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Dwight David Eisenhower II

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Front cover: *The Cinque Terre village of Vernazza*

This page: *Capri Faraglioni rock and Augustus Gardens*





Amalfi, Amalfi Coast, Italy

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Dear Texas Ex:

Discover some of Italy's most iconic landmarks on this exquisite itinerary, cruising round-trip Rome with excursions that take you to the heart of Tuscany, the magnificent Cinque Terre, Bonifacio on the French island of Corsica and on to the awe-inspiring ancient ruins of Pompeii — a city frozen in time. Our Italian sojourn also includes a poignant visit to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial in Nettuno accompanied by special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower — Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces during World War II.

Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe **World Navigator**, featuring only 95 suites and staterooms. Dock in unique ports of call and enjoy ocean-view accommodations, enriching excursions and attentive, personal service.

Visit up to four UNESCO World Heritage sites — the historic city center of Florence; the Cinque Terre villages of Vernazza and Monterosso; the petrified Roman city of Pompeii; and the unforgettable Amalfi Coast.

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Best regards,

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GUEST SPEAKER

Dwight David Eisenhower II

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Dwight David Eisenhower II is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, "Eisenhower: At War 1943–1945," was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Eisenhower received a B.A. in history cum laude from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. cum laude from The George Washington University Law School. Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches "Communication and the Presidency."

Battle of Sicily: Operation Husky

Meet Professor Eisenhower on a specially arranged visit the **Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial**, where 7,845 of American military war dead from World War II are buried. These casualties are from the July 10 to August 17, 1943 Allied battles to liberate Sicily, the September 9, 1943 landings in Salerno and the 1944 landings at Anzio Beach. Learn more about the history of these critical campaigns as Eisenhower reflects on his grandfather's World War II legacy and the battles waged here that helped bring the Allies to victory in Europe.

Entombed in Time



Famously located in the shadow of the Mount Vesuvius volcano, the ancient city of Pompeii first rose to prominence in the eighth century B.C. as a Hellenistic center of Greek culture. By the time Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D., the influence of nearby Rome had turned the wealthy coastal city into a resort for some of the Roman Empire's most elite citizens — featuring luxurious villas, open-air squares, bath houses and a 20,000-seat amphitheater. On the fateful August day that tephra from Vesuvius buried the city under a shroud of volcanic ash, an estimated 2,000 people perished beneath it. Pompeii and those who died in the city remained entombed for nearly 17 centuries. The petrified city was discovered in 1748 by explorers who found it astoundingly frozen in time, preserved by the volcanic ash that destroyed it.



Wall fresco at Pompeii

Today, the excavated ruins of Pompeii are a UNESCO World Heritage site that offers a rare glimpse of the daily rituals of Roman life during the reign of Emperor Titus. Your immersive tour of this astounding archaeological landmark explores the lavishly adorned Vetti family estate and the city's extraordinary amphitheater — the earliest surviving stone amphitheater of the Roman world — for a journey through antiquity like no other.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
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- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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2025 | 9-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1 | June 20

Depart your home city.

Rome, Italy/Embark

Day 2 | June 21

Arrive in Rome and embark the **World Navigator**. (D)

Livorno for Tuscany

Day 3 | June 22

Arrive in Livorno and choose from one of two included Traveler's Choice excursions in Tuscany. The first option is a tour of Florence that includes a visit to the Fine Arts Academy to see Michelangelo's legendary statue of David. The second choice is a tour of the 16th-century walled city of Lucca and a visit to magnificent Villa Reale di Marlia. (B,L,D)

Porto Venere/ Cinque Terre

Day 4 | June 23

Enjoy extraordinary views as the ship arrives in the medieval town

of Porto Venere. Disembark after breakfast for a private boat cruise to the astounding Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit two of its iconic cliffside villages — Vernazza and Monterosso — with time at leisure to explore at your own pace. You will have the option to return to the ship for lunch or remain in Porto Venere for lunch on your own and have extra time to enjoy the coastal scenery. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception on board this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Bonifacio, France

Day 5 | June 24

Today, the ship arrives in Bonifacio on the French island of Corsica. Your discovery of this dramatically situated medieval town begins with a tram ride from the harbor to the Haute Ville, or upper town, and around the plateau to savor panoramic views. You will

then stroll through Bonifacio's ninth-century citadel, perched high on a limestone promontory, to see historic landmarks such as Place Bir Hakeim, St. Jean Baptiste church and Le Grain de Sable — a weathered rock formation that appears to collapse into the sea. Enjoy the Jardin des Vestiges and see the house where Napoleon stayed. (B,L,D)

Sorrento for Pompeii

Day 6 | June 25

Enjoy breakfast with views of Sorrento, an outpost of the ancient Roman Republic and the scenic gateway to Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii. Explore the ancient petrified city of Pompeii on foot to see the wealthy Vetti family estate and the extraordinary amphitheater — the earliest surviving stone amphitheater of the Roman world — and Temple of Jupiter. You will have the option to



Villa Reale di Marlia, Lucca, Italy



Bonifacio, France



Vernazza, Cinque Terre, Italy



Limoncello

return to the ship for lunch or stay in Sorrento for lunch on your own. Shuttle buses will provide transportation from the port to the Sorrento city center.

Later this afternoon, immerse yourself in Sorrento's local traditions on a walking tour that includes a chance to learn the secrets of limoncello and experience a tasting of the popular Italian liqueur.

Those who prefer to continue exploring Sorrento at leisure may do that instead of the tour. This evening, enjoy a traditional tarantella performance, featuring traditional Neapolitan songs and dance. (B,L,D)

Sorrento/Amalfi/ Isle of Capri

Day 7 | June 26

Admire the natural splendor of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Amalfi Coast on a panoramic

drive that takes you past its sun-drenched beaches to the medieval village of Amalfi.

Enjoy a short orientation tour and some time on your own to explore the charming local boutiques and cafes. Return to the ship for lunch on board as we sail to Capri.

Disembark this afternoon for a tour of captivating Capri, the island where, legend has it, Homer's Odysseus resisted the alluring call of the sirens.

Visit the Gardens of Augustus, a series of serene, flower-filled terraces that have breathtaking panoramas of the Faraglioni rock formations rising from translucent waters and the craggy peak of Mount Solaro, the highest point on the island. You will also see the ancient perfumery of Carthusia — the smallest fragrance laboratory in the world. (B,L,D)

Nettuno

Day 8 | June 27

The ship arrives in Nettuno for a special excursion with Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II to visit the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial. Learn more about the importance of the Allied campaigns in Sicily during World War II and join Eisenhower in honoring the 7,845 American military war dead who are buried here. A chapel shows the names of 3,095 who are still missing.

Tonight, attend the Captain's Farewell Reception with your fellow travelers. (B,L,R,D)

Rome/Return to Home City

Day 9 | June 28

Transfer to the airport after breakfast for your return flight home. (B)



Monterosso, Cinque Terre, Italy



Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy



World Navigator

This newly constructed small ship, an intimate yacht appointed in retro-chic elegance, is able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships. Each of the 95 suites and staterooms (up to 465 square feet) features a stunning ocean view, and most include a private balcony. All accommodations in your private haven at sea offer a queen-sized bed that can be separated into two twin beds, a private bathroom with spa shower and luxury hotel-style amenities — including bath products from L'Occitane. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included, featuring culinary adventures that rival your discoveries ashore.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE

June 20 to 28
(Embarkation: June 21)

Category-Description		Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
8	Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$6,390	\$5,390
7	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$7,890	\$6,890
6	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$8,990	\$7,990
5	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$9,790	\$8,790
4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$10,990	\$9,990
3	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$11,790	\$10,790
2	Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$12,890	\$11,890
1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$14,090	\$13,090
Journey Suite 2	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$15,090	\$14,090
Journey Suite 1	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$15,990	\$14,990
Discovery Suite	Suite with larger private balcony and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,890	\$15,890
Navigator Suite 2	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$17,790	\$16,790
Navigator Suite 1	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$18,790	\$17,790

***Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 12/9/24 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. Single accommodations are available in categories 6, 7 & 8 at 160% of the standard rate, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Early Booking Savings still apply.

Port taxes in the amount of \$195 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

Final payment due February 20, 2025

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Rome

June 17 to 21, 2025 (Program Begins: June 18)

Capital of the Roman Empire, the UNESCO-inscribed “Eternal City” of Rome features spectacular Baroque landmarks from centuries as a nucleus of culture, religion and political power. Travel to the Colosseum, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, followed by a tour of the Roman Forum. Immerse yourself in Vatican City, the smallest country in the world and home to the opulent Vatican Museums — including a visit to Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel. Stroll the Piazza Trinita, see the iconic Spanish Steps and toss a coin into the legendary Trevi Fountain. Conclude your extension in Rome with a guided tour of Villa Borghese Park and its lovely art museum, the Borghese Gallery. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe **Westin Excelsior Rome**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,895

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