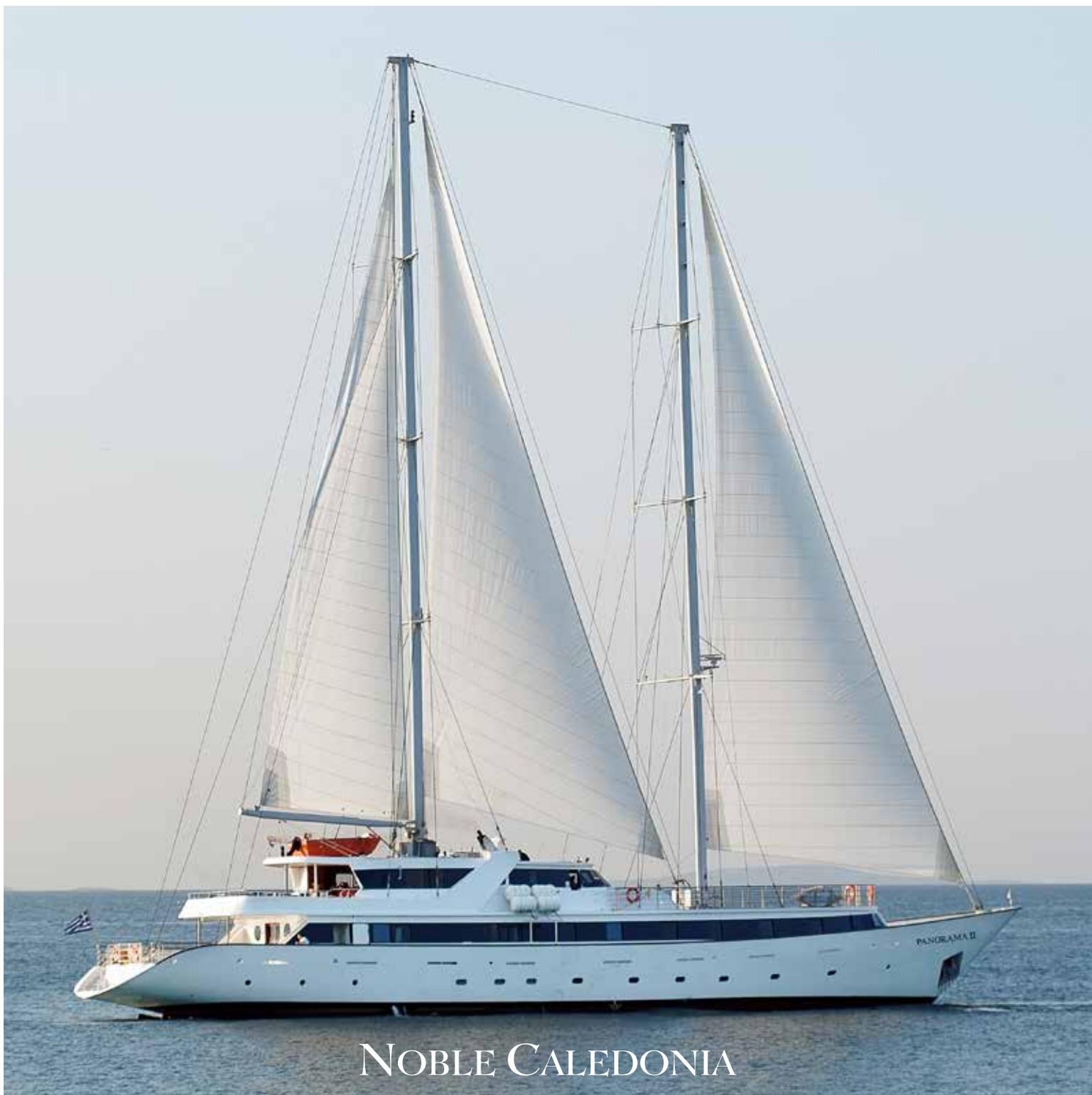


*Voyages aboard*  
**PANORAMA II**

MEDITERRANEAN – ADRIATIC – AEGEAN  
MAY TO JULY 2018



**NOBLE CALEDONIA**



# PANORAMA II

We are delighted to have chartered the two-masted Panorama II for a series of cruises through the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean in 2018. Launched in 2004, fully renovated in 2012 and upgraded again in 2015, she is a 164 foot motor sailer accommodating just 49 guests. If you find large resort style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers attractive then of course this isn't the vessel for you. However, if you prefer an informal and warm atmosphere more akin to a private yacht combined with an itinerary dedicated to both discovery and relaxation then you need look no further.

## Your Cabin

All the cabins on board Panorama II are designed for comfort and have a nautical feel with light fabrics and wood trimmings. Cabins range in size from 97 to 173 square feet and those located on the Upper and Main Decks are equipped with windows, while those on the Lower Deck have portholes. All cabins accommodate either a

double bed or twin beds. Facilities include fully equipped marble bathrooms, individually-controlled air conditioning, music and satellite TV, mini-fridge, personal safety deposit box and hairdryer.

## Your Space

The public areas include a main lounge and bar with comfortable sofas, a restaurant located on the

Lower Deck and the Upper Deck al fresco dining area where meals can be enjoyed when weather permits. There is also a swimming platform enabling guests to swim when weather and anchorage conditions permit and the Upper Deck provides a generous semi covered or sun exposed space with sun loungers and chairs, ideal for relaxation and fantastic views.





Dining area



Sun Deck



Double Cabin



Outdoor Dining



Breakfast on deck



Twin Cabin

### Your Dining

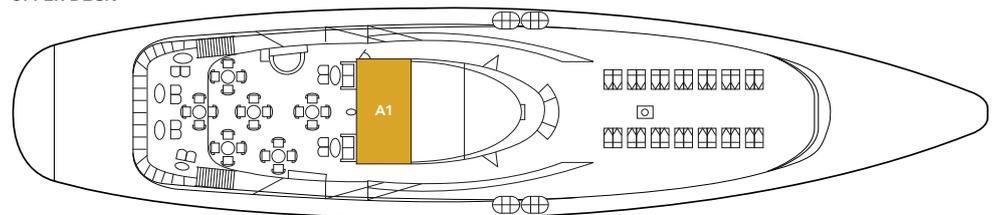
Located on the Lower Deck, the indoor dining room seats all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and offers generous buffet space. The aft area on the Upper Deck provides a generous semi-covered area where guests can enjoy meals al fresco with wonderful views, weather permitting. Food is served at the table or displayed on the hot and cold buffets stands. The menu is Greek and international, with a focus on local specialties. On each itinerary, we have included the opportunity for you to dine ashore independently allowing you to experience the local flavours.

### Life On Board

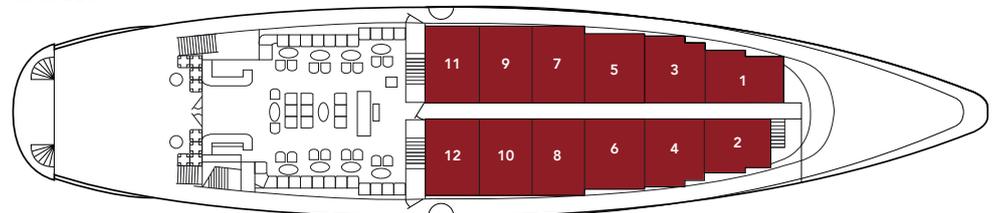
During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor dining room, as well as the open and inviting deck areas. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, settling into a comfortable chair with a good book or socialising with your fellow passengers and enjoying the views. The swimming platform on Panorama II's stern enables you to swim off the yacht when weather and anchorage conditions permit. (only applicable for voyages around Greece).

## DECK PLAN

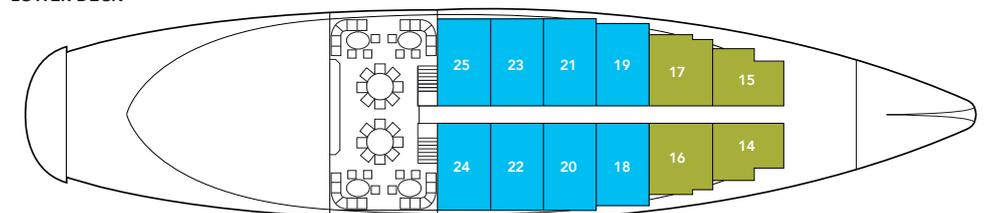
### UPPER DECK



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# WONDERS OF CORSICA & SARDINIA

A voyage from Tuscany to Cagliari aboard the Panorama II  
27<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Join us aboard the Panorama II for a glorious journey to many places that are beyond the reach of the mega-cruise ships. From our starting point in Tuscany we sail to the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile before continuing to Corsica for four days of discovery. Although officially part of France, the island of Corsica has its own identity in everything from customs to language and benefits from magnificent geographical diversity ranging from wonderful natural harbours to picture perfect hilltop villages and a majestic countryside of vineyards and deep valleys. After time spent calling into some stunning harbours, exploring Medieval towns, charming villages and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, we sail to Sardinia with its unspoilt coastline and fascinating cultural heritage. Sardinia is endlessly fascinating and ideal for exploration by small ship. With so many experiences on offer during our voyage we have planned the itinerary carefully to ensure there is adequate time to relax on board, join the guided excursions and explore some of the delightful towns under your own steam.



## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Pisa, Italy.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Panorama II berthed in Livorno and embark. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail this evening.

**Day 2 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 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 estate's garden facing the sea, we will enjoy a delicious sampling of the local wine. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio. Tonight is free to dine independently at one of the restaurants in town.

**Day 3 Bastia, Corsica.** Situated on the north of the island of Corsica, Bastia was the old Genoese capital and is now a busy port. Its setting is handsome, the classic Mediterranean allure of pale, sunlit streets flanked with tall colourful buildings. Our walking tour of the historic quarter will include the 15th century cathedral, chapels and Baroque buildings such as the Oratoire St Roch, Oratoire de l'Immaculee Conception and the Roccoco church, St Jean Baptiste, famous for its twin campaniles. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon choose to relax on board, enjoy some free time in Bastia or join an excursion to the small fishing port of St Florent. Our drive will take us through the Nebbio which takes its name from the thick mist that sweeps over the region and is now reputed for its fine wines from Patrimonio. On arrival in St Florent we will have time to wander the maze of narrow streets and take a coffee in one of the waterfront cafes whilst watching the yachts in the marina. Enjoy dinner on board this evening and, as we sail late tonight, perhaps have an after dinner stroll.

**Day 4 Calvi.** Arrive this morning in 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 Caserme Sampiero and 13th century Cathedral St Jean Baptiste. This afternoon, after lunch on board, there will be an opportunity to explore the flora of Corsica with a visit to the seven hectare Parc de Saleccia where you can explore the range of paths through the gardens and see the tough plants of the maquis, pines, myrtles, figs and over 100 varieties of olive trees. Alternatively return to the town for some free time. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tender.*

**Day 5 Ajaccio.** The capital of Corsica is famed as the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte whose family arrived here in 1492 with about 100 other Genoese and Ligurian families intent on colonising this part of Corsica. On a leisurely morning walking tour of the old town we will take in many of the places associated with Napoleon including the late 17th century Maison Bonaparte, which is now a museum, and Ajaccio Cathedral, where it is rumoured Napoleon was born on the cathedral steps. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon to explore independently, you may wish to visit Palais Fesch, established by Napoleon's uncle it houses France's largest collection of Italian paintings outside the



Calvi



Bonifacio



Alghero

Cagliari



Napoleon Statue, Elba



Cagliari

Louvre. This evening is free to dine in one of the towns many stylish restaurants or cafes.

**Day 6 Bonifacio.** Our last day in Corsica will be 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 ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon and evening in port to explore further at your own pace. Maybe take a local boat ride to the Lavezzi Islands or a walk in the nearby Marine Park which offers some stunning views.

**Day 7 Olbia & La Maddalena, Sardinia.** Our first call in Sardinia will be the fetching city of Olbia with its charming historic centre full of boutiques, wine bars and piazzas. On a morning tour we

will travel to the island of La Maddalena by local boats from the port of Palau and spend time exploring this pretty island well off the beaten tourist track. In 1789 Napoleon, then a young artillery commander, was thwarted in his attempt to take the Maddalena archipelago by local Sardinian forces and in 1803 Lord Nelson arrived and used the superb anchorage at La Maddalena to shelter his fleet during the long blockade of Toulon from 1803 to 1805. In recognition of the kindness shown by the islanders, Nelson donated some silver candle holders and a crucifix which can still be seen today in the church. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to explore Olbia at your own pace.

**Day 8 Alghero.** 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 1,100 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. You are free to enjoy lunch in the city and spend the afternoon exploring Alghero at your own pace. Return to the ship for dinner as we sail this evening. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tender.*

**Day 9 Cagliari.** Spend a relaxing morning at sea before we arrive into the Sardinian capital of Cagliari

in the early afternoon. Cagliari is an ancient city which dates back to the Phoenicians and Romans and 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. We will moor overnight for anyone wishing to enjoy an after dinner drink or stroll this evening.

**Day 10 Cagliari to London.** Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

## PRICES PER PERSON

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**Not Included:** Travel insurance, lunch on day 8, dinner on days 2 and 5.

# VOYAGE TO VALLETTA

Sailing from Cagliari to Valletta aboard the Panorama II  
5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Sicily's cultural treasures are unsurpassed. With a history of some 3000 years, this gem of an island has witnessed wave after wave of invasions bringing new cultures and ideas. This has resulted in some lofty and noble architecture from magnificent Doric temples to great Byzantine cathedrals and bizarrely styled villas. The geography of the island lends itself beautifully to exploration by ship, as most points of interest are close to the sea. With just 48 fellow passengers, we will explore Sicily's spectacular sights in small groups and our ship will dock in ports that are not accessible to the large cruise liners. We will avoid tiresome road journeys and be able to appreciate in comfort the rich artistic legacy of so many invading civilisations. In addition, we have planned some late departures from port, which afford the opportunity to enjoy dining ashore or an after dinner stroll in some towns which are particularly atmospheric in the evening. After eight days of exploring Sicily's wonders, we sail for the lovely island of Gozo where we have a day to explore before our final port of call, the grand harbour of Valletta.

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Cagliari, Sardinia.** Fly by scheduled flight. Transfer to the Panorama II and embark. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail this evening.



**Day 2 Trapani, Sicily.** Spend a relaxing morning at sea as we sail towards Sicily arriving in Trapani at lunchtime, our base for an afternoon tour to the nearby town of Erice, famed in antiquity for its temple dedicated to the goddess of love, the Phoenician Astarte, Greek Aphrodite or Roman Venus. Our tour will take us to this stunning site high above the sea and to the beautifully preserved Medieval town characterised by its winding cobblestone streets and beautiful courtyards. Return to Trapani and enjoy free time this evening to wander the streets dine independently in one of the local restaurants before we sail later tonight.

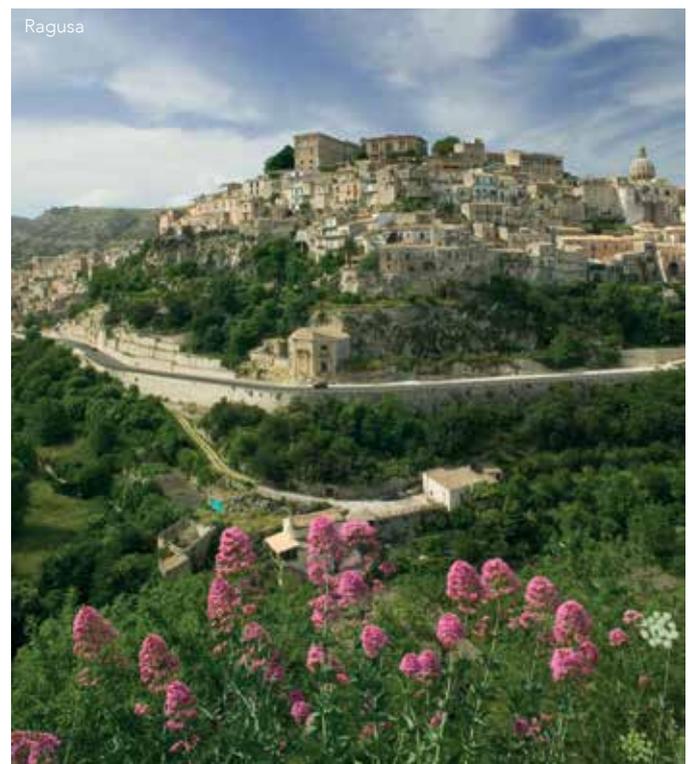
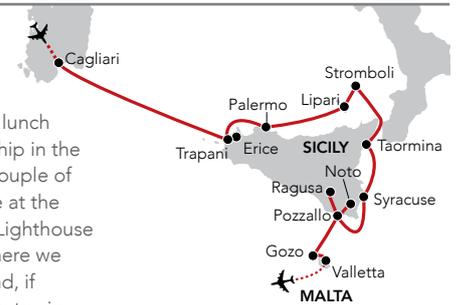
**Day 3 Palermo.** This morning we arrive in the Sicilian capital of Palermo. After breakfast we will explore the city, famous for its jumbled and picturesque streets punctuated with ornate Baroque churches, domed Arab mosques and the glittering Byzantine mosaics that reveal a unique and diverse heritage. We visit the impressive 12th century cathedral which houses the royal tombs of Henri VI and King Ruggiero. Return to the Panorama II for lunch and this afternoon choose to see the remarkable Medieval mosaics in the cathedral at Monreale or take time to explore the city at your own pace.

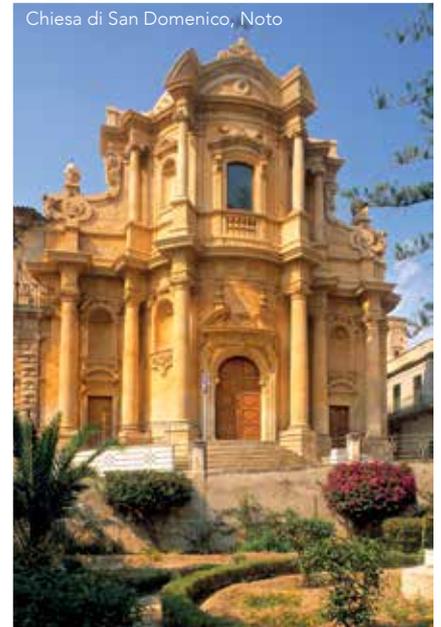
**Day 4 Aeolian Islands.** Arrive today at the picturesque island of Lipari situated in the Aeolian Islands off the north coast of Sicily. Here we will find an amazing collection of ruins from the prehistoric through to the Roman period. Lipari town is a thriving little place prettily located between two harbours. Our morning tour includes a visit to the upper town set within fortress walls and a drive around the volcano followed by a visit to the Archaeological Museum with its impressive relics from nearby excavations. Return to the pretty harbour and choose somewhere

to enjoy an independent lunch before we return to the ship in the early afternoon. After a couple of hours at sea we will arrive at the island of Stromboli, the 'Lighthouse of the Mediterranean' where we enjoy dinner on board and, if weather permits, we hope to view the eruptions from island's active volcano.

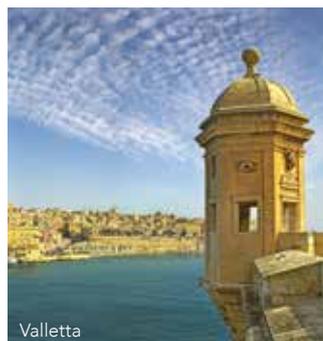
**Day 5 Taormina.** From the nearby port of Giardini Naxos we will visit Taormina, a walled town lying in the shadow of Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano. The town has been a popular tourist destination since the 19th century and our guided tour will include walking the characteristic alleys before visiting the 15th century Palazzo Corvaja and the impressive Greek Theatre from where there are marvellous views over the town and coast. Take the opportunity to enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and some free time to explore independently before returning to the ship this afternoon. Maybe enjoy an early evening swim from the local beach before we enjoy dinner on board.

**Day 6 Syracuse.** Syracuse was founded by the Greeks in 734 BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean and rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. On leaving the vessel we visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park where we find a well preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone. Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Dionysus' Ear' - a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore the island of Ortigia where we find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque Cathedral, erected





over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore independently and tonight dine independently in one of the nearby restaurants.



**Day 7 Ragusa & Noto.** Our final call in Sicily is the southern coast port of Pozzallo from where we will explore the Baroque villages of Noto and Ragusa. This morning we will visit charming Ragusa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where we will see the Duomo and Baroque palaces in Ibla before visiting the upper town, San Giovanni Cathedral and Church of Santa Maria delle Scale. We return to the vessel for lunch and this afternoon you can either choose to relax on board in Pozzallo or join a tour to the beautiful antique town of

Noto which was built in 1703. Here we will see numerous 18th century palaces of incredible architectural value including the Duomo, the Museo Civico and the Convento dei Francescani. Return to the ship for dinner and sail this evening.

**Day 8 Gozo, Malta.** Arrive this morning at the Maltese island of Gozo, thought to be the Calypso Isles of Homer's Odyssey and a lovely place to spend a day. On a morning drive we will visit the Ggantija Temples in Xagħra. Dating back to 3,600 BC, the temples, which are now recognised as a World Heritage Site, are one of the most significant archaeological finds in Malta. Continue to Our Lady of Victories Church, one of the most richly embellished places of worship on the island which was elevated to the rank of a minor Basilica in 1967. We return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore at your own pace. Maybe head to the capital of Victoria where you can take your time to walk the walls or through the narrow streets of this small picturesque city or perhaps enjoy time in the local market as the island is renowned for its woollen goods and hand-made lace. Return to the ship for dinner as we anchor overnight.

**Day 9 Valletta.** Over breakfast we will sail into the grand harbour of Valletta and enjoy a city tour of this 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. Return to the ship for

lunch and this afternoon is free to return to Valletta and explore independently or spend time in Mdina, originally given the name of "Citta Nobile" and 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 ship for dinner and moor overnight.

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

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**Not Included:** Travel insurance, lunch on days 4 & 5, dinner on days 2 & 6.

# MID-SUMMER IN SICILY

Explore the wonders of Sicily aboard the Panorama II  
14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

We have the perfect vessel and ideal time of year for our exploration of the wonderful island of Sicily and her archaeological treasures. With its benevolent climate and superb strategic position, the island has been coveted, fought over and colonised throughout the ages. Sicily is a celebration of the greatest achievements of Mediterranean cultures and with such a wealth of ancient sites, it is certainly not somewhere which should be visited in a hurry. With seven days spent exploring the island, we have the luxury of time and are able to visit the stunning Greek theatre at Taormina, the superbly well-preserved Greek temples at the Valle dei Templi, the Norman Royal Palace and Palatine Chapel in Palermo, the Roman mosaics of Villa Romana di Casale as well as the beautiful Baroque villages of Noto and Ragusa. Local guides will contribute greatly to our enjoyment and understanding of Sicily and once visited it is a place you will never forget and will wish to return to time and time again.

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Malta.** Fly by scheduled flight. Transfer to the Panorama II and enjoy Welcome Dinner and Drinks on board as we sail this evening.

**Day 2 Ragusa & Noto, Sicily.** Our first call in Sicily is the southern coast port of Pozzallo from where we will explore the Baroque villages of Noto and Ragusa. Our morning tour will visit charming Ragusa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its Baroque palaces, churches, squares, stairways and winding narrow streets, all of which create an evocative and

ancient atmosphere. Here we visit the Duomo and Baroque palaces in Ibla before visiting the upper town, San Giovanni Cathedral and Church of Santa Maria delle Scale. We return to the vessel for lunch and this afternoon you can either choose to relax on board in Pozzallo or join a tour to the beautiful antique town of Noto which was built in 1703. Here we will see numerous 18th century palaces of incredible architectural value including the Duomo, the





Museo Civico and the Convento dei Francescani. Return to the ship for dinner and sail this evening.

**Day 3 Piazza Armerina.** From the port of Licata we travel inland to what is regarded as the finest Roman site on 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 wine making 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 these vineyards and enjoy a chance to sample some wine over a Sicilian lunch. Return to the Panorama II in the late afternoon and sail tonight.

**Day 4 Agrigento.** 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. After lunch

on board the afternoon is free to explore Agrigento and shuttles will run from the port to the town and the excellent archaeological museum where you can explore at your leisure.

**Day 5 Mazara del Vallo.** Founded in the 9th century BC by the Phoenicians, Mazara del Vallo was used as a strategic location for their trans-Mediterranean trading interests. Mazara soon became part of Magna Graecia, when it served as a port for the nearby city of Selinunte and by the 9th century was the island's second city behind Palermo. It is the impressive remains of the ancient city of Selinunte which is our destination this morning. Once one of the most eminent cities of Magna Graecia it was ransacked by the Carthaginians, led by Hannibal, who sent 100,000 soldiers to attack in 409 BC, massacring thousands of the inhabitants with the remainder being taken into slavery. The city was destroyed and forgotten until 1823 when excavations began. Situated on a high plain overlooking the sea it is a lovely place to walk and our guided tour will explore the acropolis, the eastern temples and the ancient city. Return to the vessel for lunch and this afternoon is free to explore Mazara del Vallo at leisure.

**Day 6 Palermo.** This morning we arrive in the Sicilian capital of Palermo. We will explore the city, famous for its jumbled and picturesque streets punctuated





Agrigento



Piazza Armerina

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**Day 7 Taormina.** Spend a leisurely morning at sea arriving at our anchorage at Giardini Naxos at lunchtime. From here we will visit Taormina, a walled town lying in the shadow of Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano. The town has been a popular tourist destination since the 19th century and our guided tour will include walking the characteristic alleys before visiting the 15th century Palazzo Corvaja and the impressive Greek Theatre from where there are marvellous views over the town and coast. Enjoy dinner on board and sail this evening.

**Day 8 Syracuse.** Syracuse was founded by the Greeks in 734

BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean and rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. On leaving the vessel we visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park where we find a well preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone. Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Dionysus' Ear', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore the island of Ortigia where we find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque Cathedral, erected over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. Take the chance to enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before having a free afternoon to explore independently. Enjoy dinner on board this evening.

**Day 9 Catania to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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**Not Included:** Travel insurance, lunch on days 6 & 8.

## PRE-CRUISE MALTA EXTENSION

12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018



Valletta

If you would like to spend some time in Malta before embarking the Panorama II we are offering a two night stay at a the Intercontinental Hotel with the chance to explore Valletta and the surrounding area.

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Malta.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Meet tonight for a Welcome Dinner in the hotel.

**Day 2 Valletta.** After breakfast in the hotel we will embark on 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 St John's Cathedral. The afternoon and evening are free for independent exploration.

**Day 3 Mdina.** Enjoy time at leisure before we check out of the hotel in the late morning and transfer to Mdina. Originally given the name of 'Citta Nobile', the city is now known as the 'Silent City' and 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. We will have lunch in one of the restaurants followed by a city tour and transfer to the Panorama II moored in Valletta.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £395, Single: £495

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation at the Intercontinental Hotel (or similar) on a bed and breakfast basis, tours as described, dinner on day 1, lunch on day 3, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.



# PUGLIA & BEYOND

A voyage from Sicily to Croatia aboard the Panorama II  
22<sup>nd</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

Here is the perfect voyage for those who love Italy, travelling in the company of a small group of like minded travellers and sailing aboard small, private yacht-like vessels with a varied programme of interesting visits ashore. Sailing between Sicily and Dubrovnik, our itinerary will take us off the beaten track to many places that are beyond the reach of the mega-cruise ships. The centrepiece of our voyage is our four days spent sailing around the heel of Italy and discovering Puglia's many gems. Based on its strategic location, the region was colonised, invaded and conquered for centuries with each dynasty leaving its mark. From prehistoric dwellings and traditional trulli abodes to splendid Baroque architecture and 15th century palazzos, we will explore the region with local guides. Our voyage ends in the beautiful, azure waters of the Croatian coast with our calls in Split and Korcula before we end with an overnight mooring in the pearl of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik where you may choose to extend your stay before returning to London.

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Catania, Italy.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival, transfer to the Panorama II and embark. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner this evening as we sail to Syracuse where we moor overnight.

**Day 2 Syracuse.** Syracuse was founded by the Greeks in 734 BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean and rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. On leaving the vessel we visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park where we find a well preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone. Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Dionysus' Ear', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore the island of Ortigia where we find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque Cathedral, erected over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore independently.

**Day 3 Croton.** After a morning at sea we arrive in Calabria and the port of Croton which is on the

site of the ancient Greek City of Kroton. Whilst little remains of the Greek city it was one of the most important settlements of Magna Graecia, where Pythagoras set up a school in 530 BC and whose athletes were very successful at the Olympic Games. We will take a scenic drive inland this afternoon to Santa Severina, one of Italy's prettiest towns overlooking the Neto River valley. We will explore the majestic Carafa Castle was built by the Normans in 1076 and is surrounded by strong, crenellated walls with a moat on three sides and contains intricate underground labyrinths and stables, with the remains of Medieval frescoes. Also see the cathedral the beautiful Byzantine baptistery and a chance to wander the town's tangled streets. As we return to the ship we will stop at one of the vineyards that produce famous Calabrian wine, Ciro, for a tasting accompanied by typical Calabrian food.

**Day 4 Taranto.** Today we arrive in Puglia for our morning tour which will take us into Basilicata as we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi di Matera (stones of Matera). Situated in the old town of Matera, the Sassi are prehistoric dwellings dug into the rock itself and are suspected to be some of the first human settlements in Italy. The

site comprises over 1,000 buildings including houses, churches, shops, workshops and monasteries covering over 1,000 hectares and we will learn more about the history of the town on a walking tour of the labyrinthine streets. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon in Taranto. You may want to see the 15th century Aragonese Castle or the 11th century cathedral in the old town or cross the bridge to the newer town and visit the archeological museum. Return to the ship for dinner and sail this evening.



**Day 5 Otranto & Lecce.** From the port of Otranto we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture including an abundance of churches and noble palaces decorated with the 'Leccese stone', a chalky stone ranging in colours which became the local style due to its ease to work with. A guided tour will include a visit to the beautifully decorated Santa Croce Basilica and Piazza Duomo, considered one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy. After the tour, there will be



an exclusive, private visit to the 15th century Palazzo Tamborino-Cezzi. The owner of the palazzo will personally take us on a tour, sharing interesting stories and anecdotes regarding his family and the palazzo itself. Enjoy a light lunch of local specialities before a concert of traditional music of the Salento region called La Pizzica, a popular Italian folk dance, originally from the Salento peninsula which later spread throughout the Puglia region. Return to Otranto for some free time to explore the town before sail this evening.

**Day 6 Monopoli.** Today we drive into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with dome or conical roofs. We will enjoy a pleasant walk in Alberobello, a fairy-tale trulli village and a UNESCO World Heritage Site and see the St Anthony Church also built in trullo style. Afterwards we visit 'Cantina Albea' and its wine museum, home to pictures and old instruments used in the past for the production of wine and where we will enjoy a wine tasting along with a talk on the wine production. Return to the ship for lunch and this

afternoon is free to return to the old town to explore independently or maybe take a swim from one of the nearby beaches.

**Day 7 Manfredonia.** Our final call in Italy is on the Gargano Promontory, a wonderful mix of beaches, lagoons and mountains. For centuries this region was isolated and modern development was thwarted when the peninsula became a national park in 1991. This morning we will follow the pilgrim trail to Monte Sant'Angelo where it is claimed archangel Michael made four appearances in the 5th century making this one of the earliest Christian shrines in Europe. We will visit the cave church dedicated to St. Michael, the Medieval baptistry 'Tomba di Rotari', and the church of Santa Maria Maggiore. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board sailing for Croatia.

**Day 8 Split, Croatia.** We have a full day in Split and this morning's walking tour will include the Diocletian Palace, St Dulmus Cathedral and the treasury and the Diocletian's cellars. Split, the second largest city in Croatia and 'the capital of Dalmatia', has gradually developed around the palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian which was built more than 1700 years ago by the emperor as his retirement villa. Much of this large building is well preserved and the palace contains Split's old town within its walls, making it the only Roman palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. This afternoon is free to explore independently and tonight you have the chance to dine ashore at one of the many seafront restaurants on the Riva.

**Day 9 Korcula, Croatia.** This morning we will call into Korcula and enjoy a guided walk along Korcula's crooked streets to the

elegant squares which are flanked with Palaces of the old nobility and visit the house believed to be the birth place of Marco Polo. You will have the opportunity to choose from one of the local restaurants for lunch and afterwards there will be free time to explore further, return to the ship or maybe take a swim from one of the nearby beaches. Spend the late afternoon and evening cruising to Dubrovnik where we will moor overnight.

**Day 10 Dubrovnik to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

**POST-CRUISE DUBROVNIK EXTENSION**  
1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

If you would like to spend some time in Dubrovnik after your cruise we are offering a two night stay at a four star hotel. After disembarking, our extension will include a city tour before transferring to our hotel. The remainder of the time will be at leisure for you to enjoy all the magnificent city has to offer.



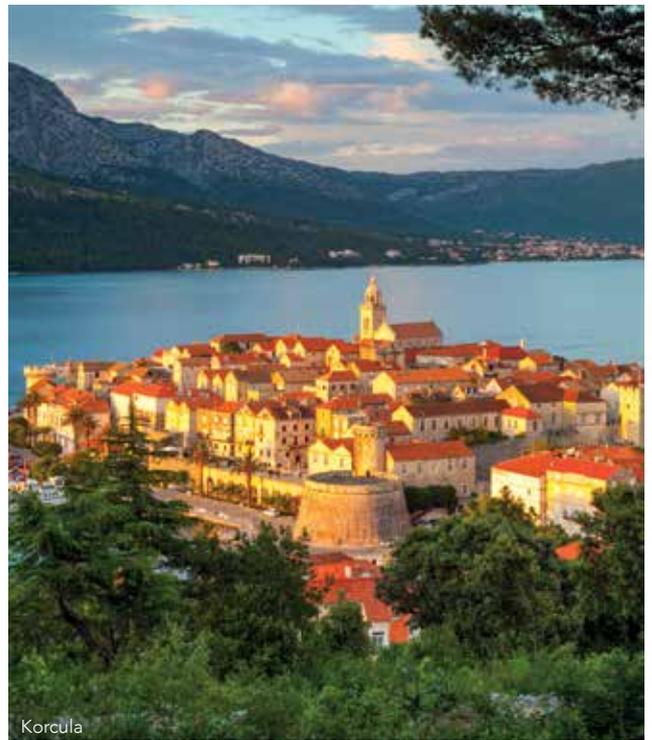
**PRICES PER PERSON**  
Based on double occupancy  
Twin: **£295**; Single: **£395**

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, city tour with lunch, gratuities, transfers.  
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**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel, nine nights aboard the Panorama II, breakfast daily, lunches and dinners as stated in the itinerary, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board, Noble Caledonia Cruise Director, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.  
**Not Included:** Travel insurance, dinner on day 8 and lunch on day 9.



# ADRIATIC & AEGEAN ODYSSEY

A voyage from Dubrovnik to Athens aboard the Panorama II

1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

This is not an itinerary which a large cruise ship could operate but one which is ideal for the Panorama II. Sailing from Dubrovnik to Athens we will explore a magnificent array of ancient ruins and attractive towns and villages during our guided excursions, combined with some relaxing, day time sailing allowing time to appreciate the beautiful scenery of the region. Our journey will start with an overnight and full day in Dubrovnik before we sail south to Albania, calling into wonderful Kotor along the way. Unusually we have dedicated four days to Albania, a fascinating country where one of the highlights of our explorations will be the marvellous site of Butrint where settlement can be traced back to the 8th century BC. Our route continues to ancient Olympia and Delphi and on through the Corinth Canal to charming Nafplion and finally to Athens. By the end of the voyage you will have seen and learnt so much and exploring in small groups, our trips ashore will be a pleasure. Whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics or simply the joy of experiencing new places, this journey has something for everyone.



## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Dubrovnik, Croatia.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival, transfer to the Panorama II and embark. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner this evening. Moor overnight.

**Day 2 Dubrovnik.** Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight and its many historic and cultural treasures have earned it the designation as a UNESCO World Heritage

Site. Founded by the Romans in the 7th century, it eventually came under the influence of the Byzantine Empire, then Venice, Hungary and finally Turkey. This morning our local guides will lead us through the bustling old town taking in the beautiful civic buildings, the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque- Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. After lunch we

have free time to explore further at our own pace and perhaps walk along the city walls to enjoy the views.

**Day 3 Kotor, Montenegro.** Be on deck early this morning as we sail through the stunning fjord-like scenery into Kotor. On arrival at our berth, a morning walking tour will explore this Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our walk will include the 12th century cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon to explore at your own pace. This evening is free to enjoy dinner in one of the local restaurants. Moor overnight.

**Day 4 Shkodra, Albania.** There will be a choice of activities today and on the full day tour we will drive from Kotor through the Montenegro countryside. We will cross the border into Albania to reach Shkodra which was founded in the 4th century BC and has been occupied by the Romans, Serbians and Venetians. Here we will visit the Rozafa Castle which rises majestically on a rocky hill just outside the city, and explore the museum within the walls. We will continue into the countryside for lunch where we will enjoy a slow food experience of Albanian specialities before returning to the Panorama II which will have relocated to Shengjin port. Alternatively you may prefer to stay on board and enjoy a day cruising through the Kotor fjord and along the coast.

**Day 5 Durres.** From our berth in Durres we embark on a full day tour to include the Albanian capital of Tirana. Here we will see the fascinating nuclear bunker built by the dictator Enver Hoxha in the 1970's and only opened to the public in 2014. This five storey underground building is packed with original artefacts from the communist period. We continue to the National Museum where we will learn of Albanian history from ancient to modern before walking through the city centre to see the



Mosque, Clock Tower and the 'Blok' area of the city. It is here where the politburo officers once lived, an area forbidden to ordinary Albanian citizens. We will enjoy lunch in the city before returning to Durres which was colonized by the Greeks in 627 BC and still has the remains of a 15,000 seat amphitheatre, the second largest in the Balkans. We will explore the Medieval city before returning to the Panorama II this afternoon.

**Day 6 Sazan Island.** Located around ten miles from the port of Vlore, Sazan is Albania's largest island albeit at only 2.2 square miles. Having been under Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman control due to its strategic location it was occupied by the Italians in 1914 and only returned to Albania in 1947. During the Cold War the Russians built a submarine base and the Albanian Communist regime built a military base complete with bunkers and tunnels which could withstand a nuclear attack or western invasion. Since 1992, following the end of communism, the island has fallen into disrepair but we are able to explore this derelict base and ruined buildings which still contain original furniture and the tunnels. We return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon explore the rest of the island which is situated in the Karaburan – Sazan National Marine Park.

**Day 7 Sarande for Butrint.** Our last call in Albania sees us discover the archaeological and ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the ruins that feature the remains of many eras and cultures. From the Hellenistic period there are temples, the promenade and the 4th century BC theatre. From the Roman era are the public baths, gymnasium and fountains. From the Byzantine



Delphi



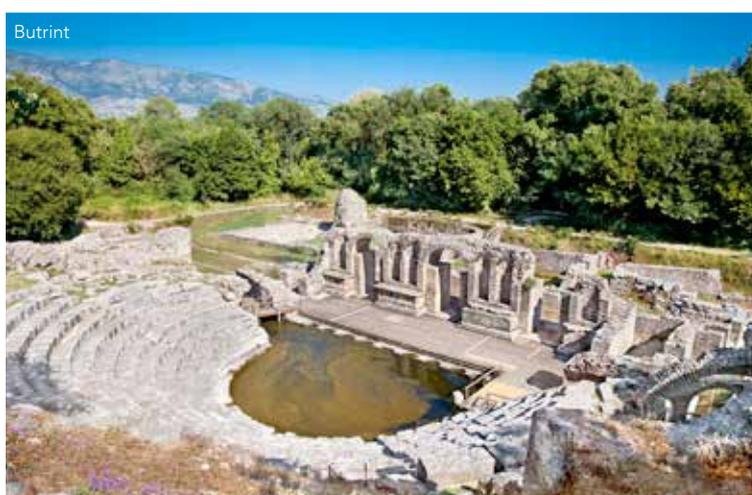
Tirana



Nafplion



Dubrovnik



Butrint

era we see chapels and the large Basilica of St Peter and St Paul, whilst the Venetians are represented by a watchtower and a small castle with commanding views over the Straits of Corfu. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon cruising.

**Day 8 Olympia, Greece.** The port of Katakolon will be our base today for our excursion to Olympia. Pastoral and lush, Olympia's plentiful ruins are shaded by Aleppo pines and olive trees. The fame of Olympia rests upon the Olympic Games. During the celebrations that accompanied the Games, competitors, while not forgetting that they were Athenians, Spartans or from other city states, remembered that they were Greeks and regarded an Olympic victory as the highest honour. We will see the gymnasium, the stadium and the palestra or wrestling school. We will also explore the Altis, or sacred precinct of Zeus, which houses structures including the Temple of Zeus, one of the largest temples

on the Greek mainland and the Archaeological Museum which houses some fine sculptures and artefacts from the site. After our visit enjoy free time for lunch and an afternoon at leisure in Olympia before returning to the ship.

**Day 9 Delphi & Corinth Canal.** From our berth in Itea, we will drive through lush olive groves up to Delphi, stunningly situated upon a mountain terrace and one of Greece's most important sites of antiquity. Our visit begins at the Castalian Spring, erupting from the spot where Pegasus is said to have struck his hoof. We will continue up the Sacred Way, passing the treasury of the Athenians and the bases of many monuments, the temple of Apollo, the 5000 seat theatre dating from the fourth century BC and the ancient stadium. Return to the vessel for lunch and be on deck later this afternoon as we transit the Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like ours which can now make this journey.

**Day 10 Nafplion.** Nafplion's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is perhaps unrivalled in Greece. From here we will enjoy a scenic drive through the Argos Plain, once ruled by Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy, to the famous citadel of Mycenae. High above the confluence of two boulder-strewn ravines, Mycenae is entered by way of the Lion Gate.

Once inside the gate, we will explore the Royal Palace, the shaft graves and the remains of the city walls. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 11 Athens to London.** Disembark after breakfast and enjoy a panoramic drive through Athens before transferring to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

## PRICES PER PERSON

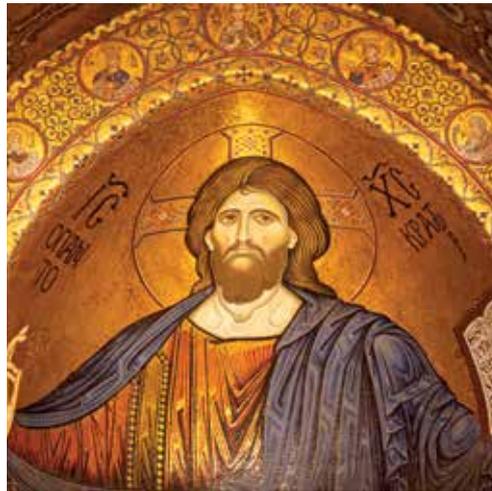
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