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Buried Roman cities, teetering coastal villages, awe inspiring art and sun kissed beaches – the Mediterranean will delight and enchant, leaving you wanting more! On this journey start in the wonderful city of Venice before heading into the Tuscan sun for a few days to explore. In Rome embark on your 20 night cruise including such exciting ports as Dubrovnik, Santorini, Kusadasi, Naples, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Seville and more. This wonderful itinerary will ensure you see all the Mediterranean has to offer in comfort and style.

32 DAYS • HOSTED JOURNEY

COUNTRIES Italy, Croatia, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Gibraltar, France, Monaco

DEPARTS 16 September – 17 October 2020

SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

The Jewish Ghetto and secret gardens of Venice

A private guided walking tour of the oldest Jewish Ghetto in the world before taking the opportunity to visit one of the secret gardens of Venice, hidden behind palazzo walls.

Unique olive oil tasting and dinner

Pure Quercetano olive oil is a rare commodity with only a handful of growers producing this special oil. Join the owner as you explore the olive farm before sitting down to a delicious dinner surrounded by olive trees.

A taste of Tuscan wine

After a stunning visit to Siena and San Gimignano, visit a flagship winery for a tour and wine tasting.

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Stay in a palace in Venice
- Visit the Cinque Terre, San Gimignano and Lucca from your 18th century hunting lodge in Tuscany
- Enjoy a 20 night cruise on the Nieuw Statendam around the Mediterranean from Rome
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way



Roman Theatre, Cartagena



Corfu



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ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER

— SEPTEMBER 2020

WED 16 AUCKLAND > DUBAI

Fly from Auckland to Dubai travelling overnight.

THU 17 DUBAI > VENICE

Arrive Dubai and take a connecting flight to Venice. We transfer by private water taxi to our hotel on the Grand Canal.

FRI 18 VENICE (B)

Enjoy a walking tour to see St Mark's Square and Basilica, the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and Rialto Bridge. In the afternoon, visit the ancient Jewish Ghetto and stop at one of Venice's secret gardens, hidden behind the walls of a palace.

SAT 19 VENICE (B)

Private motor launch visit to Murano, centre of the glass manufacturing industry for centuries, and Burano, famous for its brightly-coloured houses and hand-made embroidery.

SUN 20 VENICE > TUSCANY (B (D))

Drive to Tuscany and check in to your 18th century hunting villa near the city of Lucca.

MON 21 CINQUE TERRE (B)

Today our guide will show us around the beautiful villages of the Cinque Terre. Colourful houses and ancient vineyards cling to steep terraces, fishing boats bob in harbours and trattorias serve seafood specialties.

TUE 22 FLORENCE (B)

Join our guide for a walking tour through the historic centre of Florence. The Old Bridge, Signoria Square, Santa Croce Square and Accademia Gallery are included today.

WED 23 TUSCANY (B (D))

Morning at leisure. Late this afternoon, visit one of the centuries-old Quercetano olive groves for an olive oil tasting. Dinner this evening is in a lovely restaurant within the trees.

THU 24 SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO (B)

Tour historic Siena's architectural highlights before visiting the amazingly well-preserved medieval town of San Gimignano. Later in the day, head to a local Tuscan winery for a tasting.

FRI 25 TUSCANY > ROME (B (D))

Transfer to Civitavecchia Port to board our cruise. Settle into our cabins and set sail this afternoon.

SAT 26 AT SEA (B (L (D)))

SUN 27 DUBROVNIK (B (L (D)))

Dubrovnik seduces visitors with its polished limestone streets, theatrical architecture, scenic side streets, and charming cafes and restaurants. Enjoy wandering around the historic centre.



Dubrovnik

MON 28 CORFU (B (L (D)))

Bustling Corfu Town remains elegant, infused with culture and history. The rest of the island boasts stunning beaches backed by verdant mountains hiding traditional old villages.

TUE 29 KATAKOLON (B (L (D)))

In addition to Olympia, which is unmissable, the Peloponnese offers lesser-known ancient sites, natural wonders and an insight into rural Greek life. Take your time and explore.

WED 30 ATHENS (B (L (D)))

Athens has attracted adventurers and classicists for centuries. This heritage is still alive and well: ancient structures neighbour apartments, performances are staged in old amphitheatres, and millennia-old monuments are scattered around the Acropolis.

OCTOBER 2020

THU 01 KUSADASI (B (L (D)))

Kusadasi is the gateway to one of the most legendary cities of the ancient world – Ephesus. St Paul preached in its Great Theatre, while the facade of the Celsus Library survives, a testament to the city's role as a centre of learning and culture.

FRI 02 SANTORINI (B (L (D)))

Santorini is the jewel in the crown of the Cyclades. Delve into the art, food and legendary wines of this island that some believe may have been the site of the lost civilisation of Atlantis.

SAT 03 AT SEA (B (L (D)))

SUN 04 NAPLES (B (L (D)))

Home to world-class museums and attractions, from Naples you can also explore the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Sorrento, the Amalfi coast and Capri are also within reach!

MON 05 ROME (B (L (D)))

Fill your day with museums, churches, archaeological sites, traditional trattorias, artisan shops and, of course, gelato. The Colosseum and the Vatican are the superstar attractions, but there are plenty of quieter gems to explore.

TUE 06 AT SEA (B (L (D)))

WED 07 CARTAGENA (B (L (D)))

Cartagena is known for its architecture, from striking Art Nouveau buildings to the ancient Roman Theatre. Perhaps try one of the tapas bars as calamari, mussels and the freshest fish are some of the tasty benefits of this city's seaside location.

THU 08 GIBRALTAR (B (L (D)))

With a history that includes Moorish, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and English influences, this tiny British Overseas Territory is most famous for the giant Jurassic limestone rock soaring above the main commercial and residential areas.

FRI 09 CADIZ (SEVILLE) (B (L (D)))

Old town Cádiz is a warren of cobbled streets lined with white and ochre houses. This ancient city has a great food market, a grand Art Nouveau theatre, a gorgeous cathedral, impressive fortifications, and a picturesque beach, La Caleta.

SAT 10 AT SEA (B (L (D)))

SUN 11 BARCELONA (B (L (D)))

Gaudí and Picasso both called Barcelona home. Explore the

historic neighbourhoods, Modernisme and world-renowned art museums, galleries and local crafts shops – some of which are centuries old and stock traditional Catalan wares.

MON 12 MARSEILLE (B) (L) (D)

Explore the ancient trade city of Marseille, from its 19th century cathedral to the winding streets of Le Panier and the Baroque edifices of the shopping street, La Canebière.

TUE 13 MONTE CARLO (B) (L) (D)

The coastal city of Monte Carlo still draws an international jet-set crowd. The Palace commands from Monaco-ville, called Le Rocher by locals, and high-rises make the most of precious land with public elevators in lieu of sidewalks.

WED 14 LIVORNO (B) (L) (D)

Gateway to Pisa, Florence and the rest of Tuscany, Livorno is characterised by its solid 16th century Fortezza and the charming canal network, Venezia Nuova. It's also famous for cacciucco, a spicy fish stew.

THU 15 ROME > DUBAI (B)

Disembark and transfer to the airport for the flight to Dubai, arriving late this evening. Transit to our onward flight.

FRI 16 DUBAI > AUCKLAND

SAT 17 AUCKLAND

Early morning arrival in Auckland.



MS NIEUW STATENDAM

Honouring the past while looking to the future, Nieuw Statendam is the sixth ship in Holland America Line's history to bear the name "Statendam". Launching in December 2018, Nieuw Statendam carries forward the nautical heritage, gracious service and classic style while setting a new standard for 21st century elegance.

Departs 16 September 2020	Twin <i>per person</i>	Single <i>per person</i>
Inside Cabin	\$15,520	\$22,290
Outside Cabin (B) (L) (D)	\$18,125	\$26,510
Verandah Cabin	\$18,995	\$28,270
Business Class Upgrade	On request	On request

INCLUDED

- Economy Class fares ex Auckland
- Airline and airport taxes
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels and 20 night cruise aboard ms Nieuw Statendam
- Transfers, pre-cruise sightseeing, and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated (B) (L) (D)
- Gratuities

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Visas (if applicable)
- Optional activities and shore excursions while cruising

GRATUITIES

In the countries we are visiting, tipping is customary. For a hassle-free journey, tipping is included and will be handled by the World Journeys host.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person is required, with the balance due 16 April 2020. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys' terms and conditions and our Health & Medical Requirements.

TRAVELLING SOLO (B) (L) (D)

If you would like to share with another person of the same gender and pay the share twin price, please book and pay your deposit at least 6 months before departure. Please refer to World Journeys' terms and conditions and our Health & Medical Requirements at www.worldjourneys.co.nz.



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