

# Capri - Genoa Cruising Guide



# Capri

## Day 1

As one of Italy's most romantic ports of call, the island of Capri offers the bustling capital of Capri Town on the east with its smart trattorias, galleries and boutique-riddled side streets. Sail west for the more serene locations of Anacapri where you will sun bed-strewn beaches, unique crafts, and fine local food and wine. Spend your evening enjoying the sophisticated ambience of Capri.

Have lunch at La Fomtelina in Marina Piccola or Add'o Riccio or dinner in some of the famous restaurants like the Lemon Tree, set in the open air in the midst of a lemon orchard. Take the yacht's tender and join the rowing boat excursion to the surreal Blue Grotto, a 60-meter long cavity known since Roman times.



## Naples or Ischia

Day 2

#### Naples

In the shadow of Vesuvius and the 2000-year-old ruins of Pompeii, relax onboard as you begin your cruise through the Bay of Naples, maybe stopping to take in the beautiful town of Sorrento. Famous for Limincello and its amazing views over the Gulf of Naples being made up of high cliffs and luxury hotels.

Maybe stop off at Marina di Stablia and partake in a VIP tour of Pompeii.

## Ischia

Besides the island's classic, virtually untouched natural beauty, Ischia draws most travellers to its shores with the promise of the healing benefits of its hot springs which are believed to offer both beauty and health benefits. Stroll the pretty streets of Ischia's main town before heading around to Casamicciola and indulging in the area's famed natural spas.





## Porto Ercole

Day 3

This pretty seaside resort is one of the most famous in Tuscany and is one of the two main towns on Argentario.

The fortresses of La Rocca, Filippo, Santa Carolina and Stella dominate the hillside above the perfect little natural harbour and are reminders of more belligerent times when the town was controlled by the Spanish in the 16th century. Now that Porto Ercole is a place more associated with pleasure, good food, boats and relaxation (the renowned Pellicano hotel is just outside the town), the profusion of these fortifications takes one by surprise but adds another interesting angle to this incredibly picturesque little port.

The historic centre of Porto Ercole can be reached through the Porta of Sienese origin surmounted by a clock tower on which one can read the plate commemorating the great painter Michelangelo Merisi – "Caravaggio" – who died in Porto Ercole in 1610.

# Porto Ercole & surrounding islands

Day 4

## Islands

Like a pearl in an oyster, the small Giglio isle lies cradled by warm blue seas in the southern corner of the Tuscan Archipelago, 50 km south of Elba and 15 km from the mainland. Giglio's mild climate, unspoilt nature and crystal clear, emerald coloured waters, offer unforgettable holidays all year round. Head for the sandy beaches and beautiful coves if you want to relax, go for the incredibly rich underwater world if you're into diving, or take one of the numerous hiking paths and explore the uncontaminated countryside of the Isola del Giglio.

Giannutri is the Tuscan Archipelago's most beautiful island. It's part of the Parco Nazionale dell'Arcipelago Toscano, which means visitors have to be careful not to disturb any of the flora or fauna.





# Cinque Terre

## Day 5

If you ever get tired of life, bypass the therapist and decamp immediately to Cinque Terre. Here five crazily constructed fishing villages, set amid some of the most dramatic coastal scenery on the planet, ought to provide enough to bolster the most jaded of spirits. Sinuous paths tempt the antisocial to traverse seemingly impregnable cliffsides, while a 19th-century railway line cut through a series of coastal tunnels ferries the less brave from village to village. Thankfully cars – those most ubiquitous of modern interferences – were banned over a decade ago. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the historical villages or simply take in the amazing views from anchor whilst enjoying a cocktail or two!

# Portofino

## Day 6

Cruise into the absolutely divine hideaway of Portofino. Home to five-star hotels for premier spa experiences, and dotted with designer stores, this tiny seaside town is brimming with luxury offerings. One of Italy's oldest and most scenic Golf courses are minutes away, while the world below the water is rich in marine life perfect for snorkelling. However, you choose to spend your few days on the Riviera, gorgeous views and exclusivity are a guarantee.

Day 7 - Depart Genoa









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