



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

<b>11</b> nights	<b>STAR CLIPPER</b> <b>Italy, Montenegro, Croatia</b>   <i>Rome – Venice, 30 May 2026</i>
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<b>Sat</b>	<b>Civitavecchia (port of Rome)</b>
Sun	Ponza – Pontine Islands
Mon	Amalfi
Tue	Lipari – Aeolian Islands Stromboli ( <i>sailing in the area</i> )
Wed	Taormina – Sicily
Thu	Crotone
Fri	Otranto
Sat	Monopoli
Sun	Barletta
Mon	at sea
Tue	Rovinj
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Venice</b>

**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 the availability of guides.
- 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.
- A minimum number of participants is required for each tour; if the required number is not attained, the tour may be cancelled.
- 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.
- Cancellation and changes are possible until the booking deadline. After the booking deadline, 100% cancellation fees will be charged. Booking deadlines will be indicated on the Daily Program and on the booking forms.
- Transfers can also be prepaid prior to your cruise.

**Important notes:**

- Departure times of the excursions are mentioned in the Daily Program of each port, which you will receive in your cabin the evening before each stopover.
- 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).





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**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. Stroll through the narrow streets of the old town, discover artisan shops, picturesque cafes, and seafood restaurants. Browse Ponza's souvenir shops to find local artisanal items, ceramic products, beachwear, and handmade jewelry. 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.

**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 th 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"**



**5:00**

Active & Adventure | Nature | Food & Wine



**85 €**



moderate to  
strenuous



transfer by local  
boat, hiking

Min 15 / Max 25  
participants



tasting

The ancient road that connects Maiori and Minori has been in the past centuries one of the busiest roads on the Amalfi Coast, above all due to the cultivation of lemons. The "Path of Lemons" therefore, will let you touch the tradition and history that the scent of citrus fruits still tells us today, closely observing all the hard work that revolves around the Amalfi sfusato. Our guide will lead you along this ancient path, stopping at a historic lemon grove where we will take a guided tour of the farm and be able to taste a fresh glass of lemonade, taste the lemon salad, a typical local aperitif and the famous lemon marmalade.

Meeting with the guide and panoramic transfer by local public boat to Maiori. Our tour will start from the collegiate church of Santa Maria a Mare in Maiori and its characteristic majolica dome which, after having observed it up close, we will slowly leave behind as we climb the stairs of via Vena resting on the steep rocky ridge.

In a few minutes we reach a splendid valley surrounded by terraces; the road becomes light and everywhere we begin to see lemon trees and lovely houses slowly walking gently we reach the picturesque village of Torre, in the Municipality of Minori and from there we will embark on the boat and return to Amalfi.

Please note:

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



**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).



**LIPARI - Panoramic Lipari and wine tasting at Tenuta Castellaro**



**3:30**



**99 €**



*moderate*



*minibus*

*Min 20 / Max 24  
participants*



*tasting*

*Panoramic | Food & Wine*

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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, openings in the earth's crust that were once thought to be the entrance to the underworld.

Continue on to the Tenuta di Castellaro, founded in 2006 at 350 metres above sea level, in a spectacular and unspoilt position overlooking the sea, which produces excellent wines with autochthonous varieties from the Aeolian Islands. Arriving at the winery, a guided tour of the cellar and barrel room is followed by a walk through the vineyard: more than 22 hectares planted entirely with the Etnean system, with short pruning and few bunches per plant, to obtain grapes with a good aromatic concentration to give birth to a wine that respects the terroir.

The visit ends with a wine tasting accompanied by a snack of local products. The next stop is a lookout point over the island of Salina, from where, on a clear day, you can see all the other islands.

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 pier and the coach park.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.

**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.

You will then walk to the parking lot and board the motorcoach for the drive back to the port.

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 - Godfather filming locations (Savoca and Forza d'Angrò)



4:30

Sightseeing



79 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 35  
participants

If you are a lover of The Godfather, this tour is "an offer you can't refuse". Follow in Francis Ford Coppola's footsteps and discover some of the locations where The Godfather was filmed in Sicily.

Meet your guide at the pier and drive along the coastal road lined with villas, then take a picturesque road inland to reach the village of Savoca, one of the most attractive in the area, nestled between two hills. In a private house at the entrance to the village is the "Bar Vitelli" (no internal visit). Visit the Church of the Cappuccini, whose crypt contains the so-called catacombs, where you can admire 37 mummified and fully clothed bodies of monks and noblemen from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Stroll along the winding main street, lined with picturesque churches, and climb to the top of a hill where you can see the impressive ruins of an ancient Norman castle and magnificent views over the valley and the Sicilian coast.

Get back on the coach for a short drive to Forza d'Agrò, a charming little village overlooking the Arab-Norman castle of Capo Sant'Alessio and the coastline towards Messina and the Strait. In 1990 Al Pacino and Sophia Coppola shot some scenes of "The Godfather III" here. From the main square, a lane leads to the circular staircase that leads to the Gothic-Catalan portal in front of the Church of S. Agostino, with its beautiful 15th century façade, and the Baroque Mother Church. At the end of the visit, get back on the bus and return to the port.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves a moderate amount of walking (approximately 2 hours) over cobbles, uneven surfaces, uphill walking and steps. Churches may be closed without notice and on such occasions visits will be to the exterior only.
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ Estimated driving times: pier to Savoca 45 min., Savoca to Forza d'Angrò 20 min., Forza d'Angrò to pier 45 minutes.

### CROTONE - Charming Santa Severina and flavours of Calabria



4:30

History & Culture | Sightseeing | Food & Wine



95 €



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 40  
participants



tasting

Set off on a scenic journey from Crotona to Santa Severina, which is often praised as being one of the most beautiful towns in Italy. Perched atop a dramatic limestone bluff, this picturesque village is nicknamed "The Stone Ship" thanks to its stone buildings clustered on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Neto Valley.

Founded in the 6th century BC by the Oenotrians, Santa Severina boasts a rich history and exceptional medieval architecture. Begin your exploration with a visit to Carafa Castle, a formidable Norman fortress built in 1076 on the site of an earlier Byzantine structure. Encircled by a moat and adorned with towers and crenellated walls, the castle's stern exterior conceals opulent interiors adorned with medieval frescoes, Baroque details and paintings by Francesco Giordano. From the Belvedere, you can enjoy sweeping views across the Neto Valley to the distant Ionian Sea.

Next, step inside Santa Severina's beautifully preserved 13th-century cathedral to discover its captivating circular Byzantine baptistry. After enjoying some free time to soak up the medieval atmosphere, you will complete the experience with a tasting of fine Calabrian wines, served inside the castle and accompanied by a selection of traditional cured meats, cheeses and local preserves in olive oil.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground, with many 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 journey time between Crotona and Santa Severina is approximately 40 minutes each way. There will be a shuttle bus between the coach parking and the hilltop old village.



**CROTONE – Le Castella and Capo Colonna**



**4:30**



**55 €**



*moderate*



*motorcoach*

*Min 15 / Max 35  
participants*

*History & Culture | Sightseeing*

Explore two of the most fascinating historical sites on Calabria’s east coast: a picturesque seaside fortress and an archaeological park preserving remnants of the region’s ancient Greek and Roman past. From the port of Crotona, take a 15-mile scenic coach ride south to the fishing village of Le Castella, which is dramatically perched on a small island connected to the mainland by a narrow isthmus.

Begin your visit with a stop at a local ceramics workshop, where an artisan will demonstrate the traditional techniques used to craft the region’s distinctive pots, masks and decorative pieces. You will then have time to browse the handmade pottery and observe the skills that have been passed down through the generations.

Next, take a tour of the Aragonese Fortress, which was built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century on the site of earlier fortifications dating back to 204 BC. This seemingly impregnable castle is surrounded by the turquoise waters of the Ionian Sea and is reached by a narrow causeway, making it a spectacular spot for photographs.

Next, continue your journey to Capo Colonna, a Greco-Roman archaeological site named after the single Doric column that still stands from a sixth-century BC temple dedicated to Hera. Walk among the ancient ruins and visit the Archaeological Museum, which houses an impressive collection of Greek and Roman statues, vases, coins and artefacts recovered from land and sea. Drive back to the port of Crotona at the end of the tour.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobbles and uneven ground, with some steps and inclines.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ Estimated journey times: 40 min between Crotona and Le Castella, 40 min between Le Castella and Capo Colonna, 25 min between Capo Colonna and Crotona. The order of the visits may change.

**OTRANTO - Experience Otranto: history and flavors**



**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).
- ✓ Internal visits: Castello Aragonese, Cathedral. Churches can be closed without notice in case of religious services.
- ✓ The tour includes some free time in the old town. Guests can stay in town independently or walk back to the port with the guide at the end of the tour.



### OTRANTO – Lecce, a baroque gem



**6:00**



**115 €**



*moderate*



*motorcoach*

*Min 20 / Max 40  
participants*



*lunch included*

#### *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, have lunch at a restaurant in the city center and then some free time to explore the old town on your own 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).
- ✓ Internal visits: Basilica di Santa Croce, Duomo. Churches can be closed without notice in case of religious services.
- ✓ The journey time between Otranto and Lecce is approximately 45 minutes each way.

### MONOPOLI - The Soul of Monopoli



**3:00**



**29 €**



*moderate*



*walking tour*

*Min 10 / Max 30  
participants*

#### *History & Culture*

Discover the authentic soul of Monopoli, a captivating coastal town where history and everyday life intertwine. The charming old town is a maze of whitewashed buildings, sun-dappled alleys and bustling squares, all embraced by imposing defensive walls that once protected the town from invaders. Wandering through these narrow streets is the perfect way to stumble upon unexpected treasures, such as tiny chapels nestled in the corners, fragrant bakeries, and artisan workshops. You may even catch a glimpse of everyday life unfolding at a leisurely southern pace.

Take a stroll along the Lungomare promenade, where the sparkling Adriatic provides a spectacular backdrop to the town's historic landmarks.

As you walk, your guide will recount tales of the town's strategic role throughout the centuries, from an ancient settlement to a thriving medieval port. A highlight of the tour is the bustling fishing harbour, where tradition is alive and well. Watch fishermen mending their nets beside their bright blue boats - a timeless scene offering a glimpse into Monopoli's enduring maritime culture. You will also see the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Castle of Charles V, which still dominates the seafront, and enjoy panoramic views across the turquoise waters.

Whether you are wandering through quiet alleys or along the lively seafront, Monopoli's unique blend of history, local colour and seaside beauty makes it a place that invites exploration and lingering.

#### 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.
- ✓ There are no internal visits included in the tour. The tour timing includes some free time in the old town. Guests can stay in town independently or walk back to the port with the guide at the end of the tour.



### MONOPOLI - Alberobello, the Trulli village



**4:00**



**69 €**



moderate



motorcoach

Min 20 / Max 30  
participants

History & Culture | Unesco | Sightseeing

Step into a living fairytale in Alberobello, a captivating UNESCO World Heritage Site nestled in the Apulian countryside. This lovely hillside village is world-famous for its 'trulli', dazzling white drystone dwellings with distinctive conical roofs, some of which are adorned with ancient mystical symbols.

First built in the mid-14th century using local limestone boulders without mortar, the trulli represent a construction technique dating back to prehistoric times that is still practised today. It is the uniqueness and extraordinary preservation of these structures that earned Alberobello its UNESCO designation.

As you wander through the maze of narrow, atmospheric streets, you will come across rows of trulli, many of which have been transformed into delightful shops, inviting you to step inside and admire their ingenious design.

Enjoy some free time to further explore. You could visit the heritage museum, enjoy a refreshing gelato, browse for fine leather goods and local crafts, or visit the Church of Sant'Antonio, the only church in the world built in the trullo style. For a truly unforgettable view, head to one of the town's panoramic terraces or lookout points, where you can take stunning photos of the countless white cones clustered together, a unique sight.

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).
- ✓ The tour includes some free time in the old town.
- ✓ The journey between Monopoli and Alberobello takes approx. 40 min each way, on a panoramic road.

### MONOPOLI - Ostuni, the white city



**4:00**



**79 €**



moderate



motorcoach

Min 15 / Max 30  
participants

History & Culture | Sightseeing

Perched majestically on a hilltop overlooking the Adriatic Sea, Ostuni - known as "la città bianca" (the white city) - is a dazzling sight, with its whitewashed buildings cascading down towards the water. The town's name derives from the Greek word for 'new city', likely referring to its construction over an earlier settlement. As you wander through its labyrinth of narrow alleys, staircases and sunlit lanes, you will notice how the brilliant white façades reflect the sunlight and illuminate even the shaded corners of the old town.

Your guided tour begins in the lively central square of Piazza della Libertà, which is dominated by the Church of Sant'Oronzo. The church is named after the saint who is said to have saved the town from the plague in 1656. From there, stroll through the charming historic centre to reach Ostuni Cathedral, a religious treasure originally built in the Romanesque style, but later rebuilt in an elegant Gothic style following a 15<sup>th</sup>-century earthquake.

Thanks to its elevated position, Ostuni offers magnificent panoramic views across a sea of olive groves stretching all the way to the shimmering Adriatic. With its blend of history, architecture and authentic Puglian charm, Ostuni invites you to step back in time and experience the vibrant life of a traditional southern Italian town.

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- ✓ 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 tour includes some free time in the old town.
- ✓ The journey time between Monopoli and Ostuni is approximately 45 minutes each way, on a panoramic road.

**BARLETTA - History and charm of Barletta**



**3:30**



**32 €**



*moderate*



*walking tour*

*Min 15 / Max 30  
participants*

*History & Culture*

Take a step back in time and uncover Barletta's hidden treasures on an engaging walking tour. Exploring the city on foot allows you to journey through history and glimpse the vibrant local life, where past and present meet around every corner. Our tour starts at the impressive Barletta Castle, a mighty fortress that has protected the city for centuries. Just a short walk away stands the Colossus of Barletta, a magnificent bronze statue of a Roman emperor, and one of the largest surviving statues of the late antique period.

Next, wander through the charming old town, a maze of narrow streets and sunlit piazzas where medieval and Baroque architecture blend harmoniously. In the heart of the city stands the Cathedral of Santa Maria Maggiore, a masterpiece of the Apulian Romanesque style. Your guide will recount the tale of the legendary jousting contest that became a defining moment in Italian identity, the “Disfida” (challenge) of Barletta. Held in 1503, the “Disfida di Barletta” saw 13 Italian knights defeat 13 French challengers in a formal jousting contest after insults questioned Italian valor. Their victory became a powerful symbol of honor, courage, and emerging Italian national pride, still celebrated in Barletta today. Next, the tour continues with a visit to the De Nittis Museum, housed in the elegant Palazzo della Marra. Here, you will discover the works of Giuseppe De Nittis, a celebrated 19th-century painter born in Barletta whose Impressionist style brought him international acclaim.

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone and uneven surfaces, with some steps and inclines.
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ Internal visits: Galleria de Nittis, Cantina della Disfida.
- ✓ The tour timing includes some free time in the old town. Guests can stay in town independently or walk back to the port with the guide at the end of the tour.

**BARLETTA - Magical Castel del Monte & wine tasting**



**4:30**



**109 €**



*moderate*



*motorcoach*

*Min 15 / Max 30  
participants*



*tasting*

*History & Culture | Unesco | Food & Wine*

Begin your adventure at Castel del Monte, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a remarkable example of medieval architecture. Built by Emperor Frederick II in the 13th century, this mysterious octagonal fortress rises dramatically from the Murgia plateau. Despite its imposing appearance, the castle was not built for military purposes, but rather as a symbol of harmony and peace between Christians and Muslims.

Perched on a rocky hilltop, the castle comprises eight octagonal towers, reflecting a fascinating blend of northern European, Islamic, and classical architectural elements. The number eight features prominently throughout the structure and is believed to be associated with alchemy and esoteric beliefs — subjects that greatly intrigued Frederick II. Explore the interior to see how quartz-bearing limestone and coral-like marble create subtle optical effects that shift with the light and weather, producing a timeless, almost mystical atmosphere.

Next, immerse yourself in Apulian flavours by visiting a local winery nestled among olive groves and vineyards in the countryside. Explore the vineyards and traditional cellars of the estate and learn about the region's unique grape varieties and age-old winemaking techniques. The experience culminates in a tasting of two fine local wines, paired with authentic Apulian “stuzzicheria” (savory snack).

Please note:

- ✓ This tour involves extensive walking over cobblestone and uneven ground, with many steps and inclines..
- ✓ Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and water.
- ✓ The journey between Barletta and Castel del Monte takes approx. 40 min each way. There is a shuttle between the coach parking and the entrance of the castle.



## ROVINJ - Rovinj walking tour



2:00



35 €



moderate to strenuous



walking tour

Min 10 / Max 30 participants

### History & Culture

Discover one of the most romantic and photogenic towns in the Mediterranean. Formerly a fishing port, Rovinj is now one of Croatia's most popular tourist destinations, known as the 'Blue Pearl of the Adriatic'. Its old town boasts a wealth of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings.

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

Rovinj is now a town of artists. Its beauty has attracted artists to spend their summers there and even to settle permanently. This is most evident in Grisia Street - a beautiful, winding staircase lined with galleries and studios that leads to the plateau of the Church of St Euphemia – and Carrera ulica, lined with small shops, boutiques, galleries and tempting cafés.

Visit the unique 'House of Pelinkovac', a museum dedicated to one of Rovinj's most famous herbal liqueurs. You will enjoy a tasting session featuring Rovinj's Pelinkovac, which is made using a secret, century-old recipe. You will also discover other traditional liqueurs, all of which are crafted using premium Istrian ingredients that blend tradition and flavour. At the end of the guided tour, you can either return to the tender pier or stay in town to explore independently.

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. Appropriate attire is required when visiting religious sites (no bare shoulders or shorts are allowed).

## VENICE

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

### - Shared Transfer to Venice "Marco Polo" airport.

- ✓ 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 11:30.

### - Private transfers to Venice "Marco Polo" airport (VCE).

- ✓ 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).

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.

The ship will be alongside at "San Basilio" passenger terminal, located in the city center of Venice. All guests are requested to leave the ship before 10:00am.



### 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.