

## CRUISES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN TO THE RED SEA

ON BOARD BOUTIQUE STYLE SHIPS • FROM NOVEMER 2023 TO APRIL 2024

BARCELONA • MALAGA • CASABLANCA VALETTA • SYRACUSE • NAPLES • SICILY THE AMALFI COAST • CAPRI • CANARY ISLANDS VALLEY OF THE KINGS • PETRA

# From the Atlantic via the Mediterranean to the Red Sea

Enjoy an intimate environment to discover exclusive destinations. Your cruise will be punctuated by a selection of visits that will allow you to appreciate the culture and traditions of the cities and countries you pass through.

Each program is carefully studied, designed and presented in line with our passengers' expectations, to offer unique ports of call and places to visit.

On board, our crews will be attentive to the smooth running of your stay, which will be offered in an all-inclusive formula. You will enjoy a refined cuisine prepared by our chefs, inspired by French culinary traditions and the sunny notes of local dishes.

Embark on a cruise aboard our boutique style ships La Belle des Océans and La Belle de l'Adriatique for a unique experience that will leave you with an unforgettable memory!



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## La Belle des Océans, Premium ship



La Belle des Océans has navigated the world's seas, drawing its long and majestic silhouette on the most distant horizons.

A prestigious Premium ship, that provides the perfect setting from which to discover new itineraries and visit dream destinations. It can accommodate 130 passengers in 65 spacious cabins and suites, all with exterior views.

Between well thought-out spaces and tailor-made services, everything has been designed to offer top-of-the-range comfort. The restaurant offers contemporary cuisine in a refined setting overlooking the surrounding landscape.

#### Facilities:

- 65 cabins with exterior view
- Swimming pool with bar and grill-restaurant
- "Explorer Lounge" and bar
- "Discoverer Lounge" with tea / coffee area
- Sun deck bar with sun loungers
- Main Restaurant
- Fitness centre
- Wellness lounge

#### Services on board:

- Conferences in the lounge/ba
- Aperitif on the sun deck
- Evening entertainment
- Folklore show
- Massages



## La Belle de l'Adriatique, Premium ship



Renovated in 2017, the MV La Belle de l'Adriatique features a contemporary and warm setting for exploring the Mediterranean, Adriatic Coasts and the Red Sea.

The aqua green and brass interior colours give it an elegant and sunny atmosphere. This 4-deck ship docks in the heart of cities and accommodates 197 passengers on board.

The large sun deck, ideal for relaxation, provides two jacuzzis and sun loungers.

The restaurant is located on the main deck, where all meals are served. The piano bar and lounge bar are ideal places to enjoy a cocktail.

#### Facilities:

- 99 cabins with exterior view
- Jacuzzis and bar on the sun deck
- Piano bar with terrace
- Lounge / bar with dance floor
- Main restaurant

#### Services on board:

- Conferences in the lounge / bar
- Folklore show
- Local food tasting
- Evening entertainment



## From Barcelona to Malaga: in the footsteps of Gaudí, Dalí and

Spain is the birthplace of great artists. Gaudí, Dalí and Picasso are just a few of these geniuses who have left us a legacy of inestimable value.

From Barcelona, the exuberant Catalan capital, to Malaga, the sun-drenched Andalusian beauty, you will discover the historical and cultural riches of Spain.



## Excursions included during the cruise

### BARCELONA

#### Barcelona (morning)

We'll visit the Gothic Quarter and its narrow streets filled with trendy bars, nightclubs, and restaurants. Along our way, we'll pass two Gaudí designs, the Casa Batllo and Casa Mila buildings. The next stop will be La Boqueria Market for a taste of some Spanish cold cuts.

#### La Sagrada Familia and the Park Güell (afternoon)

La Sagrada Familia is Antoni Gaudí's magnum opus. The magnificent building has been under construction since 1882. Since the artist's death, work has resumed and the church can now be visited. Afterwards, we'll take a stroll through Park Güell, another Gaudí urban masterpiece, and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### ROSES

#### Roses and the Dalí Theater-Museum (morning)

We'll enjoy a tour that includes a walk through the old town to see Santa Maria Church and then up to the citadel. Within its walls, we find the ruins of an 11<sup>th</sup>-century monastery, a Roman town, a Greek quarter, a Paleochristian necropolis, and several 16th-century military structures. Our last stop will be the Dalí Theater-Museum, a wild Surrealist dream. Dalí was an eccentric, meticulous artist who changed the way we look at the world.

#### OR

#### Monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes (morning)

The Monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes sits high on a peak in the Sierra de Rodes. The majestic, elegant monastery is a colossal Romanesque-style structure. It served as a cloister for over ten centuries. The last monks abandoned it in the 20th century and left it for ruin before the government carefully restored it.

#### PALAMOS

#### Palamos Fishing Museum (afternoon)

Learn about the past, present, and future of fishing and its significant impact on the Costa Brava. Afterwards, we'll head to the magnificent Bodega Brugarol wine cellar. We'll visit the underground cellars built right below the vineyard with a wine tasting accompanied by cheeses and Spanish cold cuts.

#### **TARRAGONA**

#### Tarragona (morning)

Tarragona is a lively port city with a rich, Roman-infused past. We'll visit the fascinating ruins that include an amphitheater and Roman circus. The Middle Ages also left their mark on Tarragona. Some striking examples include the Tarragona Cathedral, the Diocesan Museum, the Old Santa Tecla Hospital, and the Jewish Quarter.



### CARTAGENA

#### Cartagena (afternoon)

We'll tour the old part of town and see the exterior of the Roman theater discovered only in 1988. A panoramic elevator will bring you to the fortified Castillo de la Concepción, where you'll be able to take in the wonderful views before visiting the fort. The site originated as a Roman temple, evolved into a Moorish fort, and subsequently turned into a medieval citadel.

### MALAGA

#### Malaga (afternoon)

The city where Pablo Picasso was born. Located at the mouth of the Guadalmedina river, Malaga is one of the oldest Mediterranean seaports. Dominated by its Moorish castle perched on the Mount of Gibralfaro, the city offers stunning scenery, a charming historic centre, tree-lined promenades, and excellent restaurants. We'll visit the Picasso Museum, which houses many of his original works.

#### Grenada (full day including lunch)

We will visit the Alhambra, whose translation from Arabic "The Red One" refers to the sun-dried bricks used to build the outer walls. Together with Córdoba's Mezquita, this true wonder of Moorish art stands as one of the most prestigious testimonies of the seven-century Muslim presence in Spain. Next, we'll visit the Palacio de Generalife, the former summer palace of the Nasrid rulers, and its marvellous gardens designed in the 14t<sup>h</sup> century.

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#### 8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE ON BOARD LA BELLE DES OCÉANS

#### November 4 to 11, 2023

DAY		ARRIVAL DEPARTURE
1	Barcelona	
2	Barcelona	8:00 p.m.
3	Roses - Palamos	8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
4	Tarragona	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
5	Cartagena	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
6	Malaga	2:00 p.m.
7	Malaga	
8	Malaga	

#### **PRICE PER PERSON**

REF. BML_AIPP	cabin	cabin
Price per person from	\$2650 \$4 <del>65</del> 2	\$3212 \$6425

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

Contact us for group rate from 20 people.

This price includes: full board cruise • drinks with your meals and at the bar (not including our special wine and drinks list) • excursions mentioned in the program • emergency/repatriation insurance • all port fees.

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## Magnificent Mudéjar Art From the Andalusian Flatlands to Morocco's Imperial Cities

Although the Strait of Gibraltar separates Spain and Morocco, they share a rich, common history.

Our trip will focus on Mudéjar art, a mix of styles that appeared between the Moorish invasions and the Spanish Reconquista. Join us on a fascinating cruise under the golden sunshine in Andalusia to the lively atmosphere of the traditional Moroccan bazaars known as souks.



## Excursions included during the cruise

### MALAGA

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#### TANGER

#### Chefchaouen (full day with lunch included)

Nestled high up in the Rif Mountains, Chefchaouen is unquestionably one of the most beautiful Moroccan towns. You'll discover historic monuments such as the Grand Mosque (exterior views only).

#### CASABLANCA

#### Casablanca (morning)

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This young and dynamic city is a must-see for anyone wanting to get a true feel for the country. Among thesites we'll visit are Mohammed V Square—a worthy representative of Moroccan Art Deco architecture — the Court House, Central Post Office, and the Wilaya Building. Afterwards, we'll visit the Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world and among the rare religious buildings in Morocco open to the public.

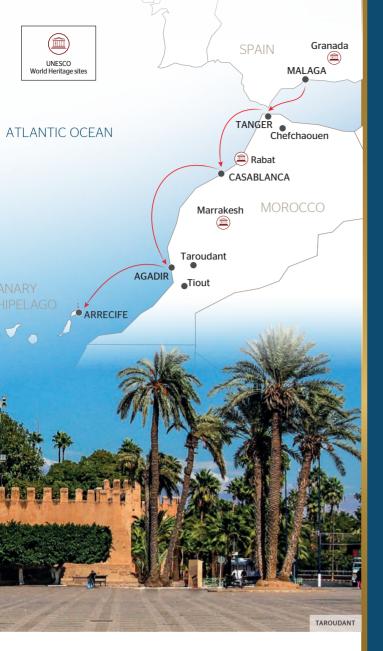
#### Rabat (afternoon) 🕮

The coastal town of Rabat is one of four Imperial Cities of Morocco, with a rich historical past. Its medina, listed asa UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2012, contains awe-inspiring monuments such as the Chellah medieval fortified necropolis, Hassan Tower, and the Mausoleum Mohammed V, which we'll visit.

#### AGADIR

#### Marrakesh (full day with lunch included)

An Imperial City and the capital of the mid-southwestern region of Marrakesh-Safi, Marrakesh has a particularly dense history. The minaret of the emblematic Kutubiyya Mosque, the largest in the city, overlooks the busy metropolis. Our walk will take us to Jemaa el-Fnaa, a square located at the heart of the medina, which offers an intoxicating array of colors and smells at the souk. We'll enjoy an authentic Moroccan lunch at a restaurant. Afterwards, we'll visit Bahia Palace, whose architecture reflects both Andalusian and Moorish influences. We'll then discover the delightful Jardin Majorelle, one of the most phenomenal botanical gardens in Morocco. Although initially destined to be destroyed in favour of the construction of brand new hotels, Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Bergé purchased the garden in 1980.





#### Taroudant and Tiout (full day with lunch included)

Discover authentic Morocco as we travel through the Anti-Atlas Mountains. Located at the heart of the Souss Valley and surrounded by the High Atlas and Anti-Atlas mountain ranges, Taroudant is one of the country's most fascinating tourist destinations. The city, known as the "Grandmother of Marrakesh," abounds with souks offering treasures by local craftspeople. We'll take a tour of the ramparts for an occasion to gaze at the impressive city gates. We'll continue our trip by heading to Tiout. Enjoya traditional lunch at a local restaurant (no alcohol served). Afterwards, you'll be free to take a stroll through the Tiout palm grove at the foot of the casbah. Also referred to as an oasis, it overflows with orange and pomegranate trees, date palms, and large carob shrubs. Lastly, we'll stop off at a cooperative where we'll learn all about the impressive properties of argan oil. FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE 30/09/2023: \$1960 DISCOUNT/pp. in double cabin OR 50% DISCOUNT in single cabin

#### 8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE ON BOARD LA BELLE DES OCÉANS

#### November 11 to 18, 2023

DAY		ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Malaga		
2	Malaga		9:00 p.m.
3	Tanger	6:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
4	Casablanca	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
5	At sea		
6	Agadir	6:30 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
7	At sea		
8	Arrecife	8:00 a.m.	

#### **PRICE PER PERSON**

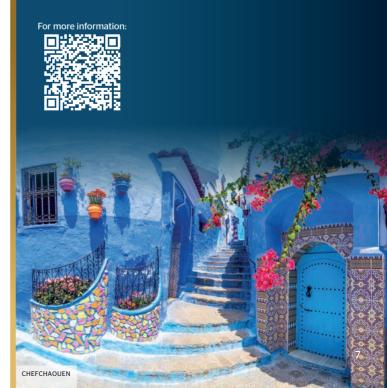
REF. MCE_AIPP	cabin	cabin
Price per person from	\$2587 \$4547	\$ 3189 \$_6377

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

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## The Best of the Mediterranean: Sicily and Malta

This exceptional itinerary offers you a unique experience where history, culture and breathtaking landscapes meet.

Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean, is renowned for its rich history, archaeological remains and spectacular scenery.

Malta, the island of Knights, is full of historical treasures, and the famous capital, Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will captivate you with its magnificent narrow streets and mysterious megalithic temples.









### MEDITERRANEAN SEA



## HIGHLIGHTS

Exclusive itinerary between Sicily and Malta The antique ruins and picturesque villages of Sicily Malta, a patchwork of cultures with megalithic ruins, baroque architecture, and superb natural sites

#### THE MUSTS:

Historical Syracuse
The baroque Sicilian villages of Noto, Ragusa, and Modica
Valletta, the island's capital
The neighboring island of Gozo

FAVORITE: Malta and its rich cultural heritage

#### FULL BOARD WITH DRINKS INCLUDED ON BOARD LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE



## 8-DAY/7-NIGHT CRUISE November 2023

DAY		ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Catania		
2	Catania		1:00 p.m
3	Pozzallo	8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m
	Valetta	9:00 p.m	
4	Valetta		
5	Valetta		
6	Valetta		8:00 p.m
7	Syracuse	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m
8	Catania	7:00 a.m.	



#### FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE 30/09/2023: \$715 DISCOUNT/DD. **AND FREE UPGRADE** to a superior cabin category

#### **2023 DEPARTURES**

November: 10, 17 and 24

#### **PRICE PER PERSON**

REF. CAL_AIPP	Double cabin	Single cabin
Price per person from	\$ 3299 \$ 4014	\$4828 \$5543

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## Excursions inclu



### **CATANIA**

#### Catania (morning)

Located on the banks of the Ionian Sea and dominated by Mount Etna, you'll discover vast squares, wide streets, and lava-rock buildings in this splendid city. Its historic and artistic heritage is just waiting to be discovered.

#### OR

#### Mount Etna (morning)

Mount Etna is the largest active volcano in Europe, and we'll take you up to almost 6,400 feet (1950 m) to the Silvestri Craters near the top. The bleak lava wilderness around the summit of Etna is one of the most memorable landscapes you'll ever see. Subject to favorable weather conditions.



## **POZZALLO**

#### Ragusa and Modica 🕮 (morning)

Travel back in timewhen visiting these lovely UNESCO World Heritage sites. In Regusa, you'll discover two cities in one: modern Regusa rebuilt after the 1693 earthquake and ancient Hybla Heraia, the ancient Ragusa. The city's architectural gem is the Duomo of San Giorgio with its friezes, volutes and column fasces. We'll then continue on to Modica, a charming inland village snuggled on a hillside. Rebuiltafter the 1693 earthquake, Modica is now a lively and dynamic city with oversized churches and steep stairsrunning from the bottom of the village to the top of the slope; and with houses in a thousand shades of ochre, interwoven with each other, crammed into the hills, in the lower town as well as the upper town. During our tour, we'll stop at a chocolate factory to taste a recipe coming directly from the Aztecs.

## ded during the cruise



## VALLETTA

## Valetta

The splendid Maltese capital deserves a special visit. Perched on top of a steep cliff, its layout and architectural structures are remarkable. The city was built stone-by-stone by and for the Order of Knights of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem. We'll make an exclusive stop at Saint John's Co-Cathedral.

#### Discovering Gozo (full day with lunch included)

We'll set out on a full day trip to a calm, heavenly oasis on the Gozo. We'll take the ferry from Cirkewwa to Gozo, admiring the gorgeous landscapes and scenery along the way, including the impressive, fortified citadel in the capital cityof Rabat. You'll discover remains of the Azure Window, a 92-feet (28 m) limestone natural arch that collapsed completely in March 2017, as well as the bay of Xlendi. In the afternoon, we'll visit the megalithic temple complex of Gantija, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



#### Mdina and Rabat (morning)

Mdina is a veritable open-air museum. The ancient Maltese capital holds many treasures, among them several of the most beautiful homes in the country. You'll step back in time strolling through the labyrinth of streets lined with impressive palaces. We'll then head to Rabat, with archaeological relics testifying to the town's importance during the Roman period. We'll visit Saint Pau's and Saint Agatha's Catacombs, the earliest and largest archaeological evidence of Christianity in Malta.



#### Malta's treasures (afternoon)

Discover Malta's treasures by visiting the island's most beautiful sites. We'll visit the Hagar Qim temple complex, dating back to the beginning of the Bronze Age. Our next stop will be Marsaxlokk, a traditional fishing village. Its isolated location and deep waters have made it a strategic island location over the centuries.



## SYRACUSE

## Syracuse and Ortygia (morning)

One of the most fascinating cities in Sicily awaits us today. The 2,700-year-old city of Syracuse played a key role in ancient times, when it was one of the major powers of the Mediterranean world. We'll discover the unique site of the Necropolis of Pantalica, and visit Ortygia, the small island which is the historical center of the city. You'll come across the majestic ruins of the Greek Temple of Apollo, the Piazza Archimede, and the Piazza Duomo, an elliptical open space lined with harmonious and impressive buildings.



Noto and its church were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2002. Totally destroyed by the 1693 Sicilian earthquake, the current town was built on the left bank of River Asinaro, about 8 miles from the previous town. Enjoy a stroll through the historical centre and admire the many monuments: the imposing church of San Francesco (outside), Palazzo Ducezio (outside), the cathedral and Palazzo Nicolaci di Villadorata (outside).

## La Dolce Vita along the Italian coastline Naples, the Amalfi coast, the Aeolian Islands and Sicily

This trip will let you discover superb landscapes, picturesque towns and fascinating volcanic islands.

Departing from vibrant Naples, you'll begin a journey along the Amalfi Coast, with its towering cliffs, colorful villages and exceptional panoramas. Then you'll sail through the Aeolian Islands, a unique volcanic archipelago off the north coast of Sicily, revealing ancient remains and panoramic views of the Ionian Sea.

Get ready to be seduced by the charm of Naples, amazed by the beauty of the Amalfi Coast, impressed by the Aeolian archipelago and captivated by the treasures of Sicily.



#### MEDITERRANEAN SEA

## HIGHLIGHTS

Exclusive itinerary along the Italian and Sicilian seaboards Cruise through the famous Strait of Messina and of the coast of the Aeolian Islands

#### THE MUSTS:

- Naples and its historic center at the foot of Mount Vesuvius
- The fascinating ruins in Pompeii and Herculaneum
- Taormina and its ancient theater
- Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe
- Magical Advent traditions in Italy
- The Via San Gregorio Armeno, also known as "Christmas Alley"
- "Luci d'Artista"art and decorations in Salerno

FAVORITE: The Amalfi Coast and its picturesque hanging villages – southern Italian masterpieces

FULL BOARD WITH DRINKS INCLUDED ON BOARD LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE



## 8-DAY/7-NIGHT CRUISE December 2023

DAY		ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Naples		
2	Naples		6:00 p.m.
3	Milazzo	12:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
4	Messina	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
5	Vibo Marina	8:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
6	Sorrento or Salerno	12:00 p.m.	12:00 a.m.
7	Naples	8:00 a.m.	
8	Naples		



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#### **2023 DEPARTURES**

December: 5, 12, 19 (Christmas), 26 (New Year)

#### **PRICE PER PERSON**

REF. NAP_AIPP	Double cabin	Single cabin
Price per person from	\$3392 \$4107	\$4921 \$5636

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(1) \$ 715 Discount valid on all departures except New Year. The No Single supplement offer valid for following departures: 5 and 12 December 2023.

## **EXCEPTIONAL**

## Christmas Eve cruise REF. NAP\_AIPP

December 19 to 26, 2023 from \$3392/pp. \$4107

New Year's Eve cruise REF. NAP\_AIPP

December 26, 2023 to January 2, 2024 from \$ 4936/pp.

## Excursions inclu



### **NAPLES**

#### Pompeii (morning)

A city frozen in time, which through its tragedy has become one of the most significant resources of information on Roman art, customs, trades, and life,

#### OR

#### Herculaneum (morning)

Just like Pompeii, Herculaneum was also destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Discover the wealth of archaeological finds, from ancient advertisements and stylish mosaics to carbonized furniture and inhabitants.





Discover the must-see sites, masterful works, and unexpected treasures in Naples, such as its old town and royal palace. In the oldest section of Naples, enjoy a stroll down the Via San Gregorio Armeno, the famous pedestrian street where you can observe skilled craftsmen actually working on nativity figures as they carve and paint them. During the holidays, the atmosphere here becomes enchanted. We'll visit the Cloister of Santa Chiara to admire the nativity scene with 18th century figurines.

#### OR

#### The Museo di Capodimonte 🕮 (afternoon)

One of the most beautiful Italian art galleries. The former palace, built in the 18th century, holds the city's art collection, including Caravaggio's Flagellation of Christ. Afterwards, a panoramic tour of the city of Naples.

## ded during the cruise



#### Capri and Anacapri (full day with lunch included)

We'll take an airboat to splendid Capri. On arrival, we'll head to the village of Anacapri and visit the Villa San Michele, built at the turn of the last century by Swedish physician and author Axel Munthe. From the villa gardens, you'll have a fantastic view of the city of Capri, the Gulf of Naples, and Mount Vesuvius. In addition to the amazing backdrop, the gardens themselves possess a rare beauty. Enjoy some time on your own this afternoon or visit the Gardens of Augustus, located on the top of a cliff with a stupendous view of the turquoise sea. *Subject to favorable weather conditions.* 

TIDARI, SANCTUARY OF THE BLACK MADDNMA

### MILAZZO (SICILY)

#### Tindari (afternoon)

Discover the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna and the site of an ancient Greek town with stunning views of the Sicilian coastline. We'll also visit the archaeological site with its Greek theater, baths, and mosaic artwork.

### **VIBO MARINA**

#### The Calabria (afternoon)

The Calabria region is at the toe of the boot in Italy, lapped by the splendid crystal-clear Ionian and Tyrrhenian Seas separated from Sicily by the Strait of Messina. The cradle of Magna Graecia, a land of ancient civilisations and places where customs and traditions customs and traditions still survive, we'll discover Tropea, the pearl of the Calabria. Perched on a rocky promontory with a cliff-side view of the sea, this small city is a veritable jewel. We'll also enjoy a tasting of regional products.



## MESSINA

#### Mount Etna and Taormina (full day with lunch included)

Mount Etna is the largest active volcano in Europe, and we'll take you up to almost 6,400 feet (1950 m) to the Silvestri Craters near the top. The bleak lava wilderness around the summit of Etna is one of the most memorable landscapes you'll ever see. We'll then drive to Taor mina. Nestled above the stunning Sicilian coastline, Taormina brings to life the legendary beauty of Sicily. Enjoy a tour of the area, including the ruins of its ancient Greek theater.

#### OR

## Mount Etna and wine tasting (full day with lunch included)

We'll set out to visit one of the most famous volcanoes in Europe. Century after century, the eruptions have modified the slopes of the mountain, forming unique sculptures of lava and ice. Our coach will climb the mountain to the Sapienza refuge, at about 6,234 feet high (1,900 m). From there, we'll continue our ascent by aerial tram and then in a four-wheel drive bus to the "Tower of the Philosopher." From the ancient and monumental Valle de Bove caldera, you'll take in the superb view across the valley to the Mediterranean Sea. *Subject to favorable weather conditions*.



## SORRENTO

## Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast (afternoon)

Discover the charming, hillside city of Sorrento, surrounded by orange and lemon orchards and a spectacular panorama of the sea. Enjoy an Italian aperitivo and lunch in a local restaurant. Afterwards, we'll continue our trip and visit the villages filled with colorful houses and elegant seaside resorts along the dramatic Amalfi Coast. *Subject to favorable weather conditions, if applicable SALERNE.* 

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## Cruise through the Canary Islands Archipelago, an eternal spring

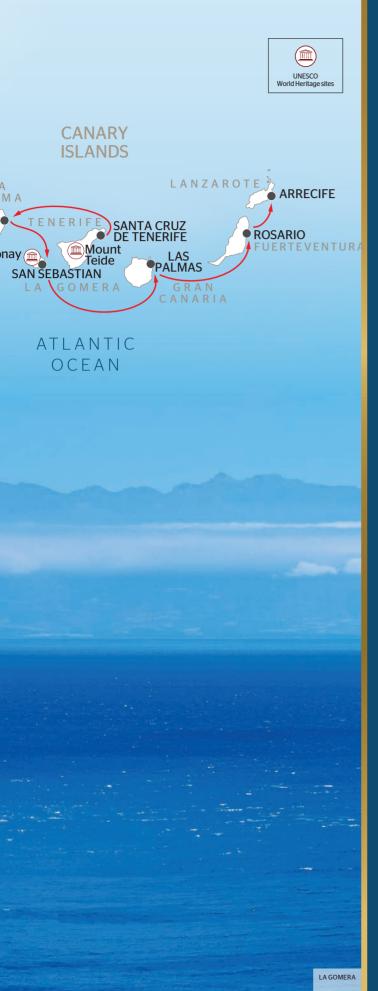
After a successful first season in the Canary archipelago, we are delighted to be able to repeat this superb itinerary, which will take you to 6 of the archipelago's 7 islands in just 8 days, enjoying the comfort on board and a particularly mild climate. You'll discover the strong contrasts that make each of the islands unique:

- In Timanfaya Park, the "Mountains of Fire", an impressive sea of lava makes for a lunar landscape.
- In Tenerife and Gran Canaria, flower gardens transport travellers to a fresh, fragrant dimension
- In La Gomera and La Palma, the lush vegetation gives the impression of a tropical jungle and a haven of peace
- In Lanzarote, the sheer, imposing grey cliffs are unrivalled for giving an impression of dizzying immensity and infinite beauty
- On Fuerteventura, the first island in the archipelago to emerge from the depths of the ocean, the vast plains offer a panorama that is unique in Europe.

On board, take part in our conferences to find out more about the islands of the archipelago.



Garajo



## HIGHLIGHTS

Sailing through the Canary Islands archipelago, discover 6 islands in 8 days

#### THE MUSTS:

- The national parks of Mount Teide and Garajonay, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Gran Canaria, La Gomera and Fuerteventura, contrasting islands with a thousand landscapes
- Lanzarote, a land imbued with rare flavours in the heart of a powerful volcanic nature
- The works of artist César Manrique, a fervent defender of nature, in Lanzarote

#### FAVORITE:

In Lanzarote, in the heart of Timanfaya Park, follow the volcano route, a landscape from another world

#### FULL BOARD WITH DRINKS INCLUDED ON BOARD LA BELLE DES OCÉANS



### 8-DAY/7-NIGHT CRUISE November 2023 to April 2024

DAY		ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Santa Cruz de Tenerife		
2	Santa Cruz de Tenerife		8:00 p.m.
3	Santa Cruz de La Palma	1:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
4	San Sebastian	1:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
5	Las Palmas	8:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
6	Rosario	8:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
7	Arrecife	7:00 a.m.	
8	Arrecife		

For more information:



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#### 2023/2024 DEPARTURES

November 2023: 18<sup>o</sup>, 25 December 2023: 2<sup>o</sup>, 9, 16<sup>o</sup>, 23 (Christmas), 30<sup>o</sup> (New Year) January 2024: 6, 13<sup>o</sup>, 20, 27<sup>o</sup> February 2024: 3, 10<sup>o</sup>, 17, 24<sup>o</sup> March 2024: 2, 9<sup>o</sup>, 16, 23<sup>o</sup>, 30 April 2024: 6<sup>a</sup>, 13

#### **PRICE PER PERSON**

REF. TLZ_AIPP / LZT_AIPP <sup>®</sup>	Double cabin	Single cabin
Price per person from	\$3067 \$3782	\$4640 \$5 <del>35</del> 5

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#### (1) Cruise in opposite direction, different itinerary.

(2) Cruise 'n Hike. Please contact us for the detailed program REF. LZT\_RAIPP.

(3) \$ 715 discount valid on all departures except New Year. No Single supplement offer valid for the following departures: 9 and 16 December 2023; 6, 13, 20 and 27 January 2024; 3 and 10 February 2024.

## EXCEPTIONAL

## Christmas Eve cruise REF. TLZ\_AIPP

December 23 to 29, 2023 from \$ 3 067/pp. \$ 3782

New Year's Eve cruise REF. LZT\_AIPP

December 30, 2023 to January 5, 2024 from \$ 3782/pp.

## Excursions inclu



### SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (TENERIFE) Teide National Park 🕮

### (morning)

It sits at an altitude between 5,413 ft. and 12,198 ft (1,650 m and 3,718 m) and gives a great opportunity to visit a dormant volcano and its surroundings. The park was created in 1954 to preserve and study the volcanic structures and forms represented in the almost 74 square miles it covers (189 km<sup>2</sup>). You'll experience an astonishing view from the top of the crater, and you will be able to stroll around a bit to experience it all from different angles.

#### Puerto de la Cruz (afternoon)

Discover this seaside resort and its picturesque old town as you meander along the waterfront and down charming streets lined with gardens, beautiful homes, and quaint churches. We'll stop at the Mirador de Humbolt, a lookout point with sweeping views of the Orotava Valley and its banana plantations. We will then visit the Orchid Garden Sitio Litre, home to the most extensive collection of orchids on the island.



#### SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA (LA PALMA)

## In the heart of the island of La Palma (afternoon)

We'll visit the Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Las Nieves, a lovely white washed sanctuary housing the venerated Virgin of the Snows. Our tour will then take us along mountain roads and through extraordinary scenery to the Caldera de Taburiente. We'll stop at a traditional 17<sup>th</sup> century farm, surrounded by gorgeous gardens and breathtaking views. On the way back, a brief stop at the Mirador de la Concepcion overlook will give you an impressiveview of the coast and northern part of the island.

## ded during the cruise



### SAN SEBASTIAN (LA GOMERA)

## La Gomera island tour (afternoon)

We'll visit Garajonay National Park, which is blanketed with thick, baytree forests. This UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a striking contrast to the rest of the archipelago. We'll pass through the quaint villages of Hermigua, Las Rosas, and Agulo—whose sweet charm led to the nickname "The Bonbon of La Gomera". We'll stop for a typical island tea time and listen to a demonstration of Silbo Gomero, the whistled language used by the islanders. We'll enter Garajonay National Park to see the Roque Agando rock formation, the symbol of the island, jutting far above the greenery of the forests.



### ROSARIO (FUERTEVENTURA) The Secrets of Fuerteventura

#### (morning)

We'll begin towards the northern partof the island at the Finca Torres, where we'll discover how local goat cheese is made. At the end of our tour, we'll enjoy a tasting of this famous delicacy. We'll then continue on to the small village of Tiscamanita to visit a cosmetics producer who uses aloe vera, one of the most prominent crops on the island. You'll learn everything you'll need to know about this surprising plant. Lastly, we'll experience Betancuria, the island's first colony and former capital. French explorer Jean de Béthencourt founded Betancuria at the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. He chose the area within the valley to be protected from pirate attacks. Despite his strategy, pirates razed the village in 1593.



### LAS PALMAS (GRAN CANARIA)

## Las Palmas and the Bandama Caldera (morning)

We'll begin in old-time Vegueta and the Casa de Colon, a colonial-style mansion with exhibits about the history of the Canary Islands and their link with the New World. We'll continue on to the Bandama Caldera, a volcanic crater that reaches 1,867 feet above sea level (569 m).

## Teror and the Garden of La Marquesa de Arucas (afternoon)

Teroris a place of pilgrimage for all the island's inhabitants as it houses the statue of the patron saint of the island in its basilica, the Virgen del Pino. We'll see the outside of the imposing, black cathedral and visit the lovely Garden of La Marquesade Arucas, home to 400 species of tropical and subtropical plants.



### ARRECIFE (LANZAROTE)

#### Timanfaya National Park (morning)

Seventy-five percent of the island's surface is covered with craters and lava flows dating back to massive volcanic eruptions 270 years ago. We'll travel to the Fire Mountains in Timanfaya National Park to experience this singular beauty. We'll also take part in geothermic demonstrations at the lslote de Hilario. The next stop will be the Salinas de Janubio, salt flats created in a natural lagoon. we'll enjoy a tasting of wine and cheese at one of the oldest bodegas on the island.

#### Learn about César Manrique (afternoon)

One of the most important artists in the Canary Islands. He was a painter, architect, builder, and sculptor. He was also an ecologist and activist for sustainable development in the local construction industry. Jameos del Agua is the art, culture, and tourism center where his talents can be experienced firsthand. Afterwards, we'll head to the Mirador del Rio to take in the outstanding views of the moon-like landscape. Lastly, we'll visit the César Manrique House Museum.

## The Red Sea, Egypt and Jordan, sculpted by Mother Nature, enhanced by Humankind

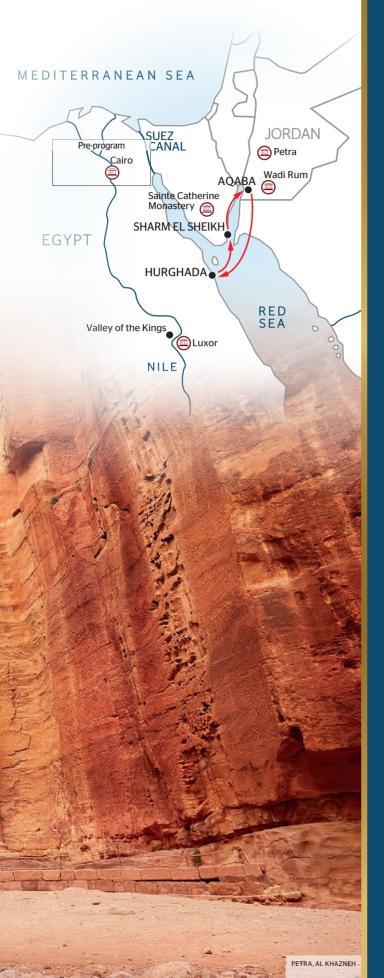
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## HIGHLIGHTS

#### PRE-PROGRAM:

- Discover the mythical Giza Plateau with its pyramids and the Sphinx
- The pyramid of Kheops, one of the 7 wonders of the world
- The necropolis of Saqqarah with its entrance to the pyramid of Teti
- The Cairo Museum and the treasure of Tutankhamun

#### THE MUSTS:

- Naama Bay, spectacular marine life and ecosystems
- The Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Complex, one of the most astounding spots in Upper Egypt
- Sainte Catherine Monastery, Christianity symbol
- The Wadi Rum desert and the Bedouins that call it home

#### FAVORITE:

Petra<sup>(1)</sup>, unquestionably one of the greatest marvels ever sculpted by Mother Nature and enhanced by humankind

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1	Sharm El Sheikh		
2	Sharm El Sheikh		6:00 p.m.
3	Hurghada	1:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
4	At sea Nuweiba	5:30 p.m.	
5	Nuweiba Aqaba	10:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
6	Aqaba		
7	Aqaba		2:00 p.m.
8	Sharm El Sheikh	1:00 a.m.	

#### 3-Day/2-Night Pre-program available "CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA"

DAY	
D-2	Cairo
D-1	Cairo
1	Sharm El Sheikh

For more information

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#### 2024 CRUISE DEPARTURES

January: 27 February: 3, 10, 17, 24 March: 2, 9, 16, 23

#### PRICE PER PERSON

REF. SAQ_AIPP	Double cabin	Single cabin
Price per person from	\$3491 \$4206	\$4807 \$5522

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#### 2024 PRE-PROGRAM DEPARTURES

January: 25 February: 15, 29 March: 21

#### PRICE PER PERSON (pre-program + cruise)

REF. CSQ_AIPP	Double cabin	Single cabin
Price per person from	\$4969 \$5684	\$6472 \$7187

This price includes: double-occupancy accommodations in Cairo at a 5-star hotel • breakfasts and dinners included • lunch included on Day 2 and Day 3 • drinks at all meals when in Cairo (1 bottled water or 1 soft drink + 1 coffee or 1 tea per person) • visits mentioned in the pre-program • domestic flight between Cairo and Sharm El Sheikh • airport/port transfer on D1 • airport taxes (2023 rate: € 300) • your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day • all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) • emergency/repatriation Insurance • all port fees.

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- (1) Access to the tomb of Seti I is limited to the first 50 visitors daily: thereafter, a visit to another tomb will be offered
- (2) Eqyptian authorities may decide unexpectedly to limit access to Sinal. The monks who live at the monastery reserve the right to refuse access from time to time. If this occurs, CroisiEurope will organize a stopover in Ellat for an excursion to Timna Park.
   (3) Depending on the availability of the port of Nuwelba, this port-of-call may be replaced by Sharm El Shelkh.
- (4) No Single supplement offer is valid for the following departures: 27 January; 3 and 10 February 2024.

## Excursions inclu



### SHARM FL SHFIKH

#### The Seafloor in Naama Bay (afternoon)

A glass-bottom boat tour will introduce you to the colorful riches found within the Red Sea. You'll then explore Sharm El-Sheikh and its traditional souk



#### HURGHADA

#### the Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Complex (m) (full day including lunch

length approx. 15h incl. 9h return trip)

We'll leave for Thebes, the ancient capital of the Pharaohs. It's one of ancient Egypt's top tourist destinations. Symbol of the kingdom of the dead and classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Valley of the Kings contains the tombs of the greatest pharaohs. Amenhotep II, Ramses XI and and Tutankhamun. Not all of the 62 tombs carved out of the mountain are open to the public, but you can visit three of them, including the tomb of Seti In, the largest and best-preserved tomb in the Valley of the Kings. Farther along, dominating the eastern bank, sits the 59-foot high (18 m) Colossi of Memnon-faceless effigies seated on thrones at the entrance to the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. We'll also visit the Karnak Temple Complex. At the heart of this site stands the colossal Precinct of Amun, containing a sacred lake.

#### OR

#### Relaxation on a beach on the Red Sea (full day)

Optional day of relaxation on the beach at a hotel on the Red Sea.

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### **NUWEIBA**<sup>(3)</sup>

#### Monastery of Saint Catherine<sup>(2)</sup> (1) (full day including lunch length approx. 9h incl. 5h return trip)

You will cross the Sinai, a mythical area that is part of a major episode in the Bible, symbolised by a landmark, a sacred mountain that gave it its name, and whose resonance is universal. According to the Bible, it was on this mountain in Egypt that Moses met God. You will visit the monastery of Saint Catherine, located at the foot of Mount Sinai, the oldest Greek Orthodox monastery in the world. The guided tour will take you through the basilica and the chapel of the Burning Bush.



#### The Wadi Rum desert () (morning)

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, we'll set out in Jeeps to cross the magnificent desert, also known as the Valley of the Moon. Its vibrant red earth and stunning rock formations make it one of Jordan's most extraordinary sites. Geologists think that Wadi Rum was formed from a strong push from underground, which caused a large fissure in the surface. Some wind-brushed mountain peaks reach over 6,000 feet. Deep canyons and sand dunes add to the mystique. For many centuries, the freshwater springs attracted trade caravans travelling between Arabia, Syria and Palestine. Today, a few hundred Bedouins still call the area home. Known for their hospitality, it is under their tents that you will enjoy tea and sweet specialities.



#### **AQABA**

#### Petra (1) (full day including lunch length approx. 10h incl. 4h return trip)

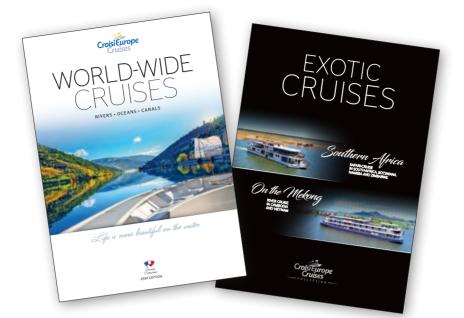
Petra is unquestionably one of the greatest marvels ever sculpted by Mother Nature and enhanced by humankind and is considered one of Jordan's national treasures. Carved into the pink and red stone by the Nabataeans—an Arab people living in Jordan over 2,000 years ago—Petra, meaning "rock" in Greek, was strategically located at the junction of the silk and spice trade routes. To enter the city, we will follow the "siq" a narrow gorge approximately a half-mile in length, delimited by sharp cliffs on eitherside—ending at Al Khazneh, also known as "The Treasury": This tomb of a Nabataean has an impressive Hellenistic facade carved directly into the pink stone at the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, it is a masterpiece of refinement and symmetry which, on its own, makes a visit to Petra worthwhile. We'll also discover the Roman-style Nabataean theater carved into the rock over 2,000 years ago.



### CAIRO (PRE-PROGRAM)

## Following the footsteps of the Pharaohs (a) (full day with lunch included in the program)

We'll begin in Saqqara, a huge area that served as the burial ground for Egypt's ancient capital, Memphis. The main monuments, such as the Step Pyramid, are located in Zoser's funerary complex. In the afternoon, we'll visit the world-famous Giza pyramid complex and the Great Sphinx, who watches faithfully over the ancient structures. Abou al-Hôl, literally the "Father of Terror" in Arabic, was called Sphinx by the Greeks because he resembled the mythical winged monster, who, according to legend, guarded the Greek city of Thebes, asking a riddle to travelers seeking entry into the city, and killing those who were unable to answer. We'll then visit the Egyptian Museum, the oldest archaeological museum in the Middle East, which covers over 5,000 years of history in the area and includes the largest collection of Pharaonic antiquities in the world.



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