NEW LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

Italy Cruise: Hidden Treasures from Florence to Venice 2019
13 days from $11,995 was $12,995
Limited to 150 guests

OFFER
Save $1,000 per person, plus 50% on the single supplement on stateroom categories 1-3.

Embark on an all-encompassing A&K voyage along nearly the entire navigable coast of Italy. Begin with two days in Florence, the land of the Renaissance, before cruising on brand-new 'Le Bougainville' to treasures from iconic Rome and Venice, exotic Sicily and the paradisal Aeolian Islands to Puglia's Gargano National Park, UNESCO-protected Urbino, and little-known Bastia on French Corsica.

A&K Advantages
Discover Italy on a uniquely comprehensive, truly luxurious expedition revealing the country's most magnificent destinations

Cruise the coast of Italy for 10 nights on brand-new luxury 'Le Bougainville,' enjoying all-balcony accommodations and a capacity limited to just 150 guests, for an incomparable personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.3

Sail with a remarkable team curated by A&K, featuring our award-winning Expedition Team and local guides, as well as outstanding lecturers and experts invited by A&K

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

**AUG 18 ARRIVE FLORENCE, ITALY**
Arrive in Florence, centerpiece of the Renaissance, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Join fellow guests for a welcome reception this evening.
The Westin Excelsior, Florence

**AUG 19 FLORENCE | HEART OF THE RENAISSANCE**
Explore one of the most culturally rich cities on Earth with a choice of curated excursions. Discover some of Florence's most iconic sites before a stroll through the Oltrarno District, where you learn about the famous Renaissance families who resided here. Alternately, choose a quintessentially Italian experience, leaving 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 treat before savoring a truffle-themed lunch. History buffs, meanwhile, can visit Palazzo Vecchio, the former residence of the Medici clan and the setting where political power was wielded; the interior apartments contain decorations by Michelangelo and Donatello. This evening, drive to Artimino Villa for a welcome gala dinner, complete with a string quartet and an operatic recital.
The Westin Excelsior, Florence | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**AUG 20 FLORENCE | TUSCAN TREASURES**
Take another opportunity to experience the treasures of Tuscany with more excursions designed for discovery. 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. You may also leave Florence for Pisa, taking in its grand Baptistry, the Campo Santo and the Duomo before stopping at the worldfamous Leaning Tower, even climbing its 284 steps if you like. Alternately, visit the charming city of Lucca and stroll its picturesque town center, closed to car traffic. 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 on board.
'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**AUG 21 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 charming harborsfront. 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 a lunch in a special venue 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. Then, gather for another of the day's highlights, enjoying an awe-inspiring Corsican choir performance performed just for A&K guests.
'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**AUG 22 ROME, ITALY | THE ETERNAL CITY**
Disembark this morning in the port of Civitavecchia, and then board a motorcoach for the drive into 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 delectable pasta, ravioli and tiramisu. Alternately, discover Rome's extensive Jewish heritage with a tour of the historic Jewish Ghetto, followed by the Vatican for an afternoon viewing its incomparable treasures. Also an option is a tour of central Rome's narrow streets and sunny piazzas, including world-famous Trevi Fountain and a private visit to Palazzo Colonna.
'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**AUG 23 LIPARI | AFTERNOON AT SEA**
Spend the morning cruising the Tyrrhenian Sea, enjoying postcard-worthy views of the Aeolian Islands and the volcanic peak of Stromboli. Arrive at the island of Lipari, where you may disembark for sightseeing or an evening at leisure in the lovely town.
'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**AUG 24 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 outdoor market. Proceed to a private 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. For your third option, visit Segesta, one of the finest Greek temples in the world, and drive up the hill to Erice, stopping for lunch at a local farmhouse. Erice boasts tantalizing Sicilian views, as well as its own distinctive almond pastries, which you sample before returning to the ship for dinner.
'Le Bougainville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**AUG 25 TAORMINA | MOUNT ETNA & MOVIE HISTORY**
Explore the eastern shore of Sicily with a day in and around Taormina, a clifftop 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. However you spend your day, enjoy an evening gala at a stunning private castello (castle), site of a famous movie set. Enjoy dinner and live music entertainment.

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

**AUG 26 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 27 MANFREDONIA | GARGANO’S NATURAL SPLENDOR**
Disembark in Puglia's coastal Manfredonia for an enticing array of excursion options. You may visit the Sanctuary of San Michael Archangel, a pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages; hike in Gargano National Park, a place of white limestone cliffs, serene olive groves and beautiful sea views; or explore Castel del Monte, claimed by the innovative Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II and one of the most intriguing historic sites in Italy.

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

**AUG 28 ANCONA | HIDDEN BEAUTY**
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, proceeding then to the quaint port town of Senigallia, or opt for a Jesi wine experience.

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

**AUG 29 VENICE | CITY OF BRIDGES**
A worthy finale of your cruise, Venice is an endlessly inspiring place, and today's excursions reveal it the way you want to experience it. The first option is a comprehensive tour of the island, from must-sees like St. Mark's Square to places more off the beaten track, such as Frari Church, where Renaissance painter Titian is interred. Lovers of wine can opt for a visit to Mazzorbo Island, known for its walled vineyards, and to one of Venice’s bacari: charming wine bars where locals and visitors alike gather for un’ombra (a short glass) and cicchetti (small bites). For a more active option, learn to row on a gondola like a Venetian.

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

**AUG 30 DEPART VENICE**
Transfer to the airport for your departing flight or continue with A&K on our extension to Verona.
Extensions

Bologna Pre-Tour Extension

4 days from $5,495
Single Supplement from $1,595

AUG 15

Arrive in Bologna. Time permitting, visit the mosaic rich city of Ravenna before checking in at your hotel. Tonight, attend a welcome cocktail reception.
Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni

AUG 16

Tour the market with a local pasta master, followed by a hands-on cooking demonstration and pasta tasting. Visit the western world's oldest, continuously operating university.
Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

AUG 17

Sample Parmigiano-Reggiano and Parma ham at a local farm. Visit the Fiorano racetrack and Ferrari Museum in Maranello, followed by an authentic Bolognese dinner.
Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AUG 18

Transfer to Florence. Begin your main program.

Verona Post-Tour Extension

4 days from $4,495
Single Supplement from $995

AUG 30

Disembark your ship and transfer to historic Padua, where you may see Giotto's frescoes at Scrovegni Chapel, and enjoy lunch at famous Caffe’ Pedrocchi. Then, transfer to your hotel in Verona for check-in.
Due Torri | Meals: Lunch

AUG 31

Privately visit Verona's majestic downtown palace. Explore a Valpolicella winery, then enjoy an authentic dinner with local pairings.
Due Torri | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SEP 1

Explore the local villages and take a boat tour on Garda Lake. Enjoy a special dinner and, seasonally, an opera performance.
Due Torri | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SEP 2

Transfer to the Verona airport for your international flight home.
## Dates & Prices

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

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Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](https://www.aandk.com) available on this departure.

## Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 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 6:00 p.m. on Aug 18.

Last group event: disembarkation on Aug 30 by 9:00 a.m.

## Special Offer Terms & Conditions

$1,000 per person and 50% off single supplement offers valid on new bookings only in stateroom categories 1-3. Single supplement offer is combinable with Marco Polo Club single supplement discount. 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](https://www.aandk.com).