

# ART & ANTIQUITIES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

A voyage celebrating the modern art  
and architecture of the Mediterranean Coast  
aboard the MS Serenissima

21st October to 2nd November 2018

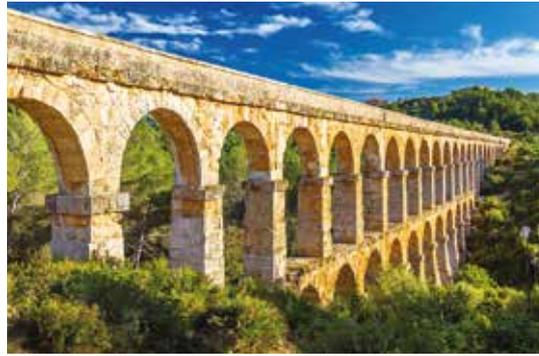
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Courtyard of the Maidens in the Alcazar, Seville



Pont de les Ferreres, Tarragona



The Alhambra, Granada



Barcelona from Antoni Gaudi's Park Guell

The late 19th century witnessed an extraordinary flowering of art that transformed the Cote d'Azur into the greatest concentration of modern art in Europe and during our three days in France at the start of our voyage we will enjoy some of the great works by Chagall, Matisse and Cezanne. Sailing from France we follow the coast around to Spain's province of Catalonia and our first call will be to the Medieval town of Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dali. Then on to Barcelona, a unique and marvellous city with its Modernista architecture. Staying in Catalonia our next call will be the historic city of Tarragona, a veritable museum-town with remains of all the civilisations that have crossed the Iberia. Before our journey continues south we sail to the Balearic Island of Menorca to explore its rich history and experience the tranquillity and beauty of Valldemossa, a town that has been a source of inspiration for many artists. Our voyage continues along the Spanish coast visiting the great city of Valencia with its 13th century cathedral with paintings by Goya, the great naval port of Cartagena with its fine Roman remains, Granada and the incomparable Alhambra and penultimately Gibraltar. We end on a high note with our passage up the Guadalquivir river to Seville, surely the perfect way to arrive at this wonderful Andalusian city.



## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Marseilles, France.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Serenissima and embark.

**Day 2 Aix en Provence.** From our berth in Marseilles we head inland to Aix en Provence. Founded by the Romans in the 1st century it is now more renowned as the home of artist Paul Cezanne. We will visit his studio and the Jas de Bouffan estate, Cezanne's parents' country house which contains many of the painter's celebrated works. We will continue to the 'Terrain des Peintres' located on the heights of Aix en Provence and famous for the wonderful views of the Montagne Sainte Victoire which Cezanne often painted in the latter part of his life. After lunch in a local restaurant we will spend some time in Aix.

**Day 3 Port Vendres.** The 'Cote Vermeille', or rocky coast, is one of the most beautiful parts of the Mediterranean and inspired some of the world's most famous artists. This morning we will drive the short distance to Collioure which has always been a source of inspiration for artists. Here we will have time to explore the colourful streets, visit the local artist studios and the 12th century Royal Castle. After lunch on board, the afternoon is free to enjoy exploring Port Vendres at leisure.

**Day 4 Roses, Spain.** The former Greek colony of Roses is our base for a day on the Costa Brava. We will travel inland to Medieval Figueres, an impressive town of Modernist and Neoclassical architecture which is most renowned as the birth place of Salvador Dali. Our tour includes the impressive 18th century castle of St Ferran and the old city walls before continuing to the Dali Theatre Museum. Designed by Dali himself, the museum takes us through the life of the artist. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and this afternoon we will travel along the coast to the archaeological site of Empuries. Founded by Greek merchants in the 6th century BC as Emporion, it was a commercial hub and became a major port. In 218 BC the town was taken by the Romans who built an even greater city above the Greek town.

**Day 5 Barcelona.** Our morning tour of the enchanting city of Barcelona will include the Medieval Gothic quarter which was built on the site of a Roman city. We will discover remains of the Roman past such as the impressively well preserved columns of the Temple of August as well as the Placa Sant Jaume and Placa del Rei before arriving at the great 14th century cathedral, located in the heart of Barcelona and known as 'La Seu'. We then continue to the Sagrada Familia passing by Passeig de Gracia, containing several of the city's most celebrated pieces of architecture such as Casa Batllo and La Pedrera, both designed by Gaudi within the space of a few years. The Temple dedicated to the Sacred Family is Gaudi's most emblematic work and the greatest exponent of his genius, which



Park Güell



Salvador Dalí Theatre Museum, Figueres



The coastal village of Collioure

has become a symbol of Barcelona all over the world despite remaining unfinished. We will return to the vessel for lunch and an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 6 Tarragona.** During the second Punic War in 218 AD the city of Tarraco was established as a garrison which developed into the main military base for the Roman army in Spain. Today we can still see remnants of the Roman period as we explore the city by foot. Meanwhile on the outskirts of the city we will see the Pont de les Ferreres, a Roman bridge that formed part of the aqueduct that brought water to the city from the Francoli River. After lunch on board we have time to explore Tarragona at leisure or, alternatively, drive to the Moestir de Poblet, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Day 7 Palma de Mallorca.** From our berth in Palma we will take the beautifully maintained vintage train that connects Palma with the pretty town of Soller on the island's west coast and enjoy splendid mountain views of the Serra de Tramuntana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will enjoy some time to explore Soller before taking a scenic drive to the village of Valldemossa, a quiet and traditional town with narrow streets and lanes constructed with blonde stone. It is also a source of inspiration to the many artists that live here and we hope to be able to visit a local studio to learn first-hand about their methods. We will enjoy a walk around the town and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the MS Serenissima.

**Day 8 Valencia.** Valencia is a vibrant, somewhat chaotic and a typically Spanish city. Join a guided walking tour to see some of the fine Baroque buildings including the cathedral, the 15th century Gothic Silk Exchange and the old 'La Carmen' quarter. This afternoon can be spent at leisure exploring independently or join us as we visit the Fine Arts Museum. Alternatively, visit the Colegio del Patriarca with its wonderful Renaissance courtyard, church and a museum with works including a 'Last Supper' by Ribalta.

**Day 9 Cartagena.** After a morning at sea we arrive during lunch at the Murcian port of Cartagena. We will enter the deep natural harbour through two fortified rocky headlands for an afternoon of exploration in this historic city that dates back to the Phoenicians. The city walls remained intact until the 20th century, creating a dense historic centre which we will explore before taking the lift or walking up to Concepcion Castle where we will learn of the city's past and enjoy amazing views of the city and harbour below.

**Day 10 Motril for Alhambra.** Today we will drive inland to the magnificent, UNESCO World Heritage listed Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. During our guided tour we will visit the most important halls and courtyards of the Alhambra and we also visit the sumptuous Generalife Gardens, the luxurious summer retreat of the Moorish kings of Granada.

**Day 11 Gibraltar.** We have the day to explore this strategic British outpost of the Mediterranean. We will use the cable car to climb the 426 metre Rock of Gibraltar and at the top will enjoy a private lecture which will bring the history of Gibraltar to life. We will visit the Great Siege Tunnels, a labyrinth of tunnels built to defend Gibraltar from Spanish and French attacks between 1779 and 1783 and revered as one of the finest defensive systems. Also visit the Gibraltar Museum where we can learn more about the Great Siege, the geological origins of the rock and also the natural history. Enjoy lunch on board followed by some free time.

**Day 12 Seville.** Overnight we will cruise up the Guadalquivir River towards Seville arriving during breakfast. On our morning excursion we will see one of Seville's greatest monuments, the Alcazar with its exotic terraced garden. Built by the Moors in the 14th century, it is still used as a residence by the King of Spain. Also see the Christian Cathedral, reputed to be the largest Gothic style church in the world. This afternoon will be at leisure.

**Day 13 Seville to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

### SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £200 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Inside Twin/Double	£4295	£4095
2	Standard Stateroom	£4995	£4795
3	Standard Stateroom Plus	£5145	£4945
4	Superior Stateroom	£5245	£5045
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5545	£5345
6	Junior Suite	£6195	£5995
7	Executive Suite	£6695	£6495
8	Owner's Suite	£6695	£6495
9	Inside Single	£4295	£4095
10	Standard Single	£4995	£4795
2	Standard Stateroom for sole use	£5995	£5795
3	Standard Stateroom Plus for sole use	£6145	£5945

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel, 12 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board, Noble Caledonia onboard team, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.

# NICE PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION

18th to 21st October 2018



Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild at Saint Jean Cap Ferrat

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Nice.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Hotel Boscolo B4 Nice Plaza, our base for the next three nights. Meet for a welcome dinner in the hotel this evening.

**Day 2 Saint Jean Cap Ferrat & Museum Chagall.** We drive to Saint Jean Cap Ferrat and visit the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Built in 1900 in Italian palazzo style and surrounded by magnificent gardens it houses an unbelievable collection of works including tapestries, furniture, candelabras, terracotta's, porcelains and Chinese vases. After a light lunch we visit the Marc Chagall Museum. Chagall was one of the great masters of the School of Paris and his work was essentially inspired by religion. During his early thirties, one night, he had a vision of angels, and from that day on, blue and angels dominated his work. The museum houses the famous series of seventeen paintings illustrating his biblical message, the books of Genesis, Exodus and the Song of Songs, and the series of ten other paintings, including the triptych named Resistance, Resurrection, Liberation. After our tour we return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Day 3 Saint Paul de Vence & Chapelle du Rosaire.** After breakfast in the hotel we visit the Maeght Foundation. This exceptional site contains one of the most important collections in Europe with paintings, sculptures, drawings and graphic works of modern art from the 20th century such as Bonnard, Braque, Calder, Chagall, Chillida, Giacometti, Leger, Miro, Ubc, and contemporary artists such as Adami, Calzolari, Caro, Del Re and Dietman. From here we will continue onto Saint Paul de Vence, a fortified village where we will enjoy lunch in the legendary Colombe d'Or where many artists visited and the walls were soon covered by paintings, which often were exchanged for a stay or a few meals. From 1920 modern painters such as Soutine, Signac, Modigliani, rediscovered the atmosphere of the village, and artists, sculptors, writers and actors elected the place as their main meeting point, making Saint Paul de Vence a famous Riviera landmark. Later we head to Vence and visit the Chapelle du Rosaire, a unique building which was designed and constructed by Henri Matisse. Between 1948 and 1951, Matisse worked tirelessly on

the plans, designing every element of the building, from the exterior to the details of decoration. Remarking upon the chapel's completion, Henri Matisse stated that "I want those entering my chapel to feel themselves purified and lightened of their burdens ... I regard it, despite all its imperfections, as my masterpiece ... as an effort which is the culmination of a whole life dedicated to the search for truth." Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Day 4 Nice to Marseille.** Enjoy a morning at leisure, take the chance to explore Nice or maybe visit the Musee Matisse containing one of the largest collections of his work. Meet in the hotel in the early afternoon for our transfer to Marseilles where we will embark the MS Serenissima.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1145    Single: £1345

**Price Includes:** Scheduled flight from London to Nice, three nights accommodation at Hotel Boscolo B4 Nice Plaza (or similar) on a bed and breakfast basis, gratuities, dinner on day 1, tours as described, transfers.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.



The fortified village of Saint Paul de Vence



# MS SERENISSIMA

The handsome MS Serenissima began her career as Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Extensively renovated in 2003 she was rechristened MS Andrea and began her career as a classic cruise ship, and was chartered by Noble Caledonia for a number of years. In spring 2012 MS Andrea was purchased by our long-standing associates Volga Dream and renamed the MS Serenissima. After a thorough renovation and upgrading, the charming MS Serenissima commenced cruise operations in April 2013 and since then we have chartered her for multiple voyages. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships. She appears an impressive sight when moored, and is capable of both destination and expedition cruising.

## Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 100 passengers, the cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower and a selection of toiletries in addition to a hairdryer, robes and slippers. All cabins come equipped with telephone, flat screen television, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. Bottles of still and sparkling water are replenished daily. There are ten different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and with the exception of the inside cabins, all staterooms feature either windows or portholes. Because of the very nature of the ship, the cabins do vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm. Choose from the cosy inside cabins of approx 10 square metres, to the sumptuous newly built executive suites of 25 square metres boasting private balconies, minibar and all the mod cons.



Restaurant



Harald Lounge

## Your Space

The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library with a computer for internet access and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with fitness room, Jacuzzi and outside bar. The newly built covered seating area at the back of deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this

vintage, providing intimacy and classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

## Your Dining

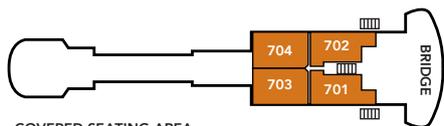
The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting. Being on deck 5, it has great views from all tables. The picture windows mean the restaurant is light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot and cold dishes available. Dinner is served a la carte and is 4 courses, except for at the Captain's Dinner, which is a 6 course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water are included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee is available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge.



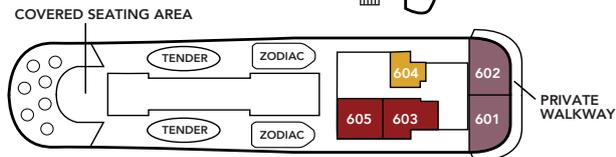
Sun Deck

# Deck Plan & Cabins

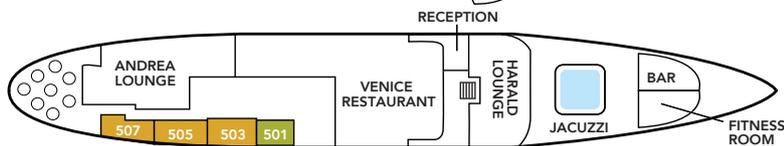
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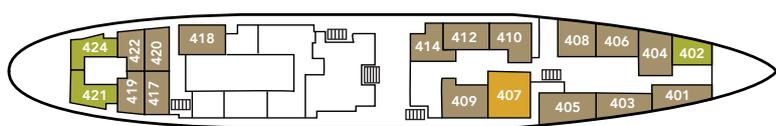
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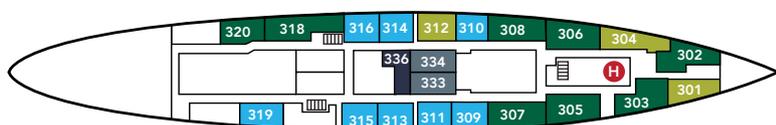
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DECK 4



DECK 3



- INSIDE TWIN/DOUBLE
- STANDARD STATEROOM
- STANDARD STATEROOM PLUS
- SUPERIOR STATEROOM
- DELUXE STATEROOM
- JUNIOR SUITE
- EXECUTIVE SUITE
- OWNER'S SUITE
- INSIDE SINGLE
- STANDARD SINGLE



**OWNER'S SUITE**  
(approx. 22 square metres)



**EXECUTIVE SUITE**  
(approx. 25 square metres)



**JUNIOR SUITE**  
(approx. 21 square metres)



**DELUXE STATEROOM**  
(approx. 15 to 25 square metres)



**SUPERIOR STATEROOM**  
(approx. 11.5 to 18 square metres)



**STANDARD STATEROOM PLUS**  
(approx. 14 to 19 square metres)



**STANDARD STATEROOM**  
(approx. 10 to 11.5 square metres)



**INSIDE TWIN/DOUBLE**  
(approx. 10 square metres)



**STANDARD SINGLE**  
(approx. 7 to 12.5 square metres)

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