

# From the French Riviera to the Turkish Riviera

From **24/10/2023**  
to **3/11/2023**

Ship: **LE JACQUES-CARTIER**

From **Nice**  
to **Antalya**



Set sail aboard *Le Jacques-Cartier* for an **11-day cruise** in the **Mediterranean Sea**, between the shores of the **French Riviera** and the **Turkish Riviera**.

You will board in **Nice** before setting sail to **Bonifacio**, the jewel of the far south of Corsica. A veritable fortress sculpted by the wind and the spray, the 'sentinel city' will reveal its historical centre and its long, cobbled streets.

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

*Le Jacques-Cartier* will then arrive in magnificent **Sicily**. You will first make a stop in **Palermo**, its capital, you will be able to visit emblematic landmarks such as the **12th century cathedral** and **Teatro Massimo**, one of the largest theatres in Europe.

**Catania** is the next port of call on your cruise. Located on the slopes of Mount Etna, the town has been destroyed seven times by the volcano's eruptions! Listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, it is a town of incomparable cultural richness.

You will leave the Italian coastline for Greece. When the ship calls at **Pylos**, you will explore the ruins of the **Palace of Nestor**, one of the heroes of the Trojan War.

Your ship will sail to the southern Aegean Sea to discover the capital of Crete, **Heraklion**, built on a hillside overlooking the port and encircled by **formidable Venetian walls**.

*Le Jacques-Cartier* will then take you to **Patmos**, also known as the 'Jerusalem of the Aegean Sea', this divine island where Saint John is said to have received his visions features unique landscapes that blend long white beaches with rocky coves.

You will finally discover **Rhodes**, whose old medieval town, built by the Knights of St John, is surrounded by ramparts. It is the largest of the

Dodecanese islands and, like Alexandria, it was once home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: its famous **Colossus**.

You will finally reach **Antalya**, the end of your journey.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### NICE

Embarkation 24/10/2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 24/10/2023 at 5:30 pm

**Capital of the Cote d'Azur**, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.

### BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Arrival 25/10/2023 early morning

Departure 25/10/2023 midday

The spectacular town of **Bonifacio** located on the very tip of southern Corsica, clings to a narrow promontory of white rock overhanging the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. You can admire its limestone cliffs hewn out by the wind, before setting off on a cultural tour of its cultural treasures. From the little paved streets in the ancient **Haute Ville**, to the promenade on the open-air medieval **chemin de ronde**, this stunning town will take you on a journey back in time. Frequentated or secluded, there are numerous beaches to choose from, all in keeping with the high standards of the "Île de Beauté".

### SALERNO

Arrival 26/10/2023 midday

Departure 26/10/2023 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.

### PALERMO, SICILY

Arrival 27/10/2023 midday

Departure 27/10/2023 early evening

**Palermo** is the guardian of the Sicilian soul. Many have been attracted to this city, the largest capital of the Italian

islands. Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans... Palermo is a rich culmination of so many cultural influences as seen in the Moorish designs on the **cathedral**, and the Byzantine mosaics of the **Palatine chapel**, which is itself housed within the precincts of the **Norman palace**. You will fall under the spell of the palaces, **baroque splendours** that grace the town with their obsolete beauty. It is thrilling to stumble upon one of those fabulous markets, high in colour, and headily picturesque.

## CATANIA, SICILY

Arrival 28/10/2023 midday

Departure 28/10/2023 early evening

Sicily's second city **Catania** is dominated by the majestic silhouette of **Mount Etna**. Nourishing and devastating at the same time, this giant crowned with smoke rings brought about the destruction of the city at the end of the 17th century. Catania was then rebuilt in the late Baroque style, and the many monuments of this epoch have earned its status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The baroque churches of the harmonious **Via dei Crociferi** perfectly illustrate the riches of this architectural heritage. During your stop, be sure to visit **Saint Agatha Cathedral** with its apses made of lava stones, and its square decorated with a fountain of the Elephant, the animal which allegedly has the power to calm the fury of Mount Etna ...

## AT SEA

Arrival 29/10/2023 midday

Departure 29/10/2023

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## PYLOS

Arrival 30/10/2023 early morning

Departure 30/10/2023 midday

The picturesque port of Pylos is located in the south west of the Peloponnese. Backed against the lush green hills of Messenia, it looks out onto the **Navarino Bay**. You can admire the gorgeous view as you walk uptown amid pink oleanders that cascade over the jetty. A stone's throw away, the historical centre's winding streets will plunge you into a maze of houses with whitewashed facades and terracotta roof-tiles. On the attractive main beach, you will be able to relax in the shade of the **age-old plane trees** and taste the delicious local biscuits made of sesame and honey.

## HERAKLION, CRETE

Arrival 31/10/2023 midday

Departure 31/10/2023 early evening

**Heraklion**, the capital of **Crete**, is the island's most populous city. The hustle and bustle of this seaport is an integral part of its charm. It is built on a hillside overlooking the port and is encircled by **impressive Venetian walls**. From the top of these, you will be able to enjoy one of the most beautiful views of the city. The old town is teeming with small shops, squares, cafés and vibrant architectural evidence of the city's long history. The **Palace of Knossos** illustrates the wealth and power of its legendary sovereign, King Minos. The **archaeological museum** houses one of the largest collections of Minoan artefacts and is worth a visit.

## PATMOS

Arrival 1/11/2023 early morning

Departure 1/11/2023 early evening

Patmos is one of the legendary must-see islands in the Dodecanese. This is where Saint John resided, presumed author of the last book in the Bible. The **cave of the Apocalypse** and the **Saint John Monastery** are dedicated to him. These sites, which are listed by UNESCO as World Heritage, are located at the top of a hillside planted with vines and orchards. On the shore, the crystalline coves of Kambos and Lampi offer absolutely gorgeous swimming areas.

## RHODES

Arrival 2/11/2023 early morning

Departure 2/11/2023 late afternoon

With its particularly agreeable climate, the island of **Rhodes** invites you to walk its pathways and discover its immaculate villages and sumptuous medieval city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. At the centre of the island the mountains are covered in forest and on the western slopes we find vineyards and crops. Rhodes also owes much of its charm and its character to the **Knights of St John** who reigned over the island from 1310 to 1522 and built impressive defensive walls punctuated with majestic gateways. Do not miss this delightful island with its peaceful beaches and its large walkways, perpetuating the myth of the famous Colossus, the legendary statue that is one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

## ANTALYA

Arrival 3/11/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 3/11/2023 at 9:00 am

On the Turkish Mediterranean coast, discover the seaside resort of **Antalya**. While the city sports magnificent fine sandy beaches, it is also known for its significant historical heritage. Many vestiges bear witness to the importance of this **former Roman port**, such as Hadrian's Gate, built in the year 130 in honour of the visiting emperor. In the old town, it is possible to admire **magnificent Ottoman houses** with flowery gardens, as well as the **broken minaret**, built on the ruins of a former Byzantine church. The city's surroundings also provide an opportunity to discover major archaeological sites, such as that of the ancient city of **Aspendos**, renowned for its impressive Roman theatre.