

7th annual Piano Festival at Sea

From **8/9/2022**
to **15/9/2022**

Ship: **LE BOUGAINVILLE**

From **Athens**
to **Livorno**



In partnership with **RADIO CLASSIQUE**.

PONANT invites you to discover the marvellous antiquities of the Mediterranean shores, from Greece to Italy. Set sail aboard *Le Bougainville* for an 8-day cruise.

From **Athens**, you will follow a memorable crossing of the **Corinth Canal** and call at **Itea**, not far from the marvellous **Delphi** archaeological site, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus.

After calling at **Katakolon**, you will leave Greece for Italy. You will then head to **Taormina**, overlooking Etna's blanket of snow. Its streets will lead you to its famed ancient Greek theatre, where the quality of the acoustics is exceptional.

Le Bougainville will then head for the Amalfi Coast, the jewel of Southern Italy, where you will visit **Salerno**, a superb little town particularly renowned for its *Duomo*.

You will sail to **Sorrento**. Clinging to the cliffs across the Bay of Naples, the town can be proud to have captivated famous authors such as Byron, Tolstoy, Dickens or Goethe, with its gentle way of life and romantic atmosphere.

You will then stop at **Porto Santo Stefano**, a town built along a hillside and surrounded by a 17th century fortress.

Your cruise will end along the Tuscan shoreline in **Livorno**, a port city famous for its Renaissance fortifications. The Little Venice district, as it is known, offers a picturesque setting in which to enjoy fish and seafood.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

ATHENS

Embarkation 8/9/2022 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 8/9/2022 at 6:00 pm

The Greek capital city is located on the edge of the Saronic gulf, in the east of the country. It bears a plural name in reference to the first villages that surround the **Acropolis**. You will be enchanted by the rocky plateau presided by its monuments listed as UNESCO World Heritage. In the city below, you can visit some of the liveliest districts in Athens: **Plaka**, with its maze of colourful streets, and where, in the evenings the drifting aroma of moussaka and garlic prawns will tickle your taste buds. The **National Archaeological museum** and the Cycladic Art Museum are also some of the city's key attractions and allow visitors to discover Athens' cultural past.

CROSSING THE CORINTH CANAL

Arrival 9/9/2022

Departure 9/9/2022

The Corinth Canal cuts through the Isthmus of Corinth, turning the Peloponnese into an island as it separates the region from the Greek mainland. Inaugurated in 1893, the canal is a little over six kilometres long and enables merchant vessels and passenger to avoid a long 400-km detour around the peninsula. The two sides of the canal reach a height of approximately fifty metres. From the exterior decks, don't miss this unique opportunity to watch the ship as it navigates along the narrow strip of water encased between tall, ochre cliffs. What an experience!

ITEA

Arrival 9/9/2022 midday

Departure 9/9/2022 late afternoon

Tucked away in the Gulf of Corinth, this **little port** is situated in continental Greece, north-west of Athens. Take an easy stroll along the old cobblestone quays, while gazing at the summits encircling the **Bay of Itea**. We wouldn't be surprised if you are tempted by a visit to the **Delphi Sanctuary**. The sanctuary is located on a plateau on the slope of Mount Parnassus, just ten kilometres from Itea. A listed UNESCO World Heritage site, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience whose ancient ruins are surrounded by steep mountains.

KATAKOLON

Arrival 10/9/2022 early morning

Departure 10/9/2022 midday

This picturesque village stretches along the Ionian sea in the west of the Peloponnese. Its main harbour offers a vast panorama of the coastline's wooded hillsides. Dazzling white, the **church of Saint-Nicolas** houses a selection of

sumptuous icons. You can also pay a visit the **archaeological site of Olympus** on the slopes of Mount Kronos.

TAORMINA, SICILY

Arrival 11/9/2022 midday

Departure 11/9/2022 early evening

Located on Sicily's eastern coast, in the province of Messina, the seaside town of Taormina is Sicily's Saint-Tropez, boasting heritage sites, secluded beaches and luxury shopping. You can visit its medieval centre, suspended 300 metres above sea level, where terraces offer a spectacular view of the Mediterranean Sea. Another vestige from its past are the ruins of the **Greco-Roman theatre**. This extremely well-preserved site attracts visitors who are fascinated by the natural beauty of the area which overlooks a **turquoise bay**.

SALERNO

Arrival 12/9/2022 midday

Departure 12/9/2022 early evening

Generating a veritable explosion of intense emotions, the province of **Salerno** fascinates and enchants travellers. Its fascinating history will lead you to the extraordinary archaeological site of Pompeii, whose sprawling ruins provide a grandiose and moving vision of what a Roman city looked like in Imperial times. The city which was frozen in time under the ashes from the eruption of Mont Vesuvius offers you its peerless historical and cultural wealth, as well as the unique beauty of its location, which has earned it classification as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

SORRENTO

Arrival 13/9/2022 early morning

Departure 13/9/2022 late afternoon

Perched on the cliffs that plunge into the deep blue of the Mediterranean, **Sorrento** is ideally located on a peninsula between the **Gulf of Naples** and the Amalfi Coast. Its peaceful alleyways, villas, hotels and **gentle way of life** have been charming visitors and the greatest authors since the 19th century, from Byron and Tolstoy to Dickens and Goethe. As you enjoy a walk in this **romantic atmosphere**, you will discover the mediaeval cloister of Saint-Francis Church and a magnificent panorama over the Gulf of Naples and **Mount Vesuvius**. Sorrento is surrounded by groves of **oranges** and **lemons**, flavours that can be enjoyed in particular in the form of a sweet liqueur, *limoncello*.

PORTO SANTO STEFANO

Arrival 14/9/2022 midday

Departure 14/9/2022 late afternoon

In Southern Tuscany, **Porto Santo Stefano**, a charming seaside resort located on the Monte Argentario peninsula, is renowned for its enchanting setting. Nestling on the side of a hill, the small town offers beautiful sandy beaches with crystal-clear water and a picturesque town centre. Stroll around its steep alleyways lined with coloured houses and discover **La Rocca**, a Spanish fortress built in the 17th century to protect the town against pirate attacks. There, you can enjoy a stunning view over the port and the **Gulf of Talamone**.

LIVORNO

Arrival 15/9/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 15/9/2022 at 7:00 am

On the ligurian coast, **Livorno** invites us to **Tuscany**, a charming region offering **archaeological vestiges, Renaissance** treasures, undulating landscapes and a pleasant way of life. When the **Medicis** arrived in the 16th century they developed the city, which became **one of the most important ports in the Mediterranean**. Cosmopolitan and multireligious, Livorno has welcomed many immigrants and is a wonderful example of cultural diversity. Built during that period, **Fortezza Vecchia** and **Fortezza Nuova** attest to the city's power. At the foot of the new fort, **Nuova Venezia** is an enchanting district with small canals and streets to stroll along to discover a few architectural treasures, such as the magnificent Santa Caterina da Siena church in the Tuscan baroque style.