

# 2019



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15 days from **\$7995**

Limited to 20 guests

Join Rudy Maxa on a Grand Voyage starting in Lisbon, Portugal, fly to Barcelona, visit Provence and Cote d'Azur, Monaco, to Italy and Portofino, Cinque Terre, Pisa, Florence and Orvieto and end up in the eternal city, Rome.

## DATES AND PRICES

September 1st to September 15th: **\$8195**

September 15th to September 29th: **\$7995**

Prices are based on double occupancy.  
Single Supplement: **\$1999**

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## The Rudy Maxa Difference

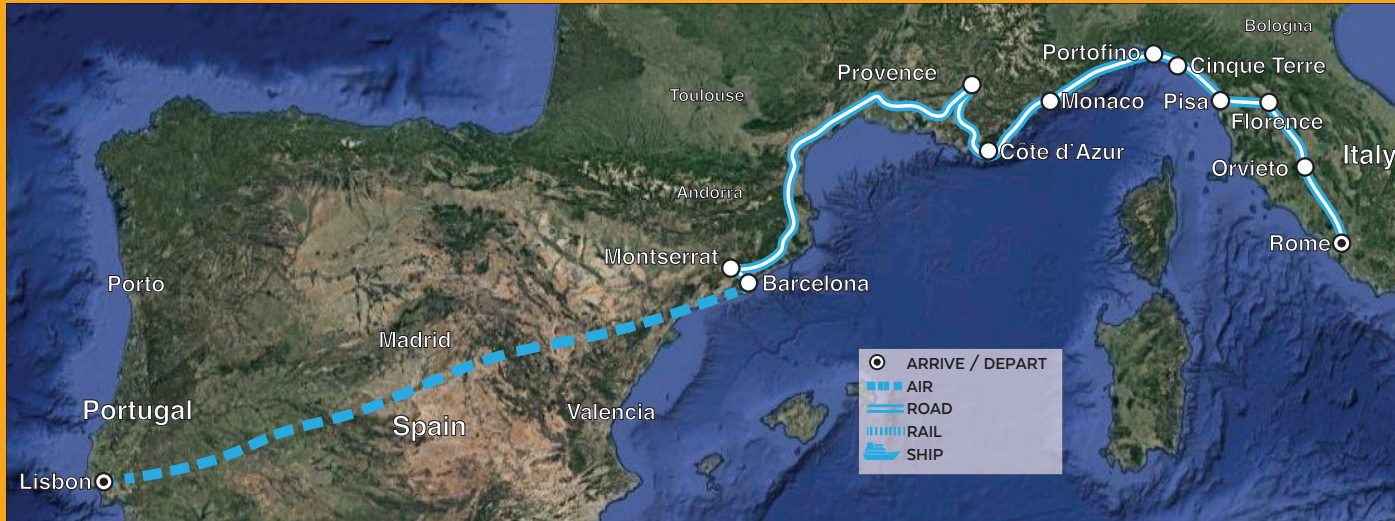
### What's included in Rudy Maxa's Tours:

- Welcome package with luggage tags, tour information, and a personal gift from Rudy Maxa
- An exclusive experience with a small group (maximum of 20 guests)
- Rudy Maxa's Expert team lead by his Group Director will make your trip carefree, seamless, and magical. In addition to the team traveling with you, known and approved local guide hosts with extensive knowledge about their home town will be showing you around.
- Your choice – freedom to choose from multiple excursions and programs
- All tours, admissions, and entertainment.
- Airport arrival meet and greet with transportation to the first host hotel
- Upscale, handpicked hotels inspected and approved by Rudy Maxa's team
- All meals, including an upscale restaurant for dinner every night inspected and approved by Rudy Maxa's team
- Luggage Butler Service – Leave your bags in your hotel room in the morning and find them waiting in your room at your next hotel.
- Transportation between cities in smaller luxury vehicles, high speed trains, or by air.
- All gratuities

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# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: ARRIVE LISBON, PORTUGAL

Arrive in Lisbon where you'll be met at the airport by Rudy Maxa's concierge service and whisked to your hotel. There will be a welcome briefing before dinner.

Penha Longa Resort - A Ritz Carlton Hotel 5\* | Meals: Welcome dinner hosted by Rudy Maxa.

## DAY 2: LISBON - CHOOSE ONE

**Tour 1:** After an early breakfast, you'll be driven out to the Cabo da Roca lighthouse, the westernmost cape of mainland Europe to watch the fantastic sunrise. On your way to the next stop Sintra, you'll stop at a local bakery for a warm and fresh Pasteis de Nata. You'll visit the Palace of Pena and the National Palace of Sintra. After lunch, you'll continue visiting the array of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with a visit to Palace of Monserrate, the Moorish Castle and the Convent of Capuchos

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**Tour 3:** Explore the Sintra and Lisbon area on your own. A luxury car or convertible will be at your disposal for the day

Penha Longa Resort - A Ritz Carlton Hotel 5\* | Meals: Il Mercato

## DAY 3: LISBON AND FLY TO BARCELONA

**Tour 1:** You'll leave your luxury resort to explore all the top sites in Lisbon. You'll ride the famous Tram 28, visit the Pantheon, St. George's Castle, Belém Tower, Jeronimos Monastery and more. You'll also check out the Pastei de Belém to see if the famous bakery beats the pastries you sampled in the countryside. Transportation to the airport will be provided for a 7PM flight to Barcelona.

**Tour 2:** Explore Lisbon on your own. Equipped with the Lisboa Card that gives free access to dozens of attractions and free public transportation, get to know this fantastic city. Transportation will be provided to the airport for a 7PM flight to Barcelona.

The Edition Barcelona, Renaissance Barcelona, or W Hotel Barcelona 5\* | Meals: Breakfast and lunch. Dinner at The Roof

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## DAY 4: BARCELONA – CHOOSE ONE

**Tour 1:** Get to know Barcelona with visits to Gaudi's Casa Mila and Basa Batilo before heading to Placa de Catalunya, Las Ramblas. After lunch, you'll visit Camp Nou and end your day at the most famous landmark in Barcelona, Park Güell. After a break at the hotel, enjoy dinner and a colorful Flamenco show at Tablao Flamenco Cordobes.

**Tour 2:** Get to know Barcelona with visits to Gaudi's Casa Mila and Basa Batilo before heading to Park Güell. After lunch, you'll visit some of Barcelona's famous markets and the shopping districts, including Las Ramblas. After a break at the hotel, enjoy dinner and a colorful Flamenco show at Tablao Flamenco Cordobes.

**Tour 3:** Explore Barcelona on your own. Equipped with the Barcelona Card that gives free access to dozens of attractions and free public transportation, get to know this fantastic city. After a break at the hotel, enjoy dinner and a colorful Flamenco show at Tablao Flamenco Cordobes.

The Edition Barcelona, Renaissance Barcelona, or W Hotel Barcelona 5\* | Meals: Breakfast and lunch.

## DAY 5: FROM BARCELONA VIA MONTSERRAT TO PROVENCE

After an early breakfast, you'll head out to magical Montserrat to explore before crossing the border in to France and arriving in the evening to Avignon in Provence.

Auberge de Cassagne & Spa\* | Meals: Breakfast and lunch. Dinner at Restaurant Gastronomique de l'Auberge de Cassagne

## DAY 6: PROVENCE – CHOOSE ONE

**Tour 1:** Start the morning with a visit to Pope's Palace in Avignon before heading to the Chateauneuf-du-Pape wine district and Chateau de Vaudieu Vineyard. Next stop is Senanque

Abbey in Gordes before, then on to Aix-en-Provence before arriving in Antibes.

**Tour 2:** The morning starts with a visit to Avignons broken bridge, the Rue des Teinturiers water wheels before heading to Pont du Gards aqueduct. The journey continues to the coast with a leisurely stop in ritzy St. Tropez before arriving in Antibes.

AC Hotel Ambassadeur Antibes 4\* | Meals: Breakfast and lunch. Dinner at Chez Lulu





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## DAY 7: COTE D'AZUR – CHOOSE ONE

**Tour 1:** Start your morning by visiting the castle where Picasso lived and worked, continue to Nice where we visit the Marc Chagall national museum. After, the windy roads take us up to magical Eze for a visit and lunch with a view followed by a visit to Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, a chic early 20th century villa owned by Béatrice de Rothschild. We end the day with a walking tour visit of Antibes.

**Tour 2:** Start the morning with a walking tour of Cannes before heading to Nice to enjoy a visit to Old Town and the medieval market square. As stop at Maison Auer is also a must in Nice. After, the winding roads will take you up to magical Eze.

**Tour 3:** Explore Cote d'Azur on your own with a luxury car provided by Rudy Maxa Tours.  
AC Hotel Ambassadeur Antibes 4\* | Meals: Breakfast and lunch. Dinner at Le Vauban

## DAY 8: MONACO TO PORTOFINO (SANTA MARGHERITA)

The morning starts with a drive to Monaco where you'll tour the famous casino, Prince's Palace, the Cathedral and walk around town. Cross into Italy after lunch and arrive on the Italian Riviera in Santa Margherita Ligure, 5 minutes from Portofino

Hotel Laurin 4\* | Meals: Breakfast and Lunch. Dinner at Ristorante Antonio – Gelato in Portofino after dinner

## DAY 9: PORTOFINO AND CINQUE TERRE

After an early breakfast, you'll start the day off with a trip to Portofino before hopping on the train to visit three of the famed Cinque Terre towns. You'll visit Vernazza, Corniglia and Riomaggiore. You may opt to take one of the most scenic hikes in the world between Vernazza and Corniglia, which takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Arrive into Pisa in the early evening.

Hotel: AC Hotel Pisa 4\* | Meals: Breakfast and Lunch. Dinner at San Domenico Bistrot.

## DAY 10: PISA AND FLORENCE

You may opt to ascend the leaning tower via stairs or simply admire it from terra firma, before visiting Battistero di Pisa, the famous cathedral. Enjoy a chocolate factory tour before heading to Florence after lunch. You'll take a walking tour of Florence and stop in at Vivoli and sample their world famous gelato.

Westin Excelsior Florence or Sina Villa Medici, Autograph Collection 5\* | Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.  
Dinner at Il Latini





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## DAY 11: FLORENCE – CHOOSE ONE AND AN OPERA EVENING IN LUCCA

**Tour 1:** Spend the morning with David at the Galleria dell'Accademia and visit the Leonardo da Vinci museum. After lunch, you'll visit the Uffizi Gallery and the Florence Cathedral before ending the afternoon at the Ponte Vecchio bridge. For the evening, you'll head to Lucca and enjoy a stroll through Puccini's magical hometown. You'll enjoy a concert performance of some of Puccini and Verdi's work in the San Giovanni church followed by dinner.

**Tour 2:** Start the morning with a walking tour across the Ponte Vecchio bridge to the Boboli gardens and visit the Pitti Palace and the Belvedere fort. After lunch, you'll visit the Laurentian Medici library and the Salvatore Ferragamo museum. For the evening, you'll head to Lucca where you'll enjoy a stroll through Puccini's magical hometown. You'll enjoy a concert performance of some of Puccini and Verdi's work in the San Giovanni church followed by dinner.

**Tour 3:** Florence on your own. Florence is walkable. You'll be armed with Museum tickets and see the city on your own.

Westin Excelsior Florence or Sina Villa Medici, Autograph Collection 5\* | Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.  
Dinner at Ristorante Giglio, Lucca

## DAY 12: FLORENCE TO ORVIETO

This morning, take a walking tour of Florence including a stop at Palazzo Vecchio. You'll end your visit to Florence with a visit to the hilltop church of Abbazia di San Miniato al Monte and the adjacent monastery with breathtaking views of Florence. After lunch, you'll head to the town of Orvieto. You'll take a walking tour of this small town perched on a rock cliff with a visit to the Duomo

Hotel Duomo 3\* | Meals: Breakfast and Lunch. Dinner at Vinosus.

## DAY 13: ORVIETO TO ROME

You'll start the morning with the Orvieto Underworld tour, a discovery of the Orvieto secret city. You'll then continue on to Lake Bolsena where you'll enjoy lunch before ending up in Rome in the afternoon. In the early evening, you'll take a stroll to the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and Piazza del Popolo before dining al fresco.

Rome Marriott Grand Hotel Flora 4\* or The Westin Excelsior Rome 5\* | Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.  
Dinner at Le Jardin de Russie





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## DAY 14: ROME – CHOOSE ONE

**Tour 1:** Start the morning at the Vatican where you'll visit the St Peters Square and the Basilica, Sistine Chapel the Vatican museum and the city itself. After lunch, you'll visit ancient Rome and the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Pantheon. In the evening, you'll visit the Catacombe di Priscilla before dinner

**Tour 2:** You'll begin the morning in the old Jewish quarter with a visit to the Synagogue. You'll then cross the river and into the areas where locals hang out. You'll stop at Santa Cecilia, Santa Maria Trastevere before having a neighborhood lunch. After lunch, you'll visit Piazza Navona, Santa Maria Minerva, the Pantheon, San Pietro in Vincoli before ending your day at Santa Prassede. In the evening, you'll visit the Catacombe di Priscilla before dinner

**Tour 3:** Start the morning with a visit to Ostia Antica. Back in Rome, you'll do a Pasta cooking class before doing a Rome foodie walking and sampling tour. In the evening, you'll visit the Catacombe di Priscilla before dinner.

**Tour 4:** Rome on your own. You'll be armed with Museum tickets and see the city on your own.

Rome Marriott Grand Hotel Flora 4\* or The Westin Excelsior Rome 5\*

| Meals: Breakfast and Lunch. Dinner at Da Lucia

## DAY 15:

Last day in Rome. We'll visit Sistine Chapel. Castel Saint'Angelo before we visit Villa Borghese gardens and museum before a farewell lunch at our host hotel.

\* Restaurants and Hotels are subject to change to equal or better

\* Rudy Maxa will personally join all or parts of all journeys in 2019

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