

# Pentagon Ski Club presents ...

Explore in a group of 20-25 (average 22) aboard our privately owned 50-passenger ship

## Italy's Western Coast & Islands: A Voyage from Rome to Valletta Small Ship Adventure

**Italy:** Rome, Pozzuoli, Naples, Sorrento, Paestum, Salerno

**Sicily:** Aeolian Islands, Strait of Messina, Mount Etna, Siracusa

**Malta:** Valletta, Vittoriosa, Hagar Qim, Mдина

**DEPARTURE DATE:**  
**September 18, 2023**

17 days from **\$9495**

Includes international airfare from  
Dules

16 days from **\$8295**

Without international airfare  
Free or Low-Cost  
Single Supplement Available



DAYS	DESTINATION
<b>1</b>	<b>Depart U.S.</b>
<b>2-4</b>	<b>Rome, Italy</b> INCLUDED TOUR Rome
<b>5-10</b>	<b>Rome • Embark ship • Coastal Italy</b> Embark ship PORTS Gaeta • Pozzuoli • Sorrento • Salerno INCLUDED TOURS Pozzuoli • Naples • Sorrento • Paestum • Buffalo mozzarella farm
<b>11-13</b>	<b>Sicily</b> PORTS Lipari • Marina di Riposto • Pozzallo INCLUDED TOURS Salina • Mount Etna • Siracusa OPTIONAL TOUR Pompeii
<b>14-16</b>	<b>Valletta, Malta • Disembark ship</b> Disembark ship PORT Valletta INCLUDED TOURS Valletta • Three Cities • Hagar Qim • Mдина
<b>17</b>	<b>Return to U.S.</b>

### It's Included

- Services of our local Trip Experience Leader with your group of 20-25 (average of 22) throughout your adventure
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- Accommodations for 3 nights in Rome, 10 nights aboard our privately owned small ship with wireless Internet access, and 2 nights in Malta
- 38 meals: 15 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners—including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks
- 18 guided tours (with personal headsets) and cultural experiences
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All port charges
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

### Maximize Your Discoveries & Value

#### Optional extensions:

Tuscany: Florence & Siena  
5 nights pre-trip from **\$1495**

Milan, the Lakes & the Piedmont  
5 nights post-trip from **\$1695**

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## Itinerary

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today on your flight to Rome, Italy.

### DAY 2 • Rome

Arrive in Rome and transfer to your hotel. Meet travelers who took our optional *Tuscany: Florence & Siena* pre-trip extension.

Hotel Savoy or similar

### DAY 3 • Rome • Controversial Topic: Catholic Church's sexual abuse scandal

Discover the highlights on display within the "Eternal City"—from the Spanish Steps to the Pantheon and more—during an included walking tour. Later, learn about the **Controversial Topic** of how Italy has handled the Catholic Church's sexual abuse scandal during a conversation with a survivor and advocate.

B,D—Hotel Savoy or similar

### DAY 4 • Rome

Spend the day exploring Rome.

B—Hotel Savoy or similar

### DAY 5 • Rome • Garden of Ninfa • Gaeta • Embark ship

Explore the sprawling Garden of Ninfa, an English-styled landscape garden cited among the most romantic in the world. Then, continue on to the port town of Gaeta, where our ship will be waiting.

B,L,D—M/V *Artemis* or M/V *Athena*

### DAY 6 • Pozzuoli

Embark on a walking tour of Pozzuoli accompanied by a local guide, exploring Flavian Amphitheater, the third largest amphitheater in Italy. Later, enjoy dinner onboard, followed by a Neapolitan folk music performance.

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### DAY 7 • Naples

Explore Naples with a local guide who will take us on a walking tour of this elegant and dynamic city.

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### DAY 8 • Sorrento • Home-Hosted Lunch • Amalfi Coast scenic sailing

Disembark our ship and tender to the cliff-side town of Sorrento. Enjoy a discovery walk, and then learn what it's like to live and work here when we join a local family for a **Home-Hosted Lunch**. Return to our ship later and begin sailing toward Salerno, witnessing the colorful Amalfi Coast during a scenic cruise.

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### DAY 9 • Salerno • Paestum • Buffalo mozzarella farm

Tour Paestum, an ancient Greco-Roman city. Then visit a local farm to sample buffalo mozzarella cheese. Return to Salerno later for a discovery walk, followed by a conversation about the city's World War II history.

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### DAY 10 • Salerno • Optional Pompeii tour

Explore Salerno independently, or join the half-day optional tour to Pompeii, witnessing the devastation caused when Mount Vesuvius erupted almost 2,000 years ago.

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### DAY 11 • Lipari, Sicily • Salina • A Day in the Life of a farm on Salina • Strait of Messina

Discover the quaint charm of the Aeolian Islands. Tender to Lipari, and then enjoy a private boat ride to Salina during which we'll enjoy views of nature. After a panoramic bus ride around the island, experience **A Day in the Life** of a caper farm to learn about the island's agricultural traditions. Return back to the island later for a discovery walk. Later, gather on the Sun Deck for a scenic cruise through the Strait of Messina.

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### DAY 12 • Mount Etna • Italian geology conversation

Discover Mount Etna, Europe's tallest active volcano, and embark on a hike along its slope. Explore traces of Etna's lava flows before enjoying lunch in a mountain lodge. Later, we'll enjoy a conversation onboard with an expert in Italian geology.

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### DAY 13 • Siracusa • Controversial Topic: The Sicilian Mafia

Discover Siracusa, including its historical heart, Ortigia, and admire architectural splendors. Later, two experts will join us onboard to discuss the **Controversial Topic** of the Sicilian mafia and hear first-hand accounts of this notorious crime syndicate.

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### DAY 14 • Valletta, Malta • Controversial Topic: Late journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia

Cruise into Valletta, Malta's walled capital city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy an included tour. Visit to Casa Rocca Piccola, a palace built by a member of the Knights of Malta. Later, discuss a **Controversial Topic** when you're joined by a local with firsthand knowledge about a journalist who gave her life to expose the corruption within the Maltese government.

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### DAY 15 • Sliema • Disembark ship • Mdina

Disembark the ship and journey to Mdina, the former capital of Malta known as the "Silent City," for a walking tour.

B,L—The Victoria Hotel or similar

### DAY 16 • Valletta • Three Cities • Hagar Qim

Continue exploring Malta during a walking tour in one of "The Three Cities:" Vittoriosa. Then, visit the megalithic temple complex of Hagar Qim, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which boasts remains older than Stonehenge and the Pyramids.

B,D—The Victoria Hotel or similar

### DAY 17 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your return home. Or, begin your *Milan, the Lakes & the Piedmont* post-trip extension.

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## 2023 Departure Date & Price

Additional departure cities are available

DECK		SEP 18, 2023
A	Upper Deck	\$9395
B		\$9195
C	Main Deck (Window Stateroom)	\$8795
D		\$8295

### AIR ADD-ON

Dulles	\$1200
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**Deposit:** \$500 Deposit per person.

**Single Supplement:** low cost. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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6 months	4% off	\$260	\$520
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