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ROME TO VALLETTA

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Dwight David Eisenhower II

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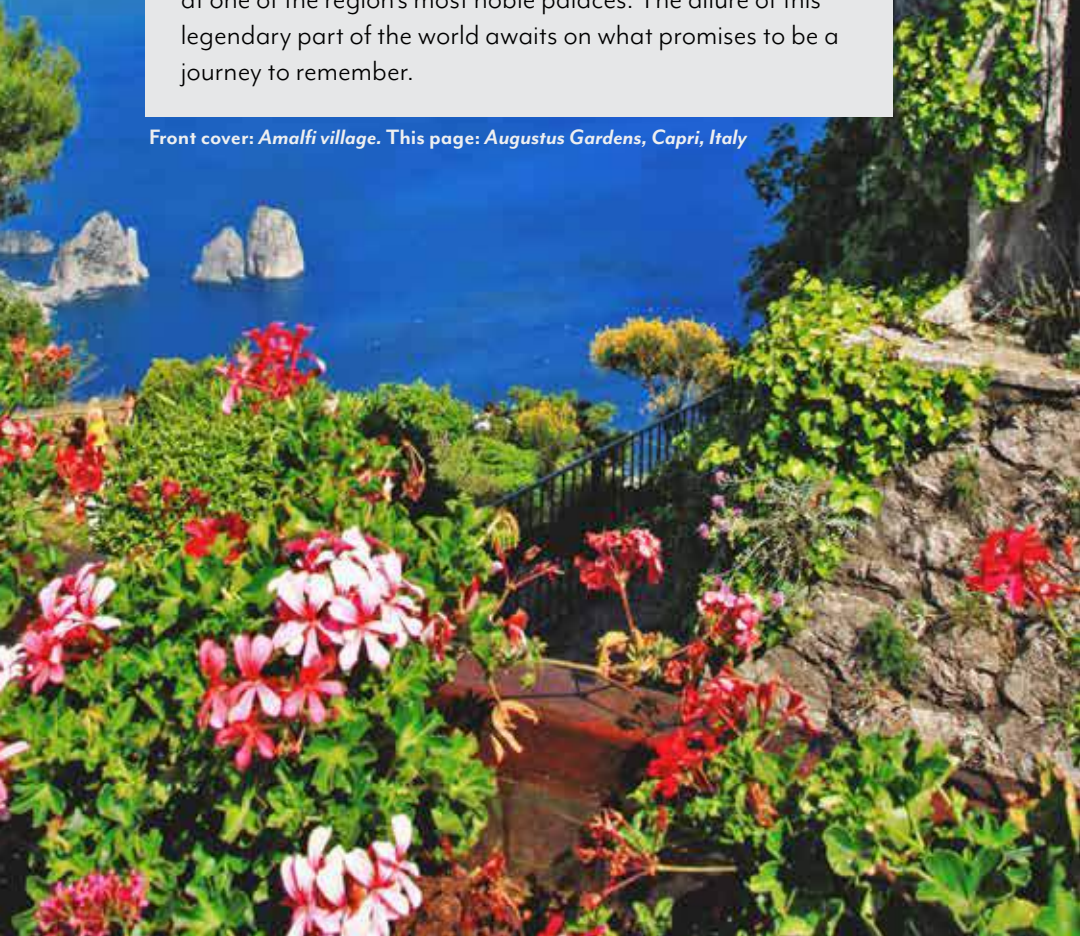
World Navigator

2025 Departure: June 27 to July 5 (featuring study leader **Sara James**)

Crossroads of History

Bask in sun-dappled cities at the crossroads of history on this deluxe, seven-night cruise from Rome to Valletta aboard the exclusively chartered **World Navigator**, a deluxe small ship able to dock in unique ports not available on other itineraries. From the UNESCO-inscribed ruins of Pompeii to the 16th-century splendor of Malta's capital city of Valletta, our Mediterranean sojourn transports you to an age of ancient empires that flourished centuries ago. Behold the breathtaking beauty of the Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO-World Heritage site comprised of 13 postcard perfect towns — including Amalfi, where you will have time to peruse the shops at your own pace before cruising to the nearby Isle of Capri. Watch bygone times unfold in the Sicilian capital city of Palermo and marvel at Taormina's ancient Roman Odeon, Greco-Roman Theater and 14th-century Corvaia Palace. Join guest speaker **Dwight David Eisenhower II** on a special visit to Catania's Historical Museum of the Landing in Sicily 1943; step into Syracuse's mythical past; and enjoy a wine tasting at one of the region's most noble palaces. The allure of this legendary part of the world awaits on what promises to be a journey to remember.

Front cover: Amalfi village. This page: Augustus Gardens, Capri, Italy





Monreale Cathedral in Palermo, Sicily



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Dear National Trust Traveler:

Sicily, Malta and the Amalfi Coast have possessed an almost mythical appeal since Homer and Virgil first extolled their virtues. From the awe-inspiring ancient ruins of Pompeii, a city frozen in time, to the ancient cliffside village of Taormina, this exclusive itinerary explores the region's most storied villages, resplendent shores and prized remnants of bygone civilizations.

Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe **World Navigator**, an intimate yacht featuring only 95 ocean-view suites and staterooms. Dock in unique ports of call not available on other itineraries and enjoy attentive, personal service. Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites and tour the Historical Museum of the Landing in Sicily 1943 with guest speaker **Dwight David Eisenhower II**, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This extraordinary travel program features at least one included excursion in each port with memorable experiences and ample time to explore at your own pace. Enhance your tour with the Rome Pre-Tour and/or Valletta Post-Tour Extension. Reserve now while extended booking savings and space are still available.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

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Study Leader



Professor Emerita of Art History at Mary Baldwin University, **Sara N. James's** 30-year teaching career afforded her the opportunity to teach a broad range of courses including Classical, Medieval, Renaissance (Italian and Northern), and Baroque art and architecture. She also served as director of the Art History Studies Abroad Program, where she taught students on site in Italy and Northern Europe. Her publications include two books as well as numerous contributions to scholarly journals. Sara holds a Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Virginia and currently serves on the faculty of the Beverley Street Studio School in Staunton, VA.

Other opportunities to travel with National Trust Tours and Gohagan & Company:


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August 24 to September 1, 2025

Provence: Featuring Art, Cuisine & Wine
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GUEST SPEAKER

Dwight David Eisenhower II

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Dwight David Eisenhower II is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, "Eisenhower: At War 1943–1945," was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Eisenhower received a B.A. in history cum laude from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. cum laude from The George Washington University Law School. Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches "Communication and the Presidency."

Historical Museum of the Landing in Sicily 1943

Meet Professor Eisenhower on a specially arranged visit to the **Historical Museum of the Landing in Sicily 1943**, which chronicles the Allied battles on the southern coast of Sicily in July 1943. Learn more about the history of these critical campaigns as Eisenhower reflects on his grandfather's World War II legacy and the battles waged here that helped bring the Allies to victory in Europe.

Amazing Amalfi: A Coastal Portrait

The village of Amalfi



Lemon grove in Sorrento, Italy



The fragrant aroma of bougainvillea and lemon blossoms fills the air as you travel along Italy's divine Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site. According to Greek legend, it was on these spectacular shores that Hercules chose to bury his beloved Amalfi, a nymph who died at a young age. Enjoy jaw-dropping views of the opulent villas, terraced vineyards and sun-drenched beaches that make it so famous on a panoramic drive along the Tyrrhenian Sea. The cliffside villages that dot this picturesque coastline flourished from Roman occupation in the fourth century through the Middle Ages to modern times, resulting in a vibrant *mélange* of culinary traditions and architecture. Your Amalfi Coast excursion includes a visit to the medieval town of Amalfi, often referred to as the "Pearl of the Mediterranean." After a short orientation tour, you will have some time to peruse the village's artisanal boutiques or enjoy its seaside vistas. Have your cameras ready for a morning of breathtaking beauty amid a resort ambiance like no other.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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2025 | 9-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1 | June 27

Depart your home city on an overnight flight.

Rome, Italy/Embark Ship

Day 2 | June 28

Arrive in Rome, Italy. Embark the **World Navigator**. (D)

Sorrento for Pompeii

Day 3 | June 29

Enjoy breakfast with views of Sorrento, the scenic gateway to Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii. Explore the ancient petrified city of Pompeii on foot to see the wealthy Vetti family estate, the extraordinary amphitheater and Temple of Jupiter. Later this afternoon, immerse yourself in Sorrento's local traditions on a walking tour through the historical old town that includes a chance to learn the secrets of limoncello and experience

a tasting of the popular Italian liqueur. Later this evening you may enjoy a traditional tarantella performance, featuring traditional Neapolitan songs and dance. Join fellow guests tonight for the Captain's Welcome Reception. (B,L,R,D)

Amalfi Coast/Amalfi/ Isle of Capri

Day 4 | June 30

Admire the natural splendor of the Amalfi Coast on a scenic drive to the medieval village of Amalfi, where you may enjoy time on your own to explore the charming boutiques and cafes. Later this afternoon we sail to Capri — the island where, legend has it, Homer's Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens. Visit the Augustus Gardens, a series of

serene, flower-filled terraces that afford breathtaking panoramas. You will also see the ancient perfumery of Carthusia — the smallest fragrance laboratory in the world. (B,L,D)

Palermo

Day 5 | July 1

Visit Palermo's Baroque square and the 12th-century Duomo of Cefalù cathedral. Step inside the Palatine Chapel, a 12th-century masterpiece that reflects Sicily's diverse origins with European, Sicilian, Byzantine and Arab influences. At the Capo market, see revered Palermo street food and admire colorful stalls. After a tasting nearby, visit the UNESCO-designated Cathedral of Monreale — one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture and known for its Byzantine mosaics. (B,D)

Fountain of Diana on Ortigia Island, Sicily



Pompeii Ruins, Italy



Giardini Naxos/ Taormina/Catania

Day 6 | July 2

Be on deck this morning as we cruise past the Aeolian Island of Stromboli, the “Lighthouse of the Mediterranean.”

Travel to Taormina, where a guided walking tour takes you along the Corso Umberto to the archaeological site of the Roman Odeon, built in 21 B.C. Visit the remarkably preserved Greco-Roman Theatre, the most dramatically sited Greek theater in the world that’s still in use today, and explore the 14th-century Corvaia Palace. Return to the ship for lunch on board, followed by an excursion with Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II to visit the Historical Museum of the Landing in Sicily 1943 in nearby Catania. (B,L,D)

Syracuse

Day 7 | July 3

Discover the city’s ancient past on a visit to the Neapolis Archaeological Park, containing some of Syracuse’s most important ruins. See the Altar of Hieron II, a monument dedicated to Zeus and used for public sacrifices, and the Ear of Dionysius, a limestone cave carved out of the Temenites hill. Later you will travel to the small island of Ortigia for a walking tour that includes the sixth century B.C. Temple of Apollo, a cathedral containing the ruins of a fifth century B.C. temple dedicated to the goddess Athena and the Piazza Archimede. Enjoy a wine tasting on a visit to one of the most noble palaces in the area, hosted by Baron Beneventano, a leading wine producer. (B,L,D)

Valletta, Malta

Day 8 | July 4

Disembark for an excursion that includes a stroll through the 16th-century Barrakka Gardens. Also visit the Grandmaster’s Palace, the former residence of the Order of the Knights of St. John, and the St. John’s Co-Cathedral with its two large bell towers. Admire the lavishly ornamented interior and see Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio’s only signed work, the dramatic “Beheading of John the Baptist.” Later this evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception. (B,L,R D)

Valletta/Disembark Ship/Return to Home City

Day 9 | July 5

Transfer to the airport after breakfast for a return flight to your home city. (B)

View of Old Quarter in Palermo, Sicily



Ceiling of St. Johns Cathedral, Valletta, Malta





World Navigator

This newly constructed small ship, an intimate yacht appointed in retro-chic elegance, is able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships. Each of the 95 suites and staterooms (up to 465 square feet) features a stunning ocean view, and most include a private balcony. All accommodations in your private haven at sea offer a queen-sized bed that can be separated into two twin beds, a private bathroom with spa shower, and luxury hotel-style amenities — including bath products from L’Occitane. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included, featuring culinary adventures that rival your discoveries ashore.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE
June 27 to July 5
(Embarkation: June 28)

Category-Description		Standard Rate	Extended Booking \$1,000 Savings*
8	Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$6,390	\$5,390
7	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$7,890	\$6,890
6	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$8,990	\$7,990
5	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$9,790	\$8,790
4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$10,990	\$9,990
3	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$11,790	\$10,790
2	Stateroom with private balcony . Deck 6.	\$12,890	\$11,890
1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$14,090	\$13,090
Journey Suite 2	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$15,090	\$14,090
Journey Suite 1	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$15,990	\$14,990
Discovery Suite	Suite with larger private balcony and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,890	\$15,890
Navigator Suite 2	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$17,790	\$16,790
Navigator Suite 1	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$18,790	\$17,790

***Extended Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 5/28/25 and pay in full at time of booking.**

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. Single accommodations are available in categories 6, 7 & 8 at 160% of the cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Extended Booking Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Rome

June 24 to 28, 2025 (Program Begins: June 25)

Begin your Mediterranean tour with three nights in the UNESCO-inscribed “Eternal City” of Rome, which features spectacular Baroque landmarks from centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power. Travel to the Colosseum, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, followed by a tour of the Roman Forum. Immerse yourself in Vatican City, the smallest country in the world and home to the opulent Vatican Museums, on a tour that includes a visit to Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel. Stroll the Piazza Trinita, see the iconic Spanish Steps and toss a coin into the legendary Trevi Fountain. Conclude your time in Rome with a guided tour of Villa Borghese Park and its lovely art museum, the Borghese Gallery. Accommodations are in the deluxe **Westin Excelsior Rome**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,495

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,895



POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Valletta

July 5 to 7, 2025 (Program Ends: July 7)

Complete your journey with a two-night sojourn in the beautifully preserved, UNESCO-inscribed town of Valletta, built by the Knights of the Order of St. John in the late 16th century. Visit the megalithic temple of Hagar Qim to explore the Palace of the Inquisitor and the Tarxien Temples. Experience an authentic village *festa*, a colorful local festival deeply rooted in Maltese culture, and enjoy an excursion to the island of Gozo, the second largest of Malta’s seven-island archipelago. Accommodations are in the deluxe **Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$695

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$895

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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Taormina Theater, Sicily, Italy



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