



ANCIENT EMPIRES

A VOYAGE FROM ROME TO MALTA



SEPTEMBER 20 TO 28, 2018

ITINERARY*

- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 Rome, Italy/Civitavecchia/
Embark LE LAPÉROUSE
- 3 Sorrento for Pompeii
- 4 Sorrento for Amalfi Coast and Positano/
Isle of Capri
- 5 Cruise past Stromboli/
Naxos, Sicily, for Taormina
- 6 Syracuse
- 7 Porto Empedocle for Agrigento
- 8 Valletta, Malta
- 9 Valletta/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S.

Discover the intriguing mélange of cultures that flourished in the wake of ancient empires while cruising for seven nights from Rome to Valletta, Malta, aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship **LE LAPÉROUSE**, launching in 2018. This custom-designed itinerary features the very best of this historic region, affords you the unique opportunity to travel with a small, intimate group and showcases eight UNESCO World Heritage sites. Marvel at Italy's stunning Amalfi Coast, visit the superbly excavated town of Pompeii, discover Sicily's storied town of Taormina and the island's seldom-visited interior landscapes and experience the rich history of Malta. Rome Pre-Cruise and Valletta Post-Cruise Options.

- ♦ Launching in 2018
- ♦ New generation of small ship cruising
- ♦ Only 92 deluxe Suites and Staterooms, 100% feature balconies
- ♦ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- ♦ Five-Star, sophisticated French elegance
- ♦ Three-level marina platform
- ♦ Safe and comfortable—reinforced hull, custom stabilizers
- ♦ Certified “green” clean ship
- ♦ English-speaking, European crew



The impossibly picturesque coastal village of Positano forms part of the world-famous Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



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INCLUDED FEATURES

ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR, SMALL SHIP LE LAPÉROUSE

- ◆ Seven-night cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, with port calls at Sorrento for Amalfi Coast, Positano and Pompeii, Italy; Isle of Capri; Naxos for Taormina, Syracuse, and Porto Empedocle for Agrigento, Sicily.
- ◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ **Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.**
- ◆ All meals—early continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- ◆ **Wine is served with lunch and dinner.**
- ◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
- ◆ Excursion to **Pompeii**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with guided tour of the remarkable archaeological preservation.
- ◆ Drive along the **Amalfi Coast**, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing Italy's natural beauty.
- ◆ Time at leisure in breathtaking **Positano** to explore this charming Amalfi Coast village.
- ◆ Time at leisure on the **Isle of Capri**.
- ◆ Cruise past the UNESCO World Heritage-designated island of **Stromboli**, the "Lighthouse of the Mediterranean."
- ◆ Walking tour of Sicily's ancient town of **Taormina**, featuring the third-century B.C. Greco-Roman theater, with views of imposing Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Tour of Sicily's **Syracuse**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with a visit to one of the best preserved ancient Greek theaters in the world and the historic island of Ortygia, the legendary "Old City" of Syracuse.



- ◆ Excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Sicily's **Agrigento** and its majestic **Valley of the Temples**, known for its exceptionally well-preserved Doric temples.
- ◆ Walking tour of **Valletta**, Malta, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a visit to the iconic St. John's Co-Cathedral to see the tombs of the legendary Knights of St. John and masterpieces by Caravaggio.
- ◆ Private tour of **Casa Rocca Piccola** and its gardens, hosted by a member of the noble de Piro family.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- ◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- ◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
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ETERNAL ROME
PRE-CRUISE OPTION



HISTORIC MALTA
POST-CRUISE OPTION

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