



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7
nights

ROYAL CLIPPER Corsica & French Riviera



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| Sat | Cannes, France |
| Sun | Portofino, Italy |
| Mon | Propriano, Corsica |
| Tue | Alghero, Sardinia |
| Wed | Calvi, Corsica |
| Thu | Bandol, France |
| Fri | St. Tropez beach, France St. Tropez port, France |
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What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our tours are offered with English speaking guides.
- The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace.
- The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication. Passengers should be fit and active to join tours which include hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, boating, or similar activities.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- You can book shore excursions onboard, using our "sign-up lists" available at the Cruise Director's desk.
- Debark tours ending at the airport and transfers can also be pre-booked prior your cruise.
- In order to provide the best service and to avoid disappointments, please book your shore excursions as early as possible: places are limited and there is a booking deadline for each port.
- A minimum number of participants is required for tours; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned on the daily program of each port.
- The Captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary in order to suit wind, weather and local conditions.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes.
- Last updated tour descriptions are available on Star Clippers' website and onboard the ship in a file at the Cruise Director's desk.

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PORTOFINO - Time at leisure (no tours in program)

Portofino is a precious jewel in a setting of lush green vegetation that extends to a yacht lined bay. The tall colorfully painted houses and crescent moon harbor blend harmoniously with exclusive boutiques, cafés and villas. Picturesque and yet sophisticated, Portofino is known the world over as a jet setter's paradise.

PROPRIANO - Discover Sartene, the ultimate Corsican village

Duration: 03:30 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 75 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 70 participants

Discover Sartène, the archetypal Corsican village. Your coach will be waiting at the port ready to take you on a scenic drive along the western coast and inland to the village of Sartène.

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

Please note: This tour involves walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with some steps and to negotiate.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The drive from Propriano to Sartène takes approx. 30 minutes (each way), with one or two photo stops. Corsican roads are winding, so this tour is not recommended for people suffering from vertigo or motion sickness.

ALGHERO - Panoramic Capo Caccia and wine tasting

Duration: 03:15 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 79 €

Activity level: easy

Min 25 / Max 40 participants

Your tour guide will welcome you at the port and accompany you on the walk to the coach park where your coach will be waiting. You will drive through the countryside of the Nurra region, a striking blend of fertile plains and mountains. There will be a short stop at a panoramic viewpoint on the road leading to Capo Caccia promontory, with stunning views over the bay and the island of Foradada.

Continue the drive to the winery Leda D'Ittiri, where you will be welcomed by Anna Maria who will give you a short history of the estate before inviting you to enjoy a wine tasting accompanied by cheese, bread, bruschetta and olive oil.

Leda' d'Ittiri estate is located a few kilometers away from the bustling town of Alghero and its wonderful white sandy beaches, at the foot of Monte Doglia. The estate consists of 18 ha of olive orchards and vineyards which are lovingly tended by the owners: Antonella and Anna Maria, the mother and daughter team at the head of this ambitious project. They are scions of the Sardinian nobility and theirs is the only heraldic coat of arms to grace the Sardinian wine industry. The estate's prime location has enabled the owners to combine purely agricultural activities with promoting the area and its produce to tourists. After the wine tasting you will drive back to the Alghero, and you can return back to the ship of explore the old town independently.

Please note: The photo stop on Capo Caccia will be made in a panoramic point overlooking Foradada island; it is not possible to reach the end of the promontory with a motorcoach. The order of the places visited may change.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

Estimated driving times: from Alghero to Capo Caccia 45 min; from Capo Caccia to the winery 30 min; from the winery to Alghero 30 min.



ALGHERO - Sardinia's history and traditions: nuraghe Santu Antine, cheese demonstration and traditional lunch

Duration: 07:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 125 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 35 participants

Lunch included

You will discover the charm of old history and ancient flavors with this tour which starts with the visit of one of the best-preserved complexes of the Nuragic civilization. An architectural gem, Santu Antine is located in the centre of a splendid natural setting and was built between the Middle Bronze Age (16th century BC) and the Iron Age (9th century BC).

It is very large and is made of huge, perfectly shaped basalt blocks which gradually get smaller from the base towards the top of the building. Its masonry is entirely of dry stone. Its central tower is 17 metres high and has a diameter of 15 metres.

Take a scenic drive to your next destination, the hilltop rural restaurant-farm "Locanda Minerva", which is nestled in the heart of a nature reserve.

Relax in a courtyard under oak and olive trees while learning all secrets of cheesemaking traditions. Enjoy a hearty traditional Sardinian lunch, with typical dishes made from local ingredients.

Drive back to the Alghero, where you will have a guide tour and some time to stroll on your own in the old town before getting back onboard with the tender.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over uneven surfaces with inclines and some steps to negotiate.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

This excursion includes approx. 3 hours driving: 1 hour from Alghero to Santu Antine, 45 minutes from Santu Antine to Loanda Minerva and 1:15 from the restaurant back to Alghero.

CALVI - Sant' Antonino and Pigna: authentic villages of Balagne

Duration: 03:45 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 72 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 20 / Max 40 participants

This excursion is the perfect way to enjoy one of Corsica's main attractions: its ruggedly beautiful scenery; winding roads will take you from one picturesque village to another.

The ancient circular village of Sant'Antonino, perched on a craggy rock overlooking the sea, is one of the oldest inhabited villages in Corsica and one of the highest. It is visible from miles around and offers superb 360° panoramic views. In the 9th century it was ruled by the Counts of Savelli who built the now-ruined castle in order to defend their clan. The narrow-cobbled lanes, vaulted alleyways and neat stone houses have survived the passage of time and have changed very little over the past three hundred years. Sant' Antonino features in the list of "the most beautiful villages of France" and is highly prized by visitors for its spectacular views.

After a short visit of Sant' Antonino you will be driven to the hilltop village of Pigna.

This delightful village in the heart of the Balagne region is built on a rocky promontory 224 m above sea level, situated at the foot of a mountain some 562m high. It is a veritable feast for the eyes with flower decked streets and an attractive village square. Pigna is dedicated to the pursuit of arts and crafts and a community of artists has settled there. It is the ideal place to buy some authentic Corsican souvenirs, made on site and sometimes before your very eyes.

You will spend some time in the village and then the coach will take you back to Calvi via the charming old villages of Corbara and Aregno.

Please note: This tour involves walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces, with many steps to negotiate.

This tour involves a lot of driving. Corsican roads are panoramic but winding, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from motion sickness. You will spend approximately 40 minutes in each village (Sant'Antonino and Pigna).

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.



CALVI – Calenzana and wine tasting

Duration: 03:45 approx.

Price: 99 €

Min 15 / Max 40 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

Leave the port of Calvi harbor onboard an air-conditioned coach. As you leave the town, you will have a nice view of the bay and the old town of Calvi, before you leave the coast and take the road to Calenzana. This village of 1700 inhabitants set amidst Olive trees at the slopes of the mountains, is a paradise for trekkers in Summer (as it is the departure point of the 170 Km long GR20 trail that crosses Corsica through the mountains) and has a long-standing agricultural tradition.

Discover this lively village, its winding old streets and its 17th century Baroque church.

Calenzana is also famous for its wine and cheese production. After the visit of the village, you will stop at Domaine Orsini, where you will visit the winery and experience the best of Corsican hospitality and gastronomy in one of the most beautiful wine cellars of the island.

Visit the winery and learn about its methods of vinification, that takes the best of what tradition and modern winemaking offer: the grapes are left with their skin for the maceration process in stainless steel barrels, so that the grape juice keeps all of its aroma and bouquet, but aging is still done in oak barrels, like in ancient times.

You will taste three wines produced in the estate accompanied by Corsican cheese, and one bottle of Orsini wine will be offered to each participant. Of course, you can buy more bottles to take home!

Back to the coast and Calvi at the end of the visit.

Please note: This tour involves walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces, with many steps to negotiate.

This tour involves a lot of driving. Corsican roads are panoramic but winding, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from motion sickness. You will spend approximately 30 minutes in each village (Sant'Antonino and Pigna).

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

BANDOL - Le Castellet and wine tasting

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Price: 99 €

Min 15 / Max 35 participants

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Activity level: moderate

PM departure

The coach leaves Bandol and reach Le Castellet, a typical medieval Provencal hilltop village with a history spanning over 2000 years. The village was restored on the 1920s and you will see well-preserved ramparts, a twelfth-century church and an eleventh-century castle. The walking tour will take you through the narrow medieval streets which lead to the castle.

There will be a short orientation tour and some leisure time, so you can explore the local arts and craft shops with their attractive displays of paintings and pottery.

Re-board the coach and take the Bandol wines route. You will stop at a local wine estate to taste some quality local wines.

The vineyards of the Bandol valley are protected by the Sainte Baume ridge on one side and the Mediterranean coast on the other and the unique climate produces some of France's best red, white and particularly rosé wines.

During your wine tasting session, you will sample red, white and rosé wines produced on the estate. The coach will then head back to the port of Bandol.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and water.

The driving time between Bandol and Castellet is approx. 30 minutes (each way).



BANDOL - Cape Canaille scenic drive, Cassis & Calanques boat tour

Duration: 06:15 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach, boat

Price: 105 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 12 / Max 30 participants

Free time for lunch (lunch not included)

Enjoy a scenic drive along the coast before arriving at the “Massif des Calanques” a national park combining the beauties of both land and sea. Breath taking, awe inspiring and magnificent are the adjectives most used to describe this unspoilt paradise. Discover Mediterranean scrubland, dazzling white limestone cliffs and Cape Canaille, the highest clifftop in France and the fourth highest in Europe. You will also see the famous Calanques, which are rather like Mediterranean fjords. These rocky canyons plunging into a turquoise sea create a dramatic landscape whose stunning beauty has earned it a place on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

There are many spectacular panoramic viewpoints along the coast road, and you will get stunning views over sheer cliffs, seeing the Calanques, Mount Puget and the islands between Marseille and Cassis. The most impressive view is to be had from the top of Cape Canaille; this lofty perch offers views of the Calanques and the picturesque town of Cassis.

Cassis is without doubt the quintessential, picture perfect Provençal fishing village, with boats bobbing in the harbor and a bustling seafront lined with cafés.

Stroll along the sea front, and up cobblestone streets, admire picturesque houses decked with flowers, browse around the boutiques or just relax at an outside café and watch the world go by. After some free time for lunch in Cassis, you will meet up with your guide and adventure on a boat trip through the Calanques National Park.

You will discover by a little boat 3 Calanque of Cassis and be astonished and amazed by the beautiful scenery, considered one of the most beautiful places in the world.

Please note: This tour is not recommended to guests who suffer from sea sickness nor to those with limited mobility, since it involves moderate walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps to negotiate. In Cassis, there will be a transfer by touristic road train between the coach parking lot and the city center.

In case of strong winds or rough sea conditions, the panoramic road in Cap Canaille could be closed and the boat tour could be cancelled with short notice. The boat tour consists in the circuit “3 calanques” and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The driving time between Bandol and Cassis is approximately 45 minutes (each way).

SAINT TROPEZ - Ramatuelle and wine tasting

Duration: 04:00 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned motorcoach

Price: 109 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 35 participants

Enjoy a taste of the good life in Provence, visiting the delightful village of Ramatuelle.

A short drive to the southwest, past sun-washed mountains and vineyards, takes you to the village which is perched high on a rock just a few miles from sea. This old Provençal town features narrow, winding streets with arches and vaults, and old houses, now restored, huddled against the town wall near the church. But it's the peerless views of the countryside and the Gulf of St Tropez that sets Ramatuelle apart. Take time to appreciate the magnificent panoramas.

After the visit of Ramatuelle, drive to a local winery located in the heart of the peninsula of Saint Tropez and enjoy a tasting of rosé, red and white wines with AOP Label.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

Helpful hints: wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

During low season, shopping opportunities in the villages are limited.

The drive between Saint Tropez and Ramatuelle / the winery takes approximately 30 minutes (each way).



CANNES - Saint Paul de Vence (ending at Nice airport)

Duration: 04:45 approx.

Transportation: air-conditioned minivan

Price: 99 €

Activity level: moderate

Min 15 / Max 30 participants

This tour ends at Nice Airport (NCE) and is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 15:30.

Leave the port of Cannes and drive straight on to St Paul de Vence. This authentic medieval fortified village was built on a hilltop in the to avoid Saracen attacks. In the 1920's it was discovered by artists such as Bonnard, Modigliani, Signac and Soutine, and since that time it has attracted a good number of the rich and famous literati and glitterati.

During a walk in the heart of this magnificent village with our guide, you will have the opportunity to discover the ramparts of the 16th century, the Rue Grande which crosses Saint-Paul from one end to the other, the Place de la Fontaine, the cobbled streets, the church.

Enjoy some free time to stroll down Rue Grande and browse around artists' studios, art galleries, shops and craft stalls before heading to Nice airport.

Please note: This tour includes moderate walking on uneven surfaces, with inclines, cobblestone and steps to negotiate.

There is a 300-meters walk (uphill) from the coach parking and the entrance of the village.

Guests are advised to wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes and to bring a hat and water.

Estimated driving times: 60 min between Cannes and Saint Paul de Vence; 45 min between St Paul de Vence and NCE airport.

The duration of the time at leisure in St Paul de Vence can change, depending on the traffic conditions of the day.

The drop off at Nice airport will be at Terminal 1.

Star Clippers offers the following services (optional, upon reservation):**✓ Shared transfers to the airport.**

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their pickup time.

There will be one fixed departure from the port at about 09:00am, the arrival at the airport will be around 10:00 am.

This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight leaves after 12:00 pm.

✓ Private transfers to the airport / to hotels

Latest pick-up time from the pier is at 10:00 am.

Private transfers are operated by Sedan Cars (1-2 passengers) or Minivans (3-4 passengers).

Debarb tours ending at the airport and transfers can be pre-booked prior your cruise.

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

