



CRUISE OF 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS - REF. VMA

From the Canals of Venice to Renaissance-infused Mantua

VENICE - CHIOGGIA - PORTO VIRO - Padua(1) - CANDA - OSTIGLIA - Verona(1) - MANTUA - Cremona(1) - MANTUA - Venice

Exceptional event!

Discover Italy through Opera with a unique evening at the Arena of Verona.

LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS

Depending on your departure date, attend one of the operas in the 2023 program:

07/08: The Barber of Seville

07/24 and 08/05: Tosca

From Venice to Mantua, enjoy a unique cruise. 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 and Cremona, Claudio Monteverdi's and Stradivarius's birthplace.



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Unique itinerary: cruise through the heart of the Italian regions**
- Coach transfer from Mantua to Venice on day 7 **FREE OF CHARGE**
- **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
 - **Cremona(1)**, Claudio Monteverdi's and Stradivarius's birthplace
- **The region of Emilia-Romagna** and its traditional cuisine
 - Visit(1) **Fratelli Spigaroli(3)**
 - Enjoy a tasting(1) of **Culatello ham** and authentic **Parmesan cheese**

CRUISE PROGRAM (7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS)



Day 1 : VENICE(4)

You'll board our ship at 6 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

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 the 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:** Venice and the Dorsoduro district.

This afternoon, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: The Venetian Lagoon and its islands. The Murano glassmakers retreated to the island of Murano to help keep their production techniques a secret. Burano instills a feeling of quiet and meditation as you walk along its docks lined with colorful homes. One of the most sought-out items on the island is handwoven lace that dates back to before the exploration of the New World.

Enjoy a free evening to explore Venice on your own.



Day 3 : VENICE - CHIOGGIA - Padua(1) - PORTO VIRO - CANDA

We'll cruise to Chioggia, the departure point for an optional excursion for both packages: 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 4 : 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. 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. (If the amphitheater is closed and in July and August, we'll visit the magnificent Giusti Gardens.)

- **DISCOVERY:** Verona through its gastronomy.

You'll be transferred by coach from Torretta to Verona, where numerous possibilities to explore the city await you. Often overshadowed by neighboring Venice, Verona possesses an impressive artistic heritage and many cultural diversions. What better way to explore the city than on two wheels? Glide along its streets and lanes lined with unique houses and romantic hideaways. You'll then visit the Giusti Gardens, one of the city's marvels. This magnificent Italian garden contains age-old trees, gargoyles, fountains, and grottoes with ancient inscriptions. After our tour, we'll return on board in Mantua.



Day 5 : MANTUA - Cremona(1)

Join us for an optional full-day excursion to Cremona (including lunch). A stroll through the historical center of Cremona reveals its hidden artistic and architectural treasures. Within the superb medieval square, we'll take in the immensity of the duomo, bell tower, and cathedral. We'll also visit a violin-maker's workshop during our tour. Next stop will be Polesine Parmense and some time at the Fratelli Spigaroli to visit the cellars where they cure the famous Culatello ham and Parmigiana cheese.(3) We'll return to the ship in Mantua.



Day 6 : MANTUA

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: 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 - Venice(4)

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. Coach transfer from Mantua to Venice. 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 - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include

Drinks from our special lists or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - 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

Coach transfer Mantua/Venice on D7 **FREE OF CHARGE**

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. 2019 PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM (subject to changes).

(1) Optional excursions.

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

(3) In case the cellars at Fratelli Spigaroli are closed, we'll visit a similar site.

(4) Recommendation: Arrival D1 in Venice (VCE) before 5pm; departure D7 from Venice (VCE) after 2pm.

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

EXCURSIONS

Day 2 3 Excursion (s)



Murano and Burano islands *(Optional)*

Duration : 04h00

Classic



Afternoon



Venice and the Dorsoduro district *(Optional)*

Discovery



Morning



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

Duration : 02h00

Classic



Morning

Day 3 1 Excursion (s)



Guided tour of Padua *(Optional)*

Duration : 05h00

Classic



Morning

Day 4 2 Excursion (s)



Verona through its gastronomy *(Optional)*

Discovery



Afternoon



Verona *(Optional)*

Duration : 06h00

Classic



Afternoon

Day 5 1 Excursion (s)



Cremona *(Optional)*

Classic



Day

Day 6 3 Excursion (s)

Ferrari Museum in Modena *(Optional)*

Duration : 04h00

Classic



Afternoon



Mantua *(Optional)*

Classic



Morning

(Optional)



Evening