

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

ITALY CRUISE: HIDDEN TREASURES FROM FLORENCE TO VENICE

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey and should have a minimum of three (3) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

Holders of U.S. and Canadian passports are not required to obtain a tourist visa for entry into Italy or France (Corsica).

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at visacentral.com/abercrombiekent or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

The following are the current COVID-19 screening requirements for travel on this journey. Visit the U.S. Department of State at travel.state.gov or the Government of Canada at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for up-to-date information.

For guests returning home to the U.S. or Canada, there are currently no COVID-19 testing requirements for entry. Guests continuing to other countries should check the specific COVID-19 entry requirements for those destinations. A&K will arrange any required testing during your journey or for onward travel. All requirements are subject to change.

A&K, the ship operator, Ponant, and the country of France (Corsica) require proof of full COVID-19 vaccination. A booster shot is required for embarkation by the ship operator for guests aged 12 and over if full vaccination is more than four months prior to departure (two months for Janssen/Johnson & Johnson). Approved vaccines include Pfizer (Comirnaty), Moderna (Spikevax), AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria) and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S). Booster shots must be an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna) regardless of original vaccine type.

In addition, all guests must meet the following conditions:

- Undergo a COVID-19 rapid antigen test arranged by A&K in Florence, required to board 'Le Bougainville.' Specifics to be advised in **Final Documents**.
- Complete a **Mandatory Health Declaration** form required by the ship operator, Ponant, provided to you in Florence.
- Complete a **Sworn Health Statement**, provided on board prior to arrival in Corsica.

Additional testing may be required during the program.

STAY HEALTHY ON THE ROAD

Wearing a mask is currently recommended in vehicles, indoor spaces and any outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not possible. We encourage you to bring your own masks; a supply will be on hand where needed. Note all protocols are subject to change in accordance with relevant guidelines, local regulations and conditions.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXPEDITION CRUISES

Please ensure that we are aware of any physical, medical or other condition that might affect your ability to participate on this journey. You may be required to produce a doctor's certificate prior to travel. Due to ship restrictions, women who will be six (6) months or more pregnant at any time during the cruise are not permitted to travel on Expedition Cruises. The ship owner's medical staff and Captain reserve the right to refuse passage to anyone who is deemed unfit for travel either before or during the journey.

CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted in Italy. ATM access is widespread. Carrying moderate amounts of euros is advisable as smaller establishments may only accept cash.

'Le Bougainville' uses the euro as its official currency. Personal expenses incurred on board can be charged to your shipboard account and paid at the end of the expedition by major credit card or cash, including U.S. dollars.

All onboard transactions made by bank or credit card are processed via the ship owner's home office in Marseille, France, and charges from your onboard account may not be processed until one month after your cruise. Call your bank or credit card company to advise about your travel plans and note that onboard charges are processed through France.

There is no currency exchange facility on board.

PACKING LIST

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to find and manage your luggage for you.

Safe Travel Essentials

Be sure to bring personal protective equipment (PPE), including face masks, travel-sized hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, facial tissues and disinfecting wipes or spray.

Clothing

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Cotton and other light fabrics are comfortable choices for summertime Italy and Corsica; temperatures in the summer average in the mid-80s or the 90s.

Smart casual is appropriate for evenings. Gentlemen may wish to pack a light jacket and ladies, a casual evening ensemble to wear for dinner at better restaurants and for the Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party and the Farewell Party on board 'Le Bougainville.' Formal clothing is not necessary.

Cathedrals, churches, destinations within Vatican City and other religious sites require conservative dress. Arms, legs and shoulders should be covered – no shorts. This applies to both men and women. For women, barebacked, low-necked dresses or tops or short skirts, are not considered appropriate attire.

Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with low or no heels (non-skid); sandals may not be appropriate for some sightseeing activities
- Lightweight raincoat and umbrella

- Sweater or lightweight jacket (temperatures can be a couple of degrees cooler at sea)
- Brimmed hat or visor for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block and lip balm
- Simple first-aid kit
- Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Smartphone
- Charging cables for electronics
- Global travel adapter

Laundry service is available at your hotel for a fee. Check costs and return times before using these services.

Traveller's Valet: A&K's complimentary laundry service for 8 articles of clothing per person will be provided once during your journey on board. Additional laundry can be done for a charge. Dry cleaning is not available.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

On A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises, all staff gratuities are included in the cost of the main cruise program and group extensions.

For extra nights or Tailor Made services pre or post-cruise, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only. While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars):

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$25 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$15 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag
Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added

LIFE ON BOARD 'LE BOUGAINVILLE'

GENERAL INFORMATION

The mega yacht 'Le Bougainville' is 430-feet long and accommodates up to 184 passengers; however, A&K limits occupancy to a maximum of 148 guests.

Accommodations are in outside staterooms in eight different categories (including two Owner's Suites) ranging in size from 248 to 807 square feet (including private balcony). All staterooms and suites have private balconies and a bathroom with shower. (Categories 7 & 8 feature shower and bathtub.) Staterooms feature two twins or 1 king bed convertible upon request. Certain staterooms on Decks 5 and 6 have a fixed queen-size bed. The ship has two ADA accessible staterooms and three elevators and ramps accessing all passenger decks.

Each stateroom features nightly turn down service, individual climate control, closed circuit flat-screen TV (with movie-on-demand system), Wi-Fi access, wireless Bluetooth® speaker, telephone, coffee and tea making facility, wardrobe, small electronic safe, minibar replenished on request and a vanity with mirror. Bathrobes, slippers and Hermès toiletries are provided in each stateroom.

All suites feature Butler service - an A&K exclusive feature - which includes nightly canapes, personalized welcome, unpacking and packing upon request, room service, shoe polishing, expedited laundry, as well as spa and salon priority booking.

The ship has a full-service reception area, including a 24-hour front desk, as well as an excursions desk and boutique. 'Le Bougainville' features a restaurant on Deck 4 which accommodates all passengers in a single seating and an outdoor dining area on Deck 3 with room for 70 guests. In addition to the main lounge bar, there is an outdoor bar and lounge with armchairs and sofas and a pool bar.

The pool deck offers a heated infinity pool with a counter current swimming system and deck chairs.

The ship has a theater-style lecture room for presentations featuring the most up-to-date audio/visual equipment and a LED wall for the projection of high-resolution images and videos. Lectures in the Theater are open to all guests.

The Fitness Center offers guests complimentary use of equipment including stationary bikes, treadmills and other exercise equipment. Due to safety reasons, there are no free weights on board the ship. Sea conditions may affect opening hours the Fitness Center.

'Le Bougainville' has a gift shop/boutique (no sundries), as well as a Beauty Center featuring a full-service beauty salon, sauna and massage services. Hairstyling, manicures, pedicures and other services are charged to your shipboard account.

A daily program features the following day's events, excursions, and hours of meal service is delivered to your stateroom each evening.

ELECTRICITY

On board 'Le Bougainville' electricity runs 220 volts. All staterooms have a 110/220 volt-shaving socket in the bathroom, to be used for electric razors only. Staterooms have one 110v plug (U.S. three-prong outlet) by the bedroom TV, in addition to the standard 220v outlets (European 2-prong style). A limited number of adaptors are available on board; however, supplies are not guaranteed. We recommend you bring a global travel adapter set with you.

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS

English is the language used by staff on board A&K charters.

'Le Bougainville' is equipped with the INMARSAT system that allows direct communication by telephone and e-mail. Although staterooms feature telephones, transmission may not always be possible in remote areas or during heavy sea conditions. Please note that charges for maritime satellite connections are significantly higher than those for land services. Fees for on-board

communication services will be added to guests' shipboard accounts. (Fees are subject to change.)

Although Wi-Fi internet is offered on A&K charters, please be prepared for periods of time during your voyage where Wi-Fi internet access may not be available. Satellite phone reception and transmission as well as the speed and accessibility of wireless internet are affected the ship's location (including your location on the vessel), weather and atmospheric conditions. Internet speed is also affected by the number of users on board relative to the ship's available bandwidth. When internet access is available, guests may access their emails via their personal accounts with their personal device. While the ship's wireless access is suitable for simple e-mail and communication, do not rely on it for heavy duty applications such as social media sites, downloading files or streaming movies. Your patience and understanding are appreciated when this situation occurs.

Access time may be obtained from Reception for onboard usage and you will be issued a username and password. These codes will be unique to you and not stored anywhere in the system, so it is important that you keep a record of this information. This procedure is subject to change.

FOOD AND DRINK

Dining is a special treat on board 'Le Bougainville'. International cuisine is available in two different restaurants. The first dining area, located on Deck 3, features outside sitting and serves grilled meats daily, along with a selection of salads and desserts. The main, 850 square foot dining room is located at the rear of Deck 4 and offers panoramic views. This unique dining area, which opens onto the outside, offers a selection of salads, hot meals, cheeses and desserts.

Room service is also available. Early riser coffee and breakfast pastries, afternoon tea and late-night snacks are offered daily. Meals on board are scheduled around the day's sightseeing and shipboard activities. Please consult your daily program for mealtimes and opening hours.

Bottled water, bar drinks (exclusive of premium Champagnes, wines and spirits) soft drinks, and house wines (white and red) and beer during lunch and dinner are included at no extra charge. On board 'Le Bougainville,' tap water is purified, and bottled water is provided in your stateroom daily.

If you have special dietary requirements (vegetarian or vegan menus, food allergies, etc.) please advise Abercrombie & Kent at least 6 weeks prior to the beginning of your journey. Chefs on board 'Le Bougainville' will make every effort to accommodate your needs. If you have food allergies and/or special dietary requirements, in addition to advising A&K prior to departure, please take the opportunity early in the cruise to meet with the Maître D' and Cruise Director to discuss your special requests and inform your server prior to dining. Kosher meals are not available on board.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Maritime law does not allow guests unrestricted access to the bridge. Dependent on the Captain's discretion there may be scheduled opportunities offered during the cruise when guests may visit the bridge in such a way that the vessel's commitment to these security measures will not be compromised.

Access to outdoor areas may be restricted during inclement weather and ship maneuvers. The day's scheduled sightseeing events and timings on board 'Le Bougainville' may be altered and a certain degree of flexibility and spontaneity is required. Additionally, every effort will be made to follow the published itinerary but please note that they are subject to change to conditions and variables which may include but are not limited to weather, sea, and other conditions beyond Abercrombie and Kent's control and are at the discretion of the Captain's command. Port calls are subject to approval by local government officials and can be altered without prior notice.