



Taormina, Sicily

Treasures of the Mediterranean Isles

Stunning coastlines, fine wines, intriguing stories – experience “la dolce vita” on Mediterranean isles

12 DAYS FROM \$9,490 | BEGINS MARSEILLE OR MALTA

1. Arrive Malta

Tour begins: 6:00 PM. A transfer is included from Malta's Luqa International Airport to the Marriott Malta Hotel & Spa, or The Phoenicia, both located in the Valletta area. We invite you to join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals D**

2. Sightseeing in Malta

Sightseeing in Valletta, the Fortress-City, over the next two days includes a private visit to St. John's Co-Cathedral, a High-Baroque masterpiece saturated with frescoes, gold ornament, and one of the world's most treasured Caravaggio paintings; and a visit to Casa Rocca Piccola, the elegant

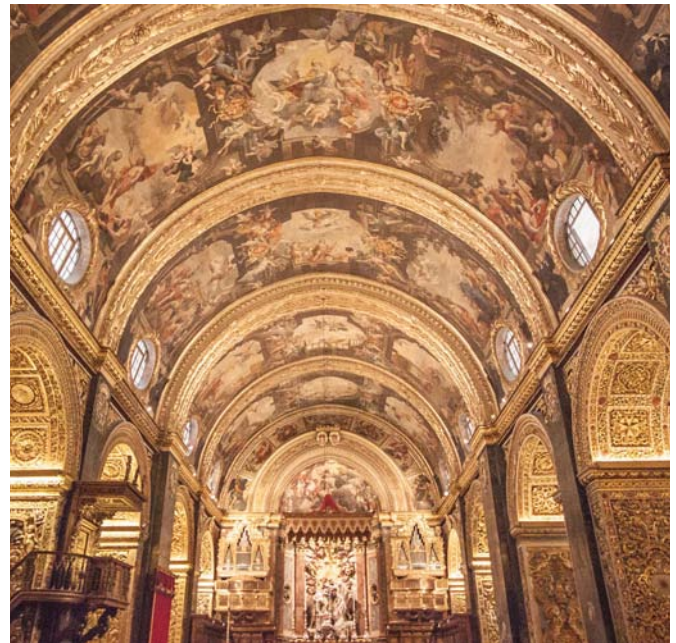
private home of a local noble family (who still reside there), where you'll have the unique opportunity to meet a Knight of Malta. View the film, "The Malta Experience," that distills 7,000 years of Maltese history, and take a walking tour in the port of Valletta. Enjoy the rest of the day as you wish. **Meals B**

3. ■ Walled Mdina / Embark ship

Travel to the walled town of Mdina, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and a living gallery of meticulously preserved palaces, chapels, monuments, and cathedrals, intimate winding streets and alleys, and panoramic views from its ramparts. Lunch at a family-owned restaurant features Maltese cuisine and folkloric entertainment. Return to Valletta and embark your ship. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Discover the charms of Corsica on a sightseeing drive to medieval Bonifacio, steeped in history and colorful houses, or ride aboard a mini train to Old Town for a guided walking tour, with a private boat cruise to caves where ancient Romans fished
- Enjoy a private visit inside the richly decorated Co-Cathedral of St. John on Malta; meet a Knight of Malta during a visit to Casa Rocca Piccola and enjoy a private reception and dinner at historic La Sacra Inferna, founded by the Order of the Knights of St. John in 1547
- Spend the day exploring the island of Sardinia on a choice of shore excursions that explore the history and culture of Cagliari and Nora, culminating in a typical Sardinian lunch with local gastronomic specialties at a medieval Benedictine monastery



The magnificent Co-Cathedral of St. John is truly stunning, boasting magnificent ceiling frescoes and artwork.

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

7 Cruise Days aboard *Le Jacques Cartier / Le Bougainville*

Marseille to Malta

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Marseille <i>InterContinental Marseille Hotel Dieu or Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port</i>
2	Marseille
3	Aix-en-Provence / Embark Nice
4	Elba
5	Corsica
6	Sardinia
7	Palermo
8	Catania
9	Siracusa
10	Valletta <i>Marriott Malta Hotel & Spa or Corinthia Palace Hotel & Spa</i>
11	Valletta
12	Depart Valletta

Malta to Marseille

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Malta <i>Marriott Malta Hotel & Spa or The Phoenicia</i>
2	Valletta
3	Embark Valletta
4	Siracusa
5	Catania
6	Palermo
7	Sardinia
8	Corsica
9	Elba
10	Disembark Nice / Aix-en-Provence / Marseille <i>InterContinental Marseille Hotel Dieu or Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port</i>
11	Marseille
12	Depart Marseille

4. Treasured sights in Siracusa

A choice of shore excursions today includes exploration of historic Siracusa, a UNESCO World Heritage city, with a locally guided visit to the Neapolis Archaeological Park and a guided walking tour through Ortygia island. Or, drive to the Baroque city of Noto for a guided walking tour. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Ortygia. **Meals BLD**





There is a special allure about a voyage through the Mediterranean – including ports of embarkation and disembarkation that lead to destinations such as Aix-en-Provence in France (left); but it is your time on the islands, such as Corsica, that create indelible memories.

5. ■ Mount Etna & Taormina

You have a choice of excursions today. Take a scenic drive to medieval Taormina for tours of the Palazzo Corvaja and the 3rd-century BC Teatro Antico, followed by a tour and tasting lunch at a Mt. Etna winery. Alternatively, drive to Mt. Etna and the Sapienza Refuge, and ride by cable car and all-terrain vehicle up to the crater of the volcano. Or, journey through history at Catania's Allied Landing Museum and discover what life was like in Sicily during World War II. Then take a walking tour of Catania that includes the fish market and the baroque cathedral, followed by free time. Aboard ship this evening, an expert offers insights into the volcanic geology of the Mediterranean isles. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Palermo & palazzo museums

Explore Palermo on a walking tour along the Corso Vittorio Emanuele past the Cathedral to the Piazza Pretoria, Santa Caterina Church and the Palazzo Gangi; enjoy a drink with canapes under its dazzling chandeliers. Or, tour private museums in private palaces, including 17th-century Palazzo Butera and Palazzo Mazzarino. Alternatively, tour the Botanical Gardens and visit a historic private villa where you will meet the owners and enjoy an aperitif in the garden. Enjoy an onboard anti-Mafia lecture this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Sardinia, from Bronze Age to present day

Sightseeing choices in Cagliari include a locally guided walking tour of its medieval heart and a visit to the National Archaeological Museum; a culinary tour of San Benedetto

food market; and a visit to Monte Urpino (Fox Mountain). Alternatively, visit a family-run goat cheese factory and a winery, or venture to Nora to explore its ancient ruins. Enjoy a special Sardinian lunch at the Convent di San Giuseppe in Cagliari, before sailing towards Corsica. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Corsica & the city of cliffs

Dock in Porto-Vecchio, Corsica, for a choice of shore excursions. Drive to Old Town Bonifacio for a tour of the citadel's medieval defenses and the cliffside Garden of Ruins. Alternatively, ride a mini-train up to the Old Town for a walking tour and a boat ride around the island cliffs and sea caves, weather permitting. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Elba, an island paradise

Dock in Elba for a tour of Portoferraio that includes Villa Mulini, Napoleon's clifftop winter mansion and a wine tasting with views of the harbor. Alternatively, drive to Marciana Marina and ride a lift to the top of Monte Cappane for stunning 360-degree views – or tour Villa San Martino, Napoleon's summer residence, and visit La Chiusa Winery for a memorable taste of local wine. **Meals BLD**

10. Nice and Aix En Provence / Disembark

Disembark ship in Nice and drive to Aix-en-Provence for a guided walking tour of this fountained city. Continue to Marseille for a two-night stay. After checking into your hotel, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. **Meals B**

11. Mediterranean Marseille

Explore Marseille today on a walking tour that visits the city's landmark sights and ends with a guided tour of the Museum of Civilizations of Europe and the Mediterranean, ideally located on the waterfront. Spend the rest of the afternoon as you wish, then join us this evening for a festive farewell reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals BD**

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Marseille. Fly home anytime. Transfers are included from the InterContinental Marseille Hotel Dieu or Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port hotel to Marseille Int'l Airport. Allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2023 DATES

Northbound - Malta to Marseille **Southbound** - Marseille to Malta
May 16 **Oct 1, 15** **May 23** **Oct 8**

Go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.









October 1 Departure

10 days priced from **\$8,990**

Departure of October 1 aboard *Le Jacques Cartier* is 10 days and specially priced, ending in Nice (no France land days). Embarkation, Malta inclusions, cruise itinerary & cruise inclusions are the same as days 1 – 9; disembarkation is in Nice day 10, including a Nice or Marseille airport transfer. Ask at booking for details, or go to tauck.com.











2023 PRICE PER PERSON

October 15

 Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 9,490	Single \$13,995	Triple N/A
 Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 10,190	Single \$15,081	Triple N/A
 Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 10,490	Single \$15,525	Triple N/A
 Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 10,690	Single \$15,821	Triple N/A
 Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 12,190	Single N/A	Triple \$ 9,750
 Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 14,990	Single N/A	Triple \$ 11,990
 Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 15,490	Single N/A	Triple \$ 12,390
 Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 15,990	Single N/A	Triple \$ 12,790

 Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 17,490	Single N/A	Triple N/A
 Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 18,490	Single N/A	Triple N/A

May - October 14

 Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 9,990	Single \$14,735	Triple N/A
 Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 10,690	Single \$15,821	Triple N/A
 Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 10,990	Single \$16,265	Triple N/A
 Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 11,190	Single \$16,561	Triple N/A
 Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 12,690	Single N/A	Triple \$ 10,150
 Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 15,490	Single N/A	Triple \$ 12,390
 Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 15,990	Single N/A	Triple \$ 12,790
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2023 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes 27 meals (11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners) on land and at sea, all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portorage as well as cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,058. Aboard ship, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2023 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	MALTA MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA / THE PHOENICIA	Malta
Night 3-9	ABOARD LE JACQUES CARTIER / LE BOUGAINVILLE	Mediterranean
Night 10,11	INTERCONTINENTAL MARSEILLE – HOTEL DIEU / SOFITEL MARSEILLE VIEUX PORT	Marseille

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Travel North or South: go to tauck.com for southbound itinerary or ask at booking. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Note: For all activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Product and Activity / Pace details; see *Le Jacques Cartier / Le Bougainville* ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2