



Mediterranean Explorer & Crossing



Day 1 — Rome, Italy

Step on board to begin your journey. The ship will be berthed in Civitavecchia, the closest port to the airport and Rome. Relax and settle in to your stateroom, perhaps also unwinding at our Infinity Pool.

Day 2 — Florence/Pisa, Italy

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Tuscany with an included, well-curated tour of Pisa. Alternatively, enjoy a full-day tour that combines Pisa and Florence. Begin with a scenic drive through the countryside to Florence, where you will stroll by the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore. Then on to the medieval Ponte Vecchio, and the attractive Basilica di Santa Croce, resting place of Michelangelo. In Pisa, you will have time to explore the Square of Miracles, including the famous Leaning Tower, the Cathedral and Baptistry.

Day 3 — Monte Carlo, Monaco

Enjoy a full day in Monaco, the playground for the rich and famous, as well as the gateway to the beautiful South of France. Visit medieval Monaco, stopping at the Prince's Palace and St. Nicholas Cathedral, the burial site of the royal family, including American actress Grace Kelly. As we stay late in port, you will have time to step inside the Casino de Monte-Carlo, the most prestigious and celebrated gambling mecca on earth. As an option, venture out of town to the legendary perfumeries in Grasse, or stroll along the English promenade in glamorous Nice.

Day 4 — Toulon, France

Today, enjoy a full day to walk through the small streets and lovely squares of Toulon's Old Quarter. Pass through the Place de la Liberté and the Place Puget with its curious 18th-century fountain, stroll by the Gothic cathedral and walk through the colorful market of Cours Lafayette. Consider a visit to the coastal town of Aix-en-Provence or Cassis, famed for its dramatic vistas of the sea cliffs of Cap Canaille. Originally known as a royal port of call through the Napoleonic wars, Toulon is regarded as the gateway to Provence, the fabled countryside of wine, cheese, olive oil and lavender. Catch a whiff of lavender or the scent of bouillabaisse coming from a nearby café, where you may have to stop and indulge in those aromatics.

Day 5 — Marseille, France

Visit Marseille, France's oldest city, rich in timeless treasures. Discover its atmospheric Old Port, overseen by two 17th-century fortresses. The picturesque quay was built on the order of Louis XII and Louis XIII and is one of the world's most romantic walks. As you explore, take in the beauty of its natural harbor, dotted with elegant yachts. Marvel at the church of Notre Dame de la Garde and Palais Longchamp, or venture to Aix-en-Provence with its tree-shaded squares and wide boulevards.

Day 6 — Barcelona, Spain

Soak up the charm of sunny Barcelona, the Catalan capital of culture. Stroll along Las Ramblas, take in the architectural masterpieces of Antoni Gaudí or explore the myriad side streets of the ancient Gothic Quarter. Take an included tour today, or opt for one of the many optional shore excursions we offer.

Day 7 — Barcelona, Spain

Awake in Barcelona and further explore the Catalan capital. Start on Las Ramblas, the mile-long leafy pedestrian boulevard. Or take a turn through the myriad side streets of the Gothic Quarter, where the ancient and the modern sit side by side, perfect for a leisurely stroll. Or head to the Passeig de Gràcia, a boulevard renowned for its architecture, including works by Antoni Gaudí. Or opt for one of the many optional tours.

Day 8 — Valencia, Spain

Spain's Mediterranean port of Valencia is a mecca for lovers of one of the country's most iconic dishes, paella. Choose from a wide array of variations of the dish at restaurants throughout town, perhaps with a glass of local wine. Or sample the city's other specialty, *horchata*. You'll also want to visit the famous Lladró porcelain factory, world renowned for its imaginative and delicate figurines.

Day 9 — Murcia, Spain

Uncover the rich history of Cartagena today, brimming with remarkable architecture spanning the ages, from the days of Rome to Art Nouveau. Outside the city, marvel at the beauty of the sanctuary of the Virgin of Fuensanta, Murcia's patron saint, and the baroque- and Gothic-style cathedral. Alternately, explore Cartagena's impressive Roman Theater and its Roman Forum.

Day 10 — Granada, Spain

Today you can experience firsthand the stuff of Andalucian dreams. Birthplace of Pablo Picasso, Málaga is the gateway to Andalucía, the seductive province of rolling hills and endless olive groves. An included tour features the 11th-century Alcazaba Palace, residence of Arabian caliphs, the ancient Moorish Gibralfaro Castle, the Renaissance Cathedral and Picasso's birthplace. Or, choose to explore the mighty Alhambra palace in Granada, one of Spain's most treasured sites.

Day 11 — Seville (Cádiz), Spain

At today's port, you'll have a rare chance to explore what many considered the gateway to the New World for all the voyages that left here for unknown shores. The port of Cádiz offers a wealth of treasures. On an included tour, you'll follow passageways into elaborate plazas. Stop at the Torre Tavira, once a lookout for merchants, and marvel at the city's baroque, gold-domed cathedral. Alternately, explore the colorful city of Seville, where a grand Cathedral, Giralda Tower and the Alcázar Palace were built by the wealth of Spanish kings. Spend free time sipping sherry at a *bodega* or shopping for local wares.

Day 12 — Lisbon, Portugal

Today, explore the labyrinthine streets of Lisbon's Alfama District and the 12th-century Sé Cathedral (Lisbon Cathedral). On an included panoramic tour of this seafaring capital, you'll also trace the Tagus River to the Elevador da Gloria, a funicular train that takes you to the hilltop suburb of Bairro Alto. Soak up magical views and shop the lively Chiado Quarter. Or, consider an excursion through the countryside to Sintra, renowned for its multi-hued palaces and stalwart castles. You can also choose an excursion to see Lisbon's architectural masterpieces, including the ornate Jerónimos Monastery and the adjacent Belém Tower, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Day 13 — Lisbon, Portugal

Today, explore the labyrinthine streets of Lisbon's Alfama District and the 12th-century Sé Cathedral (Lisbon Cathedral). On an included walking tour of this seafaring capital, you'll also trace the Tagus River to the Elevador da Gloria, a funicular train that takes you to the hilltop suburb of Bairro Alto. Soak up magical views and shop the lively quarter of Chiado. Or, consider an excursion through the countryside to Sintra, renowned for its multi-hued palaces and stalwart castles. You can also choose an excursion to see Lisbon's architectural masterpieces, including the ornate Jerónimos Monastery and the adjacent Belém Tower, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This afternoon, we set sail to trace the historic coast of Portugal.

Day 14 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

As you sail westward into the Atlantic, take advantage of the many amenities of your ship. You might attend an enriching onboard talk to learn about your upcoming ports. Lounge by the Main Pool with its retractable roof and enjoy a cocktail at the Aquavit Bar.

Day 15 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

Start your day with a walk around the Promenade Deck; once around measures $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Later, you might indulge in a manicure or pedicure at The Salon and enjoy a first-run or classic movie in The Theater, popcorn included. Tonight, enjoy an elegant meal in The Restaurant.

Day 16 — Ponta Delgada, Portugal

Call on the capital of the Azores, Ponta Delgada, once a staging post for explorers continuing their voyage to the New World. Today, the cultural center of the island of São Miguel hosts impressive churches and tidy white houses that recall its supporting role in the Age of Discovery. Sample the culinary traditions of the island during your visit as you set out into its rural reaches. Alternately, marvel at Portugal's famed "lake of two colors" or explore Ponta Delgada by tuk-tuk.

Day 17 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

Relax to the rhythm of your trans-Atlantic crossing. During your second day at sea, you might indulge in a massage or facial or take a sauna in The Spa. Tonight, try some food and wine pairings at The Chef's Table.

Day 18 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

Begin your day with coffee and a real Norwegian waffle at Mamsen's gourmet deli. Later, perhaps you will swim in the Infinity Pool or mingle with newfound friends over tea in the Wintergarden. This evening, enjoy soft piano music in the Living Room or lively jazz in Torshavn.

Day 19 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

Perhaps you will get a morning workout at the Fitness Center and soothe your body with a hot sauna and a few minutes amid the refreshingly chilled air of the Snow Grotto. In the evening, enjoy cocktails in the Explorers' Lounge and an authentic Italian meal at Manfredi's Italian Restaurant.

Day 20 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

As you approach the Caribbean once again, you might attend an illuminating enrichment lecture about an upcoming destination in The Theater. Relax in The Living Room with a complimentary espresso and a good book from our thoughtfully curated Library.

Day 21 — Bermuda, United Kingdom

You will dock in the heart of Hamilton, the capital and cultural center of the British Territory of Bermuda. Breathtaking pink-sand beaches and a distinct English flavor greet you at every turn as you walk the pastel-hued streets, tour the historic town of St. George, the longest continuously inhabited English settlement in the New World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and explore the island's old garrison.

Day 22 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

Begin your day with coffee and a real Norwegian waffle at Mamsen's gourmet deli. Later, perhaps you will swim in the Infinity Pool or mingle with newfound friends over tea in the Wintergarden. This evening, enjoy soft piano music in the Living Room or lively jazz in Torshavn.

Day 23 — Cruise the Atlantic Ocean

Today you will trace the coast toward the southern reaches of Florida. As you cruise, you can enjoy a cultural enrichment lecture on board, take a dip in the Infinity Pool or treat yourself to a spa treatment, perhaps a massage or a pedicure.

Day 24 — Miami, United States

Disembark your ship today and depart for home, or extend your stay in Miami and take in the city's lively Cuban-American culture, fresh cuisine and the vibrant art deco architecture of South Beach.

** One shore excursion included per port as indicated (included); all others available at an extra charge. Depending on your stateroom category, shore excursions may be reserved beginning 90 days before your cruise sails. Not all excursions will be available for all sailings. Full details of the excursions available on your specific departure date can be viewed at My Viking Journey once your cruise booking has been made.*