



# Wild Earth Travel

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## ITALY, BETWEEN THE ADRIATIC SEA & THE IONIAN SEA LUXURY CRUISE

An irresistible blend of savours, architectural styles and ancestral traditions, the Mediterranean is remarkable for its refined simplicity. The Mediterranean way of life, imbued with various influences, reflects a perfect harmony between secular history, sumptuous nature, unique gastronomy and an inimitable lifestyle.

During a unique 10-day cruise aboard *Le Boréal*, travel these mythical waters and discover the natural treasures and cultural jewels of the Ionian and Adriatic coastlines.

Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by PONANT. During this cruise, dive into Sicilian baroque architecture during a visit to the village of Noto from Syracuse ; visit the National Museum of Magna Graecia in Reggio Calabria ; or explore Lecce, nicknamed "the Florence of the South" from Otranto. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab).

From Venice , *La Serenissima* , you will sail to Ravenna. Capital of the Roman Empire in the 5th century, the city bears witness to a thousand-year-old history where Roman and Byzantine cultures mingled and which can be seen today inside the city's religious buildings through its ancient mosaics. Your ship will then cruise towards Ancona , before heading a little further south where Vieste will welcome you from atop its limestone promontory. Its history with multiple influences and its

architecture featuring whitewashed houses make this a special place with undeniable charm.

After a stop in Monopoli , set sail for Otranto in the Puglia region. Inhabited since ancient times, the medieval town is now a very pleasant seaside resort whose history can be discovered by wandering through the narrow streets of the old town. In Puglia , Gallipoli , meaning "beautiful town" in Greek, reveals its Hellenic origins and offers up its singular atmosphere, where life is good.

In the southernmost part of "the Boot", you sail off the coast of Calabria with a stopover in Reggio Calabria. You can stroll along the *lungomare* against the imposing backdrop of Mount Etna. In Syracuse , the Sicilian soul unfolds across the island of Ortygia \- the oldest part of the city -, a maze of small streets dotted with churches, palaces, ancient remnants, sheltering a majestic cathedral in its very heart.

*Le Boréal* will then set a course for Valletta , home of the Knights of the Order of Malta and the final stop on your journey.

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## ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Venice

Proud and eternal, Venice has reigned on its lagoon ever since the 6th century. You may think you know this city before even setting foot here. You will inevitably fall in love with the charm of the innumerable treasures of the Serenissima: Saint Mark's square, the basilica, Doges palace, the Grand Canal and the gondolas. Yet, secret Venice is also waiting for you to explore its little interlacing streets and canals, to ramble through its squares and to push open the doors of its churches. The city's extraordinary heritage shouldn't stop you from enjoying a glass of Spritz and a few tramezzini.

### Day 2 - Ravenna

Linked to the Adriatic Sea by a canal, the city of Ravenna and its countless monuments offer you a rich journey back in time. Roman and Byzantine cultures intermingle here, and the fruits of this history adorn the interiors of the city's religious buildings: the abundance of classical mosaics is the most stunning witness to Ravenna's glorious past. Eight UNESCO World Heritage listed Paleo-Christian sites punctuate your journey into the historic heart of the city. Still very lively despite the weight of its history, Ravenna has much to offer to visitors.

### Day 3 - Ancona

Situated on the promontory of Monte Conero, Ancona, the capital of the Marche region, offers visitors all the charm of a typical Italian historical city. Founded by the Greeks in 390 BC and conquered by Julius Caesar in 49 BC, Ancona has a long history that was very much shaped by its harbour, a hub attracting different populations and cultures. When your ship calls here, take the time to discover the city's many buildings, such as the cathedral dedicated to Judas Cyriacus and its façade made of white and pink marble, the Arch of Trajan, which is considered to be the port's main embellishment, or the 15th century mansion where the painter Raphael was born and raised.

### Day 4 - Vieste

You will be captivated by the charm of Vieste, the "pearl of the Gargano region", in the heart of Puglia in Italy. This old fishing village clinging to chalk cliffs has unique views over the Adriatic Sea. Its archaeological treasures and its historic centre will delight history enthusiasts, while nature lovers will be able to admire the crystal clear waters of the surrounding coves and beaches, as well as its famous limestone monolith called the Pizzomunno. The village's paved alleys and small squares come alive all day long, making Vieste the ultimate in romantic destinations.

### Day 5 - Monopoli

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Perched on the Adriatic coast in Puglia, the charming small town of Monopoli blends history and authenticity. Protected by its fortified walls along the seafront and its castle, in the shade of the cathedral's elegant bell tower, the town is bustling with fishermen who come to repair their nets or unload the day's catch. But it is also the gateway to the village of Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alberobello is famous worldwide for its traditional dry stone huts called trulli. These dwellings with whitewashed walls and conical, domed or pyramid-shaped roofs are built without any mortar, using a construction technique inherited from prehistoric times.

At the southern tip of the Italian boot, Reggio di Calabria guards the eastern shore of the Strait of Messina. From the lungomare, the sea front promenade, there are magnificent views over Sicily, a little over 3 km away, and Etna. Rebuilt after the 1908 earthquake, Reggio is set out in a grid pattern and has Art Nouveau and Belle Époque architecture that add to its charm. And the fragrance of bergamot, the citrus fruit that dominates the region's confectionery and perfumery. A visit to the National Archaeological Museum is a must. It is one of the most important in Italy and among its collections are the famous Riace Bronzes, the stunning Greek statues dating from the 5th century BC that were found off the coast in 1972.

## Day 6 - Otranto

Located in the Apulia region, Otrante is the easternmost transalpine town. Behind its medieval ramparts, you will taste the sweet life of Salento, the "heel on Italy's boot". Inhabited since Antiquity, Otrante has today become a very pleasant seaside town. Yet its history is still visible as you meander through the little streets of its old centre. With its magnificent 12th century ornamental mosaic tiling, the Cathedral is one of its most beautiful treasures. During a stroll along the ramparts, you can sit and relax at a cafe terrace.

## Day 9 - Syracuse, Sicily

Its undulating rocky coastline, the endless sandy beaches, the menacing form of Mount Etna which surveys its island like a patriarch, the flowery gardens on the hillside... Sicily lays out its varied landscapes like a shopkeeper displays his wares. Described by Cicero as "the most beautiful city in the world", Syracuse was one of the most prestigious cities in Sicily and at her height was even a rival for Athens. A central city of Ancient Greece, it was home to a succession of civilisations, each of which has left their mark. The blend of Arabic, Roman, Norman, Byzantine and Spanish cultures makes Syracuse a town that is extraordinarily rich in fragrances, colours and flavours.

## Day 7 - Gallipoli

Gallipoli, which comes from the Greek *kallē polis*, meaning beautiful town, is very aptly named. Located on the heel of the boot, the town known as "the pearl of Puglia" has many attractions. The whiteness of its façades recalls its Greek origins while its architecture echoes its multiple influences. Its old town, perched on a limestone island, concentrates the cultural heritage of this city with a thousand faces, alternately a Roman colony, then Byzantine, the property of the Popes, Norman, under the rule of Taranto... By itself, it tells the story of the different civilisations of the Mediterranean Sea.

## Day 10 - Valletta

The whole of the Maltese capital Valletta is UNESCO World Heritage listed and occupies a peninsula in the north-east of the island. From the fountain of Tritons to Saint-Elme fort, there are as many majestic streets as there are narrow staircase *vennels* to explore. The painted loggia and carved corbels on the tall houses will accompany you in your explorations, and you'll rarely be bothered by traffic. You can visit the Grandmasters palace decorated with coats of arms and frescoes. Saint-John's cathedral and the ramparts which have guarded the city since the 16th century are also among the most emblematic sites of the city. Arranged in terraces, the Barrakka Gardens will punctuate your promenade with a green and floral experience.

## Day 8 - Reggio di Calabria

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## YOUR SHIP: LE BOREAL

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Le Boreal</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Expedition / Cruise Ship</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>142 meters</b>
	<b>264 (in twin cabins, 200 in</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>Antarctica)</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2011</b>

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 remains faithful to our philosophy - to create a unique atmosphere, a subtle blend of luxury, intimacy and well-being. Superior materials, discreet elegance and a tasteful decor combined with exterior and interior lines to reflect a nautical mood, subtly revisited. 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.

Our two restaurants welcome you for breakfasts, lunch and dinner. The Gastronomic Restaurant, with a capacity of 268 persons, is situated on Le Liberte Deck and serves you French and international cuisine accompagnied by fine wine. On the Grill Restaurant, you will 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 unforgettable moments of relaxation and pampering (beauty treatments, hairdresser, hammam, balneotherapy).

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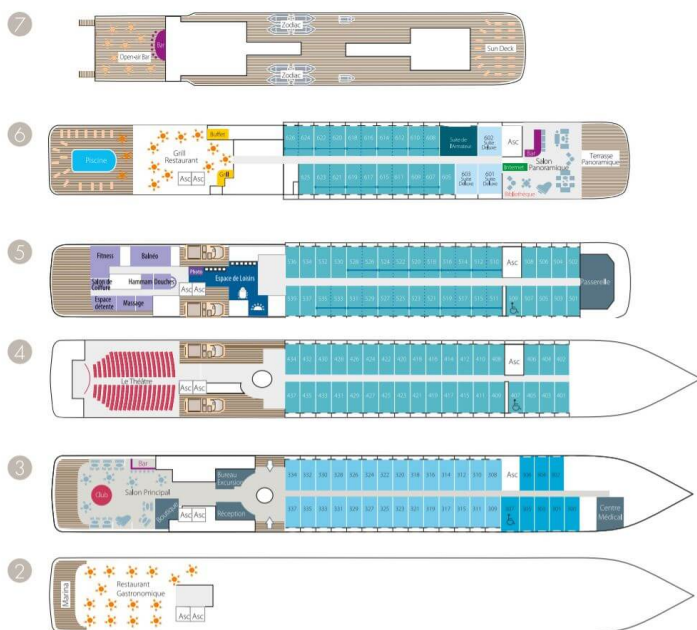
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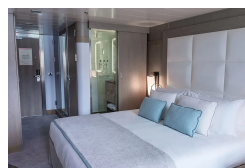
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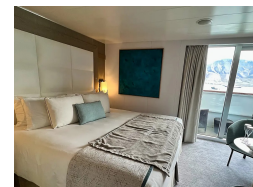
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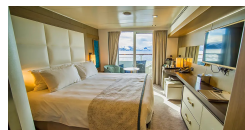
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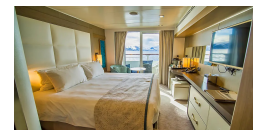
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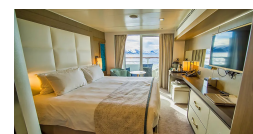
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Superior Stateroom





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## PRICING

**24-Sep-2026 to 03-Oct-2026**

<b>Superior Stateroom</b>	<b>8990 AUD pp</b>
<b>Deluxe Stateroom</b>	<b>9480 AUD pp</b>
<b>Prestige Deck 4</b>	<b>9990 AUD pp</b>
<b>Prestige Deck 5</b>	<b>10470 AUD pp</b>
<b>Prestige Deck 6</b>	<b>11070 AUD pp</b>
<b>Deluxe Suite</b>	<b>17900 AUD pp</b>
<b>Prestige Deck 5 Suite</b>	<b>19870 AUD pp</b>
<b>Prestige Deck 6 Suite</b>	<b>20360 AUD pp</b>

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Online prices reflect the current brochure fare savings of up to 30%. Prices may change based on demand. Terms and conditions apply. This special offer is subject to availability. Please contact us for more details.

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