



University of Illinois
Alumni Association

Rivieras of France & Italy

May 24, 2027 - June 2, 2027

Program Overview

Experience the allure of the legendary French and Italian Rivas aboard Wind Spirit, a small ship with ocean views from every suite or stateroom. Immerse yourself in the best of the Mediterranean coast on our exclusive cruise itinerary, which takes you from Rome to such iconic destinations as Monaco and Nice on the way to Barcelona, Spain. Visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites: the picturesque villages of Cinque Terre and the Palazzi dei Rolli of Genoa in Italy; the incomparable Riviera resort town of Nice and the medieval fortified city of Carcassonne in France. Customize your program with choice excursions in four ports, with options including the Rock of Monaco, the fountain-filled streets of Aix-en-Provence and Collioure, jewel of the Côte Vermeille. Discover delicious local foods and wines, fascinating culture and breathtaking vistas during this unparalleled voyage. Extend your stay with a Pre-Tour Extension Option in Rome and/or a Post-Tour Extension Option in Barcelona.



A colorful village by the water



France Cannes Old Harbor And Old Quarter



Carcassonne medieval city and fortress castle

Program Highlights

- Cruise for 8 nights from Civitavecchia, Italy, to Barcelona, Spain, aboard Wind Spirit, an exclusively chartered sailing ship.
- Specially arranged private cruise along the coast of the UNESCO-inscribed Cinque Terre.
- Visit to 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites — Porto Venere and Cinque Terre, Italy; Genoa: Le Strade Nuove and the system of the Palazzi dei Rolli, Italy; Nice, Winter Resort Town of the Riviera, France; and Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne,
- Included meals | 2 receptions, 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Rome Pre-Tour Extension and Barcelona Post-Tour Extension. (Available at additional cost.)



Day-by-Day Program Itinerary

- The Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands.

Mild excursions involve:

- Walking for 1.5 hours or more over uneven terrain
- Walking on challenging surfaces: cobblestones, uneven paths and/or pavements
- Climbing stairs and hills and crossing rail tracks
- Ascending and descending narrow (and sometimes steep) gangplanks
- Stepping on and off motorcoaches with 3-6 steep steps

Moderate excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking for 3 hours for distances of a mile or more
- Walking on uneven terrain: narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors, and/or slippery surfaces. There may be several flights of stairs, some without railings

Active excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking on uneven terrain: sandy or rocky beaches and/or steep inclines
- Standing for 2 hours or more at a time, possibly without areas to sit
- Climbing 100 stairs or more
- Additional challenges, such as long jeep rides, bumpy boat rides or hikes

- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives to active excursions may be available.

Day 1 | Depart Home City

Depart for Rome, Italy. Please check your bags from your gateway city to your arrival city.

Day 2 | Rome, Italy | Civitavecchia | Embark

Arrive in Rome. Proceed through the immigration checkpoint to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing a customs screening, meet a Gohagan & Company representative.

Those arriving early will transfer to a group hospitality room at the Hilton Airport Rome. You will then travel with the group to embark Wind Spirit, an intimate small ship. Those arriving later will transfer directly to the port for embarkation. Lunch will be served on board the ship after you embark.

Later, attend a Gohagan & Company welcome briefing and lifeboat drill, followed by dinner on board the ship as we depart Civitavecchia.

Day 3 | Bonifacio, Corsica, France

Each morning, enjoy a delicious breakfast on board. Today, enjoy some time to relax after breakfast. Attend a lecture, work out in the fitness center or take a dip in the pool. Tuck in to an early lunch before setting off on your excursion.

Bonifacio.

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. Enjoy a little free time for shopping before concluding your Bonifacio excursion. (Moderate)

Join your fellow passengers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner on board

Day 4 | Day at Sea

Wake this morning to breakfast and stunning views as you spend a day cruising. Relax and enjoy some of the ship's many luxury amenities — exercise in the fitness center, indulge in a spa treatment or simply relax on deck with a book. Attend a lecture and savor three delicious meals.

Day 5 | Porto Venere, Italy for the Cinque Terre

Cinque Terre.

Depart Porto Venere by private boat for an excursion to the UNESCO-inscribed Cinque Terre (Five Lands), a collection of five small, picturesque villages founded around the year 1000. Clinging to the cliffs over the Mediterranean Sea and connected by small footpaths, the five villages and their trademark colorful buildings are now part of the Cinque Terre National Park.

Visit the villages of Vernazza, Monterosso and Porto Venere and enjoy time at leisure visiting the small shops tucked along the winding narrow streets. (Moderate)

Spend this afternoon and evening at your leisure. You can return to the ship for lunch and enjoy time on board. Alternately you can stay in Portovenere to lunch and explore on your own — you can even opt to have dinner in town (of course dinner will be served on board as well).

Day 6 | Genoa

Once the world's wealthiest city and longtime maritime capital, Genoa has a long history as home to merchants and bankers from great and powerful families. These families contributed to the art and architecture of the city, specifically by building opulent palaces that they offered up, in a rotating pattern, to host state visits from foreign dignitaries. These lavish homes from the 16th and 17th centuries, and their hosting system (known as Palazzi dei Rolli) is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, including 42 of the existing Baroque and Renaissance palaces.

Traveler's Choice | Choose ONE of the following included excursions.

Walking Tour & Pesto Making. During a walking tour through Genoa's old town, navigate the twisting maze of caruggi —narrow, often cobblestoned streets—and immerse yourself in Genoa's medieval core with its range of architectural styles, shops, restaurants and cafes. Learn the history of the city as you view the stunning San Lorenzo Cathedral with its distinctive black-and-white bands and imposing bell tower. And marvel at the incredible Palazzi dei Rolli. End your tour in one of the palazzi, where you'll take part in a pesto sauce-making demonstration and taste many local specialty dishes and wines. (Note: this active excursion involves a longer walk with cobblestones and inclines.)

Motorcoach Tour & Farina Making. On this less active tour, enjoy a scenic drive along the waterfront to see Genoa's new residential area and trade center. Continue on to view the beautiful palaces and public gardens, ending at the city's main square, Piazza de Ferrari. Take a half-mile walk through the old section of Genoa to view the city palace, San Lorenzo Cathedral, the Old Customs House and more. End your tour in a restaurant, where you'll take part in a farina-making demonstration and tasting with wine. (Note: this moderate excursion involves less walking.)

Spend this afternoon and evening at your leisure. You can return to the ship for lunch and enjoy time on board. Alternately you can stay in Genoa to lunch and explore on your own.

Return to the ship for dinner on board as we sail to Nice, France.

Day 7 | Nice, France | Monaco

This morning after breakfast, disembark for a tour of Nice.

Train tour of Nice. As we disembark at the port, we'll be met by a private, electric mini train, our convenient mode of transportation to explore Nice's Old Town. Take a panoramic tour past some of the city's most iconic highlights, including the colorful flower market, the Palais de la Préfecture and beautiful Baroque churches. We will wind our

way down narrow, shaded streets and into sunny squares, then climb Castle Hill for a panoramic view overlooking the city and the beautiful blue water that the Côte d'Azur is named for. Wrap up with leisure time to explore on your own. You can exit the train at one of two places: on the Promenade des Anglais — perhaps the most famous image of the French Riviera, where the cerulean water and pebble beach are lined with palms, pergolas and signature blue chairs. Or disembark at Place Massena, with its distinctive checkerboard pavement tiles and famous Fontaine du Soleil, featuring an imposing marble Apollo. Spend time exploring Nice on your own, then head back to the ship via mini train. (Mild)

Enjoy a delicious lunch on board, then disembark for an afternoon in Monaco.

Monaco. In this tiny principality — the second-smallest country in the world — the Grimaldi family has led the country since the 13th century. With an expert local guide, walk through the old town's charming, narrow streets and admire the historic buildings and beautiful architecture. Visit the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate, built in the Roman-Byzantine style in the late 19th century. Many of the Grimaldis are buried here, including Grace Kelly and Rainier III. Next, head off on your chosen excursion in Monaco.

Traveler's Choice | Choose one of the following included excursions. (Please make your selection on the passenger portal.)

The Prince's Palace. Tour the Prince's Palace, built as an Italian fortress in A.D. 1191. The Palace recently debuted its restored frescoes from the Renaissance period, depicting Hercules's birth, death and 12 labors —located in the aptly named Hercule Gallery. Marvel at the sumptuous décor in the State Apartments, home to Monaco's royals. Please note: the State Apartments are not accessible to those in wheelchairs. (Moderate)

The Oceanographic Museum of Monaco. Overlooking the Mediterranean for more than a century, this museum was established by Prince Albert I in 1910 to combine art, architecture and science. Its historic building houses a spectacular multi-level aquarium with fascinating exhibits on ocean conservation, and collections showcasing the history of marine exploration. From the panoramic rooftop terrace, enjoy breathtaking views. (Moderate)

Return to the ship to savor a delicious dinner on board as we sail to Marseille.

Day 8 | Marseille | Aix-en-Provence/Marseille

This morning, enjoy some time to relax after breakfast. Attend a lecture, work out in the fitness center or just take in beautiful views on deck. Tuck in to an early lunch before setting off on your choice excursion.

Traveler's Choice | Choose ONE of the following included excursions.

Aix-en-Provence. Delight in a scenic drive to Aix-en-Provence. Spend a leisurely day in the old capital of Provence, the birthplace of Paul Cezanne and known as the "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 beautiful architecture, parks, gardens — and of course, fountains! — everywhere in this delightful city. Enjoy free time browsing the Provençal Flower Market and other shops. Or may we suggest doing as the French do — find a sunny terrace and sip a favorite local beverage called a panaché! (Mild)

Marseille city tour. On a panoramic tour, see the Old Port with its picturesque marina, guarded by the historic Fort Saint-Jean and Fort Saint-Nicolas. Pass the Byzantine-style Cathedrale de la Major, one of the largest churches in France. It was built over 40 years, between 1852 and 1893, when Marseille was the most prominent port in France, a vital stopover point for ships from around the world. Visit the hilltop Notre Dame de Garde and admire the panoramic view of the city. Drive along the famous Corniche Kennedy, skirting the Mediterranean, past the Prado Beach and the Longchamp Palace. See Canebiere, Marseilles' most famous and historic street, lined with shops, hotels, cafés and banks. Finally, wrap up at Le Panier, the historic hillside neighborhood. (Mild)

Spend this afternoon at your leisure. You can return to the ship for lunch and enjoy time on board. Alternately you can stay in Marseille to lunch and explore on your own.

Savor a delicious dinner on board as we sail to Port Vendres.

Day 9 | Port Vendres | Carcassonne/Collioure

This morning after breakfast, disembark for your choice excursion.

Traveler's Choice | Choose ONE of the following included excursions.

Carcassonne. Drive to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. This hilltop has been fortified for over 2,000 years; the structures standing today were built in the 12th century. Visit La Porte Narbonnaise (one of the main city gates, complete with portcullis and drawbridge), the Castle of the Counts and the Basilica St. Nazaire, which harmoniously blends Romanesque and Gothic architectures. The Basilica, dubbed the Jewel of the City, boasts beautiful stained-glass windows created from the 14th to the 16th centuries. Imagine yourself in the Middle Ages as you 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, then spend time at your leisure strolling the narrow, cobblestoned streets and visiting the galleries and shops. Afterward, the motorcoach will return you to the ship in the afternoon. (Active)

Collioure. Journey by coach to the coastal town of Collioure, the "Jewel of the Vermeille Coast," where great painters found their inspiration. Trace the origins of the vibrant Fauvism movement with a guided walking tour through the charming old town and along the picturesque, palm-lined harbor. Follow the Chemin du Fauvisme, where reproductions of famous works show exactly where the masters Matisse and Derain painted. Discover the iconic bell tower of the Notre-Dame-des-Anges church, stroll through narrow, vibrant streets, and cap off your visit with a demonstration and tasting at a traditional anchovy workshop. (Moderate)

Enjoy lunch on your own and spend free time in town exploring this afternoon. Alternately you can return to the ship for lunch and leisure time. There will be a shuttle service provided throughout the afternoon.

Join your fellow passengers for the Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening as we sail to Barcelona.

Day 10 | Barcelona, Spain | Disembark | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, disembark and transfer to Barcelona-El Prat International Airport in Barcelona for your return flight home.

Accommodations

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WindStar guests can connect to the wonder, authenticity and majesty of a world discovered by small yacht. Slip past the crowds to experience smaller ports and get to know the local culture on more intimate excursions. WindStar's all-suite motor yachts and personalized approach bring you closer to each destination and every port, so you can see the world from new perspectives. No wonder WindStar was voted the World's Best midsize-ship ocean cruise line by the readers of Travel + Leisure in 2022.

Wind Spirit is equipped with a variety of Watersports Platform toys such as stand-up paddleboards and kayaks. The phenomenal Watersports Platform is located on the stern of Wind Spirit, where it provides sea access—no beach required. It's just one more way our yachts get you closer to your destination.

All suites and staterooms are ocean-view and feature: two twin beds or one queen bed (a few have a fixed queen bed, see above); elegant granite-finished private bathroom with L'occitane products and a magnifying mirror; flat-screen TV; robes and slippers; luxurious linens; private climate control; personal safe and hair dryer.



Dates & Rates

Travel Dates: May 24, 2027 - June 2, 2027

All rates are in U.S. dollars per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise stated, and include taxes. The deposit is \$2000 per person. The Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure. Single accommodations are subject to availability.

The Optional Extension(s) is available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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The Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full savings. The Special Savings rate is valid if you book by September 17, 2026 and pay in full at the time of booking.

Double Occupancy Rates

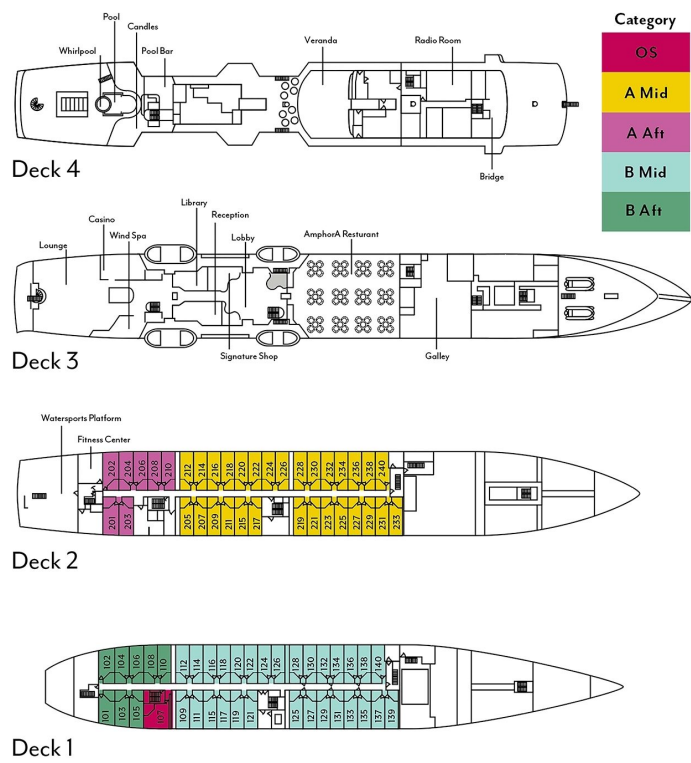
Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
B Aft	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. Some rooms have fixed queen beds. 188 sq ft Deck 1, aft.	\$8895.00	\$7895.00
B Mid	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft Deck 1, mid.	\$9495.00	\$8495.00
A Aft	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft Deck 2, aft.	\$9995.00	\$8995.00
A Mid	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft Deck 2, mid.	\$10595.00	\$9595.00
OS	Suite with ocean view via four portholes; fixed queen bed; sitting/dining area; shower. 220 sq ft Deck 1, aft.	\$13095.00	\$12095.00

Single Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
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B Mid	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft Deck 1, mid.	\$15190.00	\$14190.00
A Aft	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft Deck 2, aft.	\$15990.00	\$14990.00
B Aft	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. Some rooms have fixed queen beds. 188 sq ft Deck 1, aft.	\$17790.00	\$16790.00
A Mid	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft Deck 2, mid.	\$21190.00	\$20190.00
OS	Suite with ocean view via four portholes; fixed queen bed; sitting/dining area; shower. 220 sq ft Deck 1, aft.	\$26190.00	\$25190.00

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Rome Pre-Tour Extension

Capital of the Roman Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Eternal City” of Rome boasts spectacular landmarks. Visit the lovely Borghese Park and Gallery. On a walking tour, see the Piazza Trinita, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain. Bring a coin to toss in, to ensure your return to Rome! There will also be time to explore some sites on your own. Includes two nights at the deluxe Sina Bernini Bristol Hotel.

The Optional Extensions are available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



Barcelona Post-Tour Extension

Explore this lively Catalan capital city, once an ancient Roman trading port now known for art and architecture. Stroll the labyrinthine streets of the Gothic Quarter. Tour architect Antoni Gaudí’s extraordinary Basílica de la Sagrada Família and immerse yourself in the Picasso Museum. Includes two nights at the deluxe Majestic Hotel & Spa.

The Optional Extensions are available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



All information is accurate as of July 25, 2026. For up-to-date details, please visit:

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