



SHORE EXCURSIONS

6 nights	ROYAL CLIPPER Amalfi & Sicily (21-September-2025)
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What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by English-speaking guides. A second language may be used, depending on the number of non-English-speaking passengers.
- 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.

How you can book your shore excursions:

- Shore excursions can be booked onboard, using the "sign-up lists" available at the Excursion Desk.
- The price of the excursion will be added to your on-board account.
- Transfers and debark tours ending at the airport can also be pre-paid prior to 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.
- Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.

Important notes:

- Departure times of the tour are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port.
- All information concerning excursions is correct at the time of printing. However, Star Clippers reserves the right to make changes. The latest updated tour descriptions are available onboard the ship in a file at the Excursion Desk and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





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SORRENTO - Pompeii



4:45



89 €



moderate to strenuous



motorcoach

Min 25 / Max 32 participants

History & Culture | Unesco

Ancient Pompeii was a prosperous provincial centre with an estimated population of 20,000. An earthquake destroyed much of the city in 63 AD. Reconstruction was still underway when the volcano erupted again 16 years later. The whole town was buried under more than 20 metres of ash and pumice.

Many inhabitants were killed by the deadly sulphur fumes or struck by the lava and pumice that rained down on the city, but others escaped. Abandoned until the 18th century, Pompeii was frozen in time until excavations revealed this amazing archaeological site. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius on 24 August 79 A.D. not only preserved the buildings, but also evidence of the ancient way of life, such as a fully equipped tavern with the last customer's money still on the counter.

Visit some of the more modest homes and explore ancient baths, temples, theatres, markets and the vast forum. At the end of the visit, you will return to Sorrento, where you can choose to return to the pier or stay in the town centre and explore on your own.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking (approximately 3 km) and standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with many steps to negotiate. The time spent inside the site is approximately 2 hours.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

It is not permitted to bring large bags or backpacks into the excavation site.

The site of Pompeii is very busy and extended; it is important to always stay with your guide.

The drive between Sorrento and Pompeii takes approx. 1:15, but it is subject to traffic, especially during high season. Large coaches cannot drive to the pier in Sorrento, so a minibus will shuttle tour participants between the pier and a main parking lot in Sorrento (same on the way back at the end of the tour).

SORRENTO - Herculaneum



4:30



89 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 24 participants

History & Culture | Unesco

Herculaneum was destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius on 2 August 79 AD. The town was not an important commercial centre like Pompeii, it was smaller, wealthier and more residential. There was no open space or forum, just streets lined with villas and shops and two very straight main roads that crossed in the middle, typical of Roman town planning.

While Pompeii was buried under layers of ash, Herculaneum - which is much closer to the volcano - drowned in a sea of mud. Over time, the mud hardened into soft stone, preserving the town and almost everything in it as a kind of fossil, so that the furniture, clothes and even some of the goods in the shops have survived.

Excavations began by accident in 1709, when some workers digging a well discovered a wall that later turned out to be one of the stages of the ancient theatre. Later, many human skeletons were uncovered on the ancient shoreline, suggesting that many inhabitants tried to escape but perished when volcanic gases were released.

Excavations since then have revealed sumptuous villas, baths and theatres. Much of the city is still buried and excavations continue today. Many of the buildings and their contents are in remarkably good condition.

At the end of the tour you can choose to return to the pier or stay in Sorrento and explore the town on your own.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking / standing over cobblestone and uneven surfaces with many steps (approximately 2 km). The time spent inside the site is approximately 1:30 hours.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

It is not permitted to bring large bags or backpacks into the excavation site. The drive to Herculaneum site takes approx. 1 hour, but it is subject to traffic, especially during high season.



AMALFI - Ravello & Villa Rufolo



3:45

Sightseeing



79 €



moderate



minibus

Min 15 / Max 48
participants

You will enjoy a beautiful and panoramic drive up from the port of Amalfi to Ravello, one of the most famous and popular places on the Amalfi Coast.

As you enter the main square of Ravello, you'll see the Duomo. The linear façade preserves, from the original Roman design, three oculi and an illuminated window above the entrance portal. It has a classical marble cornice and a bronze door made by Barissano da Trani in 1179. To the right of the church is the bell tower, built in the 13th century. When the Duomo is open, you can look inside and see the majestic marble pulpit, richly decorated with mosaics, friezes and columns, supported by six slender spiral columns resting on marble lions.

You'll visit Villa Rufolo, a spectacular complex made up of the main palazzo, built in the second half of the 13th century, and various buildings in the Arab-Sicilian style, with a wide terrace overlooking the Gulf of Salerno and a luxurious garden with pine trees, cypresses and exotic plants. Richard Wagner was particularly impressed by the spectacular nature of the gardens. He saw in them the materialisation of the magical garden or Klingsor in his "Parsifal". Enjoy the return journey to Amalfi; your senses will be saturated by the spectacular panorama.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces, uphill and steps. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water..

Timing is subject to traffic. Amalfi Coast roads are narrow and winding, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from vertigo or motion sickness.

AMALFI - Positano and panoramic Amalfi Coast by boat



4:15

Panoramic



65 €



easy



motorized boat

Min 25 / Max 70
participants

The Amalfi Coast offers a landscape of incomparable beauty, characterised by a succession of unspoilt beaches, bays, caves, inlets and villages perched on the cliffs. Since time immemorial, artists and travellers have been enchanted by its tiny villages, lost among orange, lemon and olive groves, vineyards and bougainvillea.

In the fifties, the glamour of the Dolce Vita turned the small fishing village of Positano into a retreat for the wealthy and a popular holiday resort. The Amalfi Coast has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997.

A panoramic 45-minute boat ride will take you to the village of Positano. Explore the village at your leisure and spend some time browsing some of Positano's 200 boutiques selling the casual, locally made cotton clothing for which the town is famous. Then meet your guide and board the boat for the return journey to Amalfi.

Once back in Amalfi, you are free to explore the town or walk back to the pier to rejoin the ship.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces, uphill and some steps. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The boat ride to Positano takes approximately 45 minutes (each way), the boat is exclusive for SC guests.



TAORMINA - Charming Taormina and Greek theater



4:00



75 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 25 / Max 40
participants

History & Culture

Long a favourite of artists and writers, Taormina is one of the most beautiful places in Sicily. Meet your guide at the pier and board a coach for a short drive through the town of Giardini Naxos. You will leave the coach at the car park and begin your guided walking tour.

You will visit the Greek-Roman theatre, which is set against the magnificent backdrop of Mount Etna. During the tour you will also see (exterior views) Palazzo Corvaia, a 14th century palace that once housed the Sicilian Parliament, the remains of the Roman Odeon and the Cathedral, before continuing on to Corso Umberto, the lively main street and shopping area.

At the end of the guided tour, you will have some free time to explore Taormina on your own, discovering the palaces, squares, staircases and narrow streets that give this medieval town its charm. Alternatively, you may wish to browse the shops or relax and people watch in one of the small cafes. The choice is yours.

Please note: This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility as there is considerable walking over cobbles, uneven surfaces and inclines.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

The order of the visits is subject to change.

TAORMINA - Mount Etna offroad adventure



5:30



145 €



strenuous



4WD vehicle

Min 16 / Max 24
participants

Active & Adventure | Nature

Meet our guide drivers at the pier, board a 4WD vehicle and get ready for an off-road adventure on Mount Etna.

You will be driven towards the north side of Etna, passing through the villages of Piedimonte Etneo and Linguaglossa. We then set off on an off-road route through the pine forest of Bosco Ragabo to reach the lava cave of Grotta del Corruccio, which we visit by torchlight. There will be a rest stop at a refuge with refreshments and snacks. Continue to the joy a comfort stop and a refreshment at an alpine refuge.

Then you will reach the seven inactive crater cones on Mount Sartorius (at 1800 m), formed during the 1865 eruption. Hike around the Mount Sartorius craters on the 1600m high trail to reach a panoramic viewpoint in a fascinating volcanic landscape. Due to the altitude, the vegetation is reluctant to take hold, but in sheltered areas you can see small birch groves that contrast with the black lava.

At the end of the walk, you will return to your 4WD vehicle and drive back to the pier.

Please note: This excursion involves off-road driving on rugged trails and winding roads and walking on uneven, slippery, uphill surfaces. This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition and it is not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads. The 4WD vehicles are enclosed and can carry 4 passengers.

Dress for the weather (including a jumper or jacket as it can be windy and chilly), wear proper hiking shoes and bring a hat and water. Hard hats are provided for the walk through the caves.

The guide sits in one of the vehicles and provides explanations to the other participants other participants via a VHF radio connected to the other vehicles.

Snack at the hut consists of local biscuits and a coffee or cappuccino or chocolate or soft drink.



TAORMINA - Godfather filming locations tour (Savoca and Forza d'Angrò)



4:30

Sightseeing



79 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 35
participants

If you are a lover of The Godfather, this tour is "an offer you can't refuse". Follow in Francis Ford Coppola's footsteps and discover some of the locations where The Godfather was filmed in Sicily.

Meet your guide at the pier and drive along the coastal road lined with villas, then take a picturesque road inland to reach the village of Savoca, one of the most attractive in the area, nestled between two hills.

In a private house at the entrance to the village is the "Bar Vitelli" (no internal visit). Visit the Church of the Cappuccini, whose crypt contains the so-called catacombs, where you can admire 37 mummified and fully clothed bodies of monks and noblemen from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Stroll along the winding main street, lined with picturesque churches, and climb to the top of a hill where you can see the impressive ruins of an ancient Norman castle and magnificent views over the valley and the Sicilian coast.

Get back on the coach for a short drive to Forza d'Agrò, a charming little village overlooking the Arab-Norman castle of Capo Sant'Alessio and the coastline towards Messina and the Strait. In 1990 Al Pacino and Sophia Coppola shot some scenes of "The Godfather III" here. From the main square, a lane leads to the circular staircase that leads to the Gothic-Catalan portal in front of the Church of S. Agostino, with its beautiful 15th century façade, and the Baroque Mother Church. At the end of the visit, get back on the bus and return to the port.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking (approximately 2 hours) over cobbles, uneven surfaces, uphill walking and steps. Churches may be closed without notice and on such occasions there will be no internal visit). Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts).

Estimated driving times: pier to Savoca 45 min, Savoca to Forza d'Angrò 20 min, Forza d'Angrò to pier 45 minutes.

LIPARI - Panoramic Lipari (with malvasia and local pastries)



3:00

Panoramic | Food & Wine



55 €



easy



motorcoach

Min 25 / Max 40
participants



tasting

Our ship anchors off Lipari, the main island in the archipelago, and guests are taken ashore by tender to Marina Corta, where they meet their guide and walk through the village to reach the coach for a scenic tour of the island.

The excursion begins with a drive inland towards the hills to reach the panoramic viewpoint of Quattrocchi, 300 metres above sea level. From this high vantage point you can admire the cliffs of Lipari and the neighbouring island of Vulcano with its fumaroles, which are openings in the earth's crust and were once thought to be the entrance to the underworld.

During this panoramic tour there will be a stop at "Marisa's Place" where you will have the opportunity to taste local Malvasia wine and biscuits. The Malvasia grape has been cultivated in the Mediterranean region since ancient times and produces a sweet dessert wine that is strengthened by the strong rays of the island's sun. Traditional Aeolian delicacies include nacatuli - small biscuits filled with almonds, cinnamon and tangerines. Sesamini, flavoured with vanilla and orange and covered with sesame seeds, and Spicchitedda, made with almonds, mulled wine and cinnamon. The next stop is a viewpoint over the island of Salina. If the weather is clear, you can also see other islands in the archipelago. For those who feel like exploring, there will be time to walk around the town before returning to the ship.

Please note: There is a 15 minute walk over cobbles and uneven ground between the tender jetty and the coach park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.



LIPARI – Vulcano island by boat



3:00



89 €



easy



motorized boat

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

Panoramic

After disembarking with the tender, you will reach Marina Corta, in the port of Lipari, where you will meet your guide and board a private motorboat for a short trip to Vulcano. Vulcano is a small volcanic island in the Aeolian archipelago. The island has three volcanoes. One is ancient and has been dormant since prehistoric times. It forms the main mass of the island. The highest points are Monte Saraceno at 481 metres, Monte Aria at 500 metres and Gran Cratere (or Fossa di Vulcano) at 386 metres. Gran Cratere, which is still active, dominates the northern part of the island. It is characterised by strange formations and colours, especially near the summit.

On arrival at Vulcano you can either walk to the base of the volcano or enjoy a short visit to the village.

The tour continues to the hot sea (you can swim in it if you wish), the fumaroles and the beach of Sabbie Nere ("black sand"). Return to the boat and sail back to Lipari on a scenic cruise along the west coast of Vulcano, Vulcanello, Spiaggia di Ponente, Grotta del Cavallo, I Faraglioni and Lipari. On the way back you will enjoy a scenic cruise of about an hour. For those who feel like exploring, there will be time to walk around the town before returning to the ship.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking on uneven ground.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat, sunglasses and water. Wear a swimsuit underneath and bring a towel if you plan to swim. The mud baths in Vulcano are closed until further notice.

The boat trip to Vulcano takes about 20 minutes. The return trip to Lipari takes approximately one hour (panoramic boat tour).

PONZA - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

The pastel houses of Ponza Town rise in neat terraced rows from the busy harbour where sleekly groomed yachts and ramshackle fishing boats moor side by side. Happily, there are few tourists here, so it's a delight to wander through the unspoiled town.

CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME) - Medieval Tarquinia and Etruscan Museum (ending at FCO airport at 13:00)



4:15



119 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min10 / Max30
participants

History & Culture | Airport transfer

This excursion ends at Rome-Fiumicino airport (FCO) and is suitable for guests with flight after 15:00

Tarquinia offers the visitor a perfect mix of different historical eras, from the Etruscan Tarquinia to the medieval Corneto. A journey through time among medieval walls, towers, churches and the Etruscan Museum.

The ancient city of Tarquinia was one of the richest cities of the Etruscan civilisation and developed in an excellent geographical position, 10 km from the sea on the top of a hill that dominated the valley of the river Marta. Follow our guide for a walk through the medieval city and then immerse yourself in the Etruscan civilisation with a visit to the Etruscan Museum, housed in the 15th century Palazzo Vitelleschi.

Here you will find the largest collection of Etruscan art: sarcophagi, vases, bucchero ceramics, dishes, pottery, statues and ancient coins are just some of the important works that you can admire inside the museum. The museum also houses a unique work of art, the famous Cavalli Alati (Winged Horses), a terracotta high-relief from the "Ara della Regina" sanctuary. At the end of the visit, you will have some free time to enjoy a snack or a refreshment in the old town before being transferred to Fiumicino airport.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking over cobbled and uneven ground with inclines and some steps.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

Estimated times: Civitavecchia to Tarquinia 30 minutes, Tarquinia to FCO airport 70 minutes.

The guide will leave the group just before the bus leaves Tarquinia for the airport.



CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)

Star Clippers also offers the following transfer services (optional, on request):

- Shared Transfer to Rome-Fiumicino airport (FCO).

Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time.

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 08:45.

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

- Private transfers to Rome-Fiumicino airport or to hotels in Rome.

Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.

Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport (this service cannot be booked onboard).

Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

Transfers and excursions ending at the airport can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made onboard during the cruise are always subject to availability.

If you wish to book a private transfer, we recommend that you pre-book it well in advance prior to your cruise, as the number of vehicles may be limited at certain times of the year.

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

The ship will be docked at one of the cruise piers at Civitavecchia port, located 70 km north-west of Rome and Rome-Fiumicino airport. All guests must leave the ship by 10:00 am.



EXCURSIONS ACTIVITY LEVEL:

- ✓ **Easy:** excursion accessible to all participants, as it mainly takes place by bus or boat. Any footpaths and stairs that need to be negotiated are short or easy.
- ✓ **Moderate:** a certain basic level of fitness is required; excursion involving moderate walking - sometimes over uneven or unpaved paths and stairs.
- ✓ **Moderate to strenuous:** active participation is required; excursion involving walking long distances over uneven or steep terrain. May involve several flights of stairs or extended staircases.
- ✓ **Strenuous:** a good level of fitness is required; an excursion involving extensive uphill walking on inclines, uneven terrain with many steps. Excursion involving off-road driving, not suitable for pregnant women or anyone with a medical condition (back, neck, etc.) that could be affected by bumpy roads.
- ✓ **Active (sport):** Very good physical condition, stamina and skill are required. Passengers should be fit and active to participate in tours involving hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, cycling or similar activities.

The level of physical fitness required for our activities is given as a very general indication.

MAIN EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Culture & History:** it explores places of historical significance and visits ancient ruins or historic buildings, gives a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.
- ✓ **Sightseeing:** it gives a quick but enriching overview, visiting and seeing the main attractions, landmarks and places of interest in a particular area, often including popular spots and sometimes hidden gems.
- ✓ **Food & Wine:** it explores the culinary traditions of a region, from visiting local markets and vineyards to cooking classes or wine tastings.
- ✓ **Panoramic:** it involves a limited number of long drives with commentary by the guide, no internal visits and - generally - limited walking between stops.
- ✓ **Active & Adventure:** Hiking, kayaking, cycling, ATV, 4x4 off-road.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING WHEN GOING ASHORE ON EXCURSION:

- ✓ Unless special clothing suggestions are included in the excursion description, we recommend functional clothing and comfortable footwear.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes to help with any steep paths and uneven cobbles.
- ✓ A hat or cap and sun lotion.
- ✓ Water.
- ✓ For boat excursions or excursions including beach stop: swimsuit, beach towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, water shoes, snorkel mask.
- ✓ Mobile phone or camera to capture the moment.
- ✓ Ship card to get back on board.
- ✓ Some cash in local currency.
- ✓ A copy of the Daily Program, to check last tender or last gangway time, tender schedule, lunch time, etc.
- ✓ For ports with tender service (ship at anchor), bring a rucksack or fanny pack so that your hands are free to hold on to the safety grip when boarding the tender.