THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF FRANZ SCHUBERT IN ALL OF US LUXURY MUSIC CRUISE

Majestic volcanoes, fertile valleys, emblematic ancient sites, enchanting islands...Leaving from Valletta , the Maltese capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, set off on a musical cruise in partnership with Radio Classique to discover the treasures of Sicily and the Calabrian coastlines. This musical escapade, with the exceptional presence of Alain Duault and a line-up of artists, will take you to discover mythical sites at the crossroads of eastern and western civilisations. On these sun-kissed shores, towns brimming with history will open the doors to their heritage treasures between ancient sites, architectural jewels and age-old traditions, while the unaltered raw beauty of the Mediterranean coasts reveals its full grandeur.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Valletta

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floral experience.

Day 2 - Porto Empedocle, Sicily

Huddled on the south-western coast of Sicily, **Porto Empedocles** bears the name of the philosopher Empedocles, who lived in the region in the 5th century BC. An age-old city offered up to sun and sea, this is your doorway to the exceptional archaeological site of **Temple Valley** , a high place of Greek civilisation listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You can admire the remains of many temples dedicated to Zeus, his wife Hera and Hephaestus. Make sure you take in the magnificent Italian countryside, with its olive orchards that cover the hillsides.

Day 3 - Trapani, Sicily

Bathed in the cobalt waters of the **Tyrrhenian sea,** Trapani is the former port of the Greek city of **Erice,** boasting a privileged natural position in western **Sicily.** As you wander through its little streets, you will discover a secular cultural heritage, bearing witness to the many influences of civilisations that came here: **San Lorenzo Cathedral,** Maria Santissima Annunziata sanctuary, the fountain of Triton. On the shaded restaurant terraces, savour some fresh fish from the morning's catch. Or else you can opt for a seafood couscous, a culinary legacy from their Arab neighbours.

Day 4 - Palermo, Sicily

Palermo is the guardian of the Sicilian soul. Many have been attracted to this city, the largest capital of the Italian islands. Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans... Palermo is a rich culmination of so many cultural influences as seen in the Moorish designs on the **cathedral,** and the Byzantine mosaics of the **Palatine chapel,** which is itself housed within the precincts of the **Norman palace.** You will fall under the spell of the palaces, **baroque splendours** that grace the town with their obsolete beauty. It is thrilling to stumble upon one of those fabulous markets, high in colour, and headily picturesque.

Day 5 - Lipari, Aeolian Islands

Of the seven **Aeolian islands,** this is the largest and the most populated. Lying off the north coast of **Sicily,** in the Tyrrhenian sea, **Lipari** is one of UNESCO's marvellous World Heritage sites. Its lava stone quarries and obsidian flow of **Rocce Rosse** are indications of its volcanic nature. The town, the largest urban area in the whole archipelago, proudly houses its **citadel** and its **castle,** both rooted in Antiquity. If you head further into the centre, you'll be surprised to come across a Norman cathedral, complete with a magnificent baroque façade.

Day 5 - Sailing in front of Stromboli

Like Ulysses during his Odyssey, you will have the opportunity to admire the **Stromboli** , the **capricious volcano** that looms over the Aeolian Islands. Its activity, uninterrupted for thousands of years, has earned it the nickname the "**Lighthouse of the Mediterranean** ".

Day 6 - Reggio di Calabria

At the southern tip of the Italian boot, **Reggio di Calabria** guards the eastern shore of the Strait of Messina. From the lungomare, the sea front promenade, there are magnificent views over Sicily, a little over 3 km away, and Etna. Rebuilt after the 1908 earthquake, Reggio is set out in a grid pattern and has Art Nouveau and Belle Époque architecture that add to its charm. And the fragrance of bergamot, the citrus fruit that

dominates the region's confectionery and perfumery.

Day 7 - Taormina, Sicily

Located on Sicily's eastern coast, in the province of Messina, the seaside town of Taormina is Sicily's Saint-Tropez, boasting heritage sites, secluded beaches and luxury shopping. You can visit its medieval centre, suspended 300 metres above sea level, where terraces offer a spectacular view of the Mediterranean Sea. Another vestige from its past are the ruins of the **Greco-Roman theatre.** This extremely well-preserved site attracts visitors who are fascinated by the natural beauty of the area which overlooks a **turquoise bay.**

Day 8 - Syracuse, Sicily

Its undulating rocky coastline, the endless sandy beaches, the menacing form of **Mount Etna** which surveys its island like a patriarch, the flowery gardens on the hillside... **Sicily** lays out its varied landscapes like a shopkeeper displays his wares. Described by Cicero as "the most beautiful city in the world", **Syracuse** was one of the most prestigious cities in Sicily and at her height was even a rival for Athens. **A central city of Ancient Greece** , it was home to a succession of civilisations, each of which has left their mark. The blend of Arabic, Roman, Norman, Byzantine and Spanish cultures makes Syracuse a town that is extraordinarily rich in fragrances, colours and flavours.

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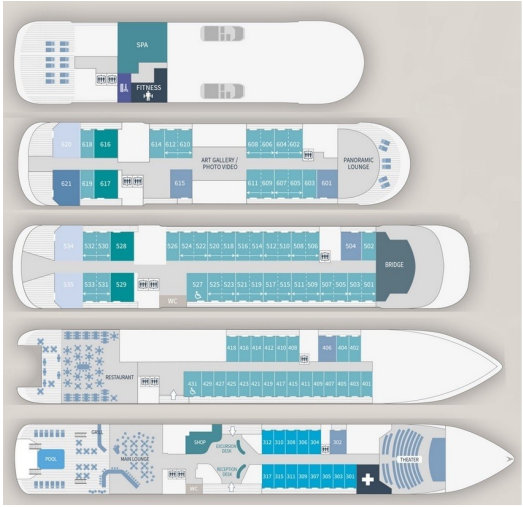

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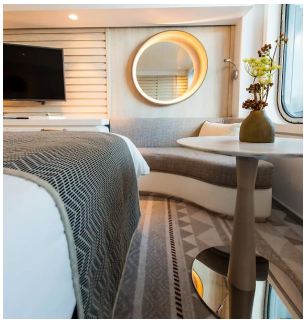

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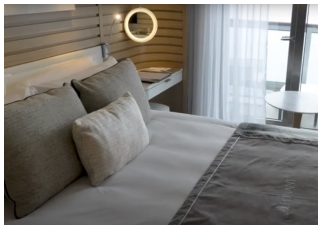

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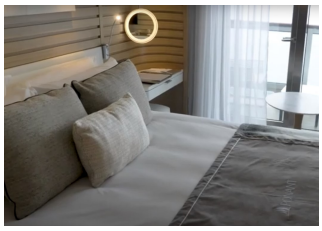

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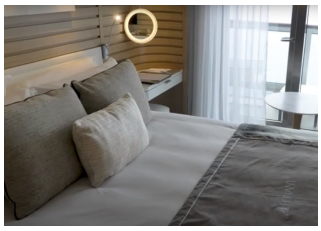

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