Aboard the Amerigo Vespucci: The Mediterranean Tour

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The training ship *Amerigo Vespucci*, one of the most fascinating symbols of the Italian Navy, has embarked on an exciting Mediterranean tour that will touch several Italian cities, including Palermo, Naples, Cagliari, Gaeta, Civitavecchia, Livorno, and Genoa. Known as the "most beautiful sailing ship in the world," the *Vespucci* is ready to offer a unique experience for all those who wish to visit it. An unmissable opportunity, as after the Mediterranean tour, the ship will be docked for necessary maintenance work following its recent world tour.

The Stops of the Mediterranean Tour

The itinerary of the *Mediterranean Tour* is divided into various stops, all exceptionally interesting for visitors. Currently, the ship is moored in Palermo, at the Vittorio Veneto pier in the Port, where all visits are already fully booked, but from Tuesday, May 13, it will move to Naples. Here, it will be possible to visit the ship until May 16, moored at Molo Beverello. Naples offers a rich program of side events, including conferences, lectures, and musical performances,

with the participation of the Navy bands and the Fanfare of the 8th Bersaglieri Regiment. On Friday, May 16, at 4:00 PM, there will be a suggestive farewell sail, departing from the city towards Procida, accompanied by boats from the Campania Nautical Clubs.

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Following this, the *Vespucci* will set sail for Cagliari, where it will arrive on May 19, with a stop until Thursday, May 22. The ship will be moored at Molo Sant'Antonio, and visitors can board in the following two days. The next stop will be Gaeta, which will host the ship on May 24, followed by Rome, where the ship will stop in Civitavecchia from May 28 to June 3. This will be one of the longest stopovers, an opportunity not to be missed for those who wish to visit the ship in complete tranquility.

Subsequently, the *Amerigo Vespucci* will reach Livorno, where it will be moored until Sunday, June 7. The last stop of the *Mediterranean Tour* will be in Genoa, on June 10, the day of the Italian Navy Day. Here, the ship will receive the tribute of other Navy ships, making the event even more suggestive.

How to Book a Visit Onboard

Visits onboard the *Amerigo Vespucci* are an extraordinary experience, but it is important to know that access is only allowed by purchasing a ticket through the official tour website (tourvespucci.it). **It is recommended to book in advance to secure a spot, as availability is limited and sells out quickly, as happened for the Palermo stop.** In case of bad weather, it is advised to check for any cancellations on the website two hours before the event.

Once onboard, visitors will have the opportunity to admire the elegance and majesty of the ship, a symbol of Italian maritime tradition. Additionally, crew members will be available to answer all curiosities and tell the story of the ship, which has sailed the seas of the world. **Entry onboard is allowed with comfortable shoes, and high heels or shoes that leave parts of the foot uncovered are not permitted. Small dogs are allowed onboard but must be carried in arms.** For accessibility reasons, people with motor disabilities may not be able to access all areas of the ship, but each case will be evaluated on-site in accordance with the structural conditions of the *Vespucci*.

The Village in Italy

Another interesting aspect of the ***Mediterranean Tour* is the "Village in Italy"**, which will be present at each stop of the tour. Inside the village, **visitors can relive the story of the two years of navigation of the *Vespucci*, through large screens showing all the stages of the ship's world tour, a journey that involved 30 countries and represented an important opportunity for cultural and scientific exchange.** The village also includes a refreshment area in collaboration with Eataly, where you can taste Italian specialties, and a shop dedicated to tour merchandise, to take home a memory of this unique experience.

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The Mediterranean Tour: A National Initiative of Great Value

The initiative of the *Mediterranean Tour Vespucci* is the result of an idea by the Minister of Defense Guido Crosetto, supported by 12 Ministries, and aims to tell and share with the public the international experience of the *Vespucci*, which has sailed the world to bring Italian culture, history, innovation, gastronomy, science, research, technology, and industry around the planet. This project represents an important opportunity for the public to experience a unique experience, not only for the chance to board the ship but also to get to know up close the values and traditions that make Italy an admired and respected nation worldwide.

The *Mediterranean Tour* of the *Amerigo Vespucci* is an unmissable opportunity for anyone wishing to get closer to Italian naval tradition, discover the history and work of the Navy, and experience a unique experience aboard a true jewel of the sea. Do not miss this extraordinary opportunity to visit the ship, which, after this tour, will be at rest for a long time.