



SHORE EXCURSIONS

7 nights	STAR CLIPPER Amalfi & Sicily 23 May 2026
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Sat	Civitavecchia (port of Rome)
Sun	at sea
Mon	Lipari - Aeolian Islands Stromboli (<i>sailing in area</i>)
Tue	Messina - Sicily
Wed	Amalfi
Thu	Sorrento
Fri	Ponza - Pontine Islands
Sat	Civitavecchia (port of Rome)

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 on board, 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 on board the ship in a file at the Library and on Star Clippers' website (you can download the file using the QR code).





Date of last update: 30th of January 2026

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 entrance to the mud baths is not included (guests can do it during the free time, if the venue is open).
- ✓ The boat trip to Vulcano takes about 20 minutes. The return trip to Lipari takes approximately one hour (panoramic boat tour).



MESSINA – Charming Taormina and Greek theater



4:30



79 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40
participants

History & Culture

Long a favourite of artists and writers, Taormina is one of the most beautiful places in Sicily. You will leave Messina and travel in air-conditioned comfort to Taormina, following a panoramic route along the eastern coast of Sicily. The coach will stop at the car park and you will start your guided walking tour. You will visit the Greek-Roman Theatre, with a wonderful view 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 in one of the small cafes, the choice is yours.

You will then walk back to the car park and board the coach for the return journey to the port of Messina.

Please note:

- ✓ This walk involves considerable uphill walking on uneven cobbled surfaces, with inclines and steps.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water. The order of the visits is subject to change.
- ✓ Estimated driving times: 60 minutes between Messina and Taormina.

MESSINA - Taormina and winery on the slopes of Mount Etna (with lunch)



8:00



135 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 40
participants



lunch & wine
tasting

Sightseeing | Food & Wine

Leaving Messina, you will travel to Taormina in air-conditioned comfort, following a panoramic route along the eastern coast of Sicily. This picturesque town, set on a natural terrace 200m above sea level, has many charming medieval features and a variety of interesting shops.

You will leave the coach in the car park and continue on foot for a guided tour. You will see many of the highlights of the town including the Greek Theatre, the Cathedral, Palazzo Covaia and the Odeon (all external views) and you will also get to stroll along Corso Umberto, the main shopping area of 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 stroll around admiring the palaces, squares, staircases and narrow streets that give such charm to this delightful medieval town.

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.

Our destination is the Gambino winery. Here you will visit the cellar and winery and learn about the special characteristics of Etna's wines, created by the unique geological and climatic conditions.

You will also enjoy fantastic views over the fertile valley and 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 wine from the winery shop.

Please note:

- ✓ This walk involves considerable uphill walking on uneven cobbled surfaces, with inclines and steps.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ Estimated driving times: 60 minutes between Messina and Taormina; 45 minutes between Taormina and the Gambino winery; 80 minutes between the Gambino winery and Messina. The order of the visits is subject to change.



AMALFI - Ravello and Villa Rufolo



3:45

Sightseeing



79 €



moderate



minibus

Min 15 / Max 48
participants

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". After the visit, enjoy some free time in the village before 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. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).
- ✓ 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 by boat



4:15

Sightseeing



65 €



easy



motorized boat

Min 25 / Max 70
participants

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 45-minute boat ride will take you to the village of Positano. Explore the village with our local tour guide and enjoy some time at leisure browsing some of Positano's 200 boutiques selling the casual, locally made cotton clothing for which the town is famous.

At the end of the free time, 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, but walking can also be at guests' discretion if they decide to explore the village on their own.
- ✓ Guides will give you comments on the way to Positano and a brief orientation in Positano, so that you may better enjoy your free time there.
- ✓ 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, parts of the seats are covered. Part of the seats are covered on the boat.
- ✓ The operation of this tour is subject to sea conditions.



AMALFI - Hiking on the "Lemon Trail"



4:30



99 €



moderate to 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:

✓ Participants must be in very good physical conditions. Participants must be in very good physical conditions. The hike is about 6 km, comprising uneven paths, uphill portions and many steps.

✓ 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. The site of Pompeii is very busy and extended; it is important to always stay with your guide.

✓ 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 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.

SORRENTO - Capri on your own



6:15



72 €



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 on board 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 - Time at leisure (no shore excursions organized)

The pastel houses of Ponza Town rise in neat terraced rows from the busy harbour where sleekly groomed yachts and ramshackle fishing boats moor side by side. Happily, there are few tourists here, so it's a delight to wander through the unspoiled town. The ship will be at anchor (tender service). The tender pier is in the old port, right next to the town center and the waterfront.

CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)

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

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 08:45 (arrival at the airport approx. 10:00).
- ✓ 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 on board).

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

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, 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.