

**\*\*\*Announcing Silver Needle's Mediterranean Sampler!\*\*\*  
Calling All Stitchers, and Their Favorite Friends and Family!!!**

**Reserve June 4th through June 13th, 2010 for our exciting Cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas.**

The Silver Needle is sponsoring a 7-day Mediterranean Cruise sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Naples (Capri, Sorrento & Pompeii), Rome, and Florence (and Pisa) Italy, continuing on to Nice (the French Riviera), and Marseilles (Provence!) We even have one full day at sea to do a special stitching program -- so our week is going to be a very full and exciting one!

We are planning on travel to Barcelona the day before the cruise sails for an extra day of sightseeing -- just to make sure everyone gets there in plenty of time to board the ship. There are pages and pages of shore excursions we are able to take in each city we visit during the cruise... a few words about those in a minute!

Spouses, family and friends are welcome -- the ship offers so many awesome things to do, that nobody will be left out! We have an intro flier with cruise map and pricing available now, with LOTS more exciting information to follow in the next few weeks. Our Cruise Lady -- Judy Bradford -- specializes in these kinds of trips, and is your contact for ALL the answers to ALL your questions about the travel, ship, you name it! The Silver Needle gals are your contact for the stitching end of things!

Prices depend on where you come from! Airfare isn't included in our cruise pricing, but Judy is a whiz at whisking you from one place to another -- free miles and such -- she does it all!!!

You have a choice of several kinds of staterooms aboard the ship -- ours has the new 'Promenade' interior -- there are 3 or 4 stories INSIDE the ship that overlook a lovely courtyard of shops and restaurants (actually quite unbelievable in scope!!!) I'm dreaming of my balcony room -- did you know that you can order FREE room service, having them bring you your 'pre-breakfast' of coffee and anything else... and you can sit out there on your own little private balcony and enjoy it, savor the shoreline and sounds of the water... while your traveling companion is still sleeping... or getting ready? Then, at night, you can sip your night-cap, and leave the door slipped a little open to hear the sound of the water while you sleep????! I'm SO THERE!!!

Are you coming alone? Prices are based on double occupancy in the cabins... so rather than spending that healthy 'up-charge' on a single room... we can match-make you a stitcher room mate, if you'd like!

I found the virtual tour on Royal Caribbean's website for our ship... what a fun thing to explore!

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And the excursions... well... next year's haven't been published yet... but here are my gleanings from reading the highlights of this year's shore excursions from the 2009 trip schedules.

**MEDITERRANEAN SAMPLER**  
June 4<sup>th</sup> -13th 2010 on board the  
gorgeous Royal Caribbean "Voyager of  
the Seas"

It's been almost 10 years since the last Silver Needle group holiday and its time.

If you have always wanted to cruise the Mediterranean and just haven't gotten there yet, now is your opportunity to join a wonderful escorted group to do just that.

This European adventure ports at Naples/Capri, Rome, Florence/Pisa, Nice and Provence and of course starts and ends in Barcelona, Spain.

Cabin pricing - per person - based on double occupancy

INSIDE CABIN	\$ 1210.88*
PROMONADE	\$ 1430.88*
BALCONY	\$ 1690.88*
JUNIOR SUITE	\$ 2290.88 *

Assistance with arrangements for airfare, hotels, transfers, insurance and excursions are happily available through Judy at Expedia Cruiseshipcenters.

**Ports of Call for OUR cruise are listed below.** The times listed refer to arrival and departure of the ship in port. Our daily excursions fit in-between.

Sunday, June 6th Departing Barcelona 7:00pm  
Monday, June 7th Our Stitching Day at Sea!  
Tuesday, 7:00am - 7:00pm Naples/Capri, Italy  
Wednesday, 7:00am - 7:00pm Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy  
Thursday, 7:00am - 7:00pm Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy  
Friday, 7:00am - 7:00pm Nice (Villefranche), France  
Saturday, 7:00am - 5:00pm Provence (Marseilles), France  
Sunday, 7:00am Barcelona ... you're off the ship by 10am!



### **Barcelona**

I understand the food here is awesome -- of course, I think it will be the entire week long! Gothic Architecture, 1992 Olympic Stadium, Monasteries and Basilicas... lots to see.

### **Naples**

The Isle of Capri... The fabled town of Sorrento... The Roman town of Pompeii -- at the foot of Mt Vesuvius! There is even a Cameo factory tour! OR... Seaside resort of Amalfi -- black and white facades and mosaics everywhere -- and Positano, a pretty fishing village, haven to colonies of artists and writers. One of the other excursions offered takes you to a local farm where they teach you the process of making olive oil and hand-made mozzarella!

### **Rome**

Wasn't built in a day...so we're not going to see all of it in a day either!  
Vatican City, The Sistine Chapel, The Ruins, the Trevi Fountain, (there are hundreds of fountains all over Rome)... the Colosseum, the Spanish Steps... One of the excursions is a wine and cheese tasting on Lake Bracciano, an hour outside of Rome.

### **Florence and Pisa**

Ok... Have to see that leaning tower! But... I guess we do that quickly, and spend most of our day in either the Tuscan Countryside or Florence. Culture and shopping in Florence, wine tasting in Tuscany, OR... a quiet trip to the beaches of Viareggio to sunbathe, OR -- even Cinque Terre -- a National Park full of breathtaking cliffs, terraces, with tiny shops and cafes scattered along the seaside.

### **Nice**

'The Capital of the French Riviera!' Monaco, Monte Carlo and the Grand Casino! Eze -- a charming medieval cobblestone village -- I've been there -- charming shopping, I bought a little french puppet! Cannes (film festival) is here. Grasse has a perfumery, you can get a tour, and purchase the most lovely French perfumes and soaps...! Cote d'Azur is the whole breathtaking South-of-France 'experience'!... Nice has a flower market...and awesome pottery! Nice will be tough... there are so many different excursion options here...

### **Marseille**

Provence, birthplace of Paul Cezanne. Those lovely tablecloths... and shops and bakeries! Avignon and the Papal Palace. The sprawling lavender fields. Village of Les Baux, a tiny mountaintop charmer with narrow, climbing streets, and Arles -- home of Van Gogh -- are both pedestrian-only! Olives everywhere!!! Another port with multiple options for your day!

Well...

I can't imagine a lovelier trip than this! So many wonderful, charming cities and sites, so much history, so much good food... and so many friends to share it with!!! Our community of stitchers is the perfect travel group. Even if you come alone... the stitchers in the group are instant companions... friends who share your own love of needlework!

Plans are to gather in our special stitching room for our Stitching Day at Sea... we're working on something awesomely cute, fun and exclusive to our Cruisers for that day! Pre-lim plans for an evening stitching lounge are also in the works - a couple of hours each evening -- just to touch base with friends. IF you're not too exhausted from your jaunts around the countrysides, trips up and down hundreds of steps and over quaint cobbled streets... come see some pics from the day, share a few stories, show-off the favorite purchase of the day, compare trips for the next day, maybe get in a few minutes of stitching!!!

So... tell everyone you know -- Stitchers and Non-Stitchers Alike!!! We hope you'll join us aboard the Silver Needle's S.S. Alfredo... also known as: Royal Caribbean's Voyager of the Seas!



For More Information call Judy @ 866 559 4449 or Lindy @ 888 543 7004

Silver Needle Mediterranean Sampler is an exclusive offer and can be booked internationally through Expedia CruiseShipCenters 970 Franklin Blvd, Cambridge ON, Canada  
[www.cruiseshipcenters.com/judybradford](http://www.cruiseshipcenters.com/judybradford)

\* Price is based on double occupancy, in US dollars and includes \$ 250.88 in fees/taxes.  
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