



CRUISE OF 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS - REF. VMM\_PP

## From the Canals of Venice to Renaissance-infused Mantua & Milan and Lake Como Extended Stay (port-to-port cruise)

**VENICE - MAZZORBO - VENICE - CHIOGGIA - PORTO VIRO - Padua(1) - CANDA - OSTIGLIA - Verona(1) - MANTUA - Milan - Lake Como - Milan**

From Venice to Mantua, enjoy a unique cruise through the heart of three Italian regions. The region of Veneto opens its doors and invites you to discover Venice, famous Saint Mark's Square and Doge's Palace, the official residence of Venetian dukes. Lombardy welcomes you next with its breathtaking and varied panoramas. You'll visit unique cities such as romantic Mantua. Wrap up your Italian adventure with an enchanting stay in Milan and Lake Como.

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Unique itinerary: cruise through the heart of the Italian regions**
- Our ship is moored in the heart of Venice near Saint Mark's Square
- **The region of Veneto**, its treasures, arts and traditions
  - **Venice(1)**, an abundance of history
  - **Padua(1)**, the home of Saint Anthony
  - **Verona(1)**, the City of Love
- **The region of Lombardy**, its breathtaking and varied panoramas
  - **Mantua(1)**, romantic city surrounded by lakes
- **EXTENDED STAY INCLUDED:**
  - 3-day/2-night stay in **Milan**
  - Accommodations in a 3-star hotel in Milan or Lake Maggiore
  - Tours of **Milan**, its **cathedral**, and **Lake Como** included

## CRUISE PROGRAM (9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS)



### Day 1 : VENICE

You'll board our ship at 5 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Enjoy a free evening to explore the city on your own.



### Day 2 : VENICE - MAZZORBO - VENICE

Morning cruise in the Venice lagoon. From the sun deck, you will contemplate the silhouettes of churches and palaces silhouetted against the horizon. At the heart of this labyrinth made of canals and islands, you will enjoy a unique experience admiring the landscapes and the ballet of the numerous boats using the channels. You will reach the island of Mazzorbo connected by a pedestrian bridge to the charming island of Burano.

**Enjoy exploring Burano**—known for its traditional lacemaking and picture-perfect homes—**on your own**.

**Optional excursion CLASSIC / DISCOVERY : discovery of Murano island.** Departure by private boat to the island of Murano, famous for its glass production. Visit a workshop to watch a glassblowing demonstration.

Sailing to Venice.



### Day 3 : VENICE

This morning, we offer two optional excursions:

- **CLASSIC: Guided tour of Doge's Palace and Saint Mark's Square.** You'll discover Saint Mark's Square and its famous basilica (exteriors) and take a tour inside Doge's Palace, the official residence of Venetian dukes and seat of the government until 1797. The current palace dates back to the 14th century and is considered by many to be the most beautiful in the world. A trek to the top of the Golden Staircase brings you to massive works by Tintoretto and Veronese and gives you access to the antechambers and a magnificent view from the balcony.

- **DISCOVERY: The Dorsoduro district.** Bordering the Grand Canal, this Bohemian district forms the southern part of Venice. You will see numerous museums, art galleries as well as magnificent palaces. At the mouth of the Grand Canal, you will admire the Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute (exterior), one of the most beautiful churches in Venice. It rests on nearly 100,000 stilts and presents a very original architecture with its octagonal plan and its two domes.

Free afternoon in Venice. Take the time to discover or rediscover the most romantic city in the world and join the Rialto, the city's emblematic bridge, located on the Grand Canal. From the bridge you will have a breathtaking view of the canal and the historic buildings that surround it.



### Day 4 : VENICE - CHIoggIA - Padua(1) - PORTO VIRO - CANDA

We'll cruise to Chioggia, the departure point for an **optional CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion : A guided tour of Padua**, the home of Saint Anthony. The city surrounds its medieval center with charming squares and palaces. Il Santo, the Pontifical Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua, sits among these and contains the remains of the city's patron saint.

As you enjoy your tour, the ship will cruise to Porto Viro(2). For those who decide not to join us on the excursion, you will be transferred from Chioggia to Porto Viro. Enjoy some free time in Chioggia beforehand.

We'll return on board in Porto Viro and spend the afternoon cruising towards Canda.



### Day 5 : CANDA - OSTIGLIA - Verona(1) - MANTUA

We'll spend the morning cruising to Ostiglia. In the afternoon, we offer two optional excursions:

- **CLASSIC: Visit Verona and its amphitheater or the Giusti Gardens.**(3) We'll leave by coach from Torretta and head to Verona, the "City of Love" made famous by Shakespeare's legendary tragedy Romeo and Juliet. We'll get to see the outside of Juliet's House (Casa di Giulietta) and the balcony where she stood.

when Romeo declared his love. Verona encapsulates 2,000 years of history from an architectural, urban, and artistic point of view. The amphitheater, the historic symbol of the city, is a fantastic example of its longevity and influence.

- **DISCOVERY: Verona through its gastronomy.** As you stroll through Verona's medieval squares and alleys, you'll discover the history of Italian gastronomy through legends and historical accounts. We'll take you off the beaten tourist track and into some of the city's secret districts, not forgetting its main attractions such as Juliet's Balcony and the Arena (outdoors). At the end of the tour, you will go to a famous pastry shop to taste two sweet specialties accompanied by a coffee.

After our tour, we'll return on board in Mantua.



## Day 6 : MANTUA

Join us on an **optional CLASSIC/DISCOVERY excursion : A guided tour of Mantua**, where the House of Gonzaga ruled for almost 400 years. Although Mantua is not well known, it is one of the most artistically rich and romantic cities in northern Italy. We'll visit the Palazzo Ducale di Mantova (Ducal Palace - closed on Mondays) which overlooks the city center. Built between the 14th and the 17th centuries by the noble House of Gonzaga, the property comprises many buildings such as the Castel di San Giorgio which was designed as a defensive structure aimed at protecting the heart of the town, and subsequently converted into the main residence of the Gonzaga family. We'll also visit the Camera degli Sposi ("bridal chamber"), known for its frescoes executed by Andrea Mantegna as a celebration of the Gonzaga family. We'll then reach the historic center of the city where you'll visit the Rotonda di San Lorenzo and the Basilica of Sant'Andrea.

You're free to do as you please in the afternoon.

Or enjoy an **optional tour of the Ferrari Museum** in Modena (not included in packages). Car lovers will not want to miss this chance! The museum focuses on the life and work of Enzo Ferrari, founder of the Ferrari sports car brand. Their website says it best: "The Museo Enzo Ferrari is more than just a museum. It is a spectacular immersive experience that combines a dizzying mix of unique ingredients. Visitors not only get to admire the stunning cars displayed in the futuristic 2,500 square metre main pavilion but are also treated to a spectacular audio-visual show to tell the magical story of Enzo Ferrari's 90 years."

Tonight is our festive gala evening.



## Day 7 : MANTUA - Milan

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. We'll hit the road for Milan (an approximate 2-hour drive), and upon our arrival mid-morning, we'll enjoy a panoramic tour of the city to get an overview of what it has to offer. Dynamic, trendy Milan also contains old-fashioned charm, monuments, quaint neighborhoods, and a veritable architectural and artistic heritage that stands out on its own in sublime Italy. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon will be dedicated to discovering the historic center, including a visit to the cathedral. The vast, Gothic-style cathedral took five centuries to complete and is covered with white and pink marble. The roof is adorned with openwork pinnacles and spires crowned with sculptures overlooking the city. The more sober inside is impressive in its grandeur: it can hold up to 40,000 people at one time. Dinner and accommodations in a 4-star hotel LS in Milan or Lake Maggiore.



## Day 8 : Milan - Lake Como

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. We'll head to Como for a guided tour of the city. Built along the banks of a calm lake, Como is an invitation to rest and relaxation. We'll visit the remarkable cathedral, which was built over a period of 400 years. The interior contains important tapestries and paintings, mainly dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we'll take the Brunate funicular railway to the summit, where you'll have a great view of the lake and city below. We'll return to Como and enjoy a boat tour of the lake. After our excursion, we'll return to Milan by coach. Dinner and accommodations in a 4-star hotel LS in Milan or Lake Maggiore.



## Day 9 : Milan(4)

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. End of our services.

### This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in a double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard entertainment - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multi-lingual host/hostess - transfer by coach from Mantua to Milan - accommodations in a 4-star hotel LS in Milan or Lake Maggiore including breakfast and dinner for one traveler under double-occupancy reservations - lunches on D7 and D8 - visits listed in the program on D7 and D8 - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

### This offer does not include

Drinks from our special wine list or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers (D1 to D9) - transfer from the hotel to the airport in Milan on D9 - transfers to/from departure/arrival points (including to/from airports) - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance - personal expenses.

### Transport

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

### Requirements

**Valid passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

### THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

## MENTIONS

**Warning:** Navigational obligations and weather conditions can disrupt the itinerary, and in certain cases, intermediate stops may be canceled. If this happens, CroisiEurope will do our best to find the best solution according to passenger expectations. For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise itinerary. The navigation on the Bianco Canal is subject to the frequent passage of bridges, making it impossible to access to the sun deck during certain parts of the navigation.

(1) Optional excursions.

(2) Passengers cannot remain on board the ship between Chioggia and Porto Viro.

(3) If the amphitheater is closed and in July and August, we'll visit the magnificent Giusti Gardens.

(4) Recommended arrival in Venice (VCE) before 5 p.m.; recommended departure from Milan (MXP) or Linate after 11 a.m.

Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



## EXCURSIONS

### Day 2 1 Excursion (s)



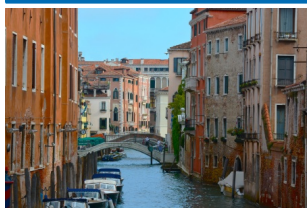
#### Island of Murano *(Optional)*

Classic



Afternoon

### Day 3 2 Excursion (s)



#### Venice and the Dorsoduro district *(Optional)*

Discovery



Morning



#### Guided walking tour of Venice and the Doge's Palace *(Optional)*

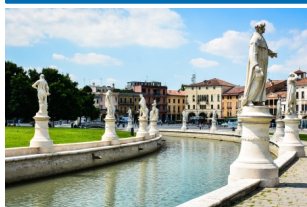
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Classic



Morning

### Day 4 1 Excursion (s)



#### Guided tour of Padua *(Optional)*

Duration : 05h00

Classic



Morning

### Day 5 2 Excursion (s)



#### Verona through its gastronomy *(Optional)*

Discovery



Afternoon







#### Verona *(Optional)*

Duration : 05h00

Classic



Afternoon

Day 6	2 Excursion (s)
	<div data-bbox="416 297 884 331"><b>Ferrari Museum in Modena</b> <i>(Optional)</i></div> <div data-bbox="454 371 1386 403"> <div>Duration : 04h00</div> <div>Classic</div> <div></div> <div>Afternoon</div> </div>
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