

GOLDEN NEST EXPERIENCES

CURATED LUXURY TRAVEL

"La vie est belle sans bruit"

Italian Shoreline Sanctuary

A 12-Day Private Cruise & Sanctuary Experience

FLORENCE • TUSCANY • CORSICA • SARDINIA • SICILY • PUGLIA • VENICE

SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

THE VOYAGE CONCEPT

Experience the timeless shores of Italy through a lens of absolute tranquility and refined leisure. Tailored exclusively under the **Golden Nest Experiences** standards, this 12-day coastal cruise navigates the quiet, deeply historical waters of the Ligurian, Tyrrhenian, and Adriatic Seas.

Bypassing the crowded pathways of standard tourism, your voyage is anchored by a high-end, low-capacity explorer ship. This smaller footprint allows for seamless, stress-free transitions into smaller hidden coves and boutique historic ports that larger vessels simply cannot access. Unpack once and awaken each morning to a new watercolor horizon of Tuscan vineyards, dramatic Corsican cliffs, or Baroque Sicilian plazas.

The GNE Touch: Your journey begins in Florence with a two-night private suite experience at the iconic, historic hotel, *The Excelsior*, looking out over the Arno River. Every moment on and off the vessel is tailored to honor our core philosophy: *La vie est belle sans bruit*.

THE VESSEL: LE DUMONT D'URVILLE

A sleek, state-of-the-art explorer vessel designed for an intimate, upscale community. Capped at just **148 guests max**, the ship offers the privacy of a mega-yacht paired with the security and effortless elegance of elite cruise operations.

SHIP CAPACITY	Maximum of 148 Guests (Exclusive, low-noise environment)
PRE-CRUISE STAY	2 Nights at The Excelsior, Florence (River-View Suites)
SERVICE STYLE	Intuitive French-luxe hospitality, private outdoor pool, and scenic lounges

THE SHORELINE ITINERARY

DAYS 1 - 2: Florence, Italy

Arrive in Florence and transition smoothly to your elegant suite at *The Excelsior*. Spend your days savoring private, slow-paced art viewings or sipping vintage Chianti along the Arno River, far from the tourist rush.

DAY 3: Livorno & Tuscany

Embark on your luxury explorer vessel. Spend the afternoon exploring the sweeping Tuscan countryside, visiting private estate vineyards, or wandering the quiet canals of Livorno's historic quarter.

DAY 4: Bonifacio, Corsica (France)

Approach a jaw-dropping landscape as the ship slips into Bonifacio's natural harbor, tucked inside towering white limestone cliffs. Enjoy a slow walk through the ancient, sun-warmed citadel paths.

DAY 5: Cagliari, Sardinia (Italy)

Wander through Sardinia's capital, where medieval stone walls stand guard over quiet, pastel-colored alleyways. Discover pristine, white-sand beaches or take in the sweeping hilltop views in serene solitude.

DAY 6: Syracuse, Sicily

Step onto Ortigia Island, the historic heart of Syracuse. Known for its gorgeous Baroque piazzas, ancient Greek temples, and a slow coastal pace that encourages you to simply watch the afternoon go by.

DAY 7: At Sea • Mediterranean Stillness

A dedicated day to embrace the rhythm of the sea. Lounge on deck with a cool breeze, enjoy personalized wellness therapies, or dine on hand-crafted regional specialties as we cruise the southern coast.

DAY 8: Bari, Puglia

The gateway to the sun-soaked, olive-rich heel of Italy. Explore the winding stone lanes of Bari Vecchia, watching local nonnas hand-roll fresh orecchiette pasta on wooden tables outside their doors.

DAY 9: Ancona, Italy

Set along the dramatic Conero Riviera, this quiet port town offers stunning dramatic cliffs, private, hidden sandy beaches, and incredible Romanesque architecture without the typical crowds.

DAYS 10 - 12: Venice, Italy

The ultimate floating finale. The smaller size of your vessel allows for a breathtaking entry into the Venetian lagoon. Spend your final days sliding through quiet back-canal gondola routes, enjoying private tastings of Venetian Cicchetti, and concluding your escape with a seamless, private water-taxi transfer to the airport.

GNE Tailored Options: Because this is a boutique 148-guest sailing, GNE guests can opt for a seamless, private post-cruise extension in Venice, including a private boat tour of the Murano glass archives or a private dinner overlooking the Grand Canal from a quiet, historic palazzo.