



## LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

## Italy Cruise: Hidden Treasures from Florence to Venice 2022

13 days from **\$15,495** per person *was \$16,495*

Limited to 148 guests

**OFFER**

Save \$1,000 per person on all stateroom categories and suites.

Back by popular demand, this all-encompassing voyage led by A&K's unparalleled Expedition Team 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.

### Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment programming, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet<sup>®</sup> Laundry Service
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

### 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

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

Enjoy a choice of included, curated excursions led by A&K local guides throughout your voyage

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 Marches region and visit Urbino's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

## Featured Experts



**ANDREW COLEMAN**

Photo Enrichment Coach

A contributor to *National Geographic*, Andrew has travelled extensively on all seven continents in search of extraordinary beauty. He also leads comprehensive workshops that teach the fundamentals of photography.



**DR LUCA ZAVAGNO**

History & Cultural Lecturer

A graduate of the University of Venice and recipient of Princeton University's Stanley J. Seeger Fellowship, Luca is a history scholar and assistant professor at Bilkent University in Turkey, where he's working on his third monograph.

# Itinerary

## SEP 13 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

## SEP 14 FLORENCE | HEART OF THE RENAISSANCE

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

## SEP 15 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 world-famous 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

## SEP 16 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

## SEP 17 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 cooking, where you learn the secrets to making authentic Italian specialties. Alternately, discover the Vatican and enjoy 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

## SEP 18 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

## SEP 19 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

## SEP 20 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; or, after a scenic drive, enjoy a special Etna wine tasting and local specialties.

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



### **SEP 21 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

### **SEP 22 PUGLIA | GARGANO'S NATURAL SPLENDOR**

Disembark in Puglia's coastal Manfredonia for an array of excursions. These include the choice to visit the Sanctuary of Saint Michael the Archangel, a pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages where the original grotto of the Archangel is said to have been consecrated. Or, choose to hike in Gargano National Park, a place of serene paths, beautiful sea views and rich history.

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

### **SEP 23 THE MARCHES | 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, or participate in a Jesi wine experience in the breathtaking countryside.

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

### **SEP 24 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 the Orto wine estate and stunning Murano islands.

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

### **SEP 25 DEPART VENICE**

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

Meals: Breakfast

***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! Rome Pre-Tour Extension

Spend more time in Italy's exciting capital, discovering its legendary cuisine, historic landmarks and secret gems.

4 days from \$5,295 per person  
Single Supplement from \$1,795 per person

SEP 10

Arrive in Rome and transfer to your luxury hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Baglioni Hotel Regina

SEP 11

Today, your expert guide leads you through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful piazzas that crisscross central Rome. Admire the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain, and visit the imposing Colosseum.

Baglioni Hotel Regina | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SEP 12

Discover the stunning Roman Castles area, where you stop at the famous town of Frascati. Visit a vineyard and enjoy a lunch of local specialties with wine. Join your fellow guests for a Roman dinner this evening.

Baglioni Hotel Regina | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SEP 13

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Florence to start the main program. Stop along the way to visit the striking hilltop village of Orvieto.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



## NEW! Lake Como Post-Tour Extension

Experience stunning Lake Como and Italy's chic metropolis of Milan, including its flamboyant Duomo.

4 days from \$5,695 per person  
Single Supplement from \$1,795 per person

SEP 25

Bid farewell to Venice and transfer to Lake Como, stopping along the way in the foothills of the Alps for a cellar visit and wine tasting at the famous Franciacorta Wine region.

Grand Hotel Imperiale Resort & Spa | Meals: Lunch

SEP 26

Enjoy the charms of Milan during a guided visit including its colossal Duomo cathedral and La Scala theatre, and a special lunch.

Grand Hotel Imperiale Resort & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SEP 27

Discover the shores of Lake Como. Partake in a private boat tour, enjoying the breathtaking views and grand villas, stops at quaint villages and gardens, and a lunch of local specialties.

Grand Hotel Imperiale Resort & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

SEP 28

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before transferring to the Milan airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

# Dates & Prices

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

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
<b>Sep 13 - Sep 25, 2022</b>			
Classic Stateroom - Category 1	\$13,995 (was \$14,995)	\$11,245	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	\$15,495 (was \$16,495)	\$13,345	Call for Availability
Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	\$16,995 (was \$17,995)	\$13,495	Call for Availability
Deluxe Suite - Category 4	\$22,495 (was \$23,495)	\$20,245	Waitlist - Call A&K
Privilege Suite - Category 5	\$24,995 (was \$25,995)	\$22,495	Waitlist - Call A&K
Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 6	\$29,995 (was \$30,995)	\$26,995	Call for Availability
Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7	\$36,495 (was \$37,495)	\$32,845	Waitlist - Call A&K
Owner's Suite - Category 8	\$38,995 (was \$39,995)	\$35,095	Waitlist - Call A&K

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

## Journey Details

**Proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 is required for this journey, including a booster shot if vaccination was received more than four months prior to departure (two months for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).**

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

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Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Sep 13.

Last group event: disembarkation at 9:00 a.m. on Sep 25.

## Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer 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](#).