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EXPEDITION CRUISES

Italy Cruise: Hidden Treasures from Florence to Venice

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DAYS CITIES GUESTS (MAX)

Experience Italy reframed on an all-encompassing voyage that sheds new light on some of Europe's most iconic destinations. Venture off the beaten path in Florence, then cruise south to Sicily and back north to Venice, going ashore with the region's foremost guides to unearth your own Da Vinci Code of discoveries. Along the way, your small explorer ship affords access to Matera, Urbino, Sardinia, the French isle of Corsica and other ports of call most cruises miss.

- ✦ Begin with a stay in one of central Florence's finest hotels
- ✦ Choose from a list of curated shore excursions led by A&K's expert local guides
- ✦ Explore the flavors of Sicily and Puglia with exclusive farmhouse visits and cooking lessons
- ✦ Discover Le Marche and Urbino, two fascinating destinations overlooked by many travellers
- ✦ Cruise for 10 days on an exclusive charter of Le Dumont d'Urville
- ✦ Go off the beaten path in Corsica and Sardinia
- ✦ Immerse yourself in the timeless romance of Venice

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12 DAYS | SEPTEMBER 12

FROM - | 148 GUESTS



Day 1 | Arrive Florence, Italy – Beating Heart of the Renaissance

You can barely move for masterpieces in the Tuscan capital: Michelangelo's David, centerpiece of the Galleria dell'Accademia; the Uffizi; the romantic Ponte Vecchio; and the Duomo, a holy canopy of terracotta high above the rooftops. Even the streets are an elegant, edifying showcase of Italian culture.

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Day 2 | Florence – Legacy of the Great Masters

Take in Florence's living exhibition as you walk the historic city center and the Oltrarno District. Or, tour of the Galleria dell'Accademia and the Uffizi to see the works of the Renaissance masters in the flesh.

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🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH

Day 3 | Tuscany – Choose Your Own Adventure in Florence, Pisa or Lucca

A cypress-dotted vision of Italian beauty, Tuscany charms like a Medici prince, capturing the very essence of the nation's heartland. Set out into this timeless realm of storybook hilltop towns and undulating green landscapes as you choose your own Tuscan adventure. Head to Lucca to stroll its picturesque town center, Piazza dell'Anfi teatro, and its impressive 16th century ramparts. Pisa's iconic Leaning Tower is also on the menu, along with the city's historic Baptistery, Campo Santo and Duomo. Or, linger in Florence to take in the timeless Palazzo Vecchio, the former residence of the powerful Medici clan. Alternatively, set out for a truffle hunt in the rolling hills of Tuscany. Later, head to the port of Livorno, where your expedition vessel awaits.

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🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 4 | Bonifacio, Corsica; France – Walking in Napoleon's Footsteps

The birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, the mountainous island of Corsica juts imposingly from the Mediterranean, as bold and proud as the French emperor himself. Here, explore the fortress town of Bonifacio's medieval houses, chapels and web of alleyways. Afterward, stroll the cobble streets, historic buildings and quayside of Porto Vecchio's Old Town. Or, hike to Castellu d'Araghju for stunning views of the coast.

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🍴 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 5 | Cagliari, Sardinia; Italy – Bronze Age Mysteries Wrapped in Coastal Beauty

Though Sardinia glints with some of the most breathtaking shores in the Mediterranean, its culture has been defined by its rustic interior more than its coast: a landscape of mysterious Bronze Age monuments and ancient shepherd tracks that wind through forests of oak and myrtle. Come ashore in Sardinia's historic port city and capital, Cagliari, where you stroll the Old Town and visit Saint Mary and Saint Cecilia Cathedrals. Alternatively, hike Sardinia's gentle hills to uncover timeworn ruins or sample the varieties of a local winery.

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🕒 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 6 | At Sea – Unwinding on the Med

Relax as you cruise southward through the Mediterranean, taking advantage of the ship's amenities along the way. En route, the Expedition Team sets the stage for tomorrow's shore excursion with a series of enriching presentations.

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🕒 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 7 | Syracuse, Sicily – Playground of the Ancient Greeks

Presided over by fiery Mount Etna, Sicily is a red-hot mix of sunbaked temples, sizzling sea views and sensational produce grown on its fertile volcanic slopes. Come ashore in the iconic port of Syracuse, a place Cicero described as "the greatest Greek city and most beautiful of them all." Explore Syracuse's Old Town of Ortigia, a tangle of cobbled streets wending this way and that, lined with fabulous boutiques, restaurants, and ancient buildings such as the Temple of Apollo. After a tasting of the distinctive local Moscato, Nero d'Avola and Syrah, hit the market to sample the region's freshest picks. Alternatively, head further inland for a truffle hunt at a local farm.

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🕒 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 8 | At Sea – Cruising around Italy's Heel

As you cruise onward around the heel of Italy's "boot," the Expedition Team prepares you for tomorrow's shore excursion to Bari.

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🕒 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 9 | Bari – Youthful Face of the Puglia Region

Bari serves as your seaside gateway to the time-warp villages and sweeping countryside of the Puglia region. This university town's youthful, urban vibe plays well with its grand boulevards lined with historic architecture. Once ashore, choose from a culinary experience at a local farmhouse, a visit to the intriguing Castel del Monte, a nature trek through the hills of Alta Murgia National Park, or a drive inland to explore Matera's cave dwellings.

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🕒 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 10 | Ancona – Off the Beaten Path in Le Marche

Le Marche's pebbled beaches, cliff-flanked bays and medieval hill towns often fly under the radar. But those who have experienced this region's enchanting landscapes, history and artistic heritage are happy to have it to themselves. Staging your day from the port of Ancona, set out to tour the Renaissance art and architecture of Urbino, privately visit the Villa Imperiale in Pesaro, or savor a wine experience in the breathtaking countryside.

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🕒 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 11 | Venice – Ethereal Magic of the Canals

A heady dream of Carnival, canals, basilicas and Byzantine relics, Venice bewitches from the very first breath. Nowhere else in the world can you turn from a grand marble palace floating amid the canals, and into a warren of stirring, salty-aired passageways, where life has ebbed and flowed with the rhythm of the water for centuries. Experience Venice's beguiling magic firsthand with a private water taxi tour, pausing at St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. Alternatively, you might explore St. Mark's Square on foot and go off the beaten path to discover the Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, the city's largest church. Or, escape to the Orto di Venezia winery and the glassworks of the Murano islands.

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🕒 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

Day 12 | Depart Venice – The Journey Ends

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight or set sail on A&K's Adriatic Voyage: Croatia, Montenegro and Greece.

🚢 LE DUMONT D'URVILLE

🍳 BREAKFAST

DATES & PRICES

Plan Your Trip for 2026

Engaging onboard lectures and workshops from our acclaimed Expedition Team

24/7 A&K on-call support

English speaking staff, including a doctor

Complimentary Wi-Fi on board and in hotels

All gratuities, port charges and taxes

Traveller's Valet® laundry service

Private balcony with every stateroom and butler service with every suite

Airport meet and greet with transfers

Food and drink with a la carte menus and unlimited house drinks, including Champagne

Your choice of expertly guided A&K shore excursions

📍 Italy Cruise: Hidden Treasures from Florence to Venice: 2026 Savings

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Classic Stateroom	From \$14,495
Deluxe Stateroom	From \$17,995
Prestige Stateroom	From \$19,995
Deluxe Suite	From \$26,495
Privilege Suite	From \$29,495
Prestige Two-Room Suite	From \$37,495
Grand Deluxe Suite	From \$43,495
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Le Dumont d'Urville

Chartered exclusively for A&K, your small explorer ship is specially configured to limit capacity to 148 total travellers (from a maximum of 184). The all-English-speaking ship staff is complemented by A&K's expert Expedition Team. All staterooms and suites feature a private balcony, and every suite offers complimentary butler service. The vessel also features multiple observation, lounge and dining areas, as well as a library, theater, outside heated pool, fitness center, spa, 24-hour medical facility with a certified doctor and a fleet of Zodiac boats for shore expeditions. A&K also includes complimentary wireless Internet and Traveller's Valet laundry service.

