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HOST TO THE INDUSTRY'S LEADING EVENT IN THE MED

Málaga Cruise Port, the leading terminal operator in the Mediterranean, will be hosting the cruise industry's second biggest event of the year. Susana Gutierrez, GM Málaga Cruise Port, in collaboration with Port of Málaga, Costa Del Sol Málaga, Destination Málaga and Andalucía Tourism Authority.



As the co-host to Seatrade Cruise Med, what will Málaga showcase?

Málaga is a well worldwide recognized tourist destination, being the Capital of the Costa del Sol in Andalusia but still a destination to be discovered by the cruise lines.

Our destination and port facilities are at the highest European standard levels in relation to services, safety, security and quality. From Málaga we operate the biggest cruise ships of the world but also the most exclusive ones, covering a wide range of services from our cruise destination providing absolutely tailor-made solutions and services to each kind of customer.

The destination itself keeps its “boutique” flavor, preserving its authentic native idiosyncrasy, a city grown next to the sea, always in touch with different cultures and languages and one of the most valuable things: its hospitable people, a “smiling destination”. But Málaga is also continuously developing and improving. The city has found the perfect combination to reinvent itself but without betraying its millenary origins. The city has become into a modern city that is always developing new areas like the mega-yachts tourism, a cultural city with more than 30 museums and Soho Theater from Antonio Banderas, a digital smart city, a green location surrounded by mountains with unique forest species in the world and with an endless coast with amazing beaches, the city of white villages but also

the glamorous one with five star Michelin restaurants, combining old traditional gastronomy with state-of-the-art amazing dishes.

How does Málaga fit into itineraries? What is the importance of Málaga in the cruise industry?

Málaga has a perfect strategic location between the Med and the Atlantic, and this enables the possibilities to combine butterfly itineraries from West Med to the Atlantic, including some peculiar destinations in North Africa, Canary Islands and Portugal for Winter or for Year round Season or to West Med, including traditional Balearic Islands, Italy and France in the other way round.

Málaga is pivoting between the Atlantic and the Med, a perfect location for repositioning of the cruise ships but also for homeporting because of its international airport connected to more than 145 destinations all over the world, a year-round destination with nice weather conditions and a lively city that “never rests” and is always offering a wide range of different experiences, festivities and options for each particular season of the year. Málaga is also a safe destination and complies with all security and sanitary requirements to guarantee a safe and pleasant stay to all the visitors in our city.

**What is your message to Cruise Lines?
Why should they choose Málaga?**

Málaga has become really the place to be! All smart digital companies and many investors from different scopes are putting their footprint in our location, willing to enjoy the warm climate year-round, a city with no traffic congestion and very well connected through the international airport to the rest of the world and with a wide range of shorex possibilities and experiences just one hour away from the port.

Málaga is really developing as an upscale destination that knows how to adapt to demands of each particular guest and that is preserving its authenticity, history, patrimony and culture while being creative about how to impress and wow new visitors to our city that want to join us and share together.



Our terminals are designed to comply with full ISPS security code and health sanitary protocols, but also once the passenger stepped into our terminals they got immersed in Málaga, Andalusian destination: they can enjoy our modern Retail area with all local products and gastronomy testing coming to storytelling to the passenger that will guide them with the first ideas to start enjoying Málaga.

A wide range of services are also provided in our facilities, anything a passenger could demand, they can find it in our facilities, since a Guest information Center, to money exchange or transfer, any booking services or even to hire for a private translator service for the visit and also there is concierge service available along the whole call of the ship.

Málaga Cruise port facilities are very near to the city: the big terminals are walking distance to la Malagueta (the city beaches) and the Waterfront area and Pompidou Center (Muelle 1); terminal El Palmeral is right in the heart of the city center of Málaga in front of the Renaissance Cathedral. The whole promenade is surrounded in green with Olive Trees and some other native species of the Mediterranean Climate, a nice walking for passengers just in front of the beaches and far away enough from commercial port area. All dedicated cruise piers, next to the new Marina of Megayachs (Muelle 1) recently inaugurated.



How does Málaga Cruise Port differentiate?

Málaga Cruise Port is part of the Global Ports Holding network of ports, the largest independent cruise port operator in the world, with 26 cruise ports in 14 countries.

Málaga Cruise Port has 16,000m2 of dedicated cruise facilities with dedicated piers for cruise ships. We are not a simple connection between the city and the ship: our facilities are the first contact of the cruise passenger with our destination and here is where the experience and the holidays start for the cruise passenger.





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Biggest ship to ever call Kalundborg

Kalundborg Cruise Port, operated by Global Ports Holding, the world's largest cruise port operator, welcomed the biggest ship to ever call Kalundborg as well as its first call for the 2022 season with AIDA Cruises.

AIDAnova, operated by AIDA Cruises arrived in Kalundborg Cruise Port with 3900 passengers and 1200 crew for its transit call. The passengers who disembarked visited the city of Kalundborg with shuttles from the port and went on to their excursions in Copenhagen.

With the attendance of Martin Damm, Mayor of Kalundborg municipality and Mr. Bent Rasmussen, Port Director of Kalundborg Port, the GPH operations team welcomed AIDAnova's Captain Jens Janauscheck, for the official ceremony of plaques & key exchange.

Javier Rodriguez Sanchez, GPH Regional Director West Med & Asia commented: "We are delighted to have hosted the largest ship to ever call Kalundborg today. With GPH processes and procedures in place and a strong corporation with the Kalundborg Port Authority, Kalundborg Tourism Authority and all stakeholders, today we have had a successful transit operation, welcoming almost 4000 passengers. We look forward to the rest of the cruise season where we will host more AIDAnova calls and an even more successful seasons to come".



Catania, true Sicilian experience



If you love action, Catania is the destination for you. Let's start our adventure in the colorful and citrusy Sicilian land right from its symbol par excellence, the Etna volcano: imagine yourself aboard a jeep that travels along wild paths between birches and dark craters, stopping just to visit secret caves and to walk in the black lava earth that surrounds its peaks, from which you can admire the coast and the sea to the horizon.

Great, right? From the highest active volcano in Eurasia we then descend further and further down, into the gorges where the Alcantara river flows, where your heart will beat more than ever while you are aboard a hydrospeed, carried by the alternating currents of the water and enchanted by the basalt canyon landscapes.

And, after a lot of adrenaline, you just have to be enchanted by the millenary beauty of Taormina, a UNESCO site candidate jewel, from whose Greek-Roman theater you can admire the entire eastern Sicilian coast, while Mount Etna peeks in front of you.

Catania Cruise Port is the gateway to all these experiences.

Representing a true Sicilian culture, Catania is the perfect edition to the Central Med itineraries.



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Global Ports Holding signs San Juan Cruise Port

Global Ports Holding is pleased to announce that it has signed a 30-year concession agreement with the Puerto Rico Ports Authority for San Juan Cruise Port, Puerto Rico, following a competitive procurement process managed by the Puerto Rico Public-Private Partnership Authority.

This agreement marks a significant development in GPH's strategic plans for the Caribbean. On completion, San Juan Cruise Port, which handled 1.8m unique passengers in 2019 (including c. 0.4m homeport passengers, i.e. 2.2m passenger movements), will become the third-largest cruise port in GPH's global network.

San Juan Cruise Port is a strategically important port in the Caribbean cruise market, perfectly positioned to be included in both Eastern Caribbean and Southern Caribbean itineraries. It offers cruise passengers world-class attractions and rich cultural experiences that can easily be done by walking across the piers. There is a magical blend of natural island charm that includes the verdant peaks, tropical forests, gleaming white-sand beaches, and man-made wonders. In addition, to its airport and hotel infrastructure, Puerto Rico is a US territory, which means it is an attractive homeport destination for Eastern & Southern Caribbean itineraries.



Port investment

San Juan Cruise Port is currently a popular transit port and homeport. However, its cruise port infrastructure needs significant investment to ensure continued operations over the term of the concession and to meet the needs of the modern and fast-growing cruise industry. Under the concession agreement terms, GPH will pay an upfront concession fee of \$75m to the Puerto Rico Ports Authority. During an initial investment phase, GPH will spend approximately \$100m, primarily focused on critical infrastructure repairs at Piers 1 and 4 and Pan American Piers, and upgrades of the terminal buildings and the walkway.

The second investment phase will commence subject to certain pre-agreed criteria, including cruise passenger volumes recovering to pre-pandemic levels. In this phase, GPH will invest an estimated \$250m in expanding the capacity of the cruise port by building a completely new cruise pier and state-of-the-art homeport terminal capable of handling the world's largest cruise ships at Piers 11 and 12.

Improved experience

As well as investing in the port's infrastructure, GPH will invest in modernising the cruise port experience for cruise passengers, cruise lines and local vendors and will use its global expertise and operating model to improve the management of the cruise port operations. GPH will also invest in systems, equipment, and technology to enhance the cruise port's operational performance and ensure environmental protection, safety, and security.

The management approach of GPH will ensure the port is integrated into Old San Juan and Puerto Rico's thriving tourism sector as a whole, creating significant opportunities for local businesses to benefit directly from the improved facilities and the expected growth in cruise passenger volumes.

In addition, GPH's destination marketing team will work with the port management team and local stakeholders to ensure that cruise lines and passengers can enjoy the many unique attractions Puerto Rico offers.



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A year of Milestones at Zadar Cruise Port

Zadar Cruise Port is fastest growing Croatian cruise port and since its opening in 2019, it has been continuously recognized for its service excellence, security protocols and highest level of operational standards.

The largest Croatian passenger terminal, purposely built for all sizes of cruise ship turnaround and transit operations, is one of the architectural landmarks of this area and the destination.

The 2022 has been without a doubt a year of milestones and celebration at Zadar Cruise Port.

Here are some of the most memorable events of 2022 season which will permanently stay in the port's history:

- the largest cruise ship ever to berth in Zadar - MSC Fantasia arrived on 2nd of May, and with her impressive length of 333m and 137,936 GRT, she is the largest cruise ship to ever berth in Zadar

- the most ships to berth at the same time - 3 large ships arrived on 16th of July. Costa Luminosa, MSC Armonia and Marella Explorer 2 simultaneously stayed at Zadar Cruise Port, with total berthing line of 786m and 230,720 GRT
- the biggest number of guests and crew in one day - on 28th of August there was 4,769 passengers and 1,457 crew members visiting the port, marking the day with the most guests and crew in one day this far
- the first turnaround operations - Club Med 2 on 6th of August was the first ship to have complete turnaround, although MSC Armonia has had smaller embarkations and disembarkations throughout the 2022 season

Zadar Cruise Port started the cruise season in the end of February and it will continue until mid November 2022.



Crotone's Greek Heritage

Crotone and its province are located in one of the most fascinating territories of Calabria, in the southern tip of the Italian boot. The port of Crotone was born at the beginning of the eighth century BC, when the city was founded by Greek colonists as new polis of Magna Graecia and soon activated intense commercial exchanges with the motherland.

The port is divided into two areas, Old and New. The New Port, where the cruise terminal is located, is protected by a 1.725 m long breakwater and a 900 m long inner pier with a quay surface of 120.000 m² and depths of about 7,8 m.

Crotone Cruise Port manages the cruise terminal of Crotone offering transit, inter-porting and homeporting operations, as well as an increasingly wide range of ancillary services. Dedicated to small and medium sized ships, it is a hidden pearl in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea.

Thanks to a mild climate, a rich hospitality system and a modern and efficient infrastructural network, the Ionian Calabria finally shows its beauties also to the cruise public, a new emerging star in the panorama of the ports of the Mediterranean Sea.

If you are visiting Crotone, you absolutely cannot miss these three must sees. The first one is the castle of Charles V, located almost in front of the cruise terminal. Symbol of the city, it is the seat of a section of the civic museum.

Leaving the city you can admire the sanctuary of Hera Lacinia from Capo Colonna, located on a promontory strategic for the control of the routes that joined Taranto to the Strait of Messina.

From here, you can easily reach Le Castella, one of the most beautiful stretches of the "Capo Rizzuto" Marine Protected Area. For sea lovers, welcome to the Calabrian paradise!



Tourism Sustainability Award goes to GPH



Global Ports Holding Plc, the world's largest cruise port operator is pleased to announce that Stephen Xuereb, COO of Global Ports Holding was conferred an award for Tourism Sustainability by the Mediterranean Tourism Foundation in his name and on behalf of Global Ports Holding.

The evening brought together various dignitaries as well as leaders from the tourism, travel and hospitality sectors from all over the globe.

Stephen Xuereb, COO Global Port Holding commented, "It is both a privilege and an honour to be receiving this award for the sustainable tourism initiatives across the Mediterranean region and beyond. I dedicate this award to all the team at Global Ports Holding across our 26 ports in 14 countries. This award is you all!"

This award was presented by the President of Malta H.E. Dr George Vella during a gala awards ceremony held as part of the 7th Mediterranean Tourism Forum Malta Summit organized by the Mediterranean Tourism Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry for Tourism and the Malta Tourism Authority.

On the Map with Award Nominations

We are delighted to announce that GPH Ports & Destinations have been shortlisted for the prestigious Seatrade Cruise Awards.

- Destination of the Year Finalist - Taranto /
- Sustainability Initiative of the Year Finalist - Nassau Cruise Port Ltd.

These awards nominations are brought by strong collaborations & work towards the development of the cruise activities in our ports & port cities.

Nassau Cruise Port's nomination drives from an environment initiative. NCP has placed environmental donation stations around its terminal to encourage passengers to leave their Bahamian bills or any donation amount to support local eco-friendly NGOs.

Whereas Taranto has been shortlisted as the Destination of the Year. With a new cruise terminal and improved infrastructure, Taranto Cruise Port has been able to enjoy growing attention from the Cruise Line public. Following the 2020 shutdown due to the pandemic, Taranto hosted 28 calls in 2021, figure more than doubled in 2022, when 54 calls are reached. Although the season has not yet finished, forecasts already show an important growth also in the number of passengers, followed by that of the Cruise Lines: from the only one present in 2021 to the nine of the current season.



World's Most Beautiful Cruise Terminals by Forbes

Forbes has chosen its ports that "have gotten it really right!"

It has named the terminals that don't detract from a city's beautiful, traditional character but, rather, add something to it. Whether it be an appealing shape, or architectural significance or, in one place, the ability to disappear altogether.

Global Ports Holding ports have been named as the most beautiful cruise terminals, inspiring other projects in the feature.

The 2 ports named were Valletta Cruise Port and Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore.

Valletta Cruise Port has a waterfront, which won the European Union's Europa Award for Cultural Heritage, includes 19 warehouses built in the late Baroque period, in the 18th century, with colorful doors and window shades.

Whereas Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore is a structure that's meant to represent breaking waves and actually succeeds. Inside, it's light-flooded and decked out in the aquamarine shades of an underwater world. Outside, it's an appealing puzzle and an addition to the Singapore city.



Environmental Project in Nassau



In early July, NCP launched its environmental sustainability program under the theme, "It's in Our Hands," to establish and promote its commitment to environmental protection and awareness. The program was launched through the announcement of a month-long environmental awareness photo contest for Bahamians and residents aged 7 to 18.

Nassau has also placed a donation box in the NCP terminal building to encourage passengers to make a monetary donate to local environmental NGO programs.

More recently, we purchased a 25-foot boat to help us remove garbage from the harbour and to address any other environmental concerns.

On August 5, Seatrade Cruise announced that Nassau Cruise Port is a finalist in the Sustainability Initiative of the Year category for the Nassau Cruise Port Redevelopment Project.

The Nassau Cruise Port project, a \$300 million marine and upland transformation, includes several substantial eco-friendly elements including production of 1 MW of solar power to support local power provider distribution, full facility LED lighting, low water usage plans, full facility recycling plans, and incorporation of new green space into the downtown core.





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New Spanish ports in the Canary Islands

Global Ports Holding is pleased to announce that Global Ports Canary Islands S.L. ("GPCI"), an 80:20 joint venture between GPH and our local partner Sepcan S.L., has successfully completed the competitive RFP process for three cruise ports in the Canary Islands: Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Arrecife (Lanzarote) and Puerto del Rosario (Fuerteventura).

GPCI will invest approximately €40 million into constructing a new cruise terminal in Las Palmas and modular terminal facilities in Marmoles pier in Arrecife and Puerto del Rosario in Fuerteventura.

Global Ports Holding Chairman and CEO, Mehmet Kutman, said: "The addition of these ports to our network is a testament to the strength of GPH's proposition as the world's largest independent cruise port operator.

We help create well-run, well-invested world-leading cruise port facilities for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Las Palmas, located in Mid Atlantic at the Canaries, is very popular for winter cruising thanks to the archipelago's mild climate. A major cruise port, Las Palmas is also a year-round destination thanks to its international air connections. With its sandy beaches and beautiful turquoise waters, Las Palmas brings together culture scenery.

The GPH team warmly welcomes these ports into our network. We look forward to working in partnership with all stakeholders to increase the economic benefit of cruise tourism in their localities."



Cagliari, where the sea meets nature

Sardinia is the oldest land in the Mediterranean and one of its largest and most enchanting islands. In its extreme south it hosts Cagliari, the city of the sun, the capital of this Italian region so loved for its seas with crystalline waters.

The port of Cagliari is located close to the seafront that flanks the city center, so full of shops, activities, and services of all kinds.

Cagliari Cruise Port, a key Med port, is able to safely host even the last-generation of large ships for transit and turnaround operations. Its proximity to the International Airport of Cagliari Elmas (7 km), the train and bus station (500m), as well as to the main road junctions, together with its strategic position in the western Mediterranean, further strengthen the position of Cagliari as a homeport.

If you love adventure, there are some destinations that you absolutely must not miss.

Symbol of Cagliari for centuries, the Devil's saddle is also an interesting promontory for those who love trekking: located above the Poetto beach and the Molentargius lagoon, it offers trails of all levels of difficulty. From its top you can admire Cagliari in its entirety.

For those who love the sea, adventure can also be experienced on the beach: a quad bike trip in the dunes of Villasimius, a well-known seaside destination, will take you to the discovery of one of the most beautiful coasts of Southern Sardinia.

And, for those who want to combine the pleasure of cultural discovery with action, the best choice is Barumini, to visit one of the most complete and majestic Nuraghe in Sardinia.



Bodrum: Your Luxury Homeport

Bodrum Cruise Port has been named the 3rd busiest port in Turkey for the 2022 year.

Homeport to the Turkish owned Blue Sapphire and transit port to several cruise lines, Bodrum Cruise Port has recovered fairly well in the East Med ports, even breaking its 2019 call & pax numbers.

Bodrum, with its international flight connectivity and hotel bed numbers, is a great advantage for homeporting operations.

Each of Bodrum's coves offer a different experience to its visitors. From nightlife to shopping, farmer's market to clothing stops.

Each evening the Bodrum Castle hosts Turkey's leading artists, dancers and entertainers during the summer time where visitors and locals enjoy a small break.

Its famous 'Street of Bars' filled with nightlife and energy, whereas the streets of Turkbuku has handmade products to the luxury levels.

Bodrum is the epitome of luxury and relaxation.

Valletta Cruise Port hosts the largest Floating Book-Fair,

Logos Hope, the world's largest floating book fair, is back at Valletta Cruise Port. Logos Hope is an international ship travelling the world and sharing knowledge, help and hope through literature, cultural understanding, relief work and more. Many may remember the previous visit in September 2010, when around 30,000 visitors were welcomed up the gangways and seeing 81,000 pieces of literature going out into Malta through donations and sales.

With over 65 different nationalities onboard, and an exciting event program, Logos Hope offers a lovely selection of over 5,000 book titles at affordable prices with diverse subjects: science, sports, hobbies, languages, art, cookery and faith amongst others.

With children's titles, academic texts, dictionaries, atlases and more, the book fair with the diverse accompanying activities is for the whole family to enjoy.

In an official opening event held on Wednesday, a number of local representatives had the opportunity to meet Captain James Berry, Randy Grebe, Director of Logos Hope and crew members, with President Emeritus, Marie-Louise Coleiro in attendance as guest of honour. Esteemed guests were treated to a 'parade of nations' and a Korean fan dance.



Events Time in Antigua

This summer season has been busy for Antigua Cruise Port.

A Summer Cool program organized for the benefit of Antigua Cruise Port employees, as well as local stakeholders, will prepare all attendees for the restart of the intense yet impressive 2022/2023 cruise season. These activities, whether for relaxation or educational purposes will be most beneficial to all who participate.

As an initiative for children preparing for the return to school, the Antigua Cruise Port has introduced a Back-to-School Drive offering giveaways of fundamental school items in collaboration with key stakeholders.

Antigua's Carnival, one of the most sought-after events of the summer season, is a key highlight for residents and visitors alike.

The different fetes and shows pinpoint major performances which entail singing, dancing, and playing of musical instruments such as the steel pan, which is indigenous to the islands. This exciting week of events captures a myriad of expression and passion of the creative arts while offering visitors a truly interactive experience, beckoning them to come back for more.

A pre-Carnival showcase will be held to expose the superb talent of the local musical artistes, dancers, and musicians for the immense pleasure of both the local and visiting public. This event will present a sweet taste of what is to come for the Carnival festival itself.



A Journey in Time: La Goulette

La Goulette cruise Port witnessed a refreshing restart of the cruise season with 25 calls so far.

Welcoming different companies such as MSC cruises, SAGA Cruises, HAL ,Noble Caledonia Cruises, Carnival Corporation &Plc. La Goulette Cruise port is one of the most beautiful destinations to visit in the mediterranean.Its shopping village provides a wide range of Tunisian goods and delicacies.

Mr Sami Debbich, GM La Goulette Cruise Port said: "At the start of the current cruise season, Tunisia's cruise sector seems to be rebounding. We've had positive feedbacks, so we're optimistic that this season will mark the start of a prosperous future for the cruise industry in Tunisia."

"As La Goulette Cruise Port, we'll keep giving our business partners the best support while also taking all necessary measures to ensure their health and safety."

La Goulette is part of a seaside region that also includes Carthage and Sidi Bou Said that are must see destinations while in tunisia, along with the Medina of Tunis. Which is one of the best preserved Arab-Muslim cities in the world, and has been a Unesco World Heritage Site since 1979.





Grant Funding for Former Festival Place vendors

Nassau Cruise Port has partnered with the Access Accelerator, Small Business Development Centre (SBDC) to provide former Festival Place vendors (now Marketplace Tenants) with access to grant funding for tenancy in the Marketplace at Nassau Cruise Port. Up to \$20,000 in funding has been made available for each qualifying Marketplace Tenant. The funding will be used to assist these small Bahamian business owners with resources to fit-out their Marketplace Boutiques within the Port and will aid in the development of authentic Bahamian tourism products. Marketplace Tenants will apply online through the SBDC's online application which opened on September 1, 2022 and will run for 30 days.

"The Nassau Cruise Port team is to be congratulated on this phenomenal initiative to ensure that their Marketplace boutiques are a first-class experience, together with their mandate to promote authentically Bahamian products," said Pamela Burnside

of Creative Nassau and Chairwoman of the Authentically Bahamian Advisory Committee. "This is what we, as Creative Nassau, and proponents of the orange economy, are all about – empowering Bahamians."

Mike Maura Jr., CEO of Nassau Cruise Port said "From the beginning of this process, Nassau Cruise Port has provided support to the legacy tenants from the former Festival Place. It gives our team great pleasure to help these small Bahamian business owners furnish their boutiques. Covid-19 was very hard on the tourism sector, and this funding will help in a very meaningful way." He continued. "The team at NCP is also very excited about the effort that the Authentically Bahamian Advisory Committee is making to elevate product offerings in the port space, which aligns with the Nassau Cruise Port mandate to create an Authentically Bahamian experience."



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Taranto, A Unique Experience

In the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, in a strategic position with respect to the main routes between East and West, the port of Taranto is the ideal hub for cruise traffic between Italy and the countries of the East Med.

On the S. Cataldo Pier, Taranto Cruise Port has recently built its new cruise terminal opened in May 2021, which welcomes thousands of passengers and crews. The piers of Taranto Cruise Port are able to accommodate even the largest cruise ships of the latest generation, a few meters from the heart of the ancient city. Thanks to the large hotel availability, port's proximity to the city's center and to the main air-train-road networks, Taranto Cruise Port has a high turnaround potential for pre & post cruise packages. What makes Taranto precious as a cruise port is also the large number of shore excursions available, some of which are truly peculiar.

Preserve and protect the cetaceans of the Gulf of Taranto is the primary goal of the scientific research activities done by the Jonian Dolphin Conservation.

That's why a boat tour with them in search of the numerous dolphins that live in the Big Sea is certainly an unforgettable experience: among the many things, you will get involved in conservation activities, will identify specimens, photograph their dorsal fin, and will hear and record their vocalizations. What a unique experience!

For those wishing to know both the small sea and the big sea which surround Taranto, it is available another itinerary from the Cheradi islands, that leads to the large inland mussel farms and shows the fascinating city waterfront from every point of view.

For lovers of the Spartan people, who gave birth to Taranto, it will be not possible to resist the city itinerary that leads to discover all the traces of the Magna Graecia era: from the Spartan hypogeum, an underground museum entirely dedicated to Spartans, to the Doric columns, magnificent remains of a temple dedicated to Poseidon, up to the MARTA museum, where all the findings of the area are kept.



Barcelona, Action!

Barcelona presents a variety for action seekers to participate in when they visit. Our warm climate gives the flexibility for visitors to try different attractions throughout the year as the best ones take place outside and around our beautiful nature. We recommend the following three top activities to consider in Barcelona if you are itching for some excitement while you are here.

We are privileged to be the home of one of the biggest and most historical football clubs in the world. FC Barcelona is the definition of excitement, as the whole city is bursting with passion anytime the players step onto the field. Since 1899, they have built a reputation of being a highly competitive club globally, aiming to win the trophy in whichever competition they are involved with. This is only bolstered by the 70+ trophies in their cabinet along with the countless football legends that have graced the pitch donning the iconic Blaugrana.

Tibidabo is the hill on the North-West that sports the tallest point in the city. Once at the top, you get a wonderful panoramic view of the entire city and even more. The main thrill will come from the journey to and from the top of Tibidabo. The path is a long and windy dirt road all the way up, presenting a wonderful track for mountain bikers and hikers. Along with the physical challenge, you are treated to the wonderful nature throughout the hill with the final view being the cherry on top.

Unbeknownst to most, Barcelona is known as one of the top rock-climbing destinations in Europe. Via Ferrata, which translates to climbing paths, are prevalent across the city outskirts with multiple paths in varying difficulties, which makes it suitable for any level of adventurer. Montserrat is one of the most famous landmarks around Barcelona and being able to scale it yourself would be a bucket list opportunity for any avid adventure seeker.



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