



PRE- AND POST-CRUISE OPTIONS

Cruising the Rivas and Islands of France, Italy and Spain

September 26 to October 4, 2018

We are pleased to offer you these Pre- and Post-Cruise Options to further enhance your journey.

To book your Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Options, please complete the enclosed reservation form. Reservations and payment in full are due in the offices of Gohagan & Company no later than **June 22, 2018**. The Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Options may not be available for purchase after this date.



Built by the Roman Emperors in A.D. 80, the Colosseum held gladiatorial spectacles for almost four hundred years.

ETERNAL ROME

PRE-CRUISE OPTION

September 24 to 27, 2018

The “Eternal City” of Rome showcases its spectacular landmarks from centuries as a center of power, culture and religion. Said to have been founded by the twins Romulus and Remus, sons of the war god Mars, in 753 B.C., Rome has gifted to the world the astonishing monuments of its ancient Empire, the greatest works of Michelangelo and Raphael and the Baroque masterpieces of Bernini. In this UNESCO World Heritage site, the old Republic blends with the medieval, and the Renaissance melds with the modern—resulting in the world’s finest open-air museum—the perfect prelude to your cruise along the Italian, French and Spanish Rivas.

The fifth-century Church of St. Peter in Chains houses the shackles that bound the apostle during his imprisonments in Jerusalem and Rome. According to legend, the chains arrived at the basilica centuries later in two pieces, but miraculously fused when placed next to each other. See them at the high altar and then, at the church’s imposing but unfinished tomb of Pope Julius II, admire one of Michelangelo’s most celebrated works—his remarkable sculpture of *Moses*.

Walk the sculpted stone and marble ruins of the historic Roman Forum, where the Ionic



Magnificent St. Peter's Square at Vatican City is where the faithful gather to recite the Angelus and receive a blessing from the Pope.

columns of the commanding Temple of Saturn, the triumphal Arch of Septimius Severus, Julius Caesar's Senate House and the atmospheric foundations of a myriad of shrines, monuments and edifices testify to the center of ancient Roman life for nearly a millennia. Nearby, explore the iconic Colosseum, the massive outdoor arena built by the Flavian emperors on the grounds of Nero's former palace in the first century A.D. The six-acre stone and concrete amphitheater hosted gladiatorial games, mock naval battles and other spectacles attended by up to 50,000 Romans at a time.

The UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatican City is the world's smallest fully independent nation-state and one of the most sacred places in the Christian world. Visit the opulent Vatican Museums to see priceless works from the extensive collection amassed since the 15th century by the Roman Catholic Church, including ancient candelabra, 16th-century Flemish tapestries and 40 enormous, meticulously detailed maps of Italy painted onto the walls of the newly restored Gallery of Maps. In the holy Sistine Chapel, marvel at the awe-inspiring ceiling frescoes commissioned by Pope Julius II and painted by Michelangelo. The artist worked for four years to create the nine panels depicting scenes from the Book of Genesis, among the greatest artistic achievements of all time.

Adjacent to Bernini's ingeniously designed, colonnaded St. Peter's Square, visit the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, a masterpiece

of Renaissance architecture begun in 1506 and completed nearly a century later. Inside its incredible Baroque interior, see stunning works of art by Bernini, Raphael and Michelangelo and descend to the underground grottoes, containing the tombs of St. Peter the Apostle and the popes.

Accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe WESTIN EXCELSIOR ROME, located within walking distance of the grand Via Veneto, one of the most elegant streets in all of Rome.

Day 1 Depart the U.S.

Day 2 Arrive in Rome, Italy

Day 3 Rome

Day 4 Rome/Civitavecchia/Embark LE LYRIAL

Included Features:

- ◆ Accommodations for two nights in the ideally located, deluxe WESTIN EXCELSIOR ROME, inclusive of taxes and service.
- ◆ Breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Visit to the oft-overlooked Church of St. Peter in Chains, home to Michelangelo's famed *Moses* sculpture.
- ◆ Tours of the historic Roman Forum and the massive Colosseum, both UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- ◆ Visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatican City, featuring the impressive Vatican Museums, the 15th-century Sistine Chapel and the sacred St. Peter's Basilica.
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with local experienced guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Program Director to accompany you throughout the Pre-Cruise.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

\$1195 USD per person, double occupancy.

\$1795 USD per person, single occupancy.



BARCELONA AND BEYOND

POST-CRUISE OPTION

October 4 to 6, 2018

The city of Barcelona was founded by the Phoenicians and Carthaginians and, over the centuries, absorbed the influences of its Roman, Gothic, Moorish, French and Spanish rulers. Today, this lively Catalan capital and its surrounding region offer the perfect conclusion to your Riviéras cruise.

Barcelona's cosmopolitan center has all the highlights of a modern city, but its old heart constitutes one of the greatest concentrations of Gothic architecture in Europe. The panoramic city tour features the well-preserved medieval Barri Gòtic (Gothic District)—the site of the ancient Roman fortifications, the 15th-century Catalan Government Palace and the Classical-inspired City Hall—and a visit to the richly carved and ornately sculptured interior of the soaring Barcelona Cathedral.

See Antoni Gaudí's striking Casa Milà and visit his extraordinary Basílica de la Sagrada Família, a UNESCO World Heritage site imaginatively incorporating Gothic and Byzantine elements alongside the architect's distinctive style.

Outside Barcelona, explore Colonia Güell, an architectural gallery of heritage embodying the atmosphere of an early 1900's textile industrial village. Discover one of Gaudí's most hidden treasures—the characteristically intricate Crypt of the Colonia Güell—an exemplary demonstration of his spatial brilliance and a UNESCO Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided walk through the charming, sun-soaked streets, lined with historic singular buildings of the Art Nouveau era.

Along Catalonia's multi-peaked Montserrat—said to be the inspiration of Wagner's opera, *Parsifal*—visit the Benedictine Monastery of Santa María, founded in 1025, and its 16th-century basilica. Montserrat still draws pilgrims from all over Christendom to kiss the Black Virgin (La Moreneta), the 12th-century wooden sculpture of Mary that is regarded as Catalonia's patron. Today, the monastery is home to over 70 monks who still abide by the sixth-century Benedict rule.



Pope Benedict XVI consecrated Barcelona's awe-inspiring Basílica de la Sagrada Família in November 2010.

Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA BARCELONA, ideally located in the central Dreta de l'Eixample district and within walking distance of the Gaudí-designed Casa Batlló Museum.

Day 1 Barcelona, Spain/Disembark LE LYRIAL

Day 2 Barcelona

Day 3 Barcelona/Return to the U.S.

Included Features:

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Accommodations for two nights in the ideally located, Five-Star MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA BARCELONA, inclusive of taxes and service.
- ◆ Breakfast each morning and one lunch.



- ◆ Panoramic tour of Barcelona featuring the medieval Barri Gòtic (Gothic District).
- ◆ Visits to the Catalan Gothic-style Barcelona Cathedral and the Antoni Gaudí-designed Basílica de la Sagrada Família, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Tour of Colonia Güell, famous for its *fàbrica* past, including Guadí's UNESCO World Heritage-designated Crypt.
- ◆ Excursion to scenic Montserrat, featuring the centuries-old Benedictine monastery and the sacred Black Virgin statue, with lunch.
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotels.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Program Director to accompany you throughout the Post-Cruise Option.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.

\$1345 USD per person, double occupancy.

\$2095 USD per person, single occupancy.

***Please note:** Each Pre-Cruise Option and/or Post-Cruise Option is sold as a separate package; individual services and/or Included Features of the Pre-Cruise Option and/or Post-Cruise Option cannot be purchased individually.*

**PRE-CRUISE OPTION AND POST-CRUISE OPTION
CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

In the event you have to cancel your reservation, cancellation policies as outlined in your travel program brochure apply. **These policies are strictly enforced.** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until they are received **in writing** in the offices of Gohagan & Company.

A minimum of 35 participants per program is required for the Eternal Rome Pre-Cruise and the Barcelona and Beyond Post-Cruise Options to operate.

