

# LA DOLCE VITA 2026

NAPLES TO VALLETTA

EXCLUSIVE SHORE EXCURSION PACKAGE

**IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL TOURS REQUIRE PRE-BOOKING  
UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE**





## DAY 1 NAPLES

### **POMPEI TOUR (valid only for our JULY 04 cruise departure)**

**THIS TOUR REQUIRES PREBOOKING UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE  
TOUR STARTS JULY 4 AROUND 2.30PM RIGHT AFTER EMBARKATION**

- Duration approx. 4,5 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance fees
- Per Person: Euro 156 (**min.15guests required**)

Step back in time on a captivating tour of Pompeii, the ancient Roman city buried by Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Explore well-preserved streets, homes, and forums, discover Roman life frozen beneath volcanic ash. As you wander past intact homes, baths, and forums, you'll learn about the vibrant society that flourished here more than two thousand years ago.

Expert guides will lead you through landmarks like the Forum, Temple of Apollo, Basilica, and the lavish House of the Faun. Marvel at the Villa of the Mysteries' stunning frescoes and the Amphitheater, where gladiators once fought. The impressive Amphitheater and Theater offer insight into Roman entertainment, where gladiators fought, and plays were performed.

See haunting human casts and artifacts, offering a poignant glimpse into the city's tragic end. With fascinating insights from your guide, this tour provides a powerful connection to Pompeii's rich history and enduring legacy.

Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply intrigued by ancient civilizations, the Pompeii tour offers an unforgettable glimpse into the past, showcasing the enduring legacy of this once-great Roman city.



## DAY 2 CAPRI

### Capri's Charm

**THIS TOUR REQUIRES PREBOOKING UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE**

- Duration approx. 5 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance fee
- Per Person: Euro 115

Discover the magic of Capri on our tailor-made small group tour!

Starting from **Marina Grande**, our local guide will take us to uncover the island's top attractions while delving into its captivating history.

Immerse yourself in the charm of **Anacapri**, where we will visit the unique **Villa San Michele**, a dream home built in the 19th century by the Swedish physician Axel Munthe on the ruins of an ancient Chapel dedicated to San Michele. Alex Munthe's love of the island coincided with the growing popularity of Capri and the arrival of rich and famous travelers from all over the world.

Relish free time for shopping, soaking in the serene atmosphere or admiring panoramic vistas of the Bay of Naples. Alternatively consider taking (not included) a chairlift ride up to Mount Solaro for breathtaking views or savor an optional delightful lunch at a local eatery before heading to Piazzetta di Capri, the lively heart of the island. Use your free time and the hints of our Capri expert, exploring the gardens of Augustus (optional, depending availability) or the unique shopping opportunities in Capri, before our tour concludes at Marina Grande.



## DAY 3

# LIPARI

### **Panoramic Lipari: Scenic Vistas, History and Island Life**

**THIS TOUR REQUIRES PREBOOKING UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE**

- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance fee
- Per Person: Euro 110

Your journey in Lipari offers a wonderful blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. The experience begins with a scenic drive through the island's peaceful countryside, leading to **Quattropani** village, a hidden gem! We then continue to **Quattrochi**, one of the island's most breathtaking viewpoints. Enjoy sweeping views of dramatic volcanic cliffs, the deep-blue sea, and the neighboring islands—an unforgettable introduction to Lipari's natural beauty.

Back to Marina Corta, the charm of the local shops, the boats, and the vibrant atmosphere will give you a deep sense of the island's rhythm. The heart of the island, **Lipari Town** provides a perfect mix of tradition and modern-day vibrancy.

Transitioning to the **Citadel**, you'll be stepping into a site full of history, where you can reflect on its past while enjoying the magnificent views. This historic site was rebuilt after the devastating pirate raid by Barbarossa in 1544. This attack destroyed the town, killing locals and leaving much of it in ruins. Although many businesses have since relocated, the Citadel remains a stunning vantage point with sweeping views of the island.

The **Museo Archeologico** Regionale Eoliano adds another layer of richness, showcasing centuries of history through remarkable artifacts like the Greek masks and Roman-era shipwreck finds. This combination of sights, history, and culture will certainly make for a memorable experience.



DAY 4

## TAORMINA

### The Wonders of Taormina

**THIS TOUR REQUIRES PREBOOKING UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE**

- Duration approx. 4,5 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance fee
- Per Person: Euro 116

Perched on the eastern coast of Sicily, Taormina is a charming hilltop town that offers breathtaking vistas of the shimmering Ionian Sea. Renowned for its panoramic views, ancient ruins, and vibrant atmosphere, Taormina seamlessly blends history with natural beauty to captivate every visitor.

Our tour begins at **Porta Catania, the historic archway** that serves as the main entrance to the town. Dating back to the 12th century, this iconic gateway welcomes you into Taormina's enchanting maze of narrow, cobbled streets. From here, you're treated to sweeping views of Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano, set against lush, rolling landscapes that frame the town.

As you wander along **Corso Umberto**, Taormina's lively main avenue, you pass by quaint boutiques, cozy cafes, and beautifully preserved historic buildings that echo the town's storied past.

No visit to Taormina would be complete without exploring the **Ancient Greek Theater**, a monumental relic dating back to the 3rd century BC. Its flawless preservation offers an unparalleled perspective: with Mount Etna looming majestically in the background and the sparkling sea stretching endlessly before you, the theater transports you to an era when performances captivated ancient audiences.

As you bid farewell to Taormina, you carry with you not only unforgettable memories of its breathtaking beauty and rich heritage but also the warmth and hospitality that define this Sicilian gem.



DAY 5

## CATANIA

### **Mount Etna, Wine tasting with a light lunch**

**THIS TOUR REQUIRES PREBOOKING UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE**

- Duration approx. 7,5 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance fee, wine tasting & light lunch
- Per Person: Euro 184

Set out on an unforgettable journey to Mount Etna, Europe's highest and most active volcano. After a scenic drive up the slopes, your expert guide will share fascinating insights into the volcano's history and geological significance. At 2,000 meters above sea level, explore the Silvestri Craters on a gentle trek suitable for all levels. Take in the moon-like terrain, vibrant volcanic hues, and the fragrant aromas of the surrounding Etna Nature Park. Once at the Silvestri Craters, enjoy a gentle trek suitable for all levels, and take in the breathtaking views of the moon-like terrain. As you stroll through the unique environment, immerse yourself in the vibrant colors of the volcanic landscape and the fragrant aromas of the surrounding vegetation, typical of the Etna Nature Park. Discover ancient lava caves and learn about the forces that shaped this natural wonder.

Cap off your adventure with a visit to a local wine cellar. Savor a selection of regional wines paired with a light lunch of local delicacies—rich cheeses, cured meats, and honey—all grown and produced in the shadow of the volcano.



## DAY 6

# SYRACUSE

### Syracuse, Ortigia & the Archaeological Park of Neapolis

THIS TOUR REQUIRES PREBOOKING UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE

- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance fee
- Per Person: Euro 118

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Syracuse, where ancient history and **Baroque** elegance come together in a captivating blend of culture and architecture. This immersive excursion will give you a profound appreciation for the city's rich and layered heritage.

Your adventure begins at the **Archaeological Park of Neapolis**, a sprawling site that transports you back to the grandeur of Syracuse's Greek and Roman past. Walk among ancient ruins and marvel at the remarkable landmarks that tell the story of the city's powerful legacy. Explore the **impressive Greek Theatre**, carved directly into the hillside, and the **Roman Amphitheater**, where gladiators once battled.

Next, we head to **Ortigia**, the historic heart of Syracuse, just a short walk or drive away. This charming island is a treasure trove of history, with narrow cobblestone streets and sunlit piazzas lined with Baroque masterpieces. At the heart of Ortigia is the breathtaking **Piazza del Duomo**, framed by elegant Baroque buildings. The crown jewel is the Cathedral of Syracuse (Duomo), a stunning church built over an ancient Greek temple dedicated to Athena. Remarkably, parts of the original temple, including the massive Doric columns, remain embedded in the cathedral's structure, a powerful symbol of Syracuse's layered history.



DAY 7

## GOZO ISLAND

### Ġgantija Megalithic Temples & Cittadella

**THIS TOUR REQUIRES PREBOOKING UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE**

- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance fee
- Per Person: Euro 106

Embark on a half-day tour of Gozo, the largest of the Aeolian Islands, and immerse yourself in its rich heritage as you explore iconic landmarks, uncover hidden gems, and soak in the island's stunning beauty and unique charm.

Your first stop is the ancient megalithic "Temples of Ġgantija", a UNESCO World Heritage site. These impressive structures, dating back to around 3600-3200 BC, are believed to be the oldest freestanding monuments in the world—older than both Stonehenge in England and the Pyramids of Egypt. The name "Ġgantija" derives from the Maltese word for "giant" ("giant"), inspired by the myth that a race of giants built the temples. This legend is fitting, as the structures are constructed from massive limestone blocks, some over 5 meters long and weighing more than 50 tons.

From ancient wonders to medieval strength, your next stop is the fortified city of "Cittadella"

(The Citadel) in the heart of Gozo's capital, Victoria. With its striking skyline and imposing military architecture, this ancient citadel is a prominent feature of Gozo's landscape and can be seen from nearly every corner of the island.

After a day of uncovering Gozo's timeless charm, relax on a short ride back to the vessel, carrying memories of giants and citadels.



## IMPORTANT NOTE:

**Our curated tours are pre-arranged, therefore we kindly ask you to pre-book your tours at least 14 days before your cruise.** No prepayment is needed. However, please note that pre-bookings communicated to us are considered as firm, and your account will be charged accordingly.

A minimum of **14 participants** is required for each tour to operate. Cancellation fees apply for any cancellations made less than **48 hours** before the tour. Cancellations must be acknowledged by our Cruise Coordinator.

## Further remarks:

- Our tours are offered exclusively for Variety' small groups. If a tour cannot operate due to low participation, our team will suggest suitable alternatives. Please note that descriptions, rates, and inclusions may vary for groups of less than 14 guests.
- All tours are designed to match our cruise itinerary and are led by local certified English-speaking guides or professional escorts. We'll take you to the "must-see" highlights while also revealing lesser-known gems.
- Tours may change due to site restorations, weather, traffic, or other conditions. If a site or museum is closed during our visit, an alternative experience will be provided.
- Tours are active and require a good level of physical fitness. Because some sites may be slippery, we recommend comfortable shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and water.
- Please protect your mobiles and cameras during tender rides.
- A modest dress code applies for visits to churches and monasteries.
- Gratuities for drivers and guides are not included.

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