

COASTAL ITALY JOURNEY



JOURNEYS
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Ocean Cruise

16 Days

\$12,990 CAD

All inclusive from, per guest, double occ.

September 21 to
October 4, 2025

Discover Rome, Sicily & the Amalfi Coast

Join us for an enchanting 14-day journey along Italy's coastline, where you'll explore the timeless beauty of Rome, Sicily, Florence, and the Amalfi Coast. This carefully curated itinerary invites you to sail through Italy's most breathtaking landscapes, with private excursions designed to immerse you fully in the country's rich culture. Delight in experiences like pizza-making, wine tasting, visits to olive oil farms, and the allure of the sparkling azure waters.

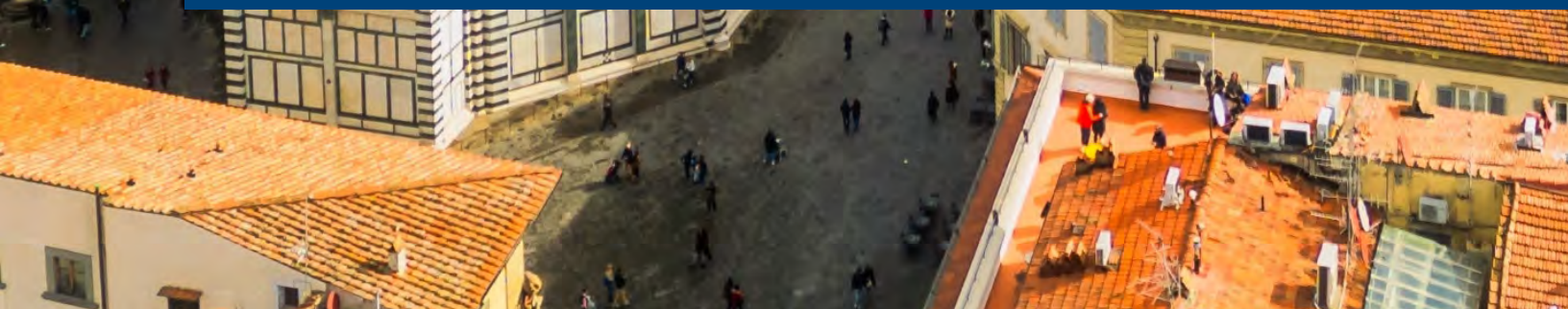
Experience Italy with the luxury of worry-free travel, where every detail is attended to, so you can focus solely on savoring each moment and enjoying every dish, while creating lasting memories with friends, both old and new.





① Florence

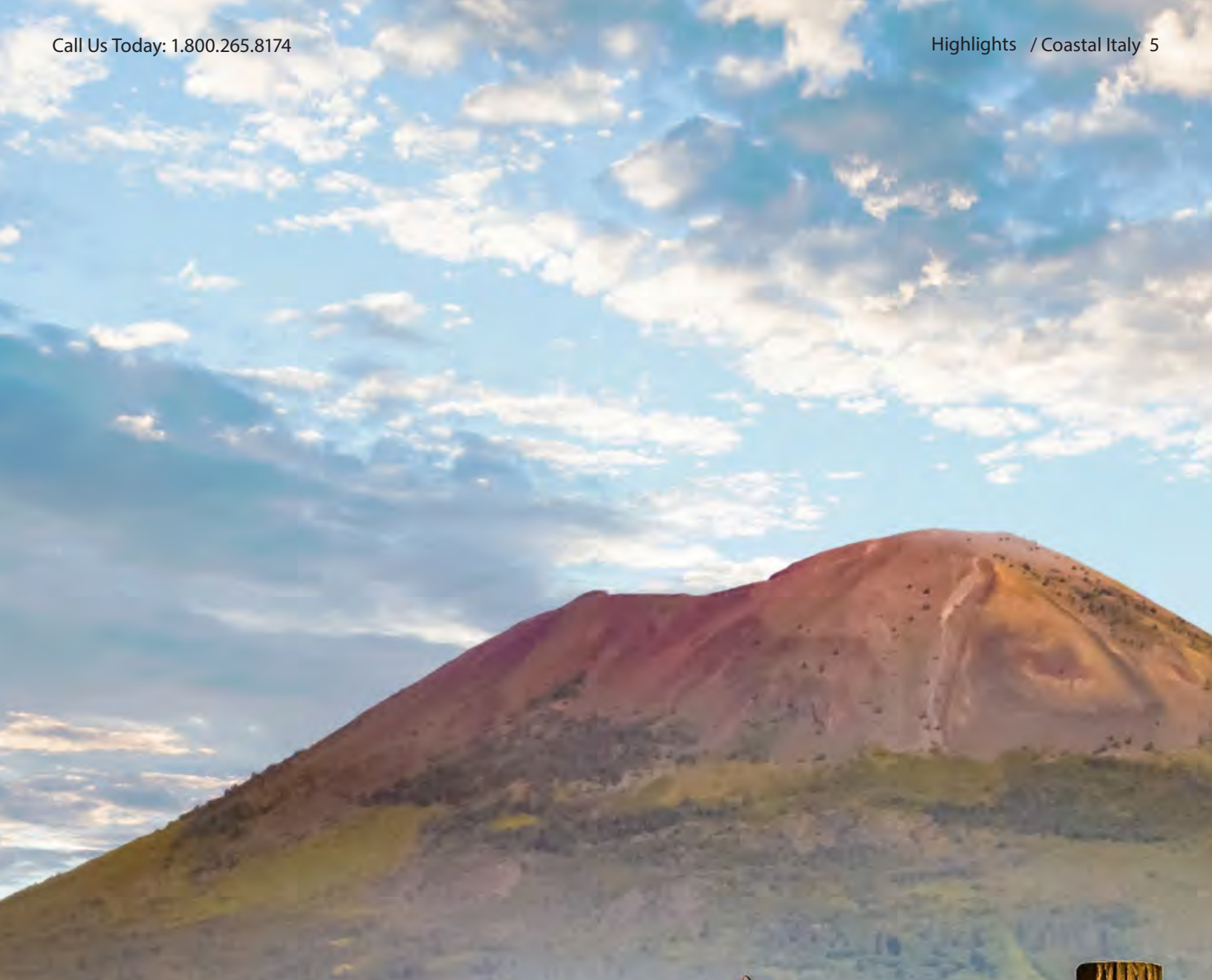
Florence, where every corner tells a story as it enchants with its intimate art treasures, the breathtaking dome of the Duomo, and the warm glow of Tuscan sunsets. This city is a living masterpiece, where the legacy of the Renaissance continues to inspire and awe, making it an unforgettable highlight of any Italian journey.





② Rome

Rome, the eternal city, is a breathtaking journey through time where every stone and shadow tells the tale of empires. Stand in awe of the Colosseum's grandeur, wander through the timeless streets, and experience the unparalleled majesty of the Vatican's treasures.



③ Pompeii

Pompeii offers a rare glimpse into the daily life of an ancient world, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Walking through its remarkably preserved streets and homes, you can almost hear the echoes of history, making Pompeii a haunting and fascinating highlight of any journey through Italy.





④ Amalfi Coast

The Amalfi Coast, with its dramatic cliffs and azure waters, feels like a slice of paradise on earth. The vibrant coastal towns, winding roads, and stunning sea views create an unforgettable experience, where every turn reveals another breathtaking panorama.



⑤ Sicily

Sicily, with its rich tapestry of cultures, offers a unique blend of ancient ruins, vibrant markets, and stunning landscapes. From the historic charm of its towns and cities to the majestic beauty of its natural landscapes, Sicily captivates with its diverse heritage and unspoiled natural beauty.



Journey Itinerary



Day 1

DEPART FOR FLORENCE, ITALY

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. At the airport, guests departing from Toronto receive personalized check-in assistance. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow travelers before boarding your flight to Florence, Italy. With your Journey Manager taking care of every detail, you can relax and look forward to your Italian experience.

Overnight flight





Day 2

WELCOME TO FLORENCE

Arrive in Florence and settle into your room before enjoying a delightful welcome dinner at the hotel. This meal offers a perfect chance to relax, get to know your fellow guests, and prepare for the exciting journey ahead.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence

Meals: Dinner

Day 3

FLORENCE

On our first full day in Florence, we'll uncover the "Cradle of the Renaissance" on a guided walking tour. Starting at the octagonal Baptistery of Saint John, famed for its bronze doors, we'll then visit the Florence Cathedral for a close look at Brunelleschi's Dome. Admire Giotto's Bell Tower before concluding at the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David.

The afternoon is yours to explore Florence at your leisure—perhaps visit the Uffizi Gallery or the grand Palazzo Pitti. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, savoring the rich flavors of the region.

Overnight: [Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 4

OLIVE OIL FARM & PISA

Today unfolds with meticulously planned culinary and cultural experiences. Our first stop is an authentic Olive Oil Farm, where the art of producing Italy's liquid gold is revealed. Savor the rich flavors during an exclusive tasting session, followed by a lunch crafted from the finest local ingredients.

The journey continues with a guided visit to the historic city of Pisa. Marvel at the architectural splendor of the Cathedral and Baptistery, and visit the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa. In the evening, we return to our hotel in Florence.

Overnight: [Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence](#)

Meals: [Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner](#)

Day 5

CHIANTI & SIENA

Our day begins with a trip to the charming city of Siena, the cradle of Italian Gothic style. See firsthand the spectacular Dome and Baptistery, which beautifully symbolize the deep religious roots of the Sienese. Explore the magnificent 13th-century Cathedral, with its stunning architecture and splendid polychrome marbles. In the 12th-century shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, admire the site of the famous Palio horserace, crowned by the imposing Palazzo Pubblico, a testament to Siena's independence and economic power.

After our visit, enjoy a tasting lunch at a nearby farm that produces Chianti wine and olive oil. This historic estate, once the residence of an ancient noble Sienese family, offers breathtaking panoramic views of Siena. After a day of exploration, we'll transfer to Rome to get settled in for the next part of our journey.

Overnight: Hotel Delle Nazioni, Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 6

VATICAN CITY & ROME

Today's adventure takes us on a guided tour of Vatican City, the smallest country in the world and a treasure trove of art and history. We'll explore the Vatican Museums, home to vast collections gathered by popes over centuries, including famous classical sculptures and Renaissance masterpieces. The highlight of our visit is Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, followed by a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, a stunning example of Renaissance architecture and one of the world's most iconic churches.

For lunch, we'll dine at a traditional Roman restaurant near Piazza Navona, famously known as the birthplace of "fettuccine all'Alfredo." Then, the afternoon is yours to explore Rome's charming baroque squares at your own pace. Wander through the beautiful piazzas, soak in the vibrant atmosphere, and perhaps indulge in authentic gelato.

****Important Note:**** A strict dress code is enforced. Please ensure your attire covers shoulders and knees to gain admission to the Basilica.

Overnight: Hotel Delle Nazioni, Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

CASTEL GANDOLFO

The morning takes us to Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's Summer Residence. Enjoy a guided tour of the Pontifical Villa Barberini, where you'll explore its natural and archaeological treasures, including a captivating stroll through the lush gardens and an impressive collection of artifacts from Emperor Domitian's villa.

For lunch, we'll visit a nearby winery, savoring delicious food in a picturesque setting before heading to the port of Civitavecchia. There, we'll board the Royal Clipper, our home for the next seven nights.

Overnight: The Royal Clipper

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 8

POMPEII

Prepare for a fascinating day in Pompeii, an ancient city preserved in time by volcanic ash. As one of the world's most significant historical sites, Pompeii offers a vivid glimpse into Roman life from around 2,000 years ago. First excavated in the 18th century, approximately 75% of the city has been uncovered, revealing well-preserved buildings and artifacts.

Walking through its streets, you'll experience a snapshot of daily life in the Roman Empire. After your exploration, your driver will return you to the port in Sorrento.

Overnight: [The Royal Clipper](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

POSITANO

Experience the Amalfi Coast's unmatched beauty, where pristine beaches, hidden bays, and cliffside villages create a breathtaking landscape. Admired by artists and travelers for centuries, this area boasts charming villages nestled among groves and vines. In the 1950s, the allure of Dolce Vita transformed Positano from a quaint fishing village into a glamorous retreat. Since 1997, the Amalfi Coast has been a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Begin with a scenic boat ride from Amalfi to Positano. Explore the village at your leisure, browsing over 200 boutiques known for their locally made cotton clothing. Afterward, meet your guide and return by boat to Amalfi. Enjoy free time to discover the village or relax before heading back to the ship.

Note: This tour involves walking on cobblestone streets, uphill paths, and steps. Please wear comfortable shoes, dress for the weather, and bring a hat, sunscreen, and water.

Overnight: [The Royal Clipper](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 10

PIZZA-MAKING & TAORMINA

Our day begins in the enchanting town of Taormina, where Sicilian culture reveals its charm with each step. Dive into a private pizza-making class that transforms this classic dish into an art form. Guided by expert chefs, you'll learn to craft authentic Sicilian pizza, from kneading the dough to choosing the finest local ingredients.

After a relaxing coffee break, continue your hands-on culinary adventure. Create your pizza from scratch and savor the satisfaction of your masterpiece, complemented by a selection of water, wine, and soft drinks.

As a token of this memorable experience, you'll receive an official certificate and a personalized apron, celebrating your culinary achievement and the day's delights.

Overnight: [The Royal Clipper](#)

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Lunch](#), [Dinner](#)

Day 11

ORTIGIA & SYRACUSE

Begin your private tour at the port of Catania and set off on a scenic drive to Neapolis, home to Sicily's ancient Greek heritage. Explore the historic city and marvel at its rich archaeological treasures.

Next, journey to Ortigia, a charming island where a narrow channel separates ancient allure from modern vibrancy. Wander through its picturesque streets with a guide, uncovering stunning architecture and the island's timeless beauty.

For lunch, enjoy a refined meal near the Greek Temple of Syracuse, savoring authentic Sicilian cuisine with magnificent views of the iconic square. Conclude your day with a visit to a local favorite for a delicious ice cream.

Overnight: The Royal Clipper

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 12

LIPARI & STROMBOLI

Begin your day anchored off Lipari, the main island of the archipelago, where a tender boat will bring you ashore to Marina Corta. After meeting your guide, enjoy a scenic drive through the island's picturesque hills, including a stop at the panoramic Quattrocchi viewpoint, offering breathtaking views of Lipari's cliffs and the neighboring island of Vulcano.

Please note: The excursion involves a 15-minute walk over cobblestone and uneven surfaces between the tender pier and the bus parking. Wear weather-appropriate clothes and comfortable walking shoes, and bring a hat and water.

Next, visit the Tenuta di Castellaro estate, where you'll tour the winery and its vineyards, followed by a wine tasting with local snacks. The afternoon will be spent sailing around the stunning island of Stromboli, where you'll witness its active volcano, famous for its dramatic, fiery eruptions visible from the sea.

Overnight: The Royal Clipper

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13

PONZA & PALMAROLA ISLAND

Today, explore the beautiful island of Ponza, a hidden gem with its rugged coastline and clear waters. Enjoy free time to wander the charming streets with pastel houses, take a relaxing walk by the harbor, visit ancient Roman grottoes, or unwind on the lovely beaches.

In the afternoon, sail to the stunning island of Palmarola, renowned for its natural beauty and serene coves. Swim in the turquoise waters, explore sea caves, or simply relax on the sandy shores.

Overnight: [The Royal Clipper](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 14

CITAVECCHIA & HOME

This morning, our cruise concludes as we disembark in Civitavecchia, Italy. As we bid 'Arrivederci' to the Royal Clipper, our friendly drivers will ensure a smooth transfer to FCO airport. Reflect on your unforgettable Italian adventure as you prepare for the journey home.

Meals: Breakfast

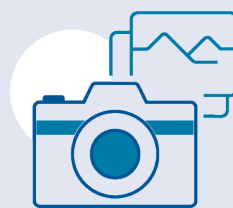
Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

Our essentials included with your Journey:

- 7 nights on the Royal Clipper
- Meals included (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners)
- Wine with lunch & dinner
- Round-trip airfare from Toronto All taxes as well as port & service charges
- "Whisper" radios included for use during excursions
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack



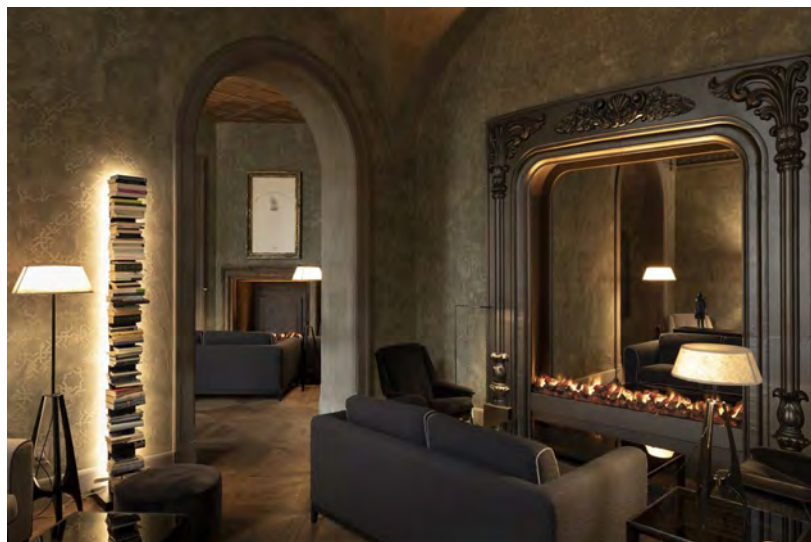
Hotels



Days 2 -4

THE GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI, FLORENCE

The Grand Hotel Baglioni, a historic landmark of Florence, has hosted royalty, artists, and intellectuals since its opening in 1903. Originally built in the late 1800s by Prince Carrega di Lucedio, its prime location near Santa Maria Novella station led to its transformation into a luxury hotel by the Baglioni family. Today, the Grand Hotel Baglioni seamlessly blends tradition with modern luxury, symbolizing elegance and sophistication.

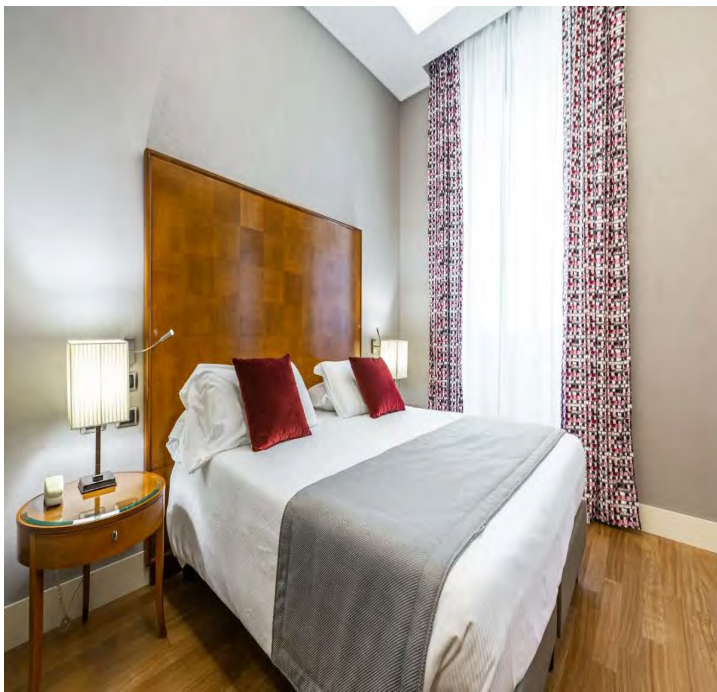


Day 4

HOTEL DELLE NAZIONI, ROME

Hotel delle Nazioni is ideal for a stay in the heart of Rome, just a few steps from the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Stay in a historic building with spacious and elegant rooms, enveloped in a relaxing setting, with fine marble bathrooms.

It's the ideal location for cultural holidays and shopping. The hotel has always been a dwelling for Italian and international artists, intellectuals, politicians and cultural figures and has dedicated the depictions of the eight aspects of musicality (representing the different sounds of nature and the human voice) on the marble columns of its lobby to them.



Set sail aboard the Royal Clipper, an intimate and exclusive cruise ship, accommodating just 227 guests, inspired by the grandeur of the legendary tall ship Preussen. This five-mast full-rigged sailing ship offers a unique blend of old-world charm and modern luxury, ensuring a truly unforgettable sea-going experience.



Discover the Royal Clipper



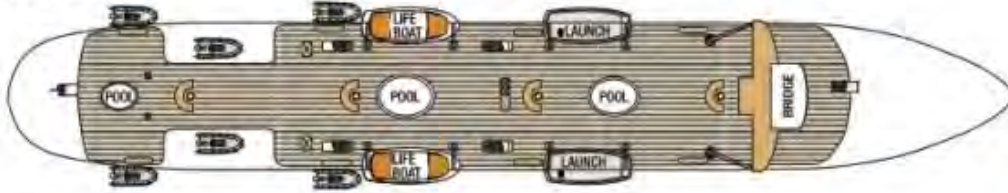
The expansive 19,000 square feet of open deck space, complete with three inviting swimming pools, provides a perfect setting for relaxation and stunning ocean views.



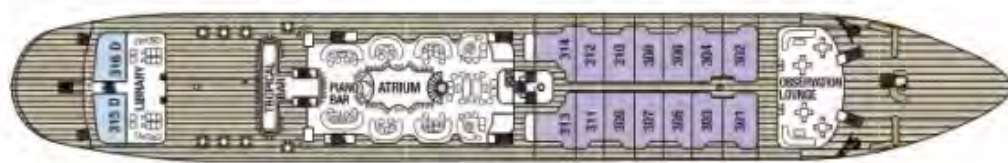
Dining and relaxation are elevated in the ship's elegant dining room and the one-of-a-kind Captain Nemo Lounge, which features a spa with underwater glass portholes, offering a mesmerizing view of the ocean.

ROYAL CLIPPER DECKPLAN

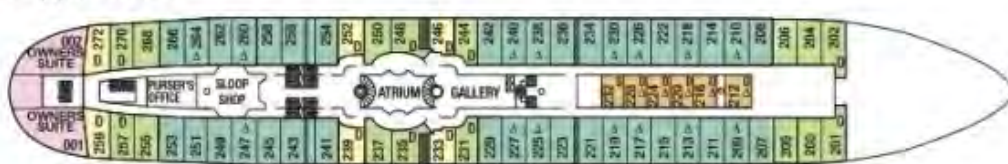
Sun Deck



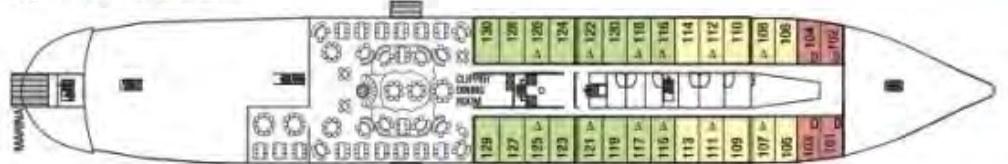
Main Deck



Clipper Deck



Commodore Deck



△ = Third berth D= Fixed double bed S= Single berth



OWNER'S SUITE

CLIPPER DECK

Deluxe outside suite (no private verandah), two double beds, separate sitting area, minibar, bathroom with whirlpool, room service.

DELUXE SUITE

MAIN DECK

Deluxe outside suite, private verandah, twin/double beds, sitting area, minibar, bathroom with whirlpool and room service.

CATEGORY 1

MAIN DECK

Deluxe deck cabin, double beds, minibar, bathroom with whirlpool, cabin doors open onto deck.

CATEGORY 2

CLIPPER DECK

Large outside cabin, two lower beds, double bed, or triple berths, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 3

CLIPPER & COMMODORE DECKS

Outside cabin, two lower beds, double bed, or triple berths, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 4

CLIPPER & COMMODORE DECKS

Outside cabin, twin/double/triple beds, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 5

COMMODORE DECK

Outside cabin, double bed, bathroom with shower.

CATEGORY 6

CLIPPER DECK

Inside cabin, double/triple beds, bathroom with shower.

Deck Plan

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Fares & Staterooms



Category 6 - Inside Cabin 108 sqft

Located on the Clipper Deck.

- Inside cabin
- Double/triple beds
- Marble bath with shower
- Air conditioning
- Hair dryer
- Private safe
- TV
- DVD player
- Phone
- 220 volt electrical output.

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Double Occupancy
\$12,990

Single Occupancy
\$16,990

Category 3 - Outside Cabin 145 sqft

Located on the Clipper and Commodore Decks.

- Outside cabin
- Twin/double/triple beds
- Marble bath with shower
- Air conditioning
- Hair dryer
- Private safe
- TV
- DVD player
- Phone
- 220 volt electrical output.

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Double Occupancy
\$13,790

Single Occupancy
\$17,790

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.

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Fares & Staterooms



Category 2 - Large Outside Cabins
145 sqft

Located on Clipper Deck.

- Outside cabin
- Twin/double/triple beds
- Marble bath with shower
- Air conditioning
- Hair dryer
- Private safe
- TV
- DVD player
- Phone
- 220 volt electrical output.

Double Occupancy
\$13,990

Single Occupancy
\$18,090



Deluxe Outside Suite
280 sqft

Located on the Main Deck. Limited cabin availability.

- Deluxe outside suite
- Private verandah
- Twin/double beds
- Sitting area
- Minibar
- Marble bath with whirlpool and
- Room service
- Air conditioning
- Hair dryer
- Private safe
- Mini-bar
- TV
- DVD player
- Phone
- 220 volt electrical output.

Double Occupancy
\$15,790

Single Occupancy
\$23,290

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.