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Rome to Dubrovnik on the brand new *Variety Voyager*

Visiting : Italy, Sicily, Island of Corfu, Albania, Montenegro & Croatia



Variety Cruises The Yacht Cruise Experience

7 night/8 day cruise, plus 3 nights Dubrovnik

October 19 – 30, 2012 • 12 days

Positano

Guess who have fallen helplessly in love with the beauty of Positano? See Day 3.



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Day 1 Oct 19/2012 In Flight

Limousine pickup will be arranged for each couple from your home to Pearson International Airport – within GTA area. We join Air Canada non-stop service from Toronto to Rome. (AC 890 departing at 7:15 pm and landing in Rome at 9:45 am the following day) Meals will be served in flight.

Day 2 Oct 20/2012 Rome

Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome. Upon arrival we will be met by a coach to take us downtown for some free time with lunch included. Our embarkation is 4 pm on the Variety Voyager. This newly built 68-meter "state of the art" mega yacht will accommodate just 72 passengers in 36 cabins. Build under the latest International "Safety of Life At Sea" regulations the Variety Voyager guarantees guest's safety with incomparable comfort and elegance. Sleek lines, ample deck space, cabins and public areas finished with warm fabrics, rich marbles, carpeting and soft wood paneling - everything you would expect in a billionaire's super yacht. Everywhere, unobstructed views of the ocean and of the ports we will visit. And above all, the professional services of a crew of 30, always with a smile and a true desire to satisfy their guests. Welcome aboard dinner this evening. All dinners on board have beverage package that includes wine, soft drinks, juice or water. We sail later this evening. (B, L & D)

Day 3 Oct 21/2012 Amalfi Coast

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast as we sail along the Amalfi Coast, a stretch of coastline on the steep slopes of the southern coast of the Sorrentine Peninsula, a popular tourist destination for the region and Italy as a whole. Like the rest of the region, the Amalfi Coast lies in a Mediterranean climate, featuring warm summers and mild winters. A morning shore excursion today takes us to the ruins of Pompeii. Pompeii had about 20,000 inhabitants when on August 24, 79 AD Mount Vesuvius erupted and totally buried the town under ash and fire. The excavations began during the 18th century and they are still being carried out. Discover all the details of daily life as you explore the treasures that have been uncovered. We return to our ship for lunch.

This afternoon we travel by coach to the town of Positano, where dramatically steep seaside cliffs, quaint multi-coloured hillside buildings and sweeping views of the sea captivate visitors. Views are stunning. It is an area for elite travellers, some of which included Escher, Steinbeck, Picasso, Klee, Zeffirelli



and Liz Taylor. These are just a few who have fallen helplessly in love with the beauty of Positano. We wave farewell from the deck of our mega yacht as we sail later this evening to Sicily. (B, L & D)

Day 4 Oct 22/2012 Taormina

Sicily, at the crossroads of the Mediterranean, has absorbed a bewildering variety of cultures, reflected in the diverse monuments scattered across the island. "Taormina is a landscape where you seem to find everything created on the earth to seduce the eyes, the spirit and the imagination". (Guy de Maupassant) Settled on a hill of Monte Tauro, Taormina dominates two grand, sweeping bays below and on the southern side is the towering Mount Etna. Our walking tour today includes the highlights of the town, the elegant shopping street of Corso Umberto, the clock tower, Porta Messina and Catania plus the most significant monument in Taormina, the ancient theatre. We set sail at 11 pm this evening. (B, L & D)

Day 5 Oct 23/2012 Crotone

We cruise around the boot of Italy, approaching the town of Crotone, overlooking the Ionian Sea. In its day, Crotone was an important colonial settlement of Magna Graecia, with a school of medicine that was famous throughout the classical world. The town is best explored on foot to see the Cathedral, the Castle of Charles V, La Castella and the National Archeological Museum. The old quarter of town has various winding alleyways that have small local shops and markets, an excellent place to buy handicrafts and terracotta products made locally. (B, L & D)

8 days cruise on the Mega Yacht Variety Voyager



Day 6 Oct 24/2012 Isle of Corfu

Crossing the Ionian Sea, we reach the Island of Corfu, long been considered one of the most beautiful islands in Greece. Corfu Town is the capital of Corfu (Kerkyra in Greek) and is one of the most beautiful and elegant towns in Greece. It is the principal port of the island and is the largest and most populated (30,000 inhabitants) town of the Ionian Islands. Enjoy Old Town, an ageless mix of architectural styles of living proof that this northern-most Ionian island has been a prize for covetous conquerors through many centuries. Venetian bell towers, tiny Greek Orthodox churches, gracious French-style shopping arcades and British palaces welcome you in Corfu Town's shady cobbled squares and narrow alleyways. Following lunch an afternoon coach excursion to the Strinilas village, opening up a whole new world of discovery for rural life in Greece. The location of the village in itself is awesome which is right up in the mountains. In fact, the Strinilas village is perched on top of the highest mountain of Corfu. Getting to Strinilas village is half the fun. The mountainous road snakes its way all the way to Spartilas and on the way there are numerous vantage points from where one can bask in the uninterrupted views of the scenic Northeastern coast as well as the town of Corfu, which looks like a well spread out carpet. No visit to the Strinilas village is ever complete without savoring the locally brewed wine - Moschato that has carved a niche for itself in the world of high quality wines. We remain in port all evening. (B, L & D)

Day 7 Oct 25/2012 Albania

After our departure from the Isle of Corfu, we travel along the Albanian shores and approach the port of Saranda. We will enjoy a 20-km tour by coach of the south coast with its virgin shores and scattered islands. Moving on from the mainland, we pass small picturesque villages, endless fertile plains leading to a great lake. The highlight of your day will be Butrint designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage site in 1997. Over the centuries, the ancient town had disappeared under layers of silt and vegetation - but archaeologists have uncovered one of the best remains of a working town in the Mediterranean. At the edge of the lake where the ancient city of Vouthrota is situated, with its well-maintained archaeological monuments and ancient theatre, the visitor is taken 2500 years back in time to the 3rd century A.D. The ancient gymnasium, the Roman ablutions, the ancient temple with the priceless mosaic floor and the enormous stonewalls will take you back to a time not known to man. Upon reaching the top of the hill lies the castle of Ali Passa, an oddment of the Ottoman Empire. From this position we have a panoramic view of the Ancient City, the lake and the vast plains, a breathtaking sight. Return to Saranda and the Voyager for lunch. We sail this afternoon north to Montenegro. (B, L & D)







Day 8 Oct 26/2012 Montenegro

Montenegro is the youngest country in Europe which gained its independence in 2006. We reach the fjords of Kotor early this morning and continue on to the medieval town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Its fortress walls impressively scale 260 meters up the steep mountainside. The Roman, Byzantine and Gothic churches will tell you a lot about the rich history of this small city. This afternoon we drive up Mount Lovcen to the town of Cetinje. Here we see the Royal Palace of King Nicholas and visit the museum. This is where he ruled his independent nation from 1878 until the First World War. You will see a distinct difference here as the people are defined now by the mountains rather than the Mediterranean. Wood frame and stucco housing replaces the pale limestone of the coast. We spend the night in Kotor Bay. (B, L & D)

Day 9 Oct 27/2012 Dubrovnik

A morning sail to Dubrovnik, our point of disembarkation from the Variety Voyager. Say farewell to the staff of the Variety Voyager as we now transfer to the 5-star Excelsior Hotel for the next three nights. The most recognizable feature which defines the history of Dubrovnik is the city walls which run uninterrupted for 1940 meters encircling the city. This complex structure, one of the most beautiful and strongest fort systems in Europe is the main attraction to the city's visitors. Our guided tour today will show you the finest sites of the Old Walled City and will reveal why Dubrovnik is often referred to as the "Pearl of the Adriatic". We will lead you through the streets of the Old Town introducing you to the history and culture of this magnificent city. Other splendid buildings such as Onofrio's Fountain, St. Blaise's Church, Sponza Palace will be viewed along the way. You will be able to visit the Franciscan Monastery with Europe's oldest pharmacy, the Cathedral with its famous Treasury and the Rector's Palace which once used to be the seat of the government in the Dubrovnik Republic. In the evening a delightful dinner at the Restaurant East West Beach Club. Overnight Excelsior Hotel. (B & D)

Day 10 Oct 28/2012 Dubrovnik-Mostar-Dubrovnik

After breakfast take a nice drive along the coast to reach Mostar, the capital of Herzegovina. Mostar is the largest and the most important city in the Herzegovina region in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is situated on the Neretva River and is the fifth-largest city in the country. Mostar was named after "the bridge keepers" who guarded the Stari Most (Old Bridge) over the river. The bridge was ruined during the war and then rebuilt in 2004. Today it is one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. Together with the Old Town it became a listed UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. The Old Town with its towers, oriental shops, and restaurants, which specialize in aromatic cooking, take you back for many centuries. Traces of 'old' times are imprinted in the market, the mosques, Herzegovina's museum and in the typical Turkish houses, a few of which have been kept in original style. The city excels in the spheres of art, cuisine, music, theatre, museums, and literature. It is also widely celebrated in popular lore, featured frequently as the setting for books, movies, and television programs. Dinner this evening at the Dubravka Restaurant. Overnight at the Excelsior Hotel. (B, L & D)



Day 11 Oct 29/2012 Dubrovnik-Ston-Peljesac-Korcula-Dubrovnik

After breakfast drive to Ston with its massive defense walls from the Middle Ages. In an area known for its rugged natural beauty, few man-made sights are more magnificent than the grizzled fourteenth-century walls of Ston which with the backdrop of the mountainous countryside look scarily like the Great Wall of China. Spanning the isthmus that connects the Peljesac peninsula to the mainland, and consisting of 40 towers and 5 fortresses, the walls comprise one of the longest stretches of surviving fortifications in the whole of Europe. A visit of the city with time for lunch - enjoy oysters, the local specialty, prepared in various ways. The Pelješac Peninsula which starts at Ston is home to Croatia's best red wine Dinga and Postup. After wine tasting, the breathtaking scenery continues as you descend to the picturesque little harbour of Orebi, and after a short ferry crossing, the magnificent Korula Town, the birthplace of Marco Polo, welcomes you. The city of Korcula, is one of the most attractive and best-preserved towns from the Middle Ages in the Mediterranean area. The island of the same name is one in the long string of 'pearls' forming a great archipelago that runs along the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea; rightfully the pride of the Republic of Croatia. Behind Great Onofrio's Fountain lies the monastery of St. Klara, the best known and the most important of the eight monasteries for women in Dubrovnik. When the French army entered Dubrovnik, all monasteries were closed, and the monastery of St. Klara was turned into a stable and an ammunition warehouse. In the atrium of the ancient monastery of St. Klara, the restaurant Klarisa offers us a great location for our farewell dinner. Overnight Excelsior Hotel. (B, L & D)

Day 12 Oct 30/2012 Frankfurt – Toronto

We depart today from Dubrovnik Airport, at 7:30 am and arrive Frankfurt at 9:35 am. Connecting to AC 877 departing at 5:00 pm and landing at Pearson International Airport at 8:40 am. We are working on providing a coach and touring option with lunch to fill in this time in Frankfurt.





Price per person, Canadian dollars, Two to Room

Category	Cruise, Land & Air	Single Rate
C- Lower Deck	\$4,999	\$6,499
B- Lower Deck	\$5,399	\$7,099
A- Main Deck	\$5,799	\$7,699
P –Upper Deck	\$6,299	\$8,499

Not included in tour cost - Optional insurance and airport departure taxes

Included in the tour cost

- Airfare with Air Canada / Croatian Air from Toronto to Rome and Dubrovnik –Frankfurt Toronto
- Round trip transfers from your home to the airport (within area of GTA)
- Meals in flight, entertainment and beverages
- All tours included in the above itinerary
- Visit downtown Rome with lunch
- All gratuities on land and cruise itinerary (\$185.00 pp)
- Port taxes (\$270.00 pp)
- All transfers
- 7 night/ 8 day cruise on the Mega Yacht "Variety Voyager"
 Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Beverage package with dinner (wine, soft drinks, juice or water)
- 3 nights deluxe 5-star Excelsior hotel in Dubrovnik with breakfast and dinner daily
- Lunch in Mostar and in Ston

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- Airport departures taxes and fuel surcharges
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Dubrovnik

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION DETAILS:

Initial Deposit	\$1,500 per person plus insurance within 7 days of booking
Final Payment	Due by August 15, 2012

CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

Between and date of booking and April 30, 2012 \$500 per person

Between May 1 and August 15, 2012 \$1500 per person

Between August 16 and date of departure 100% non-refundable

Passport:

Canadian citizens must be in possession of a valid passport with not less than six months validity remaining after departure date from Europe.

Name Change:

Change of name is permitted without charge until August 15, 2012. After this date, name change subject to airline charges approximately \$350.00

Air Credit:

Applies for the entire flights from Toronto to Rome, Dubrovnik to Frankfurt and Frankfurt to Toronto. \$700 per person

Deviation Fee:

If you wish to alter your air arrangements and extend your stay or fly back from another European city, deviation fee of \$200 per person applies plus any additional charges for airfare. To avoid this cost, when booking we can look for seats to accommodate your needs on our computer system. If we find availability, you can book the seats and then they are subject to cancellation penalties from the airline. If you are booking your own airfare, can you advise Annie at Tour Design of your flights to complete our files.

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