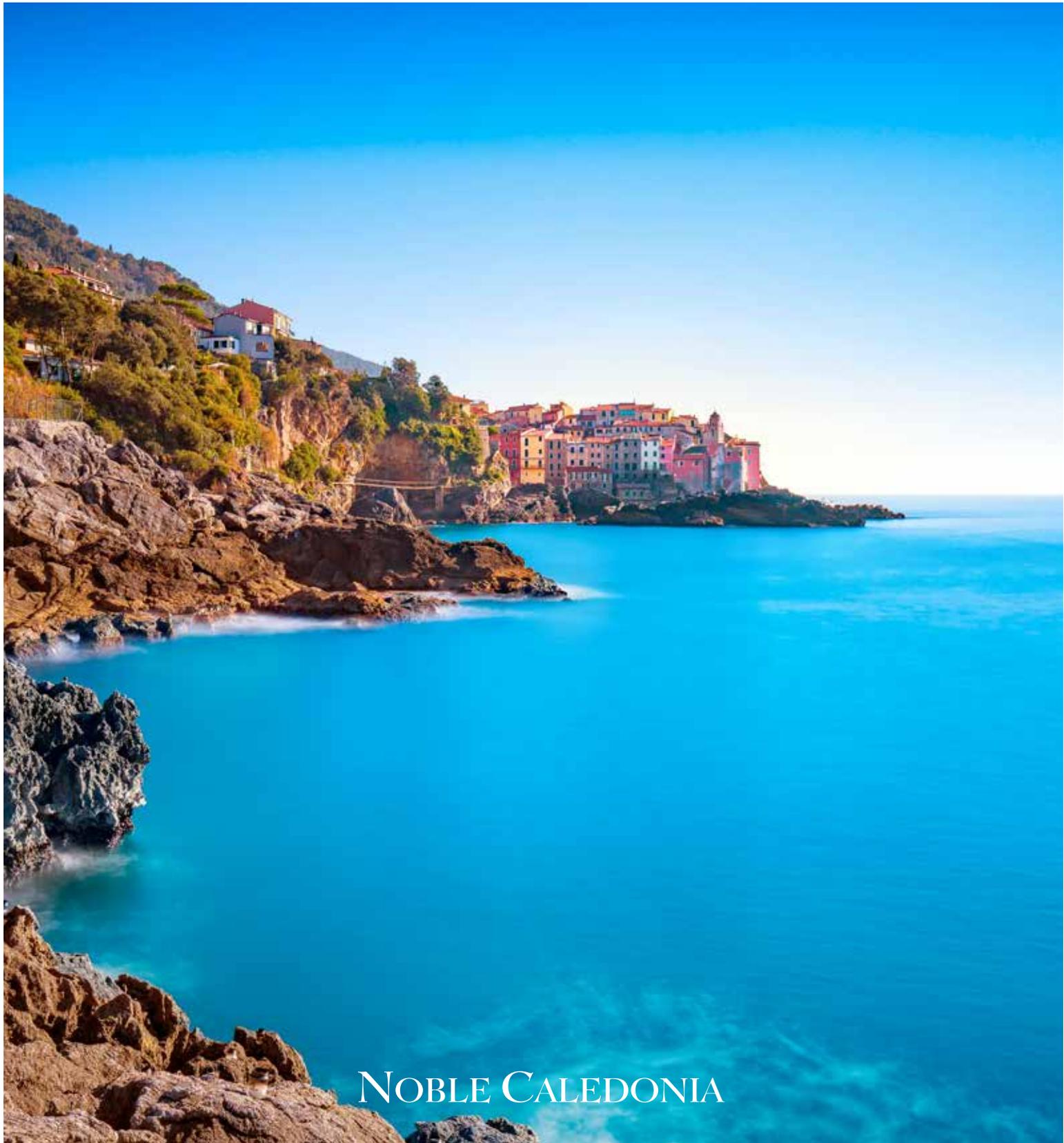


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ABOARD THE MS SERENISSIMA

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Ships of all different sizes and styles can make the selection of a cruise a somewhat hit and miss affair, and whilst some companies attempt to please everybody, we prefer to continue with our focus on small ships and to that end are delighted to have once again chartered the 100 passenger, MS Serenissima for a series of fascinating cruises in 2018.

In many ways the virtues of small ship cruising are best expressed by detailing what you will not find on board. For instance, there will be no organised entertainment and no black tie events. What there will be is a warm and peaceful atmosphere in which you can learn more about the wonders of nature, culture and ancient civilisations in the company of like-minded people in comfortable surroundings and with a high level of service. Due to her size, the MS Serenissima has the freedom of the seas and can come alongside in small docks or drop anchor in any suitable spot allowing us to still seek out and visit the ports which the larger cruise ships are unable to access.

Whilst on board you can listen to presentations from our onboard Guest Speakers and the informative port briefings from our Cruise Director and when ashore, explore the sites with our expert local guides. We will also ensure, whenever possible, that you have some time to discover the destination independently if you wish. After a day of discovery, you can then join different people each evening and discuss the day's adventures over dinner.

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MS SERENISSIMA



Harald Lounge



On Deck



The Restaurant

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 provided and replenished daily. There are 10 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 executive suites of 25 square metres boasting private balconies, minibar and all the mod cons.

Your Dining

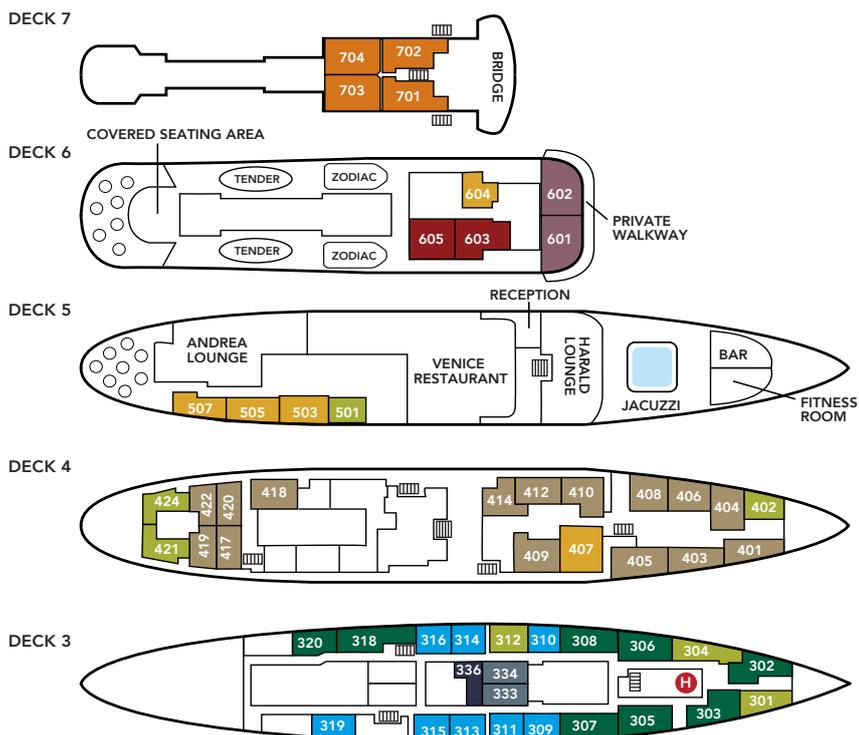
The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting and, with its Deck 5 location, all of the tables benefit from great views. The picture windows also make the restaurant wonderfully light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order 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 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 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 a classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

MS SERENISSIMA DECK PLAN & CABINS



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

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



Lido Deck



OWNER'S SUITE
(22 square metres)



EXECUTIVE SUITE
(25 square metres)



JUNIOR SUITE
(21 square metres)



DELUXE STATEROOM
(15 to 25 square metres)



SUPERIOR STATEROOM
(11.5 to 18 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM PLUS
(14 to 19 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM
(10 to 11.5 square metres)



STANDARD SINGLE
(7 to 12.5 square metres)

A Cruise Across the Middle Sea

From the Aegean to the Atlantic with Professor David Abulafia
24th April to 8th May 2018

Come with us to some of the greatest historic cities, ancient sites and charming islands as we make our way from the Aegean across the Middle Sea to Lisbon aboard the MS *Serenissima*. Our journey is perfectly timed to take advantage of the gentle temperatures and for us to witness the coast and islands at their springtime best before the crowds of summer arrive. Sailing from Athens we will traverse the Corinth Canal by daylight before visiting the fascinating sites of Delphi and Olympia, Sicily with its incredible wealth of treasures and spend time exploring the Balearic Islands. Upon reaching mainland Spain we will call into the naval port of Cartagena and Motril, from where we will explore the treasures of Moorish Spain during our visit to the magnificent Alhambra, before our arrival in the great maritime city of Cadiz.

This itinerary is very much a classic that has been enjoyed over the decades and combines some 'must see' sites together with some smaller places that are totally unsuitable for vessels larger than ours. Owing to the fact that our small ship can moor centrally, we have the added advantage of being able to access the towns by foot in many ports of call and we have also included time at leisure for individual exploration enabling you to soak up the atmosphere at your own pace. We have the added benefit of excellent local guides and our knowledgeable guest speaker who will add much to your experience and knowledge of this fascinating region.



Cadiz



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Athens, Greece.

Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS *Serenissima* moored in Pireaus.

Day 2 Corinth Canal & Delphi. Be

on deck this morning 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. During the remainder of the morning we sail to Itea arriving in the early afternoon. From here we will visit to the sacred site of Delphi, one of Greece's most important sites of antiquity. The ruins here are exceptional. We will explore the Sanctuary of Apollo, site of the sacred Delphic Oracle and walk along Delphi's Sacred Way, visiting the Treasury of the Athenians and the 5,000 seat theatre dating from the fourth century B.C.

Day 3 Olympia. The port of Katakolon will be the base for our morning 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 that houses some fine sculptures and artefacts from the site. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at sea as we sail to Sicily.

Day 4 Syracuse, Sicily. After a morning at sea we arrive into Syracuse over lunch. Founded by the Greeks in 734 B.C. by the 5th century Syracuse was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean and rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. We have a choice of tours today, either 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. Alternatively, explore the Baroque village of Noto. Built in 1703 Noto is a picturesque city located on the terraced slopes of Mount Iblei, among olive groves and almond trees. Here we find Sicilian Baroque-style palaces and monuments. A quiet walk along the central streets will reveal the 18th century Palazzo Ducezio and some baroque churches: San Francesco Immacolata, The Cathedral, San Carlo, Santa Chiara and the imposing Palazzo Nicolaci di Villadorata, built in 1737. Return to the ship for dinner and sail this evening.



Day 5 Valletta, Malta. Sail this morning into the grand harbour of Valletta, the 16th century "Fortress City" built by the Knights of St John. On our morning tour we will see the highlights of Valletta and enjoy 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 and the palace where Napoleon Bonaparte is believed to have stayed in 1798. Our final stop will be at the richly decorated St John's Cathedral. The barrel vault of the cathedral is painted with scenes from the life of St. John and the floor is inlaid with the glittering tombs of 400 Knights. Chapels around the sides belong to the different "tongues" of the Order and in the oratory is Caravaggio's intensely moving picture, "The Beheading of St. John". We will return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and this afternoon you can choose to relax on board, return to Valletta or join a tour to Mdina which lies at the heart of the island. It was originally given the name of "Citta Nobile" and is now known as the "Silent City". Mdina is Phoenician in origin and was the fortified capital of the Island before the arrival of the Knights.

Day 6 Licata for Piazza Armerina, Sicily. Founded in 280 B.C., Licata has grown into an important commercial centre but the main reason for our visit is to drive 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 MS Serenissima in the late afternoon and sail this evening.

Day 7 Trapani. Trapani was the landing point for Peter of Aragon in 1282 to start the Spanish occupation of Sicily and is our base for the day. From the port choose to either travel 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. A tour will take us to this stunning site high above the sea and to the beautifully preserved Medieval town characterized by its winding cobbled stone streets and beautiful courtyards. Alternatively, travel inland to explore Segesta, one of the grandest Doric monuments to survive. See the unfinished temple dating from 424 B.C. as well as the theatre from which you can enjoy excellent views of the countryside and distant coastline. Return to the ship for lunch and a free afternoon to explore Trapani at your own pace.

Day 8 At Sea. Enjoy a day to relax at sea. Perhaps join one of the lectures in the lounge or find a quiet spot on deck.

Day 9 Port Mahon, Menorca. Arrive this morning into Menorca, the most northerly

of the Balearics and the least dedicated to tourism. The island of Menorca offers pastoral countryside, historic towns and superb beaches. On our afternoon 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 at leisure in Mahon.

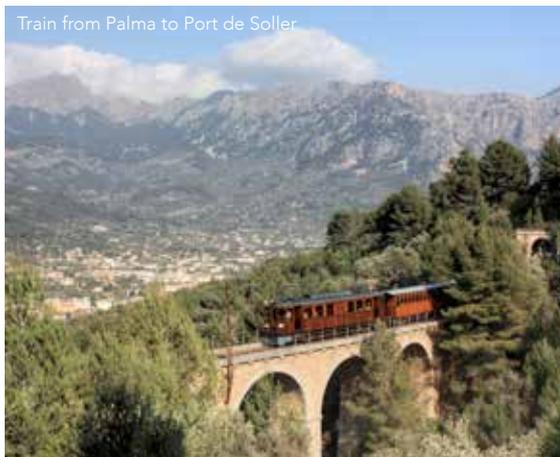
Day 10 Palma, Mallorca. The largest of the Balearic Islands, Mallorca has a rich history dating back to the Phoenecians when it was under control of Carthage the principal city at that time, before flourishing under Roman rule. This morning we will take the beautifully maintained vintage train that connects Soller with Palma. Whilst on board we 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 return to Soller this afternoon for the opportunity to enjoy some free time to explore the quaint town.

Day 11 Cartagena, Spain. After a leisurely morning at sea we arrive this afternoon in Spain's main naval port of Cartagena. Enter the deep natural harbour through two fortified rocky headlands for an afternoon of exploration in a

historic city that dates back to the Phoenicians. The city walls remained intact until the 20th century, creating a dense historic centre. Take the lift or walk up to Concepcio Castle for amazing views of the city and harbour, view the Roman amphitheatre and the archaeological site of Molinete where work continues to uncover the Roman city. Later enjoy a stroll along the tree-lined harbour promenade as we return to the MS Serenissima.

Day 12 Motril. Motril is the base today for our visit to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Alhambra, one of the finest examples of Moorish culture, art and architecture. Alhambra's construction began in the 11th century on the red hill known as Assabika which overlooks Granada. The Alcazaba fortress was the first structure to be built, followed by the royal palace and residence of members of the court. We hope to visit the most important halls and courtyards of the Alhambra, including the Alcazaba Fortress, the Serrallo, the Patio of los Arrayanes (Myrtle Courtyard), the Hall of la Barca, the Salon of the Embajadores (Ambassadors Hall), the Patio de los Leones (Lions Courtyard), the Hall of the Abencerrajes, the Royal Baths and the Palace of Charles V. Next to the Alhambra, we will also visit the sumptuous Generalife Gardens, the luxurious summer retreat of the Moorish kings of Granada. The beautiful gardens feature abundant and varied flora and stunning water features.

Day 13 Cadiz. Located on a peninsula jutting out into a bay Cadiz is almost entirely surrounded by water. It is the



Train from Palma to Port de Soller



Generalife Gardens

oldest surviving city in Spain, founded by the Phoenicians in 1100 B.C. and later occupied by the Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths and Moors. During our guided tour we will discover the most beautiful monuments and landmarks of the city including the Mudejar-style tobacco factory, Santo Domingo Church, the Santa Catalina Fortress and finally the Cathedral of Cadiz and Diocesan Museum in the old city. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to explore further. Alternatively, join a full day tour to Seville where we will see the Alcazar with its exotic terraced garden. Also see the Christian Cathedral, reputed to be the largest Gothic style church in the world and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.

Day 14 Portimao, Portugal. Our first call in Portugal is at Portimao where we will wander back in time

to the era of the Portuguese Discoveries. Our morning tour will take us to Lagos, the ancient maritime town that Prince Henry the Navigator called home. On a guided walk we will see the city walls, the fortress, the site of the former slave market and the statue of Prince Henry the Navigator. We then head for Sagres, a fishing village that was the starting point for many expeditions and the location of Prince Henry's navigation school. Return to the ship via Cape St. Vincent, the most South West point of Europe known as "The End of the World" and the lighthouse for one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world. Enjoy lunch on board and an afternoon at sea.

Day 15 Lisbon to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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1	Inside Twin/Double	£4895	£4695
2	Standard Stateroom	£5595	£4895
3	Standard Stateroom Plus	£5695	£4995
4	Superior Stateroom	£5995	£4995
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£6095	£5095
6	Junior Suite	£6495	£5495
7	Executive Suite	£6995	£5995
8	Owner's Suite	£6995	£5995
9	Inside Single	£4895	£4695
10	Standard Single	£5595	£5395
2	Standard Stateroom for sole use	£5995	£5795
3	Standard Stateroom Plus for sole use	£6095	£5895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 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 including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-Cruise Portugal Extension 8th to 11th May 2018

Coimbra, Portugal



The Itinerary

Day 1 Lisbon to Coimbra. Disembark this morning and enjoy a scenic drive in Lisbon before continuing out of the city to Tomar where we will visit the Convento de Cristo. Founded in 1160 by Gualdim Pais, and headquarters of the legendary Knights Templar, this extraordinary monument is a rambling concoction of Gothic, Manueline and Renaissance architecture. After lunch we will continue our journey to Coimbra and check in to the Hotel Quinta das Lagrimas, our base for the next two nights.

Day 2 Coimbra. Spend the day in charming Coimbra, the Medieval capital of Portugal for over 100 years and the site of the country's greatest university for the past five centuries. Visit the stunning 16th to 18th century buildings, including the Paco das Escolas (Royal Palace). We will enjoy lunch at the university followed by a free afternoon for individual exploration.

Day 3 Guimaraes. After breakfast in the hotel we will drive to Guimaraes, the birthplace of Afonso Henriques, the first independent King of Portugal. Guimaraes has beautifully preserved its illustrious past; its Medieval centre is a warren of lanes and picturesque plazas framed by 14th century edifices and on an adjacent hill stands the 1,000 year old castle and the palace built by the first duke of Braganca in the 15th century. Overnight at Hotel Toural.

Day 4 Guimaraes to London. Spend the morning in Braga, an elegant town laced with ancient narrow lanes, plazas and Baroque churches. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before we transfer to Oporto for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£545**; Single: **£765**

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis as described, Tour Manager, lunches, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinners.



Islands of the Mediterranean

A voyage from Valencia to Valletta
12th to 22nd September 2018

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 Valencia to Valletta aboard the MS Serenissima. Our intention has been to design a voyage as if it were to be undertaken on a small private sailing ship, 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 itinerary to reach the islands of the Mediterranean combining time in the Balearics, Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily, Elba and Malta, all of which are easy to visit individually but difficult to combine independently in a ten 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.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Valencia, Spain. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival, transfer to the MS Serenissima and enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca. Mallorca, the largest of the Balearic Islands, has a rich history dating back to the Phoenicians when it was under control of Carthage, the principal North African city at that time, before flourishing under Roman rule. 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. We will enjoy a walk around the town and lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Palma where we will have some time to explore at leisure or return to the MS Serenissima.

Day 3 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 at leisure in the pretty port town of Mahon.



Cathedral, Palma de Mallorca

Day 4 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 arrive during lunch and will use the attractive port as our base for an afternoon 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 dating back to 1,100 years B.C. The complex,



which was abandoned in the 5th century B.C., due to fire shows the different phases of social life and political organisation of the tribal community. Alternatively spend the afternoon exploring Alghero at your own pace. Maybe enjoy a walk through the Medieval streets or along the city walls, visit the archaeological museum or simply relax in a café. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tender.*

Day 5 Calvi, Corsica. 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 Caserne Sampiero and 13th century Cathedral St Jean Baptiste. This afternoon 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.

Day 6 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 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 MS Serenissima for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio.



Portoferraio, Elba

Day 7 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 an afternoon at sea as we sail to Sicily.

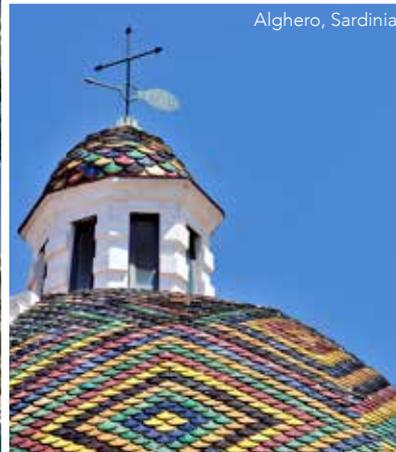
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Day 10 Gozo, Malta. Arrive this morning at the Maltese island of Gozo, a lovely place to spend a day. On a morning drive we will visit the Ggantija Temples in Xaghra. Dating back to 3,600 B.C., the temples, which are now recognised as a World



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. In the late afternoon we will sail the short distance to Valletta where we moor overnight.

Day 11 Malta to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Post-Cruise Malta Extension
22nd to 24th September 2018



If you would like to spend some time in Malta after disembarking the MS Serenissima we are offering the opportunity to enjoy a two night stay in Valletta.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Valletta, Malta. After breakfast we will disembark and take 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 in a local restaurant we will transfer to the hotel and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 2 Mdina. Spend the morning in 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. Enjoy a walking tour before we return to the hotel in the late morning. The afternoon is free before we meet for dinner in the hotel this evening.

Day 3 Malta to London. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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1	Inside Twin/Double	£4495	£4195
2	Standard Stateroom	£4695	£4395
3	Standard Stateroom Plus	£4795	£4495
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5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5595	£5295
6	Junior Suite	£6195	£5895
7	Executive Suite	£6495	£6195
8	Owner's Suite	£6495	£6195
9	Inside Single	£4495	£4195
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2	Standard Stateroom for sole use	£5695	£5395
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Twin: **£495**; Single: **£795**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis, included tours, lunch on day 1, dinner on day 2, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, transfers, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Islands of Italy

An exploration of Italy's islands and Corsica with Major JGH Corrigan & Imogen Corrigan
2nd to 11th October 2018

Here is a wonderful and rare opportunity to visit the islands of Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica and Elba from the comfort of the delightful MS Serenissima. The islands feature an array of ancient ruins and attractive towns and villages which we will discover during our included, guided excursions whilst we have also allowed for ample time to explore independently. Having the MS Serenissima as our base means we will be able to access some of the more remote ports and moor centrally allowing for easy access to the towns.

Sailing from Naples we first visit the island of Sicily which, with a history of 3000 years has a wealth of sites to discover from magnificent Doric temples to great Byzantine cathedrals and bizarrely styled villas. From here we sail to Sardinian waters and visit Cagliari, from where we will have the opportunity to visit the wonderful ruins of Nora and Isola Maddalena where the superb anchorage was used by Nelson to shelter his fleet during the long blockade of Toulon from 1803 to 1805 and the gifts which he presented to the locals are still on display. Our penultimate island is Corsica which, despite officially being a part of France, has its own identity in everything from customs to language and benefits from magnificent geographical diversity ranging from stunning natural harbours to picture perfect hilltop villages and a majestic countryside of vineyards and deep valleys. Leaving the charms of Corsica behind we call in to the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile, before our arrival in Livorno.

This is a voyage that will appeal to those who love Italy, and who enjoy hopping between islands. Local guides and our onboard guest speakers will contribute greatly to our enjoyment and understanding of these Italian gems and you will find yourself wanting to return time and time again.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Naples, Italy.

Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Serenissima for embarkation. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board this evening and an overnight mooring.

Day 2 Naples. There will be a choice of excursions today and you may choose to take the ferry and spend the day on the garden island of Ischia. A tour of the island will focus on La Mortella, a wonderful garden designed by architect Russell Page for Lord and Lady William Walton. Divided into two parts called the Valley and Upper Garden, the areas are linked by a network of paths and inviting walks from where you can enjoy the breathtaking views of the Bay of Forio. Spread over two hectares there are fountains, ponds, streams and scattered everywhere are water loving plants. We will have lunch at a local restaurant before enjoying free time to explore the main town. Alternatively, enjoy a day in Naples where a morning tour will take us to Herculaneum. This wealthy Roman town was

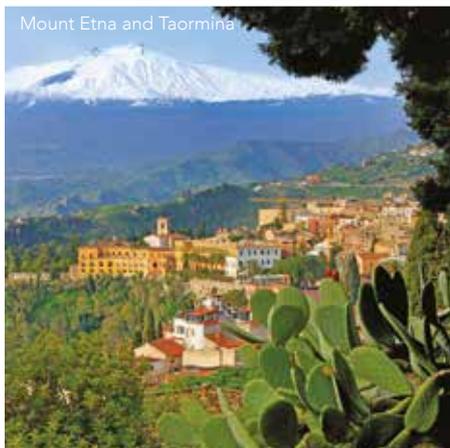


completely submerged by volcanic mud following the 79 AD eruption of Vesuvius. Since its rediscovery in 1709, excavations have revealed beautiful public baths, villas and gardens of noble families, decorated with murals and floor mosaics, and the remains of a theatre. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Naples.

Day 3 Messina for Taormina, Sicily. Enjoy a relaxing morning as we cross the Tyrrhenian Sea to Sicily. From the nearby port of Messina we will drive to Taormina and enjoy the afternoon in this 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



Isla Maddalena



Mount Etna and Taormina



Palermo Cathedral



Fishing port of St Florent

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.

Day 4 Palermo. Arrive this morning 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 MS Serenissima for lunch and this afternoon choose to see the remarkable Medieval mosaics in the cathedral at Monreale or alternatively join a tour to Cefalu. The town is of Greek origin; its name, meaning "head," derives from its perch on a precipitous rocky headland. A walking tour will include the splendid Norman-Arab Cathedral, begun in 1131 and famous for its mosaics, including a superb image of Christ Pantocrator. We also visit a Medieval wash-house and the Osterio Magno, the 11th century residence of King Ruggiero II. Enjoy some free time to explore this photographic town before we return to Palermo.

Day 5 Trapani. Trapani was the landing point for Peter of Aragon in 1282 to start the Spanish occupation of Sicily and is our base for the day. From

the port choose to either travel 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. A 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. Alternatively, travel inland to explore Segesta, one of the grandest Doric monuments to survive. See the unfinished temple dating from 424 BC as well as the theatre from which you can enjoy excellent views of the countryside and distant coastline. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea as we sail towards Sardinia.

Day 6 Cagliari, Sardinia. Arrive this morning in the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, an ancient city which dates back to the Phoenicians and Romans. On a morning 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. After lunch, choose to relax on board, explore Cagliari or join the excursion to the ruins of Nora which are in a lovely setting overlooking the sea. Here history can be viewed from Bronze Age Nuragic civilisations to Roman and Carthaginian in well preserved ruins including the remains of a Carthaginian warehouse, Roman baths with splendid mosaics and a theatre which is almost completely intact dating from the height of the Empire.

Day 7 Olbia & Isla Maddalena, Sardinia. In the late morning we will arrive on the northern coast of Sardinia and have a couple of hours to explore Olbia, a fetching city with a charming historic centre full of boutiques, wine bars and piazzas. After lunch on board we will travel to the island of La Maddalena by local boats from the port of Palau and spend the afternoon 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.

Day 8 Bastia and St Florent, 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. A 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. This afternoon choose to relax on board, enjoy some free time in

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The citadel and port of Bastia

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.

Day 9 Portoferraio, Elba. Today we call into the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile from 1814 to 1815. Departing 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, 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. In the estate's garden facing the sea a delicious sampling of the local wine will be served. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio.

Day 10 Livorno to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Pisa 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	£4070	£3870
2	Standard Stateroom	£4250	£4050
3	Standard Stateroom Plus	£4350	£4150
4	Superior Stateroom	£4700	£4500
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5060	£4860
6	Junior Suite	£5600	£5400
7	Executive Suite	£5960	£5760
8	Owner's Suite	£5960	£5760
9	Inside Single	£4070	£3870
10	Standard Single	£4450	£4250
2	Standard Stateroom for sole use	£5240	£5040
3	Standard Stateroom Plus for sole use	£5320	£5120

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• Gratuities • Transfers • port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-Cruise Tuscany Extension

11th to 15th October 2018



Villa Il Poggiale

Extend your time in Italy with our four night Tuscany stay which includes accommodation at the wonderful Villa il Poggiale and a number of tours to the highlights of the region.

Villa Il Poggiale

Villa Il Poggiale is a manor house located in the heart of Tuscany near San Casciano in Val di

Pesa. The property is listed as a 'Historical Residence' of Italy and has been tastefully restored by the current owners. After a day exploring the surrounding area or whilst relaxing at the villa you can take a dip in the pool or a drink in the rose garden before being treated to a candlelight dinner of local specialties in the restaurant. There is also a spa at the property offering massages and other treatments. Each bedroom at the Villa Il Poggiale is unique with walls painted in light colours typical of the region. The elegant rooms overlook the Chianti hills and feature antique furniture. Each room offers a private bathroom, air-conditioning, mini-bar, telephone, tea and coffee making facilities, satellite television, safe deposit box and Wi-Fi.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Livorno to Villa il Poggiale. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Florence for a walking tour in the historic city centre. Our tour includes the Duomo, with its Brunelleschi's works of art, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistry, with such beautiful doors that Michelangelo called them the Gates of Paradise. Continue to the Piazza Della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio, the only bridge in Florence to survive the WWII bombings and the Santa Croce Basilica. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch and exploration before we transfer to the villa. Check in to the Villa il Poggiale and the remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner in the hotel tonight.

Day 2 Vinci. Spend the morning at the villa and enjoy lunch before we set off for an afternoon tour to Vinci, the town where Leonardo da Vinci was born on the 15 April 1452 and where you can discover monuments and places celebrating his memory and his legacy. Visit the Museo Leonardiano, Palazzina Uzielli and the Conti Guidi Castle, which houses one of the broadest and most original collections devoted to Da Vinci the engineer, the architect and the scientist, and to the history of Renaissance technology in general. We will also visit the house where da Vinci was born. Return to the villa for dinner.

Day 3 Siena & San Gimignano. This morning we will drive to Medieval and mystical Siena, located in the heart of the Chianti wine region.

Our walking tour will include the exquisite marble cathedral, the beautiful Mangia Tower, the Town Hall and the Fonte Gaia. Also see the Piazza del Campo, the site of the famous "Palio", a horse race with no rules and one of the most colourful Italian festivals. After free time for lunch or further exploration we will meet and drive to San Gimignano, a well preserved Medieval village. Explore the ancient squares, buildings, narrow and shady alleys and soaring slender towers of this stunning town. Return to the villa this afternoon and enjoy dinner here this evening.

Day 4 Villa il Poggiale. Spend the day at leisure, either relaxing at the villa or exploring the surrounding area independently. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at the villa this evening.

Day 5 Pisa to London. Check out after breakfast and transfer to Pisa airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1595** Single: **£2495**

Price Includes: Four nights hotel accommodation at the Villa il Poggiale on a bed and breakfast basis, dinner each night, lunch on day 2, tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunches on days 1,3, 4 and 5.

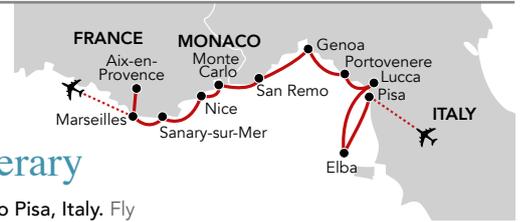


The Italian & French Rivieras

Discover the beauty of the Mediterranean Rivieras with David Price Williams
11th to 21st October 2018

The British love affair with the French and Italian Rivieras dates back to the 18th century and the days of the Grand Tour. It is not surprising when you consider the charms on offer coupled with the wonderful climate. Our cruise from Livorno to Marseilles promises to be a relaxing and informative journey and is timed for the month of October in order that we will benefit from relatively crowd free sites and cooler temperatures. Immerse yourself in the artistic, historical and cultural gems and explore the stunning harbours and charming villages that we will pass along the way.

Our itinerary is very much a classic that has been enjoyed over the decades but with some interesting variations. In the Italian Riviera with its breathtaking coastal scenery we explore the Ligurian capital of Genoa, rich in maritime history and an archaeological heritage that speaks of its former glory and also San Remo. We also visit the lovely Tuscan town of Lucca and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Portovenere. Sailing to France, we capture the essence of the Cote d'Azur in glamorous Monte Carlo and the beautiful city of Nice before calling into the pretty Provençal port of Sanary Sur Mer for a stroll around the picturesque harbour or a boat trip around the hidden bays of Les Calanques. With so many experiences on offer, we have planned our time carefully to ensure there is adequate opportunity to relax onboard, join the guided excursions and explore under your own steam with the added advantage of some overnight moorings allowing for after dinner strolls.



The Itinerary

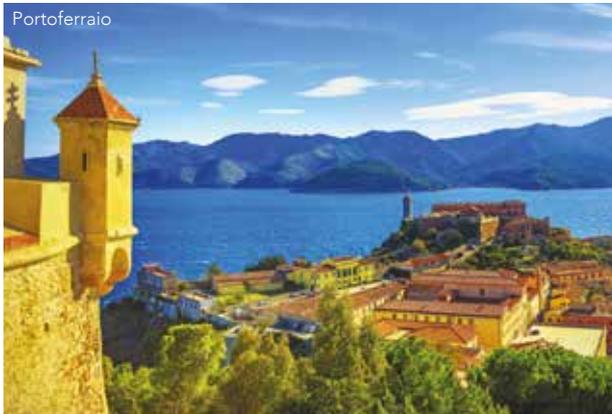
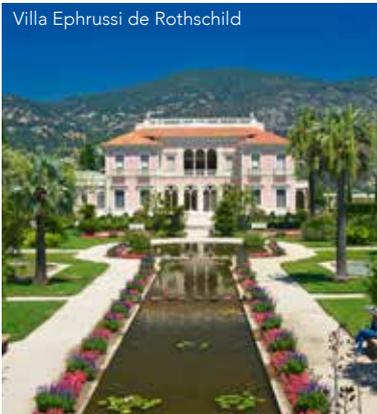
Day 1 London to Pisa, Italy. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to nearby Livorno to embark the MS Serenissima. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Elba. We leave the mainland for a day to call into the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile from 1814 to 1815. Departing the island's busy capital, Portoferraio, we set out for a delightful drive of the southern region of this charming island with superb views over the coastline. The first stop will be at Villa San Martino, the summer residence on the island of Napoleon Bonaparte. Nowadays the villa has been transformed into a museum. Later we enjoy some time at leisure in

Porto Azzurro to browse around and shop among the many local boutiques of this delightful town, dominated by an ancient Spanish fortress and a picturesque harbour. Continuing the drive along the coastline we will reach the old 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. In the estate's garden facing the sea, a delicious sampling of the local wine will be served. Return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio.

Day 3 Lucca. From the port of Marina di Carrara we will make our way inland to the lovely town of Lucca. Hidden behind imposing Renaissance walls it boasts delightful cobbled streets, handsome piazzas and shady promenades. Our tour will include the Basilica di San Fredino the roman amphitheatre and the San Martino Cathedral, the most important religious monument in Lucca. After a lunch of local specialties we will make our way to the Baroque Santa Caterina Church where we will enjoy a concert of the local composer, Giacomo Puccini's, work. Return to our ship for dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 4 Portovenere. Arrive during breakfast at Portovenere, situated south east of the Cinque Terre, on a rocky peninsula on the Gulf of Poets, an area in the Gulf of La Spezia which was once popular with writers such as Byron, Shelley and DH Lawrence. Portovenere is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the harbour is a charming place, lined with brightly coloured houses and narrow Medieval





streets that lead up the hill to a castle. For those who wish to explore the Cinque Terre, there will be an excursion to the villages of Riomaggiore, Corniglia and Manarola with time in each place to explore. *Please note that the vessel will be at anchor today and Zodiacs or local tenders will be used.*

Day 5 Genoa. Many regard Genoa as having the largest historic city centre in Europe as a result of having been, for centuries, a powerful commercial seaport and city-state. It was the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and its maritime roots have fostered a dialect that has absorbed elements of Neapolitan, Calabrese and Portuguese over the centuries. Our morning walking tour through the historic town centre will include the Piazza de Ferrari and the Palazzo Ducale. We will visit the Cisterne del Ducale, the ancient cellars of the palace, where we will enjoy a light buffet of typical Genoese fare such as bruschetta and focaccia accompanied by some local wine. This afternoon will be at leisure to explore independently. You may wish to visit the excellent "Museo del Mare" or aquarium in the old port, visit Columbus's house in the city or relax onboard.

Day 6 San Remo. In the late 19th century San Remo enjoyed a reputation as a premier resort for wealthy European and noble families including Empress Nicholas II of Russia and Tchaikovsky who completed Eugene Onegin here in 1878. The Russian influence can still be seen in the onion domed Russian Orthodox church on the seafront. Enjoy time to explore the twisting labyrinth of lanes in the old town

that lead up from the waterfront or maybe walk along the promenade to the gardens at Villa Ormond. This afternoon we will enjoy a tour inland to the Medieval town of Dolceacqua which is made up of two villages connected by a Medieval humpback bridge which inspired Monet who defined it as "a jewel of lightness". Our walking tour will take us through the picturesque alleys to the Doria Castle and we will also enjoy a tasting of the village's famous Rossese red wine and olive oil in a local taverna. We sail over dinner arriving into Monte Carlo this evening for anyone who wishes to enjoy an after dinner stroll or maybe visit the casino. *Please note that the vessel will be at anchor in San Remo and Zodiacs or local tenders will be used.*

Day 7 Monte Carlo, Monaco. The Principality of Monaco is the epitome of Riviera chic. This tiny enclave of 370 acres surrounds a sheltered harbour that draws yachts from around the world to enjoy the beautiful scenery, mild weather and elegant casino. Glamorous Monte Carlo is one of Monaco's four quarters, which also include La Condamine, the business district; Monaco-ville, the capital and Fontvieille, an area built on reclaimed land. This morning our tour will include Monaco Old Town and Monte Carlo, the afternoon will be free for independent exploration. The evening we sail the short distance for an overnight mooring in Nice.

Day 8 Nice, France. This morning we drive along the coast to the quaint village of Eze perched on a rocky peak overlooking the Mediterranean. We will have some time to wander the cobblestone streets before continuing to Saint

Jean Cap Ferrat and our 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, terracottas, porcelains and Chinese vases. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure to explore Nice independently. Maybe choose to visit one of the city's museums dedicated to artists such as Henri Matisse or Marc Chagall, walk amongst the charming architecture of the old city or enjoy a stroll along the palm tree lined Promenade des Anglais.

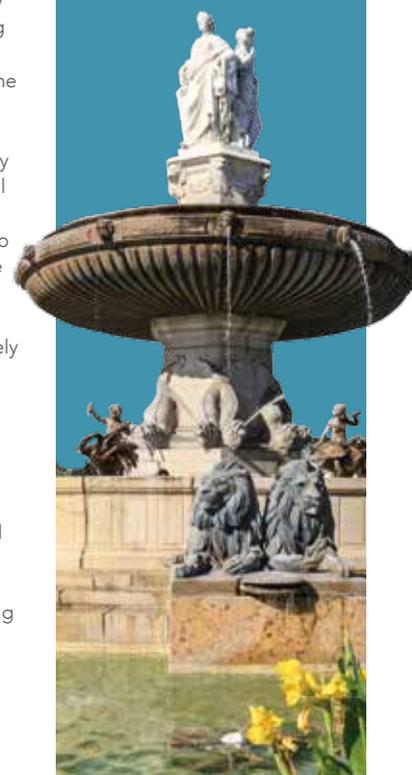
Day 9 Sanury Sur Mer. Today we will anchor off the picturesque and typically Provençal port of Sanury sur Mer. Colourful 'pointu' fishing boats bob in the harbour and pretty white and pink cottages line the shallow sandy beach. Spend the morning strolling around the town at leisure and perhaps enjoy a bouillabaisse in one of the local restaurants. This afternoon there will be the choice of a boat trip to Les Calanques, stunning fjordlike inlets carved into the limestone that stretch along the coast from Marseilles to Cassis or alternatively there will be an excursion inland to the hilltop Medieval village of Le Castellet. This remarkable stronghold, formerly owned by the Lords of Les Baux, has well preserved ramparts, a carefully restored 12th century church and a castle dating back to the 11th century. We will have time to explore the village and its winding streets before enjoying a wine tasting at one of Le Castellet's centuries-old vineyards

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choice of excursions today. You can choose to head inland to Aix en Provence which was founded by the Romans in the 1st century and is now more renowned as the home of artist Paul Cezanne. We will visit his studio which still houses his equipment and the objects he used for models 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, a few hundred metres from the Atelier Cezanne, and is 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 spend some time in Aix with its leafy boulevards and public squares lined with 17th and 18th century mansions.

Alternatively spend the day in Avignon, the great City of the Popes which boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces. Our guided walking tour will include the Palais des Papes, one of the wonders of Provence and the largest and most important Medieval Gothic buildings in Europe, built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. We also visit the cathedral and famous Pont Benezet, a bridge that spans the Rhone between Villeneuve les Avignon and Avignon and the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19B.C. Both tours return to the MS Serenissima for dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 11 Marseilles 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
1	Inside Twin/Double	£4225	£3925
2	Standard Stateroom	£4655	£4355
3	Standard Stateroom Plus	£4785	£4485
4	Superior Stateroom	£4905	£4505
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5295	£4795
6	Junior Suite	£5995	£5395
7	Executive Suite	£6395	£5795
8	Owner's Suite	£6395	£5795
9	Inside Single	£4225	£3925
10	Standard Single	£4665	£4355
2	Standard Stateroom for sole use	£5655	£5355
3	Standard Stateroom Plus for sole use	£5785	£5485

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Pre-Cruise Tuscany Extension

7th to 11th October 2018



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Villa Il Poggiale

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The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Pisa, Italy. Fly by scheduled flight and transfer to the Villa Il Poggiale. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner in the hotel tonight.

Day 2 Florence. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to Florence for a walking tour. Founded by the Romans, the city fell in the 15th century to the rule of the Medici family. It is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance and is possibly one of the most beautifully preserved and artistically rich cities in the world. Our tour includes the Duomo with its Brunelleschi's works of art, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery, with doors so beautiful that Michelangelo called them the Gates of Paradise. Continue to the Piazza Della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Santa Croce Basilica and Ponte Vecchio, the only bridge in Florence to survive the bombings during World War Two. After some free time for lunch or further exploration we will visit a local winery where we taste the wine and enjoy a Tuscan dinner.

Day 3 Vinci. Enjoy a relaxing morning at the hotel. This afternoon we travel the short distance to Vinci, where Leonardo da Vinci was born on 15 April 1452 and where you can discover monuments and places celebrating his legacy. Visit the Museo Leonardiano, Palazzina Uzielli and the Conti Guidi Castle, which house one of the broadest and most original collections devoted to Leonardo the engineer, the architect and the scientist, and to the history of Renaissance technology in general. Also visit the house where da Vinci was born, surrounded by the centuries-old olive trees of Montalbano. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Day 4 Siena & San Gimignano. This morning we will drive to Medieval and mystical Siena, located in the heart of the Chianti wine region. Our walking tour will include the exquisite marble cathedral, the beautiful Mangia Tower, the Town Hall and the Fonte Gaia. Also visit the Piazza del Campo, the site of the famous 'Palio', a horse race with no rules and one of the most colourful Italian festivals. After free time for lunch or further exploration we will meet and drive to San Gimignano, a well preserved Medieval Village. Explore the ancient squares, buildings, narrow and shady alleys of this stunning town. Return to the hotel where we will enjoy dinner this evening.

Day 5 Livorno, Embark MS Serenissima. Enjoy a relaxing morning before we check out of the hotel and transfer to the MS Serenissima.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Twin: **£1695** Single: **£1995**

Price Includes: Four nights hotel accommodation at the Villa Il Poggiale on a bed and breakfast basis, all excursions, dinner each night, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunches.



Art & Antiquities of the Mediterranean

A voyage celebrating the modern art and architecture of the Mediterranean Coast
21st October to 2nd November 2018

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 Modernist 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





Collioure



Plaza de España, Seville



Cartagena

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 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 lesiure.

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 hope to visit most important halls and courtyards of

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We have the added benefit of excellent local guides and our knowledgeable guest speaker who will add much to your experience and knowledge of this fascinating region. We have also included some time at leisure for individual exploration enabling you to soak up the atmosphere at your own pace.

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Alhambra Palace

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. 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.

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Based on double occupancy

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5	Deluxe Stateroom	£5545	£5045
6	Junior Suite	£6195	£5595
7	Executive Suite	£6695	£5995
8	Owner's Suite	£6695	£5995
9	Inside Single	£4295	£4095
10	Standard Single	£4995	£4795
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Pre-Cruise Nice Extension

18th to 21st October 2018

Nice



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.





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