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## SEPTEMBER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN - ISLAND HOPPING FROM GIBRALTAR TO ROME

The seas between Gibraltar and Italy offer access to a wealth of ancient sites, unspoiled islands and traditional towns and during this delightful voyage we will focus on the islands spending time on Mallorca, Menorca, Sardinia, Corsica and Elba. This itinerary with its eclectic mix of picturesque places is exactly the type of journey normally undertaken by private yachts and the 118-passenger MS Island Sky is ideal for the purpose, taking us to some of the loveliest places in the Mediterranean. We have ensured that each day has an enjoyable mix of culture with some time at leisure to explore under your own steam or time relaxing at sea. Added to our fascinating itinerary we have the pleasure of cruising aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky. From time to time we may pass a huge cruise liner and at moments like this we can be thankful that with just over 100 fellow, like minded travellers, we are able to visit atmospheric ports and towns which the big ships cannot access. We will discover timeless islands with their aura of history, unique island lifestyles and spectacular beauty which will capture our hearts as we travel a less well trodden path across the Mediterranean. Late September is the perfect time for our voyage when the crowds of August have dispersed and the weather is ideal for touring. There will be ample time to relax on board as we sail between our ports of call during which time you will be able to attend the informative talks by our onboard Guest Speaker.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Gibraltar.

Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Sail this evening.

Day 2 At Sea.

Spend the day at sea as we start our journey across the Mediterranean.

Day 3 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca.

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Mallorca, the largest of the Balearic Islands, has a rich history dating back to the Phoenicians when it was under the control of Carthage, the principal North African city at that time, before flourishing under Roman rule. From our berth in Palma we will take the beautifully maintained vintage train that connects Palma with the pretty town of Soller on the island's west coast and enjoy splendid mountain views of the Serra de Tramuntana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Over the course of just seven kilometres the railway rises 199 metres, runs through 13 tunnels and crosses several bridges. There will be some time to explore Soller before taking a scenic drive to the village of Valldemossa, a quiet and traditional town with narrow streets and lanes. We will take a walk around the town followed by lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Palma where we will have time to explore at our own pace and perhaps take the opportunity to visit the impressive Gothic style cathedral.

### [Day 4 Mahon, Menorca.](#)

Over breakfast we arrive in Menorca, the most northerly of the Balearics and the least dedicated to tourism. The island offers pastoral countryside, historic towns and superb beaches. This morning choose to join an island drive including the mysterious rock mounds (talayots) and megalithic stone monuments which were erected some 4,000 years ago before making our way to aristocratic Ciudadella, the architectural showpiece of Menorca. Situated at the head of a long channel from the sea, the city has had its share of disputes over sovereignty, and its character reflects the influence of Moorish, Turkish and Spanish rule. We

have the afternoon at leisure in the pretty harbour town of Mahon before we sail this evening.

### [Day 5 Porto Torres for Alghero, Sardinia.](#)

After a morning at sea we arrive in Sardinia at Porto Torres. A panoramic drive takes us to Nuraghe Palmavera with its main tower of the Nuraghe, which still has its dome shaped ceiling that dates back to 1100 BC. The complex, which was abandoned in the 5th century BC due to fire, shows the different phases of social life and political organisation of the tribal community. Continue to the Medieval city of Alghero which was colonised by the Catalans in the 14th century. Today there is still a strong Catalan identity throughout the town and it is often even referred to as "Barceloneta". There will be some free time to walk through the Medieval streets and along the city walls or maybe visit the archaeological museum.

### [Day 6 Bonifacio, Corsica.](#)

Be on deck this morning as we arrive in Corsica at Bonifacio's stunning natural harbour. Well known by Odysseus as the home of the savage and giant laestrygonians, today Bonifacio's breathtaking clifftop setting and relaxed pace make it one of the most welcoming ports in the Mediterranean. On our morning tour we will explore the narrow streets and the historical heart of the town. We will discover the Bosco quarter with the St Francis Convent, the 14th century church of St Marie Majeure and take in the views from the clifftop on which the city is built. Afterwards maybe take a walk in the nearby Marine Park which offers some stunning views back to the town.

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### Day 7 Bastia & St Florent.

Situated on the north of the island of Corsica, Bastia was the old Genoese capital and is now a busy port. Its setting is handsome, the classic Mediterranean allure of pale, sunlit streets flanked with tall colourful buildings. Our walking tour of the historic quarter will include the 15th century cathedral, chapels and Baroque buildings such as the Oratoire St Roch, Oratoire de l'Immaculee Conception and the Rococo church, St Jean Baptiste, famous for its twin campaniles. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon or maybe join an excursion to the small fishing port of St Florent. Our drive will take us through the Nebbio which takes its name from the thick mist that sweeps over the region and is now reputed for its fine wines from Patrimonio. On arrival in St Florent we will have time to wander the maze of narrow streets and take a coffee in one of the waterfront cafes whilst watching the yachts in the marina.

### Day 8 Portoferraio, Elba, Italy.

Today we call into the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile from 1814 to 1815. Departing from the island's busy capital Portoferraio, we set out for a delightful drive exploring the southern region of this charming island with superb views over the coastline. The first stop will be Villa San Martino which was the summer residence of Napoleon Bonaparte and has been transformed into a museum. Later enjoy some time at leisure in Porto Azzurro with its picturesque harbour. Our drive continues along the coast to the 17th century country wine farm, La Chiusa, which is beautifully nestled in a vineyard estate surrounded by olive trees and overlooking the

ocean. As any self-respecting mansion on Elba, La Chiusa claims to have once housed Napoleon during his exile here. Experience the estate's interesting cellar to learn how the wine is handled and produced and in the estate's garden facing the sea we will enjoy a delicious sampling of the local wine. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio.

### Day 9 Civitavecchia to London.

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Rome airport for the return scheduled flight.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: LE BOREAL

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Le Boreal</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>142 metres. Passenger Capacity: 264 (in twin cabins, just 200 in Antarctica). Built: 2011</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	

Luxury Expedition / Cruise Ship A superb mega-yacht with 132 cabins, she is the fruit of the expertise of the Italian Fincantieri shipyard and French sophistication, as interpreted by designer Jean-Philippe Nuel. Le Boreal creates a unique atmosphere, a subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and well-being. The best materials, discreet elegance and a tasteful decor combined with exterior and interior lines to reflect a nautical mood. On board, soothing neutral tones are enlivened by splashes of red, our signature theme linking tradition and innovation to create personal touches in the spirit of a "private yacht". Cuisine Loyal to the great French tradition, the haute cuisine on board is worthy of the finest restaurants, where discreet, attentive service is the hallmark. Choose from two restaurants for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Gastronomic Restaurant is situated on Le Liberte Deck and serves you French and international cuisine accompanied by fine wine. In the Grill Restaurant, you have the opportunity to eat outside and enjoy buffet lunch and themed dinner. Life On Board Whether you want to join other guests in the theatre or games area (Wii™ consoles, etc), or relax on your

own in a quiet corner of the library, Le Boreal has been designed to meet the needs of every guest. Everything has been done to preserve the independence of each guest to suit their personal tastes: lounges for lectures and shows, a spa in partnership with Carita™, but also more intimate spaces such as the library and internet corner. Comfortable cabins, nearly all with private balcony, are available for families either as triples or as communicating cabins. There is also a games area with Wii™ consoles, children's menus, and a baby-sitting service. Just as if you were on a private yacht, your time is your own to do as you please. Fitted with the latest equipment (Kinesis Wall, running machine) and in partnership with the famous Carita™ brand, the Beauty Centre on Le Boreal welcomes you for some relaxation and pampering (beauty treatments, hairdresser, hammam, balneotherapy). Wheelchairs 3 specially adapted wheelchair cabins (Deck 3 = Superior cabin no. 307, no balcony, Deck 4 = Prestige Cabin no. 407 - with balcony and Deck 5 = Prestige Cabin no 509, with balcony) and lifts to all decks/areas. Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant

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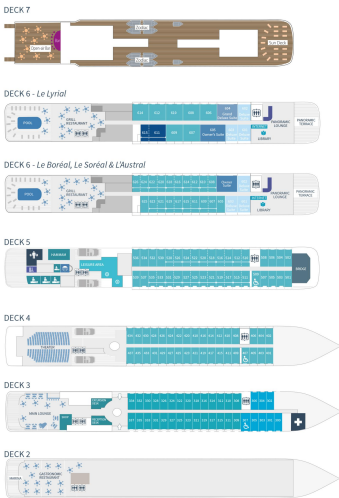
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Deck plans - Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal & Le Lyrial



DECK 7  
Open-air bar - Sun-deck  
DECK 6:  
18 Deluxe Suites, Le Soléal, Le Lyrial, Owner's Suite - 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony - 30 Prestige staterooms with private balcony (with 18 Prestige staterooms convertible into 9 Prestige suites)  
Le Lyrial: Owner's Suite - 1 Grand Privilege Suite - 3 Deluxe Suites with private balcony - 3 Grand Deluxe Suite - 8 Privilege Suites - 1 Prestige stateroom - Pool - Grill Restaurant - Internet space - Library - Panoramic lounge - Panoramic terrace  
DECK 5:  
37 Prestige staterooms with private balcony with 22 Prestige staterooms convertible into 12 Prestige suites - Fitness - POOL/WET SPA (Hot/Neu, Hammam, Massage, Handbasson) - Relaxation room - Image & photo desk - Bridge  
DECK 4:  
30 Prestige Staterooms with private balcony - Theater  
DECK 3:  
30 Deluxe Staterooms with private balcony - 8 Superior Staterooms - Main lounge - Shop - Reception Desk - Excursion Desk - Medical center  
DECK 2:  
Gastronomy Restaurant - Marina

- Owner's Suite Deck 6
- Privilege Suites Deck 6 - Le Lyrial
- Grand Privilege Suite Deck 6 - Le Lyrial
- Prestige Suites Ports 6 - 8 (except Le Lyrial)
- Grand Deluxe Suites Deck 6 - Le Lyrial
- Deluxe Suites Deck 6
- Prestige Staterooms Deck 4 - 5 - 6
- Deluxe Staterooms Deck 3
- Superior Staterooms Deck 3

Columbus Deck Superior Single



Columbus Deck Superior Suite



Erikson Deck Deluxe Balcony Suite



Explorer Deck Island Suite



Explorer Deck Owner's Balcony Suite



Magellan Deck Standard Single



Magellan Deck Standard Suite

Marco Polo Deck Corner Suite

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## PRICING

23-Sep-2025 to 01-Oct-2025

Columbus Deck Superior Single	£6795 GBP pp
Magellan Deck Standard Single	£6595 GBP pp
Explorer Deck Island Suite	£7395 GBP pp
Explorer Deck Owner's Balcony Suite	£6995 GBP pp
Erikson Deck Deluxe Balcony Suite	£6795 GBP pp
Marco Polo Deck Corner Suite	£6295 GBP pp
Marco Polo Deck Premium Suite	£5995 GBP pp
Magellan Deck Standard Suite	£5595 GBP pp
Columbus Deck Superior Suite	£5795 GBP pp