Cruise Details

Name:	Mediterranean Island-Hopping
Reference:	HAPAGEUR2708
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	17 May 27
Departs From:	Palma de Mallorca
Arrives On:	27 May 27
Arrives At:	Nice
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 2: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

Forests, vineyards, rolling hills and unspoilt bays for swimming: the natural beauty of Mahon, the capital of Menorca, is captivating. White houses cling to the hillsides above the deep-blue natural harbour – one of the biggest in the world. The scent of tapas wafts through the narrow streets of the old town and people's laughter rings out from the little bars and market places. The fortress of La Mola stands guard over the harbour like a silent witness to the past. The coastline is inviting with its crystal-clear waters for swimming and snorkelling, while the millennia-old caves at Cales Coves will enchant you with their fascinating prehistoric history of the island.

Arrives On: 18 May 27

Day 4: Trapani, Sicily (Italy)

Located at the westernmost tip of Sicily, Trapani stretches out on a narrow promontory between the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Mediterranean. Its historic centre, whose origins date back to Arab times, boasts a charming mix of Renaissance, baroque and classicist elements. A relaxed stroll along the waterfront and the old harbour provides impressive insights into the maritime past of the city, which was once called Drepanon or “crescent moon” – a reference to the characteristic shape of its coastline.

Arrives On: 20 May 27

Day 5: Lipari (Italy)

Its volcanic origins shape the impressive landscape of the largest of the Aeolian Islands – Lipari is a picture of pumice, obsidian and imposing volcanic peaks. The main town, also called Lipari, has two ports: Marina Lunga in the north for large ferries and Marina Corta in the south, which is at the heart of the busy town. The old town with its historic buildings and narrow streets is ideal for a stroll. A particular highlight is the Quattrocchi viewpoint, from where you can enjoy breathtaking views over the highly active volcanic island of Vulcano and the deep-blue sea.

Arrives On: 21 May 27

Day 6: Capri (Italy)

For centuries, Capri has attracted the rich and famous with its history and beguiling beauty. Emperor Tiberius made the island his seat of government in the year AD 26, and it has remained a popular holiday destination to this day. The island is made up of the charming communities of Capri and Anacapri, each of which has its own unique character. From the centre of Anacapri, a cable car takes you up to Monte Solaro at 589 m (1,932 ft) above sea level. From here, you can enjoy breathtaking views of the azure-blue sea, the mysterious caves and the jagged cliffs of the island. Capri is captivating with its blend of nature, culture and exclusive atmosphere.

Arrives On: 22 May 27

Day 7: Ponza Island (Italy)

Turquoise caves, steep cliffs and idyllic beaches – the scenic beauty of Ponza, the largest of the Pontinian Islands, is truly eye-catching. According to legend, Odysseus and his companions were stranded here, and the Circe cave brings the island’s ancient past back to life. The romantic main town with its pastel-coloured houses and charming bars exudes a relaxed atmosphere, making it an inviting place to watch the comings and goings of the yachts and fishing boats in the harbour. Ponza is a perfect place to enjoy the magic of Italy’s coastal scenery.

Arrives On: 23 May 27

Day 9: Portoferraio (Italy)

Portoferraio on the Italian island of Elba has a long history dating back to the Roman Empire, when iron ore mining brought riches to the town. Two of the splendid Roman villas can still be visited today. Portoferraio owes much of its fame to Napoleon Bonaparte, who made the capital of Elba his winter residence in 1814. However, it's not just history that impresses here: the island in the Tuscan Archipelago also appeals thanks to its tropical beaches, crystal-clear waters and dramatic coastal landscapes, part of Europe's largest protected marine reserve, the Parco Nazionale dell'Arcipelago Toscano.

Arrives On: 25 May 27

Day 10: Calvi, Corsica (France)

The impressive citadel, the proud landmark that towers over the Gulf of Calvi, stands out from afar. Situated on a rocky outcrop, the fortress has withstood numerous attacks over the centuries and provides stunning views of the Cinto massif with Corsica's highest mountain. Behind the mighty walls, the charming old town unfolds with its winding lanes and historic buildings that invite you to admire and explore. Influenced by the Genoese between the 12th and 15th centuries, Calvi remained loyal to them during the Corsican struggle for freedom, as the motto "Civitas Calvi semper fidelis" ("The city of Calvi is always loyal") attests. The mix of history, nature and culture makes Calvi a fascinating holiday destination on Corsica.

Arrives On: 26 May 27

Day 11: Nice (France)

Arrives On: 27 May 27

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