



SHORE EXCURSIONS

11

nights

STAR FLYER**Italy, Montenegro, Croatia** (*Venice to Rome – 03-July-2025*)

Thu	Venice, Italy
Fri	Mali Losinj, Croatia
Sat	Hvar, Croatia
Sun	Dubrovnik, Croatia
Mon	Kotor, Montenegro
Tue	Otranto, Italy
Wed	At sea
Thu	Taormina - Sicily, Italy
Fri	Lipari - Aeolian Islands, Italy
Sat	Amalfi, Italy
Sun	Ponza - Pontine Islands, Italy
Mon	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 Library.
- 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. Excursions are operated with a ticketless system.
- 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 Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).



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MALI LOSINJ - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

Mali Losinj lies at the foot of a sheltered harbour on the south-eastern coast of the island of Losinj. The island's mild climate and rich flora have given Mali Losinj the reputation of being one of the most fragrant islands in Croatia; the air is scented with lavender, sage and rosemary. The old town's seafront, lined with imposing 19th-century houses and villas, is a pleasant place to stroll.

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 - 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 12
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 - 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 - Flavours of Dalmatia



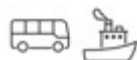
4:30



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 - The great Dubrovnik treasure 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



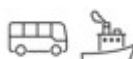
4:00



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.

OTRANTO - Baroque Lecce



4:30



65 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 25 / Max 40
participants

History & Culture

Located in the heart of Salento, the heel of the Italian boot, Lecce was founded by the Messapii (pre-Roman population) in the 5th century BC. Its importance increased after the Roman conquest in the 3rd century BC.

From the 16th to the 18th centuries, Lecce enjoyed a period of great splendour and was duly embellished with Rococo and Baroque monuments with sumptuous decorations carved in Lecce stone. This local fine-grained limestone is particularly easy to work, making the creation of decorative reliefs and delicate details relatively simple. It is known as the "Florence of Southern Italy" for its rich historical and architectural treasures.

Walk through the city centre with your guide to discover the remains of the Roman amphitheatre and the remarkable architectural style known as "Lecce Baroque".

Visit one of the most beautiful and impressive squares in southern Italy - Piazza Duomo. Admire the Basilica of Santa Croce and the imposing façade of the Palazzo del Governato (the former monastery of the Celestine monks). After the guided walking tour, enjoy some free time in the old centre of Lecce before returning to Otranto.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground.

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 allowed).

The journey time between Otranto and Lecce is approximately 60 minutes each way.

OTRANTO - Otranto walking tour and tasting



3:30



49 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 20 / Max 30
participants



tasting

History & Culture | Food & Wine

Located in the Puglia region, Otranto is the easternmost point of Italy, on the "heel of the Italian boot". Inhabited since ancient times, Otranto has long been a strategic point, witness to countless invasions and conflicts, and is now a pleasant seaside resort with a well-preserved old town. Behind its medieval fortifications, you can enjoy the gentle pace of life in Salento, but also discover its history by strolling through the narrow streets of the old town. From the imposing Aragonese Castle, a maze of charming streets and alleys unfolds, offering a glimpse of a bygone era. As you wander the narrow streets, you will discover hidden courtyards, quaint shops and a sense that time has stood still. The Cathedral, with its magnificent 12th century Byzantine mosaic floor, is one of its most beautiful jewels.

Once we've explored the historic centre, we'll stop for a taste of local life at a traditional wine tavern, for a small tasting of local produce and snacks.

Please note: This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground, with steps and inclines.

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 allowed).

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 - 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 specialties 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 - 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.

LIPARI - Panoramic Lipari (with malvasia and local pastries)



3:00



55 €



easy



motorcoach

Min 25 / Max 40
participants



tasting

Panoramic | Food & Wine

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).

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*

tasting
Active & Adventure | Nature | Food & Wine

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).

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)

Star Clippers 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, 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 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.