Cruise Details

Name:	The Elegance Of The Mediterranean
Reference:	HAPAGEUX2714
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA 2
Regions:	Western Europe
Departs On:	03 Aug 27
Departs From:	Civitavecchia
Arrives On:	15 Aug 27
Arrives At:	Palma de Mallorca
Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Civitavecchia (Italy)

Known as the port of Rome, the coastal city of Civitavecchia is the starting point for discovery tours of the region. From here, you can take excursions to Tuscany, Ostia, and of course the Eternal City itself. Rome is enchanting with its impressive cultural treasures and remnants of the Roman Empire: The Pantheon, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum being just some of the highlights. St Peter’s Basilica, the largest church in the world, was built over 500 years ago on the burial site of the apostle St Peter. With a capacity for 20,000 people and its dome designed by Michelangelo, St Peter’s Basilica is an impressive landmark that brings the history of Rome to life.

Arrives On: 03 Aug 27

Day 2: 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: 04 Aug 27

Day 3: Portovenere (Italy)

An intense experience of the dolce vita awaits in the picturesque coastal resort of Portovenere. The old fort and the churches of San Pietro and San Lorenzo stand out from miles around, inviting you on a discovery tour of the coastal scenery. The resort itself is criss-crossed by picturesque little streets with colourful facades and the houses on the quayside seem to float above the Ligurian Sea. Long tunnels of steps join the buildings to the main street and create a charming atmosphere – you can understand why Portovenere was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.

Arrives On: 05 Aug 27

Day 4: Portovenere (Italy)

Arrives On: 06 Aug 27

Day 4: Portofino (Italy)

Colourful houses on the natural harbour, surrounded by pine, olive and cypress groves – the picturesque fishing village of Portofino is one of the most legendary sights on the Ligurian coast. The Romanesque Church of San Giorgio and Castello Brown, which sits high above the resort, are particularly worth visiting. Although Portofino has been a favourite meeting point of the jet set since the 1950s, it has still maintained its unique atmosphere: luxury yachts, sophisticated shops and first-class hotels fit harmoniously into the overall picture of this charming village.

Arrives On: 06 Aug 27

Day 5: Saint-Florent (France)

With its Venetian flair and Corsican charm, Saint-Florent is an idyllic little town on the north coast of Corsica. Set between the impressive citadel and the emerald-green Gulf of Saint-Florent, the town exudes a special kind of peace and serenity. The colourful houses on the old harbour, surrounded by the ramparts, are an inviting place for a stroll and regional specialities can be enjoyed in the little restaurants. Around Saint-Florent can be found the fine sandy beaches and wild landscapes of Cap Corse – a paradise for outdoor activities such as hiking and water sports that showcase the natural beauty of Corsica.

Arrives On: 07 Aug 27

Day 6: Saint-Tropez (France)

Arrives On: 08 Aug 27

Day 6: Monte-Carlo (Monaco)

Monte Carlo, the most famous of the nine districts that make up the Principality of Monaco, offers the appeal of luxury and sophisticated charm. The world's second smallest state may have no official capital, but Monte Carlo is its centrepiece. Founded by Prince Charles III, who had the famous casino built in the 1860s, it has become a symbol of elegance renowned for its gambling scene. Monaco-Ville, the oldest district, sits majestically on top of a rocky peninsula and is home to the magnificent Prince's Palace. The impressive Grand Casino north of the harbour welcomes visitors with its decorative facade. The magnificent opera and the park with gorgeous views over the Cote d'Azur ensure Monte Carlo is an experience for all the senses.

Arrives On: 08 Aug 27

Day 7: Saint-Tropez (France)

St-Tropez, with its picturesque streets, colourful houses and luxurious Cote d'Azur lifestyle, has a captivating charm of its own. The town, once a tranquil fishing village, was made famous in the 1960s by Brigitte Bardot and the international jet set. Artists like Paul Signac and Henri Matisse found inspiration here at the end of the 19th century – and today you can admire their work in the Musee de l'Annonciade. The port, the early 17th century citadel and the Place des Lices can be discovered on a charming walk through the old town.

Arrives On: 09 Aug 27

Day 8: Port-Vendres (France)

Port-Vendres, a harbour brimming with authenticity and maritime life, lies between the rolling vineyards of the Cote Vermeille and the deep-blue waters of the Mediterranean. For centuries, seafaring has shaped this place, which is considered one of the few deep natural harbours on the French Mediterranean coast. Fishing boats and sailing yachts line the quays, while freshly caught fish and regional specialities are served in the small restaurants. A walk takes you past historic buildings and the lighthouse at Cap Bear to viewpoints offering wonderful vistas of the bay. Port-Vendres combines authenticity, zest for life and Mediterranean flair is a wonderfully harmonious way.

Arrives On: 10 Aug 27

Day 10: Mahón, Menorca (Spain)

Forests, vineyards, rolling hills and unspoilt bays for bathing: 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: 12 Aug 27

Day 11: Ibiza (Spain)

Ibiza, the third largest of the Balearic Islands, is known for its blend of peaceful bays and lively party beaches. The island's capital, Ibiza Town, combines modern flair with historical elements: founded by the Phoenicians in the 7th century BC, the mighty Moorish fortified walls of Dalt Vila still dominate the townscape today and in 1999 the old town was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As well as its famous night life, Ibiza also offers beautiful scenery like the Ses Salines Natural Park in the south of the island, which is famous for its plants and bird life that thrive in saline conditions and is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Arrives On: 13 Aug 27

Day 12: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

Palma de Mallorca, the capital of the Balearic Islands, has numerous highlights on offer. Take a look at the majestic La Seu cathedral and stroll through the charming old town with its narrow lanes and historic buildings. Visit Bellver Castle with its panoramic views over the city. Or relax on idyllic beaches such as Playa de Palma or Cala Major. Take a walk along the Passeig des Born promenade and discover the lively shopping street Avenida Jaume III. An insider tip is Santa Catalina neighbourhood with its trendy cafes, bars and restaurants, where you can enjoy the local cuisine and nightlife.

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Day 12: Ibiza (Spain)

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Day 13: Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

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