



Cruising Guide



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## Cote D'Azur

With its nearly tropical climate, azure water and a cerulean sky that attracts yacht lovers all year round, the Côte d'Azur is a sumptuous destination. Notorious for its indulgence and hedonistic lifestyle, the Côte d'Azur has two sides to her glittering coin: an idyll of magnificent back-country to compete with the vivid pulse of chic seaside enclaves.

Also known as the French Riviera, this strip of coastline is home to some of the world's most spectacular destinations: Cannes, St.Tropez, Monaco and many more. Over the centuries, numerous artists have called the Côte d'Azur home: Picasso, Renoir, Matisse and Chagall. Its rocky hillsides are capped with medieval stone villages, all of them virtually untouched. Nestled between the majestic Alps and the deep blue of the Mediterranean, hillside villas combine with sun-soaked beaches to create a breath-taking fusion of ancient history and modern elegance.



## Corsica

Nestled on the western side of the luminous Mediterranean, Corsica is ablaze with year-round sunshine, opulent silver-sand beaches and spectacular mountain scenery. A rugged mountain range spans almost two thirds of this majestic island, creating a backdrop of sheer natural beauty that is breathtaking to behold.

Described by Balzac as 'a French island basking in the Italian sun', the vibrant allure of both French and Italian culture resonate throughout the island. The major areas of interest on Corsica are Ajaccio and the west coast, the peninsula of Cap Corse to the north, and the southern tip known as L'Extreme Sud. Each offers rare opportunities for the discerning traveller, from sporting events to cultural festivals, all in a relaxed and relaxing atmosphere.





## Sardinia

Sitting off Italy's celebrated west coast, the sublime island of Sardinia is a complex patchwork of Franco-Italian culture. With a pearly coastline perfect for soaking up the sultry Mediterranean sun and crystalline water of the deepest blue where every inch of healthy reef is infused with the dream-like beauty of thriving coral beds and diverse marine life.

Sardinia is the second largest island in the Mediterranean: approximately 250 kilometres from north to south and 110 kilometres from east to west, the stunning landscape is incredibly varied, from white sandy beaches along the coast to mountainous terrain at the island's centre.



## Sicily

Blessed with a rich cultural history, captivating beaches, bustling harbours and amiable people, the landscape of this richly endowed island flows easily from rugged mountains to rolling hills scattered with lemon groves and cornfields as they sweep towards the sea.

"To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is to not have seen Italy at all, for Sicily is the key to everything." These are the words of the philosopher Goethe, which epitomize the feeling of those who know the true Sicily. Too often this idiosyncratic island is glossed over when it comes to travel plans, due to fears of violence or crime. The Sicily of today plays host to a multitude of gorgeous and ancient landscapes, coupled with a stable economy and inhabited by a gregarious and joyful people.



## Aeolian Islands

Once a secret Mediterranean escape for enlightened island-lovers, the seven volcanic gems that form the major Aeolian Islands are finding it difficult to keep their captivating beauty a secret. Alluring thermal resorts, water sports and glowing beaches make these small paradises yachtsmen's havens.

The unique beauty and character of each individual island has seen the entire chain listed on the UNESCO's World Heritage list since 2000. Cruising the waters in this unspoilt part of the world affords limitless opportunities to discover and explore this remarkable chain of islands in your own time. Each has something different to offer, and whatever you desire from your holiday, the Aeolian Islands will proudly and undeniably provide.

The floating gems of Lipari, Vulcano, Salina, Panarea, Stromboli, Alicudi and Filicudi lie north off the coast of Sicily, stretching between the looming presence of Mt Etna and the frightening beauty of Vesuvius above Naples.



## Italian West Coast

Beckoning invitingly to the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Italian West Coast's volcanic headland lures discerning travellers towards its sun-sparkled sea, simply glistening with possibilities. A fascinating area of historical wealth and natural beauty, the west is Italy at its most imposing.





## Tuscan Archipelago

Off the northwest coast of Italy lies a rustic slice of Mediterranean paradise divided amongst the seven islands of the Tuscan Archipelago; Elba, Giglio, Giannutri, Capraia, Gorgona, Pianosa, and Montecristo. Surprising, unique and a true natural treasure, the Tuscan Archipelago is a real discovery.

This alluring chain of dramatically unique islands is fabled to have been formed from the pearls of Venus, lost as she swam in the crystalline waters of the Mediterranean. Wilder and less refined than its Mediterranean neighbours, the Tuscan Archipelago is no less spectacular. A place of sea, sun and culture, the Archipelago is a rare piece of the world offering all the luxury of modern-day life without compromising its landscape, coast, mountains and forests.



## Italian Riviera

Known colloquially as the City of Flowers for its colourful summer blooms, San Remo also stages an annual music festival (the supposed inspiration for the Eurovision Song Contest) and the world's longest professional one-day cycling race, the 298km Milan–San Remo classic.

During the mid-19th century the city became a magnet for regal European exiles, such as Empress Elizabeth of Austria and Tsar Nicola of Russia, who favoured the town's balmy winters. Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel maintained a villa here, and an onion-domed Russian Orthodox church reminiscent of Moscow's St Basil's Cathedral still turns heads down by the seafront.

Beyond the manicured lawns and belle époque hotels, San Remo hides a little-visited old town, a labyrinth of twisting lanes that cascade down the Ligurian hillside. Curling around the base is a 25km bike and walking path that tracks the coast as far as Imperia, following the course of a former railway line and passing through the town's two character-filled harbours.

# Itinerary

## Embark in St Tropez

Embark in the glamorous St.Tropez and anchor in the sprawling Port de Saint Tropez. Once ashore, opportunities abound: work up an appetite with some shopping along the Place de la Garonne then head to the beloved Tropesian institution Club 55 where the cuisine is rivaled only by the sea view and flamboyant clientele. As night falls, enjoy a luscious barefoot cocktail on the black sand floor of the sumptuous Le Quai Joseph. For night-owls, the VIP room is the only place to wile away the dark hours of night until a new day has begun.

Later in the afternoon set off and sail up the coast to the truly hedonistic Pampelonne Beach. This was the very first nudist beach and always provides a lively atmosphere. Lunch at the deliciously notorious Nikki Beach then a few dulcet hours.

Distance from Pampelonne Bay to Cannes: 23.42nm @ 13 knots = 1hr 48mins

## Arrive in Cannes

Rise with the glorious Mediterranean sun and sail up the coast to the glitzy fishing village of Cannes. Stroll the Croisette for a few new treasures then head to Le Marais for a casual bistro with much Rue de Faubourg chic. Cocktails at Le Baoli are the perfect way to watch the sun sink into the balmy Mediterranean, and as the last streaks of pink fade from the sky, head to Le Loft. Enjoy Asian-inspired nibbles, dancing and a glorious view of gorgeous downtown Cannes and the millieu of elegant passersby.

Distance from Cannes to Antibes: 5.3nm @ 13 knots = 24mins

## Arrive in Antibes

This short jaunt up the coast means that if Cannes has caught your attention, you can linger longer to fully taste all that the Cannois have to offer. Once you've had your fill, sail to Antibes, which is a glorious bastion of old-world glamour and is home to the notable Hotel Du Cap Eden Roc. Here you can rejuvenate your mind and body through some of the worlds most exclusive spa treatments, then head to the Bellini Bar to enjoy some pre-dinner bubbles and a cozy chat among the overstuffed sofas and looming landscapes. Head to the Michelin-starred Restaurant de Bacon for an exquisite gastronomic experience, and for those who like a heavier nighttime outing, the rock club Whiskey a Gogo attracts the local elite and serves delectable cocktails.

Distance from Antibes to Nice: 9.75nm @ 13 knots = 45mins

## Arrive in Nice

Nice is a high-energy town and full of activity and opportunity: once the home of celebrated artist Henri Matisse, his paintings are the subject of the sprawling Musee Matisse.

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Shop for famous Grasse perfumes on Rue St.Gaetan then detour to the inviting Avenue de Verdun for premier designers. Wander Vieux Nice and enjoy an incredible lunch at La Petite Maison, serving a delicious fusion menu of Provençal-Italian classics. Le Relais is where the chic set welcome the night, but for uber-exclusive glamor, L'Odace is the ultimate. Dine at the Lane-Rouge and enjoy its enviable position facing the bustling old port or head to Le Chantecler and prepare to be gastronomically overwhelmed, thrilled and awed at this Michelin-starred jewel.

Distance from Nice to Monaco: 7.93nm @ 13 knots = 37mins

## Arrive in Monaco

Set sail towards the shining sands of Monaco. Arriving at the port in Monte-Carlo is an experience in itself, offering unforgettable views of the tiny country laid out before you. Spend the day browsing designer boutiques or relaxing on any one of the gorgeous beaches, before dressing up and enjoying an evening in the famous Monte-Carlo Casino.

Distance from Monaco to Calvi: 91.09nm @ 13 knots = 7hrs 1min

## Arrive in Calvi

A busy port during the Roman era, Calvi takes its name from the Calvus – 'bald' rock that would come to form the foundations of the Citadel. Standing proud on its headland, any visitor to Calvi must visit this thirteenth century fortress, which has lost none of its fascination over the centuries, and remains a remarkable example of architectural and cultural heritage. Within the walls you'll find cobbled passages tightly packed with houses, dominated by the Cathédrale Saint Jean-Baptiste, which stands at the highest point of the Citadel. The Citadel itself is a magnificent backdrop for the red-tiled town below, with its palm tree-planted harbour and lively restaurants lining the promenade. Quai Landry links the marina and the port, populated by bustling bars and cafés, this is the best place to get a feel for the town and watch the world go by.

Distance from Calvi to Ajaccio: 37.72nm @ 13 knots = 2hrs 54mins

## Arrive in Ajaccio

Cruise into the beautiful town of Ajaccio. Commanding a lovely sweep of bay, the city breathes confidence and has more than a whiff of the Côte d'Azur. Everyone from solo travellers to romance-seeking couples and families will love moseying around the centre, replete with mellow-toned buildings and buzzing cafes – not to mention its large marina and the trendy route des Sanguinaires area, a few kilometres to the west.

The spectre of Corsica's general looms over Ajaccio. Napoléon Bonaparte was born here in 1769, and the city is dotted with sites relating to the diminutive dictator, from his childhood home to seafront statues, museums and street names.



Distance from Ajaccio to Bonifacio: 37.54nm @ 13 knots = 2hrs 53mins

#### Arrive in Bonifacio

Cruise into the incredible harbour of Bonifacio. Partake in some of the yachts water sports overlooked by its imposing citadel and swim in the tranquil waters.

Pleasant days are easily whiled away on this beautiful island. Whether you choose to explore the coastline by yacht or spend most of your time on land, stunning scenery is guaranteed. Onshore, visit the bustling waterfront town of St. Florent, home to top restaurants, a sheltered bay and a number of sheltered bays and coves.

Relaxing morning on board

Lunch a shore, try the ever attentive Pedrinelli's Pedrinelli

Distance from Bonifacio to Santa Maria: 87.75nm @ 13 knots = 6hrs 45mins

#### Arrive in Sant Maria

An evening departure will allow you to slowly work your way to the Sardinia coast. A great place to anchor is off the private island of Santa Maria in La Maddalena Archipelago, before continuing the voyage. Anchor off the fabulous and much loved Hotel Pitrizzia for dinner a shore, overlooking the yacht at anchor.

Distance from Santa Maria to Cala di Volpe: 66.54nm @ 13 knots = 5hrs 7mins

#### Arrive in Cala di Volpe

Slowly move around to the Cala di Volpe anchorage for water sports in the morning and a popular lunch a shore at the famous hotel in the afternoon. Maybe enjoy a post lunch treatment, indulge yourself with an exotic body nourish wrap or similar. Early evening depart for the very exclusive harbour of Porto Cervo to enjoy dinner at Pedrinelli's.

Distance from Cala di Volpe to Porto Cervo: 2.22nm @ 13 knots = 10mins

#### Arrive in Porto Cervo

Treat yourself with some shopping at the many incredible boutiques in the port, before leaving for an afternoon in a nearby tranquil anchorage where you can swim and relax on board. An overnight passage after dinner will see the yacht heading for the Amalfi coast on the Italian Riviera.

\*\*\*The yacht can continue down the south east coast to Sicily and the Aeolian Islands before heading up the west coast of Italy, taking in the towns of Palermo, Cefalu, Lipari & Panarea.\*\*\*

Distance from Sardinia to Sicily: 248.84nm @ 13 knots = 19hrs 9mins

Distance from Porto Cervo to Amalfi / Positano: 229.8nm @ 13 knots = 17hrs 41 mins

#### Arrive in Amalfi / Positano

Wander and linger in the ancient and colourful town of Amalfi or venture further inland to the ruins of Pompeii. Experience the excellent cuisine of Hotel San Pietro in an exceptional setting. Pastel-washed houses terrace down the mountain at the artist community of Positano. Visit the Ancient Town, the "Civic Tower", the old churches and the Grotta di Smeralda; an underground sea cave near the village of Conca dei Marini. Time for watersports and dining onboard under the stars or at the famous Di Paolino restaurant.

Distance from Positano to Capri: 12.37nm @ 13 knots = 57mins

#### Arrive in Capri

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 Fontelina in Marina Piccola or Add'ò 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.

Distance from Capri to Naples: 17.89nm @ 13 knots = 1hr 23mins

#### Arrive in 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 Stabia and partake in a VIP tour of Pompeii.

Distance from Naples to Ischia: 16.21nm @ 13 knots = 1hr 15mins

#### Arrive in 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.



Distance from Ischia to Rome: 93.65nm @ 13 knots = 7hrs 12 mins

#### Arrive in Rome

Wake up in the beautiful city of Rome & enjoy the historical sites. Take a tour of the Vatican, see the Vatican Museum's secret rooms or visit the wonders of the Sistine Chapel.

Lunch a shore at one of the many fantastic restaurants and return to the yacht for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before dinner.

Distance from Rome to Giglio: 73.81nm @ 13 knots = 5hrs 41mins

#### Arrive in Giglio

You will find on Giglio perhaps the very best fishing of all the islands, and it is a top spot for dropping anchor and casting a line. Beach-lovers can enjoy any one of the lovely sandy stretches along the 28km coastline or head to Bay of Campese for top surfing and or sailing pursuits. The picturesque port is a scenic site to spend the night.

Distance from Giglio to Elba: 38.88nm @ 13 knots = 3hrs

#### Arrive in Elba

Porto Ferraio is the largest city and biggest port on Elba that makes an excellent base for the day. The Port is surrounded by delectable shops and cafes and if you time it right, the town often hosts a range of cultural events, sporting competitions, concerts, fairs, and Sailing Regattas. Elba is sprinkled with coastal towns that are a joy to explore while its towering mountainous interior plays host to ancient mining villages.

Anchor off the island and enjoy a day of water sports or a relaxing day swimming and taking in the local sites.

Distance from Elba to Capraia: 22.36nm @ 13 knots = 1hr 43mins

#### Arrive in Capraia

Set sail today for the volcanic island of Capraia, situated at the very top of the Archipelago. The island is an excellent spot for diving with its amazingly diverse ocean floor and countless underwater caves. Due to its volcanic origins, it supports an exotic array of marine life and archaeological ruins to explore.

Distance from Capraia to Cinque Terre: 66.06nm @ 13 knots = 5hrs 5mins

#### Arrive in Cinque Terre

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!

Distance from Cinque Terre to Portofino: 24.99nm @ 13 knots = 1hr 55mins

#### Arrive in Portofino

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.

Distance from Portofino to Sanremo: 68.41nm @ 13 knots = 5hrs 16mins

#### Arrive in Sanremo

Cruise leisurely towards the lively seaside town of San Remo. Home to the Castellarò Golf Club, this stop is the perfect opportunity to relax in style. Play nine holes on the scenic golf course or head inside the first-class club and enjoy a Turkish Bath or beauty treatment. For family activities, take to the tennis court, bicycle paths or horse-riding trails.

Distance from Sanremo to Villefranche-Sur-Mer: 20.67nm @ 13 knots = 1hr 35mins

#### Arrive in Villefranche

Arrive into the natural harbour at Villefranche-Sur-Mer. A pleasant anchorage protected from all but the southerly winds, Villefranche is a wonderfully french village, rich in authentic restaurants and beach-front bars that make for a truly relaxing evening.

After a morning spent exploring the alluring Villefranche streets, maybe take in an afternoon on board relaxing on deck with a cocktail or two!

Disembark the next morning for home.





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