



ITALY CRUISE: HIDDEN TREASURES FROM FLORENCE TO VENICE (2024)

Sail along nearly the entire navigable coast of beautiful Italy on an all-encompassing A&K voyage. From the iconic cities of Venice and Rome to exotic Sicily and less frequented treasures such as Matera, Urbino, Sardinia and Corsica, you will see all this amazing country has to offer.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Europe, Italy



12 days from AU\$23,070 pp



148 Guests

Journey Overview

Join A&K's famed Expedition Team for a 12-day, spectacularly all-encompassing voyage that explores the landmarks and hidden gems of Italy. Begin with two days in Florence before cruising on the all-balcony 'Le Bougainville' to more iconic destinations, including Rome, Venice and Sicily. You also visit less frequented treasures such as Matera, Urbino, Sardinia and Corsica.

Journey Highlights

- Cruise the best of Italy for 9 nights on luxury 'Le Bougainville', enjoying all-balcony accommodations and a capacity limited to just 148 guests
- Spend two nights at a luxury hotel in Florence's city centre
- Sail with a remarkable team curated by A&K, featuring our award-winning Expedition Team, skilled service staff and crew, and one of the best personnel-to-guest ratios at 1 to 1.3
- Experience all-inclusive cruising with included gratuities, unlimited house drinks, every onboard meal and most meals ashore, port charges, complimentary Wi-Fi, and Traveller's Valet laundry service
- Enjoy a choice of included curated excursions led by A&K local guides throughout your voyage
- Call to the enchanted islands of Corsica and Sardinia
- Explore exotic Sicily and idyllic Puglia with special excursions that include farmhouse visits, cooking lessons and nature walks
- Spend a full day exploring timelessly romantic Venice
- Discover Le Marche and visit Urbino's historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey



Itinerary

Sep 13: Arrive Florence, Italy

Arrive in Florence and transfer to The Westin Excelsior, where you join your fellow A&K guests for an elegant welcome reception.

The Westin Excelsior, Florence

Sep 14: Florence | Heart of the Renaissance

Gracing the banks of the Arno River, Florence is the definitive cradle of the Renaissance, boasting one of the most impressive collections of art and architecture in the world. Today, you might embark on a walking tour of the historic city centre and the Oltrarno District. Alternately, leave the city behind for a truffle hunt in the rolling hills of Tuscany. Art lovers might opt for a tour of the Accademia and Uffizi galleries, home to such Renaissance masterpieces as Michelangelo's *David*, Leonardo da Vinci's *The Annunciation* and Botticelli's *Birth of Venus*. Enjoy the evening at leisure in Florence.

The Westin Excelsior, Florence | Meals: BL

Sep 15: Tuscany & Livorno | Tuscan Treasures

The charming region of Tuscany captures the very essence of the Italian heartland. Today, opt for Tuscan adventures in Florence, Pisa or Lucca. You might choose a visit to Palazzo Vecchio, the former residence of the powerful Medici clan; explore Pisa's grand Baptistery, Campo Santo, Duomo and world-famous Leaning Tower; or stroll Lucca's picturesque town centre, Piazza dell'Anfiteatro, and its impressive 16th-century ramparts. Later, drive to the port of Livorno and board your expedition vessel. Once you are settled into your cabin, join your fellow guests for a welcome dinner celebrating the anticipation of the exciting cruise to follow.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 16: Rome | The Eternal City

Disembark in the port of Civitavecchia and transfer to Rome, the former capital of one of the greatest empires the world has ever seen. Built one century on top of the other, the Italian capital's landscape of iconic Imperial Roman ruins stands layered amid the modernity of a cosmopolitan metropolis. Here, you might explore the Vatican's incomparable treasures, tour central Rome's narrow streets and iconic Trevi Fountain (pausing for a private visit to Palazzo Colonna, see the Colosseum and enjoy some free time in the charming Trastevere district or savour a hands-on culinary experience at a former Papal palace in the hilltop village of Castel Gondolfo.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 17: Corsica, France | Mysterious French Isle

Arrive in the ancient fortress town of Bonifacio to explore Corsica, the enchanting mountainous Mediterranean island where Napoleon Bonaparte was born in 1769. Once ashore, explore the citadel's medieval houses, chapels, and web of alleyways. Afterwards, you may wish to stroll the cobbled streets, historic buildings and quayside of Porto Vecchio's Old Town. Or opt for a hike to Castellu d'Araghju for stunning views of the coast.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 18: Sardinia, Italy | Hidden Island Gem

Today, explore the wild and remote island enclave of Sardinia, coming ashore in its historic port city and capital, Cagliari. Stroll the Old Town, taking in views of the Roman amphitheatre, and visiting Saint Mary and Saint Cecilia Cathedrals. Alternately, hike Sardinia's gentle hills and splendid vistas or sample local varietals and culinary specialties at a local winery.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 19: Sicily | Ancient Treasures

Hosting a culture, landscape and flavour all its own, Sicily was colonized at various times by the Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans and Aragonese, with each group contributing something to see, taste and hear. Today, come ashore in the eastern Sicilian port of Messina. From here, you might opt for a walking tour of the intimate clifftop enclave, Taormina, pausing to take in stunning views of Mount Etna from the Greek Theatre. Alternately, set out on a 4x4 excursion to Mount Etna's crater or take a scenic drive capped off with a tasting of the region's distinctive local wines.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 20: Ionian Sea | A Day at Leisure

Relish a day of relaxation, enjoying the amenities of your ship and engaging presentations by our experts.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 21: Bari | Gateway to Puglia

Disembark in Bari, vibrant capital of the Puglia region. Today, choose from a culinary experience at a local farmhouse, a visit to the intriguing Castel del Monte, a nature trek through the hills of Alta Murgia National Park or a drive inland to explore Matera's cave dwellings.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 22: Ancona | Hidden Beauty of Le Marche

Explore Le Marche, a region renowned for its landscapes, history and artistic heritage. Disembarking in Ancona, you might opt to tour the Renaissance art and architecture of Urbino, privately visit the Villa Imperiale in Pesaro or savour a wine experience in the breathtaking countryside.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 23: Venice | City of Bridges

From its earliest days, Venice's ethereal, romantic waterscape has bewitched artists, poets, musicians and travellers from around the world. Experience Venice's beguiling magic firsthand with a private water taxi tour, pausing at St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. Alternatively, you might explore St. Mark's Square on foot and go off the beaten path to discover the Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, the city's largest church. Or escape to the Orto di Venezia winery and the glassworks of the Murano islands.

'Le Bougainville' | Meals: BLD

Sep 24: Depart Venice

Disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight, continue on your post-tour extension or set sail on A&K's Adriatic Voyage: Croatia, Montenegro & Greece.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4–8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Sep 13.

Last group event: disembarkation at 9:00 a.m. on Sep 24.

Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Map



Extensions



Wonders of Rome Pre-Tour
Extension (2024)

See Details

Accommodation

Le Bougainville



Chartered exclusively for 148 guests, 'Le Bougainville' is a luxury mega-yacht featuring stylish staterooms and suites with private balconies. It also offers sleek public spaces include a state-of-the-art, interactive underwater lounge, a panoramic lounge, main lounge and theatre for enriching lectures and special events. Added amenities include an outdoor heated pool, multiple observation areas, a marina for Zodiac adventures, and a salon and spa with a hammam and well-equipped fitness centre.

Ship Details

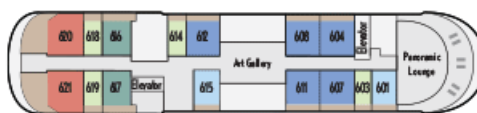
- Overall length: 131 metres
- Beam: 18 metres
- Average speed: 15 knots
- Passenger decks: 6
- Passenger capacity: 184, but limited to 148 exclusively on A&K charters
- Crew and A&K staff: 122 (personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.2)
- Gross tonnage: 9,900 GRT
- Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard's Rules Comfort Class 1 Clean-Ship Certification (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA, IAATO and AECO operating standards)
- Technology: Advanced dynamic positioning system and highly efficient stabilisers
- Flag: French
- Language: English on all A&K charters

Amenities

- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite
- Complimentary butler service with every category of suite (an exclusive on A&K charters only, including welcome Champagne, nightly canapés, packing/unpacking on request and more)
- Stateroom and suite amenities include a hair dryer, large wardrobe and ample storage, safe, alarm clock, and luxury bath products
- Stateroom and suite electricity: 220v outlets — Europe 2-prong style (plus two 110/220 U.S. outlets)
- Sun Deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- Outside heated pool
- Library with selection of books and games
- Two restaurants: Main and outdoor Grill
- Open bar with beer, wine, liquor, cocktails, soft drinks, coffee, tea and mineral water (excludes premium wines and spirits)
- Two lounges with bars: Main with live music and Panoramic with Terrace
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Complimentary in-cabin breakfast (on request)
- Three passenger elevators
- Fitness Centre with Kinesis® wall
- Full-service salon with spa, sauna and steam room
- Theatre with comfortable seating for all guests
- Boutique shop
- 24-hour medical facilities with certified doctor
- A&K’s complimentary Traveller’s Valet laundry service
- Complimentary wireless Internet on A&K charters (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

‘Le Bougainville’

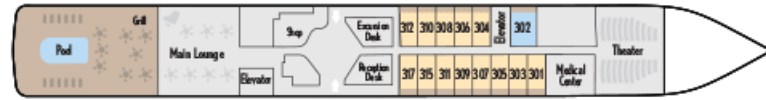
- Category 1
Classic Stateroom
- Category 2
Deluxe Stateroom
- Category 3
Prestige Stateroom
- Category 4*
Deluxe Suite
- Category 5*
Privilege Suite
- Category 6*
Prestige Two-Room Suite
- Category 7*
Grand Deluxe Suite



■ Category 8*
Owner's Suite

*Butler Service Included

DECK 4



DECK 3



DECK 2

BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED



Categories 1-3
Staterooms

Cabin: 19 sq. mt. | Balcony: 4 sq. mt.



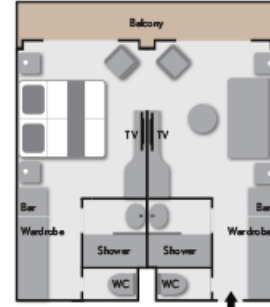
Category 4
Deluxe Suite

Cabin: 27.5 sq. mt. | Balcony: 6 sq. mt.



Category 5
Privilege Suite

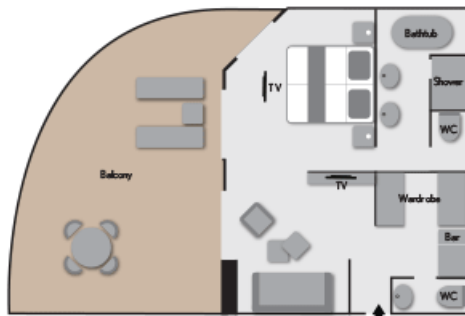
Cabin: 32 sq. mt. | Balcony: 8 sq. mt.



Category 6
Prestige Two-Room Suite

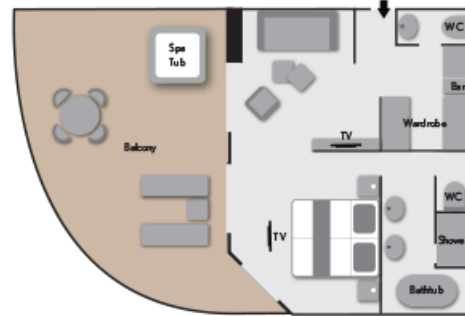
Cabin: 38 sq. mt. | Balcony: 8 sq. mt.

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Category 7
Grand Deluxe Suite

Cabin: 45 sq. mt. | Balcony: 30 sq. mt.



Category 8
Owner's Suite

Cabin: 45 sq. mt. | Balcony: 30 sq. mt.

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Sep 13, 2024 - Sep 24, 2024

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| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Classic Stateroom - Category 1 | AU\$24,610 NOW ONLY AU\$23,070 pp | AU\$18,455 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |
| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2 | AU\$26,915 NOW ONLY AU\$25,375 pp | AU\$20,190 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |
| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3 | AU\$29,990 NOW ONLY AU\$28,450 pp | AU\$22,500 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |
| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Deluxe Suite - Category 4 | AU\$39,225 NOW ONLY AU\$37,685 pp | AU\$33,915 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |
| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Privilege Suite - Category 5 | AU\$43,070 NOW ONLY AU\$41,530 pp | AU\$37,375 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |
| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Prestige -Two-Room-Suite - Category 6 | AU\$54,610 NOW ONLY AU\$53,070 pp | AU\$47,760 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |
| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7 | AU\$63,070 NOW ONLY AU\$61,530 pp | AU\$55,375 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |
| Cabin Class | Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
| Le Bougainville: Owner's Suite - Category 8 | AU\$66,915 NOW ONLY AU\$65,375 pp | AU\$58,840 | AU\$0 | Call for Availability |

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