



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7 nights	ROYAL CLIPPER Ligurian Sea 16 May 2026
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What you need to know before booking your shore excursion:

- All our excursions are led by English-speaking guides. A second language may be used, depending on the number of non-English-speaking passengers and guides' availability.
- 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 on board, using the booking forms (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 on board the ship in a file at the Excursion Desk and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





Date of last update: 30th of January 2026

LERICI - Discover Porto Venere



3:30



59 €



moderate



public boat

Min 20 / Max 30
participants

Sightseeing | Unesco

Porto Venere is one of the most picturesque fishing villages on the Italian Riviera and was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997 for its outstanding beauty and traditional way of life, which has changed little over the centuries. Meet your local guide at the pier and board a ferry for the short journey across the Gulf of La Spezia, also known as the 'Gulf of the Poets'. Arriving in Porto Venere, follow your guide down the Carrugio, a narrow street lined with fashionable shops, to the main square and the Church of St Peter. The church stands on a rocky promontory overlooking the Gulf of the Poets, on the site of a pagan temple dedicated to the goddess Venus. Built in the style known as Genoese Gothic, the church was consecrated in 1198 and the black and white marble stripes were added in the 13th century. Then you go down to the quayside or Calatea Doria, as it is called.

The waterfront is lined with pastel-coloured houses built in the Middle Ages. The houses were originally used as defence towers, that is why they are so tall and narrow; if Porto Venere was attacked from the sea, the villagers could escape from the back rooms of the top floor and seek safety in the castle above. The guided tour ends here and you are on your own, with over two hours to shop, sample local specialities and explore on your own. You may wish to visit the Romanesque church of St Lawrence, which was also built on the site of a pagan temple dedicated to Jupiter. The church is known as the sanctuary of the White Madonna, the patron saint of Porto Venere, who saved the village from the plague.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone surfaces with some 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 are allowed).
- ✓ The boat trip from Lerici to Porto Venere takes approximately 30 minutes (per way) by local public ferry boat, with a fixed timetable. Tour timing is subject to sea conditions and may be adapted to ferry's timetable.
- ✓ The tour may be cancelled at any moment due to adverse conditions at sea, even shortly before departure.

ELBA (Portoferraio) - Porto Azzurro and winery



3:45



82 €



easy



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40
participants



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

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

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

Then rejoin the coaches for a panoramic tour of the island. Next stop is "La Chiusa", an old country estate set in a vineyard overlooking the sea.

The estate dates back to the 1700's and includes a country house, a wine cellar and a miniature chapel. The owner's house, with its double outside staircase, was built later in the 1800s. "La Chiusa hosted Napoleon Bonaparte on two occasions: once on 3 May 1814 on his arrival in Elba, while waiting to be officially received in Portoferraio, and once during a hunting party on Mount Fabbrello. Here you will have the opportunity to taste some local specialities and a selection of three different wines. The tour continues with a scenic bus ride from Porto Azzurro to Portoferraio, with beautiful views of the Gulf of Portoferraio and its harbour.

Please note:

- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ Estimated driving times: Portoferraio to Porto Azzurro: 30min ; Porto Azzurro to La Chiusa: 30 min ; La Chiusa to Portoferraio: 25 min. The order of the visits is subject to change.



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



4:30



82 €



moderate



motorcoach,
cable car

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

Panoramic

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

On arrival your guide will give you a safety briefing and explain how to get on and off the cable car baskets safely. The baskets, which depart every 20 seconds for the 20-minute climb to the top of Mount Capanne (1,019m), each hold two passengers. The views during the cable car ride are quite spectacular, so make sure you have your camera handy. From the panoramic terrace at the top station you can enjoy breathtaking views of all the islands in the Tuscan archipelago. After some free time (about 30 minutes), your guide will take you back to the coach and the tour will continue to Marciana Mariana. Here you will have time to stroll along the seafront and explore the picturesque village. Before returning to the port, look out for Elba's specialities: wonderful perfumes, truly the scent of the Mediterranean captured in a bottle, and delicious local wines.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties, heart problems or vertigo. You will take an open-air cable car (cabins are baskets without any cover and can accommodate 2 people) to the top of Mount Capanne. A certain agility is required to board the cable car basket.
- ✓ Shops in Marciana Marina might be closed on Sundays and public holidays.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ Estimated driving times: between Portoferraio and the cable car 50 min; between the cable car and Marciana Marina 20 min; between Marciana Marina and Portoferraio 40 min.

BONIFACIO - Coastal boat trip



1:15



79 €



easy



motorized boat

Min 25 / Max 40
participants

Sightseeing | Boating

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

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

Please note:

- ✓ The boat is chartered exclusively for Star Clippers' guests. Tour timing and itinerary are subject to sea conditions.
- ✓ Dress for the weather and bring a hat, sunglasses and water.



ALGHERO - Medieval Alghero and wine tasting (walking tour)



2:45



59 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 15 / Max 20
participants



tasting

History & Culture | Food & Wine

Alghero is the gateway to Sardinia and is also known as the "little Barcelona" of Sardinia: the city has indeed preserved the use of Catalan, of which it is a linguistic island, rediscovering the Spanish features in the architectural and urban details and in the Catalan language of its inhabitants.

The route starts at Porta a Mare, one of the ancient entrances to the city, and continues along the famous bastions and towers. Walking through the historical centre, you will reach the Convent of San Francesco (outside visit), one of the most fascinating and important monuments of late Gothic and Renaissance architecture in Sardinia, and then continue towards the old entrance to the city: Torre di Porta Terra; this gate was used to enter and leave the city by land until the end of the 19th century and was originally protected by a heavy drawbridge, now removed, which was lowered at dawn and raised at sunset.

The tour continues towards Piazza Civica, the heart of the city, with its important buildings.

Afterwards, you'll walk along the Alghero seafront to reach a charming wine bar where you can taste the excellent Alghero wines accompanied by local specialities (cold meats and cheeses), before returning to the pier.

At the end of the visit, you can return to the boat or explore the old town on your own.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves moderate walking (approx 2,5 km) on cobblestone and uneven surfaces (mostly flat) with some inclines.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ The order of the visits is subject to change.

AJACCIO - Ajaccio walking tour and market tasting



2:00



59 €



moderate



walking tour

Min 10 / Max 30
participants



tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking (approx. 2 km) with some steps and uneven surfaces.
- ✓ Guests will taste at the market local pastries, water, wine and cold cut cheese and ham (finger food). Products can change during the season.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

AJACCIO - The “fragrant island” and its artisans



3:00



99 €



moderate



motorcoach

*Min 15 / Max 30
participants*

Panoramic

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

Stop at a local honey house for a tour and honey tasting. Learn about the benefits of all the products of the beehive. The Mediterranean climate allows bees to collect honey from flowers all year round, which is why Corsicans have been making honey since time immemorial. Corsican honey is unique, sweet, strong or fruity; the local production comes from an incredibly rich biodiversity of more than 2800 different plant species, 127 of which are endemic to the island.

You can also visit an organic distillery of essential oils nearby. Corsica has an abundance of fragrant plants and trees and the owners use the flowers and leaves to produce 13 essential oils, floral waters and three types of massage oil for medicinal, aromatherapy and perfumery purposes. Relax on the return journey to Ajaccio at the end of your visit.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves moderate walking on uneven surfaces with some steps during the visit of the venues.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ The journey between the port and the venues visited takes approximately 30 minutes. The order of the visits may change.

MONACO - Highlights of Monaco and Monte Carlo



4:00



79 €



easy



city bus

*Min 20 / Max 35
participants*

Sightseeing

Most tours of Monte-Carlo and Monaco Rock involve a considerable amount of walking as coaches are not allowed to drive in the city. However, our tour uses city buses so you are taken directly to the main attractions.

Old Monaco: The narrow streets of Old Monaco and the Prince's Palace cling together on a rocky outcrop. You will see the Prince's Palace Square and the Cathedral where Prince Rainier married Grace Kelly. There will be some free time for shopping.

Monte-Carlo: The Place du Casino is the prestigious "Golden Square", home to the Hotel de Paris, the Café de Paris and the legendary Monte-Carlo Casino. Admire the exterior of this imposing and magnificent casino, built in 1863 by Charles Garnier, the architect of the Paris Opera. The casino stands on a beautiful terrace surrounded by gardens.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves moderate walking on a relatively flat but uneven surface, with some inclines and steps.
- ✓ City buses are chartered for Star Clippers and are designed also for standing occupancy. The majority of passengers (approximately 20) will be seated; however, a few people may be required to stand during these short transfers.
- ✓ At the Cathedral, tour guide will give explanations from outside before guests enter. Cathedral could be closed without notice due to religious ceremonies.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. Appropriate attire is required to visit the Cathedral (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).
- ✓ The visit of the Casino is not included and can be done during the free time. Guests are advised that they will need a valid ID with photo or passport to enter the Casino (driving licenses are not accepted). Appropriate attire is required to enter the Casino.



NICE

The ship will be alongside at one of the cruise pier of the port of Nice, located next to the city center. The port is 10 km from Nice airport.

All guests are requested to leave the ship before 10:00am.

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

- Shared Transfer to Nice airport (NCE).

- ✓ Guests who have purchased a shared transfer cannot choose their own pick up time.
- ✓ There is a fixed departure from the port at 08:45 (arrival at the airport approx. 09:15).
- ✓ This transfer is suitable for guests whose flight departs after 11:15.

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

- ✓ Pick up from the pier for private transfers is no later than 10:00.
- ✓ Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).

- Private transfers from hotels to the airport

- ✓ Private transfers are operated by private cars (1-2 passengers) or private vans (3-4 passengers).
- ✓ This service can only be pre-booked.

Transfers can also be booked prior to your cruise.

Bookings made on board 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.



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.