# Nice to Rome: La Dolce Vita

**National Trust for Historic Preservation**

**May 6 — May 14, 2027**

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**DEAR TRAVELERS,**

Journey with us along one of Europe's most captivating coastlines, from the elegance of Nice, France to the eternal allure of Rome, Italy, on a luxurious small-ship voyage aboard *Douglas Mawson*. This intimate expedition offers the perfect blend of cultural treasures, stunning landscapes, and immersive experiences.

Explore vibrant seaside towns, wander through historic cobblestone streets, and discover hidden gems that few travelers ever encounter. Our carefully curated itinerary allows you to savor world-class cuisine, visit iconic landmarks, and enjoy authentic local encounters, all while cruising in comfort aboard a purpose-built ship designed for personal service and relaxed sophistication.

With Aurora Expeditions' legacy of over 35 years in small-ship exploration, you'll experience travel at its finest, where every detail is thoughtfully designed, and every day brings a new opportunity for discovery. Spaces are limited for this extraordinary journey from **Nice to Rome**, so we encourage you to secure your place soon.

**For reservations or more information, please contact:**

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We look forward to welcoming you on this remarkable adventure.

Warm regards,
**Meg Annacone-Poretz, MTA**
Director, National Trust Tours

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sail the legendary shores and secret hinterlands of the French and Italian rivieras, where sea meets story and hills cradle history. From waterfront villages to cliffside citadels, we hear tales of the wanderers and visionaries who shaped this stretch of Europe, tracing its transformation through ancient empires, ages of elegance, artistic awakenings, and cinematic flair. All wrapped in the enduring spirit of La Dolce Vita.

# TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore artistic enclaves and elegant villas along the French Riviera from the Musée Picasso in Antibes to the opulent Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild
- Cruise the Ligurian coast to visit the World Heritage-listed cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre
- Soak up the ambience of the Italian Riviera and France's Côte d'Azur
- Discover the Renaissance spirit of Tuscany in Florence's grand piazzas or Pisa's leaning tower
- Wander Rome's storied streets, where iconic monuments and timeless tales await

**Your Choice Experiences**

Our 'Your Choice' curated excursions and enrichment program offers you a choice of experiences designed to bring cruising to a whole new level. Experience a medley of culture, traditions, and history as you travel beyond the ordinary, immersing yourself in each destination and creating lasting memories. One excursion per person, per port of call or city stay package is included.

# ITINERARY:

**Day 1 Arrive Nice, France**

On arrival at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport make your way to the arrival's hall to meet our Aurora Expeditions representative and be transferred to our group hotel. Please visit our hospitality desk in the hotel lobby to collect your luggage cabin tags and to speak with our ground operations team, who will share information regarding your itinerary in Nice and pre-embarkation procedures. After receiving your Aurora Expeditions cabin tags for your luggage, please clearly label the tags with your name and ship cabin number to assist our crew in delivering your luggage to your cabin.

Relax into the 'riviera vibe' today, with the reminder of your day leisure.

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Nice

**Day 2 Nice, France**

As one of the Mediterranean's most iconic cities, Nice grants us a millionaire's access to the French Riviera today with our 'Your Choice' morning experiences offering a selection of excursions fit for a VIP. Indulge in a little boutique shopping, take a dip in 'the Med' or linger over a lunch of French treats this afternoon, before we gather for a welcome drink to celebrate the start of our journey.

To most travelers the name Promenade des Anglais is synonymous with the stretch of shoreline connecting Antibes to Nice. Named after the wealthy English upper class who placed Nice at the top of their Grand Tour bucket list, the Promenade des Anglais follows the Mediterranean coast past an array of Belle Epoque hotels, Art Deco apartments and umbrellaed beaches. At the limit of the ruling House of Savoy, the people of the riviera voted to join France in the 1860s rather than the new Kingdom of Italy, making this region a unique blend of both cultures. The unique light, relaxed lifestyle and extravagant parties attracted as many artists and literary elite of the 20th century as it had attracted aristocrats the century before. From Monet, Chaplin and Valentino in Antibes to Bonnard at Le Cannet, and Picasso — to just about everywhere — it became the place to be seen for the avant-garde. This pocket of sunshine and decadence still attracts artists, authors and actors, who paint its vistas, write its stories and come to Cannes to be idolized.

Personalize your exploration with our included 'Your Choice' experiences.

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Nice

Meals: Breakfast, Welcome Reception (drinks and canapes)

## Day 3 Embark Monaco (Port: Monaco)

We depart Nice for a scenic drive to the medieval village of Saint-Paul de Vence. Our journey takes us inland to this traditional hilltop enclave, where the vibrant colors and artistic heritage of Picasso, Modigliani, Dufy, and Matisse run rich as its history. Marc Chagall, who returned from exile during World War II and lived in the village for 19 years, rests in the local cemetery, adding to the artistic prestige of the area. Here, our local guide will introduce you to tales of the renowned artists who were drawn to this quintessential Provençal village, before there's time for you to explore at your own pace.

Early afternoon we return to the coast where Monaco welcomes us in true style, offering a gateway to this one-of-akind principality. The opulent attitude of the world's second smallest country is its greatest attraction. Smaller than New York's Central Park, Monaco's 500-acre size, boasts the second highest GDP per capita in the world. Although the 9,500 native Monégasque are banned by law from gambling, it is the nation's foreign-born citizens, with their oversized bank accounts, multi-million Euro apartments and high-roller habits who frequent the casinos, with over 30 percent of the principality's residents listed as millionaires. They'll be time to introduce yourself to Monaco prior to boarding *Douglas Mawson* late-afternoon, where we enjoy a welcome dinner as we sail the French coastline towards Italy.

## Day 4 Genoa & Italian Riviera (Port: Genoa)

We slip quietly into Italian waters with daybreak finding us at the ancient maritime master of Genoa. This naval powerhouse lies as a guardian of Italy's northern coastline. The old port leads visitors through steep and narrow streets past medieval houses and churches which stand witness to the city's maritime history. Above the port is Renaissance Genoa, where Genoese merchants built fine palaces which rivalled even Venice. Art lovers will delight in exploring one of Genoa's palatial galleries, maritime enthusiasts can pay homage at Christopher Columbus's birthplace and discover one of Europe's premier maritime museums, while literature fans can wander through the villas and towns that inspired iconic authors to put pen to paper.

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## Day 5 Cinque Terre, Italy (Port: La Spezia)

From La Spezia, we explore the enchanting Cinque Terre, where five picturesque villages cling to dramatic coastal cliffs and have inspired artists and travelers for generations. Discover them from the sea with visits to two of the villages or follow one of the region's celebrated walking trails between two villages before rejoining our private boat for a scenic return to La Spezia.

**Day 6 Tuscany (Port: Livorno)**

When Italian women give birth they use the phrase, dare alla luce, which literally means to 'give to the light.' It is no coincidence that the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, widely acknowledged as having dragged Europe from the dark days of the Middle Ages into the light, was closely associated with the Renaissance or 'The Rebirth'. Rising from the ruins of the Roman Empire, Tuscany flourished into a wealthy trading and banking center, becoming Europe's first capitalist state. The Duchy's ruling family, the Medicis, sponsored its artistic scene with fervor. Artists transitioned from tradespeople to celebrities overnight, with da Vinci playing lute at their private parties and Michelangelo befriended by men who would become popes. The ruling classes commissioned works of art such as Donatello's Penitent Magdalene, Cellini's Perseus with the Head of Medusa, Botticelli's Birth of Venus and Raphael's Madonna del Cardellino. Throughout the Duchy, art was showcased in piazzas, scattered throughout the streets and placed at the town hall steps. A form of propaganda and a sign of power for all to see.

From Michelangelo to Leonardo di Vinci and Bonanno Pisano to Amerigo Vespucci, your day will be filled with their designs, artworks and architectural icons.

We overnight in the port of Livorno to accommodate our shore excursions, with a farewell dinner held onboard to celebrate our Mediterranean voyage.

A selection of 'Italian classics' highlight the wonders of Tuscany on our 'Your Choice' experiences today.

**Day 7 Disembark Livorno, Transfer to Rome (Port: Livorno)**

We disembark in Livorno, with our morning's drive finding us at one of Umbria's hilltop gems: Orvieto. Perched dramatically atop a volcanic plateau, Orvieto is one of central Italy's most captivating hill towns, famed for its magnificent Gothic cathedral and enchanting medieval streets. Following an introductory guided walk, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace. Browse the artisan shops, admire the town's architectural treasures, or simply settle into a café or trattoria for lunch and sample the flavors of Umbria. Whether wandering its flower-filled lanes, discovering hidden corners rich in history, or taking in views across the surrounding countryside, Orvieto offers an irresistible blend of beauty, history and authentic Italian charm.

Our afternoon drive takes us to Rome where we have a relaxing evening ready to explore Italy's capital tomorrow.

Accommodation: Starhotels Metropole Rome

Meals: Breakfast onboard

## Day 8 Rome

An intriguing tale of historical drama and legendary myths make Rome a popular topic in a game of trivia. Scandalous and sanguine, Roman lifestyle swung from democratic to autocratic, slavery to liberation, paganism to Christianity. The Roman empire's public relations machine flaunted its sovereignty with triumphant arches and fluted columns, monolithic mausoleums, statue-filled stairways and masterfully engineered temples. Enhanced by the wealth of the Catholic Church, the city added to its opulence and grandeur with baroque fountains, obelisk-centered piazzas and Christendom's domed cathedrals. The story of ancient Rome's insurmountable empire, its dramatic demise and the rise of the powerful Catholic Church is one of Europe's most compelling stories.

A tour of Rome is a highlight of any visit to Italy, especially for those whose homeland isn't blessed with such a wealth of history. Imperial relics rekindle the era when Rome's population of one million surpassed any other city worldwide. Our local guides merge the city's past and present through their stories on every street corner, along every alley and in every piazza.

Choose a shorter, comprehensive tour to see a slice of Roman life, or lace up your walking shoes and experience Rome from street level on a locally guided walking tour. In the afternoon, enjoy time for independent exploration, or join us to visit one of Christendom's greatest Basilicas; St Peters, before we gather this evening for a Farewell reception.

Accommodation: Starhotels Metropole Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Reception (drinks and canapes)

## Day 9 Depart Rome

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

## INCLUSIONS:

- Airport arrival and departure transfers to/from our group hotel on the first and final day of your voyage package
- Two nights' hotel accommodation, including breakfast, in Nice on Days 1 and 2
- Two nights' hotel accommodation, including breakfast, in Rome on Days 7 and 8
- Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service
- All meals, snacks, tea and coffee during voyage
- Meals listed as included during shore excursions and land portions of the package
- Premium spirits, cocktails, beer, wine and liqueurs during voyage
- Captain's Farewell Reception including four-course dinner
- Pre-voyage, post-voyage and shore excursion, 'Your Choice' experiences as outlined in the itinerary*
- Enrichment experiences as listed, including Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Onboard presentations and guiding services provided by our Voyage Host, Aurora Expeditions Team and local operators
- Gratuities during excursions and enrichment program for local guides, drivers, venues and local sites
- Port surcharges, permits, tender boat transfers, pilotage and landing fees
- Onboard Wi-Fi
- Headsets are available for use during our 'Your Choice' experiences when needed
- Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation)
- Comprehensive pre-departure information

*Our 'Your Choice' shore excursions listed in the itinerary are included. One excursion per person per port of call and city stay package is included, unless stated otherwise. The listed experiences are indicative only and must be reserved through our passenger portal at least 60 days prior to embarkation and cannot be amended after this time. If we do not receive your choices by this time, you will be allocated excursions by our automated system. Due to restrictions imposed by site management and government bodies, your passport details are required to purchase tickets for the included sites at the time of booking. While every effort is made to ensure you are allocated your primary preference shore excursion, we may occasionally need to allocate you on an alternative excursion due to operational reasons beyond our control.

## EXCLUSIONS:

- International or domestic flights — unless specified in itinerary
- Transfers — unless specified in itinerary
- Airport arrival or departure taxes
- Passport, visa, reciprocity and vaccination fees and charges
- Travel insurance or emergency evacuation charges
- Hotels and meals — unless specified in the itinerary
- All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to onboard gratuities*, laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, email or phone charges.

*A gratuity of $20 per person, per day for the crew and Expedition Team will be automatically added to your onboard account. You may remove or adjust this amount when settling your account.

130
maximum
passengers

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## DECK PLAN

### Ship Features

1. Change room/mudroom
2. Zodiac access points
3. Activity launching platform
4. Lecture room & lounge
5. Assembly station
6. Reception
7. Ship shop
8. Dining room
9. Library
10. Gym
11. Sauna
12. Sitting area & pool bar^
13. Observation lounge
14. The Hut restaurant
15. Bar
16. Upper glass atrium lounge
17. Lower glass atrium lounge
18. Observation decks
19. Swimming pool* and sun deck
20. Jacuzzis
21. Medical clinic
22. Bridge
23. Elevator
24. Main entrance
25. Expedition desk
26. Citizen Science centre

♿ Disability accessible staterooms

↔ Connecting staterooms and suites

*Swimming pool not operational when sailing in open waters. Hours of operation subject to weather conditions.s

^Pool bar is open subject to weather conditions.

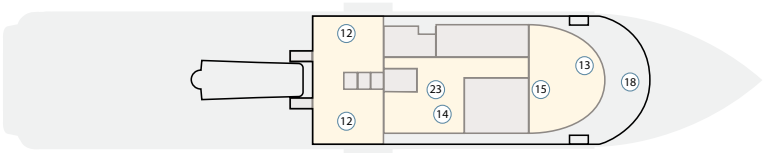
Note: Deck 7 Aurora Stateroom Superior cabins queen bed only, no twin beds.

Deck plan is subject to change.

### Stateroom Category

- Aurora Stateroom Single
- Aurora Stateroom Superior Single
- Aurora Stateroom Twin
- Aurora Stateroom Triple
- Aurora Stateroom Superior
- Balcony Stateroom — C
- Balcony Stateroom — B
- Balcony Stateroom — A
- Balcony Stateroom Superior
- Junior Suite
- Captain's Suite

Deck 8



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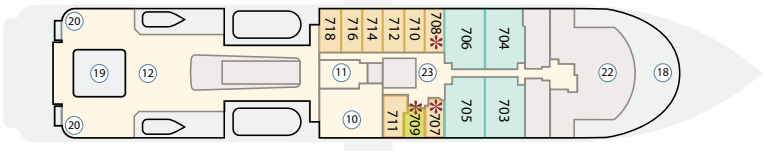


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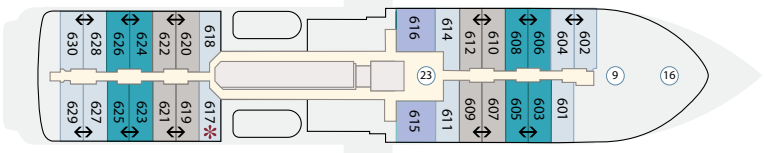


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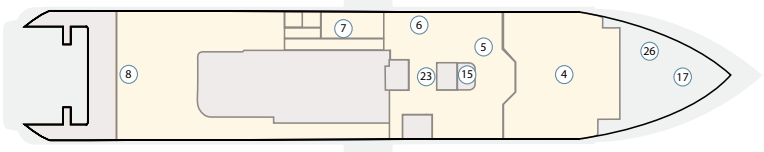

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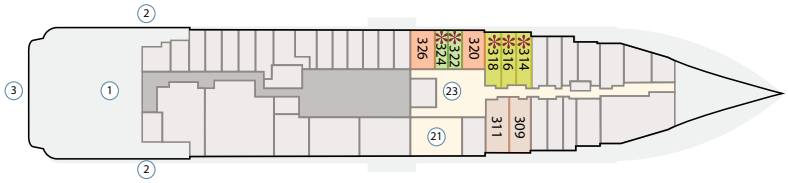
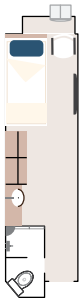
Deck 3



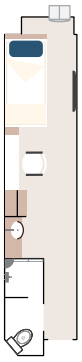

* Single Cabins.

# STATEROOMS AND SUITES LAYOUT



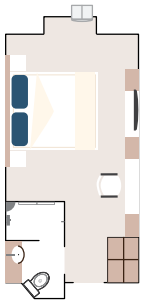
### Aurora Stateroom Single

Stateroom 9.85m² (106.0ft²), porthole and bathroom.



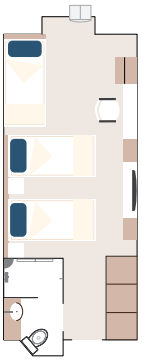
### Aurora Stateroom Superior Single

Deck 3 Stateroom 15.18m2 (163.4ft2), Porthole and bathroom. Deck 7 Stateroom 10.97m2 (118.1ft2), French Balcony and bathroom.



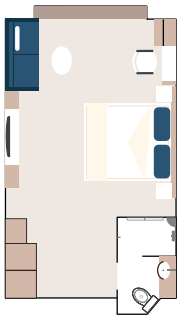
### Aurora Stateroom Twin

Stateroom 15.37m2— 15.97m2 (165.4ft2— 171.91ft2), porthole and bathroom.



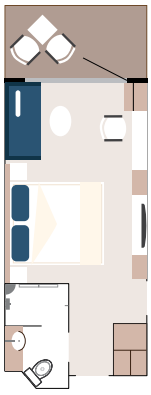
### Aurora Stateroom Triple

Stateroom 22.57m2 (242.9ft2), porthole and bathroom.



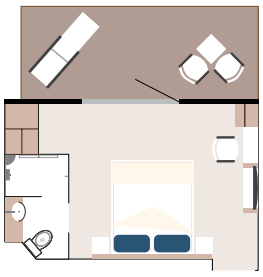
### Aurora Stateroom Superior

Stateroom up to 13.97m2 — 16.17m2 (150.4ft2 —174.1ft2), French balcony and bathroom.



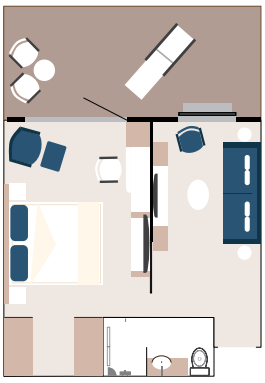
### Balcony Stateroom

Stateroom and private balcony combined size 21.07m2 — 26.77m2 (226.8ft2 — 288.2ft2), balcony and bathroom. For stateroom sizes in categories A, B and C please contact us.



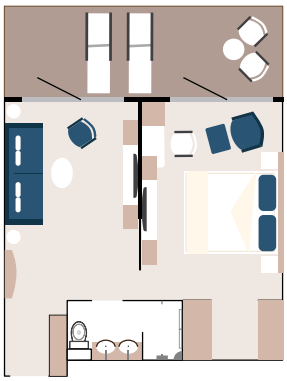
### Balcony Stateroom Superior

Stateroom and private balcony combined size 27.77m2 — 36.27m2 (298.9ft2 — 390.4ft2), balcony and bathroom.



### Junior Suite

Stateroom and private balcony combined size up to 41.47m2— 41.87m2 (446.4ft2 — 450.7ft2), balcony, bathroom and lounge.



### Captain's Suite

Stateroom and private balcony combined size 45.22m2 (486.7.1ft2), balcony, bathroom and lounge.

*Layouts are a guide only. Cabin configuration may vary, depending on the cabin's location on the ship.

## PRICING

**Voyage Dates:** May 6, 2027 — May 14, 2027
**Ship:** Douglas Mawson — 130 passengers maximum
**Tour code:** FRI001D

| STATEROOM OPTIONS | SAVE UP TO 50% |
|---|---|
| **Aurora Stateroom Superior**<br>Sleeps: 2<br>Deck: 7 | FROM ~~$10,595~~<br>**$5,298 pp twin share**<br>Price is inclusive of all discounts |
| **Balcony Stateroom Category C**<br>Sleeps: 2<br>Deck: 4<br>Deck: 6 | FROM ~~$10,895~~<br>**$5,448 pp twin share**<br>Price is inclusive of all discounts |
| **Balcony Stateroom Category B**<br>Sleeps: 2<br>Deck: 4<br>Deck: 6 | FROM ~~$11,495~~<br>**$5,748 pp twin share**<br>Price is inclusive of all discounts |
| **Balcony Stateroom Category A**<br>Sleeps: 2<br>Deck: 4<br>Deck: 6 | FROM ~~$12,395~~<br>**$6,198 pp twin share**<br>Price is inclusive of all discounts |

To confirm your booking, a completed booking form and non-refundable deposit is required within 7 days of reserved berth/s.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### INTRODUCTION
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### PRICE AND VALIDITY
Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices and availability are valid at the time of printing and are subject to change. Airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated.

### RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK
By booking this trip, you agree to accept all inherent risks of the proposed adventure trip and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, or loss; that if you suffer injury or illness, Aurora Expeditions can, at your cost, arrange medical treatment and emergency evacuation service, as Aurora Expeditions deems appropriate for your well-being; and you release Aurora Expeditions from any and all liability for any loss or damage.

### BOOKING CONFIRMATION AND PAYMENT TERMS
To confirm your booking, an advanced deposit of 25% of the price of each ticket is required within 7 days. To confirm your participation in an activity, a deposit of $250 per person per activity is required. The activity deposit is in addition to the deposit required to confirm your place on the expedition, and the deposit for the activity is only refundable if the activity is canceled due to minimum numbers not being reached or the activity is canceled by a third party. Final payment is due at least 120 days prior to the departure date of the expedition. If final payment is not made when due, Aurora Expeditions reserves the right to terminate the reservation and retain the deposit. Credit card payments are accepted.

### CANCELLATION OF YOUR EXPEDITION
If you wish to cancel your expedition, we ask that you notify your Travel Agent or our expedition sales team immediately in writing. Cancellation will take effect upon receipt by Aurora Expeditions (not the Travel Agent) of your written notice.

| **Written notice received days prior to departure date** | **Cancellation Fee per Passenger** |
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| 121 days or more prior to departure: | Deposit |
| 120 days or less prior to departure: | 100% of the full ticket price |

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### MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE
Due to the adventurous style of travel offered by Aurora Expeditions and the remoteness of the areas in which we travel, it is a condition of travel with Aurora Expeditions that all passengers are covered by comprehensive travel insurance prior to departure, and that they maintain such insurance for the duration of the expedition.

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Please complete this form to request a reservation or to be added to waitlists and early interest lists. We do not share personal information with third parties.

### EXPEDITIONER INFORMATION

Traveler 1 - Name on Passport

Traveler 1 - Preferred Name (if different than name on passport)

Traveler 1 - Date of Birth

Traveler 1 - Email Address

Traveler 1 - Cell Phone Number

Traveler 1 - Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip)

Traveler 2 - Name on Passport

Traveler 2 - Preferred Name (if different than name on passport)

Traveler 2 - Date of Birth

Traveler 2 - Email Address

Traveler 2 - Cell Phone Number

Traveler 2 - Mailing Address (If different than Traveler 1)

Which number would you like us to call to process reservation requests?

Accommodation: Single or Double

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice:

2nd choice:

**Return form to: info@nationaltrusttours.com**

Advance Payment: 25% of cabin fare per person. We will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment.