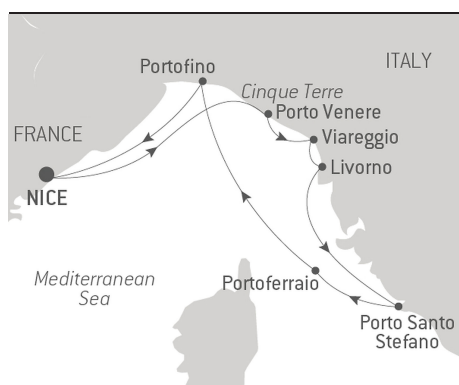


The charms of the Italian Riviera

From **17/5/2022**
to **24/5/2022**

Ship: **LE BOUGAINVILLE**

From **Nice**
to **Nice**



Board *Le Bougainville* for an **authentic 8-day cruise** to discover the wonders of the Italian coast and enjoy a taste of la dolce vita.

Departing from **Nice**, your ship will set sail for the magnificent **Cinque Terre region**. From the sea, you will discover the landscapes of villages perched along the rugged coast of the Italian Riviera before calling at **Porto Venere**, a small fishing village with undeniable charm.

You will leave Cinque Terre for **Tuscany**, where you will call at the seaside town of **Viareggio**. Renowned for its carnival, this charming town will enchant you with its gentle way of life.

Your cruise will continue along the Tuscan shoreline to **Livorno**, a port city famous for its Renaissance fortifications. The Little Venice district, as it is known, offers a picturesque setting in which to enjoy fish and seafood.

You will then stop at **Porto Santo Stefano**, a town built along a hillside and surrounded by a 17th century fortress, before sailing on to **Portoferraio**, a small corner of paradise on the **island of Elba**, where Napoleon spent many days in exile.

The final stop on your cruise, **Portofino**, built in a natural harbour protected by a pine forest, is a picturesque and lively port that has successfully retained its authenticity and traditions. It will delight you with its charm and beauty before your return to **Nice**.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

NICE

Embarkation 17/5/2022 from 16h00 to 17h00

Departure 17/5/2022 at 18h00

Capital of the Cote d'Azur, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.

SAILING ALONG CINQUE TERRE

Arrival 18/5/2022

Departure 18/5/2022

The **Ligurian coast** will reveal the splendour of its contours as you sail along its abrupt landscapes facing the Mediterranean Sea. The coastline is scattered with small beaches and fishing villages clinging to the cliffs that form the beauty of this hanging province. From the sea, you will enjoy an exception view over the **Cinque Terre**, impressive in their isolated and authentic natural setting. Listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site** and a **national park** since 1999, the five villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza et Monterosso distil their charm and their uniqueness as our eyes drink in the shimmering colours of the pastel facades illuminated by the sunshine.

PORTO VENERE

Arrival 18/5/2022 mid morning

Departure 18/5/2022 late afternoon

Located on the magnificent chiselled coast of Liguria, to the north-west of the Italian peninsula, **Portovenere** is an unusual little fishing village. Clinging to the southernmost tip of the **Cinque Terre National park**, this charming town benefits from an exceptional location, at the mouth of the gulf of La Spezia. As soon as you set foot on land, you will be mesmerised by the pastel shades of the buildings. Via Capellini is its lively and welcoming main street, brimming with shops and restaurants. At the end of a long promenade, a steep road leads to **Doria castle**. Below, on its rocky spur, **the Church of Saint Peter** offers a splendid view of **Palmaria island**.

VIAREGGIO

Arrival 19/5/2022 early morning

Departure 19/5/2022 late afternoon

Viareggio concentrates the charms of the Tuscan shores. Beauty and *Dolce Vita* characterize this seaside city which has no less than 10 kilometres of beach. Situated in the north of Tuscany, on the Ligurian Sea, the town was founded

in the first half of the 16th century. At that time, it was the only access to the sea for the Republic of Lucca. From this period remains the **Torre Matilde**, a defensive fortification built by the Lucca people in 1541 to combat pirate attacks. Viareggio is also famous for its **carnival** which is one of the most important in Italy.

LIVORNO

Arrival 20/5/2022 early morning

Departure 20/5/2022 late afternoon

On the Ligurian coast, **Livorno** invites us to **Tuscany**, a charming region offering **archaeological vestiges**, **Renaissance** treasures, undulating landscapes and a pleasant way of life. When the **Medicis** arrived in the 16th century they developed the city, which became **one of the most important ports in the Mediterranean**. Cosmopolitan and multireligious, Livorno has welcomed many immigrants and is a wonderful example of cultural diversity. Built during that period, **Fortezza Vecchia** and **Fortezza Nuova** attest to the city's power. At the foot of the new fort, **Nuova Venezia** is an enchanting district with small canals and streets to stroll along to discover a few architectural treasures, such as the magnificent Santa Caterina da Siena church in the Tuscan baroque style.

PORTO SANTO STEFANO

Arrival 21/5/2022 early morning

Departure 21/5/2022 late afternoon

In Southern Tuscany, Porto Santo Stefano, a charming seaside resort located on the Monte Argentario peninsula, is renowned for its enchanting setting. Nestling on the side of a hill, the small town offers beautiful sandy beaches with crystal-clear water and a picturesque town centre. Stroll around its steep alleyways lined with coloured houses and discover La Rocca, a Spanish fortress built in the 17th century to protect the town against pirate attacks. There, you can enjoy a stunning view over the port and the Gulf of Talamone.

PORTOFERRAIO, ELBA

Arrival 22/5/2022 early morning

Departure 22/5/2022 late afternoon

In the elbow of a creek on the northern coastline of **Elba Island**, a small corner of paradise awaits in the form of **Portoferraio**. As you approach its coastlines, you will make out the powerful and majestic contours of its **Medici fortresses**. **Napoleon Bonaparte** spent many of his 300 days in exile here. The **Palazzina dei Mulini**, his first imperial residence, whose gardens offer outstanding views of the sea, is a must-see. Historical treasures are followed by another kind of treasure, namely white sand beaches, and equally tempting local specialities including gurguglione and rice with cuttlefish ink.

PORTOFINO

Arrival 23/5/2022 early morning

Departure 23/5/2022 late afternoon

Close to the Cinque Terre, **Portofino** is the jewel of the **Ligurian Riviera**. This "small village that stretches like a half moon around a silent basin", described by Guy de Maupassant, is today a pretty, lively little port that has managed to preserve the authenticity of its maritime traditions, which have been recognised since Ancient times. Built in the

hollow of a small natural cove sheltered by the pine forest, the village is at the heart of a **protected maritime reserve**. The shimmering colours of its house fronts and the exceptional location of this village have inspired many authors and artists. You will also see the **Portofino lighthouse**, immaculate in its green setting. Perched on the **Punta del Capo**, it watches over the peninsula and its postcard setting.

NICE

Arrival 24/5/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 24/5/2022 at 07h00

Capital of the Cote d'Azur, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.