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# Rivieras of France and Italy



April 21 – 30, 2026



**B**ehold the legendary, sparkling coasts of France and Italy from a comfortable, intimate sailing ship on an amazing tour of the iconic Rivas. This exclusive 10-day, 9-night itinerary aboard *Wind Spirit* immerses you in the heart of one of the most storied regions of Europe. Learn more about the history and culture of the towns that line the Mediterranean coast from medieval Carcassonne to the Rock of Monaco to ancient Bonifacio in Corsica. Savor the art and light of Aix-en-Provence and behold panoramic views of the stunning Cap-Ferrat peninsula from elegant Mont Boron in Nice. Explore glittering Monaco and historic Genoa. Enjoy a private boat cruise to the cliff-side villages of Italy's UNESCO World Heritage-inscribed Cinque Terre. These sun-drenched landscapes and bijou coastal towns have been attracting nobility, writers, artists and celebrities for generations. Experience the allure for yourself as you cruise aboard *Wind Spirit*, a yacht-like vessel with ocean views from every suite or stateroom.

### Exclusive Highlights

- Journey for 8 nights from Barcelona, Spain, to Civitavecchia, Italy aboard *Wind Spirit*, an exclusively chartered sailing yacht.
- Specially arranged private cruise along the coast of the UNESCO-inscribed Cinque Terre.
- Four UNESCO World Heritage sites — Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne, France; Nice, France; Genoa: Le Strade Nuove and the system of the Palazzi dei Rolli, Italy; and Porto Venere and Cinque Terre, Italy.



Above: Medieval city walls of Carcassonne  
Cover: Portofino, Italy

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## Dear Alumni & Friends:

Experience the allure of the legendary Cote d'Azur under the billowing white sails of the *Wind Spirit*, a deluxe, motorized sailing yacht with ocean views from every suite or stateroom. Immerse yourself in the best of the French and Italian Rivas on our exclusive cruise itinerary, which takes you from Barcelona to the coast of Marseille and along the sparkling coastline to such iconic destinations as Nice, Monaco, Portofino and Cinque Terre.

Visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites: the medieval fortified city of Carcassonne and incomparable Riviera resort town of Nice in France; the Palazzi dei Rolli of Genoa and picturesque villages of Cinque Terre in Italy. Embark on unforgettable excursions, from visiting the Rock of Monaco to the fountain-filled streets of Aix-en-Provence. Savor delicious local foods and wines during this unparalleled journey. Enhance your stay with a Pre-Tour Extension in Barcelona and/or a Post-Tour Extension in Rome.

Book now before this immensely popular program sells out! For Johns Hopkins related questions, please call – 800-548-5481 or email [alumni@jhu.edu](mailto:alumni@jhu.edu).

Cordially,

*Marguerite Ingalls Jones*

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**Note:** A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

**Eligibility:** At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit [alumni.jhu.edu/support](http://alumni.jhu.edu/support).

*Fort Stella, Elba Island*



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**Day 1 | April 21**

Depart your home city for Barcelona, Spain.

**Day 2 | April 22** **L-D**

Barcelona, Spain | Embark  
Arrive in Barcelona. Transfer to embark the *Wind Spirit*, settle in and unpack. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board today.

**Day 3 | April 23** **B-D-R**

Port Vendres, France for Carcassonne

Drive to Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. Visit La Porte Narbonnaise, the Castle of the Counts and the Basilica St. Nazaire. 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, and spend time visiting the galleries and shops. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a Captain's Welcome Reception and dinner on board.

**Day 4 | April 25** **B-L-D**

Marseille for Aix-en-Provence

Spend a leisurely day in Aix-en-Provence, birthplace of Paul Cezanne and known as "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 lovely architecture, parks, gardens — and of course, fountains — everywhere in this delightful city. Enjoy free time browsing a Provençal

market. Lunch together at a charming local restaurant.

**Day 5 | April 25** **B-L-D**

Nice | Monaco

From Mont Boron, enjoy an unbeatable scenic view of the Old Port of Nice, the village of Villefranche-sur-Mer, the Cap-Ferrat peninsula and the famously blue water the Cote d'Azur is named for. Continue on a panoramic tour of some of Nice's most iconic highlights. Savor a delicious lunch on board as the ship sails to Monaco. With an expert local guide, walk through the old town's charming, narrow streets, and admire the historic

*Market in Aix-en-Provence, France*







*The village of Vernazza in Cinque Terre, Italy*

buildings and beautiful architecture and visit the Cathedral where Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier. Tour the Prince's Palace, built as an Italian fortress in A.D. 1191. Marvel at the sumptuous décor in the State Apartments, home to Monaco's royals. Tonight enjoy a relaxing dinner on board, or stay in town for dinner and sightseeing on your own! Shuttles will run from the ship to Monte Carlo throughout the evening.

**Day 6 | April 26** **B-L-D**

Genoa, Italy | Portofino

Choose an included excursion today in Genoa. During a

walking tour through the old town, immerse yourself in the city's medieval core with its range of architectural styles, shops, restaurants and cafes. Marvel at the incredible Palazzi dei Rolli. Or enjoy a scenic drive to see the historic buildings. Both excursions end with food demonstrations and tastings. This evening, go ashore in Portofino and spend free time exploring. From every vantage point the views are unforgettable!

**Day 7 | April 27** **B-L-D**

Porto Venere  
for Cinque Terre

Depart Porto Venere by private boat for an excursion

to the UNESCO-inscribed Cinque Terre, a collection of five picturesque villages clinging to the cliffs over the Mediterranean Sea and connected by small footpaths. Visit the villages of Vernazza and Monterosso and wrap up with a walking tour of Porto Venere.

**Day 8 | April 28** **B-L-D**

Portoferraio on  
Elba Island, Italy

Stroll through the old town of Portoferraio, a vital trade center for Greeks and Romans in ancient times. Discover storied Medici fortresses; the Church of Misericordia; Forte Stella

*Casino in Monte Carlo, Monaco*



*Cliff face of Bonifacio in Corsica*





Portoferraio, Elba Island, Italy

and Napoleon's former home of Villa dei Mulini, among other historic sites. Peer through a stone gate with a magnificent sea view. Finish up with a walk along the town's splendid promenade with its exclusive shops and boutiques.

**Day 9 | April 29      B-L-R-D**

Bonifacio, Corsica, France  
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. On your walking tour to the Citadel and Old Town see St. Dominique church; Place Bir Hakeim, St. Jean Baptiste church and a viewpoint overlooking Le Grain

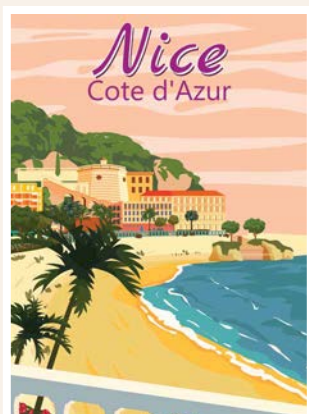
de Sable — a limestone rock formation. Explore the Jardin des Vestiges and see where Napoleon stayed.

**Day 10 | April 30      B**

Civitavecchia, Italy |  
Disembark ship |  
Return to Home City

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to Rome for your return flight home.

*Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*



## Legends of La Côte d'Azur

In 1887, French writer Stephen Liégeard attempted to define the allure of a strip of Mediterranean coast between Marseille and Italy — an emerging winter destination for Europe's wealthy and elite. His book was titled "La Côte d'Azur" and from that time forward, this "short but delicious" route along the Riviera coast of France and Italy would become known as such. English aristocracy began flocking to the area as early as the 18th century for a luxurious respite in what was often referred to as a coastal "garden of Eden." The addition of a railway line in the mid- to late-19th century ensured access to a dazzling enclave

of grand hotels and casinos that are now known collectively as the "Rivieras." Today, these sparkling coastlines famously epitomize a glamorous age that captured the popular imagination in everything from F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel "Tender is the Night" to the 1955 film set in Monaco, "To Catch a Thief" (starring American actress Grace Kelly, who became princess of Monaco!) Experience the best of this captivating region on our exclusive cruise itinerary, which takes you from Barcelona to the coast of Marseille and then on to such iconic Rivieras hot spots as Nice, Monaco, Portofino and Cinque Terre.



## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION



## Barcelona, Spain

**April 19 to 22, 2026** (Program Begins: April 20)

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 and immerse yourself in the Picasso Museum. There will also be time to explore some sites on your own. Accommodations for two nights in the deluxe *Majestic Hotel & Spa*.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,145**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,595**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION



## Rome, Italy

**April 30 to May 2, 2026** (Program Ends: May 2)

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. Accommodations for two nights at the *Westin Excelsior Rome*.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,395**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,095**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- 8 nights aboard *Wind Spirit*, an exclusively chartered sailing yacht.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Complimentary non-premium liquor, house wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages and minibar service throughout the cruise.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program.
- During included excursions, our experienced, English-speaking local guides will teach you about the history, culture and natural splendor of the destination.
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## TERMS **\*The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 8/27/25 and paid in full at booking.**

**These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.**

- Single supplements apply in select categories at 160% of the per person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
- Deposit amount is \$1,500 per person. Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.
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# WIND SPIRIT



The comfortable, intimate *Wind Spirit* offers a unique sailing experience. This small ship is designed to sail from deep seas into ports inaccessible to larger vessels. The *Wind Spirit's* gourmet dining and wide teak deck with unobscured views make this voyage one to remember.

**2026 DEPARTURE DATE | April 21 to 30 | Tour Begins: April 22**

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Special Savings Rate*
B	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. Some rooms have fixed queen beds. 188 sq ft   Deck 1, aft.	\$8,695	<b>\$7,695</b>
BX	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft   Deck 1, mid.	\$9,295	<b>\$8,295</b>
A	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft   Deck 2, aft.	\$9,795	<b>\$8,795</b>
AX	Stateroom with ocean view via two side-by-side portholes; shower. 188 sq ft   Deck 2, mid.	\$10,395	<b>\$9,395</b>
OS	Suite with ocean view via four portholes; fixed queen bed; sitting/dining area; shower. 220 sq ft   Deck 1, aft.	\$12,895	<b>\$11,895</b>

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.

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes

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- Wi-Fi/Internet
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- Travel Director(s)

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