

# MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

WITH ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF  
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA

JUNE 3-13, 2024



2024

**BULLDOGS  
ON THE ROAD**

ITALIAN RIVIERA AND FRANCE

# JOIN US!

Join the Concordia University, Nebraska community for a “bucket list” adventure!

June 3-13, 2024: Join Concordia University, Nebraska President, faculty and staff for a nine-day cruise and two-day land tour to Italy, France and Spain! What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy God’s great creations and see classic historical sites while traveling on Celebrity Cruise Line! All are welcome to join us—Alumni, Parents of Alumni/Students, Friends of Concordia University, members of the community, everyone!!! Submit your deposit today to secure your spot and look forward to enjoying Europe by land and water!

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY HOSTS



### DR. BERNARD BULL

President

- Dr. Joyanna Bull will be joining us



### DR. SHANNA OPFER

CO’99 GR’05 Assoc. Prof. of Education, Elementary Education Director

- CUNE Alum Jamie Opfer CO’98 will be joining us



### JENNIFER FURR

CO’97, GR’03, Senior Director of Alumni and University Relations

- CUNE Alum Quinton Furr CO’01 will be joining us



### REV. RYAN MATTHIAS

Campus Pastor and Professor of Theology

- Dr. Sarah Matthias will be joining us

## CRUISE ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
TUESDAY	JUNE 4	ROME (CIVITAVECCHIA), ITALY	EMBARK	5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 5	NAPLES, ITALY	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
THURSDAY	JUNE 6	DAY AT SEA		
FRIDAY	JUNE 7	FLORENCE/PISA (LA SPEZIA), ITALY	7:00 AM	OVERNIGHT
SATURDAY	JUNE 8	FLORENCE/PISA (LA SPEZIA), ITALY		7:00 PM
SUNDAY	JUNE 9	SANTA MARGHERITA, ITALY	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
MONDAY	JUNE 10	CANNES, FRANCE	8:00 AM	7:00 PM
TUESDAY	JUNE 11	PROVENCE (MARSEILLE), FRANCE	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 12	DAY AT SEA		
THURSDAY	JUNE 13	BARCELONA, SPAIN	6:00 AM	DISEMBARK



## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- » 9 night/10 day cruise onboard the Celebrity Equinox in chosen cabin category
- » All-inclusive meals while onboard the ship
- » All-inclusive beverage package onboard the ship - includes specialty coffees, juices, sodas, bottled water and alcoholic beverages
- » Transfers from Rome to Civitavecchia (where we board the ship), and from the ship to the Barcelona airport at the end of the cruise
- » Special CUNE events, seminars, bible studies and gatherings throughout the cruise
- » Onboard ship activities and entertainment
- » Optional excursions offered on the cruise in each port (at an additional cost)
- » All onboard gratuities for wait staff, bar staff, and cabin stewards
- » Complimentary wifi in cabins and public spaces
- » Port taxes and fees

## PRICING

### INSIDE CABIN

\$2,495 per person, based on double occupancy (\$2,585 for non-cash/check payment\*)

\$4,195 per person, based on single occupancy (\$4,345 for non-cash/check payment\*)

### OCEANVIEW CABIN

\$2,695 per person, based on double occupancy (\$2,795 for non-cash/check payment\*)

\$4,695 per person, based on single occupancy (\$4,865 for non-cash/check payment\*)

### BALCONY CABIN

\$2,995 per person, based on double occupancy (\$3,105 for non-cash/check payment\*)

\$4,995 per person, based on single occupancy (\$5,175 for non-cash/check payment\*)

Prices include cruise cabin, cruise taxes and fees, port charges, and gratuities.



# CRUISE ITINERARY

**DAY 1 TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024**  
**ROME (CIVITAVECCHIA), ITALY**  
Depart at 5:00pm

Today you start your cruise adventure and board your ship. Civitavecchia was settled in 108 A.D. by the Emperor Trajan and has since served faithfully as a gateway to Rome, the capital of Italy. Once the center of the Ancient World from which emperors ruled over nearly all of western civilization, Rome is still a cultural mecca. Only a few cities in the world can boast such a well-preserved level of architecture, art, and religious iconography.

There's an enormous wealth of culture and history to discover on a cruise to Rome. Visit the ancient halls of the 50,000-seat Colosseum, gaze upon the ceilings of Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, and stroll the Capitoline Museum. Roman culinary prowess is well respected and beloved the world over. Experience authentic pizza, hearty bowls of fresh pasta, excellent cheeses, wines, seafood, and delightful desserts like tiramisu and gelato at family-run trattorias that have been preparing these traditional dishes for centuries.

Walk the cobblestoned piazzas making your way to narrow side streets where you're sure to find craftsman shops and beautiful boutiques filled with gorgeous handmade accessories and homewares for keepsakes and souvenirs.

**DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024**  
**NAPLES, ITALY**  
Arrive at 7:00am, Depart at 6:00pm

Framed by Mount Vesuvius along a dramatic skyline, the 2,800 year-old port city of Naples is chock full of historical sites, churches, and museums that make it a fascinating place for you to explore. For all of Rome's notoriety and reputation, Naples, with its historic city center deemed a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has just as many important archeological sites and landmarks. Visit the Museo Archeologico Nazionale for a world-class collection of Egyptian and Greco-Roman artifacts. And, if you'd like to venture a little deeper on your Naples cruise, then exploring Naples from below the ground is a must.



Start with a trip into the basement of the San Lorenzo Maggiore church where you'll find a partially excavated Roman market and a little deeper, just below the Roman ruins, you'll find remnants from the Greeks to discover. And in the region where pizza was first invented, you know the food is going to be incredible. Whether you're looking for a thin, wood-fired Margherita pie, spaghetti alle vongole or a zeppole dusted with confectioner's sugar, Naples and her bountiful edible treasures is sure to please.

Only 35 miles down the coast, Salerno offers you a rich history, but also boasts a marvelous collection of parks, natural wonders, and unique vantage points to take in the beauty of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Two cities. One incredible stretch of Italian coastline.

**DAY 3 THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024**  
**DAY AT SEA**

Take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues on-board, until we arrive at the next amazing destination.

**DAY 4 FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024**  
**FLORENCE/PISA (LA SPEZIA), ITALY**  
 Arrive at 7:00am

La Spezia, which lies between Genoa and Pisa, and is just minutes to the east of Cinque Terre - the five fishing ports that enjoy National Park status - is home to the Palio del Golfo, an annual boat race that sees the Gulf of Poets; 13 historic villages face off against one another in celebration of the annual Festa del Mare. The town also offers fantastic shopping opportunities, as well as plenty of trattorias to enjoy local, Ligurian cuisine.

**DAY 5 SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024**  
**FLORENCE/PISA (LA SPEZIA), ITALY**  
 Depart at 7:00pm

An onboard overnight in La Spezia means more time to explore. Immerse yourself in the timeless beauty and history of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Or discover the rich heritage of Tuscany as you explore Pisa, home to the famous Leaning Tower.



**DAY 6 SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024**

**SANTA MARGHERITA, ITALY**

Arrive at 7:00am, Depart at 6:00pm

Located in the middle of the Italian Riviera, Santa Margherita is less than 4 miles from Portofino, and it is just as beautiful. The town of Santa Margherita is large enough to offer something for everyone while still maintaining a small-town feeling. Walk along the palm lined harbor, explore the marina, or unwind at the beach. This picturesque seaside town features cafés, restaurants, gelaterias (you have to try the gelato here), bars, and shops, that line the harbor and face the sea.

When you visit Santa Margherita with Celebrity, you'll have an incredible selection of shore excursions to choose from, including our Three Pearls of the Paradise Coast tour. We'll transport you to the three most luxurious holiday resorts in three incredible places— Santa Margherita, Portofino, and Rapallo where you'll soak in the Italian Riviera sun, the lush landscapes, and the breathtaking architecture.

Or, join us on a tour to Cinque Terre where seaside cliffs and terraced vineyards are the norm and the cozy villages of Cinque Terre are nestled comfortably among them. Whatever you decide to do with us here, you're sure to have an in-depth, authentic experience.

**DAY 7 MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**

**CANNES, FRANCE**

Arrive at 8:00am, Depart at 7:00pm

With long boardwalks, massive yachts anchored in the harbor, and sunny plazas, Cannes personifies the charismatic French Riviera. Its balmy climate, deep blue Mediterranean waters, and views of the magnificent Alps in the distance, have made this city an alluring retreat for wealthy aristocrats since the mid-1800s. Today, the once small fishing village is world-renowned for its annual film festival and luxurious shopping.



This unequivocal playground for the rich is the perfect locale to splurge and pamper yourself accordingly on your French Riviera cruise. And as you stroll the palm-shaded Promenade de la Croisette, you'll find a wealth of boutiques filled with gorgeous haute couture and deluxe garments for fabulous keepsakes and souvenirs. A short distance away from the promenade you can pick up a few provisions at the Marché Forville, a great indoor food market with a fine selection of the freshest oysters, French cheeses, bread, olives, and much more for a ravishing lunch on the beach. Afterward, hop a ferry to both Sainte-Marguerite and Saint-Honorat Islands for some light hiking or visit Fort Royal where the story of the Man in the Iron Mask originated.

**DAY 8 TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024**  
**PROVENCE (MARSEILLE), FRANCE**  
Arrive at 7:00am, Depart at 6:00pm

Stroll the spirit and charm of France's oldest city - along La Canabiere toward the Vieux Port where ships have docked for more than 26 centuries,

or in Cours Julien, a large pedestrian square lined with some of Marseille's trendiest cafes, restaurants, and theatres. And of course, no trip to Marseille would be complete without tasting its most renowned dish - bouillabaisse.

**DAY 9 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024**  
**DAY AT SEA**

Relax and unwind. Soak in the ocean views, show off your culinary prowess at a cooking class, try your luck at the casino, or treat yourself to an escape at the spa. Revisit the details of your Mediterranean adventure with travel friends, old and new.

**DAY 10 THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024**  
**BARCELONA, SPAIN**  
Disembark

Today you depart from the ship in Barcelona and return to the U.S.



# CELEBRITY EQUINOX

Celebrity Equinox® is now making even more waves in the cruise world. From adding elevated design concepts and technology across the ship, the change is phenomenal. Slip into new eXhale® bedding featuring Cashmere™ Mattresses that will surround you in luxury—literally. The very essence of premium cruising. And after some extensive upgrades, that's more true than ever before. With new amenities not available on any other Celebrity ship, prepare to have your expectations exceeded as soon as you step on board. Delight in your choice of ten exceptional dining venues. Enjoy craft beer and comfort food in the new Craft Social and sip refreshing frozen cocktails on the pool deck at Slush. A unique experience at sea, feel grass beneath your feet at the relaxing Lawn Club. Every imaginable comfort complimented by Celebrity's unrivaled guest services promises an unsurpassed cruise experience no matter your destination.

**REFURBISH DATE: JUNE 2019 | OCCUPANCY: 2,852 | LENGTH: 1,041 FT**



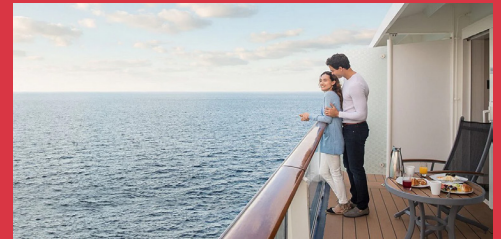
## EAT + DRINK

Savor remarkable culinary adventures that satisfy your wanderlust and your appetite every night, from sumptuous meals at Tuscan Grille to the Chef's Table by Chef Daniel Boulud. On Celebrity Equinox, you'll embark on a culinary journey like no other.



## SPA + WELLNESS

The holistic experience begins the moment you step on board, with the ocean as the backdrop to your wellness journey. Whether you seek relaxation or desire activity, there's no better way to find your ultimate state of well-being than miles away at sea.



## REST + RECHARGE

From a fresh, new look rivaling the world's best boutique hotels to our eXhale® bedding featuring luxurious Cashmere™ Mattresses you won't find anywhere else, every detail of our staterooms has been elevated, every comfort refined.





**INSIDE CABIN**

183-200 sq. ft.

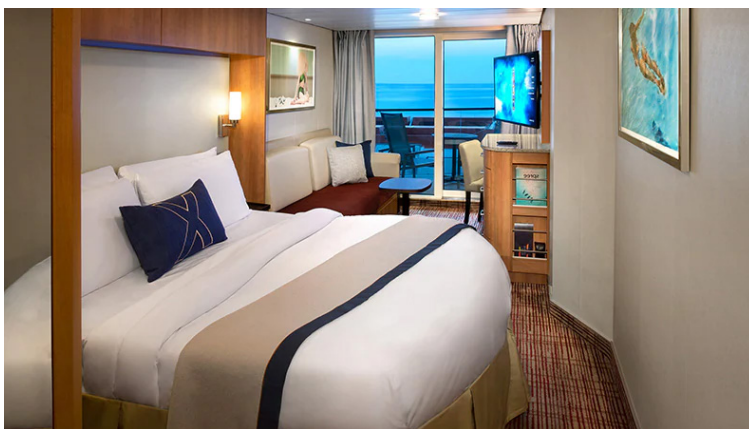
Your escape at sea, Inside Staterooms offer ample living space, including a sitting area and a flat screen TV. Each inside stateroom on board Celebrity Equinox includes world-class amenities. The private and perfectly proportioned Inside Stateroom is the ideal place to relax after your day of discovery.



**OCEANVIEW CABIN**

176 sq. ft.

Expansive views make Ocean View Staterooms on the Celebrity Equinox the ideal place to unwind at sea. These perfectly indulgent spaces come furnished with Celebrity's eXhale bedding featuring the luxury Queen-size Cashmere™ Mattress and everything else a modern traveler needs.



**BALCONY CABIN**

192 sq. ft. // Veranda 54 sq. ft.

Ample indoor and outdoor space come together to create your private sanctuary at sea. Your personal veranda lets you greet the day, soak in breathtaking sunsets, and enjoy fresh sea breezes.



# ROME EXTENSION

## 2-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE PACKAGE

JUNE 2-4, 2024

A special Concordia University pre-trip package is offered in Rome to acclimate to the time change and also feature some of the most iconic sights of this historic city.

- » Meet and greet at the airport
- » Rome airport to hotel transportation
- » Two nights accommodation at the Le Meridien Visconti Hotel
- » Breakfast daily at the hotel
- » Private group welcome dinner on day 1
- » Private sightseeing tour of Rome including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, the Pantheon, including lunch on day 2
- » Private group dinner on day 2
- » Morning group visit to the Vatican and Vatican Museum on day 3
- » Transfer from Rome to the cruise port of Civitavecchia
- » All taxes and fees for included items

## PRICING

\$1,385 per person, based on double occupancy (\$1,440 for non-cash/check payment\*)

\$1,995 per person, based on single occupancy (\$2,065 for non-cash/check payment\*)



*“Go everywhere in the world  
and TELL the good news to everyone.”*

Mark 16:15



**LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND** is a proud sponsor of the Concordia University, Nebraska cruise. LCEF is thankful for the partnership in ministry and look forward to the opportunity to connect with you.



**REV. BART DAY**

CO'92, Lutheran Church Extension Fund Host

- Julie Day will be joining us



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> where investments build ministry

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PLEASE NOTE** A valid passport with 6 months validity from your scheduled return is required for U.S. citizens.

**NOT INCLUDED** Airfare, air taxes and fees, passport fees, airline baggage fees, meals (unless otherwise indicated in the itinerary), optional sightseeing or onboard excursions, phone calls, travel insurance, gratuities for drivers and guides on excursions, or any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

**RESERVATIONS** All reservations will be handled directly with Carrousel Travel.

**DEPOSIT** \$1,250 per person due at time of booking

**FINAL PAYMENT** Due February 23, 2024

**AIRFARE** Carrousel Travel will be offering a special group airfare connected to this program. Airfare and flight schedules will be available approximately 330 days prior to your departure. We will advise once we have more details about the group air options.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Trip cancellation insurance is available and details are available upon request.

**CANCELLATIONS** Cancellations must be received in writing and are effective upon receipt by Carrousel Travel.

From 1st deposit through June 2, 2023, no fee

From June 4, 2023 through October 13, 2023, \$750 per person

From October 14, 2023 through February 23, 2024, \$1,250 per person

From February 24, 2024 through departure date, no refund

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