour continues by land with a drive to the Grand Bazaar, the largest market in the world with over 4,000 shops. You'll view a carpet demonstration and explore the shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Minutes away is the Topkapi Palace Museum, a huge walled complex that hugs the Bosphorus. This former palace of silk-clad Ottoman sultans is now a museum displaying an extraordinary collection of art, artifacts, and jewels, including the famed Topkapi Diamond. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers. Topkapi Palace Museum is closed on Tuesdays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers. Blue Mosque is closed until 2:00pm on Fridays. The visit will take place afternoon.

Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase aboard the launch.

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

Please be aware of the ongoing restoration of the Topkapi Palace; some exhibits may be closed or artifacts may be on temporary loan to other museums. Your guide will not accompany you into the Treasury Section of the palace.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site **Connoisseur**

St. Sophia, Topkapi, Blue Mosque & St. Irene Church

IST-150 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$199



A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

The Byzantine Hippodrome presents an opportunity to snap a photo or two as you walk by this imposing arena, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games through the history of the Byzantine empire.

Your first destination is the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

A short distance away, you'll enter the awe-inspiring Topkapi Palace Museum, a huge walled complex that hugs the Bosphorus. This former palace of Ottoman sultans is now a museum displaying an extraordinary collection of art, artifacts, and jewels, including the

famed Topkapi Diamond. The windows promise breathtaking views of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara.

Just inside the palace, the harem offers a revealing look into how the sultans of the Ottoman Empire lived. These private apartments were carefully situated so as not to be seen from the state apartments or courtyards where public affairs were conducted.

A short walk brings you to the luxury, Karakol Restaurant where you'll enjoy a traditional Ottoman lunch, featuring Turkish specialties and beverages on the grounds of the Topkapi Palace.

Refreshed from lunch, next you'll visit the St. Irene Church. This Byzantine Church dates from 6th Century and has excellent acoustics. The building reputedly stands on the site of a pre-Christian temple. It ranks, in fact, as the first church built in Constantinople. Roman emperor Constantine I commissioned the first St. Irene church in the 4th century. From May to July 381 the First Council of Constantinople took place in the church. It was burned down during the Nike revolt in 532. Emperor Justinian I had the church restored in 548. It served as the church of the Patriarchate before St. Sophia was completed in 537.

Your tour continues by land with a drive to the Grand Bazaar, the largest market in the world with over 4.000 shops. You'll view a carpet demonstration and explore the shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Minutes away, you'll arrive at Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers on voyages. Topkapi Palace Museum and St Irene Church are closed on Tuesdays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers on voyages.

Blue Mosque is closed until 2:00pm on Fridays. The visit will take place afternoon.

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

Please be aware of the ongoing restoration of the Topkapi Palace; some exhibits may be closed or artifacts on temporary loan to other museums. Your guide will not accompany you inside the Treasury Section of the palace.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

St. Sophia, Blue Mosque & Time On Your Own **IST-180 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$69**



A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

Your first destination is the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

Just a short walk away, Hagia Sophia comes into view. Also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom, it was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

Nearby, the Byzantine Hippodrome presents an opportunity to snap a photo or two as you walk by this imposing arena, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games through the history of the Byzantine empire.

After an awe-inspiring exploration of Turkish history, you'll board your motorcoach for a "shop 'til you drop" experience at the Grand

Bazaar. Start off with a carpet demonstration, then enjoy three hours on your own to explore. With over 4,000 shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods, you're sure to find something that will strike your fancy. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers. Blue Mosque is closed until 2:00pm on Fridays. The visit will take place afternoon.

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

Breakfast Cruise, Blue Mosque & Grand Bazaar

IST-240 Approximately 5 hours / From \$75



A short drive in your motorcoach takes you to Kabatas pier where you will board a motorboat for a panoramic cruise that promises to leave you breathless.

Whether from the comfort of the interior saloon or on deck, you'll see grand Ottoman palaces and castles, including the Dolmabahce Palace, the Beylerbeyi Palace, and Rumeli Hisar and Anadolu Castles, as you dine on a buffet breakfast.

Next, you'll visit Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

Your tour continues by land with a drive to the Grand Bazaar, the largest market in the world with over 4,000 shops. You'll view a carpet demonstration and explore the shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar. Blue Mosque is closed until 2:00pm on Fridays. The visit will take place afternoon.

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

City Drive**IST-290 Approximately 5 hours / From \$65**

A scenic 40-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you to Beylerbeyi district. This is a photo opportunity promises magnificent views of Istanbul.

Continuing on your tour, you'll travel to the European side for a dazzling photo opportunity at the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color.

Nearby, the Byzantine Hippodrome presents an opportunity to snap a photo or two as you walk by this imposing arena, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games through the history of the Byzantine empire.

Just minutes away, you'll visit Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

The last stop on your tour, the Grand Bazaar, is the largest in the world with over 4,000 shops. You'll view a carpet demonstration and explore the shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers.

This tour uses headsets.

Hippodrome, Cistern & St. Sophia**IST-220 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$79**

A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

You'll see the Byzantine Hippodrome, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games through the history of the Byzantine Empire. Monuments on the site include the Snake Column from Delphi and an Egyptian obelisk taken from the Temple of Karnak at Luxor.

Virtually around the corner is the Underground Cistern, an underground reservoir dating back to the 6th century. This "Underground Palace" prides itself on a roof supported by 336-Corinthian columns and an illuminated interior that's certain to generate a profusion of wonder and conversation.

You'll walk to Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

Just minutes away, you can virtually hear the lively Grand Bazaar and its animated transactions. Your tour continues to this impressive covered market - the largest in the world with over 4,000 shops. You'll view a carpet demonstration and explore the shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers.

This tour is offered only for calls of the Royal Princess.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

City Drive (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

IST-291 Approximately 5 hours / From \$65



A scenic 40-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you to Beylerbeyi district. This is a photo opportunity promises magnificent views of Istanbul.

Continuing on your tour, you'll travel to the European side for a dazzling photo opportunity at the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

Nearby, the Byzantine Hippodrome presents an opportunity to snap a photo or two as you walk by this imposing arena, once the heart of Constantinople's political and sporting life, and the scene of games through the history of the Byzantine empire.

Just minutes away, you'll visit Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

The last stop on your tour, the Grand Bazaar, is the largest in the world with over 4,000 shops. You'll view a carpet demonstration and explore the shops filled with jewelry, carpets, leather ware, and copper goods. Bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as IST-290. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book IST-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers. Max size group 2 wheelchairs and 4 companions.

On Sundays, the covered section of the Grand Bazaar is closed. Shopping will be limited and take place in the area nearby the Grand Bazaar

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

St. Sophia is closed on Mondays but a special opening has been arranged for tour passengers.

This tour uses headsets.

Special Interests

St. Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapi & Harem (Guided in Spanish)**IST-012 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$139**

A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

Your first destination is the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

After a short walk, you'll enter the awe-inspiring Topkapi Palace Museum, a huge walled complex that hugs the Bosphorus. This former palace of Ottoman sultans is now a museum displaying an extraordinary collection of art, artifacts, and jewels, including the famed Topkapi Diamond. The windows promise breathtaking views of the Bosphorus, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara.

Just inside the palace, the harem offers a revealing look into how the sultans of the Ottoman Empire lived. These private apartments were carefully situated so as not to be seen from the state apartments or courtyards where public affairs were conducted.

A delightful lunch, featuring Turkish specialties and beverages, will be served in a wonderful location surrounded by original Byzantine walls in the old city.

Your tour continues to Hagia Sophia, also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom. It was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

A short drive away, you'll witness a carpet demonstration followed by a chance to purchase a keepsake to remember your visit to this exciting city. Remember, bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

Please be aware of the ongoing restoration of the Topkapi Palace; some exhibits may be closed or artifacts might be on temporary loan to other museums. Your guide will not accompany you inside the Treasury Section of the palace.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

St. Sophia & Blue Mosque (Guided in Spanish)**IST-022 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$69**

A scenic 25-minute drive in your motorcoach takes you across the Galata Bridge into the heart of Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey and the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

Prepare for an up-close-and-personal view of Istanbul as you walk to the Blue Mosque, also known as The Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This 17th-century marvel was built to rival and surpass the grandeur and beauty of nearby Hagia Sophia, and is a true study in color. It displays a multitude of domes and semi-domes and graceful minarets on the exterior, and over 20,000 shimmering blue Iznik tiles in more than 50 different tulip designs, and 216 stained glass windows, on the interior.

Just a short walk away, Hagia Sophia comes into view. Also known as St. Sophia, the Church of Holy Wisdom, it was originally built by Constantine the Great, and later rebuilt by Emperor Justinian to be a "queen church" of the new empire. Considered one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, it's rich with mosaics and marble pillars and coverings.

A short drive away, you'll witness a carpet demonstration followed by a chance to purchase a keepsake to remember your visit to this exciting city. Remember, bargaining is expected and half the fun.

Your tour concludes with a walk back to your motorcoach, and a relaxing drive back to the port. With Istanbul behind you, you leave

with a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Attire for visiting the mosque should cover shoulders and knees; shoes must be removed before entering; bring or wear socks. Shoe bags will be provided. In addition to covering shoulders and knees, all women must cover their head with a scarf. Professional photography and flash are not allowed.

The sequence of tour stops may vary; expect extreme dense traffic. Once in Old Istanbul, passengers will walk between the major sites.

This tour uses headsets.



Kusadasi, Turkey (for Ephesus)

From the port of Kusadasi on Turkey's Anatolian Coast, one travels into the past. Nearby stand the ruins of ancient Ephesus, a major site of archeological excavation. The city was once a Roman provincial capital and trading center. Ephesus is also home to several of Christendom's holiest sites. St. Paul preached at the Great Theater and the ruins of Ephesus' Basilica cover the tomb of Christ's most beloved disciple, St. John the Apostle.

In Kusadasi, whitewashed stone houses rise in tiers behind the market district. The palm-lined esplanade is the center of town life, with thousands of merchants offering wares to rival the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Ephesus, St. John's & Virgin Mary Shrine **KU1-200 Approximately 5 hours / From \$89**



A motorcoach tour from the port of Kusadasi to the Shrine of the Virgin Mary is a scenic delight, with wonderful views of the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk and the Temple of Artemis. From your window, great vistas of the valley can be seen as you travel a long and winding road to the picturesque Solmissos Mountains.

The House of the Virgin Mary is considered by the Vatican to be a Holy Place, and a small shrine, dedicated to her, was found in the ruins when the house was first discovered. The shrine is still cared for by the Lazarist Fathers, and Mass is celebrated at this spot every day. A curative spring runs through the property, from which you are welcome to drink.

Your tour continues to the ancient city of Ephesus. A slow, downhill walk into the ruins gives you time appreciate the historic significance of the area, once the trade center of the ancient world and the site of a succession of great civilizations. Your knowledgeable guide will take you back in time and highlight such sights as the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, once used for both political and entertainment purposes, and the beautiful Celsus Library with its imposing façade and two-story Corinthian-style columns. The dramatic Great Theater is one of the few structures still used today. It seats twenty-five thousand was an arena for gladiator games.

Strolling through the streets, it is easy to see that Ephesus is one of the best-preserved classical cities in the world and is considered one of the great outdoor museums of Turkey. Although in ruins, the Basilica of St. John is still a majestic sight to behold. Large columns, frescos and mosaics still stand, paying homage to the monumental basilica built during Emperor Justinian's reign - created in the shape of a cross and covered with six individual domes.

St. John is thought to be buried under the central dome. Constructed out of stone and brick - a rare find in architecture of this time - the monumental basilica has marble columns in the courtyard that are carved with the monograms of Emperor Justinian and his wife Theodora. A scenic drive back to port affords time to reflect with fellow travelers on the wonders you have seen.

Once in Kusadasi, you'll have time to explore the colorful markets and bazaars, where handmade goods and traditional foods are sold, or view a demonstration of the intricate art of carpet-weaving. Ample time to explore on your own is provided and you may walk back to the ship at your leisure.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Ephesus requires walking long distances over uneven surfaces; to enter the Basilica of St. John involves some walking at an uphill gradient and a few stairs. At the House of the Virgin Mary, there are also some stairs.

The drive from Ephesus to the Virgin Mary Shrine takes approximately 20 minutes over a winding mountain road.

At the end of the tour, passengers have the option to remain in town to view a carpet demonstration or to shop in the bazaar; return to the ship would be on your own (10 to 15 minutes walking).

This tour uses headsets.

Ephesus & Virgin Mary Shrine

KU1-205 Approximately 4 hours / From \$75



Your scenic motorcoach ride travels north from the Port of Kusadasi past the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of antiquity - and the magnificent remains of Basilica of St. John. From your window, great vistas of the valley can be seen as you travel a long and winding road to the picturesque Solmissos Mountains. The House of the Virgin Mary is considered by the Vatican to be a Holy Place, and a small shrine dedicated to St. Mary was found in the ruins when the house was first discovered. The shrine, surrounded by lush foliage, is still cared for by the Lazarist Fathers, and Mass is celebrated at this spot every day. Many do not know that the Virgin Mary lived the last years of her life in Turkey in a small cottage near Ephesus.

The three-arched Magnesian Gates are the starting point to your slow, downhill walk into the ancient city of Ephesus, once the trade center of the ancient world and the site of a succession of great civilizations. Your knowledgeable guide will take you back in time and highlight such structures as the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, once used for both political and entertainment purposes, and the beautiful Celsus Library with its imposing façade and two-story Corinthian-style columns. See the dramatic Great Theater, once the home of gladiator games, which seats twenty-five thousand. Strolling through the streets, it is easy to see that Ephesus is one of the best-preserved classical cities in the world and why it is considered one of the great outdoor museums of Turkey.

A scenic drive back to port affords an opportunity to discuss all the wonders you have seen with your fellow travelers. Once in Kusadasi, ample time is provided to explore the colorful markets and bazaars, where handmade goods and traditional foods are sold. A popular souvenir item to bring home is "the evil eye," thought to ward off bad spirits and bring luck and success. You can also learn the intricate art of carpet-weaving at a demonstration and explore on your own before walking back to the ship at your leisure.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Ephesus requires walking long distances over uneven surfaces. The drive from Ephesus to the Virgin Mary Shrine takes approximately 20 minutes over a winding mountain road. Visitors to the House of Virgin Mary must climb a few steps.

At the end of the tour, passengers have the option to remain in town to view a carpet demonstration or to shop in the bazaar; return to the ship would be on your own (10 to 15 minutes walking).

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

Ephesus

KU1-215 Approximately 3 hours / From \$69



Your scenic motorcoach ride travels north from the Port of Kusadasi, passing the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of antiquity - and the magnificent remains of the Basilica of St. John.

As you approach ancient Ephesus, you will see the three-arched Magnesian Gates. A slow, downhill walk into the city, once the trade center of the ancient world and the site of a succession of great civilizations, reveals its historic significance. The white marbled streets wind through one of the world's most elegant archaeological sites; it is no wonder that Ephesus is considered one of the great outdoor museums of Turkey.

Your knowledgeable guide will take you back in time and highlight such structures as the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, once used for both political and entertainment purposes, and the beautiful Celsus Library with its imposing façade and two-story Corinthian-style columns. The dramatic Great Theater seats twenty-five thousand and was once an arena for gladiator games. Strolling through the streets, it is easy to see that Ephesus is one of the best-preserved classical cities in the world and the reasons travelers flock here to immerse themselves in the atmosphere of Roman times.

A scenic drive back to port offers time to discuss all the wonders you have seen with your fellow travelers. Once in Kusadasi, enjoy ample time to explore the colorful markets and bazaars where handmade goods and traditional foods are sold. A popular souvenir item to bring home is "the evil eye," thought to ward off bad spirits and bring luck and success. You can also learn the intricate art of carpet-weaving and explore the area on your own before walking back to the ship at your leisure.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Ephesus requires walking long distances over uneven surfaces.

At the end of the tour, passengers have the option to remain in town to view a carpet demonstration or to shop in the bazaar; return to the ship would be on your own (10 to 15 minutes walking).

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

Ephesus (Guided in French)

KU1-219 Approximately 3 hours / From \$59



Your scenic motorcoach ride travels north from the Port of Kusadasi, passing the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of antiquity - and the magnificent remains of the Basilica of St. John.

As you approach ancient Ephesus, you will see the three-arched Magnesian Gates. A slow, downhill walk into the city, once the trade center of the ancient world and the site of a succession of great civilizations, reveals its historic significance. The white marbled streets wind through one of the world's most elegant archaeological sites; it is no wonder that Ephesus is considered one of the great outdoor museums of Turkey.

Your knowledgeable guide will take you back in time and highlight such structures as the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, once used for both political and entertainment purposes, and the beautiful Celsus Library with its imposing façade and two-story Corinthian-style columns. The dramatic Great Theater seats twenty-five thousand and was once an arena for gladiator games. Strolling through the streets, it is easy to see that Ephesus is one of the best-preserved classical cities in the world and the reasons travelers flock here to immerse themselves in the atmosphere of Roman times.

A scenic drive back to port offers time to discuss all the wonders you have seen with your fellow travelers. Once in Kusadasi, enjoy ample time to explore the colorful markets and bazaars where handmade goods and traditional foods are sold. A popular souvenir item to bring home is "the evil eye," thought to ward off bad spirits and bring luck and success. You can also learn the intricate art of carpet-weaving and explore the area on your own before walking back to the ship at your leisure.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Ephesus requires walking long distances over uneven surfaces.

At the end of the tour, passengers have the option to remain in town to view a carpet demonstration or to shop in the bazaar; return to the ship would be on your own (10 to 15 minutes walking).

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

Ephesus & The Terrace Houses

KU1-250 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$119



Board your mini-motorcoach for a scenic drive to ancient Ephesus. Traveling north, you'll pass the massive Byzantine fortress at Selcuk, the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of the ancient world - and the extraordinary Basilica of St. John.

The three-arched Magnesian Gates are the starting point to your slow, downhill walk into the ancient city of Ephesus, once the trade center of the ancient world and the site of a succession of great civilizations. Your knowledgeable guide will take you back in time and highlight such structures as the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, once used for both political and entertainment purposes, and the beautiful Celsus Library with its imposing façade and two-story Corinthian-style columns. See the dramatic Great Theater, which seats twenty-five thousand and was once the arena of gladiator games. Strolling through the streets, it is easy to see that Ephesus is one of the best-preserved classical cities in the world and why it is considered one of the great outdoor museums of Turkey.

Look up at the hill across from Hadrian's Temple, and you will see the newly excavated area known as the Terrace Houses. Also referred to as "the houses of the rich," these structures give us important information about family life during the Roman period. Remarkably, these homes had such modern conveniences as hot and cold running water and intricate central heating systems. Beautiful tiled mosaics and ornate frescos have been consolidated for easy viewing and two buildings are open as museums.

A scenic drive back to port affords the time to reflect with fellow travelers on the wonders you have seen. Once in Kusadasi, browse the colorful markets and bazaars where handmade goods and traditional foods are sold. A popular Turkish souvenir to bring home is "the evil eye," thought to ward off bad spirits and bring success and luck to its owner. You will also have an opportunity to learn the

intricate art of carpet-weaving at a demonstration. Ample time to explore on your own is provided and you may walk back to the ship at your leisure.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Ephesus requires walking long distances over uneven surfaces. Terrace Houses require walking up many steps.

At the end of the tour, passengers have the option to remain in town to view a carpet demonstration or to shop in the bazaar; return to the ship would be on your own (10 to 15 minutes walking).

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

Special Interests

Panoramic Ephesus & Virgin Mary's Shrine

KU1-095 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$49



Your scenic motorcoach ride travels north from the Port of Kusadasi past the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of antiquity - and the magnificent remains of Basilica of St. John. From your window, great vistas of the valley can be seen as you travel a long and winding road to the picturesque Solmissos Mountains. The House of the Virgin Mary is considered by the Vatican to be a Holy Place, and a small shrine dedicated to St. Mary was found in the ruins when the house was first discovered. The shrine, surrounded by lush foliage, is still cared for by the Lazarist Fathers, and Mass is celebrated at this spot every day. Many do not know that the Virgin Mary lived the last years of her life in Turkey in a small cottage near Ephesus.

Continue on a scenic drive that travels through the picturesque countryside, dotted with vineyards, olive orchards, peach trees and cotton plantations, en route to the statue of The Virgin Mary. From here you will view the upper gate of Ancient Ephesus. Then drive around the town of Selcuk and view its rich history.

You'll have a moment to relax in your motorcoach before arriving at your next stop, a traditional weaving village, where local artisans demonstrate the process of dying, spinning and weaving splendid Turkish carpets.

Upon return to the port of Kusadasi, you have the option of browsing the colorful markets and bazaars and walking the short distance back to the ship at your leisure, or taking the motorcoach directly to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please note that Ephesus is only viewed panoramically from outside and a visit inside the open-air museum of Ephesus is not included.

This tour uses headsets.

Panoramic Ephesus & Virgin Mary's Shrine (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

KU1-096 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$49



Your scenic motorcoach ride travels north from the Port of Kusadasi past the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of antiquity - and the magnificent remains of Basilica of St. John. From your window, great vistas of the valley can be seen as you travel a long and winding road to the picturesque Solmissos Mountains. The House of the Virgin Mary is considered by the Vatican to be a Holy Place, and a small shrine dedicated to St. Mary was found in the ruins when the house was first discovered. The shrine, surrounded by lush foliage, is still cared for by the Lazarist Fathers, and Mass is celebrated at this spot every day. Many do not know that the Virgin Mary lived the last years of her life in Turkey in a small cottage near Ephesus.

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You'll have a moment to relax in your motorcoach before arriving at your next stop, a traditional weaving village, where local artisans demonstrate the process of dying, spinning and weaving splendid Turkish carpets.

Upon return to the port of Kusadasi, you have the option of browsing the colorful markets and bazaars and walking the short distance back to the ship at your leisure, or taking the motorcoach directly to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as KU1-295. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book KU1-295. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Please note that Ephesus is only viewed panoramically from outside and a visit inside the open-air museum of Ephesus is not included.

Ephesus & Virgin Mary Shrine (Guided in Spanish)

KU1-207 Approximately 4 hours / From \$75



Your scenic motorcoach ride travels north from the Port of Kusadasi past the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of antiquity - and the magnificent remains of Basilica of St. John. From your window, great vistas of the valley can be seen as you travel a long and winding road to the picturesque Solmissos Mountains. The House of the Virgin Mary is considered by the Vatican to be a Holy Place, and a small shrine dedicated to St. Mary was found in the ruins when the house was first discovered. The shrine, surrounded by lush foliage, is still cared for by the Lazarist Fathers, and Mass is celebrated at this spot every day. Many do not know that the Virgin Mary lived the last years of her life in Turkey in a small cottage near Ephesus.

The three-arched Magnesian Gates are the starting point to your slow, downhill walk into the ancient city of Ephesus, once the trade center of the ancient world and the site of a succession of great civilizations. Your knowledgeable guide will take you back in time and highlight such structures as the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, once used for both political and entertainment purposes, and the beautiful Celsus Library with its imposing façade and two-story Corinthian-style columns. See the dramatic Great Theater, once the home of gladiator games, which seats twenty-five thousand. Strolling through the streets, it is easy to see that Ephesus is one of the best-preserved classical cities in the world and why it is considered one of the great outdoor museums of Turkey.

Before returning to Kusadasi you will visit a local leather center where you can see the wonderful samples of Turkish leather products.

A scenic drive back to port affords an opportunity to discuss all the wonders you have seen with your fellow travelers. Once in Kusadasi, ample time is provided to explore the colorful markets and bazaars, where handmade goods and traditional foods are sold. A popular souvenir item to bring home is "the evil eye," thought to ward off bad spirits and bring luck and success.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Ephesus requires walking long distances over uneven surfaces. The drive from Ephesus to the Virgin Mary Shrine takes approximately 20 minutes over a winding mountain road. Visitors to the House of Virgin Mary must climb a few steps.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.

Ephesus & Virgin Mary Shrine (Guided in German)

KU1-208 Approximately 4 hours / From \$75



Your scenic motorcoach ride travels north from the Port of Kusadasi past the Byzantine fortress in Selcuk, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis - one of the seven wonders of antiquity - and the magnificent remains of Basilica of St. John. From your window, great vistas of the valley can be seen as you travel a long and winding road to the picturesque Solmissos Mountains. The House of the Virgin Mary is considered by the Vatican to be a Holy Place, and a small shrine dedicated to St. Mary was found in the ruins when the house was first discovered. The shrine, surrounded by lush foliage, is still cared for by the Lazarist Fathers, and Mass is celebrated at this spot every day. Many do not know that the Virgin Mary lived the last years of her life in Turkey in a small cottage near Ephesus.

The three-arched Magnesian Gates are the starting point to your slow, downhill walk into the ancient city of Ephesus, once the trade center of the ancient world and the site of a succession of great civilizations. Your knowledgeable guide will take you back in time and highlight such structures as the beautifully preserved Temple of Hadrian, the magnificent Trajan Fountain, the Odeon Theater, once used for both political and entertainment purposes, and the beautiful Celsus Library with its imposing façade and two-story

Corinthian-style columns. See the dramatic Great Theater, once the home of gladiator games, which seats twenty-five thousand. Strolling through the streets, it is easy to see that Ephesus is one of the best-preserved classical cities in the world and why it is considered one of the great outdoor museums of Turkey.

A scenic drive back to port affords an opportunity to discuss all the wonders you have seen with your fellow travelers. Once in Kusadasi, ample time is provided to explore the colorful markets and bazaars, where handmade goods and traditional foods are sold. A popular souvenir item to bring home is "the evil eye," thought to ward off bad spirits and bring luck and success. You can also learn the intricate art of carpet-weaving at a demonstration and explore on your own before walking back to the ship at your leisure.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Ephesus requires walking long distances over uneven surfaces. The drive from Ephesus to the Virgin Mary Shrine takes approximately 20 minutes over a winding mountain road. Visitors to the House of Virgin Mary must climb a few steps.

This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

This tour uses headsets.



Athens (Piraeus), Greece

The past maintains a vibrant presence in the cradle of Western civilization. Atop the Acropolis, the serene Parthenon sails above the commotion of the modern city. The tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides were performed in the Theater of Dionysus at the foot of the Acropolis. On Pnyx Hill, citizens of a fledgling democracy gathered to cast their votes on Athens' destiny. Then there is the hustle and bustle of the modern city, a metropolis of 4.5 million that spreads out from the foot of Mt. Lycabettus and across the plain. Packed with busy shops and lively tavernas, modern Athens is a colorful counterpoint to classical Greece.

Piraeus is the port city for Athens and has been Athens' port of entry for over two millennia.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular World Heritage Site

Best of Athens

ATH-100 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$179



Board your motorcoach for a 30 to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens. Along the way, your narrated drive will pass a host of major sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library.

Ahead, the mighty Acropolis dominates the landscape. Your guided walking tour begins as you climb the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental gateway to the Acropolis, which extends 150 feet across the western side. The views of the city of Athens below are incredible.

Beyond the Propylaea, on the highest point of the Acropolis, stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. The architectural sophistication of its creation has captivated visitors for centuries.

Beyond the Parthenon lies the Erechtheum, situated on the most sacred site of the Acropolis, where Athena and Poseidon are said to have held a contest to decide who would be Patron of the city. When Poseidon thrust his trident into the ground, water burst forth, but when Athena touched the ground with her spear, an olive tree grew and she was named goddess of the city. The building itself contains the graceful Porch of the Caryatids, which features replica columns of marble maidens supporting the roof of the temple.

Your Athens tour continues as you drive through the city en route to the National Archaeological Museum. Along the way you will pass the Old Olympic Stadium where a brief photo stop is offered (traffic permitting). Re-built to host the first, modern Olympic Games in 1896, this marble stadium stands on the site of the original stadium of Ancient Athens, dating from the 4th century B.C., and was used in the 2004 Olympics for the finish of the marathon and the archery competition.

The neo-classically-designed National Archaeological Museum is considered one of the great museums of the world, containing the richest collection of Greek antiquities in the world. Marvel at the power of the bronze statue of Poseidon along with a plethora of gold items such as the Mask of Agamemnon. Recent expansions include exhibits dedicated to Minoan Frescos and Egyptian antiquities.

Lunch is a welcome respite in your busy day, and a delicious hot and cold buffet is complimented by a glass of wine and traditional Greek pastries. Refreshed, you'll travel by motorcoach to The Plaka area for a ten-minute scenic walk into Athens's famous shopping district.

The Plaka, located in one of the oldest areas of Athens, is home to lively markets, cobblestone lanes, and shops filled with antiques, jewelry and handicrafts. Many streets have been closed to automobile traffic, so browsing the area is a delight. A stop in one of the local cafes and tavernas is an opportunity to experience traditional culinary delights. An hour of free time is provided to explore this area on your own before returning to the motorcoach for transportation back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steep steps at the Acropolis, as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. There will be a 10-minute walk from the motorcoach drop-off point to the Plaka area. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before taking this tour.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis and Archaeological Museum prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

Flash photography is not permitted in the National Archeological Museum.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

Acropolis, Plaka & Temple of Poseidon

ATH-105 Approximately 9 hours / From \$169



Board your motorcoach for a 30- to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens. Along the way, your narrated drive will pass a host of major sites including Hadrian's Arch, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the National Gardens, and the University Library.

Ahead, the Acropolis dominates the landscape. Your guided walking tour begins as you climb the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental marble gateway to the Acropolis. Once at the top, you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of Athens below.

Beyond the Propylaea, on the highest point of the Acropolis, stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization and a perfect representation of Doric-style architecture. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. An enduring symbol of ancient Greece, the Parthenon has survived the passage of time, and its architectural sophistication still impresses all who study it.

On the north side of the Acropolis lays the Erechtheum. This sacred site is where it is said it was decided which god would rule the city. When Poseidon thrust his trident into the ground, water burst forth, but when Athena touched the ground with her spear and an olive tree grew, she was named ruler of the city. On the south side of the building, you will discover the Porch of the Caryatids or Porch of the Maidens. Notice how these graceful sculptures are engineered to support the weight of the roof on the slender neck of each female figure.

Your motorcoach route to Plaka takes you past the Old Olympic Stadium for a brief photo opportunity (traffic permitting). This marble stadium was built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

Once in Plaka, you'll have an hour of free time to browse through this historic shopping district. The cobblestone pedestrian lanes are lined with boutiques, souvenir stands, jewelry stores, and flea market stalls offering a wide variety of items.

A wonderful hot and cold buffet lunch is served midday and includes a glass of wine and Greek pastries for dessert. Refreshed, you'll embark on a scenic one-hour drive down Attica's rugged western coast, taking in views of rocky coves and the deep-blue Saronic Gulf as you make your way to Cape Sounion.

Built on a cliff, the Temple of Poseidon looms majestically over the Aegean Sea. Your guide escorts you up the steep path to this 5th-century B.C. temple dedicated to the sea god. Built as an ancient site of worship, 15 of the original 34 white marble Doric columns remain. The setting is known to have inspired poet Lord Byron and if you look carefully at the columns, you will find his name chiseled into the marble, dating back to his first visit to Greece.

Your return drive to port is an opportunity to discuss with your guide and fellow travelers the fascinating sights you've seen throughout the day.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive from Piraeus to Cape Sounion is approximately 1.5 hours each way.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis. There will be a 10 minute walk from the motorcoach drop-off point to the Plaka area. In addition, you must walk approximately 500 yards from the drop-off point to the Temple of Poseidon, and you must walk over some uneven and slippery paths. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before booking this tour.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

Acropolis, Plaka & Folkloric Show

ATH-130 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$149



Drive into the heart of Athens on a 30- to 40-minute motorcoach ride, heading towards the Acropolis. Along the way, your narrated tour will take you past such major sites as Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and Constitution Square.

The majestic power of the Acropolis looms in the distance. Once there, a steep climb up 80 steps leads you through the gateway to the ruins, the spectacular marble Propylaea. At the top, pause to take in the incredible view of Athens below.

Beyond the Propylaea, on the highest point of the Acropolis, stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization and a perfect representation of Doric-style architecture. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. An enduring symbol of ancient Greece, it is considered a masterpiece of Greek architecture.

On the north side of the Acropolis lays the Erechtheum, noted for its elegant and unusual design. Within its foundation is said to have lived the sacred snake of the temple, representing the spirit that governed the safety of the city. The snake was fed honey cakes, and if he refused the sweets it was considered a terrible omen for the inhabitants.

On the south side of the building, you will discover the Porch of the Caryatids (or, Porch of the Maidens). Notice how these graceful sculptures are engineered, supporting the weight of the roof on the slender neck of each female figure.

The motorcoach drive back through town toward Plaka takes you past the Old Olympic Stadium (traffic permitting) for a brief photo opportunity. This marble stadium was built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

Once in Plaka, you'll have 90 minutes of free time to browse through this historic shopping district. The cobblestone lanes have been closed to automobile traffic, making it easy to browse through the boutiques, souvenir stands, jewelry stores, and flea market stalls. In addition, the area is home to a number of small museums including the Museum of Greek Folk Art.

From the Plaka, walk to the establishment for your traditional Greek lunch and folkloric show. Enjoy a variety of specialty foods including authentic Tzatziki, a light and flavorful yogurt dip, and Moussaka, considered the ambassador of Greek food.

Then, get ready for the show! A band playing folk music creates a festive mood as dancers in traditional costumes perform regional classics. After the performance, it is time to get into the act for a dancing lesson, Zorba-style! Greek dancing has its origins in ancient religious rituals, but today there is a dance to celebrate almost every occasion. The Zorba dance, memorialized by Anthony Quinn in the film Zorba the Greek, starts out slowly and builds to a fast crescendo, ending in a shoulder-to-shoulder group dance in time to the energetic music. Opa!

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. There is a 10-minute walk from the motorcoach drop-off point to the Plaka. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before booking.

This tour uses headsets.

Acropolis, Acropolis Museum & Plaka**ATH-150 Approximately 8 hours / From \$199**

Board your air-conditioned motorcoach for a 30- to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens.

Considered one of the great museums of the world, the New Acropolis Museum, an ultra-modern showcase located at the foot of the Acropolis, displays a dramatic collection of artifacts and statues from the Pantheon, the Porch of the Caryatids, and surrounding sites.

The word Acropolis means "high city" in Ancient Greek, and your next destination sits on a rocky perch over 500 feet tall. A sacred place for Athenians since Mycenaean times, the Acropolis is a symbol of Greek history, democracy and the ingenuity of the ancient world. Your guided walking tour begins as you climb the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental gateway that extends 150 feet across the Acropolis' western side.

Beyond the Propylaea, on the highest point of the Acropolis, stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization and one of the most recognizable. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. Its architectural sophistication has captivated visitors for centuries.

Beyond the Parthenon lies the Erechtheum, situated on the most sacred site of the Acropolis, where Athena and Poseidon are said to have held a contest to decide who would be Patron of the city. When Poseidon thrust his trident into the ground, water burst forth, but when Athena touched the ground with her spear and an olive tree grew, she was named ruler of the city. The building itself contains the graceful Porch of the Caryatids, with its exquisite, delicate row of maidens. Legend has it that when Lord Elgin removed one of the original six statues for his Scottish mansion, the remaining five maidens could be heard crying in the night.

The Ancient Tastes Restaurant, located just outside of central Athens, is the setting for a feast of dishes prepared according to ancient recipes. During the lunch, enjoy a Greek dance performance. After lunch, you will travel to Plaka, a lively marketplace located in one of the oldest areas of Athens.

Picturesque Plaka is home to cobblestone lanes and petite shops filled with antiques, jewelry, and handicrafts. Many of the streets have been closed to automobile traffic, so browsing the area is a delight. Small local museums include the Museum of Greek Folk Art and the Jewish Museum of Greece. An hour is provided to explore this area independently.

Your guided motorcoach tour then continues through the streets of Athens. Have your camera ready for photo opportunities, including the magnificent Old Olympic Stadium, the Parliament Building, and Syntagma Square for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. If you are lucky you will see the hourly ritual changing of the guards called Evones. Snap a picture of their unique costumes, complete with pom-poms on the toes of their shoes.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the Acropolis.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis and Acropolis Museum prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. There will be a 10-minute walk from the motorcoach drop-off point to the Plaka area. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before booking the tour.

Flash photography is not permitted in the Acropolis Museum.

This tour uses headsets.

Acropolis & Time On Your Own in the Plaka**ATH-180 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$89**

Board your motorcoach for the approximately 30- to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens en route to the famed Acropolis. Your narrated tour passes a host of major sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library.

The Acropolis dominates the Athenian landscape and your guided walking tour reveals the wonders of these ancient ruins and the stories behind each of its landmarks. You'll begin by climbing the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental marble gateway to the Acropolis. Once at the top, you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of Athens below.

On the highest point of the Acropolis stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization and a perfect representation of Doric-style architecture. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. An enduring symbol of ancient Greece, the Parthenon has survived the passage of time and its architectural sophistication

still impresses all who study it.

On the north side of the Acropolis stands the Erechtheum. This sacred site is where it was once decided which god would rule the city. When Poseidon thrust his trident into the ground, water burst forth, but when Athena touched the ground with her spear and an olive tree grew, she was named ruler of the city. On the south side of the building, you will discover the Porch of the Caryatids, or Porch of the Maidens. Notice how these graceful sculptures are engineered to support the weight of the roof on the slender neck of each female figure. Legend has it that when Lord Elgin removed one of the original statues to decorate his Scottish mansion, the remaining stone maidens could be heard crying in the night.

At the completion of your Acropolis tour, an informative drive takes you through Athens, showcasing its most historic sites. A photo stop at the Old Olympic Stadium is an opportunity to see first-hand the marble structure built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

Your two-hour, independent exploration of Athens begins from the Plaka which is close to the center of the city. A short walk brings you to the Plaka, the city's historic shopping district.

Once in the Plaka, stroll through cobblestone pedestrian lanes lined with boutiques, souvenir stands, jewelry stores, and colorful flea market stalls. Street musicians entertain as you browse the shops. A host of local cafes and tavernas offer traditional Greek fare. The seafood is exceptional, the salads fresh and flavorful and the house wines a delight. The area is also home to such small, local museums as the Museum of Greek Folk Art and the Jewish Museum of Greece.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis, as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. There will be a 10-minute walk from the motorcoach drop-off point to the Plaka area. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before booking this tour.

Euros are required for entrance fees; Euros and/or credit cards are recommended in retail and dining venues; change your money onboard the ship or at a currency exchange in Athens.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

Acropolis & City Drive

ATH-200 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



Board your motorcoach for a 30- to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens. Ahead, the mighty Acropolis dominates the landscape. Your guided walking tour begins there, as you climb the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental gateway that extends 150 feet across its western side. From there, the views of the city of Athens below are incredible.

Beyond the Propylaea, on the highest point of the Acropolis, stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. Its architectural sophistication has captivated visitors for centuries.

Beyond the Parthenon lies the Erechtheum, situated on the most sacred site of the Acropolis, where Athena and Poseidon are said to have held a contest to decide who would be Patron of the city. When Poseidon thrust his trident into the ground, water burst forth, but when Athena touched the ground with her spear and an olive tree grew, she was named ruler of the city. The building itself contains the graceful Porch of the Caryatids, which features replica columns of marble maidens supporting the roof of the temple. Local legend says that when Lord Elgin took one of the maidens to decorate his Scottish mansion, you could hear the other statues crying in the night.

Your Athens tour continues as you drive through the city viewing its major highlights. Your narrated drive will cover a host of celebrated sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library.

Along the way you will pass the Old Olympic Stadium, where a brief photo stop is offered. Re-built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, and used again in the 2004 Olympics for the finish of the marathon and the archery competition, this marble stadium stands on the site of the original stadium of Ancient Athens, which dated from the 4th century B.C. At the completion of your tour you will return to the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before booking this tour.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

City Drive & Old Olympic Stadium

ATH-290 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$49



Your motorcoach tour of Athens departs from port, en route to a dramatic viewpoint location overlooking the Acropolis. As you gaze upon the spectacular ruins, your knowledgeable guide will describe the history of these great temples and significant buildings, including the famed Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments in ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C., and its architectural sophistication and Doric style have captivated visitors for centuries. Although the remaining structure appears to be stark, white marble, experts now believe that at one time much of the detail work on the building was brightly colored.

A nearby shop sells souvenirs from this historic area, and your tour includes time to browse for gifts and mementos.

You will continue on to the Old Olympic Stadium. This marble stadium was built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 and was used again in the 2004 Olympics for the finish of the marathon and the archery competition. The stadium has also served as the finish line every year for the classic marathon race.

A leading venue in the area offers refreshments before you continue with your city tour. Your narrated drive passes a host of major sites, including the statue of Lord Byron, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library. In addition, if traffic permits, a photo stop will be made at the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the largest temple in antiquity, 700 years in the making. Located just behind Hadrian's Arch, the temple pays homage to Zeus, ruler of the Olympian gods. Originally there were 104 Corinthian columns, each 17 meters high, but today, only 15 columns remain.

Your tour concludes with a drive back to port.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited.

World Heritage Site

City Drive & Acropolis Museum

ATH-295 Approximately 4 hours / From \$49



Board your motorcoach for a 30- to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens. The city's interesting blend of old and new architecture is immediately apparent as you approach your first stop, the New Acropolis Museum.

At the base of the Acropolis, with a direct view of the Parthenon, is the New Acropolis Museum, a stunning blend of past and present. This modern 5-story structure by architect Bernard Tschumi was designed to allow this rich collection of antiquities and sculptures to be seen in natural light. Artifacts depicting everyday life in Athens during all periods of history are dramatically showcased within glass-floored galleries. The pièce de résistance is the top floor, where visitors can see the frieze from the Parthenon, then turn around for a view of the actual Parthenon through enormous glass windows.

After viewing the museum's exquisite collection of artifacts, which were found at the base of the archeological site, take a short drive to a lookout point and view the Acropolis itself. As you gaze upon the spectacular ruins, your knowledgeable guide will describe the history of these great temples and significant buildings, including the famed Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments in ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C., and its architectural sophistication and Doric style have captivated visitors for centuries. Although the remaining structure appears to be stark white marble, experts now believe that at one time much of the detail work on the building was brightly colored.

A nearby shop sells souvenirs from this historic area, and your tour includes time to browse for gifts and mementos.

Continue with a narrated city tour that passes a host of major sites, including the statue of Lord Byron, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library. In addition, a photo stop will be made at the Old

Olympic Stadium (traffic permitting). This marble stadium was built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 and was used again in the 2004 Olympics for the finish of the marathon and the archery competition. Your tour concludes with a drive back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited.

World Heritage Site**Acropolis, Ancient Agora & Temple of Olympian Zeus**

ATH-380 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$159



Board your motorcoach for a 30- to 40-minute scenic ride into the heart of Athens. Along the way, your narrated drive will pass a host of major sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library.

Ahead, the mighty Acropolis dominates the landscape. Your guided walking tour begins as you climb the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental gateway to the Acropolis, which extends 150 feet across its western side. From here, the views of the city of Athens below are incredible.

Beyond the Propylaea, on the highest point of the Acropolis stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. The Erechtheum is situated on the most sacred site of the Acropolis, where Athena and Poseidon are said to have held a contest to decide who would be Patron of the city. Here you will find the graceful Porch of the Caryatids, which features replica columns of marble maidens supporting the roof of the temple. The originals can be seen at the Acropolis Museum.

At the base of the Acropolis, with a direct view of the Parthenon, is the New Acropolis Museum, a stunning blend of past and present. This modern 5-story structure by architect Bernard Tschumi was designed to allow this rich collection of antiquities and sculptures to be seen in natural light. The pièce de résistance is the top floor, where visitors can see the frieze from the Parthenon, then turn around for a view of the actual Parthenon through enormous glass windows.

A drive to your next venue reveals a wonderful "yevma" - Greek for lunch. Sample regional delicacies based on ancient Greek recipes and ingredients and taste flavorful local wines.

Refreshed, you'll visit the Ancient Agora, once a thriving marketplace and public forum, and browse the small Stoa of Attalus Museum, which houses many artifacts from the area, including a collection of vases, coins and statues.

Overlooking the once-thriving Agora below, you'll view the Doric-style Thession Temple, built in 449 B.C. and still in excellent condition. A brief shopping excursion in the Ancient Agora area allows for time to purchase souvenirs and mementos from local venues and partake in refreshments.

Re-board your motorcoach for a city driving tour through Athens. A photo stop at the Old Olympic Stadium is an opportunity to see first-hand this marble structure, built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Then, continue on to the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the largest temple in antiquity, 700 years in the making. Located just behind Hadrian's Arch, the temple pays homage to Zeus, ruler of the Olympian gods.

Your return scenic ride to port is a relaxing end to your unforgettable day.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Participation is extremely limited.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the Acropolis. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before taking this tour. Security restrictions at the Acropolis prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks.

This tour uses headsets.

City Drive & Old Olympic Stadium (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)**ATH-291 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$49**

Your motorcoach tour of Athens departs from port, en route to a dramatic viewpoint location overlooking the Acropolis. As you gaze upon the spectacular ruins, your knowledgeable guide will describe the history of these great temples and significant buildings, including the famed Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments in ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C., and its architectural sophistication and Doric style have captivated visitors for centuries. Although the remaining structure appears to be stark, white marble, experts now believe that at one time much of the detail work on the building was brightly colored.

A nearby shop sells souvenirs from this historic area, and your tour includes time to browse for gifts and mementos.

You will continue on to the Old Olympic Stadium. This marble stadium was built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 and was used again in the 2004 Olympics for the finish of the marathon and the archery competition. The stadium has also served as the finish line every year for the classic marathon race.

A leading venue in the area offers refreshments before you continue with your city tour. Your narrated drive passes a host of major sites, including the statue of Lord Byron, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library. In addition, if traffic permits, a photo stop will be made at the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the largest temple in antiquity, 700 years in the making. Located just behind Hadrian's Arch, the temple pays homage to Zeus, ruler of the Olympian gods. Originally, there were 104 Corinthian columns, each 17 meters high, but today, only 15 columns remain.

Your tour concludes with a drive back to port.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This is the same tour as ATH-290. Only wheelchair-confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book ATH-290. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance to you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited.

Corinth Canal Cruise**ATH-240 Approximately 5 hours / From \$75**

Board your motorcoach for the approximately 75-minute drive to the Corinth Canal by modern highway. Pass Eleusis and Megara with views of beaches, rocky coves and the blue waters of the Saronic Gulf.

Carved into a massive rock, the 76-foot wide and 26-foot deep canal dramatically separates the Peloponnese from the rest of mainland Greece. A fantastic photo opportunity can be had 200 feet above water, from the center of the bridge that spans its banks. The Emperor Nero once ordered a canal built here, however, the project was abandoned; the Corinth Canal was built only in the last century.

Board your boat in Isthmia which has a small submersible bridge connecting it to the mainland. Depending on the traffic of the canal, the trip through may be made twice. For approximately 45 minutes you will travel serenely through the canal and marvel at the sheer rock walls rising above the waters. Before the engineers of the 19th century succeeded to build this canal where their predecessors had failed, ships had to sail all the way around the Peloponnese - adding 185 nautical miles and several extra days to the journey.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The drive from Piraeus to Corinth is approximately 1 1/4 hours each way.

There are a few steps involved when boarding the Canal Transit boats. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before booking this tour. Depending on the traffic waiting to cross the canal you may experience a longer than usual wait and the transit may be done twice.

This tour may not operate on all Tuesdays due to maintenance in the Canal.

Athens on Your Own**ATH-185 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$39**

Board your motorcoach for a scenic driving tour into the heart of Athens. Your narrated tour orients you to the city and passes a host of major sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy and the University Library.

Your six-hour, independent exploration begins in central Athens as you will be dropped off near the traditional shopping district of the Plaka.

The metro station is located at Syntagma Square (Constitution) and is probably the most beautiful station you will ever see, with an underground archeological museum right next to the trains. Across the street are the National Gardens, where you can hop a trolley bus to the National Archaeological Museum, unless you'd prefer to take a pleasant 30-minute walk there.

A short walk away is the Plaka, the city's historic shopping district, located just under the Acropolis. The Plaka is the oldest section of Athens. Most of its streets have been closed to automobile traffic and walking the cobblestone pedestrian lanes will make you feel as though you have been transported to a small village. The streets are lined with boutiques, souvenir stands, jewelry stores, and colorful flea market stalls. Street musicians entertain as you browse the shops and flower peddlers offer fragrant bouquets as you pass by.

When you've worked up an appetite you can choose from a myriad of cafés and tavernas offering traditional Greek fare. The seafood is exceptional, the salads fresh and flavorful, and the house wines a delight. Take a seat at an outdoor café and savor Greek coffee and traditional pastries, a wonderful way to soak up the local color and relaxed tempo.

Discover the many small museums in Plaka, including the beautiful collections in the Museum of Greek Folk Art, the charming Greek Musical Instrument Museum, and the Jewish Museum of Greece.

At the completion of your independent tour, return to the designated motorcoach area and meet your fellow travelers for a return trip back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Euros are required for entrance fees; Euros and/or credit cards are recommended in retail and dining venues; change your money onboard the ship or at a currency exchange in Athens.

Special Interests

World Heritage Site**Best of Athens (Guided in French)****ATH-104 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$149**

Board your motorcoach for a 30 to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens. Along the way, your narrated drive will pass a host of major sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library.

Ahead, the mighty Acropolis dominates the landscape. Your guided walking tour begins as you climb the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental gateway to the Acropolis, which extends 150 feet across the western side. The views of the city of Athens below are incredible.

Beyond the Propylaea, on the highest point of the Acropolis, stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. The architectural sophistication of its creation has captivated visitors for centuries.

Beyond the Parthenon lies the Erechtheum, situated on the most sacred site of the Acropolis, where Athena and Poseidon are said to have held a contest to decide who would be Patron of the city. When Poseidon thrust his trident into the ground, water burst forth, but when Athena touched the ground with her spear, an olive tree grew and she was named goddess of the city. The building itself contains the graceful Porch of the Caryatids, which features replica columns of marble maidens supporting the roof of the temple.

Your Athens tour continues as you drive through the city en route to the National Archaeological Museum. Along the way you will pass the Old Olympic Stadium where a brief photo stop is offered (traffic permitting). Re-built to host the first, modern Olympic Games in 1896, this marble stadium stands on the site of the original stadium of Ancient Athens, dating from the 4th century B.C., and was used in the 2004 Olympics for the finish of the marathon and the archery competition.

The neo-classically-designed National Archaeological Museum is considered one of the great museums of the world, containing the richest collection of Greek antiquities in the world. Marvel at the power of the bronze statue of Poseidon along with a plethora of gold items such as the Mask of Agamemnon. Recent expansions include exhibits dedicated to Minoan Frescos and Egyptian antiquities.

Lunch is a welcome respite in your busy day, and a delicious hot and cold buffet is complimented by a glass of wine and traditional Greek pastries. Refreshed, you'll travel by motorcoach to The Plaka area for a ten-minute scenic walk into Athens's famous shopping district.

The Plaka, located in one of the oldest areas of Athens, is home to lively markets, cobblestone lanes, and shops filled with antiques, jewelry and handicrafts. Many streets have been closed to automobile traffic, so browsing the area is a delight. A stop in one of the local cafes and tavernas is an opportunity to experience traditional culinary delights. An hour of free time is provided to explore this area on your own before returning to the motorcoach for transportation back to port.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis, as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. There will be a 10-minute walk from the motorcoach drop-off point to the Plaka area. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before taking this tour.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis and Archaeological Museum prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

Flash photography is not permitted in the National Archeological Museum.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

Acropolis & Time On Your Own in the Plaka (Guided in Spanish)



ATH-182 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$79

Board your motorcoach for the approximately 30- to 40-minute scenic drive into the heart of Athens en route to the famed Acropolis. Your narrated tour passes a host of major sites, including Hadrian's Arch, the statue of Lord Byron, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Constitution Square, the former Royal Palace, the National Gardens, the Academy, and the University Library.

The Acropolis dominates the Athenian landscape and your guided walking tour reveals the wonders of these ancient ruins and the stories behind each of its landmarks. You'll begin by climbing the 80 steep steps through the Propylaea, the monumental marble gateway to the Acropolis. Once at the top, you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of Athens below.

On the highest point of the Acropolis stands the Parthenon, one of the greatest monuments of ancient civilization and a perfect representation of Doric-style architecture. Dedicated to the virgin goddess Athena, the white Pentelic marble temple was built 446 - 437 B.C. An enduring symbol of ancient Greece, the Parthenon has survived the passage of time and its architectural sophistication still impresses all who study it.

On the north side of the Acropolis lays the Erechtheum. This sacred site is where it is said it was once decided which god would rule the city. When Poseidon thrust his trident into the ground, water burst forth, but when Athena touched the ground with her spear and an olive tree grew, she was named ruler of the city. On the south side of the building, you will discover the Porch of the Caryatids, or Porch of the Maidens. Notice how these graceful sculptures are engineered to support the weight of the roof on the slender neck of each female figure. Legend has it that when Lord Elgin removed one of the original statues to decorate his Scottish mansion, the remaining stone maidens could be heard crying in the night.

At the completion of your Acropolis tour, an informative drive takes you through Athens, showcasing its most historic sites. A photo stop at the Old Olympic Stadium is an opportunity to see first-hand the marble structure built to host the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

Your two-hour, independent exploration of Athens begins from the Plaka which is close to the center of the city. A short walk brings you to the Plaka, the city's historic shopping district.

Once in the Plaka, stroll through cobblestone pedestrian lanes lined with boutiques, souvenir stands, jewelry stores and colorful flea market stalls. Street musicians entertain as you browse the shops. A host of local cafes and tavernas offer traditional Greek fare. The seafood is exceptional, the salads fresh and flavorful and the house wines a delight. The area is also home to such small, local museums as the Museum of Greek Folk Art and the Jewish Museum of Greece.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often carried out at the sites visited.

Security restrictions at the Acropolis prohibit entrance with large bags and backpacks. Passengers should expect lines and crowds at the Acropolis.

The tour involves climbing approximately 80 steps at the Acropolis as well as walking over some uneven and slippery paths. There will be a 10-minute walk from the motorcoach drop-off point to the Plaka area. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Passengers with limited mobility should take this into consideration before booking this tour.

Euros are required for entrance fees; Euros and/or credit cards are recommended in retail and dining venues; change your money onboard the ship or at a currency exchange in Athens.

This tour uses headsets.



Venice, Italy

Rising from the waters of the Laguna Veneta, Venice has long - and rightly - been regarded as one of the world's most beautiful cities. Napoleon, who had an eye for acquisitions, once described St. Mark's Square as the finest drawing room in Europe. Certainly, no other site can quite match its superb campanile, Doge's Palace and recumbent lions. Just over two miles in length, the Grand Canal is lined with stunning buildings that reflect the city's unique heritage. Cruise through its winding canals on a gondola or watch the bronze Moors on the clock tower strike the passing hours as they have for 500 years - Venice is an unparalleled experience.

The city began life as a refuge from barbarian invasions. By the Crusades, Venice's dominion extended throughout the Adriatic and Mediterranean. The winged lion - symbol of St. Mark - flew over palaces and fortresses from Gibraltar to the Black Sea.

Sightseeing & City Tours

World Heritage Site

Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica & Square **VCE-200 Approximately 4 hours / From \$159**



Departing from your ship, you'll board a water transport for a scenic ride on the Giudecca canal, taking you to your destination for the day - St. Mark's Square, or as it's known locally Piazza San Marco.

Considered one of the most beautiful Piazzas in the world, it is also one of the most famous. As you may expect, it's abuzz with activity. Music is floating in the air. The Piazza originated in the 9th century as a small area in front of the original St. Mark's Basilica. It was enlarged to its present size and shape in 1177 and has always been the center of Venice and Venetian life.

Your knowledgeable guide will give you a brief introduction to the area before escorting you to one of the major structures in the Square, and in the history of city, the Doge's Palace.

Not only the home of the Doge, Venice's elected ruler, the Palace was also the city's seat of government for centuries, and where some of the most important decisions for Venice's, and even Europe's destiny took place. Transgressions were taken very seriously. Thus, the Bridge of Sighs was built to link the Palace directly to the city's prison dungeons. When you look at the bridge, you'll notice two small windows. They provided prisoners their last look at Venice before being locked up. The name comes from their sighs of despair.

Built more like a castle than a palace, the Palace's ornate façade is a classic example of Venetian gothic architecture. As you tour its stunning interior, you will get to see the famous Golden Staircase, the Great Council Chamber, and paintings by such masters as Tintoretto and Veronese.

After your 70-minute visit to the magnificent Palace, you'll have a short walk to another of the Square's dominating, but striking buildings, St. Mark's Basilica.

A breath-taking landmark, this famous basilica is unlike any other. A testament to Byzantium's influence on Venice, it's adorned with golden facade mosaics, marble and bronze statues, and five domes, reminiscent of St. Sophia in Istanbul. You'll have an inside-view of the splendor that reflects not only Christian devotion, but also the wealth and success of this great city.

As if the Basilica wasn't dazzling enough, your last stop is truly sparkling. A short walk from the church is the Murano Glass Factory Showroom. The unique beauty of Venetian glass has been much sought-after since 1291. Here, in the heart of Venice, you will get to see a demonstration of the ancient craft of glass blowing as well as shop for pieces for your own collection.

Your adventure comes to end as you re-board your motor launch and return to your ship filled with memories of a lifetime.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sunday mornings, church holidays or during services, tour groups are not allowed inside St. Mark's Basilica. However, time permitting and if the church permits, entry may be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently; your guide will not be able to enter with you. Tours are also not allowed inside the Cathedral during high tide in which case the main entrance will be blocked. Proper attire that covers shoulders and knees must be worn by both men and women in St. Mark's Basilica.

As this excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. The venues are not accessible to wheelchairs.

Photography is not permitted inside the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica. Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Crowds and delays may be encountered at the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Cathedral.

For security reasons, large bags, backpacks, etc. must be checked before entering the venues. It is recommended to not bring such items during this tour in order to avoid long waits at the checkroom.

This tour uses headsets.

Most Popular World Heritage Site

Doge's Palace & Gondola Ride

VCE-205 Approximately 5 hours / From \$179



The Floating City is really a series of 117 small islands linked by the famous canals, together making up an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Departing from your ship, you will board a water transport for a scenic ride along the Giudecca canal to city center. Here you will enjoy the quintessential Venetian experience, a 35 minute gondola ride along some of Venice's inner canals.

For centuries, gondolas and the traditionally clad gondoliers have been fixtures cruising the water roadways to the city. Until very recently, the role of the gondolier was a guild-trade passed down from father to son. (Venice got its first guild-approved female gondolier in 2009.) This is truly it is a unique experience filled with scenery that speaks for itself.

After your gondola ride, you'll walk with your guide to the famed St. Mark's Square, or Piazza San Marco. This breath-taking piazza is considered to be among the most beautiful in the world. You'll know you've arrived as the air is filled with music, and the square is crowded with people and pigeons. Within the Square is the spectacular St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, your next stop.

Not only the home of the Doge, Venice's elected ruler, the Palace was also the city's seat of government for centuries, and where some of the most important decisions for Venice's, and even Europe's destiny took place. Transgressions were taken very seriously. Thus, the Bridge of Sighs was built to link the Palace directly to the city's prison dungeons. When you look at the bridge, you'll notice two small windows. They provided prisoners their last look at Venice before being locked up. The name comes from their sighs of despair.

Built more like a castle than a palace, the Palace's ornate façade is a classic example of Venetian gothic architecture. As you tour its stunning interior, you will get to see the famous Golden Staircase, the Great Council Chamber, and paintings by such masters as Tintoretto and Veronese.

As if the Palace wasn't dazzling enough, your next stop is truly sparkling. You will leave the Doge's Palace and take a short walk to the Murano Glass Factory Showroom (located in St. Mark's area). The unique beauty of Venetian glass has been in demand worldwide since 1291. Here, in the heart of Venice, you will get to see a demonstration of the ancient craft of glass blowing as well as shop for pieces for your own collection.

After a day filled with incredible experiences and lifetime memories, you will re-board your motor launch for a scenic return to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

As this excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. The venues are not accessible to wheelchairs.

At the gondola landing stage Guests will be divided in groups of six people per gondola.

Guests have to be able to negotiate 5 steps in and out of the Gondola that sits low in the water. Guests are kindly requested to carefully follow the gondolier's instructions when boarding the gondola.

Please note that the gondola ride cannot operate in rainy weather, strong wind or during exceptionally high/low tidal conditions.

Gondola ride is unguided and without narration.

Photography is not permitted inside the Doge's Palace.

Please be aware ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Crowds and delays may be encountered at the Doge's Palace.

For security reasons, large bags, backpacks, etc, must be checked before entering the venues. It is recommended to not bring such items during this tour in order to avoid long waits at the checkroom.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site

San Giorgio, Murano Glass Factory & Gondola Ride

VCE-210 Approximately 5 hours / From \$149



Departing from your ship, you will board a water transport to take you to your first stop on your guided tour. As you expected, transportation here in Venice happens on the water. The Floating City is really a series of 117 small islands linked by the famous canals, together making up an UNESCO World Heritage Site. So, your first stop, if you could call it a stop, is the quintessential Venetian experience, a 30-minute gondola ride along some of Venice's inner canals.

For centuries, gondolas and the traditionally clad gondoliers have been fixtures cruising the water roadways to the city. Until very recently, the role of the gondolier was a guild-trade passed down from father to son. (Venice got its first guild-approved female gondolier in 2009.) This is truly it is a unique experience filled with scenery that speaks for itself.

After your tour, you'll re-board your water transport for Murano Island. This has been the home of Venetian glasswork since 1291, when the Republic ordered the glassmakers to move from the city to the island for fear of the city's mostly wooden buildings catching fire. During your hour-long island visit, you'll have an opportunity to see the craft and examine some of the exquisite works for yourself as you tour one of the leading glass factories. What made Murano's glassmakers so special was that they were the only people in Europe who knew how to make glass mirrors. They also developed or refined technologies such as crystalline glass, enameled glass (smalto), glass with threads of gold (aventurine), multicolored glass (millefiori), milk glass (lattimo), and imitation gemstones made of glass. Of course, you'll have a time to pick up a few pieces for your own collection before re-boarding your water transport for your last stop, St. George's Church, or San Giorgio Maggiore on St. George's Island.

Situated on the littlest of Venice's islands, this 16th century Church and monastery is considered to be one of the great architect Antonio Palladio's masterpieces. It offers a superb neoclassical façade of red and white marble, and the simple interior boasts two of Tintoretto's greatest works: "The Last Supper" and "The Gathering of the Manna."

You'll get to spend 40 minutes discovering its beauty before returning to your water transport and a scenic return to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

On Sundays and church holidays, tour groups are not allowed inside the Church during services. However, entry might be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently.

Photography is not permitted inside San Giorgio Church.

As this excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. The venues are not accessible to wheelchairs.

Guests have to be able to negotiate 5 steps in and out of the Gondola that sits low in the water. Guests are kindly requested to carefully follow the gondolier's instructions when boarding the gondola.

At the gondola landing stage Guests will be divided in groups of six people per gondola.

Please note that the gondola ride cannot operate in rainy weather, strong wind or during exceptionally high/low tidal conditions.

We suggest proper attire that covers shoulders and knees for the visit to San Giorgio Church.

Restoration work is often being carried out at various visited.

World Heritage Site

Ca' Rezzonico, Doge's Palace & St. Mark's Basilica

VCE-220 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$189



Departing from your ship, you'll board a water transport for a scenic ride to one of Venice's most recognizable landmarks - St. Mark's Square, or as it's known locally Piazza San Marco.

Considered one of the most beautiful Piazzas in the world, it is also one of the most famous. As you may expect, it's abuzz with activity. Music is floating in the air. Surrounding the Square are several very significant and spectacular buildings. You'll take a short walk to your tour's first stop -the magnificent 13th century Doge's Palace.

Not only the home of the Doge, Venice's elected ruler, the Palace was also the city's seat of government for centuries, and where some of the most important decisions for Venice's, and even Europe's destiny took place. Transgressions were taken very seriously. Thus, the Bridge of Sighs was built in the 16th century to link the Palace directly to the city's prison dungeons. When you look at the bridge, you'll notice two small windows. They provided prisoners their last look at Venice before being locked up. The name comes from their sighs of despair.

Constructed more like a castle than a palace, the Palace's ornate façade is a classic example of Venetian gothic architecture. As you tour its stunning interior, you will get to see the famous Golden Staircase, the Great Council Chamber, and paintings by such masters as Tintoretto and Veronese.

After your visit, your knowledgeable guide will give you a brief talk explaining more about the history and importance of the area before escorting you to spectacular St. Mark's Basilica.

A breath-taking landmark, this famous basilica is unlike any other. A testament to Byzantium's influence on Venice, it's adorned with golden facade mosaics, marble and bronze statues, and five domes, reminiscent of St. Sophia in Istanbul. You'll have an inside-view of the splendor that reflects not only Christian devotion, but also the wealth and success of this great city.

You'll then depart St. Mark's Square for an unguided ride on Venice's celebrated Grand Canal to the beautiful Ca' Rezzonico. The Grand Canal was once considered the "high rent" district of Venice. Looking along the canal banks, you'll notice them lined with ornate buildings dating from the 13th to 18th century and demonstrating the wealth and art of the times. Ca' Rezzonico is a perfect example.

Completed in 1756, with a rich history (that includes a Pope and poet Robert Browning), today the Palazzo is a museum dedicated to 18th century Venice. Once inside it is easy to imagine life as a Venetian aristocrat surrounded by antique furnishings and rare artwork. Climb the ceremonial staircase to the magnificent ballroom with its frescoed ceiling, and then continue to the Long Gallery and the other glorious rooms.

Your historic adventure comes to end as your water launch transports back to your ship, and back to the marvels of present-day Venice.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour will not operate on Tuesdays as Ca' Rezzonico is closed.

On Sunday mornings, church holidays or during services, tour groups are not allowed inside St. Mark's Basilica. However, time permitting and if the church permits, entry may be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently; your guide will not be able to enter with you.

Tours are also not allowed inside the Cathedral during high tide in which case the main entrance will be blocked.

As this excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. The venues are not accessible to wheelchairs.

Photography is not permitted inside the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica and Ca' Rezzonico.

Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Crowds and delays may be encountered at the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Cathedral.

No lecturing is permitted inside the cathedral therefore the explanation will be provided from the outside. The guide will then lead the group along a set course inside the cathedral.

Proper attire that covers shoulders and knees must be worn by both men and women in St. Mark's Basilica.

For security reasons, large bags, backpacks, etc, must be checked before entering the venues. It is recommended to not bring such items during this tour in order to avoid long waits at the checkroom.

This tour uses headsets.

World Heritage Site Connoisseur

After Hours Visit to St. Mark's Basilica

VCE-250 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$159



Departing from your ship, you'll board a water transport for a short, scenic ride on the broad Giudecca Canal to your destination for the evening - St. Mark's Square, or as it's known locally Piazza San Marco, and St. Mark's Basilica for your one hour tour.

Crowded with visitors during the day, the Basilica becomes a silent temple of worship as evening falls when it's closed to the public. Your knowledgeable lecturer will guide you through the cathedral, sharing the history and significance of the church's many wonders.

In 828, relics believed to be the body of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria by two Venetian merchants and taken to Venice. The basilica was then built to house the relics.

A breath-taking landmark, this famous ancient basilica is unlike any other. A testament to Byzantium's influence on Venice, it's adorned with golden facade mosaics, marble and bronze statues, and five domes reminiscent of St. Sophia in Istanbul. You'll have an inside-view of the splendor that reflects not only Christian devotion, but also the impact of the wealth and success of this great city. Notice the marble floors and walls that blend in exquisite, carpet-like patterns and the gilded mosaic murals that adorn the walls, contributing to the church's nickname as Chiesa d'Oro, or Church of Gold.

After your intimate visit to this premiere landmark, you'll return to the water launch landing to return to your ship. Of course, you're also free to stay in town to enjoy more of this enchanting city, returning to your ship on your own.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The tour may be cancelled if St. Mark's Basilica becomes unavailable due to religious services.

This tour may operate on the evening of embarkation and, therefore, it is recommended that you reserve this tour in advance. Last minute bookings will be accepted on a space available basis.

On Barcelona to Venice voyages, this tour will operate on the evening prior to disembarkation.

As this excursion involves extensive walking over bridges and uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

We suggest proper attire that covers the shoulders and knees for the visit to St. Mark's Basilica. Photography is not permitted inside St Mark's Basilica.

A minimum of 25 participants is required to operate this tour.

This tour will not operate on all voyages.

This tour does not use headsets.

World Heritage Site

Venetian Lagoon Cruise

VCE-290 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$65



Departing from your ship, you'll board your motor launch for a scenic, non-stop two-hour ride through Venice's famed lagoon which makes up part of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Be sure to bring your camera for the endless photo opportunities.

You'll start by gliding along the broad Giudecca Canal, past St. George's Island, which is home to the beautiful 16th century San Giorgio Maggiore, or St. George's Church and Monastery, designed by the great architect Andrea Palladio. From there, you'll cross the southern part of the Lagoon to the islands of San Servolo, the site for numerous exhibitions, festivals and artistic performances, and San Lazzaro, one of the world's foremost centers of Armenian culture.

Continuing northward, you'll enter the canal that separates the islands of Le Vignole and Sant'Erasmo and proceed to Murano Island, the home of Venetian glass making. While you will find examples of this exquisite art all over the city, true Murano glass originates here, as it has since 1291 when the Republic ordered the glassmakers to move from the city to the island for fear of the city's mostly wooden buildings catching fire.

Cruising backwards towards Venice, you'll get a view of the impressive Arsenale, a vast walled dockyard originally constructed in the 12th century. Once the most efficient industrial complex in Europe during the Serenissima Republic, it's now home to a naval base, a research center, an exhibition venue, and a historic boat preservation center. You'll also see the ancient church of San Pietro di Castello, the city's cathedral church, serving as both the spiritual and administrative centre of religious Venice until the 19th century.

Definitely have your camera ready as you approach St. Mark's Basin. You'll have views of St. Mark's Square, or the Piazza San Marco as it's known locally. You'll be able to capture the stunning Doge's Palace rising from the water, and the spectacular St. Mark's Basilica adorned with golden facade mosaics, marble and bronze statues, and five domes reminiscent of St. Sophia in Istanbul.

Your panoramic vision of Venice wraps up as your water launch transports back to your waiting ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Guests must be able to negotiate 5-10 steps on and off of the launches.

The second level of motor-launches are not covered.

This is a non-stop tour. Passengers are advised that there are no toilet facilities on the motor-launches. On the way back to the ship, a courtesy stop will be made in St. Mark's area for those passengers who wish to remain in town, however they will then be responsible for their return to the ship.

Evening Gondola Ride with Serenade

VCE-860 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$159



You'll depart your ship via motor launch for a short ride to the city center. Admire the stunning beauty of St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace as you climb some of Venice's famous bridges and walk to the gondola landing (depending on the gondola landing stage assigned). Once there, you will be divided into groups of four before boarding your sleek black gondola with your gondola-mates and embark for the ultimate Venetian experience - a 35 minute evening cruise along some of the city's inner canals.

For centuries, gondolas, and the traditionally clad gondoliers, have been fixtures cruising the waterways to the city. Until very recently, the role of the gondolier was a guild-trade, passed down from father to son. (Venice got its first guild-approved female gondolier in 2009.)

Several gondolas gather together for brief serenade and then you'll sail under the ancient stone bridges that cross the water while the light dwindles from the sky, lengthening the shadows and enhancing the city's beauty. Cruise past the Renaissance and Baroque building and palaces that line the canal's banks.

Your tour concludes as you return to the landing for your motor launch ride back to your ship. During your short return, you'll savor this event of a lifetime; reliving the memories time and time again.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

This tour may operate on the evening of embarkation and, therefore, it is recommended that you reserve this tour in advance. Last minute bookings will be accepted on a space available basis.

As this excursion involves extensive walking over bridges and uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. This excursion is not accessible to wheelchairs and not suitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guests must be able to negotiate 5 steps in and out of the Gondola that sits low in the water. Guests are kindly requested to carefully follow the gondolier's instructions when boarding the gondola.

Gondola ride is unguided and without narration.

At the gondola landing stage guests will be divided in groups of four people per gondola. Please note that the gondola ride cannot operate in rainy weather, strong wind or during exceptionally high/low tidal conditions.

La Fenice Opera House & Grand Canal**VCE-225 Approximately 4 hours / From \$129**

You'll depart from your ship aboard a private motor launch for an unforgettable cruise along the world-famous Grand Canal. It snakes through Venice traveling from the Saint Mark Basin on one end to a lagoon near the Santa Lucia rail station on the other. It is lined with around 170 opulent structures built by wealthy merchants in the Venetian-Byzantine and Venetian-Gothic styles. Marvel at the bright colors, pointed arches and graceful columns as you make your way to St. Mark's Square.

Disembark amidst breathtaking wonders. Ground was broken for the legendary Piazza San Marco in the 9th century and, with the consecration of St. Mark's Basilica in 1094, a wonder was born. The Basilica di San Marco is known for its opulent design and gilded interior mosaics, is nicknamed Chiesa d'Oro, "Church of Gold", and astounds the viewer with arched portals, bronze doors, vibrant mosaics, and fabled sculptures of Greek Horses, St. Mark and the Angels and the Winged Lion - the timeless symbol of Venice.

Marvel at the Campanile, or bell tower, where panoramic city views are earned by the hale and hearty and the Doge's Palace, another Venetian beauty, facing the tranquil lagoon. Then follow your tour escort through dazzling city scenes. Arriving at "La Fenice" (The Phoenix) for your guided visit, you'll immerse yourself in the soaring beauty of this world-class opera house, the site of many stunning premieres by Bellini, Donizetti, Verdi, Rossini and more.

La Fenice was destroyed in a night-time fire in 1836; was re-built by brothers Giovanni Battista and Tommaso Meduna and was re-born just like the mythical bird. It is second only to La Scala in performing the largest number of premiere works. Many, such as Maria Callas and Joan Sutherland, made their debut there. Today the theatre stages operas such as La Traviata, Rigoletto and The Barber of Seville, together with some of the best known arias - mainly from the Baroque period.

At the end of the visit you will enjoy free time in St. Mark's Square for independent exploration. This is your opportunity to sit down to a "Bellini" in Harry's Bar or an espresso in the Café Florian. The bar orchestra will provide a lilting sound track to underline your memories and shopping for Murano glass, fine lace, luxury jewels and famous watch brands - adds the exclamation point to your day. Saying farewell to St. Mark's Square, you'll re-join your escort at a set meeting place and return to the ship by the tour motorboat along the Giudecca Canal.

Special Notes

The tour may be cancelled due to performance rehearsals.

As this excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, passengers will be required to embark and disembark vessels that sits low in the water, tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

The venues are not accessible to wheelchairs.

The outside deck of private motor launches can accommodate only a minimum number of people.

Commentary is not provided during the transfer to the theater.

No photos allowed at the theatre.

World Heritage Site

Doge's Palace & Gondola Ride (Guided in Spanish)**VCE-207 Approximately 5 hours / From \$159**

The Floating City is really a series of 117 small islands linked by the famous canals, together making up an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Departing from your ship, you will board a water transport for a scenic ride along the Giudecca canal to city center. Here you will enjoy the quintessential Venetian experience, a 30-minute gondola ride along some of Venice's inner canals.

For centuries, gondolas and the traditionally clad gondoliers have been fixtures cruising the water roadways to the city. Until very recently, the role of the gondolier was a guild-trade passed down from father to son. (Venice got its first guild-approved female gondolier in 2009.) This is truly it is a unique experience filled with scenery that speaks for itself.

After your gondola ride, you'll walk with your guide to the famed St. Mark's Square, or Piazza San Marco. This breath-taking piazza is considered to be among the most beautiful in the world. You'll know you've arrived as the air is filled with music, and the square is crowded with people and pigeons. Within the Square is the spectacular St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, your next stop.

Not only the home of the Doge, Venice's elected ruler, the Palace was also the city's seat of government for centuries, and where some of the most important decisions for Venice's, and even Europe's destiny took place. Transgressions were taken very seriously. Thus, the Bridge of Sighs was built to link the Palace directly to the city's prison dungeons. When you look at the bridge, you'll notice two small windows. They provided prisoners their last look at Venice before being locked up. The name comes from their sighs of despair.

Built more like a castle than a palace, the Palace's ornate façade is a classic example of Venetian gothic architecture. As you tour its stunning interior, you will get to see the famous Golden Staircase, the Great Council Chamber, and paintings by such masters as Tintoretto and Veronese.

As if the Palace wasn't dazzling enough, your next stop is truly sparkling. You will leave the Doge's Palace and take a short walk to the Murano Glass Factory Showroom (located in St. Mark's area). The unique beauty of Venetian glass has been in demand worldwide since 1291. Here, in the heart of Venice, you will get to see a demonstration of the ancient craft of glass blowing as well as shop for pieces for your own collection.

After a day filled with incredible experiences and lifetime memories, you will re-board your motor launch for a scenic return to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

As this excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. The venues are not accessible to wheelchairs.

At the gondola landing stage Guests will be divided in groups of six people per gondola.

Guests have to be able to negotiate 5 steps in and out of the Gondola that sits low in the water. Guests are kindly requested to carefully follow the gondolier's instructions when boarding the gondola.

Please note that the gondola ride cannot operate in rainy weather, strong wind or during exceptionally high/low tidal conditions.

Gondola ride is unguided and without narration.

Photography is not permitted inside the Doge's Palace.

Please be aware ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Gondola ride is unguided and without narration.

For security reasons, large bags, backpacks, etc, must be checked before entering the venues. It is recommended to not bring such items during this tour in order to avoid long waits at the checkroom.

This tour uses headsets.



Murano Glass Factory & Burano Islands

VCE-260 Approximately 5 hours / From \$69

Board your motor launch and cruise across the Laguna Veneta, enjoying views of the Arsenale, the Serenissima Republic's old shipyard. The sights include the island of San Pietro di Castello and its church. The current basilica dates to the 16th century, but a church has occupied the island since the 7th century. Cruise past the islands of St. Elena and San Michele. A former prison, the island of San Michele was turned into a cemetery by order of Napoleon in 1807.

Land on the island of Murano. This tiny island gained prominence as a center for glassmaking in the 13th century, when the process was still a guarded one. In fact, Murano is the oldest glass-working center in the world. (The 16th century is considered the great age of Murano glass.) Tour one of the island's leading glass factories and watch the artisans at work, producing colored Murano glass in the method known as lampworking. Following your tour, visit the factory showroom with its fine displays of glass objects.

Continue to the island of Burano, where colorful dories line the bank. Today, the island of Burano is renowned for its fine lace work. View the 16th century church of San Martino with its tilted campanile. Visit a leading shop and observe a demonstration of lace making, an art still practiced by some local women.

After the demonstration, browse for lace before boarding your motor launch for the return to the ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

The venues are not wheelchair accessible. Guests have to be able to negotiate 5-10 steps on and off of the launches as well as some steps at the glass factory in Murano.



Walking Tour of Venice

VCE-380 Approximately 4 hours / From \$89

Departing from your ship, you'll board a water transport for a short ride to Piazzale Roma where your guided walking tour begins. As you travel through the Venice streets, your knowledgeable guide escorts you, explaining the city's architecture and points of interest along the way.

During the first part of your walk, you'll cross one of the oldest squares in Venice, the Campo San Polo dating back to the 9th century. Not long ago Campo San Polo hosted bull races, fairs, military parades, and packed markets. Today it hosts the city's outdoor summer cinema and Venice's Carnivale celebrations.

Proceeding onward, you'll reach the Riva del Vin, a rare stretch giving pedestrians access to the Grand Canal. As you can probably tell from its name, it's where wine barrels used to be off-loaded from ships to the warehouses. It's also a great way to get a superb view of the Rialto Bridge, your destination. You'll pause for a bit, since the Bridge is a wonderful vantage point to watch the gondolas float by and get a full view of the Grand Canal. While the current stone bridge dates back to the 16th century, there has been a bridge in this spot since 1180.

Your walk continues with a forty-minute stroll, passing the Fondaco dei Tedeschi, a large Renaissance-style building that has been the city's main post office since the mid-19th century, and is now a mall, to the Campo San Giovanni e Paolo, a monumental square that typifies the Venetian style. Here you will have the option to tour the beautiful Basilica di San Giovanni e Paolo, known in the Venetian dialect as San Zanipolo. This is where all the funeral services of Venice's doges were held after the 15th century, with twenty-five doges buried in the church.

Your guided tour ends upon arrival in Campo San Giovanni e Paolo. After your long walk, it's time to take a break and enjoy a coffee and biscotti at a local cafe. Refreshed, you're now ready for the 40-minute unguided walk back to the motor launch. There is time to continue basking in the sights and sounds of the Venice on your own before you're transported back to your ship.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Churches are closed Sunday's, holidays and during services. Time permitting and if the church allows, entry will be permitted on an individual basis.

This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility as it requires a considerable amount of walking/standing and bridges to climb. The venues are not accessible to wheelchairs.

We suggest guests to wear flat-soled comfortable walking shoes and proper attire that covers the shoulders and knees in case they wish to visit to the Church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo on their own.

This tour uses headsets.

Debarb Tour - Padua

VCE-960 Approximately 4 hours / From \$129



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach for a scenic 45-minute ride through the Veneto countryside to the city of Padua. Once you arrive, you'll begin your two-hour walking adventure through this historic city.

Padua can be considered one of one of Europe's great cultural and artistic destinations. Masters Mantegna, Donatello, Titian and Giotto all left remarkable work's of art in the city's churches. The University of Padua boasts faculty and alumni that include Copernicus, Galileo and William Harvey, and Casanova.

Your motorcoach will take you to "Prato della Valle", Padua's largest square, where you will meet your guide. Prato della Valle has always been, since Roman times, a place for public spectacles. A short walk will lead you to the Piazza del Santo, to visit the St. Anthony Basilica, the great religious complex built to house the relics of Padua's beloved St. Anthony. Its composite style reveals Romanesque-Gothic motifs -façade and apse- as well as Oriental influxes -bell towers and domes. Its interior is highlighted by more of Donatello's masterful bronze relieves, as well as by his statue of the Madonna and Saints on the high altar. Just outside the basilica view also Donatello's 15th century bronze statue of mercenary Gattamelata, which greatly influenced sculpture during Italian Renaissance.

Your promenade will proceed to the old heart of Padua, to admire the Bo Palace, the ancient University's main seat, composed of a large group of buildings, erected between 1542 and 1601 around the medieval inn "Bo"(ox); the celebrated Caffè Pedrocchi, a neo-classical coffee house which was a meeting place for intellectuals and patriots since the 19th century, the Piazza delle Erbe, Padua's bustling open-air market which overlaps into Piazza della Frutta.

The huge building separating the two squares is Palazzo della Ragione, begun in 1218, but not finished until 1306. Its rectangular structure encircled by a loggia and surmounted by a distinctive barrel roof will attract your attention. The Palazzo della Ragione served as town parliament for several centuries. No visit of the interiors. Lastly, you will return to your motorcoach for an hour-long ride to Marco Polo Venice Airport.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour is available for passengers with late afternoon flights departing from Marco Polo Airport. The tour will end at the airport at approximately 12:30PM. Passengers must have flights after 3PM. Operation of this tour is dependent on meeting a minimum number of participants.

As this excursion involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Please be aware that ongoing restoration work is often being carried out at the various venues visited.

Passengers with Princess Air should book a customized air flight ticket to be sure they can participate on a tour the day of disembarkation. Passengers without a customized air flight may not be booked on a flight which will permit them to participate on a tour on the day of disembarkation.

No lecturing is permitted inside St. Anthony's Basilica. Guide will therefore provide the explanation from the outside and then leads the group along a set course, inside the Basilica.

Tour groups are not allowed inside the Basilica on Sunday mornings and church holidays in case of unexpected religious functions. Entry might be allowed on an individual basis to view the interior quietly and reverently.

For security reasons, large bags, backpacks, etc, must be checked before entering the venues. It is recommended to not bring such items during this tour in order to avoid long waits at the checkroom.

Large bag and backpacks may be left on the coach before starting the walking tour.

Photography is not permitted inside the Cathedral. We suggest proper attire that covers the shoulders and knees for the visit to the Cathedral.

Tour order may vary.

Tour Time 8:30A - 12:30P

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING ORGANIZED EXCURSIONS?

A. There are a number of advantages to taking organized tours offered by Princess, such as:

Quality: We have carefully inspected all of our ports and we offer you excursions from only the most reputable local tour operators

Variety: All our tours are designed both to feature the most popular and interesting attractions in each port and to satisfy the diverse needs and interests of our passengers.

Service: What could be easier than letting us arrange your tours for you? Either by having your tours organized onboard so you can best maximize your time in port and avoid having to make independent, last-minute arrangements, or by pre-reserving all your excursions at princess.com. Princess is at your service.

Safety: Your safety and security are of the utmost importance to us and they are the primary consideration in the development and operation of our tour programs.

Value: We endeavor to select local tour operators who provide excursions of the highest quality and we carefully monitor prices to ensure that you are receiving good value. Remember to book early to receive the best possible price.

Q. WHAT DOES PRINCESS DO TO ENSURE MY SAFETY WHILE I'M ASHORE?

A. Our primary concern at Princess is your safety and security. We are in continual contact with authorities concerning any travel advisories that might impact our cruises. If the U.S. State Department advises against travel to specific locations we visit, we would make the necessary changes to the published itinerary. Although such itinerary changes occur infrequently, please understand that these changes are for your own safety and security and are beyond our control.

Despite all of our efforts and in light of recent world events, we remind all of our passengers that they must ultimately assume responsibility for their actions while ashore. In this regard, we would like to remind you of some common sense precautions when visiting ports-of-call:

- Stay in the normal tourist areas and don't travel to out-of the way places without the benefit of a guided tour offered through Princess.
- Do not leave any of your belongings unattended in public areas.
- Be generally aware of people and activities around you.
- Do not accept packages from anyone you don't know personally.
- Keep a low profile - dress and behave conservatively.
- Be careful when eating and drinking ashore.

We thank you in advance for following these recommendations, which we believe will enhance the enjoyment of your cruise or cruisetour.

Q. WILL I MISS THE SHIP IF I GO ON A SHORE EXCURSION?

A. One very important feature of taking a shore excursion organized by Princess is that we closely monitor the departures and returns of all our tours. Therefore, our ships do not sail until all of our organized tour transportation has returned, so you can be assured that you won't miss the ship. Please keep in mind that when you make your own arrangements in port, or if you leave an organized tour, we will no longer be aware of your whereabouts; so be sure to schedule ample time to return to the ship before it sails.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY SHORE EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISE?

A. Visit our website at princess.com for the most up-to date shore excursion information, full tour descriptions and to request your shore excursions up until 5 days prior to your cruise. The Cruise Personalizer is the fastest and most convenient way to reserve your shore excursions. Please keep in mind that you will receive your tickets when you arrive onboard and all of your shore excursion purchases are charged to your shipboard account. Advance payment is not accepted. Since shore excursions have limited capacity, we encourage you to reserve your tours as early as possible to avoid disappointment and confirm the best price. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may change shore excursion requests, but be advised that shore excursion prices may change. Requests to add tickets at a later time can be made but these tickets may be at a higher price than those previously booked. If you request a shore excursion which you previously cancelled, these requests will be confirmed at the current shore excursion price, which may be higher.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY LAND EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISETOUR?

A. When you are ready to pre-reserve your land excursions, go to the Cruise Personalizer and have your booking number and credit card information ready to enter. A credit card must be registered for each passenger that wishes to participate on a land excursion and we accept Princess Visa, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner's Club. Credit cards used to pre-reserve land excursions must be valid through the full length of your cruisetour and may also be used to establish your shipboard account. Although a credit card is required to reserve your excursion(s), guests are able to pre-reserve all of their land excursions with no deposit required. An auto-charge of all pre-reserved excursions will take place two days prior to your first Land Excursion booking. Confirmed pre-reserved excursions can be viewed at any time in your detailed itinerary in the Cruise Personalizer. The Cruise Personalizer will remain open until your cruisetour departure date so you may add or cancel tours prior to the cancellation deadline without penalty. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty. Note that excursion availability is based on cruisetour date, capacity limitations, and suitable weather conditions. Excursions are subject to change at any time and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests are encouraged to book early as space is limited and flightseeing tours in particular may not be available for pre-reserving right up to tour departure date. Prior to travel, print your Travel Summary which will have a listing of all of your pre-reserved land excursions. You will also receive information on confirmed excursions in your Welcome Envelope upon arrival at each location.

Q. HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM CONFIRMED ON THE EXCURSIONS I WANT?

A. When you book your excursions online at princess.com, you receive an immediate confirmation of the status and price of your requested excursion. The site shows the remaining capacity on all tours, so you know if you are confirmed or waitlisted. To avoid disappointment and confirm the best price, please reserve your excursions as early as possible. If the specific tour time you requested is fully booked, Princess may schedule you on an alternate departure that corresponds with your other tour selections.

If your shore excursion choice is not available, we will put you on a waitlist and attempt to obtain more space on the shore excursion. If you have companions traveling with you in your stateroom or in other staterooms and would like everyone to be on the same shore excursion departure, order all the excursions under one name. Requests made individually, even if at the same time, may cause you to be booked on a different departure than your companions or waitlisted on an excursion for which your companions are confirmed.

Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

Q. MAY I TAKE MORE THAN ONE TOUR IN A SINGLE PORT OF CALL?

A. Yes. In Alaska, Canada/New England, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii and Mexico, allow at least 30 minutes between each tour. In all other regions, allow at least 60 minutes between each tour. All tours depart from, and return to, the cruise ship pier. By scheduling the appropriate amount of time between tours, you will have sufficient time to take multiple excursions.

Q. CAN I CANCEL AN SHORE EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter flights and private vehicle options, these shore excursions are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation.

For all other shore excursions, a "Closing Time for Bookings" for each port of call is listed on the Tour Order Form you will receive onboard in your stateroom. This is the time when the bookings for the tours in that port close and we notify the local operators of the final shore excursion requirements. You may cancel an excursion if it is prior to the closing time whether you reserved in advance or onboard. We cannot cancel a shore excursion if it is past this closing time, nor can we refund shore excursions on which you choose not to go. All shore excursions operate rain or shine unless cancelled by the tour operator.

Q. CAN I CANCEL A LAND EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the exclusive nature and advanced planning required for excursions involving hotel accommodations, airline flights and some flightseeing tours, these excursions are not refundable within 30 days of sailing. A fee will be assessed onboard for any of these tours cancelled within 30 days of sailing.

Land Excursions, pre-reserved through the Cruise Personalizer, may be cancelled up to the Land Excursion cancellation deadline which is two days prior to your first land excursion booking. At the cancellation deadline, all pre-reserved land excursions will be auto-charged using the credit card that you provided in the Cruise Personalizer to reserve your tours. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty, unless the operator, at their sole discretion, is unable to operate the program due to unforeseen circumstances. All sales of tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of an operator approved cancellation.

Q. CAN I REQUEST TO BE REFUNDED FOR MY LAND EXCURSION.

A. In the event of any excursion being cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. Land

Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor. Should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances.

Q. HOW DOES THE PRINCESS EXCURSIONS PROGRAM OPERATE ONBOARD?

A. Our Shore Excursion Manager runs the onboard portion of the Princess Shore Excursions program. Tour Office staff are available to answer questions and make shore excursion reservations for you. Once onboard in your stateroom, you will find tickets for the shore excursions you reserved in advance. If you have not yet reserved tours or would like to purchase additional shore excursions, you will find a Tour Order Form in your stateroom. You will also find a schedule of daily activities, the Princess Patter, which features important program information including Tour Office hours and the closing time for shore excursion bookings. Remember, tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and space on shore excursions is limited, so book early. A Tour Order Form drop box is located near the Tour Office where you may deposit your order form at any time.

Q. ARE THERE CHILDREN'S PRICES AVAILABLE?

A. Yes, on some tours for children age 12 and under. If you are traveling with children, please pre-reserve the number of child tickets you would like on the Cruise Personalizer. If the adult and child price is the same, please order all tickets as adult. Once onboard the ship or at one of our land excursion destinations, check your tour tickets to ensure you have received the correct number of adult and child tickets. Visit the Tour Office as soon as possible to make any necessary adjustments. Parents are also responsible for bringing a safety seat for their child.

On most helicopter and flightseeing tours, children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant. Children under the age of 24 months are not able to participate on a helicopter tour.

Q. ARE PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSION OPTIONS AVAILABLE WHERE I CAN CUSTOMIZE MY TOUR?

A. Yes, in many ports we offer shore excursions that can be customized to your specifications. On these tours you are able to book exclusive use of the tour vehicle (automobile, boat or plane) and tailor the tour to include activities and venues you want to experience.

Due to the limited capacity and highly specialized nature of these excursions, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation or prior to the booking closing time for the port which is listed on the onboard Tour Order Form (whichever is first). Once onboard the ship, you may be provided with a preference card to advise the tour operator of your selected itinerary and interests. The onboard Tour Staff will gladly assist you and provide recommendations.

Please note these shore excursions are sold per transport, not per person, so only one passenger should make the reservation for the entire group. This is a private arrangement and those accompanying you are the guests you choose; Princess does not match up individual passengers to form a private group for the vehicle. The price listed includes the means of transport and/or private guide and does not include gratuities, meals and attraction entrance fees (unless indicated otherwise) as these will vary based on your choices.

Q. ARE THERE AGE OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TOURS?

A. For most tours, there is no minimum age for children as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Passengers under the age of 18 years cannot participate without a parent or guardian. Please review the tour description notes for the most current restrictions and any exceptions; a few operators may allow an unaccompanied minor on tour if a waiver is signed by the parent or guardian in the operator's presence. Any other restrictions imposed by the tour operator are listed in the "Special Notes" section of each tour description.

Q. IS A VISA REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE PORTS I VISIT?

A. Please review the information detailed in the "Itinerary" section of the Cruise Personalizer regarding any applicable visas for your specific voyage.

Q. IS ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Passports, visas and other documentation may be required on certain shore excursions. Please review the "Special Notes" section of the shore excursion for full details. Notarized written consent is required for children crossing international borders without both parents.

Q. ARE THE EXCURSIONS GUIDED?

A. Yes. All of our excursions include local English-speaking guides except for On Your Own tours and where otherwise noted.

Q. SHOULD I TIP THE TOUR GUIDE?

A. Tipping is a discretionary matter; however, it is customary, if one is pleased with their tour, to tip the tour guide. A

general rule of thumb is \$2 per person for a half-day tour and \$5 per person for a full-day tour.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHING SHOULD I WEAR WHILE ON TOUR OR IN PORT?

A. During your cruise, the climate can range from temperate and cool to hot and humid. Please plan to dress in layered, light- to medium-weight clothing and comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes. Since weather conditions may vary, we suggest you also pack a sweater, a light jacket and an all-weather coat. In addition, don't forget a hat or visor, a collapsible umbrella, sunglasses, sun screen and of course your camera and extra film and batteries. Please note that for water-related excursions where we suggest you wear your bathing suit, cover-up and hat, we have placed a symbol next to the shore excursion description.

If you plan to participate on an overland tour and will need to recharge video equipment or use a hair dryer, we suggest you bring an international adapter. Whenever you plan on going ashore, we highly encourage you to leave your valuables and jewelry onboard. While ashore, please take care in protecting your purses, cameras and other personal items. Minimizing personal belongings brought ashore could expedite the security process when reboarding the ship. We suggest you carry a photocopy of your passport when going ashore as you may need your passport number to exchange currency.

Please be mindful that in some of the countries you will visit, the local people may have somewhat more conservative views concerning dress than those to which you are accustomed. Generally shorts, tank tops, and short skirts are not acceptable dress when visiting churches or places of worship. Specific information regarding appropriate dress in these ports is provided with the shore excursion. For all golf tours, collared shirts and either long pants or Bermuda-style shorts are required (no cut-offs, bathing suits, etc.).

Q. WILL I MISS MEALS IF I GO ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Our wide variety of dining venues, including a 24-hour buffet, means there are always meal options available onboard that fit within the shore excursion timing you select.

Q. IS THERE TIME FOR SHOPPING ON THE EXCURSIONS?

A. Shopping is, for many, an important part of travel and, wherever possible, time for this activity is allowed within the framework of many of our shore excursions. Please note, however, that the actual amount of time available for shopping is generally limited.

Q. DO THE EXCURSIONS INCLUDE MUCH WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING?

A. All of our excursions involve some walking and some excursions include more walking and stair climbing than others. Walking may be over uneven surfaces such as cobblestone city streets or the rocky pathways of ancient ruins. On many excursions, it is necessary to negotiate stairs. Please keep in mind that many of the buildings you will be visiting may have been constructed well before conveniences such as elevators were invented and have been preserved in their original state. Please refer to our tour symbols with each excursion description for more information and guidance.

Q. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I ANTICIPATE IN PORTS?

A. Keep in mind that some sites you will be visiting are extremely popular among both tourists and locals. Therefore, you may encounter crowded conditions, whether participating in one of our tours or sightseeing on your own. Regrettably, we have no control over this situation. With regard to photography, some venues may prohibit the use of flash cameras, so fast-speed film is recommended. In some places, photography or video may be prohibited altogether or a fee may be imposed. We ask that you observe any restrictions and, if in doubt, ask your guide for assistance.

Q. AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON TOUR?

A. Yes, on certain tours it is mandatory that you wear the appropriate safety equipment in order to participate. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to snorkel vests, life vests, helmets, etc.

Q. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CERTIFIED DIVE TOUR?

A. An open-water scuba certification card must be presented in order to participate in a certified dive tour. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate divers with either a Junior Open Water or a Scuba Diver rating due to the depth limitations imposed by these certifications. The sport-diving industry recommends that divers take an update course if they have not been diving within the last six months. Please note that some dive operators may reserve the right to refuse to take divers who cannot provide proof of the date of their last dive or scuba review course. We recommend you bring a log book or proof that you have recently completed a review course.

There are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or the need to take medication to control blood pressure, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraines headaches, recurrent ear problems, severe motion sickness and presently taking prescription

medicines with the exception of birth control. Passengers are welcome to bring and use their own personal equipment, but it must be stored in their stateroom and there is no reduction in the tour price.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN INTRODUCTORY/DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you must complete a medical history form and liability waiver/release form that will be provided on board or by the tour operator at the beginning of the tour. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For Introductory Scuba Diving tours there is a minimum age of 10. Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SNUBA DIVING, HELMET DIVING OR UNDERWATER SCOOTER TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For helmet or SNUBA tours there is a minimum age of 8 years and passengers must weigh at least 75 pounds. For underwater scooter tours there is a minimum age of 10.

Q. ON SPORTFISHING EXCURSIONS, DO I GET TO KEEP THE FISH I CATCH?

A. Most sportfishing tours offered by Princess are part of a catch-and-release program. Fish that are edible and not endangered are typically landed and kept by the boat crew. Please remember you have purchased an opportunity to catch fish, not a guarantee of doing so. As one of our boat captains said, "We guarantee fishing, not catching."

In Alaska only, if your tour is not designated as catch and release, your catch can be processed and shipped home for an additional charge as arranged by the tour operator. Because of its perishable nature and U.S. Customs regulations, your catch may not be sent outside of the United States in most cases. Due to federal regulations, your catch may not be stored onboard the ship, but may be prepared for dinner onboard. Fish caught while at our lodges in Alaska, needs to be shipped home if not part of a catch-and-release program. In Alaska, fishing licenses are required and can be purchased on your boat for \$20 per person in cash (rates subject to change). Fishing for king salmon requires an additional \$10 retention tag (rates subject to change). Children under 16 do not need a license. Fish runs are dependent on spawning seasons, so during May and late-September fish stock may be more limited. Go to www.adfg.state.ak.us for more details on licensing requirements and fishing regulations in Alaska.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE TAKING A HELICOPTER TOUR?

A. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, the helicopter excursion companies have advised that passengers weighing 250 pounds or more (fully clothed) will be assessed a surcharge to reserve adequate space onboard the helicopter. The surcharge amount will be indicated in the "Special Notes" section of each tour.

Because of the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter tours, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation. Children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant.

Carry-on bags are not allowed and limited secure storage is provided at the heliport. Helicopters may carry up to six guests depending on combined group weight. The flight length is approximate and flight route may vary due to weather conditions. Helicopter tours may be cancelled on short notice due to weather or safety issues. Warm clothing and sunglasses are recommended on helicopter tours. Dressing in layers is practical and lets you adjust your attire to meet changing conditions.

For helicopter tours in Denali National Park, a surcharge is not charged for guest over 250lbs. The helicopter company will assign aircraft and seats based on weight and balance. While every consideration is made to keep traveling companions and/or families together, this is not always possible for safety reasons.

Q. DOES PRINCESS OWN THE TOUR COMPANIES IN THE PORTS?

A. No, all of the shore excursions are operated by local, independent companies not by Princess; Princess retains a

portion of the total sale. We selected only the most reputable companies available to provide your excursions. The companies providing your excursions are selected by Princess based on their excellent reputation for service and safety.

Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PASSENGERS?

A. Our answer, of course, depends on the type and degree of the disability. The goal of Princess Cruises is to provide a safe comfortable cruise experience for all passengers. If you will be using a mobility device during your sailing we strongly recommend you travel with a person physically fit to assist with your needs both onboard and ashore.

If passengers are able to walk on their own, we recommend tours designated as requiring a moderate level of activity. The transport on some tours may be able to accommodate a collapsible wheelchair stored below the bus; scooters or motorized wheelchairs are often too large. If confined to a wheelchair, we would recommend reserving the excursions identified as wheelchair accessible (see Tour Symbols listed for each tour) or a private vehicle shore excursion. We also recommend that non-ambulatory passengers be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them throughout the duration of their day. Our Tour Staff can provide more information on touring options for non-ambulatory guests. Physically challenged passengers participating on a shore excursion must contact the Tour Office at least 48 hours prior to your excursion to ensure arrangements can be made to meet your particular needs.

Embarking and disembarking can be challenging for those with limited mobility. Many major ports of call provide easy access for wheelchairs and scooters. However due to various conditions: steepness of the gangway, weather, shoreside facilities and tidal and sea conditions, passengers using mobility devices may be required to transfer to a stair climber or be precluded from going ashore. Princess staff will make every effort to assist but are not allowed to individually physically lift more than 50 pounds (22 kg).

Some ports of call require the ship to anchor off shore. Passengers are then taken to shore by small boats or tenders. When tendering is required, passengers using mobility devices will not be transferred into or out of the tender, if lifting in excess of the above limitation is required. Many tender ports do not provide wheelchair access so even if the passenger can board the tender they may not be able to disembark ashore. Again the shoreside facilities, movement of the tender, weather and tidal conditions can also preclude tendering.

The decision to allow any passenger to board a tender or disembark the vessel will be made by the Captain on the basis of the safety and welfare of all involved and is final. If passengers are unable to tender or disembark because of circumstances outlined above there will be no refund or credit for missed ports. While Princess recognizes your disappointment the safety of both passengers and crew takes precedence.

For more information on the terms and conditions for Princess Shore Excursions, please refer to the Special Information section. Every effort will be made to accommodate all passengers on the tour of their choice but, tours are operated by independent local companies and not by Princess. The final determination to let any passenger participate is made by the tour operator and therefore if, in the judgment of the tour operator, the safety or comfort of any passenger is in question, guests may be denied participation. This evaluation may not be able to be determined until meeting directly with the local tour operator.

Special Information

CONDITIONS In selling tickets (including coupons or vouchers) or otherwise promoting or making arrangements for Excursions— whether for air, land or local water transportation; tours; sports or any other recreational activities; shore accommodations or meals or for any service, facility or activity other than onboard Princess' cruise ships – Princess acts only as agent for the independent tour operator supplying such excursions or services. Participation by a passenger in Excursions is conditioned upon such passenger's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the Passage Contract contained in the Cruise Ticket, the Excursion Ticket and, depending on the activity, other documents which, among other things, expressly release Princess from any liability for such participation. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions.

EXCURSION TIMINGS Departure times for each tour will be listed on princess.com in the Cruise Personalizer. For Shore Excursions, they will also be listed on the Tour Order Form, which you will receive onboard. These have been published according to information from our Tour Operators, but are subject to change should the vessel's arrival time at any port be delayed, or the itinerary for any particular excursion be amended. Please note that the time shown will be the time the last tour vehicle leaves the pier or hotel. Passengers are requested to report to the specified departure location (either onboard ship or shoreside) at the designated time, as delay on your part can interfere with the pleasure of your fellow passengers.

EXCURSIONS WITH LIMITED PARTICIPATION Shore Excursions may be purchased in advance of your cruise departure or onboard ship on a first-come, first served basis. Many of our excursions have limited participation and reservation requests will be processed in the order received. When excursions are fully subscribed, additional requests will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS Coats, wraps, umbrellas, cameras, handbags, traveling bags and similar personal articles remain at all times through the tour under the passenger's custody and control. Be careful that you do not leave your possessions unattended at any time in the car or coach in which you are traveling.

PRICES The prices for Excursions are subject to change without notice; are per adult, per child or in some cases per vehicle. Prices are confirmed at the time of booking. All quotations made include conveyance according to the itinerary and, where applicable, meals, refreshments, guides and entrance fees, unless otherwise stated. Children, other than infants in arms, will be charged full fare unless noted otherwise.

SHOPPING Where possible, time for shopping has been allowed within the framework of some excursions. However, excursions are not primarily designed for shopping, and time allowed for this purpose may be limited.

REFUNDS No refunds can be made on any ticket, coupon or voucher unless notice of cancellation is given before the closing date indicated on the booking form for the excursions involved. The times when bookings will close will be published onboard. In the event of any excursion being canceled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. However, should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances. Land Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor.

TRANSPORTATION Passengers should appreciate that standards of transport vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned coaches are not available in many areas, and in some, local buses are the best available. Cars or taxis are also used at some ports where coach or bus transportation is not available or limited. Passengers wishing to travel with friends should all leave the ship together, as this will help the Tour Staff to allocate them space in the same vehicle. For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is prohibited aboard all sightseeing vehicles.

WITHDRAWAL OF TOURS The Tour Operator reserves the right to withdraw any excursion through lack of demand and to make any alterations that they may deem advisable for the comfort of the passengers, bearing in mind the convenience and best interest of each group.

ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT. It is our policy to maintain a positive and proactive position in relation to the environment. We realize that there is much work to be done to achieve our company goals. To this end we are continually striving to increase awareness of any environmental issues that are likely to affect any of the excursions we offer. We work closely with our local agents to convey any environmental messages in our shore excursion programs and therefore ask you to support us in our efforts by respecting the cultures, customs and environmental issues of the various destinations we visit.