

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE -MARRAKECH -BARCELONA -ROME

\$ 4980 pp SMALL LUXURY HOLIDAY – Join Greg & Gaye on their annual holiday
20 Days with 16 days of your holiday are All inclusive – Limited Vacancies
Much More Benefits for early Bookings **NOV 12 – DEC 01**

We fly Singapore Airlines Saturday November 11, arriving in Rome on the morning of the 12th. We are then transferred to our cruise which departs Rome for our wonderful cruise through the Mediterranean. As we depart the Eternal city we will have our welcome drinks. Included here is your Oceanview Cabin with all Port charges and taxes but not gratuities. Excellent ports of call including, Naples (day trip to Sorrento and Ravello), Messina, Vallarta, Cagliari, Malaga (day trip to Granada), Cartagena, Valencia and Palma de Mallorca. After the cruise we spend a night in Barcelona before flying to Marrakech for 4 nights then drive to Casablanca for a short city tour before flying to Rome to stay in a Small Luxury Hotel of the World for 3 nights. There will be 8 Sessions of bridge (some of which, played at local clubs) and 4 tutorials.



Included in this Holiday: Temp 18 - 23 C

- 11 night cruise Rome to Barcelona includes **taxes** in an **Oceanview** Cabin. Doesn't include gratuities
- 8 nights excellent accommodation
- All breakfasts, 17 dinners & 17 Lunches
- All bridge fees, Workshops
- All transfers
- plus flights to Marrakech & Rome.
- 5 shore excursions
- 2 Land tours with walking tours
- Welcome drinks & Farewell drinks

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE – Inform Greg or Gaye if you would like a tour to be organised in advance.

Nov 12	12:00	Arrival time at ship.		
	17:00	Departure Time & Welcome Drinks		
Nov 13	09:30	Day tour to visit Sorrento & Naples		
Nov 14	09:30	Messina - Day tour can be organised but not included.		
Nov 15	09:30	Bridge Session 1		
	14:30	Valetta Afternoon tour with guide.		
Nov 16	09:30	Tutorial 1 Bridge Session 2	14:30	Bridge Session 3
Nov 17	14:30	Cagliari Island tour with guide		
Nov 18	09:30	Tutorial 2 Bridge Session 4	14:30	Bridge Session 5
Nov 19	10:00	Granada Tour Organised – Not included but book by Sept 30 please for discount.		
Nov 20	10:00	Cartagena Historical Guided tour included.		
Nov 21	10:00	Valencia - Guided tour can be organised but not included.		
	15:30	Tutorial 3 Bridge Session 6.		
Nov 22	10:00	Palma De Mallorca Hop On Hop Off bus tour included with guide.		
Nov 23	10:00	Disembark, Coach to take us to our Palace Hotel.		

BARCELONA

Nov 23	13:00	Afternoon guided tour of Barcelona.		
Nov 24	12:30	Depart Hotel for bridge at local club. Session 7 before Flight to Marrakech.		
	20:50	Flight to Marrakech VY 7332		

MARRAKECH

19:00+ Dinner in Restaurant Lunch also supplied.

Nov 24	23:30	Approximate arrival time at hotel.		
Nov 25	10:30	City Stroll & Medina tour with guide.		
Nov 26	09:00	Tutorial 4	10:00	Atlas Mountains & Valley Tour.
Nov 27	12:30	Bridge at Local Bridge Club. Bridge Session 8.		
Nov 28	09:30	Depart hotel for transfer and city tour of Casablanca and flight to Rome.		
	16:20	Flight to Rome. AZ 875		

ROME

Nov 29	10:30	Optional. Go with Gaye & Greg to Vatican City, Entry Fee not included.		
Nov 30	10:00	Walking tour of Rome.		
Dec 01	09:45	Sydney Transfer Time for those travelling Singapore Airlines.		

2: MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE - NORWEGIAN SPIRIT

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sunday	Nov 12	Rome		17:00
Monday	Nov 13	Naples, Italy	08:00	19:00
Tuesday	Nov 14	Messina, Sicily	08:00	18:00
Wednesday	Nov 15	Valletta, Malta	13:30	20:00
Thursday	Nov 16	At Sea		
Friday	Nov 17	Cagliari, Sardinia	08:00	17:00
Saturday	Nov 18	At Sea		
Sunday	Nov 19	Malaga, Spain (Granada)	08:00	17:00
Monday	Nov 20	Cartagena, Spain	08:00	17:00
Tuesday	Nov 21	Valencia, Spain	08:00	17:00
Wednesday	Nov 22	Palma de Mallorca, Spain	08:00	17:00
Thursday	Nov 23	Barcelona	05:00	Disembark

NORWEGIAN SPIRIT



Monday Nov 13 NAPLES: Day trip to Sorrento & Ravello included



Naples is one of the world's greatest cultural centers, filled with extraordinary works of art and architecture in the classical Greek and Roman styles. Several interesting tours are available of the city itself and the fascinating places that lie just outside of Naples. Sorrento is a coastal town in southwestern Italy, facing the Bay of Naples on the Sorrentine Peninsula. Perched atop cliffs that separate the town from its busy marinas, it's known for sweeping water views and Piazza Tasso, a cafe-lined square. The historic center is a warren of narrow alleys that's home to the Chiesa di San Francesco, a 14th-century church with a tranquil cloister.

Tuesday Nov 14 MESSINA - SICILY: TAORMINA



Situated on the western shore of the strait bearing its name, this port is the gateway to Sicily. Messina's principal attractions include the Duomo, its adjoining bell tower and the local museum on the northern outskirts of the city. Train-ferries, to Taormina.

Tour organized but not included.

Wednesday Nov 15 VALLETTA, MALTA - Included Island tour with guide



This miniature Mediterranean island is marked with medieval castles, palaces, minarets and grand churches. Various excursions visit Mdina (the old capital of Malta), the Palace of the Grand Masters, and St. John's Co-Cathedral. Or, explore the Malta Crafts Centre on your own. Island tour with guide included.

Friday Nov 17 CAGLIARI, SARDINIA - Included Island tour with guide



Cagliari, the city of seven hills, was described by D.H. Lawrence as "a sudden rose-cut amber jewel naked at the depth of the vast indenture." Indeed, this hidden city is a diamond in the rough. Visit the Roman ruins, like the imposing amphitheater and Viper's Caves, scattered all over the city.

Sunday Nov 19 Malaga, Spain - GRANADA



Malaga is a peaceful port on Spain's famous Costa del Sol. Visitors can spend time in the seaside cafes and stroll the palm-lined waterfront. The Moorish fortresses and the Museo de Bellas Artes, home to some of Picasso's paintings, are among the most prominent attractions here. An excursion to the interior offers views of the mountain villages of Mijas and the grand Alhambra castle.

Guided Tour Organised but not included

Monday Nov 20 Cartagena, Spain - [Guided Tour Included](#)



Cartagena is covered in castles and swept by the breeze of the Mediterranean Sea, brimming with over 3,000 years of history. Discover the Teatro Romano, which is in the process of being excavated and is considered one of the most important theaters in Spain. Don't forget to visit the port, where the modernist town hall is located, as well as several monuments and the first submarine ever to be launched in the world.

Guided tour included here

Tuesday Nov 21 Valencia, Spain - No tour Included



Everyone who visits Valencia must try the famous specialty of the area, paella, a saffron-flavored Spanish dish made with varying combinations of rice, vegetables, meat, chicken and seafood. Sights of the town include the Cathedral and Chapel of the Holy Chalice, Basilica de la Virgen de los Desamparados, the city hall, the old "Casa Enseñanza" and the Central Market.

Wednesday Nov 22 Palma de Mallorca, Spain [City tour by Hop On - Hop Off Bus included](#)



Approximately 60 miles off the coast of Spain, Mallorca is the largest of the Balearic Islands, with some 310 miles of sparkling coastline. Passengers sailing into port will get an amazing view of the dramatic Gothic cathedral La Seu, set just above the harbour, and the hilltop Bellver Castle. Most excursions visit both of these sites as well as the Spanish Pueblo and the island's famous white-sand beaches. When our cruise ship docks in Palma de Mallorca, head ashore for a hop-on hop-off City Sightseeing tour. From the open-top, double-decker bus, see the city's beloved landmarks and step off to explore at any of the 16 stops. With your 24-hour ticket, travel at your own pace and listen to audio commentary for the history behind the sights as you go. Upgrade to include a walking tour, boat tour, or entry to Bellver Castle with your ticket.

3: BARCELONA – AVENIDA PALACE – November 23 - 24



Situated in the centre of Barcelona and with more than 65 years' experience, El Avenida Palace Hotel is an icon of this Catalan city. A warm and friendly service are the main hallmarks of this hotel and one of the main reasons our guests always have fond memories of the times they spend with us. The emblematic hotel, characteristic for an impressive central staircase, offers 151 rooms, 2 luxurious suites and a spectacular terrace with views over the city.

Included: A 3 hour city tour is included here. Entry to Gaudi House not included.



4: MARRAKESH – RIAD PALAIS SEDDAN November 24 – 28

Very stylish 19th century Riad. All meals are included here.



Tours Include: 1) Atlas Mountain & 3 Valleys



This day-long excursion from Marrakech provides the opportunity to encounter Berber village life firsthand as you make your way to the home of a Berber family in the High Atlas mountains, and an opportunity to ride a camel which is included. You will be picked up from your hotel in Marrakech at 9am, in a comfortable air-conditioned 4x4 or minivan, and start your drive out of the city. The first stop will be at a traditional village and an argon oil cooperative.

Continue on your climb up into the Atlas mountains with amazing views and an opportunity to ride a camel which is included and more

2) Medina Tour - The height of Marakech



Get under the skin of Marrakech's ancient medina and historical highlights on this full-day tour, including lunch. With a knowledgeable local guide, stroll through the tangled lanes and souks; take in the sights, sounds and aromas of vast Djemaa El Fna; and explore the ornate pavilions and gardens of the beautiful Bahia Palace and Saadian Tombs. Savor lunch at a medina restaurant and take snaps of top Marrakech attractions such as Koutoubia Mosque and the Dar El-Bacha hammam as your guide reveals the fascinating stories behind each sight.

5: ROME - LORD BYRON - Luxury Small Hotel of the World Nov 28 – Dec 01

The property is located in one of the most chic residential neighborhoods in Rome, Parioli, and is just a few moments walk from the splendid Villa Borghese gardens and 15 minutes walk from Piazza del Popolo. Once inside the Art-Deco villa, one feels as if they are guests in a smart art collector's home, with a vast collection of both paintings and sculptures. Hotel Lord Byron offers outstanding service, an incomparable fine dining experience, and a feeling of warmth and intimacy that can only be found inside a private home. The hotel evokes a glamorous era in the eternal city while all the while providing modern conveniences and comforts, offering our guests an unforgettable experience.



Included is a walking tour. Meals included here is only breakfast.

Also day tour to Sistine Chapel, but entry not included.