



SHORE EXCURSIONS

4

nights

ROYAL CLIPPER

Rome to Rome (10 September 2025)



Wed Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy

Thu Bonifacio - Corsica, France

Fri East Corsica (beach), France

Fri Bastia - Corsica, France

Sat Portoferraio - Elba, Italy

Sun Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy

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).





Date of last update: 18th of January 2025

BONIFACIO - Coastal boat trip



1:15



79 €



easy



motorized boat

Min 25 / Max 40
participants

Boating

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.

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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ELBA (Portoferraio) – Panoramic Elba and view from Monte Capanne



4:30



75 €



easy



motorcoach,
cable car

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

Panoramic

The scenic drive from Portoferraio takes you to the island's western highlands. The journey passes through the centre of the island before continuing along the coast to the upmarket resort of Marciana Marina. The coach then heads into the hills to reach the cable car station at Marciana Alta. During the journey your guide will tell you about the island's history, culture and natural environment while you sit back and enjoy the beautiful views of the surrounding hilltop villages and coastline.

On arrival your guide will give you a safety briefing and explain how to get on and off the cable car baskets safely.

The baskets, which depart every 20 seconds for the 20-minute climb to the top of Mount Capanne (1,019m), each hold two passengers. The views during the cable car ride are quite spectacular, so make sure you have your camera handy.

From the panoramic terrace at the top station you can enjoy breathtaking views of all the islands in the Tuscan archipelago.

After some free time (about 30 minutes), your guide will take you back to the coach and the tour will continue to Marciana Mariana. Here you will have time to stroll along the seafront and explore the picturesque village. Before returning to the port, look out for Elba's specialities: wonderful perfumes, truly the scent of the Mediterranean captured in a bottle, and delicious local wines.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties, heart problems or vertigo. You will take an open-air cable car (cabins are baskets without any cover and can accommodate 2 people) to the top of Mount Capanne. A certain agility is required to board the cable car basket.

Shops in Marciana Marina might be closed on Sundays and public holidays.

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

Estimated driving times: between Portoferraio and the cable car 50 min; between the cable car and Marciana Marina 20 min; between Marciana Marina and Portoferraio 40 min.



ELBA (Portoferraio) - Porto Azzurro, wine tasting and Napoleon's (with Palazzina dei Mulini)



4:30



89 €



moderate to strenuous



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40 participants



tasting

History & Culture | Food & Wine

From Portoferraio, cross the island from north to south until you reach the Gulf of Lacona, then Golfo Stella and Porto Azzurro. There will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the scenery and take fantastic photographs.

At Porto Azzurro you will have time to wander the charming streets of this town dominated by an ancient medieval fortress. The town also has a pretty fishing harbour and many shops selling minerals and crystals.

Then rejoin the coaches for a panoramic tour of the island.

Next stop is "La Chiusa", an old country estate set in a vineyard overlooking the sea.

The estate dates back to the 1700's and includes a country house, a wine cellar and a miniature chapel. The owner's house, with its double outside staircase, was built later in the 1800s.

"La Chiusa hosted Napoleon Bonaparte on two occasions: once on 3 May 1814 on his arrival in Elba, while waiting to be officially received in Portoferraio, and once during a hunting party on Mount Fabbrello. Here you will have the opportunity to taste some local specialities and a selection of three different wines.

The tour continues with a scenic coach ride from Porto Azzurro to Portoferraio, with beautiful views of the Gulf of Portoferraio and its harbour.

Once in Portoferraio, you will get off the bus and continue with a walking tour of the old town, including a visit to the "Palazzina dei Mulini", one of the residences used by Napoleon during his exile on the island of Elba (1814-1815), located on the top of a small hill overlooking the old town of Portoferraio.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with many steps and uphill walking in Portoferraio. The portion of the tour in Portoferraio is a walking tour (approx. 1h15' including the visit).

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

Estimated driving times: Portoferraio to Porto Azzurro: 30min ; Porto Azzurro to La Chiusa: 30 min ; La Chiusa to Portoferraio: 25 min. The order of the visits is subject to change due to the opening times of the Museum.

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).

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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.