



CRUISE PORTS MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE

A GUIDE TO PERFECT DAYS ON SHORE

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Welcome to Mediterranean Europe

Part history tour, part beach vacation, part culinary odyssey, this region offers a veritable feast for every traveller, whether in world-class cities or zipping around tiny islands.

Sailing the Mediterranean for trade and conquest was a rite of passage for every civilisation that rose to prominence in the Mediterranean Basin, from ancient Persians and Minoans to the Greeks and Phoenicians. As you tour Malta's 5000-year-old Tarxien Temples, climb up to Athens' 2500-year-old Acropolis or pretend to be a gladiator at Rome's relatively young 2050-year-old Colosseum, you can't help but feel part of that antiquity.

For many holidaymakers the Mediterranean's main appeal is the promise of summer sun and long, lazy days on the beach. While not all visitors head straight for the coast, many do – and with good reason. The Mediterranean's beaches are superb, ranging from idyllic Sardinian hideaways to rocky platforms on Croatia's craggy Dalmatian coast.

Eating well is one of the great pleasures of everyday life on the Med, and it doesn't have to cost a bomb. Picnicking on a loaf of freshly baked bread with cheese and olives and a bottle of wine bought from the local market could well turn out to be a holiday highlight. For dedicated foodies, France and Italy are the obvious destinations, but each country has its own culinary specialities – think tapas in Spain, kebabs in Turkey, souvlaki in Greece. And for wine buffs, the Mediterranean cellar is really quite something, with everything from world-famous vintages to thousands of cheerful local labels.

Ancient ruins, legendary cities and sun-kissed beaches – Mediterranean Europe is a visual and sensual feast. Visit once and you'll be hooked for life.

*A veritable feast for travellers,
whether in world-class cities
or zipping around tiny islands.*



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Symbols & Map Key
















Look for these symbols to quickly identify listings:

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Sights |  Eating |
|  Activities |  Drinking |
|  Courses |  Entertainment |
|  Tours |  Shopping |
|  Festivals & Events |  Information & Transport |




These symbols and abbreviations give vital information for each listing:

 Sustainable or green recommendation

















FREE No payment required

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Telephone number |  Bus |
|  Opening hours |  Ferry |
|  Parking |  Tram |
|  Nonsmoking |  Train |
|  Air-conditioning |  English-language menu |
|  Internet access |  Vegetarian selection |
|  Wi-fi access |  Family-friendly |
|  Swimming pool | |




















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|---|---|
|  Art & Culture |  History |
|  Beaches |  Local Life |
|  Budget |  Nature & Wildlife |
|  Cafe/Coffee |  Photo Op |
|  Cycling |  Scenery |
|  Detour |  Shopping |
|  Drinking |  Short Trip |
|  Entertainment |  Sport |
|  Events |  Walking |
|  Family Travel |  Winter Travel |
|  Food & Drink | |











Sights

-  Beach
-  Bird Sanctuary
-  Buddhist
-  Castle/Palace
-  Christian
-  Confucian
-  Hindu
-  Islamic
-  Jain
-  Jewish
-  Monument
-  Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
-  Ruin
-  Shinto
-  Sikh
-  Taoist
-  Winery/Vineyard
-  Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
-  Other Sight












Points of Interest

-  Bodysurfing
-  Camping
-  Cafe
-  Canoeing/Kayaking
-  Course/Tour
-  Diving
-  Drinking & Nightlife
-  Eating
-  Entertainment
-  Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
-  Shopping
-  Skiing
-  Sleeping
-  Snorkelling
-  Surfing
-  Swimming/Pool
-  Walking
-  Windsurfing
-  Other Activity



















Information

-  Bank
-  Embassy/Consulate
-  Hospital/Medical
-  Internet
-  Police
-  Post Office
-  Telephone
-  Toilet
-  Tourist Information
-  Other Information

Geographic

-  Beach
-  Gate
-  Hut/Shelter
-  Lighthouse
-  Lookout
-  Mountain/Volcano
-  Oasis
-  Park
-  Pass
-  Picnic Area
-  Waterfall

Transport

-  Airport
-  BART station
-  Border crossing
-  Boston T station
-  Bus
-  Cable car/Funicular
-  Cycling
-  Ferry
-  Metro/MRT station
-  Monorail
-  Parking
-  Petrol station
-  Subway/S-Bahn/Skytrain station
-  Taxi
-  Train station/Railway
-  Tram
-  Underground/U-Bahn station
-  Other Transport

Hugh McNaughtan

A former English lecturer, Hugh swapped grant applications for visa applications, and turned his love of travel into a full-time thing. Having done a bit of restaurant-reviewing in his home town of Melbourne, he's now eaten his way across four continents. He's never happier than when on the road with his two daughters. Except perhaps on the cricket field

Kate Morgan

Having worked for Lonely Planet for over a decade now, Kate has been fortunate enough to cover plenty of ground working as a travel writer on destinations such as Shanghai, Japan, India, Russia, Zimbabwe, the Philippines and Phuket. She has done stints living in London, Paris and Osaka but these days is based in one of her favourite regions in the world – Victoria, Australia. In between travelling the world and writing about it, Kate enjoys spending time at home working as a freelance editor.

Kevin Raub

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Born and raised in the UK, Brendan spent the holidays of his youth caravanning in the English Lake District and didn't leave Blighty until he was 19.

Making up for lost time, he's since squeezed 70 countries into a sometimes precarious existence as a writer and professional vagabond. His rocking chair memories will probably include staging a performance of 'A Comedy of Errors' at a school in war-torn Angola, running 150 miles across the Sahara Desert in the Marathon des Sables, and hitchhiking from Cape Town to Kilimanjaro with an early, dog-eared copy of Lonely Planet's *Africa on a Shoestring*. In the last 11 years, he has written over 40 books for Lonely Planet from Castro's Cuba to the canyons of Peru. When not scribbling research notes, Brendan likes partaking in ridiculous 'endurance' races, strumming old Clash songs on the guitar, and experiencing the pain and occasional pleasures of following Southampton Football Club.

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Regis grew up in a small town in the American Midwest – the kind of place that fuels big dreams of travel – and he developed an early fascination with foreign dialects and world cultures. He spent his formative years learning Russian and a handful of Romance languages, which served him well on journeys across much of the globe. Regis has contributed to more than 50 Lonely Planet titles, covering destinations across six continents. His travels have taken him from the mountains of Kamchatka to remote island villages in Melanesia, and to many grand urban landscapes. When not on the road, he lives in New Orleans.

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Originally from the Soviet Union, Anna grew up in Cambridge, UK. She graduated from the University of Warwick with a degree in Comparative American Studies, a background in the history, culture and literature of the Americas and the Caribbean, and an enduring love of Latin America. Her restless wanderings led her to settle briefly in Oaxaca and Bangkok and her flirtation with criminal law saw her volunteering as a lawyer's assistant in the courts, ghettos and prisons of Kingston, Jamaica. She has contributed to almost 30 Lonely Planet titles. When not on the road, Anna calls London home.

Catherine Le Nevez

Catherine's wanderlust kicked in when she roadtripped across Europe from her Parisian base aged four, and she's been hitting the road at every opportunity since. She's travelled to some 60 countries to date, completing her Doctorate of Creative Arts in Writing, Masters in Professional Writing, and Postgraduate qualifications in Editing and Publishing along the way. Over the past 15 years she's written scores of Lonely Planet guides and articles covering Paris, France, Europe and far beyond. Her work has also appeared in numerous online and print publications. Topping Catherine's list of travel tips is to travel without any expectations.



Our Story

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Franklin, London, Melbourne, Oakland, Dublin, Beijing and Delhi, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.



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