

Ultimate Mediterranean!

*Barcelona, Provence, Tuscany, Naples, Rome, Mykonos, Istanbul, Ephesus,
Athens and Overnight in Venice, Italy!*

September 28, 2016 - October 13, 2016 16 Day - 14 Night Cruise/Tour

Join TRIPS and enjoy the Ultimate Mediterranean experience!

Sail the sparkling blue waters of the Mediterranean, as you make port in locales you've dreamed about! From the hills of Tuscany and Provence to the hustle and bustle of Athens and Istanbul, you'll experience some of the most interesting and charming spots in the Mediterranean. From Mykonos with her famous windmills and white-washing buildings to the ruins of Pompeii, there is something for everyone. In Turkey, you not only have the opportunity to visit the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, but see where Paul preached to the Ephesians in Ephesus. In Rome, you might see the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and the famed Colosseum where gladiators once fought. In Venice, where you dock overnight, the glory of the Grand Canal awaits.

Don't miss this opportunity to see, and experience, the beauty of the Mediterranean!

Itinerary

September 28, 2016 - Your Adventure Begins

Today you board your overnight flight to Spain, beginning the trip of lifetime as you enjoy Quintessential Mediterranean!

September 29, 2016 - Stunning Barcelona

On arrival in **Barcelona**, you are met by your escort and will transfer to your hotel. You have the remainder of the day at leisure to relax and enjoy dinner on your own in an area restaurant.

September 30, 2016 - Come Sail Away

After breakfast on your own, enjoy a **city tour** before being transferred to your awaiting floating hotel, the Norwegian Spirit. After enjoying a late lunch onboard, take time to explore your home for the next 12 nights. Norwegian's Freestyle Cruising offers a wide range of amenities, activities, restaurants, and entertainment all designed to provide you with exactly what you want. The ship sails from Barcelona at 7pm. (L/D)

October 1, 2016 - Toulon, France: Provence

Dock in **Toulon**, France today from 9am to 5pm. The historic center of **Toulon** is home to the celebrated **Provençal market** featuring delectable local products and Toulon figures prominently in Victor Hugo's **Les Misérables**. Nearby sunny beaches are always a draw whether you're looking to enjoy a walk in the sand, anxious to try the local wines at a delightful cafe overlooking the water or want to do a bit of shopping. (B/L/D)

October 2, 2016 - Livorno, Italy: Tuscany

The Spirit calls on Livorno in **Tuscany** today from 8am-7pm. You might opt to travel to **Florence** and see Michelangelo's masterpiece, David. Or, nearby **Pisa** with its famous tower might spark your interest. Of course a day relaxing in the Tuscan sun at a local trattoria might just be the perfect way to while away a delightful afternoon! (B/L/D)

October 3, 2016 - Civitavecchia, Italy: Rome

You'll have a day in **Rome**, as the Spirit docks here from 8am-7pm. If you've not yet been to Rome, get ready! There is plenty to see and do, from the Colosseum to the Vatican and Sistine Chapel. Don't miss the Pantheon, a magnificent ancient temple dating from 125AD. Of course Rome is the ideal city to wander and savor la dolce vita! (B/L/D)

October 4, 2016 - Naples, Italy: Pompeii

Today finds you in **Naples**, home of pizza, eggplant parmesan and Sofia Loren! Stroll the streets looking for that perfect sidewalk cafe or opt to visit nearby **Pompeii**. Buried under nearly 20 feet of ash in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD, it was rediscovered 1,500 years later in 1599. Today, it provides an extraordinarily detailed insight into the life of the city. You'll be docked in Naples from 8:00am to 7:00pm. (B/L/D)

October 5, 2016 - At Sea

After several days exploring some the Western Mediterranean's jewels, you'll have a day at sea to relax and enjoy the Spirit. Check out the Tivoli Pool, four outdoor hot tubs or the Roman Spa for a massage. If you're feeling lucky, Maharajah's Casino is the place to be. With 17 dining options, you'll surely find just the thing you're hungry for - French, Italian, Asian or a burger hot off the grill! (B/L/D)

October 6, 2016 - Mykonos, Greece: Windmills and Ancient Greece

Today finds you on the island of **Mykonos** and famed for her **iconic windmills**. You'll find a captivating labyrinth of cobblestone streets and alleys home to chic boutiques and whiter-than-white houses decked out with colorful bougainvillea and geraniums. You might elect to take an optional boat ride to nearby **Delos**, one of the most important mythological, historical and archaeological sites in Greece. You'll be docked here from 7:00am to 3:00pm. (B/L/D)

October 7, 2016 - Istanbul, Turkey

You'll be in **Istanbul** today from 9:00am to 6:00pm. The only city located on two separate continents this is where Roman emperors, the Byzantine dynasty and Ottoman sultans called home. From the famed **Blue Mosque**, built in 1609 to **St. Sophia** constructed in 537, you'll be amazed at the beauty of this stunning city! You might choose to tour the famed **Grand Bazaar**, one of the largest and oldest in the world or the Egyptian Spice Market, the center for spice trade in Istanbul. (B/L/D)

October 8, 2016 - Kusadasi, Turkey: Ephesus

You dock in **Kusadasi**, Turkey today at 1pm. Don't miss Ephesus one of the seven cities addressed in the Revelation. Meander through the ruins and marvel at the famed **Library of Celsus**, the huge amphitheater where **Paul the Apostle** is said to have preached, the marble roads with worn chariot tracks and the amazing mosaic sidewalks. You can also choose to visit the site of the **House of the Virgin Mary**, purported to have been the last home of Mary, mother of Jesus. Return for a 8pm sailing. (B/L/D)

October 9, 2016 - Piraeus, Greece: Athens

The Spirit docks in **Athens** from 8am to 6pm today. Athens, the home of Western Civilization is full of wonderful sites to visit. At the **Acropolis** see the iconic **Parthenon**, one of the most architecturally perfect structures in the world! Other highlights include the Olympic Stadium and Constitution Square. If you visit the **Plaka**, the oldest section of Athens be sure to stop in at a local taverna! (B/L/D)

October 10, 2016 - At Sea

As you sail through the soothing blue waters of the Mediterranean, lounge on one of the beautiful decks, enjoy a soak in the hot tub or take a leisurely walk around the ship. This evening, you might opt to celebrate this last evening at one of the specialty restaurants with friends as you sail through the night bound for Venice. (B/L/D)

October 11, 2016 - Venice, Italy

Today, the Spirit docks in **Venice** at 2:00pm. **TRIPS** has **included a walking tour** in the heart of Venice, then the remainder of the evening is yours to explore and enjoy this most romantic of cities. You'll be docked here overnight, so no need to rush back to the Spirit! Wander the alleyways and visit the **Piazza San Marco** or the **Bridge of Sighs**. You might choose to enjoy a gondola ride through the canals before stopping in a local boutique for a perfect gift just for you! (B/L/D)

October 12, 2016 - Venice to Milan

After disembarking from the Spirit this morning, you'll be assisted with your transfer to Milan. Along the way, stop and enjoy a delightful **wine tasting** in the **Valpolicella region**, one of Italy's most important wine producing areas. You'll enjoy wines whose characteristics are light with a hint of fruit. On arrival in Milan, check in to your hotel and have dinner on your own. (B)

October 13, 2016 - Homeward Bound

After breakfast this morning you'll be assisted with your luggage and transfer to the airport for your flight home. Memories of your Ultimate Mediterranean Cruise are sure to last a lifetime!

Barcelona to Venice!

\$4,198.00
Inside Stateroom - IF
Insurance \$323.00 p/p double

\$4,398.00
Oceanview Stateroom - OG
(Porthole)
Insurance \$323.00 p/p double

\$4,498.00
Oceanview Stateroom - OF
(Porthole - Midship)
Insurance \$323.00 p/p double

\$4,598.00
Oceanview Stateroom - OC
(Picture Window)
Insurance \$323.00 p/p double

\$5,398.00
Balcony Stateroom - BC
Insurance \$385.00 p/p double



Pricing is based on double occupancy!

Single supplement is an additional 50%.

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP!!

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip airfare to Italy (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 12 nights in your selected cabin category onboard the Norwegian Spirit
- All meals while onboard the Norwegian Spirit
- 1 night hotel pre-cruise in Barcelona
- City tour in Barcelona prior to embarkation
- Transfers from airport to hotel to pier in Barcelona
- **Included shore excursion; Afternoon walking tour in Venice**
- Wine Tasting en route to Milan on disembarkation day
- Transportation to Milan via private motor coach
- 1 night hotel in the Milan area post-cruise
- Transfer from hotel to Milan airport
- All ports of call as listed in the detailed itinerary
- Porterage of one full size suitcase per person
- TRIPS ticket wallet and luggage tags
- All cruise, port charges and government taxes
- Shipboard service fees are included

Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available and is strongly recommended. (Medical reasons only)

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