

# Cruise Sicily, Malta & the Amalfi Coast

**NAPLES TO VALLETTA**



**Exclusive Guest Speaker  
DARIUS ARYA**

**May 25 – June 2, 2026**

**R**evel in magnificent scenic beauty and enthralling history on this exclusively chartered, seven-night deluxe cruise featuring the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, legendary Sicily and Malta's baroque capital. Coastal splendor awaits in Positano, a tapestry of colorful building-block houses, and picturesque Capri, a rocky jewel and playground for starlets. Appreciate sweeping views from Taormina's famous Greek theater, marvel at the stunning interior of Valletta's cathedral and meander through Syracuse's old town. Encounter timeless Pompeii and unearth a history lesson like no other. Plus, enjoy an option of tours in Palermo and Syracuse, from glittering mosaics and the Neapolis Archaeological Park to local wine tastings. The choice is yours! Along the way, relish enticing Italian, Sicilian and Maltese cuisines. As you travel, expert guides and special guest speaker Darius Arya will share meaningful insights about the many cultures interwoven within this fascinating region.

### Exclusive Highlights

- Cruise for 7 nights from Naples, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, aboard the deluxe *World Traveller*.
- Join enriching lectures presented by special guest speaker Dr. Darius Arya.
- Five UNESCO World Heritage sites — Archaeological Area of Pompeii; Amalfi Coast; Syracuse, Italy; City of Valletta, Malta; and Arab-Norman Palermo.
- Stroll through the heart of picturesque Capri and take in Taormina's stunning Greek theater.



Above: Positano, Italy  
Cover: Amalfi Coast, Italy



## Dear USC Alumni and Friends:

Sicily, Malta and the Amalfi Coast have possessed an almost mythical appeal since Homer and Virgil first extolled their virtues. From the alluring beauty of Sorrento to vertiginous Positano, the Sicilian capital city of Palermo to the ancient cliffside village of Taormina, this exclusive itinerary explores the region's most storied villages, resplendent shores, UNESCO World Heritage sites and prized remnants of bygone civilizations.

Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *World Traveller*. Dock in unique ports of call not available on other itineraries and enjoy attentive, personal service. Join thoughtfully planned excursions in many ports of call, including a fascinating tour of the ruins of Pompeii, as well as a selection of Traveler's Choice excursions, such as a visit to the splendid Cathedral of Monreale and wine tastings.

This extraordinary travel program offers immersive experiences and ample time to explore at your own pace. Enhance your tour with the Naples pre-tour extension! Reserve now while Extended Savings and space are still available.

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](http://TrojanTravel.usc.edu)

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

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### Day 1 | May 25

Depart your home city for an overnight flight to Naples, Italy.

### Day 2 | May 26

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Naples, Italy | Embark

Upon arrival, embark the deluxe *World Traveller*.

Say hello to fellow travelers over dinner aboard the ship.

### Day 3 | May 27

B-L-R-D

Sorrento

Enjoy breakfast with views of Sorrento, the scenic gateway to Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii. Set off on an enriching excursion to explore the town that was destroyed and covered in ash in A.D. 79. The excavation site and outdoor museum reveal how people of this ancient Roman settlement lived 2,000 years ago. Witness the wealthy Vetti family estate, the impressive amphitheater and the incredible Temple of Jupiter.

Later this afternoon, take advantage of leisure time to immerse yourself in Sorrento's local traditions. Perhaps walk

through the historical city center or taste limoncello, the popular Italian liqueur.

Tonight, join a Captain's Welcome Reception.

After dinner, enjoy a tarantella performance featuring traditional Neapolitan songs and dance.

### Day 4 | May 28

B-L-D

Amalfi Coast | Positano | Isle Of Capri

Admire the natural splendor of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Amalfi Coast on a scenic drive to the medieval village of Positano. Craft your own path with free

time to browse the charming boutiques and cafes of this eye-catching village.

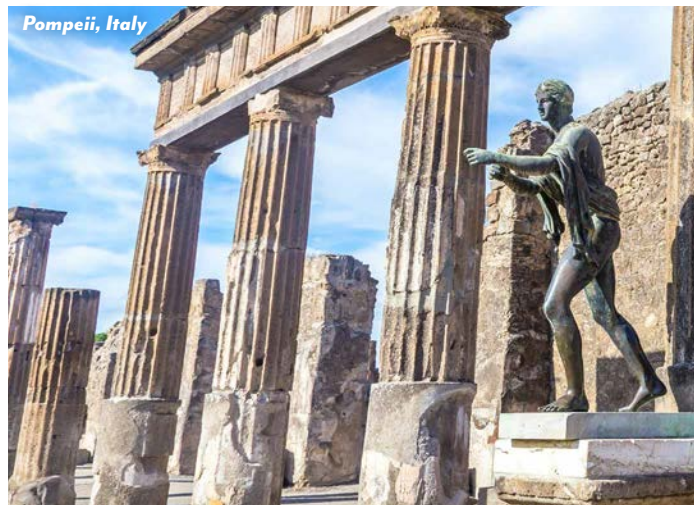
Return to the ship for lunch as we sail to Capri. Legends claim that Homer's Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens here. Visit the Augustus Gardens, a series of serene, flower-filled terraces that afford panoramas of the Faraglioni rock formations rising from the waters and the craggy peak of Mount Solaro.

### Day 5 | May 29

B-L-D

Palermo, Sicily

Arrive in the Sicilian capital of Palermo, founded by





Augustus Gardens, Capri, Italy

Phoenician traders in the eighth century B.C. Visit Palermo's baroque square and the 12th-century Palermo Cathedral. Explore the sights and smells of revered Palermo street food at the Capo market and browse buzzing food stalls. After a lunch of popular local foods, enjoy your Traveler's Choice excursion. Select to visit the lauded Cathedral of Monreale, known for its Byzantine mosaics, or encounter the infinite beauty inside the historic Royal Palace and step inside the Palatine Chapel, a 12th-century masterpiece that reflects Sicily's diverse

origins with European, Sicilian, Byzantine and Arab influences.

**Day 6 | May 30** **B-L-D**

Giardini Naxos | Taormina

From the port of Giardini Naxos, travel to Taormina, an ancient village on the top of a cliff above the Ionian Sea and near Mount Etna. Visit the remarkably preserved Greco-Roman Theatre, the world's most dramatically sited Greek theater that is still in use today, and explore the striking Corvaja Palace.

You have the option to return to the ship for lunch or stay in Taormina for lunch and time to explore on your own.

*Cannolis, Palermo, Sicily*



**Day 7 | May 31** **B-L-D**

Syracuse, Italy

Travel to the small island of Ortigia, Syracuse's maritime heart. On a walking tour, behold the most ancient Doric temple in Sicily, the sixth-century B.C. Temple of Apollo,

and visit the city's baroque cathedral that contains the ruins of a fifth-century B.C. temple dedicated to the goddess Athena.

Later today, enjoy a Traveler's Choice excursion. You can visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park, which contains some of

*St. John's Cathedral, Valletta, Malta*





Old Quarter, Palermo, Sicily

Syracuse's most important ruins and the Teatro Greco or enjoy a slower pace by savoring wine tastings at a country winery in the rolling hills of the Val di Noto.

Rejoin your group for an exclusive visit to a noble Sicilian palace. Here, join local winemaker Baron Benevento for a refreshment and a glass of his tasty wine.

Sail to Malta tonight.

**Day 8 | June 1** **B-L-R-D**

Valletta, Malta

The ship arrives in Valletta for a morning of discovery.

Founded in 1566 by the Knights of St. John, this UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the world's earliest planned cities. Our excursion includes a stroll through the 16th-century Barrakka Gardens. Also, visit the Grandmaster's Palace, the former residence of the Order of the Knights of St. John, and the St. John's Co-Cathedral with its two large bell towers. Admire the lavishly ornamented interior and see Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio's

only signed work, the dramatic "Beheading of John the Baptist."

Attend tonight's Captain's Farewell Reception and raise a toast to your fellow travelers to celebrate your adventure.

**Day 9 | June 2** **B**

Valletta | Disembark | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

*Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*

## Exclusive Guest Speaker | Darius Arya

Dr. Darius Arya is an archaeologist, author and historian with expertise in the Roman Empire and the history of the Mediterranean, among other subjects. He has led archaeological excavations and taught university programs in Italy for over 20 years. He's a Fulbright scholar, fellow of the American Academy in Rome, and guest scholar of the Getty Conservation Institute. He directs the American Institute for Roman Culture and its online learning platform, Ancient Rome Live.

For the past 15 years, Arya has appeared in the media to foster accessible, engaging conversations about history and archaeology. He has been an expert for The Great Courses and has hosted or appeared on programs on the History Channel, National Geographic, Discovery, Smithsonian, PBS, Italy's Rai5 and more. He is regularly featured as an expert on BBC4 Radio, CBS Sunday Morning and CNN. He is also active on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.





*Piazza Archimede, Ortigia, Sicily*



*Grandmaster's Palace, Valletta, Malta*

## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



## Naples

**May 23 to 26** (Program Begins: May 24)

Begin your journey exploring historic Naples and enjoying traditional Neapolitan cuisine. Experience local attractions, including the Historic Center of Naples, a UNESCO World Heritage site with landmark churches and pretty palazzos. Visit the celebrated National Archaeological Museum of Naples to gaze upon the finest collections of Roman art and artifacts, featuring mosaics, frescoes and sculptures. This extension features two nights at a deluxe hotel.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,245**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,945**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

## INCLUDED FEATURES



- 7-night cruise from Naples, Italy, to Valletta, Malta, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *World Traveller*.
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## 2026 DEPARTURE DATE

May 25 to June 2 | Tour Begins: May 26

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H	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft   Deck 5, fwd.	\$8,295	\$7,295
G	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft   Deck 6, fwd.	\$8,595	\$7,595
F	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft   Deck 5, aft.	\$9,595	\$8,595
E	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony with top-drop electric window; sitting area with sofa. 270 sq ft   Deck 6, aft.	\$9,895	\$8,895
D	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft room   Deck 5, mid.	\$10,895	\$9,895
C	Stateroom with private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa & vanity. 270 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$11,195	\$10,195
B	Deluxe stateroom with Juliette balcony featuring teak furnishings; walk-in closet. 300 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$12,195	\$11,195
A	Deluxe stateroom with private balcony featuring teak furnishings; walk-in closet. 300 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$12,695	\$11,695
JS2	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. Butler service. 382 sq ft   Deck 5, mid.	\$13,695	\$12,695
JS1	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; sitting area with sofa. Butler service. 382 sq ft   Deck 6, mid..	\$14,195	\$13,195
DS	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; walk-in closet; living room with sofa. Butler service. 445 sq ft   Deck 5, mid.	\$15,195	\$14,195
NS2	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet & wardrobe; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft   Deck 5, mid.	\$17,695	\$16,695
NS1	Suite with oversized private balcony with teak furnishings; double sinks & tub; walk-in closet; living room with sofa & vanity. Butler service. 465 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	\$18,195	\$17,195

All suites and staterooms feature: ocean views, 2 twin beds or 1 queen bed; private bath with L'Occitane products, walk-in deluxe shower; wardrobe; flat-screen TV with infotainment system; plush robes and slippers; Egyptian cotton linens, duvet and pillow menu; Nespresso coffee; teas; personalized bar service; climate control; personal safe and hair dryer.

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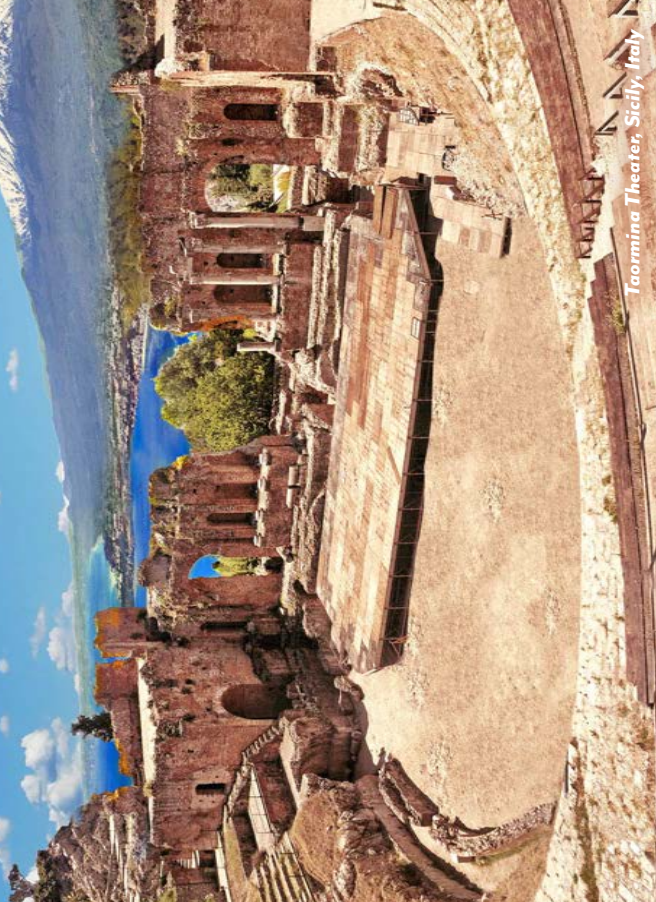
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