



SHORE EXCURSIONS

6 nights	ROYAL CLIPPER Corsica & French Riviera (30 May 2025)
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	<p>Fri Cannes, France</p> <p>Sat Portofino, Italy</p> <p>Sun East Corsica (beach), France (AM) Bastia - Corsica, France (PM)</p> <p>Mon Sant'Amanza beach - Corsica, France (AM) Bonifacio - Corsica, France (PM)</p> <p>Tue Ajaccio - Corsica, France</p> <p>Wed St. Tropez (beach), France (AM) St. Tropez (port), France (PM)</p> <p>Thu Cannes, France</p>
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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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PORTOFINO - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

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.

BASTIA - Corsican Traditions & Stories (walking tour)



2:30



39 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 20 / Max 30
participants

Sightseeing

Bastia was founded in 1380 by the Genoese, who were looking for a naturally sheltered port to replace the ancient Roman cities of Mariana and Biguglia (destroyed by the Corsicans in 1372). They needed a city and a port that would ensure contact between their "homeland" and their "colony". Even though this small port was exposed to terrible winds, it was protected by a rock, easily defensible, on which a dungeon (or bastiglia) was built - hence the name of the city of Bastia. The numerous religious buildings scattered throughout the island testify to the deep religious fervour of its inhabitants and their attachment to the Catholic faith. Despite this, the collective consciousness remains steeped in many pagan traditions, with relics of ancient beliefs.

Each region of the island has preserved its customs and traditions like so many treasures, and Corsica is teeming with visionaries, healers and mediums.

Over the centuries, oral tradition has perpetuated the myth of the strange and the wonderful. The memory of the Corsicans, steeped in history and culture, has been handed down from generation to generation until the not too distant past. Today, when this diluted past comes back to us in the form of childhood memories, we try to recover its essence, sometimes with infinite nostalgia.

Please note: This tour is entirely on foot and is not recommended to guests with limited mobility since it involves extensive walking (approx. 2.7 km) over cobblestone surfaces with some steps and uneven surfaces to negotiate.

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

You will have about 30 minutes to shop on your own.

BASTIA - Bastia and Corsican savours (walking tour)



3:00



55 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 20 / Max 30
participants



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Bastia is the capital of northern Corsica and the largest commercial port on the island. Under the Genoese administration, Bastia was the capital of the whole island and was very rich thanks to its numerous vineyards, olive groves and chestnut plantations. It was also the closest port to Italy, making it an important trading centre.

Follow our local guide through the narrow streets and discover some of the signs of a rich and interesting past.

Stop at a Corsican grocery and discover the richness and variety of Corsican gastronomy and the art of local charcuterie. Each product is an exploration of the complex and subtle flavours that only Corsica can offer.

You'll taste a variety of cold cuts, cheeses and "canistrelli", deliciously fragrant and crispy biscuits.

Located in the heart of Bastia, in the Place Saint-Nicolas, the Mattei distillery shop is the only one in Corsica listed as a historical monument. In this cosy setting, where everything has been faithfully preserved, you can taste the traditional Corsican aperitif 'Cap Corse Mattei' in its two versions, red and white.

The traditional recipe uses muscatel and vermentinu grape juice, mixed with macerations of cinchona peel, Corsican lemon and a selection of fruits, plants and spices.

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



BONIFACIO - Bonifacio by little train (and walking tour)



2:30

Sightseeing



59 €



moderate



little train,
walking tour

Min 20 / Max 30
participants

Your tour begins with a ride on the little train that takes you up to the Upper Town, the heart of the Bonifacio Citadel. Your guide will then take you for a walk around the old citadel and the Genoese town. You will see the marine cemetery on the cliffs, which offers a spectacular view over the Strait of Bonifacio. The island of Sardinia is only 12 km away. The tour continues in the old town, where you will stroll through the maze of narrow, winding streets, passing fascinating historical sites such as the 16th century Bastion de L'Etendard and the 12th century Eglise Sainte-Marie Majeure. After some time at leisure, return to the marina and walk back to the ship.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces and some steps. At the end of the tour there is an 800-meter walk on a flat surface along the Marina from the drop-off point of the little train to the pier.

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

BONIFACIO - Coastal boat trip



1:15

Boating



79 €



easy



motorized boat

Min 25 / Max 40
participants

A specially chartered boat will meet you at the pier. After boarding the boat, you will set off to explore the coast, leaving the harbour through a narrow channel between the towering cliffs of Bonifacio. The boat will pass the "Madonetta" lighthouse, built in 1854, and from the outside you can see the "Sdragnato" or "Little Dragon" sea cave. The itinerary continues to the "Fazio Creek" and then, following the cliff in a south-easterly direction, you will pass the rock known as the "Rudder of Corsica" and the steps of the King of Aragon. According to legend, these steps were carved out by the Aragonese during a single night in 1420 to facilitate a surprise attack on the inhabitants during the siege of Bonifacio. However, they predate this event and had a much more mundane function, allowing the locals to carry water up to the citadel.

The final highlight of the tour is the "Grain of Sand" rock, a large, isolated rock formed by erosion, which stands about 10 metres out in the sea. This picturesque site will make you reach for your camera as it provides the perfect backdrop for a photographic souvenir.

Please note: The boat is chartered exclusively for Star Clippers' guests. Tour timing and itinerary are subject to sea conditions.

Dress for the weather and bring a hat, sunglasses and water.



AJACCIO - The “fragrant island” and its artisans



3:00

Panoramic



99 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 30
participants

This excursion will take you to the outskirts of Ajaccio to discover the work of local craftsmen and enjoy the delicious flavours of some local products.

Stop at a local honey house for a tour and tasting. Learn about the benefits of all the products of the beehive. The Mediterranean climate allows bees to collect honey from flowers all year round, which is why Corsicans have been making honey since time immemorial. Corsican honey is unique, sweet, strong or fruity; the local production comes from an incredibly rich biodiversity of more than 2800 different plant species, 127 of which are endemic to the island. You can also visit an organic distillery of essential oils nearby. Corsica has an abundance of fragrant plants and trees and the owners use the flowers and leaves to produce 13 essential oils, floral waters and three types of massage oil for medicinal, aromatherapy and perfumery purposes. Relax on the return journey to Ajaccio at the end of your visit.

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces during the visit of the venues. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. The journey between the port and the venues visited takes approximately 30 minutes.

AJACCIO - Ajaccio walking tour and market tasting



2:00

Sightseeing | Food & Wine



59 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 15 / Max 30
participants



tasting

From the pier, your local guide will lead you on a walking tour of Ajaccio’s highlights.

Discover its cluster of ancient streets spreading north and south of Place Foch which opens out onto the seafront by the commercial port and the Yacht marina. Pass the Town Hall and admire the square dominated at the top end by an impressive statue of Napoleon on top of a fountain surrounded by four marble lions.

Your walking tour continues, pass the Emperor’s birthplace The Maison Napoleon, nowadays a small museum and the cathedral where Napoleon was christened in 1771 (no internal visits for both).

Place Fosch is the site of Ajaccio's fresh produce market. Here you will find a selection of fresh vegetables and fruit under colourful striped awnings, as well as stalls selling artisanal delicacies such as jams, honey from the island's rich flora, local wine, muscat and myrtle liqueurs, and goat or sheep's cheese.

Learn about the artisanal production of local smoked sausages, based mainly on a particular breed of pig.

See the "prizuttu" (smoked ham), the "salamu" (smoked sausage) and the "coppa". Discover the most famous Corsican fresh cheese, the "brocciu", and perhaps you will be able to taste pastries with this flavour. At the end of your visit, follow your guide for a short walk back to the boat or stay in the town on your own.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking (approx. 2 km) with some steps and uneven surfaces. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

SAINT TROPEZ - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Up until 1958 Saint Tropez was just a sleepy, picturesque fishing village; then the legendary couple Brigitte Bardot and Roger Vadim arrived, bringing with them a touch of glamour, and changing the place beyond all recognition.

In the 1800’s St Tropez became a center for art and culture with the arrival of the French writer Guy de Maupassant and the Impressionist painter Paul Signac who brought with them a host of talented contemporaries, including Matisse.

Today St Tropez is famous the world over for being one of the most glamorous locations on the French Riviera. While it is mostly known for its beaches and port filled with millionaire’s yachts, it also boasts tree lined squares, pastel-coloured houses, chic boutiques and quaint cafés serving a delicious local pastry the “Tarte Trophezienne”.



CANNES

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

- Shared Transfer to Nice airport (NCE).

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

There is a fixed departure from the port at approximately 09:00.

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

- Private transfers to Nice airport and to hotels in Nice.

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 in Cannes to the airport.

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

This service cannot be booked onboard the ship.

Transfers 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 at anchor at the port of Cannes. Disembarkation takes place at the pier “Quai du Large”, accessible from the open-air car parking “Parking Laubeuf”. All guests must leave the ship by 10:00am.



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.