

**May 22nd, 2021 : Cannes- Monaco –Lerici – Portoferraio –
Bastia - Bonifacio – Porto Cervo – Civitavecchia**

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MONACO

The Principality of Monaco, tucked between the French and Italian borders, covers just 1.1 square miles. This independent sovereign state is headed by Prince Albert II who is descended from the Grimaldi dynasty which has ruled Monaco since 1297. The principality is synonymous with the High Life: glamorous celebrities, Formula One racing and Casinos. Monte Carlo is the most famous area, but in reality Monaco is divided into four sections: Monaco Ville, the old section of town which includes the Prince's palace, the Condamine, which is the port area and Fontvieille, a man-made water front district.

Monaco has some of the finest examples of Belle Epoque building, an architectural style which began during the rule of the Emperor Napoleon III.

Beautiful natural surroundings, sunny climate, a yacht filled harbour, casino, designer boutiques, prestigious events and gala parties, Monaco can truly be said to have it all. A heady atmosphere of glamour and excitement permeates the Principality, captivating all who visit this storybook land of princes and princesses.

No tour offered during the Grand Prix.

LERICI, ITALY

Lerici is in Liguria, part of the Italian Riviera. It is the largest village on the Gulf of La Spezia and sits across the bay from Portovenere. The town is connected by ferry to the Cinque Terre and Portovenere. One of the main sights of Lerici is its notorious castle controlling the entrance of the Gulf of La Spezia. Today the castle contains a museum of palaeontology. The origins of the town date back to the Etruscan period. In the Middle Ages the town came under Genovese control. After it had been sold to Lucca, it became involved in a series of conflicts between Genua and Pisa, as it was on their common border. In 1479, the town came under Genovese sway for good.

The Active Aesthete's Kayak tour

By air-conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 2 participants, maximum 15

Duration 2h00

Euros 69

For those of you who combine a finely tuned aesthetic sense with a love of physical activity and the great outdoors, our Kayak tour is the perfect way to explore and appreciate the exquisite beauty of Lerici. Feast your eyes on the dramatic scenery: steep cliffs, rocky outcrops, crystal clear waters which mirror the colourfully painted buildings, and know that this vision of loveliness inspired the creative genius of a plethora of writers and artists from Botticelli to Lord Byron, the poet Shelley, George Sand and D.H Lawrence to name but a few. As you guide your kayak through the limpid waters admire the impressive castle which has kept watch over the bay since 1152, Marigola promontory, Shelley Park, the wonderful coves of San Terenzo and the Blue Bay. The bewitching beauty of the "Gulf of Poets", as it is known, will surely capture your heart and imagination, like all those who have gone before you.

There is a 15-minute walk from the tender disembarkation point to the kayak base

The Kayaks are either 1 or 2 seaters

This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility issues.

We advise guests to wear a swimsuit and sea shoes and bring sunglasses, sunscreen, sun hat, towel and some water.



PALMARIA ISLAND Trekking Experience

By air-conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 30

Duration 4h00

Euros 49

For Experienced Hikers

Palmaria island is the biggest island in Liguria, situated opposite the famous village of Portovenere. The rugged beauty of the island with its rocky cliffs has won it a place on the Unesco World Heritage list, and the site is also protected by the Portovenere Regional Natural Park. Our island trek tour will give you the opportunity of exploring the island and discovering its varied landscapes from Mediterranean vegetation, holm oaks, pine and lentisco shrubs to sheer cliffs dropping down to the sea. You may even spot some of the local fauna; rabbits and colonies of wild goats, as well as Europe's smallest gecko, the endangered Tarantolino. Birdlife includes sparrow hawks, peregrine falcons, kestrels and cormorants.

Your exertions will be amply rewarded by incredible sea views and breathtaking panoramas. An expert professional guide will accompany you during the hike and tell you all about this enchanting island.

30-minute transfer by ferry to Portovenere and 15 minutes to Palmaria

This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility issues.

We advise guests to wear suitable shoes and to bring along some water.

Wonderful Pisa & Puccini legacy's

By air-conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 20 participants per group, maximum 35 per group

Duration 5h00

Euros 80

Italy's pride, Giacomo Puccini, left to study at Milan's music conservatory, returning to Tuscany after his studies to rent a lakeside house in Torre del Lago, on the shore of Lago di Massaciuccoli. Nine years later he had a villa built on the same lakeshore, undertaking the Liberty-style interior decoration himself. It was here that Puccini with his wife, Elvira, spent his time working, hunting on the lake and carousing with a diverse group of hunters, fishermen and bohemian artists. Here masterpieces « La Bohème », « Tosca » « Madame Butterfly » were composed on the Forster piano in his front study. The villa has been preserved almost exactly as it was during Puccini's residence. After the guided visit of the villa, the tour will continue to Pisa to discover the worldwide famous symbol of Italy, the Leaning Tower.

The beautiful buildings to be found in Pisa bear witness to the fact that it was once a wealthy and powerful maritime trading republic, on a par with its historical rival Genoa. Nowadays it attracts tourists from all over the world, keen to see for themselves the famous leaning tower and the other fine buildings in the Piazza dei Miracoli which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.

The oldest building in the square is the impressive Duomo or cathedral dedicated to St Mary of the Assumption, followed by the baptistery then the bell tower, the famous leaning tower of Pisa, and the Campo Santo cemetery. Although the buildings were not constructed at the same time they share the same architectural style, materials and decoration as well as a tendency towards circular designs, which gives the square a pleasing sense of visual unity.

The construction of the cathedral started in 1063 to commemorate the Pisan victory against the Saracens in Sicily the same year. The granite Corinthian columns set between the nave and the aisle originally came from the Mosque of Palermo captured during the battle. The interior also includes superb 13th century mosaics by Cimabue.

The leaning tower was built as a bell tower for the cathedral; construction started in 1174 and took 199 years to complete. For five years after the initial period of construction the tower was straight, and it was only after the addition of the third floor that the tower began to lean.

The reason for this is that the alluvium sub soil is not resistant enough to withstand the weight of the tower. Once it was realised that there was a problem with the tower, construction was halted for 100 years in the hope that the soil would settle. A new architect, Giovanni di Simone, resumed work on the tower adding four additional floors, but despite his best efforts he was unable to remedy the problem.

The leaning tower is cylindrical in form and comprises six open galleries which appear to spiral upwards due to the inclination. The lower part of the tower is decorated with lozenges in the true Pisan style. There are 294 steps leading to the top terrace where all efforts will be rewarded by some spectacular views.



After the guided visit (outside visits only) you will have some leisure time to explore, before boarding the coach for the drive back to Lerici.

The excursion fee does not include any admission in Pisa

The excursion fee includes the entrance to the villa Puccini

The drive to Pisa takes 1h15

The Piazza is 15 minutes walking distance from the car park

PORTOFERRAIO, ELBA

Recent excavations have proved that man inhabited the Isle of Elba in prehistoric times (from the Paleolithic Era to the Iron Age). In 1802 the French gained direct possession of the Isle of Elba, rather than unite it with the kingdom of Etruria. Elba then suddenly attracted the attention of the world when it became Napoleon's little kingdom, while in exile. He arrived at Porto Ferraio on May 3rd 1814, and on the following day took possession of the island. He did everything possible to confer dignity on his own residence, the "Villa dei Mulini." After a stay of 10 months, Napoleon left Elba with a small fleet on February 26th 1815 to face the dramatic adventure of Hundred Days. Today, the island has a population of about 27000 inhabitants. The local economy now depends on heavily upon tourism, but the extraction of minerals is also of economic importance. After tourism and mining, the most important activities are agriculture (vineyards), animal husbandry, and fishing.

Island tour and Mount Capanne

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 90

Duration 4h30

Euros 60

The scenic drive starting from Portoferraio will take you to the island highlands on the west side. The drive cuts through the centre of the island before continuing along the coast to the up market resort town of Marciana Marina. The coach will then drive into the hills to reach the cable car station in Marciana Alta. During the drive your guide will tell you a bit about the island culture and natural environment as you sit back and enjoy the beautiful views of the surrounding hill top villages and coastline.

The cable car station has rest room facilities. Upon arrival, your guide will give you a safety briefing and explain how to get in and out of the cable basket safely. The baskets, which leave every 20 seconds for the 20 minute climb up to the top of Mount Capanne (1.019m), accommodate two passengers each. The views during the cable car ride are quite spectacular, so make sure you have your camera handy. From the top of the mountain you can enjoy breathtaking views of all the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago and relax on the panoramic terrace.

After some leisure time (approximately 30 minutes) your guide will lead you back to the coach and the tour continues to Marciana Mariana. Here you will have some time to stroll along the water front and browse around the picturesque village shops. Look out for Elba's specialities : wonderful perfume, truly the scent of the Mediterranean captured in a bottle, and delicious local wines.

There will be a short wine tasting in a typical Cantina to allow you to sample some of the islands' wine before you return to the ship. As you take a last lingering look at Mount Capanne on the drive back, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have actually scaled its dizzy heights.

You will take a cable car to the top of Mount Capanne

There will be good shopping opportunities in Marciana Marina

We recommend good walking shoes and a sun hat on this excursion

The tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties, heart problems or vertigo.



“Napoleon’s tour”

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 40 per group

Duration 4 hours

Euros 67

The tour begins with a panoramic drive through the hinterland to Napoleon’s summer residence. The Villa San Martino is located in a pleasant valley planted with vineyards, a setting of lush vegetation, far from the bustle and heat of Portoferraio. The Emperor converted a small country house into a fine private villa. The Neo-Classical building at the entrance of the property is the Demidoff Gallery, built in 1851 by Count Anatolio Demidoff. Demidoff was a fervent admirer of the Emperor, and his wife, Princess Mathilda, was Napoleon’s niece. The building was used to house Demidoff’s collection of Napoleonic Memorabilia.

The villa San Martino is situated on a terrace above the Demidoff gallery and consists of eight rooms. Three rooms were occupied by Napoleon himself, three others were for his officers and the remaining two: the “2 colombes” council chamber and the Egyptian room were used for meetings and receptions.

On the way back there will be a stop at Porto Azzurro where you will have some time to stroll along the streets of this charming town, dominated by an ancient Spanish fortress. The town also boasts a picturesque fishing harbour and numerous shops selling crystals and minerals.

There will also be a stop at “La Chiusa” an old country wine estate, nestling in a vineyard overlooking the ocean. The estate dates from the 1700’s, and includes a country house, wine cellar and miniature chapel. The owner’s house with the exterior double staircase was built later during the 1800s. “La Chiusa” hosted Napoleon Bonaparte on two separate occasions: once on May 3rd 1814 on his arrival in Elba, while waiting to be officially welcomed to Portoferraio, and another time during a hunting party on Mount Fabbello.

Here you will get the opportunity to sample some local specialities and a selection of three different wines.

On Mondays the Villa San Martino is closed, so you will visit the Villa dei Mulini in Portoferraio.

Whenever the museums host an exhibition an extra fee will be added to the tour cost

BASTIA, CORSICA

Bastia, the capital of the Haute-Corse region, is a bustling sea port town located on the north-eastern coast of the island. Its main activities are fishing and exporting wine. In the 14th century it was inhabited by the Genoese who built a fortress to protect it. The city was held by the British in 1745, during the War of Austrian Succession, but was soon recaptured by the Genoese, who sold the whole island to France in 1768. Until 1791, Bastia was the capital of the whole of Corsica. It was occupied by the British once again from 1794 to 1796 during the French Revolution, while the Germans held the city from 1942-3 during the Second World War.

Bastia lies between the sea and the mountains, and its natural beauty is enhanced by a rich historical, architectural and religious heritage. The Citadel, the Genoese fortifications, the ethnographic museum, the XVIIIth Cathedral of St Mary with its historic organ, and the Holy Cross Oratory with its miraculous Black Christ, “Cristu Negru”, are just a few of the treasures in store.

The discreet charm of the pastel coloured houses, small squares and narrow lanes, makes a striking contrast with the imposing religious edifices. Take a stroll around town and explore the Old Port, the market, and St Nicholas square.



Corsican legends

On foot

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 30

Duration 2h30

Euros 42

Bastia was founded by the Genoese in 1380, when they were looking for a naturally sheltered Port to replace the ancient Roman city of Mariana and Biguglia (which had been destroyed by the Corsicans in 1372). The Genoese needed a city and port which could assure the contact between their "Homeland" and their "colony". Even if this small port was swept by terrible libeccio winds, it was protected by a rock, easily defensible, and upon which a dungeon (or bastiglia) was built- and hence the name of the town BASTIA.

The numerous religious buildings dotted all over the island bear witness to the profound religious fervour of its inhabitants and their attachment to the Catholic faith. Despite this, the collective consciousness remains steeped in many pagan traditions, relics of ancient beliefs.

The mystical spirit of Corsica finds its true expression during the great Christian festivals, however the barrier between the natural and supernatural world is extremely permeable and Corsica is teeming with visionaries, faith healers, and mediums.

This walking tour will take you to some purportedly haunted sites, and give you an overview of the superstitions and local legends which still hold sway.

Your walking tour will end at the citadel where you will enjoy some typical refreshments

Cap Corse scenic tour

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 40 per group

Duration 4 hours

Euros 54

Cap Corse is a 40 kilometre long and 10 kilometre wide promontory to the North of Bastia pointing like a finger towards the open sea. Here unspoilt Nature reigns supreme and you will enjoy rugged coastline and awe inspiring scenery composed of mountains, blue sea and scrubland with perfect little villages nestling in the valley's or perched atop rocky crags.

Often called an island within an island, Cap Corse has a rich history and a character all its own. The inhabitants are drawn to the open sea and the world beyond and yet remain deeply attached to their native soil. The architecture and landscape reflects this duality. Genoese towers dotted along the coast were built to protect the villages against barbarian invasion while the so-called American houses bear witness to the historical tradition of emigration. Many local men answered the call of the sea and sailed away to America to make their fortunes. However, they never forgot their homeland and returned to their beloved island to build impressive houses as a lasting monument to their success.

The cliff road from Bastia takes you to Miomo a vibrant little village with a pebble beach overlooked by a Genoese watch tower which offers fantastic views over the Bay of Bastia and the Tuscan Archipelago; this is the gateway to the spectacular scenery and fishing ports of Cap Corse.

Following the coast in an easterly direction you will see Lavasina beach one of the most beautiful in Corsica. This pebble beach tucked into a cove is protected by the nearby shrine of Our Lady of Lavasina. The cliff road continues on its winding way to the fishing port of Erbalunga which clings like a limpet to a jagged rocky promontory. Erbalunga was once the most important port on Cap Corse as you can see by the many fine buildings dotted around the peninsula. This picturesque village with its colourful fishing boats moored in the harbour, cheerful waterfront cafés and bustling restaurants is guarded by a Genoese watch tower on the headland.

On the west coast you will discover Pino Marina and the medieval village of Nonza perched like an eagle's nest on a cliff top 100 m above sea level. The tower of Nonza offers breathtaking views of the Gulf of Saint Florent. It was built on the orders of the famous patriot Pascal Paoli as a strategic watch tower and is also known as the Paoline tower.

After this visit you will cross Cap Corse once again to return to Bastia.

The tour will stop at Nonza.

This excursion is not recommended for people who suffer from motion sickness



BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Isolated on the Southern most point of Corsica, majestic Bonifacio's natural surroundings are nothing less than remarkable. Sheer, white limestone cliffs rise out of the sea, forming a perfect natural harbour as well as a picturesque setting for this unique town. The first historical mention of Bonifacio is actually in Homer's Odyssey: "An excellent harbour, closed in on all sides by an unbroken ring of precipitous cliffs, with two bold headlands facing each other at the mouth so as to leave only a narrow channel in between." Homer's was an accurate description of Bonifacio. In Roman times, Bonifacio was only a small village. It began to develop around 828 AD when Count Bonifacio of Tuscany built a castle on the peninsula. Its strategic location was much coveted by European powers, and like other places in Corsica, it was subject to numerous raids and attacks. The predominant forces were the Genoese who held dominion over the territory from the 12th to the 19th century until Corsica was given back to France.

Until the advent of tourism Bonifacio was just a sleepy town whose main activity was fishing. Nowadays, visitors will discover an exciting destination possessed of both old and new-world charm and breathtaking beauty.

Sartène the oldest Corsican village

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 40 per group

Duration 4h30

Euros 64

Discover Sartène, the archetypal Corsican village.

The tour begins with a scenic drive along the rugged west coast highlighting the two distinctive aspects of the island's geography, the coastline with its crystal clear waters and the mountains with their huge granite boulders and dense vegetation.

Before leaving the coast road and penetrating into the hinterland, you will pass the famous "Lion de Roccaspina", the silhouette of a lion carved in red granite rock high up on the mountain overlooking the beach of Roccaspina-Murtoli.

The village of Sartène stands atop a rocky promontory and some of the houses are literally built into the rock face. In the Middle ages it was the scene of vendettas, pirate attacks and fierce battles with the Genoese occupiers and became known as "the most truly Corsican town in Corsica". Visit the Church of St Maria, which houses the hood, chain and cross carried by local penitents during the Good Friday Procession and enjoy some free time before returning to the ship.

Corsican roads are winding, so this tour is not recommended for people suffering from vertigo or car sickness

The tour includes a long panoramic drive with several photo stops



Coastal Boat Trip

Guided tour

Transport : on foot to the marina and then by boat

Duration 1h30 including the walk to and from the ship

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 38

Euros 50

A Specially chartered boat will pick you up at the pier. After climbing aboard, you will set off on your coastal exploration trip, leaving the harbour through a narrow channel between the towering cliffs of Bonifacio. The boat will pass by the « Madonetta » lighthouse, built in 1854, before entering the Sdragnato or « Little Dragon » marine cave. There is a long fissure in the roof of the cave through which you can see the sky, and the outline of this natural skylight is strangely reminiscent of the shape of Corsica. Sunlight filters through the crack and illuminates the underwater rocks creating a magical play of light with a wonderful display of colours ; an awe inspiring moment of natural beauty. The tour continues on to « Fazio Creek » and then, following the cliff in a south easterly direction you will pass by the rock known as the « Rudder of Corsica », as well as the King of Aragon's staircase. According to legend the steps were carved by the Aragonese in a single night in 1420 to facilitate a surprise attack on the inhabitants during the siege of Bonifacio. However they actually predate this event and had a much more mundane function, enabling locals to carry water up to the citadel.

The last highlight of the tour is the « Grain of Sand » rock, a large isolated rock, shaped by erosion, which stands in about 10m of sea. This picturesque site will have you reaching for your camera, as it provides the perfect background for a photo souvenir.

If the sea is too rough the itinerary may be modified for your comfort

The boat is chartered exclusively for Star Clippers' passengers

There is a 15 minute walk to the marina

Calling all nature lovers!

Hike to Pertusato

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 15

Duration 3 hours

Euros 59

A nature walk is the ideal way to enjoy the environment, get a closer look at the local flora and maybe spot some of the bird and butterfly species which live in this part of the island and breed on the nearby Lavezzi Islands.

Participants will assemble at the Port of Bonifacio and walk along the marina before climbing Montée Rostello to the small chapel dedicated to Saint Roch which dominates the port. St Roch is, among other things, the patron saint of plague victims; the chapel was built in 1528 at the exact spot where the last plague victim died during a pestilence which ravaged the town and wiped out three quarters of the population.

Heading eastwards the trail continues along deeply scored limestone cliffs which culminate in the wide headland of Capo Pertusato. On the way you will pass the Semaphore, a naval observation tower which regulates the heavy shipping in the area. The views here are breath-taking; you will see Sardinia (9 km away), the Lavezzi and Cavallo islands as well as Bonifacio citadel, perched on a cliff top.

The hike continues for another 1 km before reaching the square towered lighthouse situated on the southernmost tip of the island of Corsica. You will then head back to the port along the same route.

The flora on this protected natural site includes astericus maritimus, thyme, juniper and endemic orchids, depending on the season.

Participants should wear comfortable shoes and clothing and bring a hat, sun protection and water

The hike takes three hours and the ascent (300 m) is fairly easy

Please keep away from the cliff edge

Depending on weather conditions your qualified Mountain Guide may decide to change the itinerary or take a different route.



PORTO CERVO, SARDINIA

On the northeastern coast of Sardinia, between the Golfo di Cugnaga and the Golfo di Arzachena, lies the enchanted land known as Costa Smeralda. Costa Smeralda is relatively new, having been developed by a consortium led by the Aga Khan as recently as the early 1960s. It is an area of extraordinary beauty, fragrant with maquis. The rocky granite coastline breaks away to stunning white sand beaches and coves. In addition to Costa Smeralda's natural attributes, it has been attracting heads of state, billionaires, pop stars, and the elite, becoming one of the most exclusive, and expensive resorts in the world. It is also host to a number of international sporting and musical events. Chic boutiques, cafes, and discos abound, adding to the festive ambiance of the enchanted Emerald Coast.

A Taste of the Costa Smeralda

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, no maximum

Duration 3h30

Euros 69

The Emerald Coast is probably one of the most exclusive and beautiful areas in the Sardinian islands.

It consists of more than 80 kilometres of coastline, and a lush hinterland of rolling granite hills covered with Mediterranean scrubland and wild olive trees.

Discovered and developed by the Aga Khan in 1961, the Emerald Coast is a sanctuary where the natural environment is perfectly preserved, and the Happy Few can enjoy undisturbed privacy, impeccable service, quiet sandy beaches and year round sunshine.

Discover the beauties of the Gallura region, with its fascinating history and traditions. Upon leaving the harbour, you will be taken by coach to the archaeological site of Arzachena and the Nuraghe "La Prisgiona". A Nuraghe is an ancient megalithic edifice built in the Nuragic Age between 1900 and 730 BC. These distinctive buildings have become a symbol of Sardinia and its unique Nuragic civilisation. The Arzachena site is the largest in north east Sardinia and includes a village consisting of some 90-100 buildings spread over 5 hectares.

After the visit you will board the coach once again and head off to the Tenute Mancini Vineyards. (or similar) producing wines which reflect the spirit of the land and the inimitable Sardinian character. Nature has been generous, and the fertile valley and intense sunshine produce excellent wines which you will be able to sample along with some local specialities.

Local shops normally open from 9H00 – 13H00 and from 16H30/17H00 to 20H30 (opening hours at the shop owner's discretion)

The wine tasting includes 3 different types of wine

The drive to the Nuraghe takes 30 minutes and you will spend 45 minutes on site.

The drive to the winery takes 30 minutes and you will spend one hour on site

