



NAPLES TO PALMA DE MALLORCA - 15 DAY MEDITERRANEAN SAILING CRUISE

Embark on an enchanting 15-day sailing cruise through Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, and Mallorca, where you'll be captivated by the rich history, stunning landscapes, and cultural treasures of the Mediterranean. From the ancient ruins of Taormina in Sicily to the vibrant streets of Palermo, you'll immerse yourself in the captivating beauty of these Sicilian gems. Enjoy serene days beneath full sails, allowing you to relax and appreciate the open sea. Discover the charm of Cagliari in Sardinia and the tranquility of Mahon in Menorca. The cruise concludes in Palma de Mallorca, where you can explore its historical landmarks and vibrant atmosphere. This sailing adventure promises an unforgettable mix of cultural exploration, scenic beauty, and the joy of sailing the Mediterranean waters.



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DAY 1, Naples/Italy

Departure 07.00 pm Naples rises from the sea around a huge bay and extends up into the hills like an amphitheatre. From the Castello Sant' Elmo on the Vomero you can enjoy a fantastic view over the sea of houses, the port and the Gulf. The pretty center of this chaotic Campanian city is the old town, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its huge



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fortresses, dignified churches and monasteries, splendid squares and palaces, and maze of winding streets.

DAY 2, Ponza/Italy

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.00 pm Spend the day sunbathing, enjoy the fresh wind breeze, and relax into the day!

DAY 3, Day beneath full sails

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DAY 4, Lipari/Aeolian Islands

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Lipari is a tranquil little spot and the largest of the Aeolian Islands, with a cultural heritage stretching back over 6,000 years. Right from first glance you can see its volcanic heritage, with some of the rock formations resembling sculptures, and the entire group of islands is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Aeolian Museum is set on the castle hill and holds an impressive collection of prehistoric and ancient artefacts from this volcanic group of islands. You will find the southern Italian way of life in this little port infectious.

DAY 5, Trapani/Sicily

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 02.00 pm The old town and port of Trapani lies on a picturesque crescent-shaped headland at the foot of Monte Erice. You will discover many little treasures browsing through the beautiful town center. For the last 1,000 years, fine black and red coral jewellery has been made here. The mountain town of Erice is a real architectural gem. Not far from Tapani, this idyllic little town is tucked away in a picturesque hilltop setting overlooking the countryside and the sea. Protected defiantly by a wall, the town retains its splendid medieval atmosphere.

DAY 6, Agrigento (Porto Empedocle)/Sicily

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm

DAY 7, Syracuse/Sicily

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 02.00 pm The municipal area of Syracuse boasts relics from cultural history going back more than three millennia. In ancient times, the city was the most powerful in the known world and was famed for its splendour. The island of Ortigia, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was where Syracuse began its rise as an ancient city. The huge cathedral is at the heart of the old town, magnificent palaces line the Piazza and wide promenades invite you to take a stroll. The archaeological park brings Greek and Roman history back to life. Yet Syracuse exudes southern Italian charm, with washing drying outside the windows.

DAY 8, Catania/Sicily & Catania/Sicily



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DAY 9, Taormina (Naxos)/Sicily

Arrival 06.00 am, Departure 02.00 pm Taormina is perched on a rock with a majestic view over the sea. In the 19th century, this small town had already developed into a dream destination

for well-heeled travellers and artists. The town's fascination lies in its elegance, the many ancient buildings, the stunningly beautiful coastline, the mild climate, and the view over the silhouette of Etna. Europe's largest volcano is over 3,000 meters (9,843 foot) high, has four summit craters and around 400 subsidiary craters, and is covered with snow almost all year round. In ancient times it was considered the seat of the gods, but nowadays large sections of it are a nature reserve.

DAY 10, Palermo/Sicily

Arrival 12.00 pm, Departure 07.00 pm The character of Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital, was mainly forged by the Arabs, Swabian dynasty and Normans. Noble palaces line the magnificent streets, cheerful-looking Art Nouveau houses stand next to Baroque buildings and a little further on you are faced with pure Gothic facades. The medieval quarter towers above the huge Palazzo Reale with its "Capella Palatina", a masterpiece in the Arab-Byzantine-Norman style. The small mountain town of Monreale gives you a breathtaking view over the town and the bay, as well as the 12th century cathedral whose interior combines Romanesque, Byzantine and Arab art with rich gold mosaics.

DAY 11, Day beneath full sails

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DAY 12, Cagliari/Sardinia

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Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Cagliari is a port and university town and, with one of the most modern opera houses in the Mediterranean, is also a renowned cultural city. Behind the Via Roma, a boulevard with shady arcades and classical facades, lies the dock area whose narrow lanes bustle with life. The old town is called Castello and extends picturesquely up the hill. The immense Bastione San Remy towers over the town. Not far from the center is one of the most beautiful beaches in the Mediterranean and inland you will find glittering cultural treasures, like the ancient town of Nora dating from the 9th century BC.

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DAY 14, Mahón/Menorca

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Mahon, the island's capital, has the largest natural harbor in the Mediterranean. The harbor of the former capital, Ciutadella, which translates as "tiny little town", has a picturesque setting on a fjord-like bay. It is one of the most beautiful cities in Spain and you will be enchanted by the narrow lanes in the old town, the majestic squares and the smart promenades. Menorca naturally has two sides - in the north is the wild mountain region of Tramuntana, with its ruggedly craggy coastline and hidden bays. In the south

there are gentle hills with wide plains and seemingly endless sandy beaches. Listed as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, Majorca's little sister is considerably quieter and more traditional.

DAY 15, Palma de Mallorca/Spain

Arrival 08.00 am Majorca's beautiful capital is an elegant city and its picturesque old town and architectural mix of Arab, Catalan and Art Nouveau elements are part of its success story. In the center you will be lured by shops behind splendid facades, and cafes and bars set on beautiful squares invite you to stay a while. Not far from the sophisticated marina you will find the dignified cathedral, affectionately known as "La Seu" for short. With pure Gothic beginnings, none other than Antonio Gaudi created part of its interior at the start of the 20th century.

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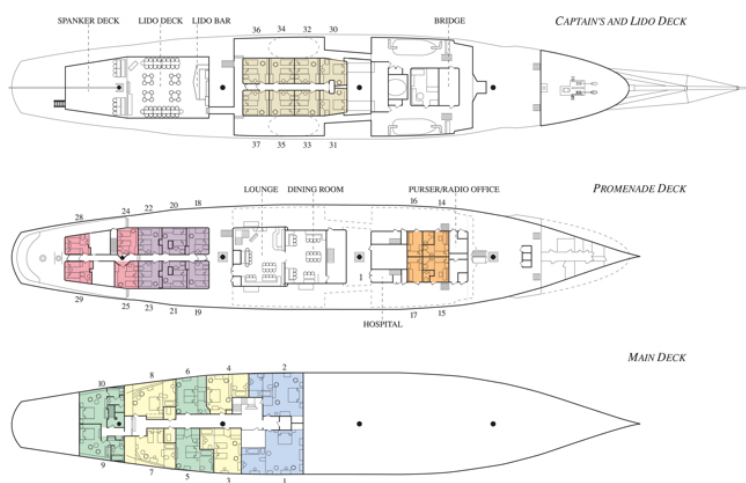
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