

Itinerary

Rome, Athens and the Eastern Mediterranean

June 5-17, 2018



Day 1 -- Tue, June 5, 2018 **Arrive in Rome**

Fly into Rome. You can arrange your flights with our agent, Jim Pierce, 800-795-1633. (If you wish to arrive earlier and spend a few more days in Rome, Jim can help with that too.) Upon arrival at Rome airport, transfer on your own to our hotel, the **Massimo d'Azeglio**. It has a 4-star rating on TripAdvisor. We will give you tips on transportation from the airport. Group meeting that night, and maybe dancing!

Day 2 -- Wed, June 6 **Rome**

Breakfast at hotel. Tour the **Coliseum** [below], ancient Palatine Hill overlooking Circus Maximus and the Imperial Palace, and the **Roman Forum**. Remainder of the day at leisure. Lunch and dinner on your own. Dancing in the evening. **(B)**



Day 9 -- Wed, June 13 **Crete**

We dock at the port of Chania, where we'll take a 3-1/2 hour bus/walking tour of the town and learn about the history of Crete, a destination for many conquerors.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chania>

Day 10 -- Thu, June 14 **Malta**

We dock at Valletta, the capital of the Republic of Malta. On our mostly walking 5-hour tour of the city, we'll see the Upper Barracca Gardens, St. John's Co-Cathedral (home to the Knights of Malta), and the Magistral Palace, before driving to the village of Mdina for a look at the countryside.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malta>

Day 11 -- Fri, June 15 **Sicily**

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean, and the home of the volatile Mt. Etna. We'll dock at Messina and from there take a tour of the enchanting medieval town of **Taormina** [below].

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taormina>



Day 12 -- Sat, June 16 **Naples/Pompeii**

On our last day, we'll take an 8-hour bus and walking excursion, starting with a drive around the Bay of Naples and ending up in Sorrento for lunch and a visit to a woodworking shop. We'll finish up with a walk through legendary Pompeii, a city remarkably preserved under deadly volcanic ash in 79 A.D.

Day 13 -- Sun, June 17 **Civitavecchia – Rome**

Ship docks at 6:00 a.m. After breakfast we'll disembark and take a chartered bus to the Rome airport.