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Corsica, France

Covering an area of 3,400 square miles, Corsica, one of the three largest islands in the Mediterranean, lies 100 miles South of the French Riviera, 50 miles from the Italian coastline and 8 miles from its nearby neighbor, Sardinia. Half of the 220,000 population are concentrated in the two principal towns of Ajaccio and Bastia while the rest are scattered throughout the island, leaving wide stretches of uninhabited terrain and large open spaces among the mountains, the forests and along the coastal area.

Bastia, Corsica

Bastia, is the capital of Haute-Corse Department, a port on the northeastern coast of the island of Corsica. It is a commercial, manufacturing, fishing, and wine-exporting center. Settled in the 14th century by the Genoese, who built a fortress to protect it, Bastia was the capital of the island until 1791. The city was held by the British in 1745 during the War of the Austrian Succession, but was soon recaptured by the Genoese, who sold the entire island to France in 1768. It was occupied by the British again from 1794 to 1796, during the French Revolution. The Germans held the city in 1942-43, during World War II. The city is stretched between sea and mountains. Its sloping reliefs raise its architectural characteristics. Bastia has an historical and religious inheritance of quality: the citadel, genoese fortification; the ethnographic museum ; the cathedral of St Mary: a building of the XVIII century which shelters a historical organ; the Saint Cross vault, jewel of baroque art with its black miraculous Christ venerated by the fishermen. The charm of this historical district does not lie so much in the ostentation and the pageantry, but in the discrete elegance of the small places and the narrow lanes, which contrast with the imposing mass of the churches to the wrought frontages. Discover, while walking , the sites of the Old Port, the Market, the old paved lanes, and the splendid Saint Nicolas place.

Bastia and Erbalunga

By air conditioned motor coach and on foot
Min 25 / max 48, 3 1/2 hours, Euros 38

This excursion will run firstly by coach and then by foot. During this tour you will discover the old town and the proud citadel, the cathedral Ste Marie, the governor palace and the old port.

Nowadays Bastia is the main town of north Corsica, and also the biggest commercial port of the island. Under the Genoese administration, Bastia was the capital of the whole island, and

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was very rich thanks the numerous vines, olives & chestnut trees plantations. Being also the nearest port to Italy, the town became an important trading call.

While walking through the narrow streets, you will soon discover some signs of a rich and interesting past. Pass through the square St Nicolas, the meeting point of all the population.

You will pass the Terra Vecchia which goes from the place St Nicolas to the old port, through un-regular paved streets, passing nice little chapels and oratorio in baroque style like the Oratoire St Roch, or the ‘flamboyant’ Oratoire de l’Immaculée conception, arriving at the church St Jean Baptiste famous for its twin campaniles.

Back on the coach, you will reach Erbalunga, located 9km from Bastia yet a world away. This cosy fishing village have been the inspiration for numerous painters and poets. Following a brief introduction to the village, free time will be allocated to browse its picturesque narrow streets which are closed to traffic. Return to Bastia will be by the same route.

**Nature Reserve at the Etang de Biguglia –
one of Corsica’s largest lagoons**

Mountain bike excursion

Level of difficulty: Easy

Min 6 / max 12, approx 4 hours, Euros 55

Participants set off from the port and head to Arinella Beach a popular summer haunt for Bastia families. Beyond the “étang du Chiurlinu” there is a 15 km cycle track beside the lagoon which affords plenty of scope for bird watching and admiring the many species of migratory birdlife which nest on the reserve. The excursion will then proceed to the archaeological site of Mariana to visit the fine Roman chapel of La Canonica. There will be an opportunity for a beach stop near a pine grove and then the group will return to Bastia, via the Citadelle and the Old Port.

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 harbor as well as a picturesque setting for this unique town.

The first historical mention of Bonifacio is actually in Homer's *Odyssey*: "An excellent harbor, 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 superior location made many European powers desire possession of the port, and like some of its Corsican counterparts, it was also subject to numerous raids and attacks. The predominant forces were the Genoese who held domain from the 12th to the 19th century until Corsica was returned to France. For the last 100 years Bonifacio was a sleepy town of fishermen, until the arrival of tourism. Today, you will find Bonifacio to be an exciting destination possessing a variety of old and new-world charm and breathtaking beauty.

Boat Trip the Lavezzi Island

Min. 25 / max 45, duration 3 hours, Euros 29

Board a local motorboat for an unforgettable trip along the extraordinary coastline of Bonifacio. Discover the dramatic sight of the citadel and the upper town; you will get a best perspective of its buildings overhanging the magnificent chalky cliffs which look like they are about to topple into the sea.

Sail out through the narrow harbour entrance called the Goulet, pass the deep rocky inlets with their clear aquamarine waters and the magical Grotte du Sdragonatu which is entered through a narrow and low passage. The cave with its gloriously coloured seabed is a single huge chamber with a hole in the roof shaped like a map of Corsica

Further along; reach the Lavezzi Island from which the whole archipelago gets its name and which is formed by a group of small barren uninhabited granite islands located 10km southeast of Bonifacio. One hour will be allocated to enjoy its beautiful shell sands beaches and azure coloured sea and to linger this island which is classified nature reserve since 1982. The island is home to several rare species of wild flower such as yellow-horned poppy and white sea daffodil. On the way back pass close to the Cavallo island, pass the Pointe de Sperone and come back through the calanque and the cliffs before reaching the attractive and lively marina in Bonifacio.

NOTES:

- The entrance into the Sdragonatu Cave is subject to good weather conditions with calm seas.
- We wish to advise guests that there are no facilities, nor shade on the Lavezzi Island.
- If you decide to swim from the boat, you must know that the sea depth is 6 to 7 meters, and you will have to jump from the boat and then climb back into the boat, assisted by the crew.
- This is not a guided tour.
- There is no changing facilities onboard the ship, you must wear your swimming costume. Take a bath towel with you.
- In case of choppy sea, the trip will be modified in order to take place in comfortable conditions.
- The boat is chartered for Star Clipper passengers.

Sartène, the Oldest Corsican Village

By air-conditioned motorcoach

Min 25 / max 48, duration 4 hours, Euros 48

This excursion will take you to the most Corsican of the Corsican villages, Sartène. Begin your tour with a scenic drive along the rugged west coast of Corsica while discovering along the way both sides of the island the coastline with its crystal clear waters and the mountains with the deep macchia, the local vegetation, and the huge granite boulders.

You will pass the famous Lion de Roccapina, the silhouette of a lion carved in the red granite rock on the top of a mountain overlooking a little beach at Roccapina-Murtoli.

The excursion carries on toward the interior of the island to the town of Sartène which is built on a promontory with some of its houses built into the rocks. Sartène has been the scene of vendettas, pirate attacks, and battles against the Genoese occupiers in the Middle Ages and therefore is known as the “most Corsican of Corsican towns”.

Visit the Church of St. Maria which houses the hood, chain and cross used in the Good Friday Procession by one of the local sinners. Enjoy free time here before returning to your ship.

NOTE:

- The corsican roads are windy! this tour is not recommended to passengers suffering from vertigo and motion sickness.

Calvi, Corsica

Seen from the water, Calvi is spectacular. Its three immense bastions are topped by a crest of ochre buildings, sharply defined against a hazy backdrop of snow-capped mountains. Below the citadel, a finely drawn strip of red-roofed houses and spidery palm trees delineate the Basse Ville, with its yacht-crammed marina, from where the town beach sweeps in a semicircle around the bay. Legend has it that Calvi is the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. The history of Calvi has always been closely tied to the former Republic of Genoa. The city placed itself under Genovese protection for the first time in 1268. Today, Calvi is an appealing yachting haven. Its pine forests, clear blue seawater, mountains, citadel and charming town make for a vibrant composition of natural colors and a first-class seaside resort.

Corsica's Oldest Villages

By air conditioned motorcoach

Min 20 / max 48, duration 4 hours, Euros 44

Corsica's main appeal is its scenery and this pleasant excursion will take you on winding road from one picturesque village to another. You will discover the hinterland of the Balagne region. You will travel along a scenic road that will take you through Calenzana, a village which overlooks some of the most fertile land on the island. The lively core of the village, The Piazza Communa, is a pleasant tree lined square dominated by the heavily Baroque Eglise St Blaise founded in 1691. From the village continue on to the Romanesque "Chapelle de Santa Restituta," an important pilgrimage site in Corsica.

From here the road snakes leisurely through villages, you will pass Zilia and Cassano and enjoy lovely views along the way. In Lunghignano, stop for a visit of a donkey driven olive oil mill complete with a tasting. Then, in Montemaggiore, admire the view from the foot of the baroque church of Saint Augustin before exploring its 17th-century artistic treasures and impressive organ. Onward enjoy the views from Col de Salvi and Cateri - with its flowered

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balconies, and San Antonino - where you pause for a refreshing citronade. Finally pass the interesting church of Aregno with its multi-colored walls and unique sculptures before stopping in Ile Rousse where free time is afforded for browsing. After having explored this charming village return to Calvi.

NOTES:

- Ile Rousse & Sant Antonino are popular in the summer months and that heavy traffic can be expected, which may causes delays. Therefore itinerary and content of the tour might be modified.
- The walk to Sant' Antonino is uphill over uneven terrain and rough ground. Good shoes are required. You will spend there about 1 hour.
- The corsican roads are windy! this tour is not recommended to passengers suffering from vertigo and motion sickness.

Kayak Discovery and Scenic Coastal Drive

By air conditioned motorcoach

Min 20 / max 35, 4 1/2 hours Euros 49

From June to September, find out about canoeing in the wealth of an exceptional site ranked Biosphere Reserve (MAB) of UNESCO. At the foot of the Genoese tower of Galeria at the mouth of Fangu four arms of water traverse the plain. By gliding silently over the surface of the water, you will see a multitude of plant and animal species.

In a quiet relaxing, you can see, among hundreds of white lilies along the shore, water-hens accompanied by their chicks, turtle pond turtle, sunbathe on the trunks of dead wood semi submerged. But also, the little grebe (small diving ducks), according to the seasons of wading birds: herons, egrets and more discreet, beautiful kingfishers flying over the area sneak. The itinerary to join the Fangu's delta offers you nice views from the coast between Calvi and Galeria.

NOTE:

- This tour is subject to weather conditions!

Cannes, France

The name Cannes calls to mind images from "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." The city is known the world over as one of the most elite resorts anywhere. Its beginnings, however, were anything but grand. Originally, Cannes was a sleepy fishing and farming village. This changed considerably when Lord Henry Brougham was forced to stay in the village. He was to remain only a few days, but ended up residing there for the last 34 years of his life. His correspondence with British colleagues eventually drew the English aristocracy to Cannes. Shortly thereafter, Cannes became the premiere domain of Europe's high society. In little over a century the quiet village became a chic and elegant town, world-renowned for the art of entertaining well.

Scenic Transfer to Nice Airport

(ends at Nice airport)

by air conditioned minibus

Min. 6 / max. 6, 3 1/2 hours, Euros 60

non-guided transfer with
english-speaking driver

Leaving Cannes, you will drive into the rich valleys of the Vence countryside to the typical, fortified town of St-Paul de Vence. St-Paul-de-Vence was built on a splendid hill-top position a few kilometers from the sea to avoid Saracen attack. In the 1920s the village was discovered by painters such as Bonnard, Modigliani, Signac and Soutine, and since that time, many of the rich and famous literati and glitterati have flocked to St-Paul. You will have approx one hour at leisure to go around the village, its XVI century ramparts, which offer fine views over mimosa, olive and orange groves and discover Rue Grande, the main street running the full length of the village before driving to the airport of Nice.

NOTE:

- Your luggage will go with you in the minibus

Gorges du Loup and Gourdon

Excursion by minibus / English speaking driver

Ends at the Port of Cannes

Min 6 / Max 8 per vehicle, 4 hours, Euros 60

The picturesque charms of the hinterland provide a perfect contrast to the glamour and glitz of the coast. This excursion will take you on a voyage back in time to discover historic villages, narrow stone houses, winding cobbled streets and shady squares where the inhabitants exchange news or just sit and watch the world go by. You will also get to visit sites of breathtaking natural beauty and rugged landscapes carved by the hands of time.

Your driver will take the highway toward Grasse, renowned capital of the perfume industry. You will visit one amongst the traditional Perfume Factory where you will be explained the Perfume industry, the role of Grasse as perfume capital, the various processes of extraction of raw materials, the role of the essence laboratory, the creative artistry and work of the Perfumer “the Nose” and the production of essences.

The tour will continue to Gourdon. This medieval village enjoys a strategic position 1.600 ft above the Loup river with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside from the mouth of the Var to Cap Roux and inland from the Esterel massif to the Courmettes peak. Wander around the village and look at the little houses, many of which have been lovingly restored and turned into fascinating boutiques and workshops selling local produce like lavender water and honey, as well as a variety of glass ware, ceramics and objects made from olive wood.

The return trip back to the ship is via splendidly dramatic canyon of the Gorges du Loup; admire the towering red rock face, tumbling waterfalls and hill top villages.

NOTES:

- Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and above all bring your camera.

Costa Smeralda, Sardinia, Italy

On the north-eastern 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, billionaire, 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.

Flavor of Costa Smeralda

By air-conditioned motorcoach,
Min 25 / max 48, duration 4 hours Euros 58

The Emerald Coast, probably one of the most exclusive and beautiful areas of all of the Sardinian Islands, covers more than 80 kilometers of coastline, with a vast well watered hinterland of rolling granite hills covered with Mediterranean maquis and woods of wild olive trees. Discovered and developed by the Aga Khan in 1961, the Emerald Coast is a sanctuary where natural beauty and personal privacy are preserved, where service is still an art and where the sun shines for more than 3000 hours each year on its quiet and sandy beaches.

Your guide will meet you on the pier for a walk to the coaches parking. Enjoy a beautiful drive along the scenic and impressive coastline, passing lovely beaches and posh villages. Drive-by Baja Sardinia, continue towards the hill of San Pantaleo with impressive granite formations, stop briefly at the small village of San Pantaleo that gives you a glimpse of local life style and then drive-by the elegant properties like the lavish Cala di Volpe Hotel, a

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Moorish style resort with more marble floored restaurants, bars and boutiques than a small town. See the famous Romazzino Hotel, a fantasy building in white perched on a hill, draped with bougainvillea.

After this panoramic drive through Northern Sardinia, stop at Dante's for a tasting of typical Sardinian wine, cheese and bread products.

Final stop is at Porto Cervo, a new holiday resort near Costa Smeralda. It is considered the heart of the Emerald Coast with all its boutiques, jewelries, the worldwide famous fashion shops, cafes, restaurants and the top attractions of the place. Walk through the village and admire the luxury yachts anchoring in front of the main square. After some time at leisure return to your ship by motorcoach.

NOTES:

- Local shops are normally open from 09.00am to 1.00pm and from 4.30/5.00pm to 08.30 pm. (pm opening is at shop's discretion).
- The wine tasting includes several local products as: taste of fresh and seasoned sheep cheese, ricotta cheese with honey, Tartelette of "Carrasau" toasted bread with spiced cheese, typical local salami, plain "Carrasau" toasted bread, typical local biscuits and sweets, taste of white and red local wine, mineral water.

Giglio, Italy

Giglio is a volcanic island of the Tuscan Archipelago between Livorno and Civitavecchia. This granite island is still mostly wild and alternates cliffs with coves, bays and sandy beaches. Giglio Porto is small but picturesque with its multicoloured houses. The harbour, built by the Romans, remained untouched for centuries. You can see the Tower of Saraceno, built by Ferdinand I in 1596. The ruins of an ancient reservoir can be seen just below the waterline. The reservoir was part of an extensive Roman Villa (I-II Century AD), which belonged to the family of Domizi Enobarbi and has during the centuries been incorporated into the more recent buildings. Giglio Castello is surrounded by medieval walls, comprising ten towers, and was originally built by the town of Pisa. Giglio Campese is more recent and has a large and attractive sandy beach. The charming bay has on its right the Faraglione (an imposing cliff) and on its left the Medici Tower. The latter, built between the end of the 17th and the beginning of the 18th centuries on a isolated cliff, is now linked to the land by a short bridge.

A Taste of Giglio

By local taxi and on foot

Min 25 / max 40, duration 3 hours Euros 37

Enjoy an extremely pretty and panoramic drive climbing up from Giglio Porto or Campese to Castello! Giglio Castello, 405m high, is the seat of the town hall, which is surrounded by medieval walls, comprising ten towers, three with a circular base and seven with a rectangular one. The walled village, built by the town of Pisa, was later expanded and repaired by the Grandukes of Tuscany and its centre still remains almost completely intact. Giglio Castello, thanks to its narrow streets, often running underneath arches, to its balzuoli, external stairs for reaching higher floors, and to its Piazza XVIII Novembre, is a unique place full of charm and history. Guests will walk through the narrow streets and visit the Parish, which holds numerous holy relics and other interesting pieces. Then will have the chance of trying the strong amber local vine, the Ansonaco, which is produced and stored in the numerous cellars of Castello.

NOTE: There is 45 minute trek downhill on uneven surfaces (may be a bit slippery) with stones.

Porquerolles, Iles D'Hyeres, France

Porquerolles and Port Cros are two magnificent wooded islands in the Mediterranean sea of the French Riviera near Toulon and Hyères and not far from Saint Tropez. But they have nothing to share with the mass tourism of the coast, they are almost entirely run as natural reserve, and Port Cros is the first sea park in Europe. So, no cement and no resorts. No cars at all; engine vehicles are not admitted, smoking outside the village is prohibited to protect the forest. Porquerolles is a mountain bikers paradise, and you can hire your bike and cycle all around the hilly island under the shadow of its magnificent mediterranean forests. If you have a little bit of energy you can reach secluded shores and beaches. Wonderful is the Notre Dame beach in the north east, a 20 minutes bike trip from the village, and in another 20 minutes you can reach the Medes Cape with a breathtaking view over all the Island, the coast and Bagoud, Port Cros and Levant. Silver Beach is also very beautiful, but often very crowded.

Ile Rousse Ou Saint Florent, Corsica

(Captain's Choice)

The Sailing Harbor of Saint-Florent is nestling at the foot of the Cap Corse, at the end of a Gulf which wears its name, lined-up at the west by the Desert of the Agriates. In 1440, the Genoese built on this site a citadel, which remained until the 18th century and the siege of the bishop of Nebbio, and then the become Governor palace. Despite the ravages caused by malaria, this place was hotly contested during the 16th century by the French, the Genoese, and of course, by the Corsicans. The town expanded again, after Napoleon III ordered the draining of the marshes, responsible for the paludism problem.

With laying down sun, the small islands of Pietra, Piana and Brocciu near the territory of Corbara, in Balagne, took a reddish hue. It is what gave to this place the name "L'Ile Rousse". Today the small islands are connected to the ground and it is a small city which bears this name: Isula Rossa in Corsican language. The city was founded in 1758 by Pascal Paoli, inveterate enemy of the genoese occupying Corsica and holding the fortified town of Calvi with a few kilometers. Charming seaside resort, the city is always in competition with its superb Calvi neighbor, of which it is characterized today by calms and the family environment of her beaches located full downtown.

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 paleontology. 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.

Florence

By air conditioned motorcoach and on foot
Min 20 / no max, duration 11 hours, Euros 87
Lunch is not included

This excursion will not be offered on May 12th. Santa Croce is closed on June the 24th.

The ideal option for those who would like to explore this wonderful city: an incredible combination of art, nature, architecture, history, fashion, exquisite cuisine, are just a few elements which intertwine and overlap to make "LA BELLA" one of the world's most captivating and enthralling cities.

The best of Florence lies mostly on the north bank of the Arno river. The main historical sights cluster around the red-brick dome of the cathedral. Everything is within a 20 minute walk. The fashion wear (shoes, leather goods, clothing) as well as the local handicrafts (ceramics, glassware, wood and leather works, jewellery, embroidery fabrics) are elegant, well designed and at very attractive price!

An English-speaking escort will be on the coach to and from Florence, giving useful information about the city and the landscape. There you will meet with the local guide and start your guided walking tour in Piazza del Duomo (cathedral square) where the Duomo, Giotto's bell tower and the Baptistery form an admirable group of colored marble monuments, demonstrating the traditions of Florentine art from the Middle ages to Renaissance.

You will proceed to Piazza della Signoria which was, and still is, the political stage of Florence. From the outside you will admire the Palazzo Vecchio which is dominated by a lofty, gothic bell tower. Before it was taken over by Cosimo I as his private residence, the palace was the seat of the government and was known as Palazzo della Signoria. Passing by the Uffizi Gallery we reach Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence, which crosses the Arno river. It has a curious appearance with jewelers' shops lining the roadway passing overhead.

The walking tour ends in Santa Croce Square where Santa Croce church is located. This church of the Franciscans is the place where the great Masters of Renaissance, together with Michelangelo, are buried. After some time at leisure, you will walk to the bus stop, to return your ship.

NOTES:

- There is approximately 2h30 drive to Florence each way.
- You will meet your guide in Florence but you will be accompanied on the coach by a local escort. Guided tour will last approx 3h. You will have about 1h30 at leisure after the guided tour.
- Casual wear and comfortable shoes are recommended.
- If you wish to enter the cathedral, note that the entrance requires specific attire guidelines: ladies must cover knees and shoulders, while gentlemen's attire must include pants/slacks or jeans only (no shorts).
- Due to traffic regulations in Florence each bus needs to book an entrance permit well in advance as they are very limited, it is therefore very important that you reserve the tour in due time.
- Due to parking restrictions the bus parking area is located approximately 400 to 800 meters from the city centre. (uneven ground or cobblestone surface)
- The guided walking tour involves approximately 3 kilometers of extensive walking on cobblestone streets. The tour does not include any inside visit.
- Shops open from Tuesday to Saturday 09.00 to 13.00 / 16.00 to 19.30. Shops are closed on Sunday and on Monday morning.

This Excursion will not be offered on May 12th.

Cinque Terre

By local boat

Min. 20 / max 40, duration 7 hours, Euros 67

Lunch is not included

Explore three of the charming villages that make up the Cinque Terre. Perched on a rocky coast north of Portovenere, these villages were once isolated and accessible only by sea. Each unique, they retain the charm of another era and are surrounded by some of the most breathtaking scenery along the Italian coast. Board your boat at the port and sail to the village of Riomaggiore is the most eastern of the Cinque Terre. The name derives from "Rivus Major" which flows through it. There you will find the sanctuary of the "Madonna of Montenero" and a 14th century castle.

At the arrival start the "Via Dell'Amore". This magnificent 25-minute walk hugs the cliffs along the craggy coastline from Riomaggiore to the town of Manarola. Manarola is a small center with old characteristic houses on the sea rocks. Manarola has a church in Gothic-Ligurian style of 1338 and, at Volastra is the shrine of the "Madonna della Salute" (health), one of the most picturesque on the coast, which has been the site of worship since the 10th century.

A short distance away is Vernazza with its charming harbor filled with fishing boats and surrounded by sidewalk cafes. Every direction offers a photographic opportunity. A tiny church perched on the cliff beckons. Small shops offer treasured mementos. Vernazza was a community founded towards the year 1000 around the chapel. By the 12th century this community had extended its territory down to the harbor. At that time the Lords of the Vara valley built an armed and fortified base and, together with Genoa, they countered the ruthless Saracen oppression with their fast ships. All that remains of this old base is the Rock and some ruins of the towers. The town overrides a partly hidden river and opens out on a little square by the beach. It is dominated by a beautiful church in Gothic-Ligurian style of 1318, dedicated to "Saint Margaret of Antioch".

Reboard the boat and sail back to Lerici

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NOTES:

- Dress Code: Casual wear and comfortable shoes, sun hat.
- The guided walking tour involves extensive walking on up and down streets, uneven surface and cobblestone.
- This tour is a high level activity tour.
- Lunch is not included – you will have time for lunch in Vernazza. Credit cards are generally accepted for purchases starting from a minimum of Euro 15. In cafetterias you need local currency (euros).
- The transportation- subject to local infrastructure will be as follows:
Lerice- Riomaggiore by local boat (60')
Riomaggiore- Via del amore to Manarola by foot (30' walk)
- Manarola- Vernazza by boat (15')
- Vernazza- Lerice (60')
- All timing subject to sea condition
- The tour may be cancelled at any moment due to the sea conditions.
- The Via dell'amore is 1 km long and all on foot.
- We suggest passengers to bring bathing suit and beach towel as in Vernazza (no changing facilities!)
- Cinqueterre being a popular destination, it might be crowded in the villages and on the boat.
- Itinerary will be adapted to the local boats' schedule.

Monaco, Principality of Monaco

The principality of Monaco is nestled between the French and the Italian borders, and encompasses an area of about 1.1 sq miles. The sovereign state is governed under the gracious authority of Prince Albert II, part of the Grimaldi Dynasty which has ruled Monaco since 1297. Glitz, glamour, celebrities, and casinos are just a few of the images that the principality brings to mind. Monte Carlo is the more famous part of the principality, but Monaco is actually divided into four sections. Monte-Ville, the old section of the town, includes the Prince's palace. Condamine is the port quarter. Fontvieille is a man made waterfront district. Monaco is one of the best examples of the Belle Epoque architectural style, started under Emperor Napoleon III.

Monaco's regal reputation is not unwarranted. From its beautiful natural surroundings to the yacht filled harbor, the casinos and designer boutiques, the gala parties, famous events and the sun-drenched days, Monaco truly appears to be blessed with "having it all." It is one of the few places in the world where excitement and glamour exist, captivating all who visit this storybook land of princes and princesses.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCURSION OFFERED
DURING THE GRAND PRIX.

Scenic Transfer to Nice Airport

(ends at Nice airport)

by air conditioned minibus

Min. 6 / max. 6, approx 3 1/2 hours, Euros 60

non-guided transfer with

English speaking driver

Drive along " La moyenne Corniche" with a stop at the splendid panorama of Villefranche and Nice and straight to St Paul de Vence, few kilometers after Nice, to visit this authentic medieval village, well known for the presence of artists painters. St-Paul-de-Vence was built on a splendid hill-top position a few kilometers from the sea to avoid Saracen attack. In the 1920s the village was discovered by painters such as Bonnard, Modigliani, Signac and Soutine, and since that time, many of the rich and famous literati and glitterati have flocked to St-Paul. You will have approx one hour at leisure to go around the village, its XVI century ramparts, which offer fine views over mimosa, olive and orange groves and discover Rue Grande, the main street running the full length of the village before driving to the airport of Nice.

NOTE: Your luggage will go with you in the minibus.

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 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

Min 25 / max 80, 4 1/2 hours, Euros 60

From Portoferraio a scenic drive will take you to the Island highlands on the West Side. The drive cuts through the center of the island continuing along the coast to reach the upscale resort town of Marciana Marina. Your coach will then drive into the hills to reach the cable car station in Marciana Alta. Meanwhile enjoy the beautiful scenery down to the coastline and on to the surrounding hilltop villages. During the drive you'll be informed about the history of the island and her culture and nature and will introduce you the spectacular experience you are about to have.

Upon arrival at the cable car station (possibility to use restrooms) the guide will explain the proper way to get in and out the cable basket, and every 20 seconds a basket will be boarded (2 passengers per basket) and will take you to the top: the climb is 1.019 meters in 20 min. The views on the way and on the top are unforgettable and you may want to have your camera ready! Once at the top of M.Capanne you can enjoy the view of all islands

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of the Tuscan Archipel and relax on the panoramic terrace.

After some time at leisure (30 min. approx.) your guide will lead the way to the coach and the tour continues to Marciana Marina. Here you'll enjoy some time to stroll along the waterfront and browse in the many picturesque shops of the village. Not to miss Elba's perfumes and wines: before boarding the bus a short wine tasting will take place in a typical "cantina" to enjoy some of Elba's wonderful wines.

The coach drives you back to the ship and on the way you will admire once again the Mount Capanne for the last time and realize you have been there and "conquered" it!

NOTES:

- You will take a cable car to Mount Capanne
- You will have some shopping opportunity in Marciana Marina
- A good pair of walking shoes is recommended for this excursion and a sun hat.
- This tour is not suggested to passengers with walking difficulties, heart problems or fear of heights.

Island Tour and Local Wine Tasting

By air-conditioned motor-coach

Min 25, max 40, 3 1/2 hours, Euros 49

Will leave from Portoferraio, the busy capital of Elba Island, to enjoy a delightful drive of this charming island: driving by rocky beaches and high cliff will enjoy magnificent views over the Bays of "Lacona", "Laconella" and "Golfo Stella", to finally reach the lovely village of Porto Azzurro, considered the island's second port. After a brief introduction of the charming port of Porto Azzurro, some free time to browse around and shop among the many local shops of this delightful town, dominated by an ancient medieval fortress and a picturesque fisherman's harbour. During our ride back to Portoferraio will stop at the old country wine-farm "La Chiusa", beautifully nestled in a vineyard overlooking the ocean: here will experience an interesting visit of the estate's cellar to learn how the wine is handled and produced- A delicious sampling of the local wine served with tasty lights snacks (assorted "bruschettas", Tuscan salami, cheese and "cantuccini", the typical almonds cookies) will follow in the garden facing the sea. After this pleasant stop, will resume our tour to drive back to Portoferraio dock.

Portofino, Italy

Portofino's origins date back to the age of the Roman Empire. The Benedictines had possession of the quiet fishing village until the Republic of Genoa acquired it in 1414. It suffered invasions by many nations until it was united with the kingdom of Sardinia in 1815. In recent times, Portofino has become a tourist resort of the highest international standards. She is the epitome of tranquil beauty. Set in the Italian Riviera surrounded by hills of lush green vegetation that extend to its yacht-lined bay, Portofino's tall colorful houses and semi-circular harbor exist harmoniously with exclusive shops, cafés and Italian villas--staples of this picturesque hamlet. A name known the world over, Portofino is one of the premiere locations of the jet set.

Hike to Santa Margherita Ligure

On foot and by boat

Min 15 / max 25, duration 3 hours, Euros 33

The Trail to Santa Margherita Ligure departs from the tender pier and climbs up the path to the Splendido Hotel, for the start of the hike in the central lush park of Portofino. Walk along the coastline where the hills and the seaside live harmoniously together. The path leads the way through the Mediterranean flora, vineyards and olive groves. Vegetation hugs the medieval dwellings and the cliffs drop off to the crystal clear sea making this one of the most fascinating locations of the Riviera. After approximately one hour, reach Nozarego, and observe a beautiful view of the Abbey of Cervara; an historic abbey dating back to the 14th Century. Next walk to the site of Acquaviva, another spot completely surrounded by the incredible Mediterranean vegetation. Continue until the path stops behind the church of San Giacomo di Corte, which leads you to the main promenade of Santa Margherita Ligure. Santa Margherita's forms, colors, the arrangement of its characteristic houses, its rich villas, its great hotels have painted around its bay something similar to a magical reflection.

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Pause for a refreshment at a café and free time to browse the local shops before boarding the boat for the return back to Portofino.

NOTES:

- It is about 1h30 walk to Santa Margherita
- At the bar you will be offered a soft drink or a cappuccini
- Important to wear training shoes and comfortable clothes. Bring sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses and a bottle of water
- It is 15 minutes ride by boat to Portofino

Sanary Sur Mer, France

Sanary-Sur-Mer lies on the coast of southern France between Marseilles and Toulon is a small fishing and resort village. Sights include The Tower, a listed building that was a watchtower built in the 13th century - today it hosts the scuba diving and underwater hunting Museum, the 'Musée Frédéric Dumas'. In the vicinity you will find the Castellet racing Circuit, Porquerolles, Port Cros, the medieval village of Le Castellet, the Gorges du Verdon and the Wine Circuit of Bandol.

Saint Tropez, France

In 1958 Brigitte Bardot and Roger Vadim arrived in the sleepy village of St. Tropez, and it has been said that the town has never been the same since. Though not as well known, St. Tropez has a long history, prior to the arrival of movie stars and bikinis, beginning with its name. During the days of the Roman Empire, a young soldier, Tropes, was beheaded for professing his Christian beliefs. He was set adrift in a boat that washed-up on the shores of what is now the famed town. With the wide circulation of this tale, St. Tropez became a place of Christian pilgrimage. Not until the 1800's did it again begin to gain modern notoriety with the arrival of French writer Guy de Maupassant and impressionist Paul Signac, who later invited contemporaries such as Matisse to visit the city. Today, St. Tropez is a name recognized the world over as one of the premier spots of the French Riviera. While its beaches are one of its most noted attractions, it is still a place of numerous charms and intrigues with its tiny squares, pastel-colored houses, chic boutiques and quaint cafes.

Village of Gassin and Vins de Provence Tasting

By minivan with a driver/guide

Min 8 / max 8, Duration 3 1/2 hours, Euros 67

Saint Tropez is the home of the stars. Streets of artists, cafés and 'haute couture' winding down to the picturesque port. The Harbor teems with life. Luxury Yachts are alongside fishing boats and you have time to explore it by yourself AFTER the Mini bus tour. We will drive around one of the most beautiful bays of the Riviera to RAMATUELLE (drive through) and GASSIN (visit) You will see these two villages which are set amongst vineyards. They have all the features of an old Provençal town: narrow winding streets and alleyways with vaulted arches and serpentine stone doorways, abounding in brightly colored flowers overhanging window boxes at every turn. These old villages are in complete contrast to the seaside resort and they are a typical example of villages that grew up as look-out points offering a panoramic view over the Gulf of Saint Tropez and the Wine Country. We will then organize a wine-tasting with several varieties, labeled "Côte de Provence" which nowadays is becoming more and more valuable. A Wine Specialist will tell you all the secrets of wine and you can discover the quality and the wide variety of our wines and learn how to evaluate a Côte de Provence wine, its color, its bouquet and its aromas

NOTE: You will taste 5 vins de provence.

Bormes les Mimosas, Village de Provence

By minivan with a driver/guide

Min 8 / max 8, Duration 3 1/2 hours, Euros 60

One of the most florally decorated towns of France, Bormes les Mimosas is often compared to a Provençal nativity scene due to its ancient village. All the old houses are covered with pink tiles, the streets are lined with flowers and the medieval village with its castle ruins and ramparts offers a panoramic view of the plains and the Iles d'Or (Golden Islands). The earliest known residents in the hillside commune above the tiny Port of Bormes were the Celtic-Ligurian BORMANI tribe. They lived in the region around 400 BC. Along with the rest of the town name, someone with a fanciful vision imported the Mimosas trees from Australia, but "Bormes les Mimosas" enjoys a magnificent flower show when the trees are in bloom from the end of December to the beginning of March. This medieval village is 'typical' of the coast and whilst it is fairly large, it has retained a certain charm.

The upper part has undergone complete renovation, and the ruins of its 13th century chateau make an interesting goal for the short climb to its hilltop perch. Its "St.Trophime" Church and its "Notre Dame de Constance" Chapel appear to have been carefully sited, and from here the views of the coast and surrounding area are really stunning.

NOTE: That tour involves 1 hour moderated walking on cobblestoned road.



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