

Authentic Mediterranean shores

From **01/10/2026**
to **10/10/2026**

Ship: ***Le Boréal***

From **Valletta**
to **Valletta**



Majestic volcanoes, fertile valleys, iconic ancient sites, and enchanting islands... Set off to discover the gems of Sicily, the shores of Malta, and the Amalfi Coast. Over the course of this 10-day journey, *Le Boréal* will take you to the crossroads of Eastern and Western civilizations, unveiling legendary sites. Along these sun-drenched shores, historic cities will open the doors to their ancient treasures and reveal their age-old secrets, while the untamed beauty of the Mediterranean coastline will showcase its full splendor.

You will begin your cruise in **Valletta**. This capital, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, is home to many historical sites: St John's Cathedral, the Grandmaster's Palace and the churches of Our Lady of Victory, Saint Catherine and il Gesù.

Setting sail from Malta, your next stop is **Porto Empedocle**, gateway to the fabled Greek temples of **Agrigento**, among the most captivating ruins in the entire Mediterranean.

Then you will head towards Trapani. 750 metres (2,460 feet) up, perched on a high triangular plateau sloping down to the sea, this medieval city is a labyrinth of polished, paved narrow streets and alleyways with superb views over the Aegadian Islands and the valley.

A cultural jewel of **Sicily**, **Palermo** is a splendid witness to three thousand years of history where you will be able to visit emblematic landmarks such as the **12th-century cathedral** and **Teatro Massimo**, one of the largest theatres in Europe.

A little further north, you will discover the Aeolian islands. **Lipari** is the capital of the Aeolian volcanic archipelago and is renowned for its many natural and architectural gems.

Then, sail in front of **Stromboli**, an active volcano whose crater regularly erupts with lava flows.

Your ship will then head for the **Amalfi Coast**, the jewel of Southern Italy, where you will visit **Salerno**, a superb little town particularly renowned for

its *Duomo*.

Le Boréal will set sail north-east, to the tip of the Italian boot, for **Reggio de Calabre**. Fall under the spell of the fragrance of bergamot, the citrus fruit that dominates the region, in this charming city with its Art Nouveau and Belle Époque influences, as well as the outstanding panoramas provided by the *lungomare*, the sea front promenade, of the Sicilian coastline and Etna.

You will take the sea to discover **Taormina**, overlooking **Etna's** blanket of snow. Its streets will lead you to its famed **ancient Greek theatre**, where the quality of the acoustics is exceptional.

Then, you will set sail for **Syracuse**, one of the most prestigious Sicilian cities, whose monuments are listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage**.

Your cruise will come to an end in **Valletta**, former stronghold of the Knights of the Order of Malta.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

VALLETTA

Embarkation 01/10/2026 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 01/10/2026 at 18:00

The whole of the Maltese capital Valletta is **UNESCO World Heritage** listed and occupies a peninsula in the north-east of the island. From the fountain of Tritons to Saint-Elme fort, there are as many majestic streets as there are narrow staircase vennels to explore. The painted loggia and carved corbels on the tall houses will accompany you in your explorations, and you'll rarely be bothered by traffic. You can visit the Grandmasters palace decorated with coats of arms and frescoes. **Saint-John's cathedral** and the ramparts which have guarded the city since the 16th century are also among the most emblematic sites of the city. Arranged in terraces, the **Barrakka Gardens** will punctuate your promenade with a green and floral experience.

PORTO EMPEDOCLE, SICILY

Arrival 02/10/2026 midday

Departure 02/10/2026 late afternoon

Huddled on the south-western coast of Sicily, **Porto Empedocles** bears the name of the philosopher Empedocles, who lived in the region in the 5th century BC. An age-old city offered up to sun and sea, this is your doorway to the exceptional archaeological site of **Temple Valley**, a high place of Greek civilisation listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You can admire the remains of many temples dedicated to Zeus, his wife Hera and Hephaestus. Make sure you take in the magnificent Italian countryside, with its olive orchards that cover the hillsides.

TRAPANI, SICILY

Arrival 03/10/2026 early morning

Departure 03/10/2026 early evening

Bathed in the cobalt waters of the **Tyrrhenian sea**, Trapani is the former port of the Greek city of **Erice**, boasting a privileged natural position in western **Sicily**. As you wander through its little streets, you will discover a secular cultural heritage, bearing witness to the many influences of civilisations that came here: **San Lorenzo Cathedral**, Maria Santissima Annunziata sanctuary, the fountain of Triton. On the shaded restaurant terraces, savour some fresh fish from the morning's catch. Or else you can opt for a seafood couscous, a culinary legacy from their Arab neighbours.

PALERMO, SICILY

Arrival 04/10/2026 early morning

Departure 04/10/2026 evening

Palermo is the guardian of the Sicilian soul. Many have been attracted to this city, the largest capital of the Italian islands. Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans... Palermo is a rich culmination of so many cultural influences as seen in the Moorish designs on the **cathedral**, and the Byzantine mosaics of the **Palatine chapel**, which is itself housed within the precincts of the **Norman palace**. You will fall under the spell of the palaces, **baroque splendours** that grace the town with their obsolete beauty. It is thrilling to stumble upon one of those fabulous markets, high in colour, and headily picturesque.

SAILING IN FRONT OF STROMBOLI

Arrival 05/10/2026

Departure 05/10/2026

Like Ulysses during his Odyssey, you will have the opportunity to admire the **Stromboli**, the **capricious volcano** that looms over the Aeolian Islands. Its activity, uninterrupted for thousands of years, has earned it the nickname the “**Lighthouse of the Mediterranean**”.

LIPARI, AEOLIAN ISLANDS

Arrival 05/10/2026 early morning

Departure 05/10/2026 mid afternoon

Of the seven **Aeolian islands**, this is the largest and the most populated. Lying off the north coast of **Sicily**, in the Tyrrhenian sea, **Lipari** is one of UNESCO's marvellous World Heritage sites. Its lava stone quarries and obsidian flow of **Rocce Rosse** are indications of its volcanic nature. The town, the largest urban area in the whole archipelago, proudly houses its **citadel** and its **castle**, both rooted in Antiquity. If you head further into the centre, you'll be surprised to come across a Norman cathedral, complete with a magnificent baroque façade.

SALERNO

Arrival 06/10/2026 early morning

Departure 06/10/2026 mid afternoon

Generating a veritable explosion of intense emotions, the province of **Salerno** fascinates and enchants travellers. Its fascinating history will lead you to the extraordinary archaeological site of Pompeii, whose sprawling ruins provide a grandiose and moving vision of what a Roman city looked like in Imperial times. The city which was frozen in time under the ashes from the eruption of Mont Vesuvius offers you its peerless historical and cultural wealth, as well as the unique beauty of its location, which has earned it classification as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

REGGIO DI CALABRIA

Arrival 07/10/2026 early morning

Departure 07/10/2026 late evening

At the southern tip of the Italian boot, **Reggio di Calabria** guards the eastern shore of the Strait of Messina. From the *lungomare*, the sea front promenade, there are magnificent views over Sicily, a little over 3 km away, and Etna. Rebuilt

after the 1908 earthquake, Reggio is set out in a grid pattern and has Art Nouveau and Belle Époque architecture that add to its charm. And the fragrance of bergamot, the citrus fruit that dominates the region's confectionery and perfumery.

TAORMINA, SICILY

Arrival 08/10/2026 early morning

Departure 08/10/2026 evening

Located on Sicily's eastern coast, in the province of Messina, the seaside town of Taormina is Sicily's Saint-Tropez, boasting heritage sites, secluded beaches and luxury shopping. You can visit its medieval centre, suspended 300 metres above sea level, where terraces offer a spectacular view of the Mediterranean Sea. Another vestige from its past are the ruins of the **Greco-Roman theatre**. This extremely well-preserved site attracts visitors who are fascinated by the natural beauty of the area which overlooks a **turquoise bay**.

SYRACUSE, SICILY

Arrival 09/10/2026 early morning

Departure 09/10/2026 late afternoon

Its undulating rocky coastline, the endless sandy beaches, the menacing form of **Mount Etna** which surveys its island like a patriarch, the flowery gardens on the hillside... **Sicily** lays out its varied landscapes like a shopkeeper displays his wares. Described by Cicero as "the most beautiful city in the world", **Syracuse** was one of the most prestigious cities in Sicily and at her height was even a rival for Athens. **A central city of Ancient Greece**, it was home to a succession of civilisations, each of which has left their mark. The blend of Arabic, Roman, Norman, Byzantine and Spanish cultures makes Syracuse a town that is extraordinarily rich in fragrances, colours and flavours.

VALLETTA

Arrival 10/10/2026 early morning

Disembarkation 10/10/2026 at 08:00

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