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Air Itinerary

Air Transat # 248 / 03 Sep Toronto/Barcelona departure/arrival 10:30 p.m./12:25 p.m. (Sep 4th)
Air Transat # 377 / 18 Sep Rome/ Toronto departure/arrival 1:45 p.m./ 5:35 p.m.

Cruise Itinerary

Sep 3rd – Depart Toronto for Barcelona

Sep 4th – at leisure in Barcelona / Overnight hotel

Sep 5th - Barcelona, Spain - *Departs 5:00PM*

Barcelona, Spain - Formerly a sleepy Spanish city, Barcelona has recently been reborn as an eclectic fusion of the modern and medieval. This coastal city exudes European charm and welcomes multitudes of travelers every year. It's a major destination with must-see architectural gems that date back some 2,000 years. You'll encounter fascinating examples from the Roman Empire, the Middle Ages, the Modern masters like Gaudí, and many Cataluñian greats. Outstanding art museums can be found throughout the city, proudly displaying the works of world-renowned artists and countrymen, including Goya, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dalí, and Joan Miró. For a respite from the hustle and bustle of the city center, venture to the awaiting Mediterranean Sea and all the seaside has to offer. Maybe a brisk hike in the nearby forest covered Collserola Hills or the hilltop in Montjuïc with its botanical gardens is the perfect recharge for a rollicking evening in one of the premier party capitals of the world. Round out your cruise to Barcelona dining at a tapas bar and savor a variety of delicious small dishes to share—from traditional Spanish to the more innovative.

Sep 6th - Provence (Marseilles), France

Docked 7:00AM to 4:00PM

Stroll the spirit and charm of France's oldest city - along La Canabiere toward the Vieux Port where ships have docked for more than 26 centuries, or in Cours Julien, a large pedestrian square lined with some of Marseille's trendiest cafés and theatres. And of course, no trip to Marseille would be complete without tasting its most renowned dish - bouillabaisse.

Sep 7th - Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy

Docked 7:00AM to 7:00PM

Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy- The beautiful Italian seaport of Livorno is your gateway to Florence, Pisa, and Tuscany's vast wine country. Pisa is most noted for its famous marble bell tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, which has tilted 14 feet since 1370.

Located in central Italy and the capital of the Tuscany region, Florence is the birthplace of history's most important cultural and intellectual awakening--the Renaissance. There's so much to see and appreciate on your cruise to Florence. Whether standing in awe of Brunelleschi's red cathedral dome on Piazza del Duomo or contemplating Michelangelo's sublime hand in any of his masterworks, you will know that you are in the presence of one of the world's great cities. The breathtaking scenery and all the romance conjured by the city's streets, bridges, and buildings will not disappoint.

Neighboring Pisa is also worth some investigation outside of its notorious architectural faux pas, Leaning Tower of Pisa. This former maritime power boasts a vibrant university population that fuels the busy café and bar scene here. You'll also find much in the way of Gothic architecture here, such as the Battistero, the place where Galileo was baptized. Head to the Museo Nazionale di San Matteo for paintings, sculptures, and artifacts spanning some 300 years with a special emphasis on the artists of the Tuscan school.

Sep 8th - Ajaccio, Corsica

Docked 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Ajaccio, Corsica- On the West coast of Corsica—southwest of Italy and southeast of France—lies Ajaccio, the island's largest town. Replete with all the charm and sophistication one would expect of a French Mediterranean resort—palm trees, sandy beaches, bountiful shopping, beautiful marina and colorful cafes, bars and bistros—you would not be amiss to liken Ajaccio to the more well-known South-of-France hotspots, such as the Cote d'Azur, Cap d'Antibes or Marseille. A great place to start your investigation of Ajaccio on your Corsica cruise is to stroll down to the Maison Napoleon, the eponymous birthplace of the iconic French military leader, and the nearby cathedral where he was christened. Famed for being Napoleon Bonaparte's birthplace, Ajaccio tips its hat to its most famous and storied resident throughout town, from his childhood home to seafront statues, museums, and street names. Take a scenic tour to the Austerlitz Square, Iles Sanguinaires viewpoint and the narrow, picturesque streets of old Ajaccio. Sample some of the local fresh market's delights for in-season delicacies, pastries and the fresh fish, vegetables, cheeses, and Corsican wines. Dining in town is essentially a French experience with a bit of Italian tossed in. Be sure to try the island's popular pork charcuterie and fritelli, the doughnut made with chestnut flowers.

Sep 9th - At Sea

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Sep 10th - Valletta, Malta

Docked 8:00AM to 5:00PM

In addition to a number of significant works of art, this town is known for the many fortifications built by the Knights of Malta, who for years helped care for European pilgrims and crusaders en route to and from the Holy Land. The walled city of Valletta was founded in 1565 by the Knights of St. John and it remains a masterfully preserved medieval treasure. From the glittering baroque interior of the Co-Cathedral of St. John to the charm found wandering the old cobbled avenues, it's no wonder this tiny city has earned World Heritage status. Hidden among the foreboding fortresses and decorative masterpieces is a city with growing appreciation for contemporary design, exciting, culinary offerings, and burgeoning nightlife scene. Maltese cuisine is a fusion of Mediterranean dishes and influences with touches of French and Sicilian. Fresh seafood and the Maltese wines from the distinguished local vineyards are always on the menu. Stroll along the cobblestone streets of Mdina to see its medieval churches, cathedrals, and palaces. Experience two Maltese treasures: The Blue Grotto and Marsaxlokk village. Or, set off on a Maltese sightseeing adventure beginning at Valletta's Upper Barrakka Gardens. It's a wonderful small capital that's bursting with stories. Valletta is a place you're sure to create a few stories of your own on your Valletta cruise.

Sep 11th - At Sea

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Sep 12th - Kotor, Montenegro

Tendered 7:00AM to 5:00PM

Kotor, Montenegro- A cruise to Kotor, Montenegro offers up some of the most well-preserved architecture in all the Adriatic coast, with landmarks such as the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon. Built in 1166, there are frescoes dating back hundreds of years, and much of the gold and silver relief work done by the city's master craftsmen of that time are held for safe keeping within its walls. Tucked at the secluded tip of a tranquil bay and watched over for millennia by the surrounding mountains, Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage treasure.

The town's history dates back before the epic age of Homer, but it's the medieval wonders in Old Kotor that draw acclaim today. Marbled avenues meander with no apparent order, and, even for locals, it's quite common to get turned around. The good news is, few places are more fun to get lost in than Kotor. Cruises to Montenegro would not be complete without sampling the local cuisine. Fresh seafood is always on the menu and the "domestic fish thick soup" is a tradition not to be missed. Old churches, shops, and bars line the avenues, and don't be surprised to wander upon a charming piazza right out of the blue. Come summer, the lavish yachts of the ultra-rich fill the marina, presenting a striking contrast to the rustic romance and ancient beauty of Kotor.

Sep 13th - Corfu, Greece

Docked 9:00AM to 6:00PM

According to myth, Poseidon honeymooned on this picturesque Greek island—and it's easy to see why. Its breathtaking natural landscape and long history as an artistic and cultural hub make Corfu one of the most cosmopolitan and captivating of the Greek Isles. Wander through the cobblestoned streets of Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or soak up some sun on one of the island's many beaches.

Sep 14th - At Sea

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Sep 15th - Sicily (Messina), Italy

Docked 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Located in northeastern Sicily on the slopes of the Peloritani Mountains, Messina is an ancient place with a fascinating history. Walk by the ruins of the Santa Maria Alemanna Church, built in 1220 A.D. You'll also want to see the Duomo, a Romanesque and Norman cathedral that includes a display of artifacts in its treasury.

Sep 16th - Salerno (Amalfi Coast), Italy

Docked 7:00AM to 6:00PM

Salerno is a port city southeast of Naples, in Italy. Atop Monte Bonadies, the centuries-old Arechi Castle has sea views, plus Museo Medievale del Castello, exhibiting medieval ceramics and coins. In town, built on the ruins of a Roman temple, is Salerno Cathedral. It has Byzantine bronze doors, a baroque crypt and a marble altar. The terraced Minerva's Garden has been growing medicinal plants since the 14th century.

Sep 17th - Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

Arrival: 5:00AM – rest of day at leisure. Overnight at hotel

Rome, Italy: Civitavecchia was settled in 108 A.D. by the Emperor Trajan and has since served faithfully as a gateway to Rome, the capital of Italy. Once the center of the Ancient World from which emperors ruled over nearly all of western civilization, Rome is still a cultural mecca. Only a few cities in the world can boast such a well-preserved level of architecture, art, and religious iconography. There's an enormous wealth of culture and history to discover on a cruise to Rome. Visit the ancient halls of the 50,000-seat Colosseum, gaze upon the ceilings of Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, and stroll the Capitoline Museum. Roman culinary prowess is well respected and beloved the world over. Experience authentic pizza, hearty bowls of fresh pasta, excellent cheeses, wines, seafood, and delightful desserts like tiramisu and gelato at family-run trattorias that have been preparing these traditional dishes for centuries. Walk the cobblestoned piazzas making your way to narrow side streets where you're sure to find craftsman shops and beautiful boutiques filled with gorgeous handmade accessories and homewares for keepsakes and souvenirs.

Sep 18th - Depart for Toronto.