

From the French Riviera to Italian shores

From **06/05/2022**
to **13/05/2022**

Ship: **LE LYRIAL**

From **Nice**
to **Civitavecchia (Rome)**



Board *Le Lyrial* for a brand-new 8-day cruise to discover the wonders of the French and Italian shores. Departing from the Côte d'Azur, enjoy a taste of *la dolce vita*.

Setting sail from **Nice**, your ship will make its way to **Calvi**, at the heart of the **Balagne** region on the Isle of Beauty, Corsica. Between steep peaks and sublime beaches with turquoise waters, you will experience a wild and authentic Corsica.

Next, you will sail on to the **Italian Riviera** and **Portofino**. Built in a natural harbour protected by a pine forest, it is a picturesque and lively port that has successfully retained its authenticity and traditions.

Le Lyrial will then set a course for the stunning region of **Cinque Terre**. From the sea, you will discover the landscapes of villages perched along the rugged coast of the Italian Riviera before calling at **Porto Venere**, a small fishing village with undeniable charm.

Your cruise will continue along the Tuscan shoreline to **Livorno**, a port city famous for its Renaissance fortifications. The Little Venice district, as it is known, offers a picturesque setting in which to enjoy fish and seafood.

You will then stop at **Portoferraio**, a small corner of paradise on the island of Elba, where Napoleon spent many days in exile, before sailing on to **Porto Santo Stefano**, a town built along a hillside and surrounded by a 17th century fortress.

You will continue to sail along the Italian coast to **Civitavecchia**, the final stop on your trip to these lands brimming with history.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

NICE

Embarkation 06/05/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 06/05/2022 at 18:00

Capital of the Cote d'Azur, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.

CALVI, CORSICA

Arrival 07/05/2022 midday

Departure 07/05/2022 late afternoon

Nestled on a rocky spur in the north-west of Corsica, the port of **Calvi** offers its whiteness between two sapphire-coloured bays. Capital of the **Balagne** region, the Genoese city benefits from an exceptional natural setting between the abrupt relief of the central chain, fertile hills and long sandy beaches. From the promontory of the **Notre-Dame-de-la-Serra chapel**, built in the 19th century on the ruins of a 15th century sanctuary, you will not miss the sublime panorama of the seaside, the mountains and the Calvi citadel. A little further west, you will have the opportunity to discover with the **peninsula of Revelatta**, a wilder and more preserved part of Corsica.

PORTOFINO

Arrival 08/05/2022 early morning

Departure 08/05/2022 late evening

Close to the Cinque Terre, **Portofino** is the jewel of the **Ligurian Riviera**. This "small village that stretches like a half moon around a silent basin", described by Guy de Maupassant, is today a pretty, lively little port that has managed to preserve the authenticity of its maritime traditions, which have been recognised since Ancient times. Built in the hollow of a small natural cove sheltered by the pine forest, the village is at the heart of a **protected maritime reserve**. The shimmering colours of its house fronts and the exceptional location of this village have inspired many authors and artists. You will also see the **Portofino lighthouse**, immaculate in its green setting. Perched on the **Punta del Capo**, it watches over the peninsula and its postcard setting.

SAILING ALONG CINQUE TERRE

Arrival 09/05/2022

Departure 09/05/2022

The **Ligurian coast** will reveal the splendour of its contours as you sail along its abrupt landscapes facing the

Mediterranean Sea. The coastline is scattered with small beaches and fishing villages clinging to the cliffs that form the beauty of this hanging province. From the sea, you will enjoy an exceptional view over the **Cinque Terre**, impressive in their isolated and authentic natural setting. Listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site** and a **national park** since 1999, the five villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza et Monterosso distil their charm and their uniqueness as our eyes drink in the shimmering colours of the pastel facades illuminated by the sunshine.

PORTO VENERE

Arrival 09/05/2022 midday

Departure 09/05/2022 early evening

Located on the magnificent chiselled coast of Liguria, to the north-west of the Italian peninsula, **Portovenere** is an unusual little fishing village. Clinging to the southernmost tip of the **Cinque Terre National park**, this charming town benefits from an exceptional location, at the mouth of the gulf of La Spezia. As soon as you set foot on land, you will be mesmerised by the pastel shades of the buildings. Via Capellini is its lively and welcoming main street, brimming with shops and restaurants. At the end of a long promenade, a steep road leads to **Doria castle**. Below, on its rocky spur, **the Church of Saint Peter** offers a splendid view of **Palmaria island**.

LIVORNO

Arrival 10/05/2022 early morning

Departure 10/05/2022 evening

On the ligurian coast, **Livorno** invites us to **Tuscany**, a charming region offering **archaeological vestiges**, **Renaissance** treasures, undulating landscapes and a pleasant way of life. When the **Medicis** arrived in the 16th century they developed the city, which became **one of the most important ports in the Mediterranean**. Cosmopolitan and multireligious, Livorno has welcomed many immigrants and is a wonderful example of cultural diversity. Built during that period, **Fortezza Vecchia** and **Fortezza Nuova** attest to the city's power. At the foot of the new fort, **Nuova Venezia** is an enchanting district with small canals and streets to stroll along to discover a few architectural treasures, such as the magnificent Santa Caterina da Siena church in the Tuscan baroque style.

PORTOFERRAIO, ELBA

Arrival 11/05/2022 early morning

Departure 11/05/2022 late afternoon

In the elbow of a creek on the northern coastline of **Elba Island**, a small corner of paradise awaits in the form of **Portoferraio**. As you approach its coastlines, you will make out the powerful and majestic contours of its **Medici fortresses**. **Napoleon Bonaparte** spent many of his 300 days in exile here. The **Palazzina dei Mulini**, his first imperial residence, whose gardens offer outstanding views of the sea, is a must-see. Historical treasures are followed by another kind of treasure, namely white sand beaches, and equally tempting local specialities including gurguglione and rice with cuttlefish ink.

PORTO SANTO STEFANO

Arrival 12/05/2022 early morning

Departure 12/05/2022 late afternoon

In Southern Tuscany, **Porto Santo Stefano**, a charming seaside resort located on the Monte Argentario peninsula, is renowned for its enchanting setting. Nestling on the side of a hill, the small town offers beautiful sandy beaches with crystal-clear water and a picturesque town centre. Stroll around its steep alleyways lined with coloured houses and discover **La Rocca**, a Spanish fortress built in the 17th century to protect the town against pirate attacks. There, you can enjoy a stunning view over the port and the **Gulf of Talamone**.

CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)

Arrival 13/05/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 13/05/2022 at 07:00

Built on an Etruscan site, between the Tyrrhenian sea and the Monti della Tolfa, Civitavecchia respires the **dolce vita**. This very modern and easy going town combines art and history with panache. You can also visit superb historical sites like **Fort Michelangelo** or the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi. Just 80 kilometres from Rome, the town is a beautiful first step to the Italian capital.