



SHORE EXCURSIONS

11 nights	ROYAL CLIPPER Italy, Montenegro & Croatia (<i>Venice to Rome - 30-August-2025</i>)
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	Sat	Venice, Italy
	Sun	Rovinj, Croatia
	Mon	Hvar, Croatia
	Tue	Dubrovnik, Croatia
	Wed	Kotor, Montenegro
	Thu	Corfu, Greece
	Fri	At sea
	Sat	Taormina - Sicily, Italy
	Sun	Amalfi, Italy
	Mon	Sorrento, Italy
	Tue	Ponza - Pontine Islands, Italy (AM) Palmarola - Pontine Islands, Italy (PM)
	Wed	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).





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ROVINJ - Pula and its Roman Amphitheatre



4:00



85 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 40
participants*

History & Culture

Explore a treasure trove of ancient Roman buildings on this fascinating half-day excursion to Pula. Depart from the pier for the scenic 50 minute drive to Pula, located on the southernmost part of the Istrian peninsula.

On arrival take a guided walking tour of this ancient city. Pula is best known for its many surviving ancient Roman buildings, the most famous of which is the 1st century amphitheatre. Known locally as the Arena, it is the sixth largest amphitheatre in the world. One of the best preserved amphitheatres from antiquity, the Arena is still used today for summer film festivals. Your walking tour includes visits to other famous, well-preserved ancient Roman structures, including the Arch of Sergius and the Temple of Apollo, built in honour of the 1st century Roman Emperor Augustus. Other sites include the Roman city gates and walls and a Byzantine chapel. After your walking tour, you will have some free time to explore on your own. At the end of your visit, reboard your coach for the return journey to the pier.

Please note: this tour involves a moderate amount of walking.

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

The journey between Rovinj and Pula takes approx. 50 minutes (each way).

ROVINJ - Rovinj walking tour



1:30



35 €



*moderate to
strenuous*



walking tour

*Min 10 / Max 60
participants*

History & Culture

Discover one of the most romantic and photogenic towns in the Mediterranean.

Once a fishing port, Rovinj is now one of Croatia's most famous tourist destinations and is known as the "Blue Pearl of the Adriatic". The old town is rich in Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings.

The Church of St. Euphemia was built at the beginning of the 10th century on the foundations of the Romanesque Church of St. George. Today's monumental church, the main sight of Rovinj, was built in the 17th and 18th centuries in the Baroque style. Its bell tower is over 62 metres high, the highest in Istria, and was modelled on the bell tower of St Mark's Basilica in Venice, and dominates the old town of Rovinj.

Today Rovinj is a town of artists. The beauty of the town has attracted artists to spend their summers in Rovinj and to settle there permanently. This is best seen in Grisia Street, a beautiful winding staircase with galleries and studios leading to the plateau of the Church of St. Euphemia. One of the most representative streets in Rovinj is Carrera ulica - urbanised in the second half of the 17th century, today it is the busiest street with many small shops, boutiques, galleries and tempting cafes.

Please note: this tour is entirely on foot and involves an extensive amount of uphill walking.

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



HVAR - Hvar island tour and tasting



4:00



89 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 35
participants*



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

The island of Hvar is a well known tourist destination and thanks to its mild climate and lush subtropical vegetation it has become a must for tourists. The island is rich in cultural and historical monuments, and remains of the ancient times can still be seen in most of the settlements on the island. The coach will take guests from Hvar town to Starigrad, a small town famous for its large bay, which has long inspired artists and poets. Starigrad is a crowning glory in this majestic landscape.

The town of Starigrad was the largest settlement on the island and dates back to Greek times. After a short guided tour, you will have some free time in the town before continuing towards the village of Vrisnik.

A friendly host will welcome you with dried figs and a special tasting of the island's cheeses and wines, produced locally in small quantities. After leaving Vrisnik, you will have a short guided tour of Hvar and a short stop at the fortress from where you can enjoy a magnificent view of the town of Hvar and the Pakleni Islands.

Please note: this tour involves a long panoramic drive on the coach and moderate walking.

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

The drive between Vrisnik and Hvar takes approx. 60 minutes.

HVAR - Heritage and curiosities of the city of Hvar



2:00



45 €



moderate



walking tour

*Min 10 / Max 30
participants*

History & Culture

The island of Hvar, the sunniest Croatian island, with its lavender fields, vineyards and ancient towns, has recently been included in the list of the most beautiful islands in the world.

Twenty-four centuries of urban life have left their mark in cultural and historical monuments, in all fields of art, from antiquity to the Renaissance, creating a true wealth of cultural heritage. Take the opportunity, accompanied by our guide, to experience all the beauty and richness of the thousand-year-old cultural heritage of the town of Hvar.

Your tour will begin with a pleasant walk through the cobbled, narrow streets of the Old Town, smooth and glistening in the sun. St. Stephen's Square, called Piazza, is the central square in the town and is the largest town square in Dalmatia.

During this tour you will visit and learn about the Cathedral of St. Stephen, the Arsenal (renovated in 1612, it was used as a shipyard for galleys), the Franciscan Monastery (which preserves a collection of paintings by Croatian and Italian painters and a fascinating collection of nautical charts, embroideries, documents and books) and the Church of St. Mary of Grace, the Benedictine Church. Mary of Grace, the Benedictine monastery, the baroque church of St. Anthony from the 17th century (with the art collection of lace made of agave threads, which is only made in this monastery and is included in the UNESCO list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity), the Hvar Town Hall and the town walls built from the top of the hill together with a fortress called "Fortica".

Please note: This tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces and cobblestones with many steps.

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 are allowed).

The tour includes inside visits of the Franciscan monastery, St. Mary of Grace church with the art collection and library, Benedictine Nunnery and Church of St. Anthony with monastery's museum collection of art and lacework made of agave threads. Religious sites could be closed without notice due to religious ceremonies.



HVAR - Hvar offroad adventure



3:00



119 €



strenuous



4WD vehicle

*Min 4 / Max 16
participants*

Active & Adventure

The island of Hvar has a mild climate and lush subtropical vegetation. This guided tour will take you to the most beautiful parts of the island and its hidden charms not accessible by regular tour buses.

Drive through typical old villages, see outstanding landscapes and capture the authentic Dalmatian charm of the island! Experience the unspoilt nature, climb the hills for beautiful panoramic views and then descend through olive groves and vineyards to the coast! Hvar is famous for its beautiful valleys and picturesque bays, but also for its indulgent lifestyle. This tour is the best possible way for you to discover the most precious hidden corners of Hvar, enjoy breathtaking scenery and taste some of that Mediterranean 'chill'.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility, pregnant women or anyone suffering from conditions (back, neck or other) which may be affected by bumpy roads. 4WD vehicles are closed vehicles and can accommodate 4 passengers. The 4WD will be driven by English speaking drivers. The drivers are not tour guides: there will be no live commentary during the drive, but commentary will be provided for the whole group at certain designated stops during the tour.

HVAR - Sea kayaking expedition to Pakleni islands



3:45



69 €



active (sport)



kayak

*Min 7 / Max 20
participants*

Active & Adventure

Your guide will meet you at the pier and you will walk together to the kayak station.

After a safety briefing and instruction in paddling techniques, you will be ready to set off on your sea kayak adventure along the beautiful Hvar coastline, exploring the small islands that make up the famous Pakleni Archipelago. The name is sometimes translated as Hell's Islands (pakleni means hellish), but its origin is more likely derived from "paklina", an archaic word meaning tar or pine resin, the substance used to coat local boats.

Far from being "hellish", the islands are a little slice of heaven, offering unspoilt scenery, thick pine forests that provide shade even on the hottest summer days and crystal blue waters. The kayak expedition takes us past bays and narrow straits to small pebble beaches where you can swim, snorkel and relax.

Please note: This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition.

Participants must be able to swim. This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Min age: 6 years (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Max weight: 264 lbs / 120 kg.

Wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water shoes, water, a towel from the ship and extra dry clothes. A waterproof protection for cameras is recommended.

Kayak activity lasts approx. 2 hours (1 hour each way, with 1 hour swim stop), but tour duration depends on the group's pace (approx. 03:30/03:45 hours).



HVAR - Sailing tour to Pakleni archipelago



3:30



95 €



moderate



sailing boat

Min 10 / Max 36
participants

Boating & beach

Enjoy sailing in one of the most beautiful parts of the Adriatic; a favorite destination for all those who love the sea and islands. This tour is all about sailing, “poetry in motion”, as some people call it. Let the wind and weather be your guide as you set sail from the town of Hvar to the labyrinth of islands that compose the Pakleni archipelago. There will be a stop for swimming in one of the bays.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, water and a hat.

DUBROVNIK - Flavours of Dalmatia



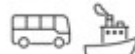
4:30



99 €



moderate



motorcoach, boat

Min 20 / Max 35
participants



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Enjoy a pleasant coach ride along the Adriatic Road to the town of Mali Ston, known as the "oyster capital of Croatia". This small town is often seen as a smaller version of Dubrovnik, with magnificent walls surrounding the town. The walls are 5 km long and construction began in 1317 and was not completed until the 16th century. There are also the old salt pans that were used during the Dubrovnik Republic.

After arriving in Mali Ston, you will board a local boat that will take you to the oyster and mussel beds. Your host will welcome you on board and introduce you to the oyster and mussel growing in this area. You will have a unique opportunity to learn about oyster and mussel production and taste freshly prepared oysters and mussels, including mussel bouzara (mussels cooked with wine, garlic and olive oil).

After returning to Mali Ston, you will board a motorcoach for the return journey to Dubrovnik for a brief orientation tour of the Dubrovnik old town, followed by free time to explore Dubrovnik on your own.

Please note: this tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, cobblestones.

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

The drive between Dubrovnik and Mali Ston takes approx. 60 minutes (each way). There is a 15 minute walk through the old town from the tender pier to the coach park.

DUBROVNIK - Legend and curiosities



1:30



35 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 10 / Max 30
participants

Sightseeing

Discover the secrets locked within the walls of the Old Town and join us on a journey of legends and curiosities. Discover the present day life of the citizens living within the walls of the Dubrovnik Old Town, experience the spirit of the past, walk through a maze of narrow streets and small squares, the oldest parts of the town, beyond the usual tourist paths, where fascinating views will open up to you in an unexpected way, discover the churches and highlights that you will not find in the travel guides, meet one of the most famous and world-renowned scientists, Bosković. All this will be illustrated by interesting stories, legends and curiosities about life in the Old Town of Dubrovnik and the history of the centuries-old Republic of Ragusa, told by your guide.

Please note: this tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, cobblestones.



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

DUBROVNIK - The great Dubrovnik trasure hunt



2:30



49 €



moderate



walking tour

*Min 10 / Max 30
participants*

History & Culture | Unesco

During a leisurely walk through the medieval town, our guide will introduce you to the rich history and artistic heritage through the centuries, as well as the most beautiful and significant examples of architecture, public and sacral objects from the period of the Dubrovnik Republic, and the best selection of museums.

The Rector's Palace with its capital and atrium, one of the architectural pearls of Dubrovnik's rich heritage (and one of the most significant monuments of profane architecture on the Croatian coast), today the Cultural and Historical Museum. Apart from its exceptional beauty and historical value, the Sponza Palace houses all the treasures of the Dubrovnik archives.

The Church of St. Blaise (patron of Dubrovnik since 972), with luxurious altars and a silver-plated statue of St. Blaise from the 15th century.)

The Roman Baroque Cathedral of the Assumption with its treasury, one of the oldest on the Adriatic (11th-18th centuries). The great polyptych of the Assumption was made in Titian's workshop, and you can also admire Raphael's "Madonna della Seggiola".

The Museum of the Dominican Monastery, one of the most important treasures of cultural and artistic heritage and one of the most important architectural complexes in Dubrovnik. The very rich art collection of the Dubrovnik School of Painting from the 15th and 16th centuries, as well as the Venetian School and the works of Titian, the 15th century Flemish paintings and the rich monastery library and archives guard 239 incunabula and precious manuscripts.

The Franciscan monastery with its church is one of the most beautiful Roman-Gothic buildings in Croatia. Its pharmacy dates from 1317 and is the third oldest pharmacy still in use in the world. The library contains an exhibition of liturgical artefacts, one of the most valuable European music archives and paintings by old masters.

Please note: this tour involves extensive walking on uneven surfaces, inclines, cobblestones.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required to visit the religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).

The price of the excursion includes entry to the Treasury of Dubrovnik Cathedral, the Dominican Museum, the museum of the Franciscan monastery and its pharmacy.

KOTOR - Perast and Kotor



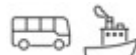
4:00



69 €



moderate



motorcoach, boat

*Min 25 / Max 40
participants*

Sightseeing

Meet your local guide and drive through the beautiful Bay of Kotor to Perast, a small baroque village on the shores of the Kotor Fjord. The most outstanding buildings here date from the 17th and 18th centuries. It is a tranquil place, rich in sacred monuments such as the Church of St Nicholas, built between the 15th and 17th centuries. There will be some free time to explore Perast on your own before we take a boat to the islet of Gospa od Skrpjela (Lady of the Rocks) and the church of the same name.

Lady of the Rocks is a baroque church situated on one of the two islets in the Bay of Kotor, just opposite Perast. The church contains 68 magnificent paintings by Tripo Kokolja, a famous 17th century artist from Perast. His masterpiece is undoubtedly a 10m long painting depicting the Death of the Virgin.

After visiting the island you will board your boat again for a short trip back to Perast where you will board your coach and travel from Perast to Kotor. This charming medieval town on a beautiful fjord is the ancient maritime centre of Montenegro and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will find monuments, shops, cafes and restaurants. The 12th century Cathedral of St Tripun and the Orthodox Church of St Luka are visited from the outside.

Please note: This tour involves extended walking on cobblestone surfaces with some inclines and some steps.

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 are allowed).



The drive between Kotor and Perast takes approx. 20 minutes (each way). The order of the visits is subject to change.

KOTOR - Boka Kotorska speedboat adventure (with beach stop and Blue Cave)



3:30



95 €



strenuous



speedboat

Min 10 / Max 30
participants

Boating & beach

A scenic speedboat ride past the villages and countryside of the Montenegrin coast takes you to the Blue Cave, located just outside the bay. The Blue Cave is one of the most attractive in the series of caves along the Lustica Peninsula, which separates the Bay of Kotor from the Adriatic Sea. The sun's rays are reflected inside the cave, creating a beautiful shade of blue water for which this cave is best known. If the sea conditions allow, you will make a SHORT visit by boat to this natural hall with a 9-metre high vault and the 13-metre deep seabed of the cave. Then you will go to the pebble beach of Zanjice where you will have free time to swim before boarding the speedboats for the return to Kotor. You will have a chance to swim in this enchanting setting before heading to Rose Beach on the tip of the Lustica Peninsula.

Please note: This tour is operated by speedboat and is not suitable for guests prone to motion sickness, guests with back or neck problems, guests with limited mobility and pregnant women. Speedboats can accommodate max 10 passengers.

Wear a swimsuit under a cover-up and bring sun protection, sunglasses, a towel from the ship, water shoes and a change of dry clothes. Expect to get splashed! Do not take valuables with you.

The speedboat trip between Kotor and the Blue Cave lasts approx. 60 minutes (each way).

There will be approx. one hour of free time at the beach in Zanjice. The passage inside the cave takes approx. 5 minutes, depending on the number of the boats inside the cave. In case of rough sea conditions, it will not be possible to enter inside the Blue Cave (no refund will be given). The order of the visits is subject to change.

KOTOR - Kayaking through the Bay of Kotor



3:15



59 €



active (sport)



kayak

Min 8 / Max 16
participants

Active & Adventure

Explore the Kotor Fjord coastline from the water as you paddle a sea kayak on a guided 6.25 mile exploration. Take breaks from paddling to stop for a swim in the refreshing waters of the Adriatic or to take in the stunning views of the mountainous Montenegrin countryside and the picturesque medieval walled town of Kotor.

Please note: This is a very active tour and is only recommended for guests in very good physical condition.

Participants must be able to swim. This tour is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility, back or neck issues and pregnant women. Min age: 6 years (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Max weight: 264 lbs / 120 kg.

Wear a swimsuit under your clothes and bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water shoes, water, a towel from the ship and extra dry clothes. A waterproof protection for cameras and mobiles is recommended.

Kayaks have two seats. Before the tour starts, practical instructions on how to maneuver the kayaks will be given. Kayak activity lasts approx. 2 hours (1 hour each way, with 1 hour swim stop), but the duration depends on the group's pace.



KOTOR - Hike & Picnic in Lovcen National Park



5:30



85 €



active (sport)



minibus, hiking

*Min 14 / Max 16
participants*



*light lunch
included*

Active & Adventure | Nature

From the port of Kotor, drive along a scenic, rather steep road to the base of Lovcen National Park. The road has 16 hairpin bends and climbs over 420 metres, offering breathtaking views over Kotor. Lovcen National Park stretches for 23 forested miles, dominated by Mount Lovcen. Overlooking Kotor, the mountain has two imposing peaks, the 1748m Stirovnik and the 1656m Jezerski vrh. An invigorating guided hike starts at the foot of the mountain, through green meadows and along rocky paths. As you make your way along well-worn trails, you'll have great views of the Bay of Kotor and some spectacular 360-degree views of the Montenegrin coast.

Enjoy a picnic lunch during your hike before returning to Kotor.

Please note: The hike is on uneven paths, with uphill portions and steps. Participants must be in very good physical condition.

The road to Lovcen is winding, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from vertigo or motion sickness.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Please also bring a jacket to be ready for any change in temperature.

Enjoyment of panoramic views from viewpoints depends on weather conditions.

CORFU - Corfu old town and Kanaoni



4:00



59 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 20 / Max 40
participants*

Sightseeing | Unesco

Travel back in time on this panoramic tour of Corfu. The tour starts in Kanoni, one of the most beautiful areas of Corfu, which got its name in 1798 during the French occupation of the island. One of the cannons from that period is still standing on a hill. We stop here to admire the breathtaking view of Mouse Island, also known as Pontikonisi, and the ancient monastery of Vlacherna. This famous landmark is one of the most photographed spots in Corfu.

The small islet at the entrance to the Halkiopoulos lagoon has a Byzantine chapel dating from the 11th century. Legend has it that Mouse Island was the ship that brought Odysseus back to Ithaca, and that Poseidon, the god of the sea, turned it to stone in a fit of rage.

After leaving Kanoni, the excursion continues with a panoramic drive to Corfu Old Town and Spianada Square. This UNESCO World Heritage Site has so much to offer visitors: medieval streets, two Venetian fortresses, a magnificent palace and beautiful gardens.

There will be a guided tour of the main square and the old Orthodox church dedicated to St Spyridon, the patron saint of the island, which has a priceless collection of icons. During the tour your guide will tell you about the history of Corfu. Afterwards, you will have some free time to stroll through the arcades of Liston Piazza, go shopping or try some local specialities at one of the restaurants in the town centre before you return to the cruise port.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobbled, uneven surfaces.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate dress is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts allowed).

The church of St Spyridon might be closed to the public during religious ceremonies. The order of the visits may vary.



CORFU - Olive oil mill and tasting



3:30

Food & Wine



85 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 24
participants



tasting

Take a trip to the heart of olive oil country and visit a mill that produces award-winning olive oil. The mill is located in a protected Natura 2000 area, which not only boasts centuries-old olive trees, but also the remains of a medieval castle, Castle Gardiki, dating back to the 13th century.

The Dafnis family, who own the Governor Oil Mill, will welcome you into their world and take you back in time for the ultimate olive oil immersion experience! You will learn about the history of olive oil production and the Dafnis family, as well as the facts and myths surrounding olive oil.

Taste olive oil with one of the highest levels of phenolic compounds (antioxidants and free radical scavengers) in the world. The tour begins with a personal guided walk through the olive groves in the grounds of Gardiki Castle. The authentic island atmosphere is unmistakable; you will meet our resident olive oil expert and learn about the world's oldest olive variety. When you arrive at the oil mill you will experience our 'taste like a pro' programme and learn how olive oil is made.

You will learn how to recognise high quality olive oil and how to tell the difference between extra virgin and non extra virgin olive oil. You will also learn about the amazing therapeutic and health benefits of this 'natural healer'.

During your time at the mill you will taste olive oil with bread, tomatoes, feta cheese and a homemade cracker and enjoy a glass of wine.

Please note: The drive from the port to the oil mill takes approximately 40 minutes each way.

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

CORFU - Paleokastritsa and Panagias Monastery



4:00

Sightseeing



59 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

Enjoy a leisurely drive to the resort of Paleokastritsa, passing through green countryside with orange and lemon trees, cypresses and olive groves.

This exceptionally beautiful sprawling village on the mid-west coast of Corfu is one of the most visited places on the island. The village is set against a high cliff covered with millions of olive trees and other greenery. Admire the five pine-clad headlands and small bays of yellow sand or white pebbles bathed by crystal clear water.

You will visit a thirteenth century Byzantine monastery with its church, Byzantine icon museum and original stone olive oil press. After the visit you will have some free time to swim or have a drink at one of the beach cafes.

Next is a short stop at Bella Vista, a famous viewpoint for a bird's eye view of beautiful Paleokastritsa.

After leaving Bella Vista you will be taken back to the port of Corfu.

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

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

Appropriate dress is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts allowed). If you want to swim, don't forget your swimsuit and beach towel (there are changing rooms and showers on the beach).

The drive from the port to Paleokastritsa takes about 45 minutes each way.



TAORMINA - Taormina and winery (with lunch)



7:30



135 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 25 / Max 40
participants*



*lunch & wine
tasting*

History & Culture | Food & Wine

Situated on a natural terrace 200m above sea level, this picturesque town has many charming medieval features and a variety of interesting shops. 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 of many of the town's highlights including the Greek Theatre (inside visit), the Cathedral, Palazzo Covaia and the Roman Odeon (all of these last sites are exterior views). You will also be able to stroll along Corso Umberto, the main shopping street in Taormina.

After the guided tour you will have some free time to taste some local pastries, sit in a café and watch the people, browse in the shops or just walk around admiring the palaces, squares, staircases and narrow streets that give such charm to this delightful medieval town.

You will then return to the car park and board the coach for the journey south, leaving the motorway at Giarre and heading towards Mount Etna. The scenic route around the mountain takes you past the town of Giarre and the village of Santa Venerina, through orchards, vineyards and woodland.

Your next stop is the Gambino estate, where you will visit the cellar and winery and learn about the characteristics of Etna wines, which are shaped by unique geological and climatic conditions. You will also enjoy fantastic views over the fertile valley and the vine-covered fields that produce certified Etna wine.

After the visit, you will be treated to a Sicilian brunch of local specialities and will be able to taste four different wines produced on the estate. Before returning to the pier, you will have the opportunity to purchase some wine from the estate shop.

Please note: This tour involves considerable walking over cobbles, uneven surfaces and inclines.

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

The drive between Taormina and the winery takes approx. 50 minutes. The order of the visits is subject to change.

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 and winery



8:00



199 €



strenuous



4WD vehicle

Min 16 / Max 24
participants



lunch & wine
tasting

Active & Adventure | Nature | Food & Wine

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 reboard your 4x4 and drive to a local winery for a tasting of Etna wines and a Sicilian lunch, before returning 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.

AMALFI - Ravello & Villa Rufolo



3:45



79 €



moderate



minibus

Min 15 / Max 48
participants

Sightseeing

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



65 €



easy



motorized boat

Min 25 / Max 70
participants

Panoramic

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.

AMALFI - Hiking on the "Lemon Trail"



4:30



99 €



strenuous



transfer by
minibus, hiking

Min 15 / Max 18
participants



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A tour guide will be waiting to greet you in Amalfi and will accompany you on the panoramic drive along the coast to the village of Maiori.

Here the tour starts with an outside visit of the collegiate church of Santa Maria a Mare with its characteristic green and yellow majolica tiled dome. Just behind the church there are some steps leading up to the Lemon trail which is set in a beautiful valley with terraced lemon groves, vineyards, and villas with lush gardens. .

During the hike there will be a stop at a lemon grove for a guided tour of the farm, including the opportunity to taste some freshly made lemonade, lemon salad, a typical local aperitif, and the famous lemon marmalade.

You will learn all about the traditions and history of the "Sfusato Amalfitano" which figures largely in the local gastronomy. This unique variety of lemon has thick wrinkled skin, sweet juicy flesh, and an intense aroma.

After the visit you will keep on the Lemon trail until you reach the picturesque village of Minori, where you will have some free time to explore before you re-board the minibus for the return trip to Amalfi.

Please note: The hike is about 6 km, comprising uneven paths, uphill portions and many steps. Participants must be in very good physical conditions. Approx. 60 min walk (uphill) from Maiori to the lemon farm, 45 min visit on site, 45 min walk (downhill) from the farm to Minori, 30 min free time.

Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. The drive between Amalfi and Maiori takes approx. 30 min (each way).



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. 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 - Capri on your own



6:00



69 €



easy

public boat

Min 20 / Max 35
participants

lunch not
included
(free time)

Self-guided tour

Take the opportunity of discovering Capri on your own. Our local staff will give you some tips so you can make the most of your time on the island and will provide you with the tickets for the funicular ride between the port of Marina Grande (our landing point in Capri) and the village of Capri.

Capri is the outpost of the Sorrento peninsula. It is called the jewel of the Gulf of Naples because of its incomparable scenery, clear skies and beautiful climate. Capri has two harbours, Marina Grande to the north and Marina Piccola to the south. The village of Capri is 452 feet high and lies between them. The island's second residential centre, Anacapri, lies in a sweep of lush countryside to the west of Monte Solaro. Some Roman emperors lived part-time on Capri, and Roman nobles resided on or visited the island. In the early 19th century many artists, writers and poets settled here. A delightful climate, clear blue skies, beautiful scenery and a host of other attractions make the island a perfect holiday destination at any time of year.

At the end of the tour, once you are back at the pier in Sorrento you may choose to go back onboard the ship or explore Sorrento on your own.

Please note: This tour does not include a guide, the visit to Capri is entirely on your own (no sightseeing included, no lunch included).

The tour includes: assistance service (local hostess travelling with the group to Capri), regular boat service in & out of Capri (Marina Grande) at a fixed time, disembarkation tax in Capri, ticket for the funicular (in & out) between Marina Grande pier / Capri (village).

Follow attentively the instructions given by the hostess about meeting time and place for the return to Sorrento.

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

The hydrofoil trip takes approximately 30 minutes. The hydrofoil/ferry is a public service, not exclusive to Star Clippers. The duration of the tour may vary depending on local boat schedules.

Expect Capri to be crowded. There may be queues at the hydrofoil piers and at the funicular stations.

PONZA - Ponza's sea grottos by boat and swim stops



3:30



99 €



moderate



motorized boat

Min 30 / Max 40
participants



light lunch
included

Boating & beach

Some of the beauty of Ponza can only be appreciated from the sea. On this boat tour you will see crystal clear bays, islets, coves, cliffs and sea grottoes, while learning about the history of the island from our guide.

The tour starts from the pier and goes clockwise around the island, stopping along the way to allow passengers to swim. You will sail past the Pilate's Caves (ancient Roman pools dug into the rock), under the Guardia lighthouse, built on the top of an 80 metre high rocky promontory, to reach the east coast, then continue along the beautiful bay of Chiaia di Luna, with its white cliffs. On the west side of the island you can admire the Frontone beach with its unique cliffs.

This itinerary includes one or two stops for a swim (depending on time available and sea conditions) and a light lunch on board (pasta course with drinks - water, wine and coffee served with the light lunch).

Please note: During the boat trip, there are usually one or two stops for swimming. The captain decides where and when to stop as it depends on the conditions of the day and the timing available. Guests must know how to swim.

Wear your swimsuit under your clothing and bring a towel, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat and water.

There is no walking involved in this tour, but guests must disembark and embark with a ladder during the swim stops.



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.