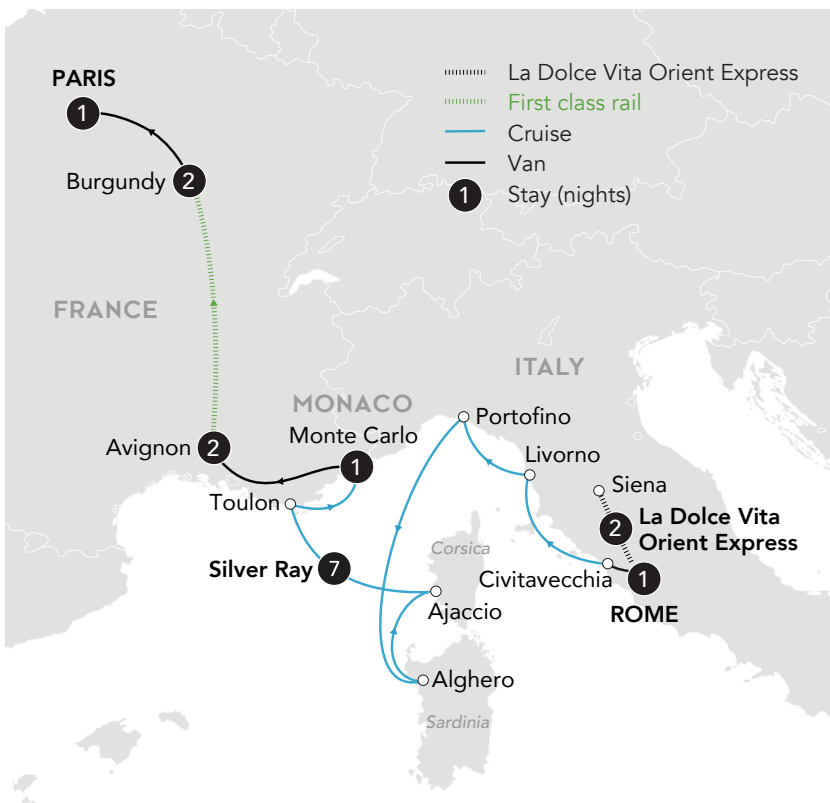


# MEDITERRANEAN RICHES & LA DOLCE VITA

Our journey is La Dolce Vita by name and by nature. The recently launched La Dolce Vita Orient Express conveys us across Tuscan landscapes with convenience and style. We then cruise the Italian Riviera and the Côte d'Azur aboard the refined small ship, Silver Ray, before delving into the culture, cuisine and wines of Avignon, Burgundy and Paris. Savour Michelin-starred dining, celebrated chateaux, and seaside serenity throughout our journey. Reserved for just 26 guests.



## A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Rome - Siena - Portofino - Alghero  
 - Monte Carlo - Avignon - Burgundy  
 - Paris

17 Days  
 Departing 30 June 2027

### **Day 1 Rome (Italy)**

Our journey begins with a private transfer to our luxury hotel, the Orient Express La Minerva Hotel. Take some time to relax this afternoon before meeting your fellow guests and Tour Host Team during our Welcome Dinner.

### **Day 2 Rome, Embark La Dolce Vita Orient Express**

Today we transfer to Rome Ostiense Station to meet La Dolce Vita Orient Express. Admire the passing scenery as the train crosses idyllic Tuscan landscapes. Our dinner aboard the train is curated by Chef Heinz Beck, who operates Rome's La Pergola restaurant, holder of three Michelin stars. As we continue toward Siena, enjoy a convivial atmosphere, enhanced by live music.

### **Day 3 Siena**

Breakfast is served as we roll onward to Siena. Alighting at the station, we continue by road to Palazzo Chigi Zondadari, an opulent residence overlooking the famed Piazza del Campo. Assembled within the property's elegant courtyard, we savour aperitivos, before making our way to a private balcony. This vantage point grants us favourable views across the racetrack for the running of the Palio di Siena. With rivals and their mounts at the starting line, a collective hush comes over the crowd. The rope drops and tension promptly gives way to pandemonium. After a mere three laps and just ninety seconds, a victor prevails, sending spectators into a frenzy.

With the race run and won, we return to the palace courtyard for a true Tuscan dinner, complemented by regional wines. Later this evening, the celebrations continue aboard La Dolce Vita Orient Express, as live music fills the Bar Car during our return to Rome.

### **Day 4 Rome, Disembark La Dolce Vita Orient Express, Civitavecchia, Embark Silver Ray**

Returning beyond the Tuscan hills, our train pulls into Rome Ostiense Station this morning. Leaving the train, our group is transferred to the port of Civitavecchia. It's here that we embark the ultra-luxurious Silver Ray. Acquaint yourself with your elegant suite before we set sail this evening.

### **Day 5 Livorno**

Enjoy breakfast aboard the ship before stepping ashore to admire the colourful buildings along Livorno's port.

Your World experiences offer encounters historic or epicurean:

- ★ Travel by road to Volterra, whose Etruscan ruins, Roman Theatre, and medieval architecture serve as a compelling, interactive timeline. Pass through the Etruscan Arch on your way to see the Duomo Cathedral and Piazza dei Priori. Following lunch and some independent exploration, proceed to San Gimignano, whose 14 towers stand as distinguishing landmarks across the hilly landscape. Wander at your leisure and perhaps admire the Renaissance art displayed within the town's many galleries.
- ★ Explore Tuscany's interior as you travel through bucolic countryside to arrive at Antinori Cellars. Dine at the property's Michelin-starred restaurant, Osteria di Passignano, then sample the flavours of the renowned Chianti region in the cellars of this architecturally impressive building.

## Day 6 Portofino

Having cruised the Tuscan coast, Silver Ray drops anchor in blissful Portofino. With its crescent-shaped harbour lined with the pastel-coloured perfection of its painted houses, more appealing sights may be difficult to imagine. Beyond the port, however, the town also presents the hilltop Church of St George and the medieval Castello Brown, as well as the nearby Abbey of San Fruttuoso.

While here, Your World experiences offer insights into distinct aspects of the region:

- ★ Enjoy a pleasant walk to two of Portofino's significant sites. A gradually ascending path, lined with flourishing flora, takes you up to the Church of San Giorgio. Its eye-catching yellow facade vies for your attention, situated as it is before a striking sea view. From here, continue to Faro Lighthouse, positioned precariously along the edge of a rocky promontory.
- ★ Participate in a private cooking class at Osteria dei Coppelli, which boasts a spectacular setting within Portofino Natural Park. Here you will learn to make authentic local pasta and pesto.

## Day 7 Day at Sea

Silver Ray advances across the Ligurian Sea on its way to Sardinia. Take in the views from your preferred position along the deck or in one of the bars or lounges. Get in a few laps of the pool, relax in the spa, or simply pass the time with a good book.

## Day 8 Alghero

Arriving on the island of Sardinia, we set out to explore the medieval city of Alghero. A strong Catalan identity is discernible throughout the region as we follow the ancient city walls and discover its historic centre.

Tailor your experience of Alghero with one of the following Your World experiences:

- ★ Wander the narrow lanes and charming piazzas of the Old Town this morning. Begin at Porta a Mare and admire the assemblage of sandstone buildings along Piazza Civica. Continue to the Aragonese towers and defensive walls, which contain many notable churches and other historical buildings. Take a moment to pause at the Belvedere for breathtaking coastal views, before returning to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure.
- ★ Enjoy an in-depth look at Sardinia. A southerly drive brings you to the coastal town of Bosa. Marvel at the many colourful houses arranged along the Temo River. Overlooking them is Malaspina Castle, said to have been an inspiration on Dante during his writing of *The Divine Comedy*. Enjoy some time at leisure before heading inland to Nuraghe Valley. Strewn with thousands of stone ruins, the fascinating archaeological site dates to between 1,900 and 730 BCE. Returning west, you will soon arrive at the charming hilltop restaurant, Locanda Monte Minerva, for lunch.

### Day 9 Ajaccio (France)

Waking as our luxury vessel docks in Ajaccio, on the island of Corsica, we enjoy a discovery of the city famed for being the birthplace of Napoleon. Statues of the former emperor watch over palm-lined streets, before a backdrop of red-roofed buildings and crystal-clear waters.

In this idyllic and storied setting, head out on your preferred Your World experience:

- ★ Discover the western coast of Corsica, beginning in the village of Cargese. Overlooking the local marina, Cargese's twin churches – one Roman Catholic, the other Byzantine – frame a perfect picture of tranquillity high above the shoreline. From here, head to Calanques de Piana to look upon the uncommon red rock formations emerging from the water to reach skyward. In the nearby village of Piana, stop for lunch at Hôtel Capo Rosso, enhanced by spectacular panoramas of the Gulf of Porto. Relax momentarily in the peaceful beachfront region of Sagone, before making your return to Ajaccio.
- ★ The secluded setting of the Prunelli Gorges begins your experience today this morning. Close by, Lake Tolla continues this serene juxtaposition of calm waters and rugged rock formations. Drive through a succession of Corsican villages before stopping at Le Jardin des Abeilles, a family-run honey farm. During your visit, learn about beekeeping and enjoy a sampling of regional delicacies.

Silver Ray invites us back aboard at the conclusion of our Corsican adventures.

### Day 10 Toulon

Arriving on the French mainland, we set out to explore the city of Toulon, headquarters of the French Navy. A wide range of watercraft occupy the harbour here, attesting to its strong maritime history.

Your World experiences may either take you east or west of Toulon:

- ★ Lap up all the glitz and glamour of the French Riviera during a full day at leisure in St Tropez. Admire the waterfront, where gleaming white yachts berth before a row of pastel-coloured facades, housing boutiques and restaurants. And take time to browse the local shops, art galleries and cafes.
- ★ Arrive in the hilltop medieval village of Le Castellet this morning during a half-day guided tour. Pass by the 16th-century chateau, Romanesque church, and restored stone houses. A short drive then brings you to Domaine de Souviou Winery. The origins of this sprawling estate can be traced back to the 16th century. Tour the property and enjoy a tasting of its wines and olive oil.

### Day 11 Monte Carlo (Monaco), Disembark Silver Ray

Arriving in the port of Monte Carlo, we farewell ship and crew and prepare to enjoy all that this magnetic district has to offer.

Your World experiences grant us alternate aspects of the Côte d'Azur:

- ★ Board a helicopter for a bird's-eye view of this captivating region. Seen from this vantage point, you will gain further appreciation of just how concentrated an area Monaco's vast wealth is contained within. Soaring across the harbour, spy opulent yachts, an assemblage of white buildings, and the azure waters of the Mediterranean, all set against the scenery of Mont Agel.
- ★ Alternatively, take the short trip to Nice, where a guided tour of Château de Crémat reveals its sprawling hilltop gardens, lavish interiors and art gallery. After exploring the various rooms, adjourn to the cellar for a tasting of some of the exquisite local varietals.

Appropriately, an exquisite dining experience celebrates our time in Monte Carlo this evening, while our refined residence is the Hotel de Paris Monte Carlo.

### Day 12 Monte Carlo, Avignon

Should you not have done so yesterday, another opportunity to soar over Monte Carlo aboard a helicopter is on offer this morning. You are, of course, free to lap up these glamorous scenes for a final time on your own terms.

Boarding a fleet of Mercedes V-Class vans, we take the road west to Avignon. On arrival, we are welcomed by the charming residence, Le Phébus & Spa, overlooking the Luberon Valley. Relax and enjoy the tranquillity of this idyllic, rustic setting. Tonight, we are guests of Chef Xavier Mathieu at our resort's Michelin-starred restaurant, savouring dishes from an innovative and extensive menu.

### Day 13 Avignon

With a full day in Avignon, we set off on our preferred discoveries:

- ★ On a walking tour through Avignon, stand before the grand Palace of the Popes and admire the architecture of the city's cathedral and extensive stone walls. While the city's historic structures tell of their deep cultural roots, a network of hidden alleyways presents a more contemporary picture of France, through its many bars and boutiques.
- ★ Tour four of the estates within the renowned Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine region. Your local guide facilitates your arrival at each chateau and cellar, where you will enjoy tastings and become more familiar with the history of this prestigious appellation.

Choose your preferred dining venue from a selection of the region's fine establishments.

### Day 14 Burgundy

We farewell Avignon, taking our first-class seats aboard a train bound Burgundy, enjoying lunch along the way. On arrival, we check into the Relais Bernard Loiseau. Take the afternoon to relax or explore the town as you choose. This evening, we enjoy a selection of the property's extensive wine list, curated from some 900 labels. The exceptional cuisine of the hotel's restaurant, which possesses two Michelin stars, perfectly rounds out our first day in this revered region of gastronomy.

### Day 15 Burgundy

After breakfast at our hotel, a choice of Your World experiences grants opportunities for further immersion:

- ★ Take a hot air balloon flight over Burgundy. Soar across rolling hills and a patchwork of fields and vineyards, your guide periodically pointing out regional landmarks, including Clos de Vougeot, as well as the Côte de Nuits wine region and the town of Beaune. Upon touching down in a secluded vineyard, your waiting transport delivers you to the elegant estate of Château de Pommard. Here, the fifth-generation winemaker reveals the qualities of the terroir. Discern the complexities of the wines of Meursault and Volnay, as well as a Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru. Then sample the cheeses of the region and toast the day before a setting sun.
- ★ Visit Patriarche, owners of Burgundy's largest wine cellars. The extensive collection here includes two million aging bottles housed within vaulted galleries that span five kilometres. After exploring the cellars, savour a taste of some of Burgundy's finest wines, followed by lunch.

You may prefer to spend your day at leisure or enjoying some self-guided discoveries.

Tonight, you are once more free to choose from several dining options.

### Day 16 Paris

Arriving in Paris today, you may choose to spend your afternoon as you wish, or else join us for a private cruise along the Seine. Drifting by a veritable rollcall of Parisian icons, including the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower, our time on the water is complemented by Louis Roederer champagne. We adjourn this evening to Salon Lucien Legrand for a champagne reception, wine tasting and dinner.

### Day 17 Paris

We bid our Tour Host Team and fellow guests a fond farewell as we transfer to the airport, our journey now at an end.