

SPRINGTIME ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN LUXURY CRUISE

Enjoy the gentle Mediterranean spring during this break between the C ote d'Azur, the Italian Riviera, the island of Elba and Corsica: an itinerary combining glamour, nature and traditions. On these shores, you will discover a refined way of life between pretty ports, lively markets and sunny terraces. Monaco , a setting of luxury and prestige where the jet-set rubs shoulders with princely history, will appeal to you with its unique atmosphere, while Portofino , a small jewel of the Italian Riviera, will plunge you into the Italian _dolce vita_. Throughout this journey, the Mediterranean will reveal vibrant landscapes clinging to the turquoise waters: cliffs sculpted by the wind, golden beaches, secret coves, brightly-coloured cliffside villages, groves of centuries-old olive trees... An elegant and restorative interlude, in the heart of the Mediterranean.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Nice

Capital of the Cote d'Azur, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Chateau hill is also a very pleasent place to walk. This is the entrance to the old city, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.

Day 2 - Monaco





The mere mention of the name Monaco elicits admiration and awakens the imagination. Inaccessible, privileged, well-preserved and envied are just a few words to describe this miniscule state. Sculpted by the waves, the Rock of Monaco is an audacious promontory, home of the princes and the Principality's treasures. Ruled by the Grimaldi family since the 13th century, Monaco is a haven of order, luxury and calm that attracts not only the world's greatest fortunes, but also travellers seeking well-being, a change of scenery, or chasing their dreams.

Day 3 - Portofino

Close to the Cinque Terre, Portofino is the jewel of the Ligurian Riviera. This "small village that stretches like a half moon around a silent basin", described by Guy de Maupassant, is today a pretty, lively little port that has managed to preserve the authenticity of its maritime traditions, which have been recognised since Ancient times. Built in the hollow of a small natural cove sheltered by the pine forest, the village is at the heart of a protected maritime reserve. The shimmering colours of its house fronts and the exceptional location of this village have inspired many authors and artists. You will also see the Portofino lighthouse, immaculate in its green setting. Perched on the Punta del Capo, it watches over the peninsula and its postcard setting.

Day 4 - Portoferraio, Elba

In the elbow of a creek on the northern coastline of Elba Island, a small corner of paradise awaits in the form of Portoferraio. As you approach its coastlines, you will make out the powerful and majestic contours of its Medici fortresses. Napoleon Bonaparte spent many of his 300 days in exile here. The Palazzina dei Mulini, his first imperial residence, whose gardens offer

outstanding views of the sea, is a must-see. Historical treasures are followed by another kind of treasure, namely white sand beaches, and equally tempting local specialities including gurguglione and rice with cuttlefish ink.

Day 5 - Bonifacio, Corsica

The spectacular town of Bonifacio located on the very tip of southern Corsica, clings to a narrow promontory of white rock overhanging the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. You can admire its limestone cliffs hewn out by the wind, before setting off on a cultural tour of its cultural treasures. From the little paved streets in the ancient Haute Ville, to the promenade on the open-air medieval chemin de ronde, this stunning town will take you on a journey back in time. Frequented or secluded, there are numerous beaches to choose from, all in keeping with the high standards of the "Île de Beaute".

Day 6 - Civitavecchia (Roma)

Built on an Etruscan site, between the Tyrrhenian sea and the Monti della Tolfa, Civitavecchia respires the dolce vita. This very modern and easy going town combines art and history with panache. You can also visit superb historical sites like Fort Michelangelo or the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi. Just 80 kilometres from Rome, the town is a beautiful first step to the Italian capital.

Please note:

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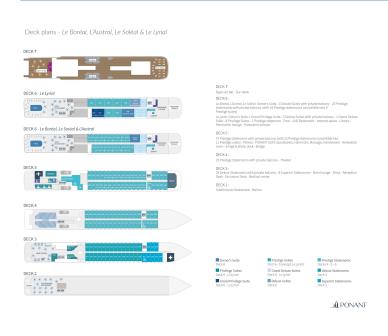




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