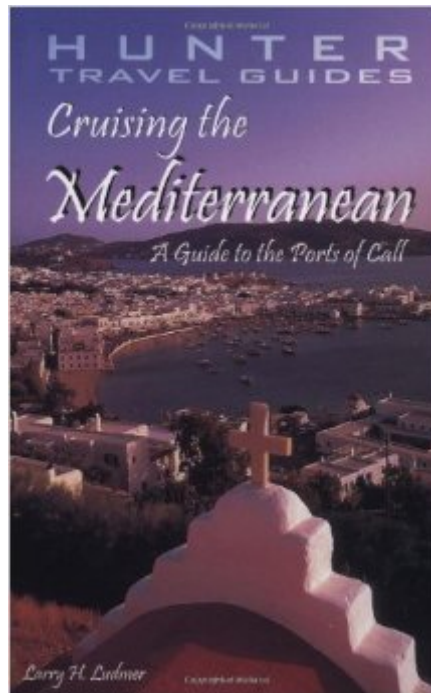


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A concise guide for cruisers, with ship details given in easy-to-read format and no-nonsense descriptions of ports en route. You can see at a glance the itinerary, passenger/crew ratio, dining options, berth layout and capacity. Ludmer profiles the shore excursions thoroughly. He points out what you can afford to miss and what you should make every effort to see. Major ports covered are: Lisbon, Gibraltar, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Monte Carlo, Livorno/Pisa, Rome, Naples, Venice, Athens, Malta, Istanbul.

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While I have to agree with the previous reviewer that the Ship Itineraries section of this book could easily have been dispensed with, I did find some value in this book, taken as it was. The most major ports have a map (not detailed) that gives you some idea of the locations of major sites of interest in relation to each other. I did find this helpful in planning what it was reasonable to expect to be able to get to. It gives an opinion on what ports are best explored on your own, and which are best seen through a purchased excursion. It also gives some tips on getting around; but these are not always consistently detailed for each location. "Highlights Tours" are provided for those ports that you would want to explore yourself. I found reading this book to be like sitting down and having a conversation with someone who knows these ports...not always detailed enough, or consistent in information, but interesting mostly because it gives you a bit of an opinion on which to base choices

and some information that I didn't get elsewhere about the ports that I visited.

Pages 1-134 contain rapidly outdated information--best got off the web on what cruise lines go where. Larry Ludmer then fails to deliver on his promise (p152, Cruising the Med) to indicate the location of each port and give some information on getting there. Two examples: Larry please tell us how equipped with a Eurail pass, one gets 1) from the Venice train station to the cruise terminal, 2) from Livorno cruise terminal to Florence??

With sufficient details and descriptions to seem to be on board and in ports of calls, the Hunter Guide provides a great amount of information to prepare for a cruise or to enjoy "being there" without going. With little sense of bias, practical information and comparisons are presented and 50 ports of call are introduced. I anticipate a much better cruise because of this book!

The book was every thing it promised to be. It was a great transaction - quick delivery. I love these books written by Hunter Travel. They give you very good information about the ports of call along the way on your cruise. I like to get these books in advance of a cruise so I can be well informed before we get off the ship.

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