

## **Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Rome (Civitavecchia) Embarking on Viking Mars March 27, 2025**

### **Enrich Your Journey**

We believe the best journeys enrich and enlighten you, so we have developed a selection of optional excursions that show you local culture—from architectural treasures to artistic masterpieces, natural wonders to historic marvels, and long-cherished traditions to culinary delights.

### **What Sets Viking Excursions Apart**

Our excursions are carefully designed by experienced, licensed and insured tour planners to provide the perfect overview of must-see cultural and historic highlights, with some delightful surprises. Professional, English-speaking guides give you an insider's view of their country and culture, bringing you closer to the art, architecture, history and people that define your destination. In many ports, we have timed our shore excursions for maximum immersion, letting you join up to three in one day if the schedule permits.

### **Reserve Online at *MyVikingJourney.com***

Your invoice will tell you when your shore excursions are open for booking. Once they are available, log in to your account at *MyVikingJourney.com* and reserve them online for priority processing; there is no phone call to make. Though you can book your shore excursions up until 7 days before your sail date, we recommend reserving as soon as possible. You can do so with peace of mind as our website securely accepts credit card payments. After we process your payment, we will send your confirmation by email. If you prefer, you may call your Travel Agent to reserve your shore excursions.

### **About Your Excursions**

Your cruise features one included excursion in each port of call; some are walking tours and others are via motor coach or a combination of walking and coach. Our excursion motor coaches are often just a few years old, are usually air conditioned and typically include restrooms. Drives rarely take more than two hours; nearly all have frequent sightseeing stops.

Please note, shore excursions are generally not offered on embarkation or disembarkation days. Optional shore excursions may be available on an overnight embark evening or with a pre-or post- cruise hotel extension program; please visit [myvikingjourney.com](http://myvikingjourney.com) to see what is available for your voyage. Shore excursions availability varies by departure date.

### **Sundays & Holidays**

In many countries, shops, public buildings and banks are closed Sundays and public holidays; also, businesses in smaller towns may close for several hours midday. In these cases, a particular excursion or portion of visit may not be available, and your itinerary will vary. If you are exploring on your own on these days, your Program Director or Guest Services can suggest alternatives.

### **Optional Excursions**

To further enhance your experience, we sometimes offer optional excursions should you want to visit an additional site or maximize your time in port. Details on these follow. Note that the order of visits may vary.

## Activity Levels

Walking tours are often over uneven ground or cobblestones and may include stairs and inclines. We have graded all our tours by activity level below, but feel free to ask your Program Director should you have any questions.

### Easy

Walking portions are generally over easy surfaces, but may be uneven in parts and contain some step-ups and slight inclines. Total time walking or standing is normally not longer than 1.5 hours. Guests may need to board and disembark transport, including coaches, trains and boats.

### Moderate

Walking portions may be long and somewhat challenging with occasional step-ups, stairs, inclines and uneven ground. Total time walking or standing normally ranges from 1.5 to 3 hours. Guests may need to board and disembark transport, including coaches, trains and boats.

### Demanding

Physically challenging activities, including extensive walking, hiking, riding, water sports and excursions at high altitudes. Activities by foot may contain difficult and unpaved surfaces and/or multiple stairs and steep inclines. Total time walking or standing may exceed 3 hours. Guests may need to board and disembark transport, including coaches, trains and boats.

### Wheelchair (available on Ocean cruises only)

Activities are suitable for wheelchair users. Guests in wheelchairs must be aided by an able-bodied companion; Viking staff is unable to assist with pushing wheelchairs or bringing them on or off the ship.

## EXCURSION TYPE



Sightseeing



Special Interest



Active



Natural World



Local Life



Working World



Privileged Access



Beach Experience



Culinary



Cultural



Citizen Science

## ACTIVITY LEVEL



Easy



Moderate



Demanding



Wheelchair Accessible

## FEATURES



UNESCO



After Dark



Guest Favorite



Recommended

## INCLUDES



Meal



Snack



Shopping

## ❖ Philipsburg

### SXSXM01 Scenic St. Martin

Duration: 2.50 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 12:30 PM **Sold Out**, 01:00 PM **Limited Availability**, 01:30 PM **Sold Out**, 02:00 PM **Available**

**Picturesque Island Drive** -- Discover an island straddled by two nations and the charms of Marigot, the capital of the French St. Martin. This Caribbean gem—the world’s smallest inhabited island with two sovereigns—is shared by France and The Netherlands. Drive through the colorful port city of Philipsburg, passing island landmarks such as the Great Salt Pond and Hope Hill, en route to Marigot. Just four streets wide, it exudes the quaint, romantic character of a small village. Enjoy free time to explore independently; browse the outdoor flea market or pause for refreshments at an inviting pavement café. Stop at Lucas Bay and marvel at the views over the stunning beach, a favorite spot for free divers. Continue your drive past Grand Case, a quaint fishing village, and see Cole Bay as you stop at the famed Rotary Lookout Point for sweeping views of the glimmering sea and neighboring islands.

### SXSXM21 History of Philipsburg by Foot

Duration: 3.00 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 12:30 PM **Limited Availability**

**Tropical Walk and Sweeping Vistas** -- Escape into the serenity of St. Martin’s during an invigorating walk through the Dutch side of the island. Meet your knowledgeable guide, lace up your shoes and set out along the road, glimpsing the breathtaking tropical landscape of this idyllic Caribbean beauty. Enjoy sweeping views of the sea, harbor and your cruise ship from a strategic lookout point in Great Bay. Continue your stroll along a path to Fort Amsterdam, located on a peninsula between Great and Little Bay. This 16th-century fortress, the first of its kind built by the Dutch in the Caribbean, offers more stunning views from its elevated ruins. After your hike, indulge in a fresh fruit salad to recharge your energy, then make your way back to the boardwalk. You can choose to take a water taxi back to your ship, or enjoy additional free time to explore Philipsburg at your leisure.

### SXSXM04 America’s Cup 12-Meter Regatta

Duration: 3.00 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 01:00 PM **Available**

**Join a Race of the “Greyhounds of the Sea”** -- Copilot a multimillion-dollar boat during a simulated “America’s Cup” race. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the thrill of speeding along on blue Caribbean waters. Meet your captains, after which Viking guests will be divided into teams. After a brief introduction, you will tender out to your waiting yacht. There, the experienced crew will review your specific task to you, and then you and your fellow racers are off to win the day’s cup. The race unfolds on a shortened course that simulates the official ones, the start of each new leg flagged by a marker. Your crew will do most of the piloting and bring the boat to speeds you have never experienced, but your role is no less critical to ensuring your victory. By race’s end, you will all be winners for having shared an exhilarating experience; celebrate with a dockside rum punch.

### SXSXM07 Tranquil Turquoise Water Snorkeling

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 01:00 PM **Limited Availability**

**A Catamaran Sail to Ideal Snorkel and Swim Spots** -- Join this leisurely cruise for both beginners and experienced snorkelers along the south coast. You will transfer from our berth to one of the island’s picturesque bays. St. Martin is known for its beautiful beaches. Here, you will meet your crew and skipper and embark on a scenic voyage by catamaran, hugging the coast to Little Bay. Moor here to snorkel for a while with your provided gear, spotting a colorful array of tropical fish, vibrantly hued coral and perhaps sea turtles. If you prefer, take the opportunity to swim and simply relax as you cool off in the turquoise waters. Complimentary drinks will be available on board the catamaran. On your return journey back to shore, sip on a refreshing drink while you soak up the sunshine.

## SXSXM24 Half-Day St. Martin by Land & Sea

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 01:00 PM Available

**Sweeping Coastal Views, Scenic Cruise and Snorkel** -- Discover what makes St. Martin unique during an excursion to several of its hidden gems. Your wide-ranging journey by land and sea will take you across both the French and Dutch sides of this friendly island nation. Enjoy sweeping panoramas of the coastline during visits to scenic viewpoints at Oyster Pond, Coralita Lookout Point, Great Bay and more. Visit the island's capital, Marigot, for more views atop Harold Jack Lookout Point. Board a power maxi cat vessel, which will take you to two of the best snorkeling spots around the island including Maho Beach; explore the exotic marine underworld as seaplanes fly overhead and land on the water. Enjoy a delicious sandwich lunch and refreshing beverages, accompanied by the lively sounds of island music, while you sail upon the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. At the end of the tour, you will return to your ship.

## SXSXM25 St. Martin Nature Reserve Hike

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 01:00 PM Available

**Unique Opportunity to Help Island's Conservation Efforts** -- Explore one of St. Martin's ecological treasures and lend a hand with conservation efforts. Located on the northeastern side of the island, the National Nature Reserve of St. Martin is a 7,500-acre sanctuary that protects five different ecosystems. Follow your guide on a walk through the park, discovering more about the fragile flora and fauna that live here. You will also have an opportunity to participate in activities such as alien invasive species regulation, bird-watching and many more. After your stroll, partake in a once-in-a-lifetime hands-on experience planting your own mangrove tree; mangroves are important to the conservation of coastlines, providing sturdy support and acting as the first line of defense against cyclones and rising seas. Reward your efforts with free time to relax and unwind on a beautiful beach before returning to your ship.

## SXSXM29 Rhino Boat Safari

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 01:00 PM Available

**A Thrilling Ride to Pristine Beaches** -- Explore the coast of the isle of St. Martin by a two-person inflatable speed boat with stops at iconic viewpoints. Embark on a short ride to the jetty, where you will receive a safety briefing and instructions on operating your vessel. You will then don your life jacket and set off on a safari, following your guide. Ride with your partner through the Caribbean's largest lagoon, admiring the visiting super yachts and million-dollar villas that line the bay. Continue across the azure-blue waters; you can take turns piloting and may switch seats at each stop. At Simpson Bay, admire the vistas from the water, then head to the world-famous Maho Beach for a prime viewing of the low-flying aircraft that thunder across the bay as they are coming in to land. Cap your excursion with a stop at Kimsha Beach, where you may enjoy time to relax before returning to base.

## SXSXM16 Topper's Rhum Distillery

Duration: 3.00 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 01:00 PM Available, 01:30 PM Limited Availability

**Sample Handcrafted Rum at Renowned Producer** -- Enjoy a rum tasting during an informative tour of Topper's Rhum Distillery. The recipient of several international awards, Topper's Rhum is a family-run company based on the island of St. Martin. Upon arrival, enjoy a complimentary rum punch and meet your guide, who will lead you through the 6,000-square-foot distillery. Learn the history of rum-making in the Caribbean and see how the rum is fermented, distilled and filtered. Observe the blending process that creates Topper's different flavored rums. Along the way, you will have the opportunity to sample several different rums, as well as rum-infused gelato and cakes. At the end of your tour, you will be invited to taste from their Rhum Tap, which holds 12 of Topper's small-batch specialty rums; you can purchase a bottle of your favorite rum to take home with you, before returning to your ship.

## SXSXM22 Beach Day by Catamaran

Duration: 3.50 Hours



Date: March 30, 2025 01:30 PM **Available**

**Scenic Sail and Leisure Time Beachside** -- Enjoy a relaxing Caribbean idyll as you sail by catamaran to one of St. Martin's beautiful beaches. Based on the timing of your visit, your knowledgeable guide will choose from one of several beach options as your destination. Take in the splendor of your surroundings as you leisurely cruise on board your catamaran, passing famous landmarks along the way. Upon arrival, your skipper will drop anchor, then you will have free time to spend at your leisure. Soak up the sun on your catamaran, or jump into the calm blue waters for a swim. Alternatively, you can head to the beach, where you can relax on a beach chair or stroll along the shore. While you relax, enjoy complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages as well as a light snack of ham and cheese on a freshly baked baguette. At the end of your stay, you will return to your ship.

## ❖ Madeira (Funchal)

### PTFNC08 4x4 Madeira Adventure

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 06, 2025 08:00 AM **Limited Availability**

**Venture Off-Road into Madeira's Verdant Landscape** -- Reveal Madeira in a different way; take a sensory ride on a unique jeep adventure through this Portuguese island. You will encounter the difficult-to-reach forest areas of this volcanic island, accessible only via 4x4. Get a rush of adrenaline as you fly past lush vegetation, mountains, and—whenever possible—off-road areas on this once-in-a-lifetime experience. During stops you have the opportunity to enjoy breathtaking views and the unique landscape of Madeira off the beaten track. In each jeep, a driver also serves as your guide. Please note: Maximum capacity per jeep is six guests plus one driver.

### PTFNC03 Levada Walk

Duration: 3.50 Hours



Date: April 06, 2025 08:30 AM **Sold Out**

**Tracing the Routes of Madeira's Agricultural History** -- Follow Madeira's complex irrigation system by foot, tracing hillsides and connecting with a rich agricultural past. Known as the "Garden Island" for its rich agriculture, terraced hills and beautiful flowers, Madeira is an enchanting Atlantic paradise and a horticulturalist's dream. The island's ubiquitous irrigation aqueducts, or levadas, were dug into the steep hillsides in the 1800s so that early farmers could make use of every patch of land and channel mountain waters to their fields. Today, footpaths follow some of the 1,350 miles of aqueducts, giving you a fascinating way to explore. With your guide, you will drive to Vale do Paraíso, where your walk begins gently for about a half hour on level trails to Camacha. After refreshments here, continue to Rochão, a magnificent stroll along a century-old levada that passes cultivated terraces, stunning gardens and breathtaking vistas. This excursion requires strenuous walking for two hours, covering 3½ miles.

### PTFNC05 Monte & Toboggan Ride

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 06, 2025 08:30 AM **Limited Availability**

**Thrilling Rides to Splendid Panoramas** -- Ascend to hillside Monte and hop a wicker toboggan for a partial descent, marveling at breathtaking vistas. You will transfer with your guide to Funchal's cable car station and board your 15-minute ride up to the village of Monte, a favored destination since the 19th century because of its cooler clime. On a clear day, you will enjoy magnificent panoramas from your ski-lift style gondola and admire the twin towers of Monte's 18th-century church as you approach the top. If you would like, you can descend to Livramento via Funchal's famous toboggans, wicker basket sleds piloted by two drivers with rubber soles for braking. Enjoy an exhilarating ride down through the winding neighborhood streets, your skilled drivers rounding the sharp corners with ease. Continue to the Pico dos Barcelos overlook for fantastic views. En route back to your ship, stop at Blandy's Wine Lodge to sample the island's famous namesake wine.

### PTFNC01 Picturesque Madeira

Duration: 3.00 Hours



Date: April 06, 2025 08:15 AM **Available**, 08:30 AM **Limited Availability**, 08:45 AM **Limited Availability**, 09:00 AM **Limited Availability**

**Prized Elixir and Staggering Landscapes** -- Witness Madeira's dramatic mountainous terrain and sample legendary beverages produced in its subtropical climate. Drive with your guide into the coastal hills from Funchal, passing the village of Câmara de Lobos, "the sea wolves' lair," a picturesque fishing village once painted by Sir Winston Churchill. You will stop at a local bar to sample poncha, a local drink made with rum and honey. Continue into the steep mountains and valleys then traverse the fragrant pine and eucalyptus forest to Cabo Girão, the world's second highest sea cliff and the highest in Europe. It emerges sheer from the sea and provides breathtaking panoramas. Step onto its glass platform overhanging the cliff top if you dare, and browse the gift shop for handicrafts. En route back to your ship, stop in historic Funchal and enjoy free time to explore what is thought to be one of Europe's most hidden gems.

## PTFNC11 Funchal & Monte Palace Botanical Garden

Duration: 3.00 Hours



Date: April 06, 2025 09:15 AM **Limited Availability**

**A Bird's-Eye View of Funchal and a Garden of Exotic Plants and Historic Art --** Experience Funchal by foot and cable car, then visit the magnificent Monte Palace Botanical Garden. A short coach ride delivers you to the marina for your walking tour; view highlights of the island's capital. Via cable car, take a picturesque trip up to Monte. From here, view the twin-towered facade of the city's landmark 18th-century church. Continue to the Monte Palace Tropical Garden, a 17-acre expanse showcasing exotic plants from around the world. Ducks and swans swim in the garden's charming lake. Along the walkways and amid the lush foliage, pieces of a valuable collection of 15th–16th century Hispanic-Moorish tiles and 19th–20th century Portuguese panels are installed. Highlights include a 40-panel array depicting Portugal's history. Additional features include koi ponds and pagodas. After, the coach will return you to your ship. Please note that the itinerary may vary.

## PTFNC12 Wine & Sweets of Madeira

Duration: 2.50 Hours



Date: April 06, 2025 09:15 AM **Sold Out**

**Sample the Island's Famous Wine and Taste Typical Treats --** Sample the delicacies of Madeira, from its eponymous wine to its sweets. Travel to Pereira D'Oliveira Wine Cellars, a local family-owned winery that traces its roots back to the early 19th century. Here, you will learn about the island's long-standing wine-making tradition and sample three different types of its famous Madeira wine. A unique aging process, in which the wine is exposed to high temperatures for long periods of time, gives Madeira its distinctive taste; it was a favorite of colonial Americans and even used to toast the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. You will also visit the Fábrica de Santo António. Founded in 1893, this factory produces typical Madeiran sweets such as biscuits, cookies, fennel candies, jams and honey cane syrup cake. Tour the production facilities and sample some of their creations. At the end of your excursion, you will return to your awaiting ship.



## ❖ Barcelona

## ESBCE24 The Picturesque Town of Sitges

Duration: 4.50 Hours



Date: April 09, 2025 08:30 AM Available

**Charming Coastal Resort on the Mediterranean --** Enjoy a scenic southward drive by motor coach to explore Sitges, on the Mediterranean coast. Sheltered by the Garraf Massif mountain range, it enjoys a warm microclimate and is famous for its 2½ miles of beach and charming Old Town. Its most striking landmark is the 17th-century Church of Sant Bartomeu i Santa Tecla, sitting on a rocky elevation that separates the main beach from the smaller, quieter Sant Sebastià Beach. The Town Hall, built between 1887 and 1889 on the site of the medieval castle, is considered one of the finest examples of Catalan civil Gothic-style architecture due to its ornate design and its coats of arms. The beachfront promenade features turn-of-the-20th-century colonial-style Indiano mansions. On a walking tour, your local guide will show you the beauty of this Catalan town. Afterward, enjoy some light tapas before returning to your ship.

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## ESBCE14 The Gothic Quarter: Back to the Origins of the City

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 09, 2025 08:45 AM Available

**See Where Barcelona Began in This Romantic Living Museum --** Journey into the evocative heart of Barcelona, the Barri Gòtic, where the Romans founded a walled settlement. Today the Gothic Quarter is bounded by Las Ramblas, the lively boulevard famous for its kiosks and tapas bars. But your tour will focus on two of its most historic treasures. You will start at either Santa Maria del Pi or Santa Maria del Mar, both churches set on a romantic plaza and crowned with a bell tower from which you can enjoy marvelous views of the surrounding barrio. Then, walk the quarter's narrow streets to the Museum of the History of Barcelona, or MUHBA, which is housed in a Gothic palace. Here, you will see remarkable archaeological treasures from the Roman era to the modern age, with art and artifacts from the old Jewish district, Roman temples, Spanish Civil War industrial buildings and more. After this interesting visit, return to your awaiting ship.

## ESBCE14 The Gothic Quarter: Back to the Origins of the City

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**ESBCE01 Iconic Barcelona**

Duration: 4.50 Hours



Date: April 09, 2025 10:00 AM Available, 03:00 PM Available

**See the Highlights of This Beautiful City --** Discover Barcelona's most iconic landmarks on a relaxing drive and a leisurely walk around this impressive city. You will pass the Columbus Monument and Port Vell, the seaside cultural and shopping complex. Admire the Arc de Triomf, a stately remnant from the 1888 World's Fair. Take in the breathtaking Parc de la Ciutadella, once home to the garrison that protected the city. Next, you will alight from your motor coach and walk into the historic center, stopping to view the stunning neo-Gothic Barcelona Cathedral. The facade of this 14th-century marvel is adorned with many sculptures, including a wide range of animals and mythical gargoyles on its roof. After enjoying free time and an opportunity to take a short walk through the Gothic Quarter, you will return to the ship.

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Duration: 4.50 Hours



Date: April 10, 2025 07:30 AM Available, 08:00 AM Sold Out, 12:30 PM Available, 01:00 PM Available

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**ESBCE28 Leisurely Walk Through Barcelona**

Duration: 3.50 Hours



Date: April 09, 2025 03:00 PM Available

**Marvel at Barcelona's World-Renowned Architecture --** Be captivated by the creativity of architectural genius Antoni Gaudí, and see some of Barcelona's modern gems. Begin your tour by motor coach with a stop at the imposing La Sagrada Família, whose towers are still under construction today. Continue to the Passeig de Gràcia, where you will begin your walking tour. This avenue is one of Barcelona's most exclusive and home to some of the city's most celebrated architectural wonders from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Admire the characteristic curved facades and "scooped out" windows of Gaudí's Casa Batlló, as well as modernist masterpieces Casa Lleó i Morera and Casa Amatller. Today, the avenue boasts many of Barcelona's exclusive fashion boutiques and deluxe hotels. After your stroll, relax and sip on a chilled glass of cava before returning to your ship.

**ESBCE28 Leisurely Walk Through Barcelona**

Duration: 3.50 Hours



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**ESBCE29 Evening Walk Through Barcelona**

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 09, 2025 04:30 PM Available

**History of Las Ramblas & the Gothic Quarter** -- Explore Barcelona, one of Europe's most vibrant cities during a guided evening stroll. Set between the Serra de Collserola Mountains and the Mediterranean, Catalonia's historic capital is known for its rich culture, unique architecture, famous artists and delicious cuisine. Drive to the city center to meet your knowledgeable guide and begin at Las Ramblas, the city's most famous street and a window into Catalan culture with eye-catching architecture and theaters. Immerse in the history of the medieval Gothic Quarter, its cobblestone lanes are packed with historical treasures from ancient Rome and Gothic churches that stand alongside trendy boutiques, bars and restaurants. Admire landmarks such as Plaza Real and Barcelona Cathedral, as well as hidden gems and lesser-traveled side streets, before returning to your ship.

**ESBCE07 An Evening of Flamenco**

Duration: 3.00 Hours



Date: April 09, 2025 05:15 PM Available

**The Rhythm of the Dance** -- Celebrate the spirit of Spain with a passionate performance of the country's most famous dance. Cross the city with your local guide, passing through the vast and scenic square of Plaça d'Espanya. Your destination is the Poble Espanyol, or the Spanish Village. This architectural museum was built as a temporary exhibit for the Barcelona International Exhibition of 1929. Your guide will escort you through its charming streets lined with various architectural styles found throughout Spain. At the performance hall, settle in as dancers, guitarists and other musicians in colorful and flowing costume regale you with the lively, foot-stomping flamencos. During the energetic show, you will enjoy a typical tapas meal of small plates. Your guide will accompany you back to your ship at the end of the evening.

**ESBCE17 Best of Barcelona & Our Lady of Montserrat**

Duration: 9.00 Hours



Date: April 10, 2025 07:30 AM Sold Out

**Dramatic Mountain Retreat and Gaudí's Delightful Fantasy Park** -- Enjoy a visit to Montserrat Abbey and the beloved Güell Park, one of Antoni Gaudí's most whimsical creations. Departing the ship, enjoy a drive through the Catalan countryside through the mountains of Montserrat and its Benedictine abbey, perched 4,000 feet above the valley below. Your guide will explain the daily life of the monks and the story of "The Black Virgin," the statue found in the abbey's basilica. Afterward, drive back to Barcelona to Güell Park, designed by Gaudí between 1900 and 1914. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, its fluid sculptural forms and bold colors blend harmoniously with the park's lush setting. After, you will have free time to enjoy lunch on your own in the historic center. En route back to our ship, we will take a relaxing drive around Montjuïc mountain, site of several 1992 Summer Olympics events, and the National Museum of Art of Catalonia.

**ESBCE26 Gaudí's Houses of Modernism**

Duration: 5.50 Hours



Date: April 10, 2025 07:30 AM Available

**Barcelona's Father of Architecture** -- Witness the evolution of Antoni Gaudí's creative genius as you tour some of his distinctive works. Drive to Casa Vicens, the first project for which the famous architect was commissioned at just 30 years of age. The turreted private house was created for stock and currency broker Manuel Vicens i Montaner in 1885 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the house and its uniquely designed facade during a Privileged Access visit and indulge in a delicious snack before resuming your exploration of Gaudí's works. Continue your discovery of this architectural master as you gaze up at his masterpiece, La Sagrada Família. Complete your tour at the Passeig de Gràcia, where you will visit the Casa Batlló, or "House of Bones." Step inside to admire Gaudí's characteristic curved facades and "scooped-out" windows, then enjoy free time to explore.

**ESBCE03 Scenic Santa Maria de Montserrat Abbey**

Duration: 5.75 Hours

Date: April 10, 2025 08:30 AM **Sold Out**

**Explore the Countryside and the Abbey** -- Visit Catalonia's most cherished place of pilgrimage with a local guide on this unforgettable excursion. After a drive through the magnificent Catalan countryside, you will board a train at Monistrol de Montserrat station and enjoy a short uphill journey into the Montserrat range, home of Santa Maria de Montserrat, a stunning Benedictine abbey perched more than 4,000 feet above the valley. The abbey has stood here, nestled among dome-like rock formations and craggy peaks, for centuries. During your visit, you will learn about the daily lives of the monks and the story of "La Moreneta," the "Black Virgin" in the abbey's basilica. You will also see an audiovisual presentation, "Montserrat Portes Endins" or "Montserrat Behind Closed Doors," and enjoy a tasting of typical liquors before proceeding to visit the basilica and the chapel of the Virgin.

**ESBCE22 Jewels of Modernism**

Duration: 4.50 Hours

Date: April 10, 2025 09:00 AM **Available**

**Explore Barcelona's Colorful Architecture** -- See two impressive examples of the beautiful and interesting modernist buildings for which Barcelona is renowned. View the Palau de la Música Catalana, one of the world's leading concert halls and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy its beautiful exteriors and take in its striking interiors. Privileged Access allows you to discover parts of the building not accessible to all. Drive along the elegant avenue Passeig de Gràcia, lined with architectural masterworks, exclusive shops and quality restaurants. Here, visit Casa Amatller, industrial chocolatier Antoni Amatller's house renovated by artist Josep Puig i Cadafalch. Casa Amatller and neighboring Casa Lleó i Morera and Casa Batlló comprise the "Manzana de la Discordia" (Apple of Discord), so named because the three buildings show very contrasting styles. Enjoy a chocolate bar while your guide explains the intriguing facades before you.

**ESBCE23 The Artists of Barcelona**

Duration: 7.00 Hours

Date: April 10, 2025 09:30 AM **Limited Availability**

**Art and Architecture of the City's Greats: Miró, Picasso & Gaudí** -- Learn more about the lives and works of Barcelona's three most famous artists. You will drive to the Joan Miró Foundation, created by famous Catalan painter and sculptor Joan Miró, for a visit to this modern building that houses some of his most interesting pieces. Then continue along the Passeig de Gràcia—this major avenue contains some of the city's most celebrated buildings, including Casa Amatller, Casa Lleó i Morera, and Gaudí's Casa Batlló and Casa Milà. Next, stop in El Born, a chic, artistic area within the Old Town. Enjoy free time to walk around, visit the beautiful Gothic Basilica de Santa Maria del Mar or have lunch on your own. Then take a guided tour of the famous Picasso Museum, located in the Palau Aguilar. Enjoy a one-hour guided visit to this museum, to which Picasso himself donated some of his work, before returning to your ship.

**ESBCE02 Gaudí Architecture & La Sagrada Família**

Duration: 5.00 Hours

Date: April 10, 2025 10:00 AM **Sold Out**, 11:00 AM **Sold Out**, 12:30 PM **Sold Out**

**Explore the Breathtaking Architecture of Antoni Gaudí** -- Admire La Sagrada Família and more of creative architectural genius Antoni Gaudí's surreal works. View some of his finest work at Park Güell. Covering almost 50 acres, the park was built between 1900 and 1914 and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. La Sagrada Família is the centerpiece of your tour. You will approach it by foot and be rewarded with remarkable views of its towering, distinctive exterior. Construction began in 1882 and is scheduled for completion in 2026, the centenary of Gaudí's death. Step inside to marvel at its breathtaking, fantastical sanctuary. Along the Passeig de Gràcia, pass the Casa Batlló, or House of Bones, and the hulking Casa Milà, two impressive Gaudí buildings featuring his characteristic curved facades and "scooped out" windows.

## ❖ Sète

**FRSET03 Medieval Fortified Town of Carcassonne**

Duration: 8.00 Hours

Date: April 11, 2025 08:30 AM **Available**

**The Quintessential Medieval Castle** -- Travel back to medieval times during a visit to the fortified town of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located at the crossroads of many trading routes, the site of Carcassonne was occupied through the ages by Celts, Romans, Visigoths and Saracens. Considered impregnable for centuries, this was the stronghold of the Cathar heresy until a Catholic army captured it in 1209 during the Albigensian Crusades. Drive through the picturesque countryside of the Languedoc province until you glimpse the majestic sight of the hilltop castle set against the Pyrenees. Enter the fortress of Carcassonne through the imposing Narbonne Gate. Take in the medieval atmosphere of its narrow cobblestone streets and view the 52 towers and two concentric walls that ring the complex. Admire the Gothic-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Nazaire and the 12th-century Count's Castle. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and explore at your leisure before rejoining your coach and returning to your ship.

**FRSET04 Montpellier & Château Flaugergues**

Duration: 4.50 Hours

Date: April 11, 2025 08:30 AM **Limited Availability**

**The Heritage of Aristocratic France** -- Visit the graceful city of Montpellier and get a sense of the life of French aristocrats at Château Flaugergues. Take the short drive to Montpellier and walk the city center with your guide. Admire the elegant 17th- and 18th-century residences along the tree-lined streets. Enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of this student city, a major center for academics since the 12th century. After, reboard your coach and take a short drive to one of the finest châteaux in Montpellier, the Château Flaugergues. Built at the end of 17th century, Flaugergues is representative of the Montpellier follies—palatial estates built by the new merchant class. Admire the collection of Flemish tapestries and the monumental staircase. Take a stroll through the beautiful French-style gardens and sample some of the estate wines before heading back to your ship.

**FRSET01 Scenic Sète by Foot**

Duration: 2.00 Hours



Date: April 11, 2025 08:45 AM **Limited Availability**, 09:15 AM **Limited Availability**, 11:15 AM **Limited Availability**, 01:30 PM **Limited Availability**, 01:45 PM **Available**, 02:00 PM **Available**

**Walk Along the City's Main Canal and Port** -- Explore the port city of Sète, the "Venice of the Languedoc." Located on a thin strip of land, Sète received its name from the many canals that crisscross it, linking the Mediterranean to the enclosed saltwater lagoon of Ethang de Thau. Meet your guide and walk along Sète's main canal. Learn why Sète is a destination for seafood-loving gourmets as you watch the largest fishing fleet on France's Mediterranean coast troll the fish-abundant waters. Get a sense of the strong cultural identity of this major port city and of its inhabitants as you stroll the streets of the Old Port, viewing the churches, art galleries and other historic public buildings that line the quay. Then, experience at your leisure the shopping opportunities and unpretentious atmosphere of this city, different from other resorts in southern France, before heading back to your ship.

**FRSET06 Sète, Thau Lagoon & Vermouth Tasting**

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 11, 2025 08:45 AM Available, 01:30 PM Limited Availability

**Sights of Sète Region and Wine Tasting** -- Pair a panoramic tour of Sète and the Thau Lagoon with a tasting of finely aged wines. You will see the canals that make Sète famous before ascending to nearby Mont Saint-Clair by coach. Admire the views overlooking Sète, the Mediterranean Sea and the Thau Lagoon. Visit the Chapel of Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette at the summit of Mont Saint-Clair. Built in 1861 on the former site of the fortress constructed by Louis XIII, this chapel is still an important place for pilgrims. Enjoy the fantastic views and relax in the peace and tranquility of this little chapel before continuing your drive along the coastal road. Visit the Noilly Prat cellars at the port of Marseillan to learn about the methods of aging wine. Sample a selection of aged wines and observe a perfect service demonstration before returning to your ship.

**FRSET02 The Mediterranean Port City of Louis IX**

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 11, 2025 09:00 AM Available, 02:15 PM Available

**Scenic Countryside and Medieval Town of Aigues-Mortes** -- Explore the striking medieval town of Aigues-Mortes during an excursion to the scenic Camargue plains. In the 13th century, King Louis IX of France wanted a Mediterranean port to serve as an embarkation point for the Crusades. He obtained Aigues-Mortes and initiated the construction of the towers and defensive fortifications that are still visible today. After a drive through the bucolic landscape of southern France, explore this historical jewel on foot. See Tour de Constance—a large defensive tower, which was transformed into a prison during France's religious wars of the late-16th century. If you wish, climb up to the ramparts and enjoy beautiful panoramic views of the Camargue. This natural reserve has saltwater lagoons, marshes and farmland that are rich with birdlife, wild bulls and horses. You will have free time to stroll through the narrow streets at your leisure before returning to your ship.

**FRSET10 Scenic Narbonne & Fontfroide Abbey**

Duration: 7.50 Hours



Date: April 11, 2025 09:15 AM Limited Availability

**Historic City Center Walk and the Former Seat of Monastic Power in Europe** -- Discover the charm of the Occitanie region with a visit to Narbonne and lunch at Fontfroide Abbey. The city of Narbonne traces its roots back to 118 BC, when it was located at an important commercial crossroads for the Roman Empire. Travel to this once-prosperous port, whose connection to the Mediterranean Sea silted up several centuries ago, for a guided walk through its historic city center. Stop to view the imposing Gothic-style facade of the cathedral; though its construction began in 1272, the church was never completed. Enjoy free time to explore independently before heading to 11th-century Fontfroide Abbey, a former Cistercian Order monastery and once one of the most powerful abbeys in Europe. Admire the cloister, the church and its stained glass windows before enjoying a delicious three-course Mediterranean-style lunch at the on-site restaurant. Afterward, you will return to your awaiting ship.

**FRSET12 Étang de Thau Lagoon by Boat**

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 11, 2025 01:45 PM Sold Out

**Charming Village, Scenic Vistas and Oyster Tasting** -- Explore the Étang de Thau, a protected saltwater lagoon. Enjoy local oysters and the views from Mont Saint-Clair. Drive to Marseillan, a charming fishing village set along the lagoon's shores at the end of the Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Follow your guide for a leisurely stroll down the port's quays to your embarkation point. Here, board your boat and set out to discover the lagoon, its oyster beds and the mouth of the Canal du Midi while savoring a taste of local oysters. After your boat tour, return to Sète to ascend to Mont Saint-Clair by motor coach. Admire the views overlooking Sète, the Mediterranean Sea and the lagoon. Visit the Chapel of Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette; built in 1861 on the former site of the fortress constructed by Louis XIII, this chapel is an important pilgrimage destination. Enjoy the peace and tranquility here, before returning to your ship.

## FRSET05 Medieval Town & Abbey in the Wine Country

Duration: 5.00 Hours



Date: April 11, 2025 02:00 PM **Sold Out**

**Languedoc Province Landscape and Heritage** -- Experience the medieval heritage of Languedoc during visits to the charming town of Pézenas and Valmagne Abbey. Pézenas, built on a vineyard-covered plain, was the residence of the governors of the Languedoc province between the 16th and 18th centuries. Take a walking tour of the old town, admiring the mansions with elegant balconies, ornate doorways and narrow streets unchanged since the 17th century. Craftsmen and artists now occupy the workshops, creating abundant shopping opportunities. After, board your coach and drive to the great rose-colored Valmagne Abbey. Rising serenely above the surrounding Languedoc vineyards, the abbey was founded in the 12th century. Until the 14th century, it was one of the wealthiest abbeys in southern France, housing up to 3,200 Benedictine monks. Visit the abbey and see the Gothic-style church, cloisters with charming Tuscany gardens, chapter house and refectory before returning to your ship.

## ❖ Marseille

### FRMRS03 Winter in Cassis & Calanques

Duration: 5.00 Hours



Date: April 12, 2025 08:15 AM **Sold Out**

**Stunning Natural Beauty of the Mediterranean Coast --** Journey into a quintessential fishing village and marvel at the geological wonders of Calanques National Park. Join your local guide for a scenic drive to the lovely fishing village of Cassis, following the corniche and passing the Old Port of Marseille along the way. Enjoy a photo stop at the top of Cassis before your coach descends to the bay. At the harbor, you will board a small boat to cruise among the stunning Massif des Calanques, a wild and rugged terrain spanning 12 miles along the coast. This is one of France's great areas of natural beauty. The steep-walled inlets and bays of this national park are the geological marvels of southern France. Caves once inhabited by Neolithic man lie beneath the surface of these towering rock formations. Back on dry land, enjoy free time in Cassis before returning to your ship.

### FRMRS04 Discover Aix-en-Provence

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 12, 2025 08:15 AM **Limited Availability**, 01:15 PM **Available**

**Leafy Avenues, Healing Waters and a Centuries-Old Cathedral --** Walk through the leafy avenues of this historic fortified town and admire its ancient fountains and architecture. Aix-en-Provence, Provence's most elegant town, is just a 45-minute drive from port. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided walk passing through the Cours Mirabeau, a wide and lively avenue shaded by trees. It was built in the 17th century on the site of the medieval ramparts. Of interest here are the aristocratic facades of the old hotels, with their finely carved doorways and wrought-iron balconies. In the Cathedral of St. Sauveur, admire the architectural styles ranging from the 5th to the 17th centuries. Also visit Aix's numerous fountains, the most famous of which was built over natural hot springs in 1734. Its water was appreciated by the Romans some 2,000 years ago for its healing properties. After your walking tour, enjoy free time to stroll around or to browse the shops before returning to Marseille.

### FRMRS10 Le Castellet & Wine Tasting

Duration: 5.00 Hours



Date: April 12, 2025 08:30 AM **Limited Availability**

**Hilltop Provençal Villages and Vineyard Visit --** Explore a historic 11th-century hilltop village and delight in the sumptuous wines of Bandol. Entering Le Castellet via two fortified gateways, you will enjoy a walking tour and free time among its small squares lined with beautiful old houses that have been carefully restored, quaint streets, artisans' workshops and a 12th-century church. Wind your way up to Le Castellet's most iconic feature, an 11th-century castle that sits majestically atop a hillside. The views from the castle and village are magnificent, with beautiful vistas of the Bandol vineyards. Descending into the plains beneath Le Castellet, your drive will bring you to Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, a stunning seaside locale whose beach is surrounded by pine forests. Here, you will learn wine-making techniques and sample local Bandol wines and olive oil at the Domaine de Frégate winery—a wonderful end to an enriching day.



**FRMRS05 Avignon & Palace of the Popes**

Duration: 8.00 Hours

Date: April 12, 2025 08:45 AM **Sold Out**

**A Medieval Palace and Artistic Culture** -- Arrive in Avignon to a splendid view of the Palais des Papes (Palace of the Popes), set majestically on Dome Rock. This Provençal town served as the papal seat of the Roman Catholic Church from 1309 to 1377. Today, Avignon is a town of art and culture best known for its annual July arts festival and the famous Pont d'Avignon, the medieval bridge spanning the Rhône River. Inside the well-preserved fortified city walls, explore the immense Palais des Papes, one of the largest buildings of its time. Covering over two and a half acres in a maze of galleries, chambers, chapels and passages, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a delight to behold. After your visit to the Palace of the Popes, you will enjoy a guided walking tour of the town followed by free time for lunch on your own and a stroll through Avignon's beautiful streets.

**FRMRS06 In the Footsteps of van Gogh**

Duration: 8.00 Hours

Date: April 12, 2025 08:45 AM **Available**

**Wheat Fields and Vistas of van Gogh's Paintings** -- Contemplate van Gogh's artistry in the fields, monasteries, chapels and villages depicted in his paintings. After wandering through the town of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, you will be driven to the St. Paul de Mausole Monastery, a masterpiece of Provençal Romanesque art. From the top of the beautiful two-story square steeple, topped by a pyramidal roof, you can see the wheat field that Vincent van Gogh painted during his year of confinement. You will enjoy a delicious lunch in the amazing eagle's-nest village of Les Baux-de-Provence. Built on a rocky spur in the Alpilles mountain range and offering great views of the countryside and vineyards, the village is full of Gothic and Renaissance houses. Your guide will take you on a stroll past the 12th-century Church of St. Vincent and the 17th-century Chapel of the White Penitents and along the narrow and winding streets lined with local craftsmen.

**FRMRS01 Scenic Marseille**

Duration: 3.00 Hours



Date: April 12, 2025 09:00 AM **Limited Availability**, 09:15 AM **Available**, 09:30 AM **Sold Out**, 01:30 PM **Available**, 01:45 PM **Available**, 02:00 PM **Limited Availability**

**Chic Corniches, the Old Port and the Bustling City** -- Relax on a panoramic drive through Marseille and soak up the atmosphere of this historic port city. Begin your tour by motor coach through the area known as the Vieux Port, or Old Port, where the Greeks landed in 600 BC. Continue along the Corniche du Président John Fitzgerald Kennedy, admiring lovely views of offshore islands and the shimmering Mediterranean coastline. From the comfort of your coach, take in the splendor of Notre Dame de la Garde, the most magnificent building of its kind in southern France. Built in the mid-1800s in Roman-Byzantine style, this basilica displays a statue of the Virgin Mary on the top of its bell tower. Back in downtown Marseille, you can enjoy some free time among the numerous lively cafés, restaurants and quaint streets of this famous bustling port. Feel the welcome of the Marseille locals, or Marseillaise, and leave with wonderful memories of this glorious city.

**FRMRS15 Motorcycle Ride Through Provence**

Duration: 4.00 Hours

Date: April 12, 2025 09:15 AM **Limited Availability**

**Scenic Journey from Marseille to Cassis and La Ciotat** -- Don your helmet and slip into a sidecar or onto the back of your motorcycle for a scenic ride through Provence. Meet your driver, and then with your motorcycle partner, head out along the picturesque, winding roads for a memorable roundtrip journey. Travel along the Col de la Gineste, which connects Marseille to Cassis, and through the Massif des Calanques. Feel the rush of air on your face as you admire sweeping views of the city, the blue waters of the Mediterranean, Frioul archipelago and France's highest sea cliff, Cap Canaille. Make stops in the charming fishing villages of Cassis and La Ciotat, where you will have free time to relax, explore and take in the sights. Halfway through your route, you will switch seats with your partner, providing both of you the opportunity to ride in the sidecar. After your invigorating adventure, begin your return journey back to your ship.

## FRMRS02 Historic Religious Sites of Marseille

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 12, 2025 01:00 PM **Available**

**Stunning Churches of a European Capital of Culture** -- Explore the two most significant religious symbols of Marseille, honored as a European Capital of Culture in 2013. The Abbey of St. Victor, one of Marseille's oldest churches, was completely restored to its former glory in the 1960s. In the abbey's grounds, according to legend, the relics of the 14th-century Marseille martyr St. Victor are buried. The main church has sarcophagi, fine altars and stained glass windows, and a superb 4th-century stone carving of Victor himself astride a horse. Following your visit, reboard your coach and drive to the imposing Notre Dame de la Garde. Both a fortress and a sanctuary, the basilica is a neo-Byzantine construction studded with beautiful mosaics and murals, built on top of a Romanesque crypt. Located on a hill overlooking the Old Port and Frioul archipelago, this is the most visited site in Marseille and the site of a popular Assumption Day pilgrimage.

## FRMRS09 Handicrafts in Marseille

Duration: 4.00 Hours



Date: April 12, 2025 01:00 PM **Available**

**Crafted Clay-Fired Figurines and the Notre Dame de la Garde Basilica** -- Discover the art of santon figurine making at a handicraft workshop. You will visit an Aubagne studio and its museum, hosting more than 400 figures, depicted in captivating and picturesque scenes. Santons ("little saints") are small, hand-painted terra-cotta nativity scene figurines produced in the Provence region. A traditional Provençal crèche includes 55 individual figures representing various characters from Provençal village life—such as the scissors grinder, the fishwife, the blind man, and the chestnut seller. The first clay santons were created during the French Revolution, when churches were forcibly closed and their large nativity scenes prohibited. Afterward, return to Marseille to visit Notre Dame de la Garde. Both a fortress and a sanctuary, the basilica is a neo-Byzantine construction studded with beautiful mosaics and murals, built on top of a Romanesque crypt. Set on a hill overlooking the Old Port and Frioul archipelago, this is one of Marseille's most loved sites.

## ❖ Monte Carlo

**MCMCM01 Walking Tour of Monaco**

Duration: 3.00 Hours

Date: April 13, 2025 08:30 AM **Limited Availability**, 09:00 AM **Sold Out**, 01:00 PM **Available**, 01:30 PM **Available**

**The Beauty of Monaco** -- Set out on a walking tour through the heart of the medieval quarter of Monaco, known as The Rock. The Mediterranean will make a spectacular backdrop as you stroll to the foot of The Rock, then head uphill with your guide. In Monaco's main square, the Place du Palais, see the Prince's Palace of Monaco, home to the House of Grimaldi since 1297. Then pass St. Nicholas Cathedral. A young church by European standards, it was consecrated in 1875. This is the burial site of the royal family, including American actress-turned-princess Grace Kelly. Also admire the majestic Oceanographic Museum, soaring above the sea on a cliffside. Returning to the Place du Palais, depending on the time of your tour, you may have the opportunity to watch the daily changing of the guard outside the palace walls. Remain in town to shop or have lunch on your own before returning to your ship.

**MCMCM15 Nice On Your Own**

Duration: 4.50 Hours

Date: April 13, 2025 08:30 AM **Available**, 01:45 PM **Available**

**Find Your Own Inspiration in the City of Matisse** -- Uncover the charms of Nice, one of the French Riviera's most romantic cities, at your leisure. Enjoy a drive along the panoramic Middle Corniche, arriving in this picturesque Mediterranean city in about 45 minutes. Your driver will deliver you to the seaside Promenade des Anglais, and meet you back here three hours hence. Stroll the promenade, a splendid palm-lined boulevard stretching three miles along the Baie des Anges, or Bay of Angels. Later, walk a few blocks from the bay into Vieux Nice, the Old Town. Its centerpiece is the charming Cours Saleya, the Riviera's largest flower market immortalized in Matisse's Festival of Flowers, open every morning except Monday, when a flea market unfolds here. You can also admire the impressive Opéra de Nice and the Cathédrale Sainte-Réparate de Nice with its lush baroque interior.

**MCMCM09 Nice, Èze & Monte Carlo**

Duration: 8.25 Hours

Date: April 13, 2025 08:45 AM **Available**

**A Grand Panorama of the French Riviera** -- Immerse yourself in cultural gems and scenic splendor on this full-day excursion to the French Riviera. Join your guide for a drive to the "Pearl of the Côte d'Azur," Nice. Here, you will admire the palm-lined Promenade des Anglais and explore the colorful flower and fruit market of Old Nice. Your scenic drive continues past spectacular views of Cap Ferrat and Beaulieu to the magnificent medieval hill town of Èze, perched on a seaside promontory. You will have time to stroll its charming stone streets before returning to Monte Carlo and "The Rock," the city's cliffside medieval quarter. After lunch on your own, stroll past the Oceanographic Museum, St. Nicholas Cathedral and Prince's Palace. Then enjoy a drive along a portion of the Grand Prix Motor Race circuit to the famous Grand Casino, where you will have time to admire coastal views from its elegant terrace or try your luck inside.

**MCMCM16 Leisurely Walking Tour of Monaco**

Duration: 3.50 Hours

Date: April 13, 2025 08:45 AM **Limited Availability**, 09:30 AM **Limited Availability**, 01:15 PM **Limited Availability**, 02:00 PM **Available**

**The Beauty of Monaco** -- Take a relaxed, easy walking tour through The Rock, the heart of the medieval quarter of Monaco. The Mediterranean will make a spectacular backdrop as you walk to the foot of The Rock, then make your way uphill with your guide. In Monaco's main square, the Place du Palais, see the Prince's Palace of Monaco, home to the House of Grimaldi, before passing St. Nicholas Cathedral. This is the burial site of the royal family, including American actress-turned-princess Grace Kelly. Admire the majestic Oceanographic Museum, soaring above the sea on a cliff side. Upon returning to the Place du Palais, depending on the time of day, you may be able to watch the daily changing of the guard outside the palace walls. Remain in town to shop or have lunch on your own before returning to your ship. Note: This tour will progress at a speed suited to those who may experience difficulty walking.

## MCMCM18 Exclusive Visit to Villa Rothschild

Duration: 4.50 Hours



Date: April 13, 2025 09:00 AM **Limited Availability**, 01:45 PM **Limited Availability**

**Jewel of the French Riviera** -- Gain Privileged Access to one of the most prestigious villas along the French Riviera. From Monte Carlo, board your motor coach and enjoy a scenic drive along the charming peninsula, peppered with stunning properties. In Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, you will arrive at the grounds of the Villa and Gardens Ephrussi de Rothschild, where you will be greeted by our expert guide. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of the spectacular villa, which houses a priceless collection that the Baroness Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild assembled throughout her life. The decor is inspired by the great Renaissance residences of Venice and Florence, and the property is surrounded by seven gardens of different themes. View an exceptional collection of porcelain, furniture, carpets, tapestries and canvases. Sip a glass of champagne as you marvel at the wonderful views. Enjoy free time to stroll around the gardens before heading back to your ship.

## MCMCM20 Panoramic Côte d'Azur

Duration: 3.50 Hours



Date: April 13, 2025 09:15 AM **Available**, 01:45 PM **Available**

**Scenic Sights of the Riviera** -- Enjoy a drive along the Côte d'Azur and take in vistas of the Principality of Monaco. Squeezed into less than a square mile of territory, it is the world's second smallest country. A magnet for high rollers and famous for its annual Grand Prix motor race, it has been a playground for the rich and famous since the early 20th century. Drive through Monte Carlo, home to the royal Grimaldi family, who have reigned here for more than 700 years. Admire the super yachts anchored in the harbor and drive along the Middle Corniche, passing Èze village. Stop for a photo at Mt. Boron and enjoy panoramic views. At the Promenade des Anglais, take a gentle stroll along the oceanfront as you gaze across the Mediterranean Sea. Continue along the Lower Corniche, stopping to admire the views at the Bay of Villefranche before rejoining your ship.

## MCMCM27 Grasse Perfumery Visit & St. Paul

Duration: 7.00 Hours



Date: April 13, 2025 09:15 AM **Available**

**Fortified Hilltop Village and Scents of France** -- Venture deeper into France to visit a perfumed land and see where a medieval hill town thrives. Enjoy a scenic drive to the seductive town of Grasse. Spread out over the foothills of a limestone plateau, it overlooks the perfumed fields that have brought it fame and riches. Visit one of its perfumeries to see how rose, jasmine, lavender and thyme are distilled into their essence. You will also traverse the spectacular gorges of the River Loup to the fortified hill town of Saint-Paul de Vence. This magnificent fortified village dates back more than 1,000 years and has been frequented by famous artists of the 20th century, including Matisse, Chagall and Picasso. Walk past its exquisite medieval painted houses and their fine loggias, then enjoy free time to explore independently or find the perfect spot to eat lunch at your leisure and watch the world go by before returning to your ship.

## MCMCM32 Nice by Foot & Chagall Museum

Duration: 8.00 Hours



Date: April 13, 2025 09:15 AM **Available**

**"Pearl of the Côte d'Azur" and the Works of Chagall** -- Admire the lovely ambience of Nice, the capital of the French Riviera that has inspired artists for generations. Join your knowledgeable local guide for a scenic drive by motor coach along the coast, pausing for a photo stop along the way. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, passing through Cours Saleya. You will also see the impressive Opéra de Nice and the Cathédrale Sainte-Réparate de Nice. After having a delightful lunch in Nice, drive up Cimiez Hill to the Marc Chagall National Museum, home to a collection of the painter's works—especially those inspired by religion. After time to explore, take a short drive to the Franciscan Monastery of Cimiez Hill. Here, you will have an opportunity to stroll the immaculate Italianate gardens and admire the views of Nice and Baie des Anges (Bay of Angels). Your tour will conclude back at your ship.

## MCMCM33 Antibes & Renoir Museum

Duration: 7.75 Hours



Date: April 13, 2025 09:15 AM **Limited Availability**

**Scenic Seaside Town and Home of Renowned Artist** -- Explore the charming seaside town of Antibes and the work of famous impressionist Pierre-Auguste Renoir in Cagnes. One of France's oldest cities, Antibes was founded by Greek merchants during the 5th century. Today, it is a popular resort town, its large harbor lined with luxury yachts. Take a guided walk through its old district, passing the 17th-century ramparts while admiring views of the Mediterranean and the distant Alps. See the Grimaldi Château, home to a museum on Pablo Picasso, then enjoy free time for lunch at your leisure. Afterward, you will journey inland to the village of Cagnes to visit the former home of Renoir, now a museum dedicated to his work. The artist spent the last years of his life here, the enchanting Provençal light influencing his works. Tour his house and studio, and see original paintings and sculptures. Later, you will return to your ship.

## MCMCM08 French Riviera by Helicopter

Duration: 1.00 Hours



Date: April 13, 2025 10:15 AM **Limited Availability**, 10:45 AM **Limited Availability**

**Flightseeing France** -- Soar over Monaco and the French Riviera on this exhilarating and fascinating "flightseeing" excursion. You will transfer to the Monaco Heliport to meet your helicopter and your highly experienced pilot. During your 20 minutes in the air, you will get a true sense of how small Monte Carlo and Monaco are, nestled snugly between limestone cliffs and the sparkling Mediterranean. As you rise into the air and the glittering palatial buildings shrink into the landscape, you will follow the coast to the Bay of Garavan, lapping at the shores of Menton. Fly over the lush gardens of the medieval hill town of Èze and the wide blue bay of Villefranche-sur-Mer. See Cape Ferrat jutting out into the sea, dotted with spectacular villas. Beyond the hills, see the French countryside stretching toward Provence and the French Alps. Throughout your breathtaking flight, you will want to have your camera ready to capture it all.

## ❖ Florence/Pisa (Livorno)

## ITLIV01 From Tuscany to Pisa

Duration: 4.00 Hours

Date: April 14, 2025 08:30 AM **Sold Out**, 09:00 AM **Sold Out**, 02:00 PM **Available**

**A Tour of Italy's Square of Miracles** -- See the famous Leaning Tower and its magnificent Square of Miracles on this included tour. You will join your guide for a scenic drive through Tuscany to Pisa. The origins of this ancient city are unclear, but the presence of an Etruscan necropolis points to a long history. Upon arrival, walk to the Piazza dei Miracoli, or the Square of Miracles, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the Pisa Cathedral, its marble-clad Romanesque facade decorated with Byzantine-inspired mosaics. It is said that Galileo formulated his theory of pendulums here by observing an incense burner swinging from the ceiling. Also in the square, you will see the grand circular Baptistery, the Leaning Tower, which took 177 years to build, and the walled Camposanto Monumentale, said to be the most beautiful cemetery in the world. After your tour, you will return to your ship.

## ITLIV01 From Tuscany to Pisa

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## ITLIV02 Florence &amp; the Leaning Tower of Pisa

Duration: 10.50 Hours

Date: April 14, 2025 08:30 AM **Available**

**A Tour Through Florence and Pisa** -- Witness the splendors of the Renaissance in two of Tuscany's most renowned cultural centers: Florence and Pisa. A scenic drive through the Tuscan countryside brings you to Florence, where you will enjoy an informative walking tour. From the city's pedestrian zone, pass the magnificent Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, with its massive dome designed by Brunelleschi, the nearby Baptistery and the Giotto's Bell Tower. At the Piazza della Signoria, admire the Palazzo Vecchio, the power center of the Florentine Republic. See the medieval Ponte Vecchio, the city's only bridge to survive World War II, and the Basilica di Santa Croce, resting place of Michelangelo. Enjoy lunch before exploring more architectural wonders in Pisa. You will see the Square of Miracles and its famous Leaning Tower, Cathedral, Baptistery and the Camposanto Monumentale, called the world's most beautiful cemetery.

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## ITLIV09 Florence On Your Own

Duration: 9.00 Hours



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**Explore This Italian Jewel However You'd Like** -- Follow your own interests on this independent excursion, whether visiting must-see treasures or lesser-known gems. Transfer to the city with your escort, who will provide advice on tailoring your time here to suit your desires. You will receive a map, as well as directions to places you'd like to visit, before being dropped off in the city's pedestrian zone. From here, all of Florence will be at your feet. Marvel at the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore and ascend Brunelleschi's Dome, which marked the beginning of the Renaissance. Browse the jewelry and artisan stalls along the Ponte Vecchio, the medieval bridge over the Arno River. Or just linger in a piazza with espresso or a glass of chianti. At an allotted time, you will meet your escort at a prearranged location for your return to your ship.

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## ITLIV18 Fiat 500 Experience & Florence On Your Own

Duration: 9.00 Hours



Date: April 14, 2025 08:45 AM **Limited Availability**

**City, Countryside and Tuscan Hills** -- Discover Florence on your own and enjoy two hours touring the Tuscan hills with a local in an iconic Fiat 500. You will transfer to the city with your escort, who will provide advice on tailoring your time in the Tuscan capital and a map of key sights and points of interest. Next, you will meet your driver and head for the Tuscan hills in a vintage Fiat 500. Drive through the beautiful countryside of Impruneta and admire traces of its Etruscan past. You will also enjoy a stop at Michelangelo Square and a delicious gelato, as you soak up the views of Florence from a vantage point. Return to Florence and enjoy an afternoon to explore. Marvel at the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, ascend Brunelleschi's Dome, or simply browse the jewelry and artisan stalls along the Ponte Vecchio, before returning to your ship.

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**ITLIV20 Leonardo da Vinci's Museum & Historic Lucca**

Duration: 8.50 Hours

Date: April 14, 2025 08:45 AM **Available**

**A Master Painter's Works and a Historic Medieval Town** -- Admire the Leonardo da Vinci Museum's displays showcasing his works as a scholar, inventor and genius of his time. Leonardo Da Vinci completed a number of manuscripts, detailing notes and sketches on his studies of flight and civil engineering. You will visit the museum and witness reconstructions of some of da Vinci's work. The displays bring to life da Vinci's ideas, and there are several machines that highlight the extraordinary nature of this great mind from the Renaissance and its rebirth, over 500 years ago. Next, you continue to Lucca, a lively town surrounded by an old fortified wall. Your guide will accompany you to the historic town center, where you will then enjoy free time to stroll through the pedestrian area and discover the hidden treasures of this medieval jewel before returning to your ship.

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**ITLIV22 Carrara Marble Quarry & Mining Town**

Duration: 4.50 Hours

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**Dramatic Vista and Up-Close View** -- Visit the Carrara marble quarry, which has long been a favorite of some of the world's most famous sculptors. Begin your tour with a scenic drive and admire the views of the Apuan Alps that sit majestically as a backdrop to the stunning coastline. Arrive at the quarry and embark on a 4x4 tour that gives you an up-close view of the mines, and travels to the top of the marble cliffs for a sweeping view of the quarry, the coast and the city below. Your guide will explain the history of the quarry and its marble, which was first quarried during Roman times and used to build famous landmarks such as the Pantheon and by renowned artists such as Michelangelo. Afterward, you will enjoy refreshments and a taste of the local specialty lardo, a cured meat with herbs and spices, before returning to your ship.

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**ITLIV32 A Taste of Florence**

Duration: 9.00 Hours



Date: April 14, 2025 08:45 AM Available

**Explore the Tuscan Capital and Sample Local Delicacies** -- Spend time in the heart of Florence and join a culinary guide on a gourmet journey through Tuscan cuisine. Meet your escort and transfer to Florence on a scenic ride through the countryside to the center of Florence. During your journey, you will receive hints and tips, as well as information on key sights to help you to make the most of your visit. Upon arrival, you will set out to the local market and enjoy an introduction to the key ingredients for the region's classic dishes. After, you will set off on foot, calling at several stops to sample a selection of Tuscan delights. You will try a selection of cold meats accompanied by a glass of wine, trippa or lampredotto alla Fiorentina (tripe), Italian espresso and gelato. Afterward, you will enjoy free time to explore the center of Florence on your own, before returning to your awaiting ship.

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**ITLIV07 A Day in Tuscany**

Duration: 8.50 Hours



Date: April 14, 2025 09:00 AM Available

**Tour Historic and Beautiful San Gimignano** -- Indulge in two enchanting experiences: a stroll through the hill town of San Gimignano and lunch at a Tuscan farm. After a scenic drive through the countryside, arrive at the walls surrounding San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will marvel at the city's medieval architecture, including its 14 towers. Some believe they were part of the fortifications, while others think they were built to demonstrate the wealth of dueling families. Walk with your guide past the elegant southern gate, or Porta San Giovanni. Stroll through the Piazza della Cisterna, with its herringbone pattern of bricks, and the Piazza del Duomo, home to impressive palaces. For lunch, travel to a local farm and dine among ancient olive groves and vineyards with spectacular views of San Gimignano. You can also visit the farm's winery for a tasting.

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**ITLIV06 Scenic Lucca & Pisa**

Duration: 8.50 Hours



Date: April 14, 2025 09:15 AM Available

**Step Back in Time to a Picturesque Past** -- Admire one of Tuscany's best-preserved medieval cities and marvel at the architecture in Pisa's Square of Miracles. A scenic drive through Tuscany with your guide takes you to Lucca. The walls surrounding this atmospheric city, built in stages from the 11th to the 17th centuries, remain completely intact; you will feel as though you have stepped back in time as you pass through its ramparts. On a walking tour, follow the medieval bastions and cobblestone streets past the Basilica di San Frediano and Roman amphitheater. View the charming interior and artwork in the Cattedrale di San Martino. You will have time to explore its quiet warrens on your own. Upon arrival in Pisa, walk from the coach park to the Square of Miracles. Here, you will visit the 13th-century Romanesque Cathedral and circular Baptistery. During free time, you can ponder the famous Leaning Tower and explore the Camposanto Monumentale, called the world's most beautiful cemetery.

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**ITLIV11 Cooking in a Tuscan Castle**

Duration: 7.00 Hours



Date: April 14, 2025 09:15 AM Available

**A Beloved Tradition in a Private Setting** -- Experience pure Tuscany with a private tour of a castle's wine cellar and a cooking lesson in its modern kitchen. Journey through rolling countryside to a medieval estate, perched atop a hill with spectacular views. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your host and introduced to the history of the castello and the family that owns it today. Visit the cellars where the wine is aged in large casks and hear about the estate's wine-making past. Accompany your private chef to the kitchen, where you will learn to make pasta dough and sauce from local tomatoes, herbs and spices. Your lesson complete, retire to the dining room for delicious hors d'oeuvres and the pasta and sauces you helped prepare. Savor it all in this authentic setting, accompanied by local wines and some delicious sweet Tuscan delicacies. Then, make the return journey to your ship through the verdant Tuscan landscape.

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**ITLIV17 Lucca On Your Own**

Duration: 4.50 Hours

Date: April 14, 2025 01:30 PM **Available**

**A Medieval Italian Gem** -- Explore Lucca, a small medieval town steeped in history and culture. Sheltered by the remains of the fortress walls, Lucca offers breathtaking scenery in the heart of Tuscany. Begin your tour with a scenic drive. Upon arrival, your escort will lead you to the town center. Here, you will explore on your own the pedestrianized Renaissance wall walkways, palaces and pretty piazzas. Majestically rising to dominate the skyline in the main piazza is the stunning Duomo. Admire the oval-shaped amphitheater, built on foundations of an ancient Roman site and surrounded by some of Lucca's finest examples of ancient architecture from the 4th century. The magnificent octagonal Baptistery of St. John stands in both the Piazza del Duomo and the Piazza San Giovanni. Wander the quaint streets, browse the shops and admire the picturesque surroundings before you meet up with your Viking Representative to head back to your ship.

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**ITLIV31 Chianti Wine**

Duration: 7.50 Hours

Date: April 14, 2025 03:00 PM **Available**

**Medieval San Miniato and Dianella Estate** -- Bask in the beauty of Tuscany during visits to the village of San Miniato and the elegant Dianella Estate. Depart your ship and enjoy a scenic journey by motor coach through the lush green pastures of the Tuscan countryside, which resemble the picture-postcard images for which the region is renowned. Arrive in San Miniato and enjoy free time to explore its enchanting village, strolling its cobblestone streets and admiring its medieval architecture that stretches back to Roman times. Then, continue to the 16th-century Dianella Estate, a former Medici hunting lodge set amid rolling Tuscan vineyards. Painstakingly restored to its former grandeur, the estate offers you an opportunity to gain insight into the world of Chianti wines. Enjoy a tour of the historic wine cellar, followed by a delicious dinner, before returning to your ship.

**ITLIV03 Florence & the Pitti Palace**

Duration: 9.25 Hours

Date: April 15, 2025 07:00 AM **Available**

**Historic and Artistic Italy** -- Discover why Florence has been called a work of art as you explore the city and one of its beautiful museums. You will drive through the Tuscan countryside with your guide, then enjoy a walking tour from the pedestrian zone. You will see the city's architectural brilliance everywhere: Pass the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore with Brunelleschi's Dome, the Baptistery and Giotto's Bell Tower. On the Piazza della Signoria, admire the Palazzo Vecchio, once the center of Florentine power. Pass the shops of the medieval Ponte Vecchio, the only bridge in the city to survive World War II. On the south bank of the Arno River, visit the Palazzo Pitti, the city's largest art museum. Its collection comprises more than 500 mainly Renaissance works in the glorious Palatine Gallery. Afterward, you will return to Livorno and your awaiting ship.

## ITLIV04 Italy's Art & Architecture

Duration: 10.00 Hours



Date: April 15, 2025 07:00 AM **Sold Out**

**Tour Florence and the Academy of Fine Arts** -- Explore the Renaissance treasures of Florence, including Michelangelo's famous David, on an enlightening excursion. You will drive through the Tuscan countryside with your guide, who will lead you past the city's major sights on a walking tour. Marvel at the magnificent Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore with Brunelleschi's Dome and the nearby Baptistry and Giotto's Bell Tower. On the Piazza della Signoria, admire the Palazzo Vecchio, the former seat of Florentine might. You will also walk to the Arno River to see the medieval Ponte Vecchio, lined today with jewelry makers and other artisans. At the Accademia Gallery, one of the city's most prestigious galleries, you will see some of Michelangelo's flawless sculptures, including David, his most famous, and many other great Renaissance works of art. After your explorations, you will have free time to discover more of Florence on your own.

## ITLIV05 The Renaissance Treasures of Florence

Duration: 10.00 Hours



Date: April 15, 2025 07:00 AM **Limited Availability**

**Visit One of the City's Great Art Institutions** -- See Florence's treasured works of art in its spectacular public architecture and at one of its renowned museums. During the Medici rule, Florence exploded into a Renaissance of art and culture and the legacy lives on every corner. Drive with your guide to the Uffizi Gallery. Here, gaze upon brilliant works by da Vinci, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Rembrandt and others. Then, take a walking tour of the city, passing the magnificent Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore with Brunelleschi's Dome and the Baptistry, adjacent to the Giotto's Bell Tower. Admire the mighty Palazzo Vecchio overlooking Piazza della Signoria and the sculptural masterworks in the Loggia dei Lanzi. You will also stroll to the medieval Ponte Vecchio spanning the Arno River. Pass the Accademia Gallery and learn about some of Michelangelo's flawless sculptures, including his famous David, and many other great works of art.

## GENERAL TERMS

### TRANSPORTATION

Licensed and insured late-model coaches, vehicles, watercraft and other modes of transportation are utilized where available.

### MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Included when indicated in the tour description.

### GUIDES

Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours, where available.

### ENTRANCE FEES

Tours include all required admission fees, where applicable.

### What Should I Wear?

When going on a shore excursion, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen are suggested. You may consider bringing an umbrella, raincoat, sweater or jacket. And don't forget your camera.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- In order to ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts in advance. Therefore, no refunds will be given within 2 days of the tour.
- Tours operate rain or shine.
- Tours require minimum participation levels to operate so please sign up as early as possible.
- Tours may be canceled if minimum participation levels are not met.

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