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				<p>The tour starts with an interesting walking tour inside the <b>Roman Forum</b> (one-hour visit). The Roman Forum was the site of the religious, political and commercial center of ancient Rome and reflects the twelve centuries of history which created Roman civilization. The tour continues with an inside visit to the <b>Colosseum</b> (one hour) (Flavian Amphitheater). The Colosseum is a masterpiece of classical architecture. The enormous project was begun by Vespasian in 72 A.D. and inaugurated by Titus eight years later. Continue to the <b>Church of St. Peter in Chains</b> for a visit to see Michelangelo's statue of Moses, restored to the beauty and splendor of the time when it was created. Enjoy some free time for lunch before boarding your ship.</p> <p>. Transfer from Rome to Civitavecchia (with possible short stop en route for refreshments on own)</p> <p>. Embark the <i>Ponant Le Lyrial</i></p>	3:00 pm	4:30pm
<b>MAIN PROGRAM</b>						
1	Wed, 26-Sep-18			<b>UNITED STATES/CANADA</b>		
				. Depart USA/Canada		
2	Thu, 27-Sep-18	D		<b>CIVITAVECCHIA, ITALY</b>		<b>BERTH</b>
				. Flights arrive Rome (FCO) airport		
				. Hospitality Room at the Westin Excelsior for early		
				. Transfer from airport to ship in Civitavecchia	3:00 pm	
				<i>Embark Ponant Le Lyrial</i>	4:00 pm	
				. Safety & Lifeboat Drill		
				<b>. Ship departs Civitavecchia</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	
				. Welcome Dinner on board		
3	Fri, 28-Sep-18	BLRD		<b>BONIFACIO, CORSICA (FR)</b>		<b>BERTH</b>
				. Breakfast on board		
				<b>. Ship arrives Bonifacio, Corsica (FR)</b>	<b>(Berth) 8:00 am</b>	
		<b>Inc.</b>		<b>. Bonifacio's Old Town Excursion</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
				To begin the discovery of this very special town, a little train of wheels will take you from the harbor Haute Ville (upper town) around the plateau where you can admire the astonishing Ramparts, the Semillante Canons and the Marine Cemetery at the most southern tip of the promontory overlooking Sardinia. Bonifacio is an astonishing town, unlike any other, that was built on high limestone cliffs; it is believed that the first description was made by Homer in the Odyssey. The walk will take you into the Citadel and the Old Town to see St Dominique church, Place Bir Hakeim, St Jean Baptiste church, the view point overlooking the "grain de sable", the jardin des vestiges and the house where Napoleon stayed. Bonifacio has more than a very rich historical past, it is also incredibly picturesque. Some shopping time is allowed before the tram ride back.		
				Return to ship for lunch		
		<b>Inc.</b>		Afternoon at leisure in Bonifacio		
				<b>. Ship departs Bonifacio, Corsica (FR)</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	
				. Captain's Welcome Reception		
				. Dinner on board		

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4	Sat, 29-Sep-18	BD		<b>LIVORNO, ITALY</b>		BERTH
				. Breakfast on board		
				<b>.Ship arrives Livorno, Italy</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	
				<b>CHOICE BETWEEN 2 INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:</b>		
			<b>Inc.</b>	<b>. Florence Excursion</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
				 <i>UNESCO World Heritage Site - Historic Centre of Florence</i>		
				Drive to Florence, the seat of the Medici family, as well as the center of art & thought during the Italian Renaissance. On our walking tour you will see the Cathedral, the Baptistery with its famous bronze “Doors of Paradise” and the House of Dante. Visit the Fine Arts Academy to see the jewel of the Florentine Renaissance-Michelangelo’s larger-than-life statue of David and more. Also see the famous Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio among many		
				. Lunch on own in Florence		
				. Afternoon at leisure in Florence		
				. Depart Florence and return to the ship (travel time 1 ½		
				<b>OR</b>		
			<b>Inc.</b>	<b>. Pisa and Lucca Excursion</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
				 <i>UNESCO World Heritage Site - Piazza del Duomo, Pisa</i>		
				Depart Livorno for a leisurely drive to Pisa, the historical medieval university town. On arrival take a walking tour including the Square of Miracles with its unique and famous Leaning Tower (outside visit) where Galileo conducted his gravity experiments, the 11th century Cathedral renowned for its pulpit and paintings and the Baptistery with its famous organ. Continue on to the 16th century Tuscan fortress town of Lucca. Here Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus made the agreement to rule Rome as a triumvirate. Take a walking tour of the historical center which has conserved its girdle of ramparts, a rich heritage of churches, palaces, squares and streets unscathed by		
				. Lunch on own in Lucca		
				. Afternoon at leisure in Lucca		
				. Return to the ship in Livorno		
				. Dinner on board		
				<b>.Possible Lecture</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
				<b>. Ship departs Livorno</b>	<b>11:59 pm</b>	
5	Sun, 30-Sep-18	BLD		<b>PORTO VENERE/PORTOFINO, ITALY</b>		ANCHOR
				. Breakfast on board		
				<b>. Ship arrives Porto Venere</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	
			<b>Inc.</b>	 <i>UNESCO World Heritage Site - Portovenere, Cinque Terre, and the Islands (Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto)</i>		
				. Breakfast on board		
				<b>. Cinque Terre Excursion</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

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				<p>Depart Porto Venere by private boat for an excursion to the Cinque Terre ("Five Lands"), a collection of five small and very picturesque villages founded by peasants around the year 1000. Clinging to the cliffs over the Mediterranean Sea and connected by small footpaths, the five villages and their trademark colorful buildings are now part of the Cinque Terre National Park.</p> <p>Visit the villages of Vernazza and Riomaggiore and enjoy time at leisure enjoying the small shops and cafes tucked along the winding narrow streets. Return to the ship by</p> <p><b>. Ship departs Porto Venere</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>1:30 pm</b></span></p> <p>. Lunch on board</p> <p><b>.Possible Lecture</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>3:30 pm 4:30 pm</b></span></p> <p><b>. Ship arrives Portofino</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>4:30 pm</b></span> <b>(Anchor)</b></p> <p>. Dinner on board</p> <p><b>. Ship departs Portofino</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>11:00 pm</b></span></p>		
6	Mon, 01-Oct-18	BLD		<b>NICE, FRANCE &amp; MONACO</b>	<b>BERTH</b>	
				<b>. Ship arrives Nice</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	
				. Breakfast on board		
			Inc.	<b>. Excursion: Half day Nice tour</b>	8:30 am	12:30 pm
				<p>En route from the ship, see the Promenade des Anglais and Massena square before arriving in Nice's Old Town for a walking tour. See the Palace of Kings of Sardignia, Baroque churches, narrow streets and sunny squares. Drive to the hill of Cimiez and its Monastery to enjoy a panoramic view over the town and then explore the Marc Chagall National Museum. The result of Marc Chagall's donation to France, this museum was built in 1972 and houses the most important permanent collection of the painter's works (paintings, sculptures, stained glass and mosaics).</p> <p>. Return to the ship for lunch</p> <p><b>. Ship departs Nice</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>1:00 pm</b></span></p> <p><b>. Ship arrives Monaco</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>3:00 pm</b></span></p>		
			Inc.	<b>. Excursion: The Rock of Monaco</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
				<p>In this tiny principedom of only 468 acres, history has made its way since the 13th century under the lead of the Grimaldi family.</p> <p>On this in-depth tour, an expert local guide will discuss the history and highlights of the Principality.</p> <p>- Enjoy a short coach ride to the panoramic terrace adjacent to the exotic gardens, with superb views over the Rock of Monaco and the harbor.</p> <p>- Walk through the old town's narrow picturesque streets and admire the historic buildings and beautiful architecture</p> <p>- Visit the Cathedral, where many of the Grimaldis are buried, including Grace Kelly and more recently, Rainier II</p> <p>. Dinner on board</p> <p><b>. Ship departs Monaco</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>9:00 pm</b></span></p>		
7	Tue, 02-Oct-18	BLD		<b>MARSEILLES, FRANCE</b>	<b>BERTH</b>	
				. Breakfast on board		

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				<b>. Ship arrives Marseilles</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	
			<b>Inc.</b>	<b>. Aix-en-Provence Excursion</b> Depart the ship and drive to Aix en Provence (~30min). The old capital of Provence has kept a great deal of the character imparted to it in the 17th and 18th century. Visit the famous cathedral "Saint Sauveur", a curious building where all styles from the 5th-17th century are to be seen side by side. Enjoy some free time at the Provençal market and walk on the famous "Cours Mirabeau" avenue.	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>
				. Return to the ship for lunch on board	12:30 pm	2:00 pm
			<b>Inc.</b>	<b>. Marseilles Excursion</b> In the afternoon you will enjoy a panoramic and orientation tour of Marseilles. See the Old Town, the Old Port and the "Cathedrale de la Major" dating from the 19th century. Visit Notre Dame de Garde and admire a panoramic view over the city. Drive on the famous Corniche Kennedy along the Mediterranean, past the Prado and the Longchamp Palace. Before returning to the harbour, visit the famous "Canebiere", Marseilles' most famous street, lined with stores, hotels, cafés and banks.	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
				. Dinner on board		
				<b>.Possible Lecture</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
				<b>. Ship departs Marseilles</b>	<b>10:00 pm</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Wed, 03-Oct-18</b>	<b>BRD</b>		<b>SETE, FRANCE</b>		<b>BERTH</b>
				. Breakfast on board		
				<b>. Ship arrives Sete</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	
			<b>Inc.</b>	<b>. Carcassonne and Fontfroide Abbey Excursion</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
				<i>UNESCO World Heritage Site - Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne</i>		
				Drive to Carcassonne, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. Visit the Musée des Beaux Arts; La Porte Narbonnaise, with sections from the reigns of both St. Louis and Phillip the Bold; the Castle; and the pure Gothic gem of St. Nazaire, rebuilt from the original Romanesque to the Gothic style after the victory of the Crusaders. After lunch (not included - on own), visit the Abbey of Fontfroide.		
				Reboard the ship in Sete	4:30 pm	
				. Captain's Farewell Reception		
				. Dinner on board		
				<b>. Ship departs Sete</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Thu, 04-Oct-18</b>	<b>B</b>		<b>BARCELONA, SPAIN</b>		<b>BERTH</b>
				. Breakfast on board		
				<b>. Ship arrives Barcelona</b>	<b>6:00 am</b>	
				. Disembark and transfer to BCN airport	<u>7:00am /</u> <u>8:30am</u>	
				<b>. Return flights USA / Canada</b>		
<b>OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE PROGRAM</b>						
<b>9*</b>	<b>Thu, 04-Oct-18</b>	<b>B</b>		<b>BARCELONA</b>		
				. Breakfast on board		

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			. Disembark the ship	9:00 am	
		<b>Inc.</b>	<b>. Barcelona Half Day City Tour</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
			<i>UNESCO World Heritage Site - Works of Antoni Gaudi</i>		
			The " <b>Barri Gothic</b> " (Gothic District) is the center of Barcelona, where the city originated with its Roman walls, and where the main public buildings are located such as the Town Hall, the Catalan Government Palace and the <b>Cathedral</b> , a gothic masterpiece began in 1298 and finished in 1454. The tour includes an inside visit to the		
			<b>. La Sagrada Familia</b> (inside visit): the temple was originally a private initiative of the Spiritual Association devoted to St. Joseph. Work began in 1882 under the direction of Francesc de Paula Villar, who intend to give the work a neogothic style, in fashion at that time. However, the differences between the architect and the municipality led him to give up the project and was replaced by Gaudi. The temple has 3 façades, one for the Birth which was built in 1891, the second one is the Passion with the door of faith and the third one (not done yet) will evokes the Glory of Good. Completing the masterpiece are 18 towers more than 100 meters high. The group of architects that is now working on the project (that is still a private foundation) estimate to finish the work in 15 years.		
			. Check in to the <b>Majestic Hotel and Spa</b>		
			. Lunch on own		
			. <i>Hospitality desk at hotel</i>	1:00 pm	5:00 pm
			. Afternoon at leisure		
			. Dinner on own		

10* Fri, 05-Oct-18	BL		<b>BARCELONA</b>		
			. Breakfast at the hotel		
			<b>. Full Day Colonia Guell / Montserrat Excursion</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
		<b>Inc.</b>	<b>. Visit Colonia Guell</b> , On the way to Montserrat, visit Colonia Güell. Go back to the atmosphere of an early 1900's textile industrial village and discover one of Gaudí's most hidden treasure: the Crypt of the Colonia Güell. The tour includes a walk through this piece of heritage, the charming streets and singular buildings of the Art Nouveau era, as well as a visit to the Crypt, a Unesco World Heritage Site. Visiting the Crypt is understanding the architectural innovations and the spatial intelligence of Gaudí	9:30 am	11:00 am

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			<p><b>Inc.</b> . <b>Visit Montserrat</b> said to be the inspiration of Wagner for the setting of the opera Parsifal. The Monastery, whose buildings date from the middle of the last century as Napoleon's army destroyed the old monastery in 1815, hosts a community of some 80 monks who follow the 6th century Benedict rule.</p> <p>The Basilica was built in the 16th century and between 1900 /1901 the original plateresque façade was replaced by the actual one. The church interior was restored after Napoleon's invasion and hosts the image of Our Lady of Montserrat, popularly known as "La Moreneta" (dark woman) due to the dark colour of her face. It is a lovely 12th century Romanesque carving. In 1881 she was crowned and declared the Saint Patron of Catalunya. Legend said that the image was found in 880 in the Santa Cova (holy cave) which can be reached with the funicular. <i>Note: Boys Choir performance at 1:00pm. Group may be able to view but <b>this is not guaranteed.</b></i></p>		
			<p><b>Inc.</b> . <b>Lunch</b> included at a local restaurant on Montserrat</p> <p>. Return to Barcelona</p> <p>. Afternoon at leisure and dinner on own in Barcelona</p>		3:30 pm

11*	Sat, 06-Oct-18	B	<p><b>BARCELONA, SPAIN / USA – CANADA</b></p> <p>. Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>. Transfer to Barcelona (BCN) Airport</p> <p>. Return flights to USA/Canada</p>	<u>TBA</u>	
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<b>MEAL COUNT</b>	Main Breakfast	7	<b>5 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES</b>
	Main Lunch	4	
	Main Dinner	7	
	Main Reception	2	
	Pre Breakfast	2	
	Pre Lunch	0	
	Pre Dinner	0	
	Pre Reception	0	
	Post Breakfast	3	
	Post Lunch	1	
Post Dinner	0		
Post Reception	0		