



LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

Italy Cruise: Hidden Treasures from Florence to Venice 2020

13 days from **\$12,995** was \$13,995

Limited to 148 guests

OFFER

Book early and save \$1,000 per person on all staterooms and suites.

Back by popular demand in 2020, this all-encompassing voyage led by our experts explores nearly the entire navigable coast of Italy. Enjoy two days in Florence before cruising on all-balcony 'Le Bougainville' to treasures from Rome, Venice and Sicily to Puglia's Gargano National Park, Urbino and Bastia on French Corsica.

A&K Advantages

Cruise the coast of Italy for 10 nights on luxury 'Le Bougainville,' enjoying all-balcony accommodations and a capacity limited to just 148 guests, including additional suite accommodations with butler service

Spend two nights at a luxury hotel in Florence's city center

Sail with a remarkable team curated by A&K, featuring our award-winning Expedition Team, a skilled service staff and crew, and one of the best personnel-to-guest ratios at 1 to 1.3

Enjoy all-inclusive cruising with included gratuities, unlimited house drinks, every onboard meal and most meals ashore, port charges, complimentary Wi-Fi, and Traveller's Valet laundry service

Design Your Day with a choice of included, curated excursions led by A&K local guides throughout your voyage, such as in Florence, Rome, Sicily and Venice

Visit Bastia in the French island of Corsica, and enjoy a private polyphonic choir concert and local delicacies

Spend two days exploring exotic Sicily, with special excursions just for A&K guests that include a cooking lesson in a private palazzo

Take an optional trek in Puglia's Parco Nazionale del Gargano, one of the largest national parks in Italy

Spend a full day exploring timelessly romantic Venice

Discover the Marche region and visit Urbino's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Itinerary

AUG 22 ARRIVE FLORENCE, ITALY

Arrive in Florence, centerpiece of the Renaissance, and transfer to your hotel. Join fellow guests for a welcome reception this evening.

The Westin Excelsior, Florence

AUG 23 FLORENCE | HEART OF THE RENAISSANCE

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Explore this cultural metropolis with a choice of curated excursions. Choose to discover iconic Florentine sites during a guided walk in the historic center, followed by a stroll through the Oltrarno District. Alternately, leave the city behind for the rolling hills of Tuscany. There, meet a truffle hunter and his faithful dog and discover the history of this prized delicacy before savoring a truffle-themed lunch. Art lovers can head to the Accademia Gallery to see one of the most iconic sculptures ever created, Michelangelo's *David*, and visit the Uffizi Gallery, where masterpieces such as Da Vinci's *The Annunciation* and Botticelli's *Birth of Venus* hold court. Enjoy the evening at leisure in Florence.

The Westin Excelsior, Florence | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

AUG 24 TUSCANY/LIVORNO | TUSCAN TREASURES

Experience more of the treasures of Tuscany, choosing from excursions designed for discovery in Florence, Pisa and Lucca. History buffs can opt for a visit to Palazzo Vecchio, the former residence of the powerful Medici clan, with its interior apartments featuring works by Michelangelo and Donatello. You may also depart for Pisa to take in its grand Baptistery, the Campo Santo, the Duomo and the worldfamous Leaning Tower. Alternately, visit the charming city of Lucca and stroll its picturesque town center. See the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro, which follows the curve of the original Roman amphitheater, and the impressive 16th-century city walls and ramparts. Later, drive to Livorno to board 'Le Bougainville' and enjoy your first dinner aboard your luxury, all-balcony mega-yacht.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 25 CORSICA, FRANCE | MOUNTAINOUS FRENCH ISLE

Your first port of call lures you beyond the borders of Italy for a not-to-be-missed chance to experience Corsica. Set out on an excursion that introduces you to the city of Bastia, a place of Baroque churches and a charming harbor front. Gather for one of the day's highlights, an awe-inspiring Corsican choir performance presented just for A&K guests. Visit the Mattei distillery shop to sample the city's signature aperitif, Cap Corse, a wine with a uniquely bittersweet profile. Join your fellow guests for lunch at a local restaurant and a true taste of Corsican life. Alternately, explore the mountainous heights of Bastia on a hike, taking in superb views of the city and shoreline.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 26 ROME, ITALY | THE ETERNAL CITY

Disembark this morning in the port of Civitavecchia and board a motorcoach for the drive to Rome, where you have your pick of expertly designed excursions. If you are a food lover, opt for a three-hour, hands-on lesson in the art of Italian cuisine, learning the secrets to making delectable pasta and tiramisù. Alternately, discover Rome's Jewish heritage with a walk through the historic Jewish Ghetto, followed by the Vatican for an afternoon viewing its incomparable treasures. You may also tour central Rome's narrow streets and sunny piazzas — including world-famous Trevi Fountain — and pay a private visit to Palazzo Colonna. Another alternative features a panoramic tour with various stops, including the Colosseum, and some time at leisure in the lively Trastevere district.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 27 LIPARI | DAY AT SEA

Spend the day cruising the Tyrrhenian Sea, later enjoying postcard-worthy views of the Aeolian Islands and the volcanic peak of Stromboli. In the evening, arrive at the island of Lipari, where you may disembark for sightseeing or some time at leisure in the lovely town.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 28 PALERMO | SICILY'S CAPITAL

Begin your exploration of Sicily with a choice of three inspiring excursions. In the first, take in the sites of capital city Palermo, including the Teatro Massimo, Palermo's Duomo; the Quattro Canti, a spectacular Baroque square; and the 12th-century Cataldo Church. Another option is a journey into Sicily's rich cuisine, starting with a shopping expedition to a local market in Palermo. Proceed to a private city *palazzo* (palace) for a three-hour, hands-on cooking class, where you learn the importance of food to Sicilian culture and prepare a four-course lunch. You may also opt to enjoy a scenic drive to Erice; walk up the hill to the historic town and enjoy tantalizing Sicilian views, as well as its own distinctive almond pastries. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and later visit Segesta, one of the finest Greek temples in the world, before returning to the ship for dinner.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 29 TAORMINA | EASTERN SICILY

Explore the eastern shore of Sicily with a day in and around Taormina, a cliff-top city of narrow, store-packed streets and spectacular views. Walk the city with a local guide and visit the Greek Theater, a great vantage point for viewing Mount Etna. Alternately, explore Catania and a private garden. If you prefer to get up close to Sicily's greatest landmark, take a 4x4 excursion to Mount Etna, viewing its stunning crater and learning about this volcanic peak's history.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 30 AT SEA | A DAY AT LEISURE

Relish a day of relaxation, enjoying the amenities of your ship and more engaging presentations by our experts.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 31 PUGLIA | GARGANO'S NATURAL SPLENDOR

Disembark in Puglia's coastal Manfredonia for an enticing array of excursion options. Choose to visit the Sanctuary of San Michael Archangel, a pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages; hike in Gargano National Park, a place of serene paths, beautiful sea views and rich history; or explore Castel del Monte, an intriguing historic site claimed by the innovative Holy Roman Emperor Frederick.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SEP 1 THE MARCHES | HIDDEN BEAUTY

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Further up the coast, in the Marches region, lies the port of Ancona, your starting point for an inspiring afternoon. One excursion takes you to Urbino, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized for its Renaissance art and architecture. Enter the stately Palazzo Ducale, where masterworks by Raphael and Titian are on display. Alternately, privately visit the Villa Imperiale in Pesaro, or participate in a Jesi wine experience in the breathtaking countryside.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SEP 2 VENICE | CITY OF BRIDGES

A worthy finale, Venice is an endlessly inspiring place, and today's excursions reveal it the way you wish to experience it. Choose a comprehensive walking tour of the island, including must-sees like St. Mark's Square as well as places more off the beaten track, such as Frari Church, where Renaissance painter Titian is interred. Another option is a discovery of the island city by privatized water taxi, making stops to admire St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. Lovers of local delights can opt for a visit to Mazzorbo Island, known for its walled vineyards, and to a charming Venetian *bacaro* (wine bar), ideal for enjoying *un'ombra* (a short glass) and *cicchetti* (small bites).

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SEP 3 DEPART VENICE

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your departing flight or continue on A&K's extension to Verona.

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

Extensions



NEW! Emilia-Romagna Pre-Tour Extension

4 days from \$5,795
Single Supplement from \$1,495

Cook rich pasta in Bologna, visit a local Parma farm and see Ferraris in Maranello in this lush northern Italian region.

AUG 19

Arrive in Bologna. Time permitting, visit the mosaic-laden city of Ravenna before checking in at your hotel. Tonight, attend a welcome cocktail reception.

Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni

AUG 20

Tour the historic city center and market, and then enjoy a hands-on cooking demonstration and pasta tasting led by a local pasta maker. Visit the western world's oldest, continuously operating university.

Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

AUG 21

Sample Parmigiano-Reggiano and Parma ham at a local farm. Visit the Ferrari Museum in Maranello and attend a test drive, followed by an authentic Bolognese dinner.

Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 22

Transfer to Florence. Begin your main program.



Verona Post-Tour Extension

4 days from \$4,995
Single Supplement from \$1,295

Experience treasured art, a Valpolicella winery and a boat tour on stunning Garda Lake.

SEP 3

Disembark your ship and transfer to historic Padua, where you may see Giotto's frescoes at Scrovegni Chapel, and enjoy lunch at famous Caffè Pedrocchi. Then, transfer to your hotel in Verona for check-in.

Due Torri Hotel | Meals: Lunch

SEP 4

Privately visit Verona's majestic downtown palace. Explore a Valpolicella winery, then enjoy an authentic dinner with local pairings.

Due Torri Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SEP 5

Today, explore local villages along Garda Lake and enjoy a special dinner.

Due Torri Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SEP 6

Transfer to the Verona airport for your international flight home.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

| Dates | Prices | Single Supplement | Availability |
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| Aug 22 - Sep 03, 2020 | | | |
| Classic Stateroom - Category 1 | \$12,995 (was \$13,995) | \$10,495 | Call for Availability |
| Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2 | \$14,495 (was \$15,495) | \$11,595 | Call for Availability |
| Prestige Stateroom - Category 3 | \$15,995 (was \$16,995) | \$12,745 | Call for Availability |
| Deluxe Suite - Category 4 | \$21,495 (was \$22,495) | \$20,395 | Call for Availability |
| Privilege Suite - Category 5 | \$23,995 (was \$24,995) | \$22,795 | Call for Availability |
| Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 6 | \$29,995 (was \$30,995) | \$28,495 | Call for Availability |
| Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7 | \$34,995 (was \$35,995) | \$33,245 | Call for Availability |
| Owner's Suite - Category 8 | \$37,495 (was \$38,495) | \$35,595 | Call for Availability |

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4-8 include upgraded accommodations at the hotel and butler service on board the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing and reception at 6:30 p.m. on Aug 22.

Last group event: ship arrival and disembarkation at 9:00 a.m. on Sep 3.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).