

CLIA ITINERARY EXPERIENCE FACTSHEET

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

ITINERARY - 7 NIGHTS

- **Day 1:** Departing Barcelona Spain
- **Day 2:** Villefranche France
- **Day 3:** Genoa Italy
- **Day 4:** Livorno, for Florence and Pisa Italy
- **Day 5:** Civitavecchia, for Rome Italy
- **Day 6:** Palma de Mallorca Spain
- **Day 7:** At Sea 
- **Day 8:** Disembark Barcelona Spain



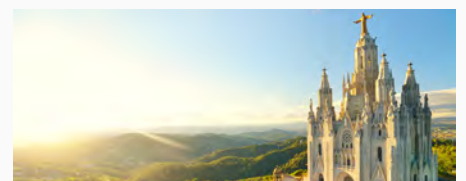
Key port: BARCELONA, Spain

Embark (Day 1) and Disembark (Day 8)

Docking: At Pier

Barcelona is one of the busiest cruise ports in the Mediterranean and worth staying two or three extra days pre or post voyage. Put Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia, La Rambla, the Gothic Quarter and some authentic tapas at the top of the must list.

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Day One & Eight

BARCELONA, Spain

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Docking: At pier

In a nutshell

Gaudi's stunning architecture, a historic centre and a lively vibe combine to make Barcelona one of Europe's favourite cities. Factor in an airport with excellent global air links and a large, modern port that can take the world's biggest liners and you see why the city is also home to one of Europe's busiest cruise ports, handling hundreds of turnarounds and cruise calls a year.



Arrive early

Add a couple of nights in the city to visit Gaudi's iconic cathedral Sagrada Familia and the colourful La Boqueria Market, explore the Gothic District (Barri Gotic) and try authentic Spanish tapas.

Getting there

British Airways, Iberia, Vueling, Easyjet and Ryanair have direct services from the UK to Barcelona El Prat Airport (BCN). The airport is nine miles from the city. There are two terminals some distance apart. Terminal 2 handles low-cost airlines; the rest use Terminal 1. Transfer time to the city is 25-35 minutes by airport bus, taxi or metro. Train transfers are available from Terminal 2 only.

Climate

Hot summers and cool winters. The best weather is May to July. August is generally hot and humid.

Opening times

9am-8/9pm Monday to Saturday. Some stores open Saturday mornings only. Most museums are closed on Mondays.

Day Two

VILLEFRANCHE, France

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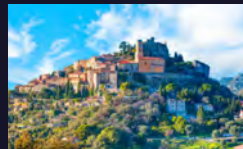
Docking: Tender port

Walking ashore? The tender boats land directly in the pretty town of Villefranche.

Gateway to: Monaco and Nice

Hero excursion: A three-in-one tour takes in Nice, Monaco and the hillside village of Eze.

Active excursion: Saddle up and take an e-bike tour from Villefranche to St Jean Cap Ferrat.



Day Three

GENOA, Italy

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Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? Guests can walk from the port to Genoa's old town.

Gateway to: Portofino (journey time 50 minutes).

Hero excursion: A walking tour of the city's historical centre with a focaccia tasting.

Active excursion: See the sights on a bike tour of the city.



Day Four

LIVORNO, Italy

Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? Guests have to take a bus to the port entrance.

Gateway to: Florence (90 minutes), Pisa (one hour) and the Cinque Terra villages (two hours).

Hero excursion: A full-day tour to Florence, to see the key sights and visit the city's art galleries.

Active excursion: Climb the Leaning Tower of Pisa – it's 296 steps to the top.



Day Seven

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain

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Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? The old town is about 6km from the port. Most cruise lines provide a shuttle.

Gateway to: Palma de Mallorca

Late nights? Several itineraries include late stays in Palma to get a taste of the city's lively nightlife.

Hero excursion: A vintage train ride from Palma to Soller, with free time in the village for shopping.

Active excursion: Explore the caves of Drach, home of the world's largest underground lake.



Day Six SEA DAY



Day Five

CIVITAVECCHIA, Italy

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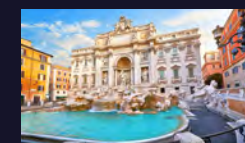
Docking: At pier

Walking ashore? It is possible to walk but there is a free shuttle bus to the main entrance.

Gateway to: Rome (90 minutes).

Hero excursion: A full-day guided sightseeing tour of the Eternal City and Vatican with lunch included.

Active excursion: See the ancient city the 21st-century way, on a Segway tour of the highlights.



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SELLING TIPS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Sell to first-timers or more experienced cruisers?

It's a winner for all cruisers, and all ages, but an especially perfect introduction for first-timers. This is a classic Mediterranean cruise, combining the must-see cities of Rome and Florence with picturesque Villefranche and party-time Palma - a must-do for all-comers.

When to go?

Most Med cruises operate between April and the end of October. Spring and autumn are the best times to escape the summer heat and the crowds.

At sea to port ratio?

This itinerary is port intensive - There are usually five port days and one day at sea.

Currency?

Italy, Spain and France all use the euro.



Children?

- **Palma** is a fun port for kids, with beaches, a shark-filled aquarium and dark caves to explore.
- **Livorno**, parents can swap the art museums and culture in **Florence** for cycling around **Lucca**.
- **Rome** has more bike rides or let the kids get up on the gory lives of gladiators on a visit to the Colosseum.



Opportunities for exercise

- **Cycling** is top of the activity list.
- For adventure, it has to be solving puzzles and discovering secret passages on an Angels and Demons tour in **Rome**.



Food & souvenirs

- Foodies have to tuck into focaccia and spaghetti carbonara, which are said to have originated in **Genoa** and **Rome** respectively.
- Shoppers can work their way from **Florence's** high-end hand-crafted leather goods to tasty Tuscan truffles.

Photo Moments Of The Cruise!



Pose with two centurions' outside the Colosseum in Rome.



Hugging the famous leaning tower in Pisa old town.



Make a wish and throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain in Rome.