

# Civitavecchia to Venice

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All tours are offered with English speaking guides.

Tours' duration is approximate and may vary depending on traffic and weather conditions. Minimum is indicated per coach or group.

## Ponza, Italy

Ponza is the Italian island where Italians come to vacation. The island features dramatic coves and cliffs, while the main town features yellow and pink houses, and a harbor full of fishing boats. The volcanic scenery is stunning and the coastline is spotted with private coves and beaches. Snorkeling opportunities abound.

The town features dozens of lively shops and restaurants and well as scooter and bike rental outfitters. Ponza is only five miles long and never more than half a mile wide so exploring relatively easy-- just keep in mind there are some steep slopes.

The beach, Chiaia di Luna, is located near the port with the high cliffs offering a dramatic backdrop to the clear blue Mediterranean.

## Capri, Italy

### Levante Cruise, Capri & Anacapri

By boat, minivan and by foot

Min. 25 / Max. unlimited, 4 hours, Euros 52

Capri is the outpost of the peninsula of Sorrento and is called the jewel of the Bay of Naples because of its impressive scenery, clear skies and beautiful climate.

You will be picked up by private motor boat directly from the ship and will be taken on a scenic ride to the east side of the island. During the mini cruise you will have the chance of admiring some of the most astonishing natural beauties of the island such as the White Grotto, the Faraglioni rocks and Punta del Capo. Leave the boat and walk to the minibus parking. The tour will continue with a drive to the small, picturesque village called Anacapri. Here, you can choose between taking the chair lift up to Monte Solaro, boasting breathtaking views of the bay of Naples, or visiting the famous Villa San Michele, an ancient property built on the ruins of one of the Tiberius palaces, taken over by the Swedish doctor & author Axel Munthe, writer of the famous 'Life of San Michele' book, who made it his home. The villa is now a museum of his paintings and furnishings.

You will then continue towards the famous Piazzetta – the main square of Capri – where you will enjoy free time. From the main square in Capri, you will then take the Funicolare back down to the port of marina Grande (tickets will be provided by the guide). Those who wish may stay in town and return later.

**NOTE:** • This tour is not suggested to guests with walking difficulties. **No ramps or special boots available.**

- The Levante cruise will take 1hr, the rest of the tour will be by local mini-van and by foot. The cruise is subject to sea and weather conditions.
- For this excursion we might use big or smaller boats – in the case of choppy sea, you might get wet.
- Capri is extremely busy, (even more on Sundays, bank holidays and every day in July and August). There will be unavoidable waiting lines for the cable

car and mini vans. **Therefore, queues must be expected as either minibuses or funicular.**

- **In Capri boats and minibuses work on a first come, first served basis. Pre-reservations are not possible.** When a group arrives at the parking area the group gets listed and has to wait for its turn.
- In Capri, you will have time for shopping and for an individual exploration. You could go on your own to Augustus's gardens which are like a living postcard terrace overlooking the bay of Marina Piccola and the emerging Faraglioni rocks. (15 minutes to go and a bit more to come back as it is uphill).
- Inside visit : villa san Michele

## Giardini Naxos Taormina, Italy

*(Civitavecchia to Venice cruises)*  
**Transfer to Taormina and  
Guided Visit of the Theater**

By air-conditioned motor coach and foot  
Min. 25 / Max. unlimited, 4 hours, Euros 37

You will leave the landing pier of Naxos and drive along the coastal road dotted with lovely villas and gardens in bloom. Once you reach the picturesque city of Taormina, you will leave the coach to start the walking tour. The town is perched on a terrace overlooking the sea and has a delightful medieval character. Your first stop will be to admire the famous palazzo Corvaja, a 15th century palace. The building is indicative of the architectural style of the period and is adorned with classic double windows. You'll then go to the impressive theater built by the Greeks in the 3rd century BC, renowned for its size and unique acoustic effects. It is still used in summertime for open-air performances. Before returning to the ship, there will be time for a stroll in Corso Umberto. Just off this pedestrian street there are many small streets where you'll have time to buy local handicrafts and savor some Italian coffee or local sweets.

**NOTE:** This tour involves a lot of walking. After leaving the coach at the parking area, sightseeing will take place entirely by foot. The path to the city center of Taormina involves walking uphill. Comfortable shoes are suggested. Shops are open Monday to Saturday from 09h00 to 13h00 and from 16h00 to 20h00.

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**Sicilian Brunch, Wine Tasting and  
Transfer to Taormina**

By air-conditioned motorcoach  
Min. 25 / Max. 40, 7 hours, Euros 85

Leaving the pier by motor coach you will motor on the freeway to the south, leave the freeway in Giarre and continue for Mount Etna joining the scenic road which winds around the slopes of the mountain passing the town of Giarre and the village of Santa Venerina, motoring across vineyards and woods. Driving across Santa Venerina you will be able to see the damages of the earthquake which has hit the area in 2002. You will then reach the estate belonging to the Barons di Villagrande where you will be welcomed by the baroness. This charming lady will guide you in a tour of the cellar and the winery explaining the qualities of the Mount Etna wine and the secrets of a real expert. You will enjoy a magnificent view over the fertile valley and the fields covered with vines which produce the certified Etna wine, which is produced from local vines, and made special by the lava, which has entered the soil during the centuries, and the particular position of the fields in respect of sun. The visit completed you will proceed to the old stable where you will enjoy a sicilian brunch with local products and taste the different qualities of wine produced in the estate. Leave the winery and proceed to reach Taormina. The town is perched on a terrace overlooking the sea and has a delightful medieval character. There will be time for a stroll in Corso Umberto. Just off this pedestrian street there are many small streets where you'll have time to buy local handicrafts and savor some Italian coffee or local sweets. You might decide to go and visit the roman amphitheater.

At the fixed time drive back to the pier.

- NOTE:
- 45 minutes drive from the pier to the Barone di Villagrande Estate
  - 45 minutes drive to Taormina
  - Time at leisure in Taormina
  - Wine and water included at lunch
  - On July 16th and October 8th you will visit the Barone del Murgo winery

## Mount Etna

*(depending on weather conditions and local authorizations)*

By air-conditioned motor coach

Min. 20 / no Max., 5 hours 30 min., Euros 90

Majestic Mount Etna is Europe's largest active volcano, rising 3340 meters. Her slopes soar up to over 3,296 meters and the flanks are spotted with cones and craters. From the peaks, you can gaze out across the Catania Gulf and view the woods, orchards and vineyards. The main attraction is Etna's crater and the awe-inspiring petrified remnants of lava flows. The tour will start with a drive through the small town of Naxos. Driving to Mount Etna along the motorway, you'll enjoy the journey along a scenic road that winds around the slopes of the mountain, passing the town of Giarre and the villages of Santa Venerina and Zafferana. You'll delight at the ever-changing scenery of lemon groves, orchards, vineyards, and chestnut and pine woods that blend with the hardened lava and endless volcanic cones. The Silvestri crater is located about 1950 meters above sea level. Once there, you will then transfer to 4x4 minibuses or cable car to reach approx 2500 meters and then go further up to the base of the main crater at about 2950 meters above sea level by 4x4 minibuses. A professional alpine guide will lead a 30-45 minute hike to see the last lava flow and walk around the craters (Depending on volcano activity)

- NOTE:
- Comfortable shoes are suggested, and a jacket or sweater is necessary on Mount Etna. It might be cold and / or windy even in Summer!
  - It is a 1h15 drive each way to reach Mount Etna.
  - This tour will be available only during summer, weather permitting. You will visit either the North or the South side depending on the current volcanic activity.
  - You will reach approx. 2950 meters above sea level – if you suffer with high blood pressure or heart diseases, please check with your doctor

## Corfu, Greece

### Achilléion and Old Town

By air-conditioned motorcoach and by foot  
Min. 25 / Max. unlimited, 4 hours, Euros 33

Enjoy a pleasant drive through the verdant countryside teeming with orange, lemon, cypresses and olive groves. At the traditional village of Gastouri marvel at the Achilleion constructed under the rule of the Empress Elisabeth of Austria.

She greatly admired the Greek hero Achilles and named the palace after him. After her assassination, Kaiser Wilhelm II bought the villa. The Greeks confiscated it in 1914. It's built in neoclassical style with large frescoed rooms, ancient motifs and souvenirs of Elisabeth and Wilhelm II. The Italian terraced gardens are planted with flowers and Mediterranean trees and adorned with statues including the dying Achilles (by the German sculptor Herter), across from which Wilhelm II set up a huge bronze statue of Achilles, the Victor. Once in this palace, you have the opportunity to visit the vast, impressive rooms and the striking gardens boasting exotic trees and flowers and commanding a breathtaking view of the Ionian Sea. From Achilleion you continue the panoramic drive to the Old Town and Spianada. Enjoy a walk through the old quarter, along the narrow cobblestone streets known as Kantounia and past the old cricket grounds. Enjoy some free time and stroll through the arcades of the Liston Piazza--once the palace stables--and catch a glimpse of the old Church of Saint Spyridon, boasting a priceless collection of icons and gifts offered to the patron saint of the island. Rejoin your coach at the old fortress entrance and return to the ship.

**NOTE:** The use of cameras and video cameras is free of charge in the Achilleion but flash is prohibited. The Achilleion being a famous place it might be very crowded above all in July and August.

### Flavor of Corfu

By 4x4 open vehicles

One passenger drives the vehicle!

Min. 16 / Max. 160, 4 hours 30 min., Euros 67

The tour departs from the port and ascends the main coastal road heading towards the island's north coast, passing the resorts of Alykes, Kontokali and Gouvia. Upon arrival in Gouvia, the drive continues through Ag.Vassilios and Ano Korakiana before taking a narrow meandering road through Sokraki-one of oldest villages on the island, perched on the mountain peak and cloaked with pine and olive trees. The tour then continues off-road along a mountain ridge with a panoramic view of the islands Mathraki and Othoni, in the northwestern part of Greece, towards the village of Troumbetta. From Troumbetta, follow a narrow country lane west, passing by the villages of Alimatades, Vistonas and Makrades before you make a stop at the Golden Fox Café, high up in the village of Lakones. The café is renowned for its spectacular panorama of the bay of Paleokastritsa. Owing to its position the cafe is also known as 'God's balcony'. Here can indulge in a typical Greek meze and a glass of wine. From Lakones, descend to Pakeokastritsa Bay where a stop for swimming (optional) will be made. It is then time to start the journey towards the vessel.

- NOTE:**
- Guests will be driving the jeeps which are 4x4 shift stick jeeps.
  - A part of the tour is off-road.
  - This tour is not advisable for guests with back problems.
  - Drivers need to be older than 23 and have a driving license with them.
  - **It is recommended that drivers have expertise in driving 4x4 vehicles**

# Kotor, Montenegro

## Guided walking Tour of Kotor

By foot

Min. 25 / Max. unlimited, 1 hour 30 min.,

Euros 20

Upon disembarkation we will start the walking tour of Kotor, an old medieval Mediterranean town in the beautiful fjord. Kotor is the old maritime centre of Montenegro, full of monuments, shops, café bars, and restaurants. It is under the UNESCO protection. We will visit the Maritime museum, the Cathedral of St. Tripun from 12th century, and Greca square, where the two orthodox churches, St. Luka and St. Nikolas, are situated. After the guided portion of the tour the guests will have the opportunity to explore the city on their own, before heading back to the ship.

- Inside visits: Maritime Museum, Church of St. Nikola

## Perast & Kotor

by bus and boat

Min. 25 / Max. 48, 4 hours, Euros 57

Upon disembarkation you will drive through beautiful bay of Kotor to Perast, a small baroque village hidden behind the islet of Lady of the Rocks. The most beautiful buildings of this small city were built in the 17th and 18th century. It is a small and peaceful place which abounds in sacred monuments, such as the Church of St. Nicholas built between 15th and 17th century. Here you will visit the Maritime Museum.

After the visit you will have free time to explore Perast on your own before you sail to the islet Gospa od Skrpjela or Lady of the Rocks and its church called as well Lady of the Rocks.

Gospa od Skrpjela is a baroque church on one of two islets, deep in the Bay of Kotor, across from the town of Perast. According to the legend, the islet was made over the centuries by the seamen who kept an ancient oath. Upon returning from each successful voyage, they laid a rock in the Bay. Over time, the islet gradually emerged from the sea. Our Lady of the Rocks was seen on the sight. The church contains 68 magnificent paintings by Tripo Kokolja, a famous 17th century artist from Perast. His most famous painting, ten meters long, is The Death of the Virgin.

Then, you will embark the coach and drive from Perast to Kotor. On our return to Kotor we will start the introductory tour of Kotor, an old medieval Mediterranean town in the beautiful fjord. Kotor is the old maritime centre of Montenegro, full of monuments, shops, café bars, and restaurants. It is under the UNESCO protection. The Cathedral of St. Tripun from 12th century, the orthodox church of St. Luka will be viewed from the outside.

**NOTE:**

- Light clothes and sturdy shoes are recommended for that tour
- There is a 20 minutes drive to Perast
- You will visit the Maritime Museum in Perast, Gospa od Skrpjela church

## Dubrovnik, Croatia

*Prices for these tours are based on the ship being at anchor, and are subject to change should the ship be at dockside and additional transportation engaged.*

### **Traditional Dubrovnik**

By coach and by foot

Min. 25 / Max. 80, 4 hours, Euros 42

This is an opportunity to enjoy, not far from the city, a genuine village atmosphere and traditional specialities. The drive takes you through a chain of villages in the Konavle Valley to the small village of Poljice where you will visit the Glavic family and their typical Konavle style house. The family has lived here for generations producing grape brandy, olive oil and wine in traditional way. Your hosts will show you around the house, with a traditional welcome drinks included (dried figs and home-made brandy).

The romantic atmosphere, exquisite scenery, and the charm of your host will make the entire visit a memorable experience. You will continue your tour to the little town of Cavtat, founded centuries ago at the remains of Epidaurus. This beautiful region has long been a source of inspiration for artists and poets. On arrival, you will traverse the town's palm-lined promenade. Here, residents and visitors congregate to enjoy the southern European summer weather. Having once served as a Roman settlement, Cavtat is today a favorite destination for sailors as well as yachting enthusiasts. Enjoy independently exploring the town at your own pace.

Upon arrival to Pile Gate your guide will take you for an introductory tour of the Old Town showing you all the highlights of this medieval town. After the introductory tour you will have the opportunity to explore the city on your own.

**NOTE:** • The drive to Poljica is about 60 minutes, the scenic drive to Cavtat is about 20minutes, the drive to Dubrovnik is 30 minutes.

- You will spend 45 minutes with the Glavic family
- You will have time at leisure in Dubrovnik

## Hidden treasures of Dubrovnik

By foot

Min. 25, no max., 3 hours, Euros 44

Stari Grad, the old city of Dubrovnik and its medieval walls have been designated a world heritage site by UNESCO. Upon disembarkation you will walk to the Stradun, main street of the Old City of Dubrovnik where many fine buildings will be viewed from the outside – Sponza Palace, notable for its columned courtyard, Rector's Palace, the seat of the Rector in once independent Republic, the Cathedral, Onofriou's Column, etc.

The first visit will be at the Cathedral whose roots stretch back to the 7th century. Beneath the Cathedral, nearby archaeological excavations have revealed the foundations and walls of two older churches. Around the mid-12th century another magnificent church was constructed around the walls of the original church. Some say that this new church was financed by Richard the Lion-Heart who, on his return from the Third Crusade, was shipwrecked off the island of Lokrum. Saved by the citizens of Dubrovnik, he was so grateful he gave a substantial gift to finance the new church.

You will then walk to visit to the ramparts.

Part of the walls date from the 13th century, they are intact and encircle the old city with a circumference of more than a mile and a half (you'll walk half way). From the top of the rampart you overlook the sea of roofs covered in a mosaic of clay and dried earth tiles. Twenty five metres high, six metres wide, the rampart has protected the city for seven centuries. Built in the twelfth century, it was fortified one century later by fifteen square, gothic towers. The risk of Ottoman attack led to the existing towers being re-inforced in the fifteenth century: the Lovrijenac citadelle is in the west, the Minceta tower at the northern edge of the town, the Bokar tower that protects the Pile gateway, and the Revelin fort at the eastern entrance to the town. At the four fortresses a ditch was added, as well as a second layer of fortification on the inside. The walkway at the top of the rampart offers an impregnable view of the town: the steep, grid-like streets, the facade of the salesmans houses that border the Stradun, each one built with similar baroque

style, the patchwork of tiles every now and then broken by a dome, a tower, a bell tower....

Next stop is to the Dubrovnik maritime museum, located in St John's castle which was rebuilt after the earthquake of 1979. The permanent display consists of 4000 exhibits which illustrate the naval history of Dubrovnik and the surrounding area. Among them are ship models dating back to the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries as well as flags, cannons, log books weapons and some rare books.

After that visit a glass of sparkling wine will be served in front of the Maritime museum.

Then you will descend from the walls and the guide will accompany you to the Old harbour or you can stay and take time to stroll around the city at your convenience and be able to get back to the ship at any time.

- NOTE:
- Cameras & videos are not allowed in the museum.
  - This walking tour includes a lot of uphill walking and staircases.
  - It might be hot on the ramparts, do not forget to take some sun protection and a bottle of water
  - Inside visits: the maritime museum and the cathedral

## Korcula, Croatia

*(Civitavecchia to Venice itineraries only)*

**Korcula, Cultural and Historical Center**

By foot

Min. 20 / Max unlimited, 2 hours, Euros 22

Korcula is perhaps most thought of for its history – from the house in which islanders believe Marco Polo was born, to medieval fortifications erected to keep the Turkish invaders and pirates at bay. These landmarks make the largest settlement on the island, also named Korcula, a fascinating town to explore. Here the main street does not cleanly bisect the town, but zig zags, the side streets feeding into it at an angle. And none of this is by accident; the zig zagging blocks the cold winter winds that blow in off the sea while a layout of the side streets tempers the heat of the midday sun. A tour of the town weaves in and out of the stone – paved streets in one of the most beautiful towns in Dalmatia. The tour spans centuries and myriad art forms. From the 14th – 16th century fortifications, taking you via the Rector's palace with its 15th century turrets, into the City Museum housed in a 16th century mansion with an impressive array of artifacts and Byzantine icons that bring Korcula's history alive. You will also visit the Treasury of the Abbey and the beautiful Cathedral.

## Walking tour in Orebic

By boat and by foot

Min 20 / Max 35, 4 hours, Euros 54

The tour will start with a short boat ride across channel to get from Korcula to mainland in Orebic, from where the trekking tour will begin. The first stop will be made after approx 30 minutes of rather slow and moderate walking, in a Franciscan monastery overlooking Peljeski kanal and Korcula Island. In fact, the Monastery and the adjacent church were built in 15th ct as watch tower. Continue the tour towards the small village called Karmen, and the 17th ct church, which was the centre of the village in the past. In a nearby home of one of the inhabitants small refreshment consisting of sandwiches made of home made cheese and smoked ham will enrich your experience, and refresh you before return. Return back to the pier from where you will be transferred to Korcula by boat.

- NOTE:
- Don't forget your cameras since numerous photo opportunities wait for you.
  - Please note that this tour is weather depending, and it will not be operated in case of bad weather.
  - The Boat ride from Korcula to Orebic is 15 minutes each way
  - The hiking part including several stops is 3h30
  - Some refreshments will be offered during the excursion

# Hvar, Croatia

## Hvar Island Tour

By air-conditioned motor coach

Min. 25 / no Max., 3 hours 30 min., Euros 57

The Island of Hvar is a well-known destination thanks to its mild climate and lush subtropical vegetation. The island is rich in cultural and historical monuments and remains of the ancient times can still be seen in most settlements on the island.

The coach will take you from Hvar town to Starigrad, a small town famous for its large bay, which has long inspired artists and poets. Starigrad is a crowning glory in this majestic countryside. The town of Starigrad was the largest settlement on the island and dates back to the 2nd century BC. In Starigrad you will visit the Dominican Monastery, with its rich library of priceless books and paintings. After a short guided tour you will have some free time in the town before continuing your scenic ride toward village of Vrisnik, where your friendly host will welcome you to his traditional country home. He will provide special wine tasting and a local snack. The island's wines range from light whites to full-bodied reds; all of them made locally and produced only in small quantities. You will be able to taste some of the finest wines produced on the island. In between sips you can enjoy some local specialties such as smoked ham and homemade cheeses. Leaving the village of Vrisnik you will continue your ride toward the town of Hvar. Just before arrival, a short stop will be made at the Fortress above Hvar where a magnificent view of Hvar and the Pakleni Islands can be enjoyed.

**NOTE:**

- This tour includes panoramic drives
- You will spend one hour in Starigrad, half guided and half on your own
- The drive between Vrisnik and Hvar is one hour

## Hvar, Pearl of the Adriatic

By foot

Min 25 / Max 60, 2 hours, Euros 40

Through narrow streets you will walk to the 15th century Franciscan monastery to visit the impressive Renaissance cloister, the old refectory that today houses a collection of lace, manuscripts and books and the church with its remarkable collection of paintings.

The guide will then lead you to the main square to visit the Cathedral of St. Stephen, its treasury and bell tower with its distinctive mark of the Venetian rule. Interesting building seen from the outside is the Arsenal, an imposing building built in 1611. Inside the building there is Europe's oldest community theatre established in 1612.

After the guided portion of the tour your guide will take you to the restaurant which holds one of the most beautiful terraces in Hvar for some refreshments and snacks.

Then you will have the opportunity to explore the town on your own before returning to the ship.

## Rovinj, Croatia

*(Venice to Civitavecchia itineraries only)*

### Cycling on Rovinj

By bike

Min. 15 / Max. 30, 3 hours 40 min., Euros 44

The tour will begin at Valdibora, where the bikes and guides will wait for all guests. You will ride through the center of Rovinj, main square, waterfront, and then through the Marina, to reach the Park Forrest Zlatni Rt (Golden Cape). According to your preference, the guide will then determine whether the tour will commence through the quarry where a short brake will be given, or if the shortcut to the beach will be taken. The first stop will be at the Kuvi bay, to take memorable photos. One kilometer further, a swim stop will be taken, at the Villa Rubin beach (you will be able to use the showers). The guide will remain with the guests that want to stay at the beach, while the other guide will stay with the guests that will continue the cycling back to Rovinj.

- NOTE:
- Helmets are provided for all guests
  - The duration is 3hrs including a 1hr swimming stop
  - Light clothes, but sturdy shoes are recommended we suggest you take a bottle of water with you.

## Istria Tour

By airconditioned motorcoach

Min 25, Max 90, approx 4 hours, Euros 48

Istria, Croatia's largest peninsula, will attract you not only by its coast, but also by the lovely and varied inland area. Join our tour to discover Red, Grey and White Istria, to enjoy the beauty of its green hills and numerous vineyards. Istria is also abundant in historical and cultural monuments. Our tour starts with a drive to Pazin, a town in central Istria. In 1574, Pazine established a fair to sell farm products and live stock from the surrounding areas; the tradition continues today. The old part of the town, Kastel, lies on a hill about 130 meters above the abyss called Jama, into which the Pazincica River (the Brook of Pazin) descends. The abyss represents a unique natural monument, a specific hydrographic and morphologic phenomenon of the Istrian karst landscape. You will visit the Ethnographic Museum, displaying a folkloric heritage, weapons and ceramic items, witnessing the way of life in the region over the centuries.

Continue your tour towards Motovun, a charming medieval town, encircled by ramparts, situated on picturesque hilltop, offering a fascinating view of the surrounding valley, fields and mountains. We'll make a photo stop along the to take pictures of this picturesque medieval settlement

Istria is renowned for its wine production and has many famous vineyards. You may taste some of the best Croatian wines when we stop in one of the vineyards on our way to Lim fjord. Lim, one of the most beautiful bays along the Adriatic coast, was proclaimed a protected natural park. It is famous for oysters.

- NOTE:
- The drive to Pazin is 30 minutes, you will spend approx 30 minutes there
  - The drive to Motovun is then 30 minutes
  - The drive to the winery is approx 30 minutes, you will spend 30 minutes there and taste 2 sorts of wine
  - The drive back to the ship is 40 minutes
  - Inside visit: Castle and Ethnographic Museum in Pazin
  - This tour is not recommended to guests suffering from transportation sickness





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