



VOLANOEES OF ITALY LA DOLCE VITA! FROM NAPLES TO MALTA 2026

- Aboard the 36-cabin M/Y Variety Voyager
- Hosted by National Geographic Explorer & TV Host George Kourounis
- Sailing : 4 July 2026
- 8-day cruise, from Naples–Italy to Valletta-Malta





AT A GLANCE

An 8day- cruise program from Napoli to Malta

Start your journey from charming Naples - the birthplace of pizza! - and continue to the unbeatably stylish Capri, loved by glamorous celebrities and worldwide jet-setters. In Sicily, the captivating Taormina is waiting for you to wander through its full of secrets and tales narrow alleys, but also in the busy Corso Umberto, the cosmopolitan pedestrian street with the shops of famous fashion designers. Go up to Mount Etna, an active volcano, visit Catania and walk through the places where "The Godfather" was filmed. The journey continues with Malta. Discover UNESCO's cultural heritage sites, Valletta, a city of unique beauty, and the island of Gozo with its 5500-year-old megalithic monuments.

Highlights include:

Naples - Capri island - Lipari – Taormina – Catania – Syracuse – Gozo- Valletta





MEET YOUR HOST

George Kourounis is an explorer, storm chaser & TV presenter who has spent 25 years documenting extreme forces of nature and natural phenomena worldwide including tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanoes, floods, and the effects of climate change.

He holds the title of National Geographic Explorer, Explorer-in-Residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and a Fellow of The Explorers Club. An internationally recognized TV host, he has appeared in more than 40 television productions and is known for his engaging storytelling and ability to explain complex natural processes in an accessible and fascinating way.

During sea days and especially at sunset, George draws on 25 years of experience studying the sky to help guests spot rare atmospheric phenomena. George is available throughout the voyage to help guests improve their photography—whether using professional cameras or smartphones.

George will offer in-depth insights into:

- **Naples, Vesuvius, Pompeii & Herculaneum** – What happened on that day in 79 A.D. and why is Vesuvius still a threat to the people of Naples, even though the volcano is currently quiet.
- **Campi Flegrei** – Not far from Naples lies Campi Flegrei... It's not just a volcano, but a supervolcano, similar to Yellowstone.
- **Lipari** – Why is this region so volcanic compared to the rest of Europe? What are the forces at work that helped to create this beautiful, and dynamic location?
- **Stromboli** – As we sail past what is often considered the world's most active volcano, George will detail how Stromboli works and why it has been erupting every hour or so for the past 2000 years! He'll also recall his experience climbing the erupting volcano while filming for his Angry Planet TV series.
- **Etna** – Etna is probably Italy's most famous volcano. It has large eruptions numerous times per year, sometimes with dramatic fountains of hot lava, and sometimes it spits out smoke rings that seem almost impossible for a mountain to do.

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DAY 1: NAPLES

Embarkation at the picturesque port of Naples commences promptly at 14:00. Following the essential safety drill conducted by our dedicated crew aboard the VARIETY CRUISES vessel, join us for a delightful welcome cocktail and dinner. Overnight in Naples promising an enchanting beginning to your cruise adventure.

DAY 2: CAPRI ISLAND

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Tyrrhenian Sea, our morning journey brings us to the illustrious island of Capri. Blessed with breathtaking vistas, azure skies and a climate that's nothing short of perfect, it rightfully claims its place as the "jewel" of the Bay of Naples. As we drop anchor, embark on **our optional half-day Capri excursion**.

Late in the afternoon, we bid farewell to the enchanting shores of Capri as we set sail for Lipari. Before dinner, join us in one of our most beloved onboard events: the Cocktail Demonstration. Let by our skilled Bar Manager, this hour-long session showcases the creation of two signature cocktails, complete with recipes to recreate them for your friends and loved ones when you are back home. Overnight at sea.

Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel - on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.



DAY 3: LIPARI ISLAND (AEOLIAN ISLAND)

After a delightful breakfast, our ship gracefully anchors at Lipari, the largest gem in the crown of the Aeolian Islands. Renowned for its rich mythology and breathtaking natural landscapes, Lipari beckons with irresistible charm.

Embark on our optional half-day Lipari tour, commencing from the pier. A scenic coach ride leads us to Quattrocchi, where panoramic views of the Aeolian archipelago await, followed by a visit to Quattropiani, boasting a picturesque church and mesmerizing vistas of the island of Salina. Our journey continues to a Spanish-built castle, once an ancient necropolis, now home to a cathedral and museum brimming with artifacts dating back to prehistoric and ancient Greek & Roman eras. After the tour, enjoy some leisure time in the village to savor your own lunch arrangements. The afternoon is free at your leisure, allowing for personal exploration and relaxation. Dinner awaits you back on board as we bid adieu to Lipari around midnight, setting course for the enchanting shores of Taormina. Overnight at sea.

DAY 4: TAORMINA, SICILY

In the morning, we arrive at the captivating shores of Taormina.

Join our optional Taormina tour to wander through its charming narrow alleyways, where every corner reveals tales of history and culture.

Explore the fifteenth-century Palazzo Corvaja and marvel at the remarkable Greek amphitheater, renowned for its exceptional acoustics.

A leisurely stroll along Corso Umberto awaits, a bustling pedestrian street adorned with upscale boutiques offering a glimpse into Taormina's cosmopolitan charm, often likened to the "Sicilian Saint Tropez."

Lunch is at your own leisure, allowing for personal exploration and culinary delights.

At 7:30 pm join our included Wine Tasting Experience, during which you will enjoy a beautiful selection of Italian and Greek wines, preparing your palate for our 4-course served dinner on board.

Return to the ship for a delightful dinner onboard as we anchor for the night, surrounded by the enchanting beauty of Taormina.

DAY 5: CATANIA, SICILY

We set sail from the enchanting Taormina in the early hours, bound for Catania. Following a hearty breakfast, seize the opportunity to **join our optional full-day excursion to Mount Etna**;

Embark on a journey through the diverse landscapes shaped by the majestic force of nature, from bustling towns to verdant citrus orchards, sprawling vineyards, and ancient lava fields. Delve into the region's rich volcanic history and folklore as you traverse picturesque villages. Ascend 2000 meters above sea level, where you can leisurely stroll around the awe-inspiring Silvestri craters or indulge in the flavors of the island with local delicacies like honey.

The tour ends with a final stop at a renowned winery nestled on the modern slopes of Mount Etna. Immerse yourself in the rich aromas and flavors of Sicily's bountiful terroir as you sample exquisite wines crafted with passion and expertise.



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DAY 6: SYRACUSE, SICILY

Upon our early morning arrival in Syracuse, immerse yourself in the allure of the “White City” after a satisfying breakfast. **Opt in to our optional guided tour**, offering a deeper insight into Syracuse’s rich history and cultural treasures. Lunch arrangements are left to your discretion, allowing you to savor local flavors at your own pace.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure, whether you choose to wander the charming streets, relax by the seaside, or delve into Syracuse’s captivating past.

Before dinner, our chef will share with you the recipe for the Pesto a la Trapanese dip so that when you are home you can add it to your drinks parties and remember our delightful moments! Tonight, you are invited to our Captain’s Italian Night Dinner with delicious Italian dishes & Italian Music.

At around midnight, we bid farewell to Syracuse and set sail for the enchanting shores of Gozo Island.

DAY 7: GOZO & VALLETTA, MALTA

Morning arrives with our enchanting entry to Malta’s beloved Gozo Island, famed for its awe-inspiring Ggantija temples. These remarkable structures, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stand as some of the oldest free-standing megalithic monuments worldwide, their origins tracing back an astonishing 5500 years.

Embrace the opportunity for a revitalizing morning swim in the serene waters of Malta before our noon arrival at Gozo Island. Here you will have ample time to explore the island’s treasures and arrange for a delightful lunch at your leisure.

Should you require assistance with airport or hotel transfers, our dedicated Cruise Manager will be on hand to assist you. To ensure a seamless experience kindly provide your preferred transfer time at least 24 hours in advance for us to arrange everything to your satisfaction,

As the afternoon unfolds, we bid farewell to Gozo Island and set course for Valletta, the majestic capital of Malta. Indulge in a delectable dinner served on board as we journey through the tranquil waters!

DAY 8: VALLETTA, MALTA

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast with your co-travelers. Disembarkation at 8:30 - 9am after breakfast. Your Cruise Manager will assist with your pre-booked transfers.

We look forward to welcoming you again to one of our VARIETY CRUISES around the world!

*****COMBINE OUR MALTA TO NAPLES-Sicilian Sunsets & Amalfi Delights ITINERARY WITH THE NAPLES TO MALTA-La Dolce Vita! ITINERARY FOR A FULL TOUR OF SICILY!**

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YOUR BOAT



M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER

Mega Yacht

GENERAL INFORMATION

Length: 68 m

Launched: 2012 – Renovated : 2023

Cabins: 36

Capacity: 72 passengers

Crew: 29

Imagine your floating home on board the sleek, contemporary state of the art Mega Yacht that sails the seas under the name VARIETY VOYAGER, waving her flag through the wind. Discover the world by sea at 13 knots per hour, in her un-rushed pace, one island or seashore at a time. Variety Voyager loves to seduce her select 72 guests with her sleek lines and ample deck space redefining what yachting was meant to be. Warm fabrics, rich marbles, ax minster carpeting, and soft tones wood-paneling are just some of the elements that define her essence. 360° views of unobstructed ocean are your eyes' canvas painted with ocean blue and deep green mountains. Mingle with like-minded travelers in our public areas, enjoy a moment to yourself in our ample deck space, or retreat to your cabin sanctuary all offering windows or portholes connecting you with Mother Nature's wonders.





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Mega Yacht

HORIZON
SKY DECK



360°
SUN DECK



INFINITY
UPPER DECK



RIVIERA
MAIN DECK



OCEANS
LOWER DECK



The 68-meter / 36-cabin Variety Voyager was launched in 2012. This sleek high-tech looking Mega Yacht complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations.

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CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

The 68-meter Mega Yacht Variety Voyager accommodates up to 72 guests in 36 cabins. 28 cabins are located in the Main and Lower Decks, and 8 staterooms sizes range from 16-20 m². Cabins at the Lower deck feature two oversized portholes and cabins at the Main and the Upper deck feature large windows. All cabins have individually controlled A/C and ventilation, mini-fridge, flat-screen TVs and DVD players. Bathrooms are finished with warm marble and Corian materials.

LIFE ON BOARD

MAIN LOUNGE

Located on the Main deck, right off the reception area, the Main Lounge is gracefully designed and finished with wood panels. There is ample seating space for moments of pleasure or relaxation and modern AV equipment for presentations. The mini library, just off the Main Lounge, offers a variety of books and magazines.

DINING ROOM

Located on the Upper deck, the glass enclosed dining room seats 75 and allows for spectacular views around you, while dining in an elegant environment. It extends to the adjacent open deck dining room, also seating 50 passengers and allowing for breakfast, lunch or dinner to be taken "al fresco". Food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffet which also includes an "a la minute cooking" section.



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Mega Yacht

Ocean's Bar & Lounge

Located on the 360° Sun Deck, the open Bar and Lounge offers stylish shaded seating and is the ideal spot for reading, relaxing or dancing under the stars until the late hours at the sound of our resident DJ/entertainer.

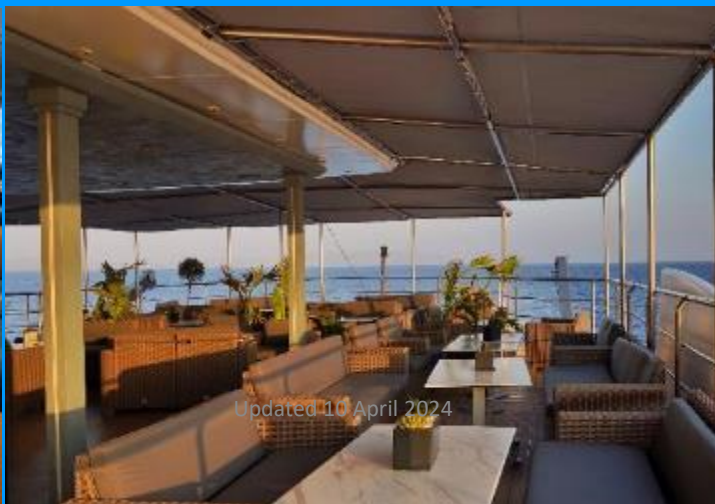
Spa & Fitness Suite

Located at the Lower Deck, it offers Massage, Sauna and some fitness equipment. Our Balinese Spa Supervisor also provides hair, face and nails treatments.

Sun deck / Sky deck

Sun loungers are available to sunbathe in total comfort while enjoying drinks served from the Ocean's Bar.

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