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A late summer voyage from Mallorca to Malta
aboard the MS Serenissima

6th to 15th September 2020

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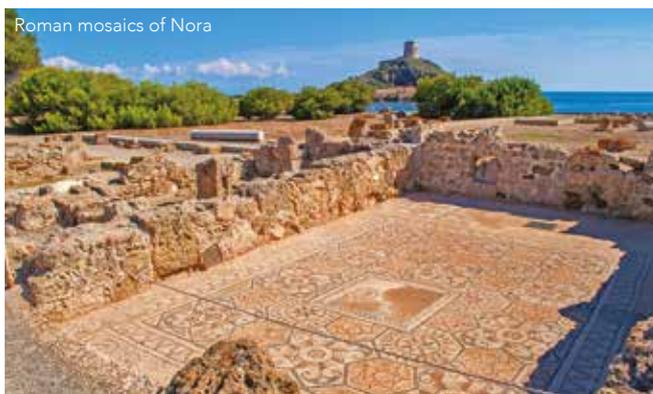


There are of course no shortages of cruise vessels plying the major ports and cities of the Mediterranean, but few are inclined to focus on just the islands and devote a complete itinerary to them as we have done with this delightful voyage from Mallorca to Malta aboard the MS Serenissima. Our intention has been to design a voyage as if it were to be undertaken on a small private yacht, staying away from the larger commercial centres and concentrating on some of the most picturesque and interesting places in the region.



Late summer is the perfect time for our voyage, when the crowds of August have dispersed but the weather is perfect for touring and sightseeing. We have created our island hopping itinerary to combine time in the Balearics, Sardinia, Corsica, Elba and Sicily, all of which are easy to visit individually but difficult to combine independently in a nine night trip. We will have time on each island to see the main sites but also explore some of the smaller ports and less visited destinations. We have ensured that each day has an enjoyable mix of culture with some time at leisure to explore under your own steam or time relaxing at sea.

Added to our fascinating itinerary we have the pleasure of cruising aboard the MS Serenissima. From time to time we may pass a huge cruise liner and at times like this we can be thankful that with just 95 passengers, we are able to visit atmospheric ports and villages which the big ships cannot access. We will discover timeless islands with their aura of history, unique island lifestyles and spectacular beauty which will capture our hearts as we travel a less well trodden path across the Mediterranean.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Palma, Mallorca. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival, transfer to the MS Serenissima and enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Port Mahon, Menorca. Over breakfast we arrive in Menorca, the most northerly of the Balearics and the least dedicated to tourism. The island offers pastoral countryside, historic towns and superb beaches. On our morning tour we will see the mysterious rock mounds (talayots) and megalithic stone monuments which were erected some 4,000 years ago before making our way to aristocratic Ciudadella, the architectural showpiece of Menorca. Situated at the head of a long channel from the sea, the city has had its share of disputes over sovereignty, and its character reflects the influence of Moorish, Turkish and Spanish rule. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and enjoy the afternoon sailing.

Day 3 L'île Rousse, Corsica. Enjoy a morning at sea and this afternoon we arrive at Calvi, the capital of the prosperous Balagne region of the island. Enjoy the vista of the surrounding green hills that form a natural amphitheatre and is known as the 'Garden of Corsica'. A guided tour will lead us through the alleyways and cobbled streets before continuing to the imposing citadel. Built by the Genoese, this 15th century structure has seen off several assaults through the centuries and offers wonderful views from its five bastions. We will also see the Caserne Sampiero and 13th century Cathedral St Jean Baptiste.

Day 4 Portoferraio, Elba. Today we call into the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile from 1814 to 1815. Departing from the island's busy capital Portoferraio, we set out for a delightful drive exploring the southern region of this charming island with superb views over the coastline. The first stop will be Villa San Martino which was the summer residence of Napoleon Bonaparte and has been transformed into a museum. Later enjoy some time at leisure in Porto Azzurro to browse around and shop among the many local boutiques of this delightful town which is dominated by an ancient Spanish fortress and a picturesque harbour. Our drive continues along the coast to the 17th century country wine farm, La Chiusa which is beautifully nestled in a vineyard estate surrounded by olive trees and overlooking the ocean. As with any self-respecting mansion on Elba, La Chiusa claims to have once housed Napoleon during his exile here. Experience the estate's interesting cellar to learn how the wine is handled and produced and, in the garden facing the sea, we will enjoy a delicious sampling of the



The Old Town of Portoferraio, Elba



Megalithic stone Talyots, Port Mahon



church of San Michele, Alghero



The Citadel and harbour at Calvi



Mosaic floor from the Imperial Roman Villa of Casale

local wine. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio.

Day 5 Bonifacio, Corsica. Today we return to Corsica and berth in Bonifacio's stunning natural harbour. Well known by Odysseus as the home of the savage and giant Laestrygonians, today Bonifacio's breathtaking cliff-top setting and relaxed pace make it one of the most welcoming ports in the Mediterranean. On our morning tour we will explore the narrow streets and the historical heart of the town. We will discover the Bosco quarter with the St Francis Convent, the 14th century church of St Marie Majeure and take in the views from the cliff top on which the city is built. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Day 6 Alghero, Sardinia. The Medieval city of Alghero was colonised by the Catalans in the 14th century and today there is still a strong Catalan identity throughout the town and it is often even referred to as "Barceloneta". We will use the attractive port as our base for a day of exploration in the region. This morning's panoramic drive takes us to Nuraghe Palmavera. The main tower of the Nuraghe, which still has its dome-shaped ceiling, dates back to 1100 years BC. The complex, which was abandoned in the 5th century BC due to fire, shows the different phases of social life and political organisation of the tribal community. We return to Alghero for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore the town at your own pace before we sail in the early evening. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tender to transfer ashore.*

Day 7 Cagliari. Spend the morning exploring the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, an ancient city which dates back to the Phoenicians and Romans. On a walking tour we will stroll around the old town with its narrow streets running along a steep hillside. See the terraced Piazza del Palazzo and the 14th century Cathedral of St Cecilia. Alternatively, drive along the south-western coast to reach Nora which was founded by the Phoenicians but also has Carthaginian and Roman ruins. After a period of Roman prosperity, there was a decline and in the 3rd century AD the city was engulfed by the sea. Still visible today are the remains of Carthaginian warehouse, various Roman buildings, including the baths with splendid mosaics and the theatre. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 8 Agrigento & Valley of the Temples, Sicily. After a morning at sea we arrive to Agrigento in the early afternoon. Although handsome in its own right and awash with Medieval atmosphere, Agrigento is not our main

reason for calling at this southern coast port. Close by is the Valle dei Templi, a series of Doric temples and the most captivating of Sicilian Greek remains and a grouping unique outside Greece. Surrounded in greenery of olive and almond trees, admire the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Concord, the Dioscuri Temple, the Temple of Olympic Jove and the Temple of Hercules.

Day 9 Licata for Piazza Armerina. From the port of Licata we travel inland to what is regarded as the finest Roman site in Sicily, the Imperial Roman Villa of Casale, which is located close to Piazza Armerina amidst wooded rolling countryside. This huge villa was built in the 3rd century and has some stunning floor mosaics. Our return drive takes us through the province of Caltanissetta, recognised today as one of the best winemaking regions in Italy thanks above all to its production of high quality, prestigious red wines including Nero D'Avola. We will break our journey at one of the vineyards and enjoy a chance to sample some wine over a Sicilian lunch. Return to the MS Serenissima in the late afternoon and sail tonight.

Day 10 Valletta, Malta to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£4195	£3995
3	Classic Stateroom	£4395	£4195
4	Superior Stateroom	£4795	£4595
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5195	£4995
6	Junior Suite	£5795	£5595
7	Owner's Suite	£6695	£6495
8	Serenissima Suite	£6695	£6495
10	Standard Single	£4995	£4795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Nine nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

PRE-CRUISE MALLORCA EXTENSION

4th to 6th September 2020



Palma Cathedral

Before embarking the MS Serenissima we are offering the opportunity to join a two night extension in Mallorca including a city tour and full day excursion to the charming towns of Soller and Valldemossa as well as time to explore at your leisure.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Palma, Mallorca. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Meet this evening for dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 Palma. After breakfast, join a guided walking tour of the city's highlights. Visit Palma's most impressive landmark and Spain's second largest Gothic style cathedral. The central apse contains the high Chapel of Trinity, where the tombs of the Kings of Mallorca are located. During our walking tour, discover the avenues and a maze of quaint streets with shops and cafes. We pass by the Royal Palace, the fishing harbour and the city walls. Enjoy some free time in the city centre before returning to the hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 3 Palma, Soller & Valldemossa. Check out after breakfast. Today 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. Over the course of just seven kilometres the railway rises 199 metres and runs through thirteen tunnels and crosses several bridges. We will enjoy some time to explore Soller before taking a scenic drive to the village of Valldemossa. With a population of around 2,000, Valldemossa is a quiet and traditional town with narrow streets and lanes constructed with blonde stone. Each doorway and street are lined with beautiful green plants and flowers making the town one of the most beautiful in Mallorca. We will enjoy a walk around the town and lunch at a local restaurant before embarking the MS Serenissima later this afternoon.

Prices per person based on double occupancy

Twin: £895
Single: £1345

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation with breakfast, tours as described, lunch on day 3, dinner on day 1, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, meals not mentioned in the itinerary.



Valldemossa

POST-CRUISE MALTA EXTENSION

15th to 17th September 2020



Valletta

If you would like to spend some time in Malta after disembarking the MS Serenissima we are offering a two night stay providing the chance to explore Valletta and the surrounding area.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Valletta, Malta. After breakfast we will disembark and begin a city tour of Valletta, the 16th century "Fortress City" built by the Knights of St John. Our morning tour will include the highlights of Valletta with its stunning views across the harbour from the Barakka Gardens. We will explore Merchants Street, containing the surviving auberges built by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, together with the palace where Napoleon Bonaparte is believed to have stayed in 1798. Our final stop will be at St John's Cathedral. After lunch we transfer to the hotel for check in and the remainder of the afternoon and evening are free for independent exploration.

Day 2 Mdina. A morning tour will take us to Mdina. Originally this city was given the name of "Citta Nobile" and is now known as the "Silent City" at the heart of the island. Mdina is Phoenician in origin and was the fortified capital of the island, before the arrival of the Knights. Return to the hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure before meeting this evening for dinner.

Day 3 Malta to London. Check out after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Prices per person based on double occupancy

Twin: £645
Single: £895

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Malta with breakfast, tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, lunch on day 1, dinner on day 2, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, meals not mentioned in the itinerary.



Mdina

MS SERENISSIMA



Harald Jarl Lounge



Andrea Lounge



The Restaurant

The charming MS Serenissima began her career as the Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Since 2003, when she was extensively renovated, she has been operating as a classic cruise ship. Previously known as the MS Andrea, she was upgraded again in 2013 and started her new life as the MS Serenissima. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships and appears an impressive sight when moored. With her fleet of Zodiacs, she is capable of both destination and expedition cruising.

Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 95 passengers, there are eight different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and all feature either windows or portholes. The cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower (please note cabins 601 - 605 and 507 have a bath with shower attachment) 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. Due to the very nature of the ship, the cabins vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm.



Your Dining

The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting and, with its Deck 5 location, all of the tables benefit from great views. The picture windows also make the restaurant wonderfully 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

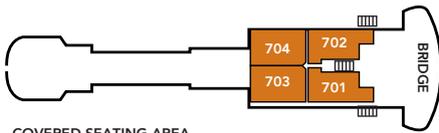
available. Dinner is served a la carte and is four courses, except at the Captain's Dinner, which is a six course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water is included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee are available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge.

Your Space

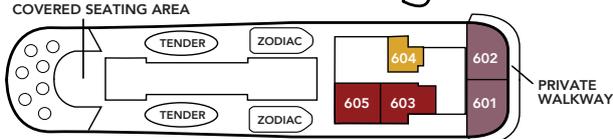
The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Jarl Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with Jacuzzi and outside bar. The 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 a classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

MS SERENISSIMA DECK PLAN & CABINS

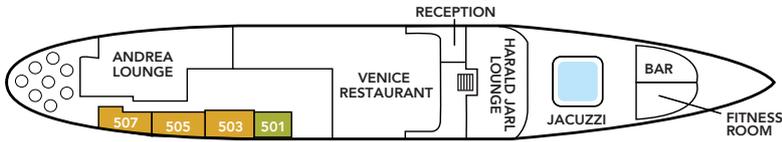
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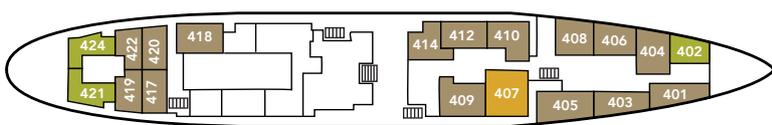
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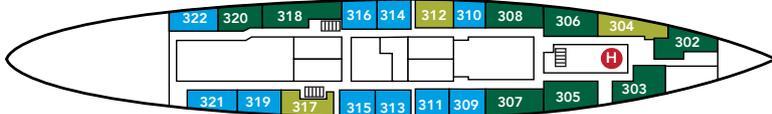
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DECK 4



DECK 3



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| ■ CLASSIC STATEROOM | ■ JUNIOR SUITE | ■ STANDARD SINGLE |
| ■ SUPERIOR STATEROOM | ■ OWNER'S SUITE | |

NB. Please note cabin sizes vary in each category and measurements shown are approximate.



DELUXE STATEROOM
(15 to 25 square metres)



SUPERIOR STATEROOM
(11.5 to 18 square metres)



JUNIOR SUITE
(21 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM
(10 to 11.5 square metres)



STANDARD SINGLE
(7 to 12.5 square metres)



CLASSIC STATEROOM
(14 to 19 square metres)



Lido Deck



SERENISSIMA SUITE
(25 square metres)



OWNER'S SUITE
(22 square metres)

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