# SHORE EXCURSIONS PROGRAM FOR BELOW CRUISES 2024 2025 CANARY ISLANDS

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ARRECIFE (Spain)



### ACF05 - THE BEST OF LANZAROTE IN A DAY

#### Duration: approx. 8 hours, lunch included

A day of exploring the best of Lanzarote can be yours when you join this entertaining island tour. Leave the port and reach the north of the island, past Teguise - Lanzarote's former capital - and up to the Jameos del Agua cave complex, your first stop. Forming part of a much larger lava tube called the Tunnel of Atlantis, the "open-topped" Jameos del Agua sinkholes not only feature stalagmites and stalactites, but also a bar, restaurant, concert hall and an underground pool, all added by the Spanish artist César Manrique in the 1960s. The seawater lake inside the caves is home to a highly unusual creature that is perfectly adapted to the gloomy environment: the tiny, sightless albino crabs known as munidopsis polymorpha. Endemic to Lanzarote, these unprepossessing crustaceans have called the caves home since the dawn of time and are fascinating to observe. The "Martian-like" landscapes of the petrified lava fields in the Timanfaya National Park are next - amazing, stark, captivating and strangely beautiful all at once. Evidence of the island's persisting low-level volcanic activity can be found at Islote de Hilario, where hot geysers let off jets of supercharged steam. Leaving the forces of nature behind, the tour continues through the lush vineyards that thrive in Lanzarote's mineral-rich soil and add a dash of colour to the countryside. A short stop at Mirador de Haria and a break for a buffet lunch in a restaurant are also part of the itinerary. You will then head back to the port and your ship to end the tour. Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground with stairs and is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Visibility from vantage points depends on weather conditions the day of the call. Lunch includes a serving of water and wine. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

# **ACF10 – PROTECTOURS: THE TIMANFAYA MOONSCAPE TREK**



**Duration: approx. 4.5 hours** 

Volcanic in origin and with vestiges of low-level volcanic activity still much in evidence, the sparse lavascape that characterises Lanzarote makes the island a trekker's - and photographer's - dream. After leaving the ship and meeting your local guide, a mere 45 minutes on the coach will see you reach the starting point of your trekking adventure: the Timanfaya National Park. Less time on the coach means more time on foot, and a 3-hour trekking route awaits you that will take you from spectacular craters through craggy, petrified lava flows to volcanic lakes. You never know, you may even spot a lava tunnel on the way. While seemingly bare, unadorned and even austere at first glance, you will find the otherworldly landscape soon begins to grow on you and reveal itself as endowed with a beauty all its own, one that is well worth capturing in some photos. Following all the hard yards of walking, a welcome opportunity to rest your legs then follows on the leisurely drive back to Arrecife and your ship. Please note: due to the trekking nature of this tour, it is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. The trekking route covers approx. 6 km (3.7 miles) and reaches an elevation of 150 metres (492 ft.). Guests are recommended to wear sturdy trekking shoes and must be at least 7 years of age to take part. No guides in Italian are available for this tour, nor are any comfort facilities available on the route. Visibility from vantage points depends on weather conditions the day of the call. This tour is available in English only.

# ACF11 – TOUR OF NORTHERN LANZAROTE



#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Apart from offering visitors year-round sunshine, any number of appealing beach resorts and the fabulous Timanfaya National Park, the island of Lanzarote is also home to one of nature's more unusual creations: a sightless, albino cave crab called munidopsis polymorpha that lives in the eternal gloom of the historical Jameos del Agua cave complex in the north of the island. This intriguing creature is yours to discover on a tour that begins with a coach ride from Arrecife up past Teguise and on to your fascinating destination. The Jameos del Agua caves were formed when the accumulated gases caused the ceiling to blow off two sections of the world's longest submerged lava tube, called the Tunnel of Atlantis. They not only feature the usual stalactites, stalagmites and an underground seawater lake with the endemic albino crabs, but also surprise visitors with a bar, restaurant, concert hall and even a pool that were designed and built by the Spanish artist, César Manrique, in the 1960s. Enjoy the surroundings while you take a good look at these unique crustaceans, so perfectly adapted to their natural environment and a fine example of evolution at work. Before concluding your tour with a drive to the port, you will also stop at Mirador del Rio; have your camera ready for capturing enchanting views for your memory book. *Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground with stairs and is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Visibility from vantage points depends on weather conditions the day of the call.* 



#### ACF12 – UNTAMED NATURE: THE TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK

#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

As an island of volcanic origin, Lanzarote has no shortage of "Martian-like" landscapes consisting of petrified lava flows interspersed with clumps of lush vegetation. The very best place to see this spectacle of nature is in the wonderful Timanfaya National Park in the southwest of the island - and your destination on this enjoyable tour. While Lanzarote's biggest volcanic eruption took place as long ago as the 1730s, evidence of low-level volcanic activity can still be observed today. For instance, at Islote de Hilario, a spot where fountains of scalding steam shoot forth from hot geysers - a sight that is as impressive as it is memorable. More otherworldly views of the starkly beautiful park landscape await as you continue the journey, while outside of the park you'll pass through many lush vineyards that flourish in the island's mild climate and mineral-rich soil. Your tour of varied landscapes then ends with your return to Arrecife and your ship.

# **ACF15 – PROTECTOURS: WALKING TOUR IN ARRECIFE**



#### **Duration: approx. 2 hours**

Lanzarote's capital is a small, south-coast city with a pleasant Mediterranean-style promenade, an inviting sandy beach washed by the sparkling Atlantic, and a disarming backstreet hotchpotch of sun-bleached buildings, unpretentious bars, buzzy shopping streets and restaurants of all kinds. This short introduction to the island's capital is worthy an exploration on foot and begins at the port. Follow your guide on an itinerary taking you through Arrecife's main sights including Castillo San Gabriel, Calle León y Castillo, one of the city's main streets, San Ginés Church with the bell tower and the lovely Charco San Ginés with its many fishing houses and rich in bars and restaurants. The walk back to the port concludes this short but lovely discovery of Arrecife. *Please note: this tour is completely on foot and is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes and seasonal clothes. All visits are external. This tour is available when the ship docks at the pier Cruceros.* 

### **BARI (Italy)**



#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Leave the port of Bari for a scenic 1-hour coach ride through the Italian countryside to Alberobello, a town in the Apulia region that forms the top of the "heel" of the boot of Italy. Thanks to its distinctive round stone houses with conical roofs, known as "trulli", the town was added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites in 1996. Your tour includes a guided walk through the delightful streets of this most unusual village. Many of these "trullo" houses are topped by a so-called "pinnacolo" - a sort of white cap or sphere - and all of them have curious symbols, possibly good-luck charms, painted on the roofs. The town also includes the only "trullo" church in the world, St. Antonio which can be easily recognized with its monumental entrance, two side chapels and a bell tower. If there is time, you will also go on a short sightseeing tour of Bari by coach before you return to the port and your ship. Please note: Traffic conditions may change the duration of the transfers to and from Alberobello.

# BAR04 – THE "SASSI" IN MATERA



#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Enjoy a 1-hour drive to Matera, the city of the weird and wonderful "Sassi", caves and the first town in the world to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your journey will be enhanced by some information you will receive by an assistant before reaching this amazing location. These caves were inhabited from the Neolithic times right up until 1952. Perhaps because of its unique and tangible history, the atmosphere here is extraordinary and the place exudes a mystic air. You visit "Casa Grotta", a furnished Sassi cave museum house, giving you an insight into people's life in the past in these peculiar houses, and even a rocky church, which is the symbol of the local culture. Many film directors have chosen to set films in Matera, as it is such an evocative place and Mel Gibson's controversial film, "The Passion of the Christ", was shot here. Please note: guests will meet guides in Matera; the bus drive is unguided. Traffic conditions may change the duration of the transfers to and from Matera. This tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties as it includes long periods of walking.

#### BAR07 - THE CAVES OF CASTELLANA & POLIGNANO A MARE



#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Leave the port for a 1-hour drive to the Caves of Castellana where we will meet our guide for a fantastic subterranean journey through the cave complex. The caves were first explored in 1938, although their existence had been known since the XVIII century. At 60 metres deep, marvel at the cave chambers and the myriad of alabaster stalagmites and stalactites encrusted with calcite crystals. Back above ground we will travel on to Polignano a Mare, a lovely town perched high on a rock with wonderful views over the sea. Explore the whitewashed streets meandering under the flowered arches and enjoy the hillside terrace that

overlook the sea. Please note: this excursion is not suitable for guests who are claustrophobic or with walking difficulties. The itinerary inside the caves is on uneven, slippery path. Traffic conditions may change the duration of the transfers to and from the Caves of Castellana.

**BAR20 – SPLENDOURS OF OLD BARI** 

**Duration: approx. 4 hours** 

Discover the architectural wonders of beautiful Bari in this leisurely half-day excursion. Board a little wheeled train and get set to explore the city in all its glory. This guided tour of Bari will also bring you the opportunity of a stroll around the historical quarter of "Bari Vecchia" and its medieval architecture. A visit to the Basilica of St. Nicholas is included, built in honour of Bari's patron saint. Founded towards the end of the 11<sup>th</sup>-century A.D., the basilica has been an important religious pilgrimage site for nearly a thousand years. An exterior viewing of Bari's old Norman castle will form a further focal point of your tour itinerary before continuing with a guided walk through the historical centre. Some free time at leisure is also part of the tour before it concludes with the return to your ship. Please note: This tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. Guests may choose to return to the port soon after the guided tour or to remain in Bari's city centre to have free time and come back to the port by shuttle bus later.

#### CASABLANCA (Morocco)



#### CASO6 - PANORAMIC TOUR OF CASABLANCA

**Duration: approx. 3,5 hours** 

Casablanca, founded in 1515 by the Portuguese, is now an expanding and dynamic metropolis, with wide avenues lined by modern buildings of typical European style. Your tour starts along the Boulevard de la Résistance towards the historic Habous quarter. Enjoy some time strolling through the streets of this New Medina and see the several shops of typical products. The excursion will proceed to the beautiful United Nation Square and pass by the Hassan II's Mosque for an external visit; the mosque is second in its size only to the Mecca. To complete the tour, you will enjoy a drive along the Corniche, the panoramic coastal road, en route to the residential quarter of Anfa and Ain Diab, a tourist area with splendid swimming pools hidden among the rocks, and lots of restaurants, bars, and nightclubs. Some free time for shopping at the United Nations Square will give you the chance to buy a souvenir before returning to the port. Please note: this tour has an afternoon departure. Passengers from the EU or Schengen area must have a valid passport to participate in the excursion. The identity card, valid for embarking on the cruise for passengers from the EU or the Schengen area, is not valid for disembarking on an excursion.



# Duration: approx. 13 hours, lunch included

Situated an approx. 3-hour coach drive from the port of Casablanca lies the vibrant city of Marrakech, also called the "Pearl of the South". Included in the tour itinerary are some of Marrakech's key sights, including the beautifully decorated Saadian tombs and the magnificent late 19<sup>th</sup>-century Bahia Palace and gardens. A stop will be made for you to enjoy a reviving lunch, after which the tour continues on to its final destination: Marrakech's bustling Jamaa el-Fna Square. This old marketplace in the city's medina quarter is teeming with life. Traders, snake charmers, acrobats, jugglers, storytellers, magicians, musicians, and peddlers of traditional medicines: this place has the lot. Before returning to Casablanca, you will have some free time to look for a souvenir around the Jamaa el-Fna Square. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties as it includes long periods of walking. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Passengers from the EU or Schengen area must have a valid passport to participate in the excursion. The identity card, valid for embarking on the cruise for passengers from the EU or the Schengen area, is not valid for disembarking on an excursion.



**Duration: approx. 5 hours** 

Among the must-sees during your stay in North Africa is the historical coastal city of Rabat, which is not only the capital of the Kingdom of Morocco, but also the country's third-largest metropolis. After boarding a coach at the port in Casablanca, a 1.5-hour drive will first take you north to reach your destination, the seat of the Moroccan government and the King's residence: the city of Rabat. Your guided tour of the capital's main highlights begins at Grand Mechouar Official Square and then moves on to Hassan Tower, the minaret of what was once intended to become the world's largest mosque when building began in 1195. Only four years later, construction work stopped when the sultan died and all that remains now of the ambitious building project are the beginnings of several walls and around 300 unfinished columns. A visit to the elegantly white Mausoleum of Mohammed V, which contains the tombs of the late Moroccan king along with his two sons, as well as the manicured gardens belonging to the Kasbah of the Udayas round out your guided tour before you head back to Casablanca and your ship. *Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties as it includes long periods of walking. If the call falls on a day of religious celebrations, the visit to the Mausoleum will be external and may be omitted in case the King of Morocco is in town; have the internal visit reconfirmed during your cruise. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. Passengers from the EU or Schengen area must have a valid passport* 

to participate in the excursion. The identity card, valid for embarking on the cruise for passengers from the EU or the Schengen area, is not valid for disembarking on an excursion. This tour is available in the afternoon.

CAS20 – CASABLANCA & RABAT



# Duration: approx. 10 hours, lunch included

This tour of two cities is a great way to see the key sights of Casablanca, the country's largest metropolis and main port, as well as Rabat, the capital of Morocco. Starting in Casablanca, a first stop will be made at Mohamed V Square and Hassan II Mosque, the third largest in the world with enough room to accommodate 25.000 worshippers inside and a further 80.000 in its capacious courtyard. Its dramatic appearance is further enhanced by its stunning location on a promontory jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean. The Casablanca leg then continues with a drive through the fashionable oceanfront Corniche and Anfa areas to the Habbous quarter for a stroll inside its narrow streets discovering the beautiful architecture of this part of the city called new medina. Then, enjoy a break for a delicious lunch and some free time for shopping before boarding the coach for an about 1.5hour drive to the north to reach Rabat and enjoy this city's best sights. These include the beautiful Mausoleum of Mohamed V, an elegant building of dazzling white, as well as Hassan Tower, the incomplete minaret of an equally unfinished mosque that dates back to the early 12<sup>th</sup>-century. A number of half-finished walls and the beginnings of some 300 columns are all that remain of this grand design today. Stops will also be made at the beautiful Kasbah of the Udayas as well as at the Royal Palace for an outside peek at the impressive building. Return to the port. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties as it includes long periods of walking. If the call falls on a day of religious celebrations, the visit to the mosque and to the Mausoleum will be external and may be omitted in case the King of Morocco is in town, have the internal visit reconfirmed during your cruise. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. Passengers from the EU or Schengen area must have a valid passport to participate in the excursion. The identity card, valid for embarking on the cruise for passengers from the EU or the Schengen area, is not valid for disembarking on an excursion.

# CAS23 - CITY TOUR AND HASSAN II'S MOSQUE



#### **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

Founded by the Carthaginian who called the city "Anfa", Casablanca as it is today is the result of rebuilding work carried out after a devastating earthquake in 1755. This city excursion will take you on a panoramic tour through the main streets and squares of Casablanca with a short stop at the Habous quarters for a stroll along its narrow streets sided by shops displaying local products: a good chance to take a glimpse of everyday life in the city. Enjoy a visit to the beautiful Cathedral of Notre Dame de Lourdes before visiting the highlight of the excursion: the magnificent Mosque of Hassan II, the largest mosque in the Islamic world after Makkah. Your tour ends with some free time for shopping at the United Nations Square before returning to the port. Please note: the visit to the mosque will be external in case of religious celebrations and, in case of Sunday calls, the cathedral could only be admired from the outside. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. Passengers from the EU or Schengen area must have a valid passport to participate in the excursion. The identity card, valid for embarking on the cruise for passengers from the EU or the Schengen area, is not valid for disembarking on an excursion. This tour may run am and pm.

#### CORFU (Greece)



#### **COR13 – PROTECTOURS: CORFU CITY TOUR**

# Duration: approx. 2.5 hours

If to you exploration means taking a close look at a place's sights, this is the tour not to miss. Depart from the ship and drive to Kanoni for a photo stop; have your camera ready to take lovely pictures of the small islands highlight the Vlachernas Monastery. Next, you will arrive in the city centre for a pleasant guided walking tour passing the most interesting sights of Corfu town. Your guide will take you on an itinerary through the historic centre with views of the Old Fortress, Liston Street, Espianada Square and the Church of St. Spiridon, the patron saint of the Island. Other attractions included on this enjoyable walking tour include: the Royal Palace of St. George and St. Michael. Enjoy some time on your own for independent exploration or have a coffee in one of the many bars of the city centre. *Please note: external viewings only of the places visited.* 

#### **COR55 - PANORAMIC SIGHTS OF CORFU**



#### **Duration: 4 hours**

This enjoyable coach tour combines a visit to Corfu town with a leisurely drive through the olive groves, cypresses and pine trees that are so typical of the island's beautiful landscape. The first stop will be at the fabulous bay of Palaiokastritsa, where you will have some time to explore on your own after an initial guided tour of the area. A brief photo stop will be made the village of Lakones at a local café, whose stunning hillside location affords breathtaking views of Palaiokastritsa bay. From here, you will reach the pretty village of Allimatades for a brief comfort stop and, if you wish, to buy a refreshing drink at a local bar. Then, you will return to Corfu for an enjoyable drive-by sightseeing tour of the town. The route will take you past the Garitsa Bay and the city's 14<sup>th</sup>-century old Venetian fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour will also give you a chance to see the Spianada

square, the Royal Palace of St. George and St. Michael, the old port with its traditional *caïque* fishing boats and the new Venetian fortress. Your return to the port and your ship marks the end of your tour. *Please note: during the drive-by of Corfu Town all the sites can only be admired from the outside. If time allows, you can opt to stay in town after the guided part of the tour and return to the port with the shuttle service on your own.* 

#### COR56 - PANORAMIC CORFU & PALEOKASTRITZA MONASTERY

### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

After leaving the port of Corfu, a short and scenic drive takes you through the island's interior, which is characterised by orange groves, cypress, and pine trees, to the west coast and the beautiful bay of Palaiokastritsa just south of Angelokastro. You will have a chance to visit Palaiokastritsa's Byzantine Monastery, which is situated high up on a rocky promontory with gorgeous views of the island and the Ionian Sea. While the monastery was originally founded in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century, the current complex dates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and is still home to a handful of monks even today. The monastery church is ornately painted with icons and frescoes covering the walls and ceilings. On returning to Corfu town, you will have time to explore the vicinity on your own before returning to the ship. *Please note: Those who are not interested in visiting the monastery can stay in Paleokastritza and wait for the group.* 

#### **PUERTO DEL ROSARIO (Canary Islands, Spain)**

# RIA (L)

# FUE02 - SPECTACULAR AJUY SEA CAVES & BETANCURIA

#### Duration: approx. 4.5 hours

Three of Fuerteventura's absolute must-sees are on the itinerary of this enjoyable tour, which first sees you board a coach to head for the picturesque fishing village of Ajuy on the island's western coast. Seemingly untouched by time, this tiny hamlet boasts fabulous ocean views, a dramatic black-sand beach flanked by towering cliffs and the amazing Ajuy Sea Caves - all of which you will get to enjoy at leisure. A walk down a coastal path will not only afford stupendous photo opportunities at every turn, but also take you to the steps leading down to the fascinating caves, which extend some 600 m into the rock. Leaving Ajuy and its caves, you will then continue by coach to the nearby Betancuria, the island's first capital. Free time will be yours to explore the charming town and its typical Canarian architecture at your own pace before the coach returns you to the port and your ship. Please note: as the tour involves periods of walking on steep, uneven ground with some steps, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems. Guests can visit the caves during their free time.

# **FUE03 – BEACH TRANSFER TO THE CORRALEJO DUNES**

# **Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

A beach-load of sand-fuelled fun is on the agenda of this half-day tour to one of Fuerteventura's most popular coastal resorts: Corralejo and the amazing Corralejo Dunes, a designated nature reserve, in the north of the island. Were it not for the fact that the dunes hug the coastline and the ocean is always near at hand, walking them would feel like a stroll through the desert. Moreover, since the dunes are also home to a large variety of birdlife, the area enjoys special protection as a zone for wild birds, along with the Isla de Lobos. In addition, the area provides stunning photo opportunities so do remember to bring a camera. You'll have plenty of time to explore this beautiful landscape at your own pace or, if you prefer, continue on to the nearby town centre for a chance to do some shopping. Your scenic return journey to the ship then ends the tour.

# **FUE04 – BEST OF FUERTEVENTURA**

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#### Duration: approx. 8 hours, lunch included

Home to a fascinating landscape of broad mountain ranges, volcanic cones, and extensive lava fields - the so-called malpaís, or bad lands, Fuerteventura is well worth a day to explore the very best of its many and varied sights. Leaving Puerto del Rosario, you will head south to the Cheese museum in Antigua, to discover the island through its rich cheese making tradition. The museum consists of several thematic areas, arranged around a large patio, and houses Antigua's original windmill, which has been restored and is in full operation. During the visit of the many areas of the museum, you will also have a chance to sample some of the goats' cheese yourself. Don't miss the chance to enjoy the cactus garden, a green treasure with species which only grow on this island as well as other species from all over the world. Boarding the coach and continuing southbound, you will reach the Aloe Vera plantation, which is full of these succulent lily plants, used a great deal in the cosmetic industry. Aloe Vera is rich in many vitamins, minerals, proteins, and amino acids. The Canaria farmers have known this plant for many years and often use it as a household remedy for many ailments. While visiting the plantation and the factory, you will also have the opportunity to buy products for sunburn relief, scalp & hair, wrinkles, skin marks, psoriasis, acne, stretch marks, tired legs and body massage. The tour continues to the pretty village of Pájara where you can admire the Aztec decorated church and soak up in the laid-back sleepy atmosphere. The mountain drive is very picturesque and takes you to the old capital Betancuria, overlooked by high mountains: apart from the village with its local charm and picturesque cobbled streets, a must-see is a visit to the Church of Santa María, which is located in the centre. Then, travelling north out of Betancuria, more views are in store as

the coach will take the route of the unique landscape of the Betancuria Mountains on your way to a typical Canaria restaurant and village. After a stop for a tasty lunch, you will proceed to the main tourist area in the north, Corralejo. Enjoy photo stops at the marina and the stunning sand dunes, where you can enjoy views across to the neighbouring islands of Lanzarote and Isla de Lobos. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.



Duration: approx. 4 hours

The perfect way to see the rugged landscape of Fuerteventura is in an equally rugged vehicle, which is why this fun-packed tour will see you board a jeep and set off on a thrilling ride. Your half-day exploration begins with the drive up to La Oliva, the capital of the municipality that covers northern Fuerteventura. A stop is scheduled at the charming town square of this typical Fuerteventuran village, after which you will continue on to Playa Águila. The lovely beach was named after the shape of the cove, which looks a little like the wings of an eagle. Have your camera at hand and ready to roll for the stunning views from the cliff top before you continue on to El Cotillo a little further up the coastline. This picturesque fishing village is home to a beautiful beach and lagoon, which you will then have time to enjoy by taking a refreshing dip it the water. Your final destination on the tour will be the amazing Corralejo Dunes, a nature reserve, that run alongside the ocean at the island's northern tip. Fabulous vistas of golden sands and turquoise water await you and are well worth a photo. From Corralejo, you will then begin your homeward journey to the port and your ship. Please note: each jeep can accommodate a maximum of 6 guests. One of the drivers will

give brief information only in English during each stop. This tour is unsuitable for pregnant women and for guests with mobility, back or neck

problems. Guests are recommended to wear or take comfortable shoes, swimwear, a towel, and a jacket.



Duration: approx. 4.5 hours

Enjoy this half day excursion to discover the best viewpoints of the island, and its many places of interest. Learn of the history of Fuerteventura, hear stories of the early settlers and of the different ways of life. The tour starts by leaving the port en route to the small village of Pajara, included among the prettiest village in the whole of Spain. Enjoy free time to see the main square or visit the church with the Aztec design entrance that still remains a mystery. Boarding the coach again, you will head for the centre of the island with a stop at one of the highest viewpoints. This is the best place to see one of the most spectacular views of the island and the drive through the mountain road to get there, is a must-see! From here, you will continue to La Oliva, passing by Tindaya Mountain, where the guide will tell you the stories of the mountain's mystical history. You can enjoy some free time around the church of La Canladaria in La Oliva, a XVII century building with a watchtower. On your way back to the ship, you will pass by the Casa de Los Coroneles on your way to the famous sand dunes of Corralejo, where you will stop for a photo opportunity.

## **FUNCHAL (Portugal)**

# FUN09 – EXPLORING FUNCHAL BY 4X4

**Duration: approx. 4 hours** 

The historical city of Funchal has been Madeira's capital for more than 500 years and its greater municipal area is also home to a panoply of untouched natural beauty that this exciting road trip in a 4x4 will give you a chance to experience at first hand. Once settled in your modern jeep, you will make your way inland through one of Madeira's most enchanting forest regions, whose abundance of wild fennel also gave Funchal its name. As you travel along a pleasantly meandering and undulating route, you can sit back and savour amazing views of mountain peaks and verdant valleys - and capture some fabulous vistas for posterity during numerous photo stops. Largely hidden by the mountainous topology of this volcanic island, these secluded areas and protected natural habitats promise to give you an authentic taste of the island in its purest form, "essence of Madeira", if you will. Your essential exploration of Madeira's scenic interior and celebration of off-road driving ends with your return to the ship, richer in experiences and memories. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for pregnant women and for guests with mobility, back or neck problems. Guests must be at least 10 years of age to take part. The driver will provide information in English only. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

# FUN13 – SIGHTS OF FUNCHAL AND FREE TIME

**Duration: approx. 4 hours** 

Take yourself off on a leisurely half-day jaunt around lovely Madeira and also spend some time in the city of Funchal on a tour that begins with a coach ride across the island to reach your first destination: the belvedere of Pico dos Barcelos. You'll have a bit of time to soak up amazing views of the island during a photo stop before you move on to Cabo Girão, the world's second highest cliff. You can choose whether to venture right up to the safety railings or enjoy the view from a little farther back, either

way this is a great spot to take photos. Last up on the tour is the vantage point of Pico da Torre, which affords all-round vistas of the parish of Câmara de Lobos from about 205 m/670 ft. above mean sea level. On your return to Funchal, time will be yours to spend in town on your own before you return to the ship. Please note: guests are recommended to wear a coat. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

# FUN19 – CABO GIRÃO, PICO DOS BARCELO AND MADEIRAN LUNCH

#### Duration: aprox. 7 hours, lunch included

Beautiful Madeira, the island of eternal spring, volcanic, green, and rugged, with high cliffs, pebbly beaches, and settlements on the deltas of the Fajã River. This beautiful outing alternates between sea and mountain views. We start at Eira do Serrado, 1.026 metres above sea level, for its gorgeous views of the surrounding mountains and the villages in Nun's Valley below. We then go Pico dos Barcelos for views of the surrounding villages scattered over the green slopes and the island's capital Funchal in the distance. This is followed by Cabo Girão, the highest seaside cliff in Europe and the second highest in the world. Soaring 1.900 feet, its etched face tells the tale of its volcanic origins. From this impressive promontory, you will have breath-taking views along the island's southern coast. After lunch in a traditional Madeiran restaurant, we head to Câmara de Lobos, the fishing village once painted by Sir Winston Churchill on holiday. See the quaint red-tile roofed houses clustered on the rocky point and the brightly painted fishing boats anchored in the harbour. The tour ends with some free time in Funchal city centre before returning back to the ship. *Please note: comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. This excursion is unsuitable for guests with heart problems due to the height reached. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.* 

# **FUN21 – PICO DOS BARCELOS & TOBOGGAN RIDE**



**Duration: approx. 3.5 hours** 

Leave the vessel and get ready to fall in love with the lush landscape of Madeira. A coach drive will take you to Pico dos Barcelos from where we can admire breathtaking views over the island of Madeira. Continue to Monte and visit to "Nossa Senora da Monte" church. We will indulge in the fun local past-time of toboggan riding as we take ride in a wicker chariot through the streets! Have some free time in Funchal to explore on your own before returning to the port. Please note: the toboggan station may be crowded, and it may be necessary to wait and/or queue before getting in. Comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. Have the inside visit to "Nossa Senora da Monte" church reconfirmed during your cruise. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. To visit the church, guests shall be able to negotiate 171 steps up and 68 steps down. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call. This tour is not available on Sundays.

# FUN24 - PANORAMIC CABO GIRAO & RIBEIRA BRAVA

**Duration: approx. 4 hours** 

After first heading to the Pico da Torre vantage point for the panoramic view, the excursion then continues up to Cabo Girão, which is the world's second highest seacliff. The outlook from the safety railings is out of this world and a great place from which to take photos but is equally lovely from a little way back. After an opportunity to try the local speciality - a tasty cocktail called poncha - and take in the scenery, the final leg on the tour begins with a 1-hour drive to Ribeira Brava. Situated on the southwest of Madeira, the pretty, little town is a hive of street cafés and shops. It is believed the town's name derived from the wild (Brava) river (Ribeira) that once flowed through the area. Your tour concludes with your return to Funchal and the ship. Please note: comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

# **FUN26 – PROTECTOURS: FUNCHAL WALKING TOUR**



**Duration: approx. 3.5 hours** 

Located in a natural amphitheatre in the south of the island, facing the blue sea and surrounded by mountains, the city of Funchal will welcome you on this walking tour lasting a few hours. From the port, follow the guide to the first stop on the tour, the bronze statue, in natural size, placed in the gardens of the Casino Park Resort Hotel, aiming to make the passage of the Empress of Austria to Madeira Island even better known, as well as to perpetuate her memory. Proceed towards Santa Catarina Park which offers a lovely view over the bay of Funchal, green spaces, a cafe, several paths with benches and flanked by many species of the world's flora and a lovely lake with a small island where swans and ducks thrive. After a stop in this green oasis, you will pass by Cathedral of Funchal, classified as a National Monument since 1910, it is the main religious temple of the Archipelago. After an external viewing, you will continue to the market, nowadays this space still performs the functions for which it was created, selling products of all kinds, in an environment where colours, sounds, smells and different people are mixed. Last visit is Santa Maria street in the old part of the city. Considered a historic area of great architectural and heritage value, walk along its narrow cobbled streets and admire the facades of old houses. Please note: This tour is done entirely on foot over approximately 7 km. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Comfortable shoes and a hat recommended. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour.

Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment. There will be no visit to the market on holidays and on Sunday and Saturday afternoons calls.

#### LAS PALMAS (Canary Islands, Spain)



#### LPM02 - LAS PALMAS & BANDAMA

#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Leave the vessel and reach Doramas Park, a lovely and large urban park showing the local flora of the Canary Islands such as dragon trees, ficus, palm-trees and other local species. Its cascade fountains and the vast vegetation are locals' favorite spot for relaxation and strolling around. Then, continue to the oldest quarter of Las Palmas, called "Vegueta", a maze of narrow, cobblestones streets, passing by "Plaza Santa Ana" with its bronze statues in honour of the dogs which gave the Canary Islands their name. You will also admire the Cathedral from outside before proceeding with the second part of the excursion that will take you to the residential area of "Tafira" to reach the vast volcanic crater of Bandama, an extinct volcano rising nearly 580 metres above sea level. Enjoy panoramic views before making a photo stop at "Altavista" viewpoint with its magnificent panorama over Las Palmas, Las Canteras Beach and the port. *Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties.* 

### LPM03 - MOGAN, THE LITTLE VENICE OF GRAN CANARIA

#### **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

Your excursion to the so-called "Venice of the Canaries" kicks off with panoramic views of 17 km of coastline, dunes and beaches from Maspalomas, Gran Canaria's oldest tourist resort in the south of the island. The Maspalomas Dunes have been declared a protected nature area as they are a habitat for many rare plant species, some of which are only found in the Canaries. The coach then continues down a scenic route along the south-western coastline to reach the picturesque fishing village of Puerto de Mogán. An extensive network of canal-like sea channels and numerous bridges that link the marina with the fishing harbour have earned the popular resort its nickname of "Little Venice". You will have some time to visit the town, see some typical Canarian sailing boats and explore the marina with its shops, yachts and local restaurants before you return to the ship. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties.

# LPM05 - PANORAMIC TOUR OF GRAN CANARIA



# **Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

This excursion will begin with a transfer to the Crater de Bandama, an extinct volcano rising nearly 580 metres above sea level to enjoy panoramic views. Next stop will be a transfer to "Teror", located in the mid-mountain range of the north of Gran Canaria. Here you will learn about the history of the town and admire some of the many important monuments. The town is a traditional Canarian village of white houses and wooden balconies. Admire the Basilica of the Virgen del Pino, the island's patron saint before proceeding to Arucas, an agricultural centre, and then to Altavista viewpoint. The tour concludes with the return to the port. *Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties.* 

# LPM07 – LAS PALMAS CITY TOUR

# Duration: approx. 4 hours

Leave the port and reach to the oldest quarter of Las Palmas, called Vegueta, the starting point of your guided cultural city tour discovering a maze of narrow, cobblestone streets. On the way you will admire the market, Perez Galdos' Theatre, and pass by Santa Ana square with its bronze statues in honour of the dogs, which grave the Canary Islands their name. Enjoy free time at Vegueta to explore its hidden corner or to sip a coffee in a bar. The second part of the tour will include a visit to the park of Doramas, a lovely and large urban park. It shows the local flora of the Canary Islands such as dragon trees, ficus, palm-trees and other local species. Its cascade fountains and the vast vegetation are locals' favorite spot for relaxation and strolling around. Your sightseeing tour of Las Palmas will include Alfredo Kraus' Auditorium, a vantage point for a spectacular view of Canteras Beach. Return to the pier. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties.

## LPM08T - MASPALOMAS BEACH TRANSFER



### **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

Enjoy a panoramic scenic drive by motor coach with stunning views of the mountain peaks in contrast to the picturesque coastal towns through the coast of Grand Canaria. Once at Maspalomas, you will have free time to walk by the promenade, soak up the

sun at the beach, admire the tropical vegetation or relax at one of the many bars and restaurants available. After meeting with your driver at the fixed time, you will return to the ship. Please note: this tour is subject to weather conditions. We recommend wearing a swimwear and bringing a towel, sunscreen, and a hat.

#### PALERMO (Italy)



# PMO02 – PALERMO AND MONREALE

**Duration: approx. 5 hours** 

Your excursion begins with a coach tour past the city's key landmarks, such as the Quattro Canti, Piazza Politeama and the Teatro Massimo, en route to Monreale, a town located on the slope of Monte Caputo and just 8 km away from Palermo. Enjoy a walking tour around the town and visit the Cathedral, home to an exquisite display of golden mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testament. Back on your coach, enjoy the drive to Palermo for a full visit of the Cathedral, built in an unusual marriage of Norman and Arab architectural styles and which houses the tombs of different Norman kings and Emperor Frederick II. Another religious site of note is the "Casa Professa", one of the most important baroque churches in Palermo. You will also visit a local market rich in typical Sicilian products where you can enjoy some free time for shopping before returning to the ship. *Please note: you have to walk up some steps to visit the Cathedral in Monreale. The guide will give explanation only outside the sites; guests will visit them individually. If the Cathedrals are closed on public holidays or during special events, the visit will be external. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This tour includes periods of walking, at times over uneven surfaces; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment.* 



#### **Duration: approx. 6 hours**

Enjoy a 1-hour coach drive to Cefalù, a small yet pretty town situated one hour away from Palermo and which was founded by the Norman King Roger II in the XII century on the site of an earlier historic settlement. You will visit Cefalù Cathedral, the "Duomo del Cristo Pantocratore", an example of Norman-Romaneque architecture with stunning interior Norman-Byzantine mosaics. Next on the list is the visit to the medieval lavatory, a public lavatory where people used to wash their clothes in the Middle Age and fully restored in 1991, a legacy of medieval times, carved into the rock. Enjoy a guided walk along the historical centre and some free time to explore the narrow, atmospheric streets. Quality local craft shops make Cefalù a great place for souvenir shopping. Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground and is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. If the Cathedral is closed on public holidays or during special events, the visit will be external. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits.

# PMO20 - PROTECTOURS: WALKING TOUR OF PALERMO



# **Duration: approx. 3.5 hours**

This appealing outing gives you a chance to team a little gentle exercise with seeing the sights of Palermo, Sicily's capital city, on foot. Your guided walking tour begins on Via Francesco Crispi, a large boulevard leading to Piazza XIII Vittime and its monument to 13 victims of the notorious mafia. A short photo stop is scheduled there, after which you'll continue your walk down Via Cavour, then past the well-known Teatro Massimo and Quattro Canti, an octagonal square flanked by a number of Baroque buildings. You'll also get to see Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini en route to the ancient Vucciria marketplace and Piazza San Domenico before you return to the port and your ship. Please note: This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of moderate walking, at times over uneven surfaces. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.

#### PMO48 - PALERMO SIGHTSEEING TOUR & VISIT TO TEATRO MASSIMO



#### Duration: approx. 4.5 hours

Palermo's Teatro Massimo, the third largest opera house in Europe, is part of this half-day excursion, along with a panoramic tour of the city. The first part of the excursion is dedicated to photography enthusiasts, who will be able to capture the splendid panorama of Palermo from the 610-metre-high Monte Pellegrino. Back in the city, the itinerary includes an overview of Mondello, famous for its beaches, and other short photo stops to capture the beauty of the gulf and then the Casina Cinese and Parco della Favorita. Arriving at the Teatro Massimo, the largest theatre in Italy, you will be fascinated by the structure with its huge dome and the façade that resembles a temple with columns. The tour inside will leave you even more breathless as you pass through the foyer, the hall of mirrors, to the great horseshoe shaped auditorium with 31 boxes including the royal box. Your guide will tell you a few anecdotes about the theatre, which could seat up to 3000 people, before leaving this marvel of opera and continuing the tour with a walk through the streets of Palermo. Follow the guide along Via Maqueda, past the 4 Canti, Piazza Pretoria and admire the Cathedral from the outside. And it is in this setting, comfortably seated in front of Palermo Cathedral,

that you will pause to enjoy two Sicilian delicacies, an arancino (fried stuffed rice balls) and a cannolo (a sweet pastry filled with ricotta cheese), accompanied by a glass of passito wine. After some free time, the coach will take you back to the port, passing the monument dedicated to the victims of the Mafia. Please note: This tour includes approximately 1 hour of moderate walking, at times over uneven surfaces. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

#### SANTA CRUZ DE LA PALMA (Canary Islands, Spain)

# SPC03 – A TOUR OF VOLCANOES AND WINES



# **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

From views of rugged volcanic landscapes to tasting delicious wine - this tour gives you both in a winning combination that begins with a drive to the south of the island, passing through vineyards, craggy lava fields and pine trees on the way. Your first stop will be at Fuencaliente, an area that not only boasts the largest number of volcanic eruptions on the island but is equally famed for its wine production. Enjoy views of the south coast with good opportunities to take lovely pictures and admire the lighthouse and the extensive salt pans, one of the island's sources of wealth. Keep having your camera ready for the next part of the tour to capture views of the astonishing lava landscape and the Teneguía volcano in the distance as you spend about 30 minutes walking around the rim of the San Antonio volcanic crater. Your encounter with nature will be followed by a much more relaxing pursuit: a visit to a local wine cellar for a light snack and a chance to taste - and purchase if you feel so inclined - some of the more unusually flavoured local wines. The tour concludes with the return to the port. Please note: the tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems. In the interest of safety, the walk along the rim of the crater will only take place if weather conditions permit on the day of the call. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

### SPC05 - LA PALMA CITY BY TRAIN BUS

#### **Duration: approx. 2.5 hours**

At the pier, you will be welcomed by a guide who will provide us with a cordless headset to allow us more movement freedom at the same time that listening the explanations. From there we will depart on a train-bus which will take us along S/C de la Palma's main avenue: Avenida Marítima. During this transfer, we will be able to enjoy a short panoramic view of the city. Upon arrival at the replica of the Santa Maria of Columbus, our walking tour through the most remarkable buildings and streets of the city will start. We will be introduced into the history and past of the island related to America, and its important economic aspects, its Flemish art works and many other topics related to trade with Europe which have had a deep influence on the history and development of the island. At the end of tour, you will be invited to have a drink at a local venue before visiting Junonia Interpretation Centre, which gives you a better idea of what La Palma was in the history of the Canary Islands. Return to pier is on foot. Please note: guides available only in English, Spanish, French and German. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.

# **SPC06 – BEACH TRANSFER TO LOS CACAJOS**



#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Leave the ship and spend some hours basking in the sun. Los Cancajos, also known as Playa de Los Cancajos, is a tourist resort in the Canarian island of La Palma and will be your destination for today outing. Located in the east of the island, two kilometres south of the island's capital, Santa Cruz de La Palma, this beach is a bay protected by a volcanic rock breakwater that offers calm waters at all times of the year. It is the second largest resort on the sialdn with several restaurants and shops. Enjoy some free time to stroll on the beach or browse through souvenir shops. At the fixed time, board the coach again and return to the port. Please note: the tour depends on weather conditions. Guests are recommended to wear swimwear under clothes and to bring a hat, sunscreen, and towels.

# SPC07 – LUSH LANDSCAPES & THE SPECTACULAR CALDERA DE TABURIENTE

#### **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

On this entertaining tour, half a day off the ship translates into half a day of exploring the wonderful island of La Palma - and in total comfort while seated in a coach. The outing kicks off with a short drive to the island's scenically set spiritual centre, the 14<sup>th</sup>-century church of Santuario de la Virgen de las Nieves, the patron saint of La Palma. Going by the simple façade of the church, the inside is likely to surprise since it reveals a plethora of breathtaking decorations. The Cumbrecita viewpoint is next, a spot where you can soak up amazing vistas of the Caldera de la Taburiente National Park, the pride and joy of La Palma and created in 1954. Do bring your camera to take some photos of the crater, a fabulous sight you will want to remember forever. A vast circumference of 28.000 m, a diameter of 9.000 m and a depth of 700 m make the caldera one of the largest in the world. A local guide will take you on a walk around the rim for about 60 minutes - a truly unique experience with views of pine trees, petrified lava flows and cool streams to enjoy as you go. Moving on, a short stop at the cigar factory will give you an insight on

the handmade production of cigars. The tour concludes with the return to the port. *Please note: Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. In the interest of safety, the stop at the Cumbrecita viewpoint will only take place if weather conditions permit on the day of the call.* 

# SPC08 – UNESCO BIOSPHERE FOREST AND RUM FACTORY

**Duration: approx. 4 hours** 

Visit the biggest forest in the Canary Islands, Los Tilos, and the charming village of Los Sauces. Leave the port and drive to the oldest part of the island with its lush vegetation en route to "Mirador de La Galga" viewpoint, situated right on the edge of two deep cut gorges. From there, continue to the north to the evergreen forest Los Tilos, what has been declared a Biosphere Reserve by the Unesco, where you will find many indigenous plants of the island including the Canarian holly tree, heather, strawberry tree and the Canarian bellflower. Next, you will reach the lovely little village of San Andrés and enjoy this picturesque corner of the island with a relaxing walk to the neighbor village of Charco Azul and its natural swimming pools surrounded by banana plantations and the coast. Even though a part of the area has been damaged, you are still able to see one of the pools in its natural surroundings. After a short stop to take pictures, you will visit a "Ron Aldea" Rum Factory and enjoy a taste of typical shot of rum from La Palma. The tour concludes with the return to Santa Cruz de La Palma. Please note: This tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties.

#### SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE (Canary Islands, Spain)



# Duration: approx. 8 hours, lunch included

This full day tour begins with a scenic drive in a coach inland through the lushly forested area known as La Esperanza to reach El Portillo, the natural gateway to the circular Las Cañadas del Teide Natural Park where the volcanic Mount Teide, reaching 3.718 metres above sea level, is also located. After a stop to take picture, board the coach again and drive through the Park en route to Roque de García, a group of rock formations shaped by erosion within Las Cañadas caldera. You will stop to admire the incredible geolofical formation known as el Dedo de Dios, which translates as "The Finger of God", a good opportunity to enrich your photographic album of memories. Continue through the Orotava Valley to reach a restaurant near Puerto de la Cruz for an invigorating lunch. A veritable paradise of plant life then awaits you at Puerto de la Cruz: the wonderful botanical gardens and their profusion of tropical plants. Founded in 1788, it is one of the most beautiful gardens in Tenerife with a special collection of native plants, as well as tropical and subtropical plants that are perfectly adapted to the climate of the island. The garden keeps a herbarium of Canarian flora with more than 37.000 specimens and promotes research programmes on Canarian flora. The return to the port concludes your day among the natural beauties of Tenerife. *Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with heart problems due to the height reached (approx. 2.300 metres above sea level) and with walking difficulties. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.* 

# TEN02 – PUERTO DE LA CRUZ & OROTAVA

**Duration: approx. 5 hours** 

Located off the west coast of Africa, Tenerife is the largest of the seven Canary Islands, blessed with a mild climate and beautiful countryside as well as home to numerous wonderful seaside resorts, one of which you will visit on this enjoyable tour: the town of Puerto de la Cruz on the northern coast of the island. Leave the port and enjoy a short coach ride through Tenerife's exciting landscape to reach your first destination: the Orotava Valley and the small town of La Orotava. Founded in the 15<sup>th</sup>-century by some of the wealthy families who lived on the island, the town has retained many appealing remains of its medieval beginnings. You will have a chance to take a stroll through the centre of the small town to reach the famous Casa de los Balcones, a 17<sup>th</sup>-century three-storey building that features pinewood balconies and patios to the front. The Casa is a typical example of what an aristocrat's house would have looked like in the Canary Islands in this bygone age. A veritable paradise of plant life then awaits you at the next stop on the tour: the wonderful botanical gardens and their profusion of tropical plants. After an approx. 40 minutes spent visiting the gardens, reach Puerto de la Cruz, the island's main tourist centre, its capital and a great place to spend an hour exploring the busy streets, soaking up the lively atmosphere or hitting the many shops to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Numerous seafront cafés provide a welcome chance to have a break and a drink, watch the world go by or enjoy grand views of the North Atlantic Ocean. The relaxing return drive then brings the tour to a close. *Please note: this tour includes walking on cobblestones and uneven ground; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.* 

TEN04 – JEEP ADVENTURE

#### **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

Discover Tenerife's nature-given beauty on this exciting jeep adventure, which begins when you board a modern 4x4 vehicle at the pier and set off along a road noted for its hairpin bends. Look forward to spectacular views as you travel through the mountains en route to the village of San Andrés. A stop is scheduled at the Mirador Bailadero, a great place to take photos, followed by Taganana, a pretty hillside village with views of the sea and little white houses that cluster around the Church of Nuestra Señora de Las Nieves, one of the oldest on the island. Moving on again, the next brief stop is scheduled at Playa de Almáciga, a volcanic black-sand beach, after which a scenic route will see you reach Roque Negro, the name of both a village and a large rock that dominates the landscape. As a final treat, you can then soak up incredible views of the entire island at the Mirador Pico del Inglés at about 990 m/3250 ft. above mean sea level. The return journey will then give you a chance to relax, enjoy more lovely views and briefly stop in La Laguna, the second important town of the island, before returning to the ship. Please note: the tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, back/neck injuries and for pregnant women. The jeep driver will provide brief information only in Spanish or English and during the stops. Each vehicle has a max. capacity of 6 guests. If you travel with your family or friends, we cannot guarantee you will be in the same jeep, depending on the available space as all jeeps must be occupied for its entire capacity. Min. age to take part in the tour: 4 years old.

#### **TEN10 – DOLPHIN QUEST BY CATAMARAN**

#### Duration: approx. 5.5 hours

Spend half of your day in Tenerife for a thrilling exploration of marine wildlife on an enjoyable tour that will commence with a 1-hour coach drive to Puerto Colón. Located on the south of the island, Puerto Colón will be the starting point of your marine adventure; board a catamaran and reach an area inhabited by dolphins only 3 miles from the coast. The catamaran will drop the anchor and you will have the chance to observe these extraordinary creatures that, although belonging to a species that is normally migratory, have chosen this stretch of water between the lands of Tenerife and La Gomera as their "home" because of the calm waters and abundance of food. After this amazing experience you will move to "Cala Spaghetti", a protected bay where the catamaran will anchor and you will have some time to relax in the sun, sipping a refreshing drink, or to take a dive into the sea. You will finally sail along the coast to reach Puerto Colón and your coach that will take you back to your cruise ship. *Please note: guests must be good swimmers and at least 3 years of age to take part. Information will be provided in English, Spanish and German only. While sightings of dolphins cannot be guaranteed, they are very likely (more than 90% success rate).* 



#### Duration: approx. 7 hours, lunch not included

Listed by Trip Advisor as the best water park in the world, Siam Park is the destination for your day outing in Tenerife. Whether you choose adrenaline, fun or relaxation, Siam Park has it all, and is the perfect place for the whole family. Board your coach and you will be there in just an hour, ready for all the marvels it has to offer. Surrounded by incredible settings that are inspired by Thai architecture and 21st Century know-how, you will discover no end to the exotic mystery and adventure. You'll find 15 major water attractions, set amidst lush subtropical vegetation, basking in the south Tenerife sun, ranging from relaxing slow river rides to scary free fall slides, as well as all the bars and restaurants you could wish for. Each attraction provides a unique experience in a magical setting, combining the exotic mystery of the ancient kingdom of Siam with thrilling adventures on the most exciting slides in the world. Please note: There are minimum height requirements to use certain attractions. Timing may vary due to weather conditions, opening or / & closing venues. Food and beverage are not permitted to be brought into the park; lockers available to store personal belongings at Siam Park with an extra cost. This tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems.

# **TEN15 – ANAGA MOUNTAINS AND FOREST**



# **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

Tenerife is the largest of Spain's Canary Islands, off the Atlantic coast of West Africa. It's dominated by Mount Teide, a dormant volcano that is Spain's tallest peak. The island has many beaches with sands from yellow to black, resort areas and an incredible lush nature. After leaving the port, you will drive north to Anaga Mountains with some stops at two viewpoints, La Jardina and Cruz Del Carmen, giving you the chance to add more pictures to your memory book. Continue through Anaga Mountains and Las Mercedes forest en route for San Cristóbal de La Laguna, Tenerife's former capital until 1723, for a short walking tour and some free time to explore on your own. In a local bodega you will stop for a tasting session of local cheese, bread, and wine. The return to the port ends your excursion. Please note: Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

**VALENCIA** (Spain)

VAL01 – CITY TOUR

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Situated on the banks of the old course of the River Turia and originally settled by the Romans, the beautiful Mediterranean city of Valencia is well worth a visit. The city is a clear example of a perfect combination of urbanism and engineering which have made Valencia one of the most impressive and modern cities in Europe. Your tour begins with a scenic coach trip through some of the city's many lovely avenues and squares. A guided walking tour then follows that will take you through the city centre for a chance to view and photograph the Gothic architecture of the buildings. A visit to Valencia's wonderful cathedral, the Our Lady of the Forsaken Basilica, is also included. Although predominantly built in Gothic style, the basilica also incorporates Baroque and Romanesque elements. Finally, a photo stop will be made outside the City of Arts and Science, a large museum and cinema complex that is celebrated for its futuristic architecture, before returning to the ship. Please note: in case of religious celebrations, guests can visit the Cathedral individually after receiving information from the guide. If the Cathedral is closed on Sundays, public holidays or during special events, the visit will be external. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits.

### **VAL02 – OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM**



# **Duration: approx. 4 hours**

Leave the port for a fascinating sightseeing tour of Valencia, a city particularly known for its large historical quarter and the Gothic architecture of its buildings. Next on the itinerary is a visit to the Oceanographic Museum, which forms part of Valencia's City of Arts and Sciences complex, in itself famed for its awe-inspiring architecture. With time to explore the fascinating museum without a guide, you can look forward to discovering the wildlife found in a broad range of specific aquatic environments, including a huge dolphinarium. There is also an incredible underwater glass tunnel that lets you feel at one with the surrounding marine ecosystem and enables unique encounters with the museum's many inhabitants, which represent around 500 different species. *Please note: the visit to the Oceanographic Museum is unguided*.

# VAL06 - TOUR OF VALENCIA & SAN JOSE' CAVES



#### **Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

Choosing this excursion, you will have the opportunity not only to enjoy the city of Valencia, but also to discover its surroundings and its secrets, including one of the most famous caves in the region. Leave the port and and drive north; along the way, spot the landscapes of orange trees and you will understand why this fruit is part of the history of the region. North to Valencia lies the wonderful region known as the Nature Reserve of Sierra de Espadán, the second-largest protected area in the autonomous community of Valencia. The world's longest navigable underground river, the San José, flows through this huge cave complex and is also the point of access the small boat will take into the various chambers of these spectacular caves. After the cave visit, you will then continue on to Valencia for a sightseeing tour by coach along a route that will also take you past the Torres de Serrano towers, Plaza de la Virgen as well as Valencia Cathedral. You will also have a chance to stroll around the central market square before returning to the port. *Please note: the tour is unsuitable for guests suffering from claustrophobia. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.* 

#### **VAL15 - PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING**



#### **Duration: approx. 4.5 hours**

First, go back in time and then time-warp straight to the future on this entertaining tour of Valencia, which begins by taking you directly to the city's lovely historical quarter for a look at some of its key buildings. Next to putting a roof over the heads of market traders selling fresh fish, meat, fruit, vegetables and produce from all over Spain, the beautiful Art Nouveau building of the Central Market - said to be one of the oldest in Europe - is also a joy to behold. And counting as a superb example of secular Gothic architecture, the façade of the old Silk Exchange, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is no less impressive. Your walk through town will then take you to see Valencia Cathedral, a predominantly Gothic-style building that was consecrated in 1238, before the coach will then speed you straight to the Modern Valencia. Here you will enjoy some free time, maybe exploring the Agua Mall or el Cortes Ingles, some of the city's most modern shopping centres. *Please note: guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part*.

# VAL17 – VALENCIA & THE L'ALBUFERA LAGOON



# Duration: approx. 6 hours, lunch included

Valencia's appealing cityscape comes into sharp focus on an appealing partly coach-based, partly walking, partly boat-based tour that begins with a panoramic coach ride over the river and down Gran Vía and Calle Játiva for views of the Bull Ring and central train station. Once in the city centre, you'll leave the coach and continue on a guided walk. You'll stroll past Gothic-style houses, Valencia's central market and the old La Lonja silk exchange opposite. Next up, you'll reach the shops at Plaza Redonda, followed by Valencia Cathedral for a photo stop. After taking in Plaza de la Virgen, you'll make your way to a spot close to Torres de Serrano to rejoin your coach. Enjoy the views as you travel towards the Carmen quarter, then past Torres de Quart, other key landmarks, and the futuristic City of Arts & Sciences complex en route to the L'Albufera Lagoon, a protected nature park. A

leisurely boat ride follows, after which you'll have lunch in a local restaurant before the coach returns you to the ship. Please note: the tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. External viewings only of the places visited. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

#### **VENICE (Italy)**



# VCE03D - TRANSFER TO ST. MARK'S SQUARE

#### **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

If you disembark in Venice but want to have a look at the city before taking your flight home, this tour allows you free exploration around St. Mark's square. Leave the ship and board a boat for a trip along the waterways to the famous St. Mark's Square, the city's social, religious, and political centre. You will have some free time to explore at your own pace the beautiful Piazza and the co-located St. Mark's Basilica, a magnificent example of Byzantine architecture, and the adjacent Doge's Palace. Or stroll around the exquisite Venetian streets, or *calli* as they are properly known, to fully experience the special charm of the city. On returning to the port and collecting your luggage, your tour will be brought to a close with your transfer to Venice Marco Polo airport. *Please note: this tour ends at Venice airport and is available only for disembarking guests with flights departing after 19.00. This tour involves climbing steps. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The boat stops at the Cornoldi area; this is the point of arrival and departure of your tour in Venice. Boats used for the transfers may change during the day, as well as the meeting point in Venice to return to the port so kindly follow the instructions of your assistant. Guests will find luggage at the cruise terminal. Guests need to pass over 4 bridges which are not provided with ramps from the Cornoldi area to St Mark's square.* 

# **VCE05T – GONDOLA TOUR & GUIDED WALKING TOUR**



**Duration: approx. 5 hours** 

No visit to the romantic city of Venice could ever be considered complete if it failed to include a trip on a typical Venetian gondola, rowed by a traditional gondolier. To acquire a licence to practise this old and venerable profession, a would-be gondolier must prove to have expert navigational skills, know the waterways inside out and be familiar with the city's history and landmarks. As you make your way from canal to canal, you can admire the beautiful bridges, the magnificent royal palaces, and the typical narrow Venetian streets, called *calli*, from a unique perspective. The excursion includes free time in St. Mark's Square, home also of St. Mark's Cathedral that you will admire from outside before a local guide takes you on an informative and comprehensive walk around the calli. The tour draws to a close with the return to the port by boat. Please note: This tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Venice. All visits are external. No guide service during the 30-minute gondola trip. There is no handrail to get in the gondola. All guests, including children, must be able to sit in the gondola. Children must be 2 years old to participate. Each gondola can accommodate max. 5 guests; seats will be assigned by the gondolier to balance the gondola. If you travel with your family or friends, we cannot guarantee you will be in the same gondola. Each gondola has a weight limit which must be respected: approx. 385 kg per gondola, max. 100 kg per person. Gondola ride cannot be performed in case of rain, strong wind, or extremely high/low tidal conditions. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The boat stops at the Cornoldi area; this is the point of arrival and departure of your tour in Venice. Boats used for the transfers may change during the day, as well as the meeting point in Venice to return to the port so kindly follow the instructions of your assistant. Guests need to pass over 4 bridges which are not provided with ramps from the Cornoldi area to St Mark's square. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment.

## **VCE05D – GONDOLA TOUR & GUIDED WALKING TOUR**



Duration: approx. 5 hours

Before you say farewell to Venice and take your flight home, enjoy a visit to this romantic city and a trip on a typical Venetian gondola, rowed by a traditional gondolier. As you make your way from canal to canal, you can admire the beautiful bridges, the magnificent royal palaces, and the typical narrow Venetian streets, called *calli*, from a unique perspective. The excursion includes free time in St. Mark's Square, home also of St. Mark's Cathedral that you will admire from outside, after an informative and comprehensive walk around the *calli* with a local guide brings your tour to an enjoyable close. On returning to the port and collecting your luggage, your tour will be brought to a close with your transfer to Venice Marco Polo airport. *Please note: This tour ends at Venice airport and is available only for disembarking guests with flights departing after 19.00. All visits are external. No guide service during the 30-minute gondola trip. There is no handrail to get in the gondola. All guests, including children, must be able to sit in the gondola. Children must be 2 years old to participate. Each gondola can accommodate max. 5 guests; seats will be assigned by the gondolier to balance the gondola. If you travel with your family or friends, we cannot guarantee you will be in the same gondola. Each gondola has a weight limit which must be respected: approx. 385 kg per gondola, max. 100 kg per person. Gondola ride cannot be performed in case of rain, strong wind,* 

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## VCE08T – GONDOLA EXPERIENCE, GUIDED WALKING TOUR & DOGE'S PALACE



#### Duration: approx. 5 hours

A gondola ride is a great way to explore the romantic city of Venice. As you travel from canal to canal, a breathtaking vista of bridges, palaces, and narrow streets, known as calli, unfolds before your eyes. The tour includes a little free time in St. Mark's Square, before which a local guide will take you on an informative walk around the calli. Thanks to a pre-reserved access time, you will have the opportunity to independently visit one of the symbols of Venice: the magnificent Doge's Palace. Your tour ends with the boat transfer to the port. Please note: This tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Venice. All guests must respect the time of their pre-reserved access to Doge's Palace; any delay may cause entrance denial to the Palace. No guide service during the 30minute gondola trip and the visit to Doge's Palace. There is no handrail to get in the gondola. All guests, including children, must be able to sit in the gondola. Children must be 2 years old to participate. Each gondola can accommodate max. 5 guests; seats will be assigned by the gondolier to balance the gondola. If you travel with your family or friends, we cannot guarantee you will be in the same gondola. Each gondola has a weight limit which must be respected: approx. 385 kg per gondola, max. 100 kg per person. Gondola ride cannot be performed in case of rain, strong wind, or extremely high/low tidal conditions. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The boat stops at the Cornoldi area; this is the point of arrival and departure of your tour in Venice. Boats used for the transfers may change during the day, as well as the meeting point in Venice to return to the port so kindly follow the instructions of your assistant. Guests need to pass over 4 bridges which are not provided with ramps from the Cornoldi area to St Mark's square. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment.

# VCE08D – GONDOLA EXPERIENCE, GUIDED WALKING TOUR & DOGE'S PALACE

#### **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

If you disembark in Venice and want to taste a little of the city before taking your flight home, enjoy a gondola ride to explore this romantic city. As you travel from canal to canal, a breathtaking vista of bridges, palaces, and narrow streets, known as calli, unfolds before your eyes. The tour includes a little free time in St. Mark's Square, before which a local guide will take you on an informative walk around the calli. Thanks to a pre-reserved access time, you will have the opportunity to independently visit one of the symbols of Venice: the magnificent Doge's Palace. On returning to the port and collecting your luggage, your tour will be brought to a close with your transfer to Venice Marco Polo airport. Please note: This tour ends at Venice airport and is available only for disembarking guests with flights departing after 19.00. All guests must respect the time of their pre-reserved access to Doge's Palace; any delay may cause entrance denial to the Palace. No guide service during the 30-minute gondola trip and the visit to Doge's Palace. There is no handrail to get in the gondola. All guests, including children, must be able to sit in the gondola. Children must be 2 years old to participate. Each gondola can accommodate max. 5 guests; seats will be assigned by the gondolier to balance the gondola. If you travel with your family or friends, we cannot guarantee you will be in the same gondola. Each gondola has a weight limit which must be respected: approx. 385 kg per gondola, max. 100 kg per person. Gondola ride cannot be performed in case of rain, strong wind, or extremely high/low tidal conditions. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The boat stops at the Cornoldi area; this is the point of arrival and departure of your tour in Venice. Boats used for the transfers may change during the day, as well as the meeting point in Venice to return to the port so kindly follow the instructions of your assistant. Guests will find luggage at the cruise terminal. Guests need to pass over 4 bridges which are not provided with ramps from the Cornoldi area to St Mark's square. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment.

# VCE11T - PANORAMIC BOAT TRIP, MURANO & ST. MARK'S SQUARE

#### **Duration: approx. 5 hours**

After boarding a boat at Venice terminal, your tour begins with a relaxing boat trip, first heading for St. Mark Square and then continuing on a route past the historically famous Venetian Arsenal and lovely isles such as San Giorgio Maggiore, San Servolo and La Certosa on your way to the island of Murano. Your guide will tell you all about these islands as the boat sails close by the coastline. In Murano, renowned for a glass-blowing tradition dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century, you will have a chance to visit the workshop of a famous glassworker or stroll around and admire the beautiful St. Donato Basilica. Your tour is rounded off with some free time to spend at St. Mark's Square before rejoining your ship. *Please note: This tour is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Venice. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The boat stops at the Cornoldi area; this is the point of arrival and departure of your tour in Venice. Boats used for the transfers may change during the day, as well as the meeting point in Venice to return to the port so kindly follow the instructions of your assistant. Guests need to pass over 4 bridges which are not provided with ramps from the Cornoldi area to St Mark's square. Guests will be required to return their audio* 

guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment.

## VCE11D - PANORAMIC BOAT TRIP, MURANO & ST. MARK'S SQUARE

**Duration: approx. 5 hours** 

Before taking your flight home, board your boat for a relaxing trip, first heading for St. Mark's Square and then continuing on a route past the historically famous Venetian Arsenal and lovely isles such as San Giorgio Maggiore, San Servolo and La Certosa on your way to the island of Murano. Your guide will tell you all about these islands as the boat sails close by the coastline. In Murano, renowned for a glass-blowing tradition dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century, you will have a chance to visit the workshop of a famous glassworker or stroll around and admire the beautiful St. Donato Basilica. Your tour is rounded off with some free time to spend at St. Mark's Square before returning to the port and collecting your luggage. Your tour will be brought to a close with your transfer to Venice Marco Polo airport. Please note: this tour ends at Venice airport and is available only for disembarking guests with flights departing after 19.00. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. The boat stops at the Cornoldi area; this is the point of arrival and departure of your tour in Venice. Guests need to pass over 4 bridges which are not provided with ramps from the Cornoldi area to St Mark's square. Boats used for the transfers may change during the day, as well as the meeting point in Venice to return to the port so kindly follow the instructions of your assistant. Guests will find luggage at the cruise terminal. Guests will be required to return their audio guide equipment to their tour guide in perfect condition at the end of the tour. Guests will be charged for any damage to or loss of audio guide equipment.

### **ZADAR (Croatia)**

#### ZAD01 - ZADAR CITY SIGHTSEEING



**Duration: approx. 4 hours** 

Simeon, Chrysogonus, Anastasia and Zoilus - no, not the latest pop band, but rather the four patron saints that protect the Croatian port of Zadar, founded more than 3.000 ago. Intending to familiarise you with the town's particularly rich religious heritage, the tour begins with a visit to the 9<sup>th</sup>-century pre-Romanesque Church of St. Donatus, a rotunda that occupies the north-eastern corner of the old Roman forum. Next up is the monumental interior of the Cathedral of St. Anastasia, built partly in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, partly in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, after which you'll move on to the 11<sup>th</sup>-century Church of St. Mary, situated on the eastern part of the Roman forum. The Romanesque Church of St. Chrysogonus, consecrated in 1175, follows as well as the Church of St. Simeon, home of the reliquary of St. Simeon, and finally the Gothic Church of St. Francis, where the 1358 Zadar Peace Treaty was signed. You will then have one-hour time to retrace the steps of ancient civilisations as you check out Zadar's appealing townscape on your own before returning to the ship. *Please note: This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking, at times over uneven surfaces with steps; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits.* 

#### **ZAD02 – PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK**



#### Duration: approx. 8 hours, lunch not included

Croatia's mountainous Lika region is where you will find the vast Plitvice Lakes National Park, the nation's largest of eight and about a 2.5-hour coach ride from the port. The park is home to a total of 16 lakes, separated by dams of travertine, which in turn are formed by deposits of moss, algae, and bacteria. Of these 16, 12 are called the Upper Lakes, or Gornja jezera, and four the Lower Lakes, or Donja jezera. The lakes themselves are famed for their fabulous and ever-changing colours, ranging from azure and green to grey and blue, while the surrounding landscape boasts dense forestation of mainly beech, spruce and fir trees, but also supports a variety of Alpine and Mediterranean vegetation thanks to the park's wide range of microclimates. Most notably, though, the park provides a natural habitat for numerous species of animal, including such rare individuals as the European brown bear, wolves, eagles, owls, lynx, wild cats, and wood grouse. Keep your camera at hand throughout the tour to capture some of the most spectacular karstic landscapes on the planet before the coach returns you to Zadar and your ship. *Please note: this tour includes extensive walking on uneven ground, so it is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties. Sightings of animals cannot be guaranteed. Guests are advised that time constraints will mean only the lower lakes can be visited. The cost of the lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.* 

### ZAD04 – SIBENIK & TROGIR



### Duration: approx. 6 hours, lunch not included

Founded in its present form in the 11<sup>th</sup>-century by Croats and not the Greeks, Illyrians or Romans like many other Adriatic cities, the town of Sibenik will be the first destination on this appealing tour. You will first head south of the port by coach to reach the coastal town to visit the Renaissance-style Cathedral of St. Jacob, a triple-nave basilica designed by the notable 15<sup>th</sup>-century Dalmatian architect, Giorgio de Sebenico, and completed in 1536. Leaving Sibenik, you will then travel a little further south to Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Situated on a small island just off the coast, Trogir boasts a picture-perfect townscape,

parts of which date back to the 3<sup>rd</sup>-century B.C. Your look around town will take you to the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic-Romanesque Cathedral of St. Lawrence (inside visit), which features a famous door carved by the Trogir-born craftsman known as Master Radovan and a beautiful belfry, as well as the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Trogir portal and loggia along with numerous other lovely sights. Enjoy some free time before the return to Zadar brings your tour to a close. *Please note: this tour includes extensive walking on uneven ground, so guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The cost of the lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.* 

# Y TOWN OF NIN

# ZAD05 - THE TINY TOWN OF NIN

Duration: approx. 4 hours

Half a day of enjoyable exploration in the small town of Nin is on the itinerary of this outing, which will first take you north of Zadar on a short but scenic drive. Having first been settled around 10.000 years ago, the town can truly be said to be steeped in history, although its present iteration goes back around 3.000 years. The historical core of Nin is situated on a tiny island, separated from the mainland by a narrow stretch of water spanned by two 16<sup>th</sup>-century stone bridges. The main places of interest on the islet are the 9<sup>th</sup>-century Church of the Holy Cross - said to be the world's smallest cathedral, even though it is not the seat of a bishop - along with the remains of a Roman temple and the old town walls, 2<sup>nd</sup>-century floor mosaics as well as the ancient port, which dates back to the 9<sup>th</sup>-century B.C., to name but a few. After a good look around this scenic and historical town and plenty of free time, your relaxing return journey to the ship will then bring the tour to a close. *Please note: this tour includes extensive walking on uneven ground; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part.* 

# ZAD06 – KRKA NATIONAL PARK

Duration: approx. 5 hours

Croatia certainly has more than its fair share of natural beauty and one such example, the sizeable Krka National Park, forms your scenic destination on this enjoyable half-day tour. Stunning views of Sibenik-Knin county will keep you entertained during the 45-minute coach transfer to the park. Once you have arrived, you'll first head for one of the park's most popular attractions, the beautiful natural pool and waterfall called Skradinski buk. The River Krka runs through the area and feeds the Skradinski waterfall, one of three cascades in the park. Do keep your camera at hand as you set off on a guided walk through the greenery, revealing not only views of the river and gushing cascades, but also including a visit to an old mill with an ethnographic exhibition. There will also be time for you to explore the natural setting at your leisure before the coach ride back to the port, with more lovely vistas to savour on the way, wraps up the tour. *Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties*.

# ZAD08 – PROTECTOURS: SECRETS OF NADIN, CROATIA'S SUSTAINABLE FARMING OASIS



#### Duration: approx. 5 hours

Learn about the values, techniques, and superior results of Nadin's ecological farming and winemaking on a tour that opens the mind and educates the taste buds. Although just a small village, **Nadin** has more registered sustainable agricultural and viticultural producers than anywhere else in Croatia. This stimulating tour takes you to meet them and learn about their way of life. Upon arriving, you'll visit the organic Skaulj Winery and Vrsaljko Olive Oil Extraction Plant. Chatting with your friendly hosts while enjoying fabulous views from the fields and vineyards, you'll taste their sustainably produced wines and olive oils, comparing them with conventional products so you can learn to tell the difference. You'll then tour the nearby vineyards and olive groves to see their methods first hand and learn to wield the tools of the trade. *Please note: Kindly dress to suit the weather forecast. Sunscreen and similar products are recommended during the summer. Closed footwear is recommended. This tour is subject to weather conditions. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.* 

# ZAD10 – PROTECTOURS: EXPLORE ZADAR ATTRACTIONS ON A TUK-TUK

**Duration: approx. 2 hours** 

Three unusual but unique sights in Zadar are part of this short tour on board an electric tuk-tuk. Leaving the harbour, begin your tour of Zadar and its surroundings and discover its first illustrious monument, the Sphinx. At 5 metres long and 3 metres high, facing south-east, it was built around 100 years ago and is the largest in Europe. After a stop to take a souvenir photo, you will move on to the Greeting to the Sun Monument, a work of art consisting of 300 multi-layered glass panes located on the promenade. You will admire this circle with a diameter of 22 metres, composed of photovoltaic solar modules that light up at night, creating a truly impressive effect. From here, you can also admire the last of the city's three unusual attractions, the Sea Organ. The 35 organ pipes located under the pavement of the waterfront create sounds that change continuously according to the wave motion. A truly unique experience! The tour continues by leaving the tuk-tuk and walking with your guide through the old town of Zadar to discover its architecture and beauty before returning to the harbour. Please note: this excursion is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties and is subject to weather conditions. Guides available in English only. Each tuk-tuk can accommodate a

maximum of four guests. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about yo specific departure the day before the excursion.	our