

St. Tropez

will explain that the village was once owned by the Grimaldi family, for whom it was named. The impressive ruins of an old medieval castle dominate the narrow streets and the village is now a flourishing craft center. Re-board your bus for the drive back to the ship.

A Walking Tour of St. Tropez Tour XPZ002



Approximately 2 hours • \$59

Get acquainted with St. Tropez's intimate treasures with a short walking tour of the city. Begin with a walk along the bay, passing by the famous Café Le Senequier and the seafront promenade known for excellent people-watching. Pause for an excellent view of the tiny bay and beach before continuing to the heart of St. Tropez. Strolling the narrow streets and alleys, view the Town Hall, the square and the church of St. Tropez as your guide explains the "legend of St. Tropez," and the significance of the prolific elm trees growing here. An uphill climb brings you to the top of the village and breathtaking views over its red roofs framed by the blue of the Mediterranean. Art has always played an important role here and your guide explains St. Tropez's role in several art movements. As your tour concludes, you may opt to remain in the downtown area for some independent exploration before walking back to the pier.

Tangier,

MOROCCO



Flavors of Tangier & Cape Spartel Tour TNG001



Approximately 4½ hours • \$99

Leave the port of Tangier, driving through the residential area to the west of the city, and following the coastal road to Cape Spartel. The Romans called it Caput Ampelusium (Cape of Vines) and today a lighthouse marks the strait where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. Visit the Grottoes of Hercules—natural limestone caves where, in classical mythology, Hercules rested after completing his labors creating the Strait of Gibraltar. On returning to Tangier, you'll drive through the old and new quarters along the Boulevard Pasteur. Watch for the Place de France, where the old El Minzah Hotel is situated—it is the former residence

of the 18th-century British prime minister, Lord Bute. Sir Winston Churchill and Rita Hayworth were two of its distinguished regular guests. It boasts an Andalusian patio, Moorish interior and exquisite fountains and gardens. Scenes from *The Sheltering Sky* were filmed here. A glass of traditional mint tea, coffee or freshly-squeezed orange juice and delicate pastries will be served. Also included is a visit to the Grand Socco—a huge market place where merchants and peasants sell their locally-produced fruit. Heading into the *medina* (old town), you will pass the Great Mosque, the former Jewish quarters and visit the American Legation, the USA's first overseas acquisition. This former Consulate features a permanent exhibition of the artistic works of Stewart Schurch, Lecouteux and a fine selection of maps by Mercator, Leo Africanus and Abraham Ortelius.

Taormina,

ITALY



Castelmola Rock & Taormina Tour TFC002



Approximately 4½ hours • \$179

Founded in the 6th century BC by Greeks from Naples, Taormina was subsequently taken over by the Romans. Today the influences of both are found in the ruins of the town's Greco-Roman Theatre. The beauty of Taormina has been documented by writers for centuries, and the town is one of Sicily's most impressive resorts. It has all of the desired qualities that attract visitors, incredible views, ancient ruins, and an abundance of quaint shops and boutiques. Many of its narrow cobblestone streets are closed to traffic, making the main part of Taormina accessible by foot. Visit this charming and popular resort town perched high on a cliff overlooking the