



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

**11** nights | **ROYAL CLIPPER**  
**Italy, Montenegro & Croatia** | *Venice to Rome - 29-August-2026*

<p>The map shows the cruise route starting in Venice, Italy, and ending in Civitavecchia, Italy (the port of Rome). The route includes stops in the Adriatic Sea (Rovinj, Šibenik, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Monopoli) and the Tyrrhenian Sea (Sorrento, Lipari, Syracuse, Ponza &amp; Palmarola).</p>	<table border="0"> <tr><td><b>Sat</b></td><td><b>Venice</b></td></tr> <tr><td>Sun</td><td>Rovinj</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon</td><td>Šibenik</td></tr> <tr><td>Tue</td><td>Dubrovnik</td></tr> <tr><td>Wed</td><td>Kotor</td></tr> <tr><td>Thu</td><td>Monopoli</td></tr> <tr><td>Fri</td><td>at sea</td></tr> <tr><td>Sat</td><td>Syracuse - Sicily</td></tr> <tr><td>Sun</td><td>Lipari – Aeolian Islands</td></tr> <tr><td>Mon</td><td>Sorrento</td></tr> <tr><td>Tue</td><td>Ponza (AM), Palmarola (PM)</td></tr> <tr><td><b>Wed</b></td><td><b>Civitavecchia (port of Rome)</b></td></tr> </table>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Venice</b>	Sun	Rovinj	Mon	Šibenik	Tue	Dubrovnik	Wed	Kotor	Thu	Monopoli	Fri	at sea	Sat	Syracuse - Sicily	Sun	Lipari – Aeolian Islands	Mon	Sorrento	Tue	Ponza (AM), Palmarola (PM)	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Civitavecchia (port of Rome)</b>
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**What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:**

- All our excursions are led by English-speaking guides. A second language may be used, depending on the number of non-English-speaking passengers and guides' availability.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

**How you can book your shore excursions:**

- Shore excursions can be booked on board, using the booking forms (sign-up lists) available at the Excursion Desk.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- Transfers and debark tours ending at the airport can also be pre-paid prior to your cruise.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

**Important notes:**

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. **However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes.** The latest updated tour descriptions are available on board the ship in a file at the Excursion Desk and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





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### ROVINJ - Rovinj walking tour



**2:00**



**35 €**



moderate to strenuous



walking tour

Min 10 / Max 90 participants

#### History & Culture

Discover one of the most romantic and photogenic towns in the Mediterranean. Formerly a fishing port, Rovinj is now one of Croatia's most popular tourist destinations, known as the 'Blue Pearl of the Adriatic'. Its old town boasts a wealth of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings.

The Church of St Euphemia was constructed at the start of the 10th century on the site of the Romanesque Church of St George. The monumental church, which is the main sight of Rovinj, was built in the 17th and 18th centuries in the Baroque style. At over 62 metres high, its bell tower is the highest in Istria and was modelled on the bell tower of St Mark's Basilica in Venice. It dominates the old town of Rovinj.

Rovinj is now a town of artists. Its beauty has attracted artists to spend their summers there and even to settle permanently. This is most evident in Grisia Street, a beautiful, winding staircase lined with galleries and studios that leads to the plateau of the Church of St Euphemia. Carrera ulica, one of Rovinj's most representative streets, was urbanised in the second half of the 17th century and is now the busiest street, lined with small shops, boutiques, galleries and tempting cafés.

Visit the unique 'House of Pelinkovac', a museum dedicated to one of Rovinj's most famous herbal liqueurs. You will enjoy a tasting session featuring Rovinj's Pelinkovac, which is made using a secret, century-old recipe. You will also discover other traditional liqueurs, all of which are crafted using premium Istrian ingredients that blend tradition and flavour. At the end of the guided tour, you can either return to the tender pier or stay in town to explore independently.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour is entirely on foot and involves an extensive amount of uphill walking.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).

### ŠIBENIK - Šibenik promenade



**2:45**



**39 €**



moderate



walking tour

Min 15 / Max 30 participants

#### History & Culture | Unesco

Walking from the pier to the old town center, the first thing you will see is the Church of St. Francis. This baroque church was completed around the middle of the 18th century and stands on the site of the monastery and church founded in 1229, retaining some of its original structure.

Continue to the John Paul II Square, where you can admire the magnificent interior of the Šibenik Theatre. Also on the square is the Gothic-Renaissance church of St. John, built at the end of the 15th century. Then you can see the nearby Town Hall, originally built between 1533 and 1542 and reconstructed after an Allied air raid in 1943.

Finally, visit the jewel of the Dalmatian coast, St Jacob's Cathedral, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. Begun in 1430, the construction of this three-aisled basilica took over a century and reflects the transition from Venetian Gothic to Tuscan Renaissance. Largely the work of Juraj Dalmatinac, the cathedral is famous for its frieze on the outside walls, depicting portraits of 15th century honorary citizens.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour includes moderate walking on uneven surfaces and cobblestones.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).
- ✓ The tour includes licensed guide and the entrance fee to the Cathedral (€ 7 pp).



### ŠIBENIK - Krka National Park



**3:30**



**89 €**



*moderate*



*motorcoach*

*Min 25 / Max 40  
participants*

Sightseeing | Nature

Start your tour with a scenic drive from Šibenik to the Krka National Park. The route begins at the Skradinski buk waterfalls, the longest, most famous and most visited waterfall on the Krka River.

The waterfall can be visited thanks to an extensive network of paths and bridges that pass by numerous water mills, including an ethnographic collection that tells the story of the economic history of Šibenik and the region.

The path runs along the living water. For those who want to know more, there are educational panels along the entire length of the trail. The lookout point on the right bank of the river is the best place to see the creator of the waterfalls, the fundamental phenomenon of the Krka National Park - travertine. Travertine, or tuff, is common in the surface streams of the Dinaric karst, although it rarely forms waterfalls like those in the Krka River. The wooden bridge is the place where man is closest to the waterfall. The combined waters of the Krka and Čikola rivers cascade down the 17 steps of the Skradinski buk waterfall over a length of 800 meters.

You will cross the wooden bridge while the coot splashes on the surface and the Illyrian chub swims underneath.

Please note:

✓ This excursion involves a lot of walking (approx. 45 minutes). Krka National Park is a mixture of rocky and flat terrain with numerous steps and uneven terrain.

✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and take a sun hat and water with you.

✓ The journey time between Šibenik and the national park is approx. 20 minutes (each way). You will spend about 2½ hours in the park, including 45 minutes guided tour, followed by some free time. Swimming is not allowed.

✓ The tour includes transportation, licensed guide, entrance fee to the National Park (€ 37 pp).

### DUBROVNIK - Legend and curiosities



**1:30**



**32 €**



*moderate*



*walking tour*

*Min 10 / Max 30  
participants*

Sightseeing

Discover the secrets locked within the walls of the Old Town and join us on a journey of legends and curiosities. Discover the present day life of the citizens living within the walls of the Dubrovnik Old Town, experience the spirit of the past, walk through a maze of narrow streets and small squares, the oldest parts of the town, beyond the usual tourist paths, where fascinating views will open up to you in an unexpected way, discover the churches and highlights that you will not find in the travel guides, meet one of the most famous and world-renowned scientists, Bosković. All this will be illustrated by interesting stories, legends and curiosities about life in the Old Town of Dubrovnik and the history of the centuries-old Republic of Ragusa, told by your guide.

Please note:

✓ This tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, cobblestones.

✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

✓ There are no internal visits included in this tour.



### DUBROVNIK – Treasures of the Dubrovnik: a cultural walking tour



**2:15**



**49 €**



moderate



walking tour

Min 10 / Max 30  
participants

History & Culture | Unesco

During a leisurely walk through the medieval town, our guide will introduce you to its rich history and artistic heritage, as well as its most beautiful and significant architectural and artistic treasures from the Dubrovnik Republic period. One of the architectural gems of Dubrovnik's rich heritage, the Rector's Palace is also one of the most significant examples of profane architecture on the Croatian coast and is now home to the Cultural and Historical Museum. Apart from its exceptional beauty and historical value, the Sponza Palace houses the Dubrovnik archives' treasures.

Visit the Baroque Cathedral of the Assumption, which has one of the oldest treasures on the Adriatic (dating from the 11th to 18th centuries). The great polyptych of the Assumption was made in Titian's workshop, and you can also admire Raphael's 'Madonna della Seggiola'.

Next, continue your tour with the church of St Blaise, the patron saint and eternal protector of Dubrovnik since 972. For centuries, St Blaise was not just a saint; he was also the spiritual guardian of the Republic and a symbol of its sovereignty. Statues of him can be found throughout the Old Town, and the church remains one of the city's most important landmarks, located at the heart of the Old Town.

Finally, visit the Franciscan monastery. Its church is one of the most beautiful Romanesque-Gothic buildings in Croatia. The monastery's pharmacy dates from 1317, making it the third oldest still in use in the world. The library contains an exhibition of liturgical artefacts and one of the most valuable European music archives, as well as paintings by old masters.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, cobblestones.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required to visit the religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).
- ✓ The excursion includes the following visits: to the Treasury of Dubrovnik Cathedral, St. Blaise Church, the museum of the Franciscan monastery and its pharmacy.

### DUBROVNIK - Flavours of Dalmatia



**4:30**



**99 €**



moderate



motorcoach, boat

Min 20 / Max 35  
participants



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Enjoy a pleasant coach ride along the Adriatic Road to the town of Mali Ston, known as the "oyster capital of Croatia". This small town is often seen as a smaller version of Dubrovnik, with magnificent walls surrounding the town. The walls are 5 km long and construction began in 1317 and was not completed until the 16th century. There are also the old salt pans that were used during the Dubrovnik Republic.

After arriving in Mali Ston, you will board a local boat that will take you to the oyster and mussel beds. Your host will welcome you on board and introduce you to the oyster and mussel growing in this area. You will have a unique opportunity to learn about oyster and mussel production and taste freshly prepared oysters and mussels, including mussel bouzara (mussels cooked with wine, garlic and olive oil).

After returning to Mali Ston, you will board a motorcoach for the return journey to Dubrovnik for a brief orientation tour of the Dubrovnik old town, followed by free time to explore Dubrovnik on your own.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, cobblestones.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ The drive between Dubrovnik and Mali Ston takes approx. 60 minutes (each way). There is a 15 minute walk through the old town from the tender pier to the coach park.



### KOTOR - Perast and Kotor



**4:00**

Sightseeing



**65 €**



moderate



motorcoach, boat

Min 25 / Max 40  
participants

Meet your local guide and drive through the beautiful Bay of Kotor to Perast, a small baroque village on the shores of the Kotor Fjord. The most outstanding buildings here date from the 17th and 18th centuries. It is a tranquil place, rich in sacred monuments such as the Church of St Nicholas, built between the 15th and 17th centuries. There will be some free time to explore Perast on your own before we take a boat to the islet of Gospa od Skrpjela (Lady of the Rocks) and the church of the same name.

Lady of the Rocks is a baroque church situated on one of the two islets in the Bay of Kotor, just opposite Perast. The church contains 68 magnificent paintings by Tripo Kokolja, a famous 17th century artist from Perast. His masterpiece is undoubtedly a 10m long painting depicting the Death of the Virgin.

After visiting the island you will board your boat again for a short trip back to Perast where you will board your coach and travel from Perast to Kotor. This charming medieval town on a beautiful fjord is the ancient maritime centre of Montenegro and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will find monuments, shops, cafes and restaurants. The 12th century Cathedral of St Tripun and the Orthodox Church of St Luka are visited from the outside.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extended walking on cobblestone surfaces with some inclines and some steps.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).
- ✓ The drive between Kotor and Perast takes approx. 20 minutes (each way). The order of the visits may change.

### KOTOR - Boka Kotorska speedboat adventure (with beach stop and Blue Cave)



**3:30**

Boating & beach



**99 €**



strenuous



speedboat

Min 8 / Max 32  
participants

A scenic speedboat ride past the villages and countryside of the Montenegrin coast takes you to the Blue Cave, located just outside the bay. The Blue Cave is one of the most attractive in the series of caves along the Lustica Peninsula, which separates the Bay of Kotor from the Adriatic Sea. The sun's rays are reflected inside the cave, creating a beautiful shade of blue water for which this cave is best known. If the sea conditions allow, you will make a SHORT visit by boat to this natural hall with a 9-metre high vault and the 13-metre deep seabed of the cave.

Then you will go to the pebble beach of Zanjice where you will have free time to swim before boarding the speedboats for the return to Kotor. You will have a chance to swim in this enchanting setting before heading to Rose Beach on the tip of the Lustica Peninsula.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour is operated by speedboat and is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with back or neck problems, guests with limited mobility and pregnant women. Speedboats can accommodate max 9 passengers.
- ✓ Wear a swimsuit under a cover-up and bring sun protection, sunglasses, a towel from the ship, water shoes and a change of dry clothes. Expect to get splashed! Do not take valuables with you.
- ✓ The speedboat trip between Kotor and the Blue Cave lasts approx. 60 minutes (each way).
- ✓ There will be approx. one hour of free time at the beach in Zanjice. The passage inside the cave takes approx. 5 minutes, depending on the number of the boats inside the cave. In case of rough sea conditions, it will not be possible to enter inside the Blue Cave (no refund will be given). The order of the visits is subject to change.



### KOTOR - Kayaking through the Bay of Kotor



**3:15**



**59 €**



active (sport)



kayak

Min 8 / Max 16  
participants

Active & Adventure

Explore the Kotor Fjord coastline from the water as you paddle a sea kayak on a guided 6.25 mile exploration. Take breaks from paddling to stop for a swim in the refreshing waters of the Adriatic or to take in the stunning views of the mountainous Montenegrin countryside and the picturesque medieval walled town of Kotor.

Please note:

- ✓ This is a very active tour and is only suitable for guests in very good physical condition and must be able to swim.
- ✓ Min age: 6 years (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Max weight: 264 lbs / 120 kg.
- ✓ Wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water shoes, water, a towel from the ship and extra dry clothes. A waterproof protection for cameras and mobiles is recommended.
- ✓ Kayaks used are double sit-on-top sea kayaks. Before the tour starts, practical instructions on how to maneuver the kayaks will be given.
- ✓ Kayak activity lasts approx. 2 hours (1 hour each way, with 1 hour swim stop), but the duration depends on the group's pace.

### MONOPOLI - The Soul of Monopoli



**3:00**



**29 €**



moderate



walking tour

Min 10 / Max 30  
participants

History & Culture

Discover the authentic soul of Monopoli, a captivating coastal town where history and everyday life intertwine. The charming old town is a maze of whitewashed buildings, sun-dappled alleys and bustling squares, all embraced by imposing defensive walls that once protected the town from invaders. Wandering through these narrow streets is the perfect way to stumble upon unexpected treasures, such as tiny chapels nestled in the corners, fragrant bakeries, and artisan workshops. You may even catch a glimpse of everyday life unfolding at a leisurely southern pace. Take a stroll along the Lungomare promenade, where the sparkling Adriatic provides a spectacular backdrop to the town's historic landmarks.

As you walk, your guide will recount tales of the town's strategic role throughout the centuries, from an ancient settlement to a thriving medieval port. A highlight of the tour is the bustling fishing harbour, where tradition is alive and well. Watch fishermen mending their nets beside their bright blue boats - a timeless scene offering a glimpse into Monopoli's enduring maritime culture. You will also see the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Castle of Charles V, which still dominates the seafront, and enjoy panoramic views across the turquoise waters.

Whether you are wandering through quiet alleys or along the lively seafront, Monopoli's unique blend of history, local colour and seaside beauty makes it a place that invites exploration and lingering.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground, with steps and inclines.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ There are no internal visits included in the tour. The tour timing includes some free time in the old town. Guests can stay in town independently or walk back to the port with the guide at the end of the tour.



**MONOPOLI - Alberobello, the Trulli village**



**4:00**



**69 €**



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 30  
participants

History & Culture | Unesco | Sightseeing

Step into a living fairytale in Alberobello, a captivating UNESCO World Heritage Site nestled in the Apulian countryside. This lovely hillside village is world-famous for its 'trulli', dazzling white drystone dwellings with distinctive conical roofs, some of which are adorned with ancient mystical symbols.

First built in the mid-14th century using local limestone boulders without mortar, the trulli represent a construction technique dating back to prehistoric times that is still practised today. It is the uniqueness and extraordinary preservation of these structures that earned Alberobello its UNESCO designation.

As you wander through the maze of narrow, atmospheric streets, you will come across rows of trulli, many of which have been transformed into delightful shops, inviting you to step inside and admire their ingenious design.

Enjoy some free time to further explore. You could visit the heritage museum, enjoy a refreshing gelato, browse for fine leather goods and local crafts, or visit the Church of Sant'Antonio, the only church in the world built in the trullo style. For a truly unforgettable view, head to one of the town's panoramic terraces or lookout points, where you can take stunning photos of the countless white cones clustered together, a unique sight.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground, with steps and inclines.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts allowed).
- ✓ The tour includes some free time in the old town.
- ✓ The journey between Monopoli and Alberobello takes approx. 40 min each way, on a panoramic road.

**MONOPOLI - Ostuni, the white city**



**4:00**



**79 €**



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 30  
participants

History & Culture | Sightseeing

Perched majestically on a hilltop overlooking the Adriatic Sea, Ostuni - known as "la città bianca" (the white city) - is a dazzling sight, with its whitewashed buildings cascading down towards the water. The town's name derives from the Greek word for 'new city', likely referring to its construction over an earlier settlement. As you wander through its labyrinth of narrow alleys, staircases and sunlit lanes, you will notice how the brilliant white façades reflect the sunlight and illuminate even the shaded corners of the old town.

Your guided tour begins in the lively central square of Piazza della Libertà, which is dominated by the Church of Sant'Oronzo. The church is named after the saint who is said to have saved the town from the plague in 1656. From there, stroll through the charming historic centre to reach Ostuni Cathedral, a religious treasure originally built in the Romanesque style, but later rebuilt in an elegant Gothic style following a 15<sup>th</sup>-century earthquake.

Thanks to its elevated position, Ostuni offers magnificent panoramic views across a sea of olive groves stretching all the way to the shimmering Adriatic. With its blend of history, architecture and authentic Puglian charm, Ostuni invites you to step back in time and experience the vibrant life of a traditional southern Italian town.

Please note:

- ✓ Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground, with steps and inclines.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts allowed).
- ✓ The tour includes some free time in the old town.
- ✓ The journey time between Monopoli and Ostuni is approximately 45 minutes each way, on a panoramic road.



### SYRACUSE - Baroque Noto



4:00



69 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 70  
participants

History & Culture | Unesco

After a 45-minute journey by air-conditioned coach, you will arrive in Noto, considered one of the most beautiful towns in Sicily. Totally destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and rebuilt in the 18th century, it is a perfect example of Baroque architecture. UNESCO has declared it a World Heritage Site and is funding the restoration of monuments damaged in the last earthquake in 1990.

On arrival in Noto, disembark from the coach and start your tour of the town on foot. Admire the imposing gate known as the Porta Nazionale, which leads to the main street where the most important monuments can be seen.

At the heart of the city is the 18th-century Cathedral, which is currently being restored after being damaged in the 1990 earthquake.

Other impressive buildings include the Town Hall, the Archbishop's Palace, the Palazzo Sant'Alfano, the Church of Santissimo Salvatore and the Palazzo Villadorata, all fine examples of typical Sicilian Baroque architecture from the early 18th century. At the end of the visit, you will have some free time to do some shopping or perhaps enjoy an ice cream at the famous Caffé Sicilia before returning to Syracuse.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground with some steps.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts allowed).
- ✓ The journey time between Syracuse and Noto is approximately 45 minutes each way.

### LIPARI - Panoramic Lipari (with malvasia and local pastries)



3:00



55 €



easy



motorcoach

Min 25 / Max 40  
participants



tasting

Panoramic | Food & Wine

Our ship anchors off Lipari, the main island in the archipelago, and guests are taken ashore by tender to Marina Corta, where they meet their guide and walk through the village to reach the coach for a scenic tour of the island.

The excursion begins with a drive inland towards the hills to reach the panoramic viewpoint of Quattrocchi, 300 metres above sea level. From this high vantage point you can admire the cliffs of Lipari and the neighbouring island of Vulcano with its fumaroles, which are openings in the earth's crust and were once thought to be the entrance to the underworld.

During this panoramic tour there will be a stop at "Marisa's Place" where you will have the opportunity to taste local Malvasia wine and biscuits. The Malvasia grape has been cultivated in the Mediterranean region since ancient times and produces a sweet dessert wine that is strengthened by the strong rays of the island's sun.

Traditional Aeolian delicacies include nacatuli - small biscuits filled with almonds, cinnamon and tangerines. Sesamini, flavoured with vanilla and orange and covered with sesame seeds, and Spicchitedda, made with almonds, mulled wine and cinnamon. The next stop is a viewpoint over the island of Salina. If the weather is clear, you can also see other islands in the archipelago. For those who feel like exploring, there will be time to walk around the town before returning to the ship.

Please note:

- ✓ There is a 15 minute walk over cobbles and uneven ground between the tender jetty and the coach park.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.



### LIPARI – Vulcano island by boat



**3:00**

Panoramic



**89 €**



easy



motorized boat

Min 20 / Max 40  
participants

After disembarking with the tender, you will reach Marina Corta, in the port of Lipari, where you will meet your guide and board a private motorboat for a short trip to Vulcano. Vulcano is a small volcanic island in the Aeolian archipelago. The island has three volcanoes. One is ancient and has been dormant since prehistoric times. It forms the main mass of the island. The highest points are Monte Saraceno at 481 metres, Monte Aria at 500 metres and Gran Cratere (or Fossa di Vulcano) at 386 metres. Gran Cratere, which is still active, dominates the northern part of the island. It is characterised by strange formations and colours, especially near the summit.

On arrival at Vulcano you can either walk to the base of the volcano or enjoy a short visit to the village.

The tour continues to the hot sea (you can swim in it if you wish), the fumaroles and the beach of Sabbie Nere ("black sand"). Return to the boat and sail back to Lipari on a scenic cruise along the west coast of Vulcano, Vulcanello, Spiaggia di Ponente, Grotta del Cavallo, I Faraglioni and Lipari. On the way back you will enjoy a scenic cruise of about an hour.

For those who feel like exploring, there will be time to walk around the town before returning to the ship.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves moderate walking on uneven ground.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunglasses and water. Wear a swimsuit underneath and bring a towel if you plan to swim. The entrance to the mud baths is not included (guests can do it during the free time, if the venue is open).
- ✓ The boat trip to Vulcano takes about 20 minutes. The return trip to Lipari takes approximately one hour (panoramic boat tour).

### LIPARI - Panoramic Lipari and wine tasting at Tenuta Castellaro



**3:30**

Panoramic | Food & Wine



**99 €**



moderate



minibus

Min 20 / Max 24  
participants



tasting

Our ship anchors off Lipari, the main island in the archipelago, and guests are taken ashore by tender to Marina Corta, where they meet their guide and walk through the village to reach the coach for a scenic tour of the island.

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Continue on to the Tenuta di Castellaro, founded in 2006 at 350 metres above sea level, in a spectacular and unspoilt position overlooking the sea, which produces excellent wines with autochthonous varieties from the Aeolian Islands. Arriving at the winery, a guided tour of the cellar and barrel room is followed by a walk through the vineyard: more than 22 hectares planted entirely with the Etnean system, with short pruning and few bunches per plant, to obtain grapes with a good aromatic concentration to give birth to a wine that respects the terroir.

The visit ends with a wine tasting accompanied by a snack of local products. The next stop is a lookout point over the island of Salina, from where, on a clear day, you can see all the other islands.

For those who feel like exploring, there will be time to walk around the town before returning to the ship.

Please note:

- ✓ There is a 15 minute walk over cobbles and uneven ground between the tender pier and the coach park.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

**SORRENTO - Pompeii**



**4:45**



**89 €**



*moderate to strenuous*



*motorcoach*

*Min 25 / Max 32 participants*

*History & Culture | Unesco*

Ancient Pompeii was a prosperous provincial centre with an estimated population of 20,000. An earthquake destroyed much of the city in 63 AD. Reconstruction was still underway when the volcano erupted again 16 years later. The whole town was buried under more than 20 metres of ash and pumice.

Many inhabitants were killed by the deadly sulphur fumes or struck by the lava and pumice that rained down on the city, but others escaped. Abandoned until the 18th century, Pompeii was frozen in time until excavations revealed this amazing archaeological site. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius on 24 August 79 A.D. not only preserved the buildings, but also evidence of the ancient way of life, such as a fully equipped tavern with the last customer's money still on the counter. Visit some of the more modest homes and explore ancient baths, temples, theatres, markets and the vast forum. At the end of the visit, you will return to Sorrento, where you can choose to return to the pier or stay in the town centre and explore on your own.

Please note:

✓ This tour involves extensive walking (approximately 3 km) and standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with many steps to negotiate. The time spent inside the site is approximately 2 hours. The site of Pompeii is very busy and extended; it is important to always stay with your guide.

✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. It is not permitted to bring large bags or backpacks into the excavation site.

✓ The drive between Sorrento and Pompeii takes approx. 1:15, but it is subject to traffic, especially during high season. Large coaches cannot drive to the pier in Sorrento, so a minibus will shuttle tour participants between the pier and a main parking lot in Sorrento (same on the way back at the end of the tour).

**SORRENTO - Herculaneum**



**4:30**



**89 €**



*moderate*



*motorcoach*

*Min 15 / Max 24 participants*

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Herculaneum was destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius on 2 August 79 AD. The town was not an important commercial centre like Pompeii, it was smaller, wealthier and more residential. There was no open space or forum, just streets lined with villas and shops and two very straight main roads that crossed in the middle, typical of Roman town planning. While Pompeii was buried under layers of ash, Herculaneum - which is much closer to the volcano - drowned in a sea of mud. Over time, the mud hardened into soft stone, preserving the town and almost everything in it as a kind of fossil, so that the furniture, clothes and even some of the goods in the shops have survived.

Excavations began by accident in 1709, when some workers digging a well discovered a wall that later turned out to be one of the stages of the ancient theatre. Later, many human skeletons were uncovered on the ancient shoreline, suggesting that many inhabitants tried to escape but perished when volcanic gases were released.

Excavations since then have revealed sumptuous villas, baths and theatres. Much of the city is still buried and excavations continue today. Many of the buildings and their contents are in remarkably good condition.

At the end of the tour you can choose to return to the pier or stay in Sorrento and explore the town on your own.

Please note:

✓ This tour involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with many steps (approximately 2 km). The time spent inside the site is approximately 1:30 hours.

✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

✓ It is not permitted to bring large bags or backpacks into the excavation site. The drive to Herculaneum site takes approx. 1 hour, but it is subject to traffic, especially during high season.



### PONZA - Ponza's coast by boat with swim stops



3:45

Boating & beach



99 €



moderate



motorized boat

Min 30 / Max 40  
participants



light lunch  
included

Some of the beauty of Ponza can only be appreciated from the sea. On this boat tour you will see crystal clear bays, islets, coves, cliffs and sea grottoes, while learning about the history of the island from our guide.

The tour starts from the pier and goes clockwise around the island, stopping along the way to allow passengers to swim. You will sail past the Pilate's Caves (ancient Roman pools dug into the rock), under the Guardia lighthouse, built on the top of an 80 metre high rocky promontory, to reach the east coast, then continue along the beautiful bay of Chiaia di Luna, with its white cliffs. On the west side of the island you can admire the Frontone beach with its unique cliffs. This itinerary includes one or two stops for a swim (depending on time available and sea conditions) and a light lunch on board (pasta course with drinks - water, wine and coffee served with the light lunch).

Please note:

- ✓ During the boat trip, there are usually one or two stops for swimming. The captain decides where and when to stop as it depends on the conditions of the day and the timing available. Guests must know how to swim.
- ✓ Wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and water.
- ✓ There is no walking involved in this tour; guests must disembark and embark with a ladder during the swim stops.

### CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)

The ship will be docked at one of the cruise piers at Civitavecchia port, located 70 km north-west of Rome and Rome-Fiumicino airport.

All guests are requested to leave the ship before 10:00am.

### Star Clippers offers the following transfer services (optional, on request):

#### - Shared Transfer to Rome-Fiumicino airport (FCO).

- ✓ Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time.
- ✓ There is a fixed departure from the port at 08:45 (arrival at the airport approx. 10:00).
- ✓ This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight departs after 12:00.

#### - Private transfers to Rome-Fiumicino airport or to hotels in Rome.

- ✓ Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.
- ✓ Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

#### - Private transfers from hotels to the airport (this service cannot be booked on board).

- ✓ Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

Transfers can also be booked prior to your cruise.

**Bookings made on board during the cruise are always subject to availability.**

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you pre-book it well in advance prior to your cruise, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

For information and reservations please contact our reservations department or your travel agent.



### EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

### MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Culture & History:** it explores places of historical significance and visits ancient ruins or historic buildings, gives a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.
- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Food & Wine:** it explores the culinary traditions of a region, from visiting local markets and vineyards to cooking classes or wine tastings.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, cycling, ATV, 4x4 off-road.

### WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap and sun lotion.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash in local currency.
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.