

# JEWEL SHORE EXCURSIONS

## 2006 WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN SHORE EXCURSIONS Aboard Norwegian Jewel

We are pleased that you are sailing with Norwegian Cruise Line. Join us as we sail to explore ports rich in history and culture, and venture beyond to some exotic, less traveled destinations. This document describes some of the optional excursions available in each port of call. To help you plan ahead, we've included detailed information about tours organized on your behalf. NCL's organized Shore Excursion program offers you the opportunity to sample the colorful culture and see the most dramatic scenery in each port of call. Pre-arranged sightseeing saves valuable time in port and helps ensure you receive the best services available.

### WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

#### **Why should I book an organized Shore Excursion?**

There are a number of advantages to booking a Shore Excursion organized by Norwegian Cruise Line, including:

#### **Satisfaction**

We carefully monitor Shore Excursion programs to ensure we are offering the best tours available and meeting the diverse needs and interests of our guests. We use only reputable and licensed independent tour operators.

#### **Convenience**

Our organized tours maximize your time ashore and eliminate the need for time-consuming, last minute arrangements in port.

#### **Service**

We have a professional and knowledgeable Shore Excursion staff onboard, available to help you expertly plan your time ashore.

#### **Safety**

We have developed Shore Excursion programs with primary consideration for your safety and security.

#### **Value**

We review our tours continuously to ensure they are of the highest quality and that prices remain competitive.

#### **How does the Shore Excursion program work?**

Shore Excursions may be reserved in advance. A request form is provided with this document so that you may finalize your plans well in advance of your cruise. This form must be received by NCL no later than two weeks prior to your sailing date. Do not send payment! Orders will be processed and billed to your onboard account. You can also pre-request your Shore Excursions online at [ncl.com/shorex](http://ncl.com/shorex). Shore Excursions are also available for purchase on board. Early in the cruise, the Shore Excursion Manager will present the most up-to-date information on ports and tours. Pick up a Shore Excursion order form at the Shore Excursion Desk. Return the completed form to the Shore Excursion Desk or Drop Box as soon as possible, since all requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchases will be billed to your onboard account. Tickets will be delivered to your stateroom. We strongly suggest you always pre-book at least the first port on your itinerary.

#### **Are there any restrictions?**

An adult must accompany participants under the age of 18 on all tours. There is no charge for children under the age of 2 who do not occupy a separate seat. Some tours have additional restrictions implemented for your safety. These may include age, weight, height and/or medical history related restrictions. Please refer to the individual tour description for any restrictions or consult with the onboard Shore Excursion staff.

#### **Should I tip the guide/driver?**

Tippling is strictly optional; however, most tour guides and drivers expect and appreciate a modest gratuity. A commonly accepted guideline is \$1 per person for a half-day tour and \$2 per person for a full-day tour. If food and/or beverages are not included as a part of your tour, an additional gratuity for these services is appropriate.



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## **What type of clothing should I wear?**

We suggest you wear comfortable walking shoes or sneakers and dress in warm, layered clothing. Due to unpredictable weather, it is also advisable to bring along a sweater, windbreaker and/or rain gear, and bring sun protection for tours involving outdoor activities. All tours operate rain or shine! Do not forget your camera and plenty of film!

## **What tours are recommended for families?**

All tours are suitable for families. For a more affordable family experience, many tours offer lower prices for children. Some tours have additional age restrictions implemented for your safety. Please refer to the individual tour description for any additional restrictions or consult with the onboard Shore Excursion staff.

## **Will we miss meals?**

With *Freestyle Cruising*, you don't have to worry about missing a meal. Restaurants offer open seating.

## **What if we miss the ship?**

NCL does not leave port until all organized tours have returned to the ship. If you leave an organized tour however, or make tour arrangements on your own, please keep the time in mind and return to the ship at least 30 minutes before sailing.

## **What if I have made my own flight arrangements - will I be able to purchase airport transfers?**

Prior to your cruise, transfers may be purchased through NCL by calling reservations at 1.800.327.7030, or onboard during your cruise at the Shore Excursion Desk.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Responsibility**

NCL, as a convenience to its guests, may sell tickets for Shore Excursions or arrange other services which are operated by independent contractors not affiliated with NCL. NCL cannot be responsible for the acts or omissions of these independent contractors. NCL's responsibility to guests on board Norwegian Cruise Line vessels is governed by provisions in the Passenger Ticket Contract and does not extend beyond the vessel.

### **Cancellation or Modification**

Cruise schedules are subject to change at the discretion of the Captain, and may occasionally be affected by variations in arrival or departure times, inclement weather, and mechanical or equipment difficulties. NCL reserves the right to change Shore Excursion prices and itineraries without notice. Excursions are subject to cancellation or modification depending on the number of guests participating. NCL reserves the right to cancel a Shore Excursion for any reason, including inclement weather, and shall not be liable for any loss to participants. Participants holding tickets for canceled Shore Excursions will receive a full refund. Should it be necessary to abandon a Shore Excursion due to difficulties en route, NCL will arrange the best possible refund for participants according to the circumstances.

### **Refunds and Cancellation Fees**

All tours cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port where the tour is scheduled to operate are non-refundable. Certain tours, such as overland tours, flightseeing tours, customized tours and tours with theater performances or special events may be subject to different cancellation fees. Check with the Shore Excursion Desk for details. You can cancel a tour by returning the tour ticket to the Shore Excursion Desk and advising the staff of the cancellation. Refunds will be credited to the guest's onboard account.

### **Prices**

Prices include meals and refreshments as indicated in the tour description (including gratuities for these services), plus guide and entrance fees, unless otherwise noted. There is no charge for children under the age of 2 who do not occupy a separate seat on a motorcoach tour. Children's prices are only available onboard and not all tours offer child prices. Please check with the Shore Excursion Desk on board. All prices are in U.S. dollars.

### **Tour descriptions, Durations and Departure Times**

The tour descriptions are as current and accurate as possible considering that this information is published several months prior to your cruise. Please note that occasionally changes in the description do occur. Any significant changes will be noted on the NCL website. Some tours will operate in an order that is different from that presented in this document. This helps to alleviate crowding at local venues. The information in this document is designed to help you select the excursions most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations and can be found under each tour name. Please note that departure times are subject to change. Please check the NCL website ([ncl.com/shorex](http://ncl.com/shorex)) for the most current descriptions.



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## **Insurance**

The duties and liabilities of a particular tour operator and the scope and extent of the operator's insurance coverage may vary widely, depending upon the country's laws and customs. Because of this, many travel professionals advise their clients to strongly consider purchasing cancellation insurance and a short-term personal health and accident policy from a reputable insurance company before leaving home.

## **Personal Possessions**

Personal articles including cameras, handbags, umbrellas, etc. are the guest's responsibility. NCL does not assume responsibility or liability for any item, or for personal effects, lost or damaged during any Shore Excursion or activity undertaken on behalf of the guest.

## **Tour Operators**

Tour operators have the right to require any individual to withdraw from a tour at any time if they deem the individual's conduct detrimental to or incompatible with the interests, comfort, well-being or harmony of the group as a whole. Tour operators reserve the right to alter or adjust itineraries to meet local conditions for participant safety and convenience. Neither NCL nor local tour operators can extend financial reimbursement to compensate for a participant's disappointment in the event circumstances beyond the reasonable control of NCL or the tour operator make it impossible to provide services as intended.

## **Transportation**

The best available local transportation is utilized in every port of call. However, guests should recognize that quality standards vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned motor coaches are not always available. Cars, vans or taxis are often used in ports where coach transport is limited or not available.

## **Physically Challenged Guests**

While NCL strives to make its Shore Excursion program available to all its guests, inherent tour venue limitations and/or tour operator limitations exist that are beyond NCL's control that limit the ability of guests with special needs to participate in certain Shore Excursions. We urge such guests to advise the Shore Excursion department of special needs when pre-booking tours and to further meet with the Shore Excursion Manager on board to discuss their special needs as they relate with the unique characteristics of each Shore Excursion. We typically recommend independent transportation for the comfort and convenience of guests with special needs.

## **TOUR INDICATORS/SYMBOLS**

- Level 1: Tours with this designation involve walking over relatively level terrain, possibly some cobblestones, gravel or a few steps. Comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Level 2: Tours with this designation can involve a considerable amount of physical activity such as substantial walking over uneven or cobblestone streets, climbing stairs or steep terrain. They are not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable sturdy shoes are recommended.
- Level 3: Tours with this designation involve physical exertion for extended periods of time. The terrain may be uneven or steep. This designation can also indicate the need for rowing, paddling, bicycle riding or horseback riding. They are recommended only for the physically fit and adventurous traveler.
- PLG: Accommodates guests with limited mobility or in wheelchairs, provided there is a companion to assist them in and out of motorcoaches or other transportation or with the navigation of venues with uneven terrain and/or steps insofar as some or all of the destinations on this tour do not provide special access and/or equipment. Wheelchairs must be collapsible. Please notify the onboard Shore Excursion staff of any special needs or concerns at least 48 hours prior to the requested tour departure.
- Meal: This tour includes a meal.

NOTE: UNDER NCL POLICY, ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

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### - MESSINA, SICILY -

Just across the narrow Strait of Messina from mainland Italy, this popular Sicilian resort lures tourists with its stunning location overlooking the azure sea and the forested hills of Calabria. Although prosperous from the days of Roman rule until well past the Middle Ages, the city was almost totally destroyed and two-thirds of its population perished in a great earthquake in 1908. Bombings during World War II inflicted more damage. After exhausting reconstruction, Messina has been rebuilt with broad streets. As you will quickly learn, the Sicilian people are enthusiastic hosts, justifiably proud of their rich heritage.

*NOTE: Exclusive tours of Sicily are available for purchase onboard, at the Shore Excursion Desk.*

#### **TAORMINA & MOUNT ETNA**

**Level 2, Meal**

##### **Approximate Duration: 9 hours**

Start with a brief introductory drive through Messina on your way to enchanting Taormina, a town with a Medieval character. Its natural drama is enhanced by the bold backdrop of Mt. Etna. Your walking tour takes you down narrow lanes, passing the Palazzo Corvaia, en route to the impressive Greek Theater. There will be time to wander at Corso Umberto, featuring lots of narrow streets lined with shops. Leaving Taormina to Mt. Etna, the scenic road winds around the mountain, passing picturesque towns. After lunch at a restaurant on the slopes of this impressive volcano, continue to Cratere Silvestri, situated over 6,000 feet above sea level. From this vantage point you will have stunning views of the Gulf of Catania and surrounding areas. But, of course, the major attraction is the crater and the remnants of the awe-inspiring streams of lava.

*Note: There are approximately 650 feet of uphill walk from the coach parking to the crater area. We recommend you bring a windbreaker or light jacket as it can be windy and chilly at high altitude.*

#### **TAORMINA & SICILIAN VINEYARD**

**Level 2, Meal**

##### **Approximate Duration: 8 hours**

NOT available for the sailing of May 28th, 2006

Nowhere does the antiquity and scenic splendor of Sicily come to life as in Taormina, whose spectacular location overlooking the Ionian Sea has attracted visitors for more than 20 centuries. Here, bougainvillea is splashed about as if by a painter's brush and dusty olive groves shimmer in the midday sun. On the way to Taormina, enjoy an orientation drive of Messina. Once in Taormina, you will start your walking tour, which takes you to the impressive Greek Theater, while your guide points out many other interesting sites. Enjoy some free time to wander the shops around Corso Umberto. Continue towards the slopes of Mt. Etna along the scenic winding road. Upon arrival at a wine farm you will visit the wine cellars in the company of an expert. Enjoy a brunch of local specialties and of course, the local wines.

#### **ETNA 4 X 4 ADVENTURE**

**Level 3, Meal**

##### **Approximate Duration: 7 hours**

After an orientation drive through Messina, you will head towards the slopes of Mt. Etna through the scenic countryside. See the impressive views from the vantage point of Catere Silvestri. Here, you start the ascent, first by cable car and continuing in 4 X 4 vans. With the assistance of Alpine guides, you will walk to see the last lava flow. Lunch will be at a restaurant on the volcano.

*Note: Tour not recommended for guests with heart or respiratory problems as this tour reaches approximately 9,500 feet above sea level. There is an uphill walk of about 3,300 feet on this tour. As it can be windy and chilly at high altitudes, a warm jacket or windbreaker is recommended.*

#### **SAVOCA & FORZA D'AGRO: "THE GODFATHER" TOUR**

**Level 2**

##### **Approximate Duration: 4 1/2 hours**

After a short sightseeing tour of Messina, you will drive to Savoca, a village whose scenic beauty and historical-artistic heritage makes it one of the most attractive, although less-known places in the area. At the entrance to the village you will make a short stop at "Bar Vitelli", which houses a collection of local artisans' tools and photographs taken when Francis Ford Coppola shot some scenes for "The Godfather". Then start a slow walk along the village's main street which climbs up the hill, featuring several churches dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries. Also see ruins of a Norman castle and magnificent views. Continue to Forza d'Agro, a charming little village overlooking the Arab-Norman castle of Capo Sant'Alessio, and the coastline towards Messina. In 1990, Al Pacino and Sophia Coppola came here when they shot some scenes for the film "The Godfather III". From the main square, a lane leads up to the Gothic-Catalan portal in front of the Church of San Agostino. Before driving back to the pier, you will also see the Baroque Mother Church.



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## MOUNT ETNA

Level 2

### **Approximate Duration: 5 hours**

Enjoy a panoramic drive through Messina before you head to Mt. Etna. Take in the scenery of the slopes of this magnificent mountain before arriving at Cratere Silvestri. From this vantage point, you will be able to gaze out across the Catania Gulf. You'll have some free time to enjoy the major attraction - the crater, and the remnants of the awe-inspiring streams of lava.

*Note: There are approximately 650 feet of uphill walk from the coach parking to the crater area. We recommend you bring a windbreaker or light jacket as it can be windy and chilly at high altitude.*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MESSINA

Level 1

### **Approximate Duration: 4 hours**

Your city drive takes you through the main squares and sites of the city. Stop at Cristo Re Church's viewpoint and continue to visit the museum, famous for housing paintings by Caravaggio and Antonello da Messina. Continue your sightseeing along the north coast, with views of Ganzirri Lakes, Messina Strait and Capo Peloro. Before returning to your ship, you will stop at Cathedral Square, with its astronomical clock tower, and visit the Cathedral.

## PICTURE PERFECT TINDARI

Level 2

### **Approximate Duration: 4 hours**

After an orientation tour of Messina's highlights, proceed to Tindari, via the Autostrada that runs along the Tyrrhenian Coast. On the way, you will be able to admire the magnificent views of the Eolian Islands. In Tindari, a small town founded by the Greeks and then rebuilt by the Romans, you will visit the Greek-Roman Theater and the Roman Villa. You will also stop at the "Santuario della Madonna Nera" and enjoy some free time.

## - NAPLES, ITALY -

The queen of the Mediterranean lies in a magnificent setting overlooking the Bay of Naples, with a backdrop of striking Mt. Vesuvius, the Sorrentine Peninsula, and beautiful islands just offshore. It is one of the most important ports in the Mediterranean, and a major industrial center, as well as a tourist destination of picturesque contrasts. Naples has an attraction for every taste. You can explore picturesque towns or incredible archaeological sites in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius, experience the scenic wonders and hairpin curves of the Amalfi Drive, cruise across the bay to the fabled Isle of Capri or simply shop for coral and cameos.

*NOTE: Exclusive tours of Naples and surrounding areas are available for purchase onboard, at the Shore Excursion Desk.*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF CAPRI, SORRENTO & POMPEII

Level 3, Meal

### **Approximate Duration: 10 hours**

This ultimate scenic tour includes the most spectacular sites along the Campanian coast, including amazing Pompeii, possibly the most famous excavation in the world. Start with a jet-foil ride to Marina Grande in Capri, a port lined with colorful old fishermen's houses. A funicular will take you up to a terrace with a marvellous scenic overlook of the small island, the coast and the sparkling sea. Walk to the Piazzetta, the heart of the town of Capri's shopping and nightlife. You'll visit Augustus Gardens with your guide, or if you prefer, explore the narrow streets, take in the magnificent views, or relax in an outdoor cafe. You'll then continue to Sorrento by jet-foil where a delightful lunch awaits at a leading restaurant. After lunch, you will have some time to wander the charming flower-filled streets or admire the high-quality handicrafts Sorrento is famous for. Head to Pompeii, where you will enter by the sea gate and visit the city's baths, villas, theatres and wrestling grounds. Because Pompeii was so well preserved, you can see many fine details that reveal the lifestyles of the residents, such as mosaic floors and colorful frescoes in some of the homes. Time permitting, visit a cameo factory near Pompeii and browse for handmade jewelry.

## AMALFI COASTAL DRIVE & POMPEII

Level 3, Meal

### **Approximate Duration: 9 hours**

After a scenic drive, you arrive in Pompeii, where you will visit the Roman resort buried by volcanic ash. Your tour will take you to the city's baths, villas and theaters. See the well-preserved frescoes and mosaic-inlaid floors. Plaster casts mark the positions of the fallen, who were swiftly overcome by the ashes. After lunch, if time permits, you will visit a cameo factory to see how the jewelry is made. Continue through the mountain road, which takes you to one of the picturesque villages of this famous area, and explore its quaint streets. Continue along the coast, and take in stunning views at every turn of the winding road.

*Note: Tour sequence may change.*

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## **SORRENTO & AMALFI DRIVE**

Level 1, Meal

### **Approximate Duration: 9 hours**

The coastal road, winding along breathtaking curves, takes you to Sorrento, perched high above the Bay of Naples. After visiting the historic center you will have some time to browse in shops where local artisans display beautiful handcrafts. As the road winds its way along the coastline, you will marvel at the constantly changing views of intricately shaped rocks, deep gorges, the clear blue sea, citrus orchards, olive groves and fishing villages nestled in secluded bays. You'll stop for lunch en route to one of the picturesque Amalfi Coast villages, where you will also have time to explore. Then, the drive back to Naples takes you through the mountains.

## **THE ROMANTIC ISLAND OF CAPRI**

Level 2, Meal

### **Approximate Duration: 8 1/2 hours**

A fabled resort for pleasure seekers even in ancient Rome, Capri has earned a legendary reputation as the "island of love." A speedy ride across the Bay of Naples takes you to the Marina Grande Harbor on Capri. Here, a minibus will take you to Anacapri, where you will enjoy the beautiful scenic views. You'll visit Villa San Michele, followed by some free time. Your drive continues to the town of Capri for lunch, followed by a stroll to the piazzetta, along old cobblestone streets and to the Augustus Gardens. From here, you will have stunning panoramic views. You will have time to look around on your own before taking the funicular down for the return ride to Naples.

## **FLAVORS OF SORRENTO & POMPEII**

Level 2, Meal

### **Approximate Duration: 8 hours**

Start your morning with a visit to Pompeii. Here, a flourishing civilization, buried for 1,700 years under 20 feet of ash and pumice, was recovered so perfectly preserved that you can see how the 20,000 residents lived and loved, worked and played, ate and drank. Visit the cliff-top town of Sorrento, a village with splendid views of the sea and the colorful marina below. Enjoy some free time to explore the flower-filled main street and the Corso Italia, lined with boutiques. Then it's on to the hills above Sorrento, where a family-owned farm produces outstanding home-made products. Tour the farm and its old wine cantina, learn the process of producing olive oil and hand-made mozzarella and then, during lunch, sample the local fare surrounded by a lemon and olive grove.

*Note: Tour sequence may change.*

## **TREASURES & TASTES OF NAPLES**

Level 2, meal

### **Approximate Duration: 4 1/2 hours**

Visit the heart of Naples and treasures of the San Gennaro Museum, of extremely high historical, spiritual and artistic value. It is dedicated to the extraordinary works belonging to the Treasury of Saint Gennaro, which have never been exhibited before. Continue to the cathedral, which houses incredible works of art. Then go for a walk through the historical center of Naples and follow the Neapolitan traditions, visiting the famous area of San Gregorio Armeno, famous for its handicraft shapers. Proceed to a typical Neapolitan pizzeria and learn how real Neapolitan pizza is made, including its history and secrets. You will be invited to sit and sample a generous portion with all the proper accompaniments.

## **POMPEII EXCAVATIONS**

Level 2

### **Approximate Duration: 3 3/4 hours**

Pompeii once supported a flourishing civilization that was revealed nearly intact after being buried for nearly 1,700 years. The once-prosperous commercial and political center with a population of 25,000 was hidden under 20 feet of volcanic ash and cinders during the fateful eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Originally a seaport, the eruption raised the land and left the ruined town far from the bay. You will enter Pompeii through the Sea Gate and walk along the cobblestone streets to the Agora, surrounded by temples, porticoes and law courts. It was the religious, civic and business center of the city. Because Pompeii was so well-preserved, you can see many fine details that reveal the lifestyles of the residents, such as mosaic floors and colorful frescoes in some of the homes. As you wander through this ancient city, you can't help but notice the still-active Mount Vesuvius towering above.

## **RUINS OF HERCULANEUM**

Level 2

### **Approximate Duration: 3 1/2 hours**

Mainly a fishing village, Herculaneum was most appreciated for its position overlooking the bay of Naples. It became very rich as it was chosen as a summer resort by wealthy Romans who built wonderful villas adorned with magnificent frescoes, mosaics and great sculptures. There is a feeling about Herculaneum that is quite different from what one feels in other ancient world centers brought to light so far, including Pompeii. The torrent of mud flooding down from the volcano served for centuries as the best possible defense against atmospheric agents and illegal excavators. See the houses, shops, and bath. Wooden elements, foodstuffs and fabrics are preserved intact, thus offering a unique vision of private life in antiquity. En route, visit a cameo factory nearby to see how the famous jewelry is made and have some time to browse the store.



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## VIEWS OF NAPLES

Physically Limited

**Approximate Duration: 2 1/2 hours**

Sit back in the comfort of your motorcoach while discovering Naples's major landmarks. The route takes you past piazzas, monuments, churches and museums. Capture a panoramic view of the city and the Bay of Naples from the vantage point of Posillipo Hill and enjoy complimentary refreshment or an ice cream at a local cafe.

## EXCLUSIVE POSITANO & SORRENTO

**Approximate Duration: 9 hours**

Visit Sorrento & Positano: two of the most fabled destinations on the Bay of Naples, enjoy lunch with wine in a superior Hotel in Sorrento overlooking the sea and indulge in free time for shopping, photography or just soaking up the sublime atmosphere.

*Note: This tour is conducted in small groups.*

## MOUNT VESUVIUS & POMPEII

**Approximate Duration: 6 1/2 hours**

Visit the famous city destroyed by volcanic eruption and learn how its inhabitants lived. Hike up to the volcano's crater, see the rivers of lava where crevices still exude fumes and heat. Take in stunning views of Naples and the Bay.

*Note: The steep gravel path to the crater is approximately 550 yards long and takes approximately 40-minutes to walk roundtrip. Not recommended for persons with a history of heart disease or high blood pressure. Tour does not include lunch and guests should bring along local currency to purchase a snack outside of Pompeii.*

## - CIVITAVECCHIA, ITALY -

Originally built by the Emperor Trajan, who had a villa here, Civitavecchia has flourished as the major port and gateway to Rome since the 13th century. The Medieval fortification that guards the harbor was begun by Bernini and completed by Michelangelo in 1535. True lovers of la dolce vita will head straight for Rome, the Eternal City and a shrine to Western art. Over 2,500 years of history are crowded on its seven hills and in its maze of alleys, squares and catacombs.

*NOTE: Exclusive tours of Rome are available for purchase onboard, at the Shore Excursion desk.*

The following two Shore Excursions give you the opportunity to experience the "ROMA EXPRESS," a private, comfortable, fast and luxurious train, and the new and most exclusive way for cruise guests to discover the fascinating Eternal City. Enjoy a ride through the marvelous countryside, assisted by your escort and delighted by classical music. Best of all, there are no traffic jams! You will meet your guide on arrival in Rome.

## "ANGELS & DEMONS" ADVENTURE: THE BEST-KEPT SECRETS OF ROME

Level 2, Meal

**Approximate Duration: 10 hours**

Once in Rome, you'll visit the sites which inspired Dan Brown for his novel "Angels and Demons", discovering pagan symbolism and ancient secrets through some of the most important monuments of the city. Meet your guide at St. Peter's Station and board your coach to the first Altar of Science: Chigi Chapel in Santa Maria Del Popolo, where Bernini placed the first clue to reach the site where the Illuminati used to meet. To reach the second Altar of Science, you continue to St. Peter's Basilica and Square. Enjoy the guided visit of Christendom's most magnificent church and once in St. Peter's Square, your guide will reveal the second clue to reach the third altar. Next, you are off to Santa Maria Della Vittoria, where Bernini's "The Ecstasy of Saint Teresa" will reveal the direction to reach the fourth altar in Piazza Navona. You will pause for lunch before continuing along the paths of the Illuminati. Your guided tour will continue to the Pantheon and to the fourth Altar of Science in Piazza Navona, where the famous statue of the four rivers will give you the last clue to reach the fifth Altar of Science where the Illuminati used to meet, St. Angel's Castle. After, you'll go back to St. Peter's Station for your return to Civitavecchia.

*Note: This tour also offers other important sites of the city during your walk, such as Trevi Fountain.*

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## **ROME & ITS UNDERGROUND MYSTERIES**

**Level 2, Meal**

### **Approximate Duration: 10 hours**

The tour starts with a visit to St. Peter's Square and St. Peter's Basilica. After lunch, a private mini-coach will transfer you to St. Clemente's Basilica, one of the treasures of underground Rome. Admire the fourth-century Basilica, with its frescoes, and the Clemente's House-church of apostolic times, with the Mithraic Area, dedicated to the Persian god Mitra. San Clemente is not one, but three churches constructed one above the other, resting on the remains of earlier Roman habitations. Each strata evokes its own historical fantasy. Your journey begins at the lowest point of the basilica complex (third level below the present church), where the sound of rushing water is constant. The atmosphere of mystery increases as you cross the passageway dividing the Clementine Villa from the Roman apartment complex on the other side. Here deep beneath the pavements of the modern city, emerge the shadowy images of Corinthian columns, Roman bas-reliefs, and the fragments of large granite pots. You proceed upwards to the second level, where the air is less dank and the sound of water fainter. Nevertheless, an aura of distant times and unsolved mysteries still prevails. Finally you reach the top - and present - level, the "new" basilica. After the dark mysteries of San Clemente's lower levels, you'll be awed by the brilliant gold and jewel-like colors of the basilica's apsidal mosaic. Upon leaving the site, continue on a short walk to reach the Colosseum for an inside guided visit of the largest and most famous amphitheater ever built in Rome.

*Note: You should bring a light jacket or sweater, as the lower levels can be rather cool.*

## **ROME - CLASSICAL CITY**

**Level 2, Meal**

### **Approximate Duration: 8 1/2 hours**

This overview of Rome's classical era starts with an outside visit of the Colosseum, the symbol of the power of Imperial Rome. Proceed on foot through the Roman Forum to view the ruins and the Capitoline Hill. Spend some time soaking up the history and enjoy the opportunity to take some memorable photos. After lunch, you will head by coach towards St. Peter's Basilica. Your guide will lead you towards the vast square in front of St. Peter's. After a visit of the Basilica, you will have some free time to explore the area on your own.

## **ROME - BAROQUE CITY**

**Level 2, Meal**

### **Approximate Duration: 8 1/2 hours**

Start with a stop at the Trevi Fountain, one of Rome's most spectacular works of art. This is followed by a visit to the Pantheon, the biggest temple built by the Emperor Adriano and the best-preserved ancient Roman building. Head to Piazza Navona, the most beautiful Baroque square in Rome and home to the famous Fountain of the Four Rivers. Here, you will have leisure time to roam around the piazza. Following lunch, you will go by motorcoach to St. Peter's Square. After your guide's explanation of the square, you will have additional free time to explore the surroundings or visit St. Peter's Basilica on your own.

## **ROME & THE VATICAN**

**Level 2, Meal**

### **Approximate Duration: 10 1/2 hours**

Not available for the sailings of May 21st, June 11th & June 25th, 2006

Although a quick pace and substantial amount of walking is required, your day will be extremely rewarding. In the morning, tour the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, boasting Michelangelo's magnificent ceiling. You'll gaze in awe at Piazza San Pietro, one of the world's most beautiful squares that faces the largest church in the world, St. Peter's. Some of its fabulous treasures will be shown to you by your guide during a brief visit. Continuing on an orientation drive through the "Eternal City," you'll pass the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine and the famed Colosseum. Only if time permits, you may explore on your own before rejoining your motorcoach for the return to Civitavecchia.

## **ROME ON YOUR OWN**

### **Approximate Duration: 9 hours**

If you would like to explore the Eternal City of Rome on your own, this private motorcoach transfer is ideal. You will be dropped off in the city center, and your return transfer to the ship departs from the same place as your drop-off. A tour escort will be traveling with you to and from the ship to answer any questions you may have about sightseeing or shopping.

*Note: All meals and incidental expenses are at your own expense. Please return to the meeting point no less than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.*

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## **A TASTE OF ROME**

**Approximate Duration: 8 1/2 hours**

Enjoy an orientation drive of Rome and have free time to take in the sites of your choice, or do some shopping. You will drive by landmarks such as Trajan's Column, the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. You'll be dropped off at a central location where you will have approximately 3 hours of free time. Your guide will advise you of the pickup time for your return back to Civitavecchia.

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## **TARQUINIA & THE ETRUSCANS**

**Level 2**

**Approximate Duration: 4 1/2 hours**

Not far from Civitavecchia lies Tarquinia, a sprawling city overlooking the sea. Due to its huge and efficient fleet, Tarquinia was once one of the most powerful Etruscan cities. Today, it is known more for its quaint squares and lovely palaces. Start with a visit to Palazzo Vitelleschi, a splendid 15th century Gothic style castle. The museum contains a wealth of Etruscan treasures. Rejoin your motorcoach to visit the Etruscan Necropolis, containing numerous sarcophagi that were found in its tombs laying beneath rolling farmlands just outside Tarquinia. Your guide will lead you past underground tombs decorated with lively frescoes of Etruscan life, dating from the 7th to 2nd centuries BC. Your tour culminates with a visit to a local farmhouse where you will discover the local flavors when you sample their homemade goods.

## **- LIVORNO, ITALY -**

The city of Livorno, or Leghorn, supports the major cargo facilities of one of Italy's most important commercial ports. Livorno is the perfect gateway to Tuscany and its famous cities of Pisa, Florence, Siena and Lucca, all-rich in Italian history, art and culture.

*NOTE: Tour sequence may be altered to avoid congestion but always covering the mentioned sights. On all Florence tours, guests must be able to walk approximately 3 1/2 miles over even, uneven and cobblestone surfaces with 10 to 15 steps and extended periods of standing. The walking distance between the Field of Miracles in Pisa, and the bus parking area is approximately 15 minutes each way. Please note that on public holidays, most major stores will be closed; however, most leather and souvenir shops will be open. Since you will be visiting religious venues please dress respectfully; no bare shoulders or shorts allowed.*

## **SIENA & TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE**

**Level 2, Meal**

**Approximate Duration: 10 hours**

In the center of Chianti country, sprawling across three sienna-hued hills, stands the showpiece of Tuscany: the walled city of Siena. The two-hour drive through the Tuscan countryside is beautiful in itself. Arriving in Siena, you'll meet a local guide and begin your walk. Visit the Basilica of St. Domenico which holds relics of St. Catherine. You'll see the highlights of the city and visit the cathedral, an architectural fantasy in black and white marble. Admire the glorious frescoes by Pintoricchio at the Libreria Piccolomini. See the magnificent Town Hall and Piazza del Campo; savor the atmosphere of one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Following a typical Tuscan lunch, you'll have some free time to explore this magnificent city on your own.

## **THE CINQUE TERRE**

**Level 2**

**Approximate Duration: 9 1/2 hours**

The drive north takes you to La Spezia, where you'll take a scenic cruise. Admire beautiful panoramas of the coast before turning into the beauty of the Cinque Terre. It is one of the best-preserved areas of the Mediterranean, with centuries-old footpaths and mule tracks winding high above the sea, leading through olive groves, vineyards, orchards and woods. Each village is unique and they are only a few minutes apart. Arriving in Riomaggiore, you will enjoy walking along the "street of love", a spectacular seaside path that leads to Manarola. Here, you will board another motorboat that will take you to Vernazza, a picturesque fishing village where you will enjoy time at leisure. No visit to the Cinque Terre can end without visiting Monterosso al Mare, probably the most famous of the villages. After an introduction from your guide, you will have free time to explore the tiny shops and have lunch at one of the fine restaurants. Your motorcoach will be waiting to drive you back at the end of the day.

# JEWEL SHORE EXCURSIONS

## **EXCLUSIVE FLORENCE & PISA**

**Level 2, Meal**

**Approximate Duration: 9 1/2 - 10 hours**

This tour has been designed for those who wish to combine a visit to the most important art museums of Florence with the world-famous Miracle Square of Pisa, and do so in an intimate group. This exclusive tour has a limited participation and is operated by mini-bus. Stop in Pisa for a brief photo stop by the Field of Miracles. Drive to Florence, stopping first at Piazzale Michelangelo to admire the views of the city from this vantage point. Visit the impressive Uffizi Gallery without standing in long lines; Admire Piazza della Signoria and stop at Ponte Vecchio with free time. After lunch in a leading restaurant, pause in the fascinating Piazza del Duomo and admire its magnificence.

## **SPLENDOR OF FLORENCE**

**Level 2, Meal**

**Approximate Duration: 9 1/2 hours**

This one-day visit gives you a magnificent sampling of the city's treasures. As you approach Florence, you will stop at the Piazza Michelangelo for an overview of the city's tiled roofs, steeples and domes. All the main attractions in Florence are centrally located and perfect for a walking tour. First, you will visit the Galleria Dell'Accademia (without standing in long lines). Next, you'll visit the Piazza del Duomo, the religious center of Florence in front of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Continue on to the Piazza della Signoria, and then walk to the Ponte Vecchio for a photo opportunity. After lunch, you will visit Santa Croce, one of the most beautiful Gothic churches in Italy. Then enjoy some free time for shopping before your return to Livorno.

## **FLORENCE & PISA**

**Level 2, Meal**

**Approximate Duration: 10 hours**

This comprehensive excursion begins with a scenic drive through the Tuscan countryside to the historic town of Pisa. Here, you'll make a brief photo stop by Miracle Square. Marvel at the exterior of the Campanile, better known as the Leaning Tower. Then, reboard your motorcoach and continue on to the fascinating city of Florence. Walk to the Piazza del Duomo, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio before lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will visit Santa Croce, one of the most beautiful Gothic churches in Italy. Finally, enjoy some free time for shopping before your return to Livorno.

## **A TASTE OF FLORENCE**

**Level 2**

**Approximate Duration: 9 1/2 hours**

This tour gives you a guided introduction to the highlights of Florence and more free time to explore this magnificent city at your leisure. Your walking tour will start at the Piazza del Duomo, home to the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Continue on to the Piazza della Signoria and see the outside of Dante's home. In the square, you'll view a copy of Michelangelo's David and the Loggia dei Lanzi, along with original sculptures. Next, visit Santa Croce Square, where your guide will explain, from the outside, about what is considered one of the most beautiful Gothic churches in Italy. You will have approximately 3 1/2 hours to explore, shop and enjoy lunch on your own. The pick up point will be provided by the tour escort.

*Note: There will be only one departure from Florence. Please return to the meeting point no less than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.*

## **FLORENCE ON YOUR OWN**

**Level 2**

**Approximate Duration: 9 hours**

If you want to explore this fascinating city on your own, NCL is pleased to provide a motorcoach transfer to Florence, complete with an English-speaking escort. You will be dropped off at a central location in Florence and have approximately five hours to shop and explore the city at your leisure. Motorcoach drop-off and pick-up points will be provided by the Shore Excursion Desk on board your ship.

*Note: There will be only one departure from Florence. Please return to the meeting point no less than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.*

## **ITALIAN BEACH & PISA**

**Level 2**

**Approximate Duration: 8 hours**

Only available for the sailings of June 11th through August 27th, 2006

Take a guided walk to Pisa's famous Field of Miracles, admire the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, and then visit the popular seaside resort of Viareggio with free time for dining, shopping or going to the beach to simply laze on a sun bed under an umbrella. In Pisa, you will have one hour at leisure to take in the sights or shop in the numerous small stores. You will then continue to Viareggio, a popular seaside resort for over a century. The seaside promenade is open to pedestrian traffic only and is lined with elegant shops, boutiques and cafes. You can have lunch at one of the resorts many cafes and restaurants which are noted for their fresh seafood. You will be taken to a famous resort beach, where your stay includes use of the changing rooms, the beach and the swimming pool, and a complimentary sun bed and beach umbrella. Remember to bring a towel from your ship, as they are not provided. You can also wander around the many elegant shops offering the latest fashions.

*Note: Please keep in mind that most shops close between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.*



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## A WALK THROUGH LUCCA

Level 2

**Approximate Duration: 4 1/2 hours**

From Livorno, drive northwest through the scenic Tuscan countryside to the walled city of Lucca, which retains its Renaissance-vintage fortified walls. Starting at one of the city gates, enjoy a guided walk through this Tuscan town with a colorful history. Stroll from piazza to piazza, learn the city's history and see the Piazza San Michele, the Via Fillilungo, Torre delle Ore, Piazza Anfiteatro and the Duomo. At the end of your guided tour, you will have some time at leisure to explore this town with its narrow streets and tiny shops.

## SCENIC DRIVE & WINE TASTING

Level 1

**Approximate Duration: 4 hours**

Italy produces some very fine wines and Tuscany is the place where wine is "tradition". View some of the prettiest countryside in Tuscany with its low hills covered with vineyards, olive groves and oak woods. These slopes are where some of Italy's finest wines and olive oils are produced. Drive to a vineyard, where you will be shown the process of winemaking and the traditional methods of bottling. Then, enjoy samples of Tuscan wines accompanied by local snacks before returning to Livorno and your ship.

## A VISIT TO PISA

Level 2

**Approximate Duration: 3 1/2 hours**

Drive through the lovely Tuscan countryside en route to the historic town of Pisa, located on the banks of the Arno River. Your walking tour begins near Miracle Square. During World War II, much of Pisa was destroyed by German and Allied bombing, however the cathedral, baptistery and famous leaning tower escaped unharmed. There will be some free time to enjoy a coffee or browse for souvenirs in Pisa before returning to your ship.

*Note: Even though the tower has reopened to the public, Italian authorities have strict limitations on the amount of persons allowed in per hour/day, and time limitations make it impossible to offer this as part of the tour, therefore the tower will only be viewed from the outside.*

## LIVORNO BY BOAT

**Approximate Duration: 2 hours**

A cruise along the royal canal is the best way to see Livorno, as well as great fun. After a short transfer to the city center, just take a seat onboard and let your guide bring to life the magical history of the town. The route covers several centuries of Livorno's history, and will take you through the colorful district known as New Venice; a labyrinth of canals, waterways and bridges. You'll visit the old fortress, and your guide will show you around the ancient monument of Livorno, a remarkable model of a Renaissance defense, which incorporated former Medieval fortifications. You'll also see the New Fortress, Republic Square, Modigliani's Bridge and the Central Market, as well as other important monuments.

## - VILLEFRANCHE, FRANCE -

Nestled behind the sheltering promontory of Cap Ferrat, the pretty village of Villefranche offers easy access to all the cities of the French Riviera. The enclave of Monaco is a short drive to the east, while Nice and Cannes lie to the west. The celebrated Casino at Monte Carlo is no longer exclusively patronized by ladies and gentlemen in formal dress. It has adapted to the modern age, with a new relaxed atmosphere and even a slot machine room. The famed Hotel de Paris, however, retains its grand and elegant air. In Nice, department stores and specialty shops offer luxury French merchandise.

*NOTE: Casino de Monte Carlo opens its Salles Americaines (free admission) at noon, with slot machines only. Salles Publiques (fee of 10 Euros in cash) is open at 12:00 noon for Roulette, 2:00 pm for slot machines. Visitors must be at least 18 years of age, show passport and driver's license. Morning tours to Monte Carlo will not be able to enter the Grand Casino. There is a free-admission, American-style casino at the Cafe de Paris, which opens at 10:00 am. DUE TO TIME IN PORT, YOU WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO VISIT THE GRAND CASINO.*

## CREATE YOUR OWN PERFUME

**Approximate Duration: 4 hours**

NOT available for the sailing of May 14th, 2006

Participate in the most sophisticated publicly available perfume creation system in the world. You will learn about how a perfume is created and the classifications of the various families of scents and their components. Choose from over 127 essences as a Master Perfumeur guides you through your natural creative instincts during this unique experience. Your creation will be presented in a perfume bottle with the name you have chosen for it.

*Note: Even though this tour has very limited capacity, a minimum number of participants are required in order to operate.*



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## PRIVATE COOKING LESSONS IN MOUGINS

Level 2, Meal

**Approximate Duration: 4 1/2 hours**

Discover the hinterland and the famous restaurant of Moulin of Mougins where Chef Alain Llorca has organized a two-and-a-half-hour cooking demonstration. The menu of the day will depend on what is seasonally available at the local market. Savor each bite as you enjoy tasting dishes that have been created specially for you, accompanied by French wine.

*Note: Even though this tour has very limited capacity, a minimum number of participants are required in order to operate.*

## SCENIC FRENCH RIVIERA

Physically Limited

**Approximate Duration: 3 1/2 hours**

This excursion takes you on a wonderful scenic drive along the coastal road from Villefranche towards the village of La Turbie. You will drive by Monaco and the cliff-top village of Eze. There are many memorable sights along the way, all from the comfort of your motorcoach, making a couple of stops along the way to admire the breathtaking views. On your way back to Villefranche, you will also enjoy a drive through Nice.

## NICE & MONACO

Level 2

**Approximate Duration: 6 hours**

NOT available for the sailings of May 14th & 21st, 2006

The dazzling city of Nice enjoys a privileged setting on the hill-framed curve of the Baie de Anges. Travel along the Promenade de Anglais, see the Russian Orthodox Church and take a walk around the fascinating old town with its narrow streets teeming with life. Take in the vibrant colors and fragrances of the flower market, then continue to Monaco and enjoy a guided walking tour of the main highlights. You will have free time for lunch on "the Rock" before continuing to Monte Carlo. Marvel at the Place du Casino, where you will have some free time to take in the attractions of your choice around the square.

## NICE HIGHLIGHTS & EZE

Level 2

**Approximate Duration: 4 hours**

You will arrive in Nice after enjoying a breathtaking panoramic view of the city from the residential area of Mont Boron. You will see the Promenade des Anglais and the city highlights. Visit the old city and walk on Cours Saleya, the elegant promenade of Old Nice with the famous flower market. Continue by way of the Middle Corniche, with its superb views of the coast, towards the Medieval village of Eze, perched on a craggy peak above the Mediterranean. As this town is closed to traffic, there will be time for a brief walk along the narrow stone streets before returning to your ship.

## EZE & MONACO

Level 2

**Approximate Duration: 6 hours**

NOT available for the sailings of May 14th & 21st, 2006

Board your coach for the drive to the Medieval village of Eze. As you climb its steep cobblestone streets, the alluring Medieval atmosphere will enchant you. Do not miss the magnificent views of the coast from the top. Rejoin your coach to continue to the diamond, Monaco. Your coach will park at the foot of the rock, where you'll be carried to the top by escalators and elevators. On the upper level enjoy a guided walking tour, passing by the main sights. After free time for lunch, you will reach Monte Carlo Square and first discover the well-known Grand Casino. You will have some free time to take in the attractions of your choice around the Place du Casino. Then your coach will take you directly back to Villefranche.

## SAINT PAUL DE VENCE

Level 2

**Approximate Duration: 4 hours**

After a short sightseeing drive through Nice, your tour takes you to St. Paul de Vence, dating back to the 16th century. Alternatively, it had been a town of noblemen and of peasants; it is now a town of art and artists. Set on a spur behind ramparts that are still mostly intact, the town has retained much of its Medieval appearance. The fortified village is situated amid colorful terraced vineyards, bougainvillea and mimosa blossoms. This assemblage of stone houses and narrow walkways is considered by many to be the Cote d'Azur's most picturesque village. You will discover the magic of this place as you stroll through the narrow cobblestone lanes, exploring the many wonderful boutiques. Don't miss a stop at the small 12th-century Gothic church before reboarding your coach for the return drive.

*Note: There is a 1/2-mile uphill walk (low incline) from where the coach stops to the town of St. Paul de Vence.*



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# JEWEL SHORE EXCURSIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MONACO & MONTE CARLO

Level 2

### **Approximate Duration: 4 hours**

From Villefranche, you'll drive to Monaco, where after leaving your coach, you'll be carried to the top of the rock by escalators and elevators. On the upper level, enjoy a guided walking tour passing by the Oceanographic Museum, the cathedral, and view the exterior of the Prince's palace. After a short period of free time, you will reboard your coach and reach Monte Carlo Square where you will enjoy some additional leisure time to take in the attractions of your choice around the Place du Casino. You may wish to stroll across the street to admire the Hotel de Paris, do a little window shopping around the corner, or even try your luck at the Cafe de Paris Casino.

*Note: For the sailings of May 14th & 21st, due to the trials (Monaco Vintage Grand Prix on May 20th & Monaco Grand Prix May 27th) taking place on these particular days, coaches will not be allowed to enter Monte Carlo. Your coach will park at the old train station, and you will continue on foot to the Rock of Monaco (approximately 30 minutes uphill, over cobblestone streets, and with large steps).*