







# Romantic Italy, Greek Islands & Croatia!

Featuring: Venice, Florence, Naples, Messina & Rome, Italy; Corfu, Mykonos, Argostoli & Santorini, Greece; Dubrovnik, Croatia & Kotor, Montenegro

June 7 - 21, 2019 15 Day - 13 Night Cruise/Tour

Join us and sail the sparkling blue waters of the Mediterranean visiting iconic ports in Italy, Greece, Croatia and Montenegro. Stroll through the narrow winding streets of picturesque Mykonos with its whitewashed houses and signature blue trim. Ride the donkeys up the winding path to the top of stunning Santorini. Sail into the most beautiful bay in the world when you visit Kotor, Montenegro! And Dubrovnik will surely leave you in awe with her stunningly intact walls surrounding an Old Town that is a delight to get lost in. Argostoli might not be familiar to you, but you'll find beautiful white beaches and vineyards that produce some of Greece's most acclaimed wines. This is the perfect time to enjoy your cruise in the Mediterranean onboard the Norwegian Jade. A great value, made more so as TRIPS has included a complimentary unlimited beverage package along with a 5 night specialty dining package! Don't hesitate, sign up today and rediscover some of the your favorite Mediterranean ports and marvel at the beauty and history of those you're visiting for the first time.

#### **Itinerary**

#### June 7, 2019 ~ Your Adventure Begins

Today you board your overnight flight to Italy, beginning the trip of a lifetime as you enjoy Romantic Italy and the Greek Islands!

#### June 8, 2019 - Venice, Italy

Upon arrival into Venice, you will be met by your **TRIPS** representative and make your way into the **Venetian countryside!** This is the area of Italy where the **famous prosecco** sparkling wines are produced. So, TRIPS gets your holiday started with a **wine tasting of this very special wine along with some delicious Italian cold cuts and cheeses**. If that's not Italian enough, this evening, you will have the opportunity to **overnight in one of northern Italy's famous castles or villas!** A **Welcome to Italy dinner** is included this evening! A beautiful way to begin your Romantic Greek Islands cruise.

Overnight: Venice (Wine tasting/D)

#### June 9, 2019 - Board the Norwegian Jade in Venice

The morning is yours to explore Venice. The best way to experience this enchanting city is truly by getting 'lost!' Wander aimlessly through the streets and alleys and discover Venice's charming squares and streets. At midday, you'll be transferred to your floating hotel, the **Norwegian Jade** in time for a late lunch on board. The Jade sails at **5pm**, so be sure to be on deck! (B/L/D)

#### June 10, 2019 ~ Kotor, Montenegro

This afternoon, the Jade docks in one of the world's most beautiful bays when you visit Kotor, Montenegro! Walking through the gates of the thick defensive walls that extend to the hill-topping fortress feels like a walk back in time. Built between the 12th and 14th centuries, you'll be charmed by the narrow cobblestone streets and numerous squares. Don't miss the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon, built in 1166 celebrating the city's patron saint. You're here from 2pm to 8pm and will surely agree that Kotor is one of Europe's most beautiful cities! (B/L/D)

## <u>June 11, 2019 - Dubrovnik, Croatia</u>

George Bernard Shaw was enchanted by this beautiful city and said "those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik". It really is a stunning city with an amazing Old Town, so come see it yourself! Famous for the Stradun, it's the perfect spot to linger over a cup of coffee and watch the world go by And if the towns squares and

churches look familiar, you're probably a fan of **Game of Thrones**! Dubrovnik, known as the **Pearl of the Adriatic** - has been heavily featured on the show. As you stroll the walkways, you'll no doubt come across an **800 year old Gothic church** and Europe's oldest pharmacy! Your time here will surely be too short, from **7am** to **4pm**. (B/L/D)

### June 12, 2019 ~ Argostoli, Greece

The modern town of **Argostoli** offers a wealth of things to see but don't miss the population of **endangered loggerhead sea turtles** that live in the harbor! Mornings are the perfect time to see them as they swim around fishing boats waiting for fishermen to clean out their nets. Explore the **Castle of Agios Georgios**, built by Byzantine emperors in the 12th century. Wine has a long tradition in Greece, and the island of Kefalonia produces **high-quality wines**. The most well known is **Robola**, an aromatic dry, white wine. A visit to a vineyard might be just the thing for a late summer adventure! You'll have from **toam** to **5pm** here. (B/L/D)

#### June 13, 2019 - Santorini, Greece

This afternoon be sure to be on deck as you sail into Santorini at **10am**. The views of the **whitewashed buildings** atop of the cliffs are truly incredible. Reaching the town of Santorini can be quite an experience! For those who are adventurous, opt to **ride the donkeys** up the series of switch-backs! If that's not quite what you had in mind, there is a **cable car** that provides amazing views! Exploring is a delight as around every corner, the view is more spectacular! You'll surely recognize that postcard view of the **blue domed church** as you make your way along the island's winding streets. For a true Greek culinary experience, enjoy an **Ouzo** at a local café with a rousing cheer of **Opa!** Your ship sails at **10pm**. (B/L/D)

#### June 14, 2019 - Mykonos, Greece

The Jade docks in lovely **Mykonos** this morning at **8am**. Known as "The Jewel of the Aegean Sea", Mykonos is the most famous of the Greek Islands. With the incredible blue sky as a backdrop, you'll be captivated by the famous **windmills and whitewashed buildings**. Stroll along the narrow alleyways and streets to find treasures of all sorts; a tiny red roofed church or taverna set along the waterfront. What a wonderful place to spend the day exploring! The Jade sails from Mykonos at **6pm**. (B/L/D)

#### June 15, 2019 - Chania, Greece

**Chania** is one of the most beautiful and picturesque cities in Greece with an atmosphere that has a touch of Florence and Venice! The **Chania** 

**harbor** is picturesque with it's historic **Venetian Lighthouse**. Crete was the setting for the novel Zorba the Greek written by Nikos Kazantzakis who is buried on the island. Wander the streets of old town and you'll find little has changed since it was written! You may choose to risit the magnificent Minoan Palace of Knossos, considered Europe's oldest city. Inhabited for millennia, it is the most important archeological site on Crete. You'll be here from 7am to 12pm.

<u>June 16, 2019 - Valletta, Malta</u>

With 7,000 years of history, the Maltese Islands are steeped in culture and heritage. Valletta is one of the most unique ports on this **itinerary**. Because of its strategic importance, during WWII, Valletta was the most heavily bombed city in Europe resulting in significant damage. Today, you'll find streets and piazzas dating to the mid-16th century, in a city that has been described as "a city of palaces built by gentlemen for gentlemen". Narrow side streets are full of shops and cafes and the simple facade of Saint John's Co-Cathedral opens a magnificent interior. Don't return to the ship without picking up a souvenir **Maltese Falcon!** You'll be here from **1pm** to **9pm**.

<u>June 17, 2019 ~ Messina (Sicily), Italy</u>

The famed port of **Messina** is your port of call today from **8am** to **6pm**. **Shakespeare** set his lovable farce **Much Ado About Nothing** here and the expression 'stuck between a rock and a hard place' refers to the Straits of Messina. And in Homer's epic poem, The Odyssey, the hero Odysseus needed to sail through the treacherous Straits of Messina. A must see is the quaint village of Taormina spectacularly perched on a cliff overlooking the Ionian Sea.

June 18, 2019 ~ Naples (Pompeii), Italy

Today finds you in Naples, home of pizza, eggplant parmesan and Sofia Loren! Stroll the streets looking for that perfect sidewalk cafe or opt to

visit nearby Pompeii. Buried under nearly 20 feet of ash in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD, it was rediscovered in 1599. If you've been to Pompeii, you might elect a day trip the stunning Amalfi Coast and the charming town of Sorrento to sample homemade mozzarella at a local farm! You'll be docked in Naples from 7am to 4pm.

June 19, 2019 - Livorno (Florence/Pisa), Italy

Today, the Jade docks in Livorno, where you might opt to visit **Florence**, the capital of Tuscany. One of the world's most beautiful cities, it is rich in history and culture. A visit to the Accademia, home to Michelangelo's world famous statue of David is a must! You might also choose to travel to Pisa, to see one of the most remarkable architectural structures from medieval Europe! Construction of the bell tower began in 1173 and lasted nearly 200 years and leans about 17 feet off vertical. You are docked in Livorno for a full day, from 8am to 8pm.

<u>June 20, 2019 ~ Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy</u>

Return to Rome, docking at Civitavecchia at 6am. After breakfast, you'll have a panoramic tour. Visit the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica with your local guide. The highlight of your visit today is sure to be the **Sistine Chapel**, the masterpiece of Michelangelo. His canvas of 12,000 sq. ft. took nearly four years to complete, and the spectacular result is one that you'll never forget. Check-in to your hotel later today in time to freshen up before your **Farewell to Italy Dinner!** Overnight: Rome

June 21, 2019 ~ Rome, Italy

This morning after breakfast, you'll be assisted with your airport transfer. Memories of your Romantic Italy, Greek Islands & Croatia Cruise are sure to last a lifetime!

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Single supplement is an additional 50% of the rates shown.

#### Book your cabin early to ensure you receive the following amazing and free promotions courtesy of TRIPS and Norwegian Cruise Line!

- Complimentary unlimited beverage package includes all drinks up to \$15.00
- 5-night specialty dining package (excludes extra charged items)
- Gratuities included for both packages

See your club director for details of these very special TRIPS inclusions!



## Inclusions

Round trip airport transfers

International airfare to Venice and from Rome (checked baggage fees are not included)

11 nights in your selected cabin category onboard the Norwegian Jade

All meals while onboard the Norwegian Jade

ı night pre-cruise in a Italian castle or villa in the Venetian countryside

Wine tasting and Wellcome to Italy Dinner

- Panoramic walking tour of Venice I night hotel post-cruise in Rome
- TRĬPS Farewell Dinner in Rome
- Panoramic city tour in Rome including admission to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel

Transfers from airport to hotel and to pier in Venice

- Unlimited beverage package with 5-night specialty dining package included with gratuities
- Porterage of one full size suitcase per person

TRIPS ticket wallet and luggage tags

All cruise, port charges and government taxes

Please Note: Passports are required for this tour!

# Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and strongly suggested!

Check with your club representative for details.

## Call today to reserve your space!!!

An initial \$500.00 per person reservation for "Romantic Italy, Greek Islands & Croatia!" accepted on a first come/first served basis. This deposit is fully refundable up to January 28, 2019.

Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before January 29, 2019. Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.
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