



Dear Guest,

It’s time to start thinking about our “Mediterranean Mosaic” cruise aboard the Royal Clipper, July 8th - 22nd, 2017. We have put together an information packet for you with important facts about the upcoming cruise. Please read the information thoroughly. It was compiled in advance for your convenience to help with planning your vacation and although we do not anticipate any changes, some areas may be subject to change as departure nears.

<u>Day</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
Sat, July 8,2017	CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)	3:00 PM*	8:00 PM
Sun, July 9,2017	PORTOFERRAIO, ITALY	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Mon, July 10,2017	LERICI (Cinque Terre)	9:00 AM	7:00 PM
Tue, July 11,2017	CANNES, FRANCE	10:00 AM	8:00 PM
Wed, July 12,2017	ST. TROPEZ (BEACH)	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
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Thu, July 13,2017	AT SEA		
Fri, July 14,2017	BARCELONA, SPAIN	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
Sat, July 15,2017	VALENCIA, SPAIN	11:00 AM	MIDNIGHT
Sun, July 16,2017	ALICANTE, SPAIN	9:00 AM	11:00 PM
Mon, July 17,2017	IBIZA, SPAIN	8:00 AM	Overnight
Tue, July 18,2017	IBIZA, SPAIN		7:00 AM
Wed, July 19,2017	ALGHERO, SARDINIA	1:00 PM	10:00 PM
Thu, July 20,2017	BONIFACIO, CORSICA	8:00 AM	11:30 PM
Fri, July 21,2017	AT SEA		
Sat, July 22,2017	CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)	8:00 AM**	

* Embarkation

** Debarkation

The above itinerary is subject to wind and weather conditions and may be changed without notice at the sole discretion of the Captain.



General Information

Document Requirements

A valid Passport is required for travel. Check your passport expiration date carefully. If it is not valid 6 months after your return date, you will need to renew your passport. Please have this taken care of now rather than later.

Every passenger is to be in the possession of a valid passport (copies do not count) and comply with the visa requirements applicable to their citizenship for travel to any of the countries visited on the cruise itinerary. Any guest without proper documentation will not be allowed to board the vessel and no refund of the cruise fare will be issued. Bare Necessities assumes no responsibility for advising guests of immigration requirements.

Non U.S. citizens should contact the nearest representative embassy or consulate for current passport and/or visa requirements for your entire itinerary.

Travel Documents (E-Docs)

You will receive your travel documents via email approximately 30 days prior to sailing. If you plan to be away at this time, please let us know and we will make arrangements for your documents to be picked up at the pier. **Please note that passengers first and last name on the travel documents must be exactly as they appear on their passport (it is not necessary to match middle names).**

Shore Excursions

A list of shore excursions will be provided with your cruise documents. All shore excursions are available for purchase onboard starting on embarkation day.

Getting There

When reserving your flight, please keep in mind the time and date difference when traveling overseas. Bare Necessities always suggests arriving a day early so you are well rested and free of any travel delays.

The closest airport to the port is **Leonardo Da Vinci - Fiumicino International Airport (FCO)**.

We highly recommend taking advantage of the transfers offered by Star Clipper Cruise Line, as this is the easiest way to reach the Ship.



Star Clipper Transfers:

Guests have the option to purchase transfers from the Hilton Rome Airport Hotel to the port in Civitavecchia. These transfers will be available for purchase from Star Clipper closer to the cruise. Rates are estimated at \$72 per person. There will also be transfers available for purchase from the Ship to airport on July 22nd (shared coach) estimated at \$34.00 per person. Passengers will be able to purchase these transfers on board the ship. We will notify all passengers once of the confirmed rates once they become available for purchase. Prices given are from 2016 rates and are subject to change.

All registered passengers must meet at the Hilton Rome Airport Hotel meeting room 30 minutes prior to departure of the buses headed to the port of Civitavecchia. **Departure is at 2:00 PM** sharp.

After passing through immigration at Leonardo Da Vinci - Fiumicino International Airport, passengers can proceed to the Baggage claim area. Once baggage has been claimed, pass through Customs and then proceed to Terminal B. It will take you towards the Hilton Rome Airport Hotel located within the airport. There is direct access to the Hilton via a covered overpass with moving walkways (10 to 15 minutes), just follow the Hilton Airport signs.

Passengers wanting a room at the Hilton Rome Airport Hotel should check with the hotel in advance. This hotel is highly recommended as there is a shuttle that can take you to downtown Rome to see the sights plus it's convenient, quiet and safe.

Hilton Rome Airport

Address: Via Arturo Ferrarin, 2, 00054 Fiumicino RM, Italy

Phone: +39 06 65258

<http://www.hilton.com/Rome-Airport>

Alternatives to Star Clipper Transfers

If you choose to not take advantage of the Star Clipper Transfers, you are responsible for arriving at the Port on your own. Here are some suggestions for your transportation to the Port.

By Train:

This option is inexpensive but requires more time. **There are NO direct train services between Civitavecchia Port and Airport.** This transfer is divided in two sections:



- 1) There is a train between the Fiumicino Airport and Rome – take a regional train from Fiumicino station and stop either at Roma Trastevere or Roma Ostiense, and then take a regional train to Civitavecchia.
- 2) There is a train between Rome and Civitavecchia – use the Leonardo Express train that takes you straight to Roma Termini, and then take a train from Roma Termini to Civitavecchia.

The second option will cut on both travel time and cost. Note that regional trains stop at all of these stations in Rome (Trastevere, Ostiense and Termini). Reverse the instructions when going from Civitavecchia to Leonardo Da Vinci - Fiumicino International Airport.

NOTE: This whole transfer could take a long time and it involves a lot of hustling around with luggage including going up and down several flights of steps at train stations.

- **Price:** estimated at € 24 round trip per person
- **Travel Time:** could take 2 or more hours.

By Taxi

Finding a taxi at the airport will not be a problem, and your hotel should also be able to assist you in calling one.

- **Travel Time:** < 1 hour (depending on traffic)
- **Price** is calculated by the meter, number of travelers and luggage, so it will change according to traffic. The tariff is not fixed and could cost approximately €150 or more.

By Private Transfer

There are many companies that offer private transfers from the airport to the Port of Civitavecchia, which can be found by searching online. This could end up to be a less expensive alternative to a taxi, as rates are fixed. Here are just a few, but please make sure to do your own research to see what fits your travel best.

www.welcomepickups.com
<http://www.romelimo.cab>
www.viator.com



Embarkation

The Royal Clipper will be docked at the port of Civitavecchia alongside usually in the vicinity of pier # 11, 12, 13 or 14. The exact pier number is not confirmed until a few days prior to sailing. The port is industrial and quite large. The ship is not within walking distance from the port entrance. The port to Leonardo da Vinci Airport is approximately 40 miles, and approximately 54 miles to the center of Rome.

Embarkation is scheduled to begin at **3:00 PM**, and we kindly request all guests to be on board no later than **7:00 PM**. **The ship sailing time is 8:00 PM, on July 8th, 2017.**

Disembarkation

The Royal Clipper will disembark on July 22nd, 2017 beginning at 8:00 AM at the port of Civitavecchia. Disembarkation procedures will begin at approximately 8:00AM once local Immigration and customs officials have cleared the ship. We suggest you book your flight out of Rome **no earlier than 2:00 PM**. Better yet, stay a few days and take some time to experience everything Rome has to offer.

Shipboard Account and Currency On Board

Although your journey includes all meals aboard the Royal Clipper, you will need money for such items as gifts, spa services, refreshments, laundry, and any personal items. All items/services purchased on board will be charged to your shipboard account that you set up at the time of sailing with a major credit card. This will serve as your room key (except for a limited selection cabins with physical keys), and will also represent your personal identification card used to charge services and products provided on board the ship. Each account can be settled in cash, traveler's checks or credit card on the final day of the cruise.

The following credit cards are accepted: Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Personal checks and Discover are not accepted on board. **Please note that the currency used on board the ship is in Euros (€).**

For safety and convenience, you may choose to carry Traveler's Checks. It is also a good idea to bring along Euros in smaller bills for miscellaneous use when only a small amount of currency is needed. Cash machines are available at the airport and throughout the city, and usually offer the best exchange rates.

NOTE: As of September 13, 2016, the exchange rate* is 1 € = \$1.12 US
**Please note that exchange rates fluctuate and will likely change before the cruise.*



Personal Funds and Credit Cards

American Express, Visa and MasterCard are accepted at most major hotels, shops and restaurants, as well as on board the ship. ATM machines are a good source for obtaining foreign currency. When traveling abroad, it is often a good idea to telephone your credit card companies in advance of departure and inform them of your travel plans. Doing so may prevent your card from being “tagged” as stolen and may prevent inconveniences.

Luggage

All luggage must be securely packed and clearly labeled with passenger’s full name, ship’s name, cabin number and date of sailing. We recommend that travel documents (cruise tickets, passport and visa), valuables, medication and hand luggage are all hand carried. Neither Star Clippers, Ltd., nor Star Clippers Americas, nor Bare Necessities are responsible for any loss, theft or damage to passenger’s luggage or personal property.

Please contact your air carrier(s) directly to determine their particular specifications, weight limits and/or fees for luggage.

Alcoholic Beverages

Guests are prohibited from bringing alcoholic beverages for consumption on board the ship. Alcoholic beverages purchased in ports of call will be retained and returned at the end of the voyage.

Important Health Information

As on any seagoing vessel, some marked motion may be anticipated in certain areas dependent upon the weather, season, etc. It is recommended that passengers bring anti-motion sickness medication just in case, even if you have never experienced motion sickness in the past. Please consult your physician should you have any questions as to what would be most appropriate for you. A qualified physician or registered nurse is either on staff or is available from shore. In addition, the ship’s officers are qualified in administering first aid. Any applicable fees for medical services rendered on board will be charged to your account and presented for settlement at the end of the cruise



What to Pack

The ship will be clothing-optional in all areas except the dining room, where clothing is required. Shorts and T-shirts are perfectly acceptable dining room attire. The only other times that clothing will be required is when customs officials board the ship or if we are docked alongside in port in view of land or other vessels. Further suggestions for clothes to bring include casual dresses or skirt/slacks ensembles for women, khakis/slacks and open-collared shirts for men. The degree of dress is of course, in accordance with your personal preferences.

Every passenger is encouraged to bring sunscreen, brimmed hats, sun glasses, swim suits for land excursions reef-walking shoes, bug repellent and any prescription medicine authorized by your physician. When on shore, the climate calls for casual and comfortable clothing. Pack loose-fitting, natural fabrics, plenty of shorts and comfortable footwear.

Valuables

Star Clippers and Bare Necessities are not responsible for loss or theft of jewelry, cash or other valuables. Each room has a safe. We encourage you to make use of this amenity.

Phone Service

A telephone is provided in each cabin. The cost for outgoing and incoming phone calls is €4 per minute. All calls will be billed to the passengers on board account.

Your cell phone may not provide you with international service. Please check with your cell phone provider if you are unsure or wish to obtain international cell phone service.

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you on board by calling Star Clippers office in Miami, FL at 305.773.354. They must provide your full name and cabin number. Passengers contacted from shore via fax will be charged on board.



Internet Service

Passengers can purchase an Internet card on board the ship. Service is dependent upon satellite signal (location and weather). You may receive e-mails on board through the Purser’s Office; they will be printed and delivered to your cabin at a nominal charge. WIFI is available in the Library, Tropical Bar and Piano Bar.

If you need to stay in touch with family and loved ones, they may send an email to the Royal Clipper at the following address: rcpax@star-clippers.net

Electrical Voltage/Equipment

Royal Clippers electrical output is 220 volts (European Current). Hair dryers are provided in your cabin, for your convenience. Adapters may be necessary for on board the ship, as well as time spent in hotels, if you plan to bring electrical appliances with you.

Laundry

Laundry services are available at an additional cost and may be arranged through your room steward. Dry Cleaning is also available for a nominal fee.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not allowed at any time in any of the interior areas of the ship, including the dining room, observation lounge, piano bar, staterooms and even balconies. Smoking is permitted only on the outside decks (Starboard only).

Special Needs

Special Needs-Facilities may not be available for the disabled traveler. The Royal Clipper does not have elevators. If you have special needs, please contact us immediately.

Gratuities and Tipping

Gratuities are \$150 US per passenger. Gratuities will be charged directly by Star Clippers to each passenger’s on board account at the end of the voyage.

Reminder: *All onboard charges are in Euros (€).*



“Mediterranean Mosaic” Cruise Information
Bare Necessities Tour & Travel

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for our “Mediterranean Mosaic” cruise. We are looking forward to experiencing everything the Mediterranean has to offer.

Should you have any questions, or if we may assist you in preparing for departure, please do not hesitate to contact us at Monday through Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM Central Time at 800.743.0405 or 512.499.0405.

Yours Naturally,

The Staff of Bare Necessities Tour & Travel