



Small-ship cruising brings guests to Mediterranean islands that are unique and off-the-beaten track – Lipari (above) and the fiery volcanic island of Stromboli



TREASURES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

7-NIGHT CRUISE · PROVENCE · ELBA · CORSICA · AMALFI COAST · SICILY · MALTA

Exclusive Tauck Cruise! Explore remote Mediterranean islands by land and sea, Italy's Amalfi Coast, Provence, and the French Riviera. Stay at three of southern France's best-located hotels in Provence and Monte-Carlo following an incredible cruise for 7 nights aboard *Le Ponant*.

YOUR CRUISE FEATURES:

- An exclusive cruise aboard *Le Ponant* with only 60 Tauck guests!
- Private Tauck Shore Excursions – **\$545 Value!**
- Six Mediterranean islands best accessed by small ship – Malta, Sicily, Lipari, Ponza, Corsica and Elba – for unique shore excursions to hidden harbors, coastal villages, and countryside antiquities
- A memorable night sailing by the volcanic island of Stromboli to view its eruptions of molten lava
- 5 days in the south of France exploring the heart of Provence and the French Riviera
- A special visit in Châteauneuf-du-Pape featuring Provençal wine, food, and entertainment
- Wine with dinner and local entertainment aboard ship

1. ARRIVE MALTA

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Le Méridien Phoenicia, Valletta, Malta. Transfers are included from Malta International Airport to Le Méridien Phoenicia, overlooking the harbor. Join us this evening for a welcome dinner.
Le Méridien Phoenicia ~ Meals D

2. DISCOVER MALTA / ■ EMBARK LE PONANT

Explore Malta on a guided tour this morning. See the city of Mdina and take a walking tour of historic Valletta, including the elaborate Co-Cathedral of St. John and the centuries-old city walls. Settle into your stateroom aboard *Le Ponant*, where you will enjoy views of the passing scenery.
Aboard Le Ponant ~ Meals BLD

3. ■ SICILY AND HISTORIC TAORMINA

A guided sightseeing tour in Taormina includes a stroll through Old Town on the Corso Umberto and a visit to the Greek Theater boasting spectacular views of Mt. Etna. Enjoy an evening at sea as *Le Ponant* sails to Lipari.
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4. ■ LIPARI / WITNESS VOLCANIC STROMBOLI

Take a tender ashore to Lipari; your visit includes an island tour and the Archaeological Museum. Sail this

evening by Stromboli, one of the few constantly active volcanoes in the world – the view is unforgettable!

Aboard Le Ponant ~ Meals BLD

5. ■ TRAVEL THE AMALFI COAST / RAVELLO

Travel ashore to Amalfi for a journey on the Italian mainland. Drive along the Amalfi Coast, one of the world's most scenic drives, to the village of Ravello, a cliffside jewel suspended between the sea and sky. Visit Villa Rufolo, former residence of several popes, as well as composer Richard Wagner, and enjoy a lunch of regional specialties enhanced by spectacular views of the sea below.

Aboard Le Ponant ~ Meals BLD

6. ■ PONZA / CRUISE THE MEDITERRANEAN

Le Ponant calls at Ponza in Italy's Pontine Archipelago, fringed with dramatic coves and colorful houses. Guided sightseeing precedes time at leisure this morning to explore as you please. Spend a relaxing afternoon at sea as you cruise to Bonifacio on the island of Corsica.

Aboard Le Ponant ~ Meals BLD

7. ■ CRUISE TO BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Le Ponant's entrance into the fjord-like, hidden port of Bonifacio is spectacular. Tour the walled fortress area and see the barracks of the French Foreign Legion.

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8. ■ ISLAND OF ELBA

Drop anchor in the secluded harbor of Porto Azzurro, Elba this morning for a visit to the Palazzina dei Mulini; Napoleon and his sister lived here during the emperor's



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days

DAY	DESTINATION	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Arrive Malta		
2	Embark Valletta		6:00 PM
3	Taormina, Sicily	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
4	Lipari, Italy	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
5	Amalfi, Italy	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
6	Ponza, Italy	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<i>1/2 Day at Sea</i>			
7	Bonifacio, Corsica	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
8	Elba, Italy	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
9	Disembark Nice Monte-Carlo		8:00 AM
10	Aix en Provence		
11	Arles		
12	Arles		
13	Depart Marseille		



Only small ships have access to hidden harbors such as Bonifacio, Corsica – just one of the many delights!



In Malta, Le Méridien Phoenicia overlooks the harbor

brief exile on the island. Enjoy local entertainment aboard ship as you set sail for the French Riviera.

Aboard Le Ponant ~ Meals BLD

9. EXPLORE MONTE-CARLO

Disembark ship in Nice and enjoy a guided tour of city sights before continuing on to your Monte-Carlo hotel; your accommodations are located close to the famed casino.

Fairmont Monte Carlo ~ Meals B

10. DISCOVER AIX EN PROVENCE

Drive to Saint-Paul-de-Vence this morning. After lunch and time to explore this hilltop town, continue on to historic Aix-en-Provence, considered one of the most elegant cities in France. Enjoy a walking tour, then spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Grand Hotel Mercure Roi René ~ Meals BD

11. CITADEL OF LES BAUX

Journey to Les Baux for a walk through the hilltop ruins of the 11th-century Citadel of Les Baux. *Note: Sightseeing in the Citadel of Les Baux and most sites visited in Provence involves significant walking; these venues are not accessible to vehicles.* Travel to Châteauneuf-du-Pape to enjoy local wine and food, before visiting Avignon and the Gothic Palais des Papes. Arrive in Arles for two nights.

Hotel Jules César ~ Meals BD

12. ARLES AND THE BEAUTY OF PROVENCE

Visit the Pont du Gard in nearby Nimes, before returning to Arles for a day of exploration. A walking tour takes you to the cloisters and Church of St-Trophime and the Roman Arena. Join us for a farewell dinner tonight.

Hotel Jules César ~ Meals BD

13. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Arles, France. A transfer is included from the Hôtel Jules César to the Marseille-Provence Int'l Airport. Allow a minimum of 2½ hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



Spend five days exploring Provençal highlights such as Avignon

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BEGINS MARSEILLE

May 22 Aug 28 Sep 11

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Dates in red indicate special departures where the single price is \$7990. Ask at booking for details.

LAND / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

Double \$6790 Single \$10,762 Triple \$6190

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air for travel originating in the U.S. (subject to availability). Departure tax is additional.

Land / Cruise Price includes everything outlined in General Information as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, wine with dinner aboard *Le Ponant*, and gratuities to ship staff.

Travel North or South: This cruise operates both Northbound from Malta and Southbound from Marseille. Visit www.tauck.com for Northbound itinerary.

Please ask when booking about additional hotel nights before your tour begins and about our comprehensive Cruise Protection Plan.

Go to www.tauck.com for *Le Ponant's* deck plans and ship specifications.