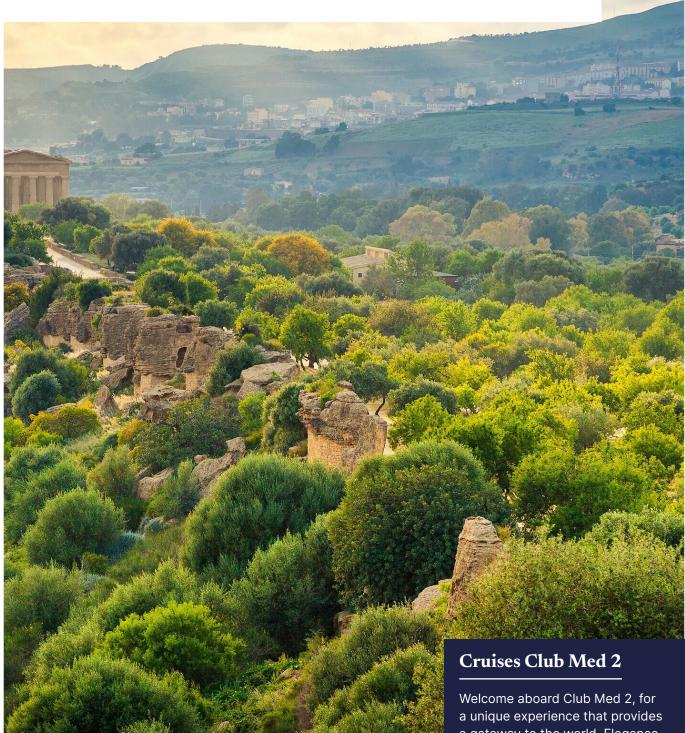


Ideal family cruise

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### Your cruise

Days	Stages	Arrival	Departure	Nautical Hall
1 - Saturday	Palerme		22:00	Closed
2 - Sunday	Trapani	08:00	18:00	Closed
3 - Monday	Porto Empedocle/Agrigente	08:00	18:00	Closed
4 - Tuesday	La Valette	08:00	19:00	Closed
5 - Wednesday	Taormine	08:00	18:00	Open*
6 - Thursday	Salerne	11:00	23:00	Closed
7 - Friday	Sorrente	07:00	18:00	Closed
8 - Saturday	Palerme		22:00	Closed

Day 1: Boarding from 16h to 18h Day 8: Landing from 9h to 11h









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# Itinerary of your cruise

Day 1 - Saturday PALERME	The historic centre holds an irresistible fascination for visitors. The civilisations that helped weave its history have left their mark on the sun-scorched stones and the shady little streets. Boat docked, no water sports and no direct access to a beach. Passengers boarding and disembarking at this port of call.		
Day 2 - Sunday TRAPANI	Trapani, the westernmost province of Sicily and a true architectural gem, proudly bears the traces of the Orient. The small, oriental-style squares rub shoulders with centuries-old churches, and all bordered by vineyards. Boat docked, dive locker closed, no direct access to the beach.		
Day 3 - Monday PORTO EMPEDOCLE/ AGRIGENTE	The best-selling novels of the Sicilian author, Andrea Camilleri, and his detective inspector Montalbano, are intricately linked to Porto Empedocle, a village in the province of Agrigente, to the extent that th municipality wanted to change its name to "Porto Empedocle Vigata", the fictional name of the town in the books. The places imagined by Camilleri come to life as you explore the real life town.		
Day 4 - Tuesday LA VALETTE	Its deep natural port gave Malta its status as the crossroads of the Mediterranean, and a history that goes back to the dawn of humanity. Mystical and cultural, its blend of styles preserves its fascination intact. Ship docked.		
Day 5 - Wednesday TAORMINE	Perched on Mount Tauro, the town seems to gaze out over the magnificent bays and the majestic Mount Etna. It boasts a fascinating historical heritage including the ancient Greco-Roman theatre. Boats at anchor, water sports.		
Day 6 - Thursday SALERNE	Strung out along the Gulf of Salerno, it is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities on the Amalfi coast. The mediaeval part of the city is dominated by a castle and has a fascinating history to be explored, dating back to antiquity. Boat at anchor, water sports available, no direct access a beach.		
Day 7 - Friday SORRENTE	Dazzlingly beautiful, from a strategic position dominating the coast, unique views of vineyards and terraced gardens of citrus trees along the jagge Bay of Naples. Ship docked, no water sports and no direct access to a beach.		
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Visit the historic heart of the city that transpire, on its own, the history of all Sicily. You will visit in the company of your guide the essential buildings such as the cathedral or the baroque church of Gesu and will go to admire the most prestigious buildings, such as the Pretoria fountain and the quattro quanti.

Day 2 - Sunday TRAPANI - SELINUNTE (1/2 day - morning)\* Spend a morning in Selinunte Archaeological Park, between the green hills and the dark blue sea, and dive into the island's tempestuous history. Founded in 650 BC by the Greeks and chosen for its proximity to the sea and its fertile soil, it was destroyed by the Carthaginians under Hannibal. Selinute's magnificent monuments and their breathtaking natural surroundings will etch themselves into your memory.

Day 2 - Sunday TRAPANI - ERICE AND TRAPANI (1/2 day, morning)\*

Visit the little medieval village of Erice, built like a lookout post 752 metres above sea level.

Known for its many churches and historic Porta Trapani, Erice is also famous for its special almond biscuits.

The tour continues on to Trapani, a little seaside town founded by the Phoenicians that became a maritime hub during the Arab era.

Day 3 - Monday PORTO EMPEDOCLE / THE VALLEY OF TEMPLES (1/2 day, morning)\* The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997 and is the most important evidence we now have about life in Classical Greece. The stunning archaeological remains of the period have drawn numerous famous visitors across the centuries, from Ariosto to Goethe. Maupassant to Pirandello.

You too will have your breath taken away by the Temple of Juno Lacinia. The sheer size of the imposing and remarkably well-preserved Temple of Concordia will make a big impression, as will its harmonious proportions.

Then you will head to the Temple of Hercules, the city's hero, and the Temple of Zeus, built to thank the deity for the victory over the Carthaginians at Himera.

Day 4 - Tuesday LA VALETTE ET SES MERVEILLES Fortified by the Knights Hospitalier, then transformed into a baroque masterpiece with churches, palaces and museums, La Valette encapsulates Malta's history and artistic heritage. Your trip begins with the Upper Barrakka Gardens, which offer outstanding views of the Grand Harbour and Three Cities. Then see the Grandmaster's Palace, where the richly decorated interior shows the power and prestige of the Knights of St John. At the end of the trip, enjoy some free time to wander the streets of this charming town. (St John's Cathedral is closed on Saturdays afternoon and sundays.)

Day 5 - Wednesday GIARDINI NAXOS / ETNA AND TAORMINA (1 day lunch not included)\* You'll drive through Giardini Naxos, founded by the Greeks in the 8th centuury BC, before going on to Etna. From the slopes of the famous volcano you'll have a wonderful view over the Gulf of Catania.

You can admire the profusion of plants that thrive on the slopes of the volcano (vines, orchids, etc) before going on to Taormina, where you'll be free to enjoy lunch and stroll at your own pace.

Day 5 - Wednesday GIARDINI NAXOS / IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GODFATHER FILM\* You will take the coastal road to reach Savoca, a village saddled between two hills. Its scenic beauty and its historical and artistic heritage make it one of the most attractive – although unknown – places around Taormina. You will end up in the village of Forza d'Agro a charming little village where in 1990 Al Pacino and Sophia Coppola came here when they shot some scenes for the movie "The Godfather III". Walking with stairs – traffic/road restrictions, limited participation.

Day 5 - Wednesday GIARDINI NAXOS / THE WONDERS OF ETNA (1/2 day, afternoon)\* 1/2 day. Bus, truck and visit on foot

Europe's highest volcano (3,323 m) has an impressive record: over 140 full-scale eruptions, and every year new volcanic activity disrupts the physionomy of the terrain. The picturesque route via Naxos will take you to the first crater, where you can admire some amazing scenery. You'll continue with the funicular railway and 4×4 trucks to discover the lunar decor of the craters at 2,900 m. The excursion ends with a walk to see the most recent lava flows. High altitude tour not recommended for people with heart or respiratory failure.

Day 5 - Wednesday GIARDINI NAXOS / TAORMINA AND ITS THEATER (1/2 day, morning)\*

Immerse yourself in a Greek tragedy at Taormina's Ancient Theater (Teatro Antico di Taormina), carved into the rocks of Mount Tauro, and enjoy sweeping views of the Ionian coast and Mount Etna. You will visit with your guide the city of Taormina and its theatre. Bus & walking tour

Day 6 - Thursday SALERNE / PAESTUM (1/2 day, morning)\* Paestum was founded in 600 BC by Greeks from Sybaris, a Greek city in Calabria. They named it Poseidon in honour of the Greek god of the sea. In 273 BC the Romans took the city and re-named it Paestum. Around the 9th century, after numerous attacks by the Saracens, Paestum was abandoned. The city was forgotten and gradually submerged, until the King of Naples discovered three remarkably preserved temples during work on the city's infrastructure in the 17th century. They are the three most remarkable examples of Greek temples in Italy.

Day 6 - Thursday SALERNE / POMPEI (1/2 journée-matin)\* In 79 AD, the greatest natural disaster of antiquity froze for ever one of the most flourishing cities of the Roman world. Literally petrified by the eruption of Vesuvius, it reveals itself as a priceless witness to the splendour of an era and the customs of a civilisation that flourished in the 1st century AD. During the walking tour, you will enjoy being guided through the cobbled streets to encounter a surprisingly present daily life.

Day 6 - Thursday SORRENTO - POSTCARD OF CAPRI (1/2 day, morning)\* Board a jetfoil to Capri, then board the funicular to enjoy some free time in the beautiful town of Capri. You will take advantage of these 2 hours on the rock to explore the city at your leisure; the Via Camerelle, a famous shopping street, or the central square known as Piazzetta. This excursion includes a 30-minute speedboat crossing of the Bay of Naples, as well as a return funicular ticket to access the upper town. Possibility of large queues at the funicular during the summer period.

Day 7 - Friday SORRENTE - POMPEI (1/2 day, morning)\* The town was a flourishing community with over 25,000 inhabitants when it met with catastrophe on 24 August in the year 79 CE. Its inhabitants were killed by the eruption of Vesuvius as they went about their everyday lives, and a shroud of cinders kept the site almost intact. As well as the incredible collection of monuments, homes, works of art and furnishings that the excavations have uncovered, the site reveals daily life in ancient times in stunning detail.

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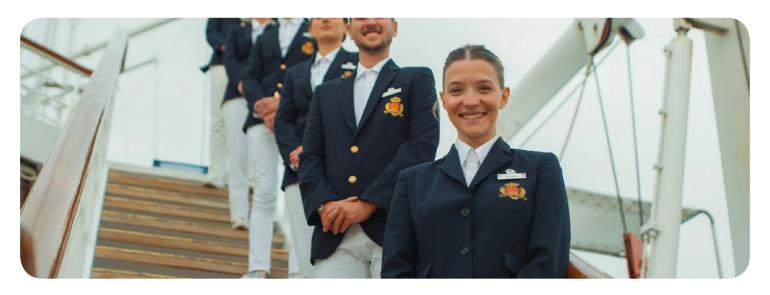
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#### **Formalities**

#### **CUSTOMS FORMALITIES**

For all UK citizens, a valid passport is essential when you travel abroad. A full 10-year passport is required for holidays to all countries featured on our website. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date with one blank visa page. Make sure your passport is valid and check with the embassy or the consulate of your destination country if you need a visa for your chosen destination prior to travel. It is vital that the name given when booking your holiday (printed on the ticket and itinerary) is exactly the same as written on your passport. Any child, however old, must have his/her own passport.

Please note Club Med cannot be held responsible for any issue with regards to passport or visas.

#### **HEALTH FORMALITIES**

Safe Together.

Club Med has implemented new hygiene and safety measures to offer you peace of mind and a most joyful experience.

As part of the fight against Covid-19, health measures at the borders are being reinforced and may in particular require a virological screening test (for example PCR test) depending on your country of origin, transit or destination before your departure and/or before your return.

We suggest you obtain more information from the consular services of the countries concerned or on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of your nationality

and/or place of residence.

Recommended vaccinations: diphtheria, polio, tetanus, hepatitis A and B and typhoid.

Pregnant women who do not need constant medical supervision may come aboard, upon presentation of a medical certificate

showing their due date and certifying that their pregnancy is compatible with the cruise.

The final day of the cruise must be before the end of the 26th week of pregnancy.

A doctor and a nurse are present on board.

# Meeting place for boarding

Port de Palerme: Molo Vittorio Veneto al Porto, 90133 Palermo





