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Trojan Travel

April 14 to 23, 2025

Rivieras of France and Italy



Mediterranean Jewels

Behold the legendary, sparkling coasts of France and Italy from a deluxe, four-masted sailing ship on an amazing tour of the iconic Rivas. This exclusive 10-day, 9-night itinerary aboard **Wind Spirit** immerses you in the heart of one of the most storied regions of Europe. Learn more about the history and culture of the towns that line the Mediterranean coast from medieval Carcassonne to the Rock of Monaco to ancient Bonifacio in Corsica. Savor the art and light of Aix-en-Provence and behold panoramic views of the stunning Cap-Ferrat peninsula from elegant Mont Boron in Nice. Explore glittering Monaco and historic Genoa. Enjoy a private boat cruise to the cliff-side villages of Italy's UNESCO World Heritage-inscribed Cinque Terre. These sun-drenched landscapes and bijou coastal towns have been attracting nobility, writers, artists and celebrities for generations. Experience the allure for yourself under the billowing white sails of **Wind Spirit**, a luxurious, yacht-like vessel with ocean views from every suite or stateroom.

Front cover: Portofino, Italy

This page: Medieval city walls of Carcassonne





Dear USC Alumni and Friends:

Experience the allure of the legendary Cote d'Azur under the billowing white sails of the **Wind Spirit**, a luxurious, motorized sailing yacht with ocean views from every suite or stateroom. Immerse yourself in the best of the French and Italian Rivas on our exclusive cruise itinerary, which takes you from Barcelona to the coast of Marseille and along the sparkling coastline to such iconic destinations as Nice, Monaco, Portofino and Cinque Terre.

Visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites: the medieval fortified city of Carcassonne and incomparable Riviera resort town of Nice in France; the Palazzi dei Rolli of Genoa and picturesque villages of Cinque Terre in Italy. Embark on unforgettable excursions, from the Rock of Monaco to the fountain-filled streets of Aix-en-Provence. Savor delicious local foods and wines during this unparalleled journey. Enhance your stay with a Pre-Tour Extension in Barcelona and/or a Post-Tour Extension in Rome.

We anticipate much excitement and demand for this very special cruise. More details about this voyage and our other programs can be found at TrojanTravel.usc.edu

Fight On!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda J. Ball".

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Taste of the Riviera

As you sail the Mediterranean Sea along the coast of France and then down to the Italian Riviera, the flavors of each region will be revealed in the local food and wine you will have the opportunity to taste. One of our first stops will be in the medieval city of Carcassonne, France—home to several renowned wine regions, including Corbières, Minervois and Fitou. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many quintessential Carcassonne bistros. Continue to savor the specialties of the area when we dock in the medieval port city of Genoa, famous for its Genovese pesto sauce. A walking tour of the city includes a tasting at the iconic Romanengo Confectionery, which dates to 1780. Throughout your journey you'll sample wines and cheeses, and savor dishes made with fresh tomatoes, olives, herbs and other produce grown on the sun-drenched Mediterranean coast.



Legends of La Côte d'Azur



In 1887, French writer Stephen Liégeard attempted to define the allure of a strip of Mediterranean coast between Marseille and Italy—an emerging winter destination for Europe’s wealthy and elite. His book was titled "La Côte d'Azur" and from that time forward, this “short but delicious” route along the Riviera coast of France and Italy would become known as such. English aristocracy began flocking to the area as early as the 18th century for a luxurious respite in what was often referred to as a coastal “garden of Eden.” The addition of a railway line in the mid- to late-19th century ensured access to a dazzling enclave of grand hotels and casinos that are now known collectively as the “Rivieras.” Today, these sparkling coastlines famously epitomize a glamorous age that captured the popular imagination in everything from F. Scott Fitzgerald’s novel "Tender is the Night" to the 1955 film set in Monaco, "To Catch a Thief" (starring American actress Grace Kelly, who became princess of Monaco!) Experience the best of this captivating region on our exclusive cruise itinerary, which takes you from Barcelona to the coast of Marseilles and then on to such iconic Riviervas hot spots as Nice, Monaco, Portofino and Cinque Terre aboard a four-masted, yacht-like sailing ship.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchase air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to ship staff, and to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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2025 | 10-DAY/9-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1 | April 14

Depart your home city for Barcelona, Spain.

Barcelona, Spain/ Embark Ship

Day 2 | April 15

Arrive in Barcelona. Transfer to embark the **Wind Spirit**. Settle in and enjoy tonight's Welcome Dinner on board. (D)

Port Vendres, France for Carcassonne

Day 3 | April 16

Drive to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. Visit La Porte Narbonnaise, the Castle of the Counts and the Basilica St. Nazaire. Climb the ramparts and spy the watchtowers (the fortress has 52!). There's even a moat, nowadays filled with a lovely garden. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the charming cafes within the walled city, and spend time visiting the galleries and shops. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a Captain's Welcome Reception and dinner on board. (B,D,R)

Marseille for Aix-en-Provence

Day 4 | April 17

Spend a leisurely day in Aix-en-Provence, birthplace of Paul Cezanne and known as

"City of a Thousand Fountains."

Stroll one of the most beautiful streets in France, the elegant Cours Mirabeau Avenue, lined with trees and 17th- and 18th-century mansions. Meander along winding alleys in the historic town center. Soak in lovely architecture, parks, gardens—and of course, fountains—everywhere in this



delightful city. Enjoy free time browsing the Provençal Flower Market. Lunch together at a charming local restaurant. (B,L,D)

Nice/Monaco

Day 5 | April 18

From Mont Boron, enjoy an unbeatable scenic view of the Old Port of Nice, the village of Villefranche-sur-Mer, the Cap-Ferrat peninsula

and the famously blue water the Cote d'Azur is named for. Continue on a panoramic tour of some of Nice's most iconic highlights. Savor a delicious lunch on board as the ship sails to Monaco. With an expert local guide, walk through the old town's charming, narrow streets, and admire the historic buildings and beautiful

architecture. Tour the Prince's Palace, built as an Italian fortress in A.D. 1191. Marvel at the sumptuous décor in the State Apartments, home to Monaco's royals. Tonight enjoy a relaxing evening and dinner on board, or stay in town for dinner and sightseeing on your own! Shuttles will run from the ship to Monte Carlo throughout the evening. (B,L,D)

The village of Vernazza in Cinque Terre, Italy



Genoa, Italy/Portofino

Day 6 | April 19

During a walking tour through Genoa's old town, immerse yourself in the city's medieval core with its range of architectural styles, shops, restaurants and cafes. Marvel at the incredible Palazzi dei Rolli. Visit Romanengo, the oldest confectioner in town—dating to 1780—and savor beloved local sweets. This evening go ashore in Portofino and spend free time exploring. From every vantage point the views are unforgettable! (B,L,D)

Porto Venere for Cinque Terre

Day 7 | April 20

Depart Porto Venere by private boat for an excursion to the UNESCO-inscribed Cinque Terre, a collection of five

picturesque villages clinging to the cliffs over the Mediterranean Sea and connected by small footpaths. Visit the villages of Vernazza and Monterosso and wrap up with a walking tour of Porto Venere. (B,L,D)

Portoferraio on Elba Island, Italy

Day 8 | April 21

Stroll through the old town of Portoferraio, a vital trade center for Greeks and Romans in ancient times. Discover storied Medici fortresses; the Church of Misericordia; Forte Stella and Napoleon's former home of Villa dei Mulini. See the majestic Napoleonic Theatre of Vigilanti and the Porta di Mare, a stone gate with a magnificent sea view. Finish up with a walk along the town's splendid promenade with its exclusive shops and boutiques. (B,L,D)

Bonifacio on Corsica, France

Day 9 | April 22

Bonifacio, on the French island of Corsica, has a truly dramatic natural setting, perched on high limestone cliffs. Begin your excursion with a tram ride from the harbor to *haute ville* (upper town) and around the plateau to enjoy the panoramic views. A walking tour will take you to the Citadel and Old Town to see St. Dominique church; Place Bir Hakeim, St. Jean Baptiste church and Le Grain de Sable—a limestone rock formation. Explore the Jardin des Vestiges and see where Napoleon stayed. (B,L,D,R)

Rome, Italy/Disembark/Return to Home City

Day 10 | April 23

Disembark and transfer to Rome to depart for home. (B)

Casino in Monte Carlo, Monaco



Cliff side of Bonifacio in Corsica





Wind Spirit

The intimate, four-masted **Wind Spirit** offers an unforgettable deluxe sailing experience. This small ship is designed to sail from deep seas into ports inaccessible to larger vessels. The **Wind Spirit's** gourmet dining and wide teak deck with unobscured views provides the ultimate sailing experience to each guest. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals on board the ship are included. Each of the 74 ocean-view staterooms features one queen bed or two twin beds (Owner's Suite has a queen bed), private bathroom with shower, luxury hotel amenities, individual climate control, flat-screen television with DVD player, safe, minibar, vanity table, hair dryer, plush robes and slippers.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE

April 14 to 23

(Embarkation: April 15)

Category-Description	Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
B Stateroom with two portholes. <i>Deck 1, aft and forward.</i>	\$6,895	\$5,895
BX Deluxe Stateroom with two portholes. <i>Deck 1, midship.</i>	\$7,795	\$6,795
A Stateroom with two portholes. <i>Deck 2, aft and forward.</i>	\$8,695	\$7,695
AX Deluxe Stateroom with two portholes. <i>Deck 2, midship.</i>	\$9,195	\$8,195
Owner's Suite Suite with four portholes, queen bed and sitting/dining area. <i>Deck 1, aft.</i>	\$10,495	\$9,495

***Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 9/3/24 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes. Single supplements apply to category BX at 160% of the per person double price and are subject to availability. All other categories are at 200%.

Port taxes are an additional \$295 per person. Deck plans available upon request.

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION OPTION

Barcelona

April 12 to 15, 2025 (Program Begins: April 13)

Experience the lively capital city of Catalonia, Barcelona, once an ancient Roman trading port. See the Barri Gòtic (Gothic Quarter), the city's old-world center, with its Roman walls and labyrinthine streets. Tour architect Antoni Gaudí's extraordinary UNESCO-inscribed Basílica de la Sagrada Família, and visit the Picasso Museum. Explore Park Güell, designed by Gaudí in the early 20th century. Accommodations for two nights in the deluxe **Majestic Hotel & Spa**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,195

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,595

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



POST-TOUR EXTENSION OPTION

Rome

April 23 to 26, 2025 (Program Ends: April 26)

Capital of the Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the "Eternal City" of Rome showcases its spectacular landmarks from centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power. Tour magnificent St. Peter's Basilica and the opulent Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel. Visit the iconic Colosseum, the historic Roman Forum and the incomparable Villa Borghese Park. Accommodations for three nights in a deluxe hotel.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,895

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,495

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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