



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

*Gardens of the
French & Italian Rivieras*

Aboard the Deluxe *Le Lyrial*
May 3-10, 2023



*Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild,
St. Jean Cap Ferrat*



Dear Traveler,

The French and Italian Rivas in springtime are among the most lovely, verdant places on Earth, and this voyage is designed to showcase some of the best they have to offer. As we sail from sea-sprayed Nice to the glittering bays of Corsica and then southward, ending in the Eternal City of Rome, we will encounter remarkable gardens in nearly every port we visit.

Our first special engagement occurs before we even step foot aboard ship. Before embarkation, spend the day at Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, a magnificent palace (painted flamingo pink, no less!) surrounded by nine themed gardens. After our visit, we will be transferred to the pier to board *Le Lyrical*, a five-star vessel that hosts an average of 200 guests. Throughout the cruise, daily excursions will take us to Anapessa, an experimental fruit and botanical garden in northern Corsica that grows more than 40 kinds of edible fruits; the palace and baroque gardens of Palazzo Pfanner in Lucca; the spectacularly green Botanical Garden on Elba; and, finally, the Moutan Botanical Garden of Vitorchiano, in southern Etruria, where the Rocki and herbaceous peonies will be bursting in riotous shades of fuchsia.

Our timing in the region could not be more perfect. Fruit and flowers will be in full bloom, and a kaleidoscope of color and fragrance greet us at each destination. This voyage is truly a horticulturalist's dream. Join Chicago Botanic Garden and fellow garden enthusiasts on an enlivening journey!

Le Lyrial in Calvi, Corsica



ITINERARY



Wednesday, May 3, 2023

FLY FROM THE USA | NICE, FRANCE

Transfer to *Hyatt Regency Nice Palais de la Mediterranee* for a reception and overnight. (R)

Thursday, May 4

NICE | SAINT JEAN CAP FERRAT | EZE | EMBARK

Enjoy a scenic drive towards the peninsula of St. Jean Cap Ferrat. Here you will visit the stunning gardens of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Explore this wonderful palace inspired by the Italian Renaissance and surrounded by a lovely 14-acre garden. Enjoy the gorgeous view over the bays of Villefranche and Beaulieu. In the enchanting village of Eze, walk to the garden at the top of the village and discover how exotic plants are able to grow in the French Riviera. (B,L,D)

Friday, May 5

CALVI, CORSICA | ANAPESSA GARDEN

This Genoese city benefits from an exceptional natural setting between the abrupt relief of the central chain, fertile hills and long sandy beaches. Visit a garden which has not been labored or tailored but rather is a true ecological-friendly place for all kinds of fruits and vegetables as well as plants. Every wild plant has its place here and each have the liberty to grow and live. Animals can come and go. Guests will brunch in the estate, with local products on the menu. (B,L,D)

Saturday, May 6

PORTOFINO, ITALY

Through the centuries Portofino functioned primarily as a fishing village and, occasionally, as a small naval port. The town is striking with its brightly colored antique buildings hovering over sparkling blue water. And the surrounding luxuriant green hillsides of the Portofino Promontory are equally stunning. For some fantastic views of the entire bay and the Tigullian Gulf, you will walk up the hill to the Church of San Giorgio. Perched high

above the town, this church contains relics of St. George brought over by crusaders from the Holy Land. From here you will walk to another great lookout point at the Punto del Capo, the Portofino lighthouse. (B,L,D)

Sunday, May 7

LIVORNO | LUCCA | VILLA REALE DI MARLIA

Lucca is the most civilized of Tuscany's cities. It is home to Puccini and soft pastel plasters, an elegant landscape of churches and palaces, delicate facades, and Art Nouveau shop fronts on wide promenades. At the end of the guided tour, you will reach Palazzo Pfanner for a visit of its gardens. The palazzo's well-kept formal garden, which abuts the city walls, centers on a large fountain and pool. Proceed to Villa Reale di Marlia, a national monument as it was the royal palace during the short reign of Elisa Bonaparte (Napoleon's sister) as Princess of Lucca from 1806 through 1814. It has been restored to its former glory thanks to an unprecedented restoration project. (B,L,D)

Monday, May 8

PORTOFERRAIO, ELBA

In the elbow of a creek on the northern coastline of Elba Island, a small corner of paradise awaits in the form of Portoferraio. Visit the Botanical Garden, which aims to promote the flora of the Tuscan Archipelago. It contains spontaneous, rare and endemic plants, as well as fruit trees (plum, almond, peach cherry, pear), some of which are in danger of extinction. The tour continues to nearby Rio nell'Elba, a picturesque small village overlooking the sea. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, May 9

PORTO SANTO STEFANO

Crimson, light pink and purple: these are just some of the many colors you will admire in the Moutan Botanical Garden in Vitorchiano, southern Etruria. The special features of this garden are peonies, but this visit will also show you so much more. The large, colorful garden, with hundreds of different species of plants and trees, welcomes you to a harmonious natural park. The olive and beech trees typical of the Mediterranean area create alleys and the geometry required to appreciate peonies, wisteria, viburnum, and climbing roses. As this garden only opens to the public in May, this is truly a unique experience. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 10

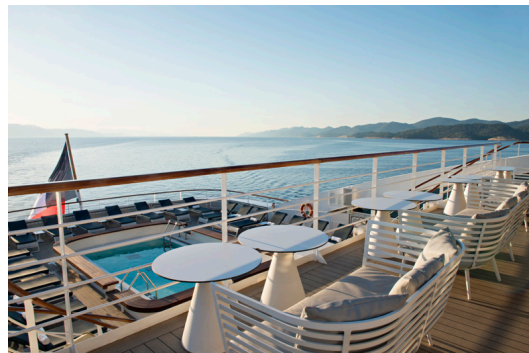
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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Pre-voyage hotel night in Nice, France.
- Comprehensive 6-night cruise aboard *Le Lyrial*. All accommodations are outside staterooms and suites, 95% of which feature a private balcony.
- Complete program of tours and shore excursions led as noted in itinerary.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship.
- All meals aboard ship including early riser's coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner.
- Captain's gala dinner; 24-hour room service.
- Open bar aboard ship including select wines with lunch and dinner.
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials.
- Baggage handling and airport transfers abroad on the designated program arrival and departure dates.
- Wi-Fi onboard.
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
- Port taxes and charges.

Not included

Airfare; airport taxes, visa and passport fees (if applicable); luggage, cancellation, and accident insurance; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and spa services; meals and beverages other than those specified above.

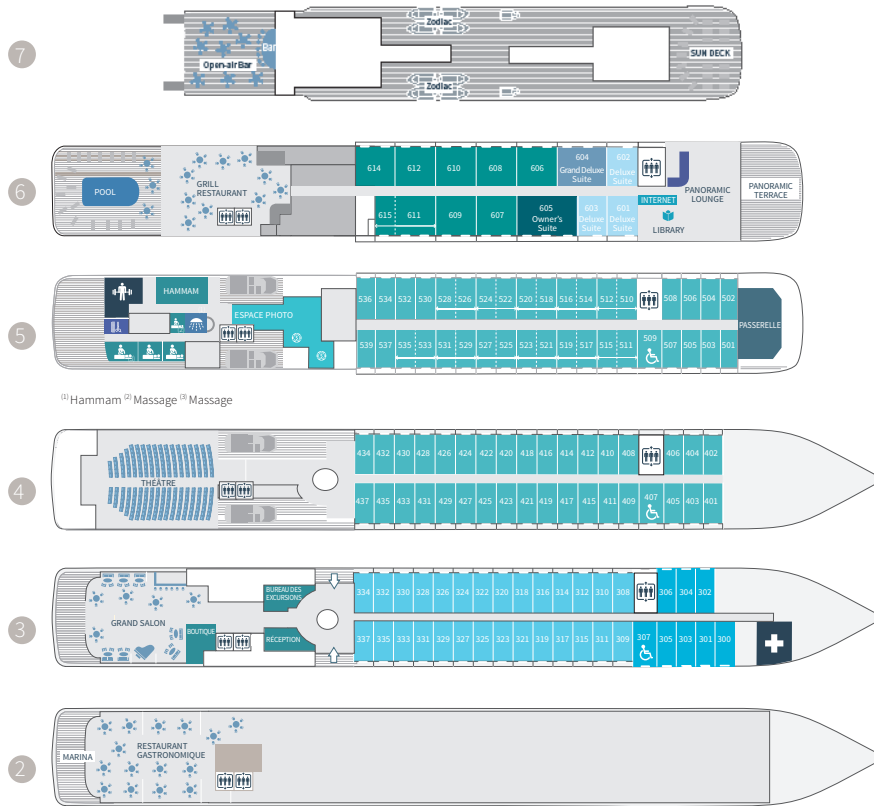


LE LYRIAL



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LE LYRIAL DECK PLAN



⁽¹⁾ Hammam ⁽²⁾ Massage ⁽³⁾ Massage

FARES PER PERSON, DOUBLE AND SINGLE OCCUPANCY

	DOUBLE	SINGLE	
SUPERIOR STATEROOMS	\$5,710	\$9,730	Owner's Suite— Deck 6
DELUXE STATEROOMS	\$5,950	\$6,150	Privilege Suites— Deck 6
PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 4	\$6,280	\$6,480	Prestige Suites— Deck 5
PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 5	\$6,460	\$6,660	Grand Deluxe Suites— Deck 6
PRESTIGE STATEROOMS, DECK 6	\$6,660	\$6,860	Deluxe Suites— Deck 6
DELUXE SUITES	\$8,150	\$8,350	Prestige Staterooms— Decks 4 - 5 - 6
PRESTIGE SUITES, DECK 5	\$10,020	\$10,220	Deluxe Staterooms— Deck 3
PRIVILEGE SUITES, DECK 6	\$10,390	\$10,590	Superior Staterooms— Deck 3
GRAND DELUXE SUITE, DECK 6	\$11,510	\$11,710	
GRAND PRIVILEGE SUITE, DECK 6	\$13,100	\$13,300	
OWNER'S SUITE	\$19,530	\$34,720	

Single occupancy staterooms, subject to availability. Contact PONANT for more information.

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- Within 60 days prior departure: 100% of full fare

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S= fuel variation* x daily consumption**

SHIP CAPACITY ***

(*): MGO FOB Rotterdam 0,1% in US\$

(**): AUSTRAL, BOREAL, LYRIAL, SOLEAL: 20t.
THE PONANT EXPLORERS: 10t.

(***): AUSTRAL, BOREAL, SOLEAL, LYRIAL: 244 pax
THE PONANT EXPLORERS: 173 pax

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Enclosed is my credit card no. or check made out to PONANT for \$ _____ (25% of tour fare) as a deposit to hold _____ place(s) on *Gardens of the French and Italian Rivas*. I understand that final payment is due ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Please mail payment and registration form to:
PONANT Yacht Cruises & Expeditions
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2838
New York, NY 10170

AmEx Discover Visa MasterCard

No. _____

Exp. _____

3- or 4-Digit Security Code _____

Please select cabin category in order of preference (1st, 2nd & 3rd choice):

____ Superior Stateroom - Deck 3

____ Deluxe Stateroom - Deck 3

____ Prestige Stateroom - Deck 4

____ Prestige Stateroom - Deck 5

____ Prestige Stateroom - Deck 6

____ Deluxe Suite - Deck 6

____ Grand Deluxe Suite - Deck 5

____ Prestige Suite - Deck 5

____ Privilege Suite - Deck 6

____ Owner's Suite - Deck 6

Twin Beds Queen Bed

Single Occupancy

Share (cannot be guaranteed)

DR./MR./MRS./MS. FIRST LAST

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ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE (DAY) (EVENING)

E-MAIL

Each participant must sign below:
I/We have read the "Terms & Conditions" section and agree to its terms.

SIGNATURE DATE

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Placement

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