



## **EXCLUSIVE EVENT**

# **The fourth edition of the European Blues Cruise!**

In partnership with MSC, the Association BLUES IN MARSEILLE and VOYAGES BYBLOS reprogram the "EUROPEAN BLUES CRUISE" in 2018, starting from 3 cities!

Inspired by the famous "Blues Cruise" that takes place every year in the United States, the European Blues Cruise will sail again on the Mediterranean in September 2018 aboard American and European Blues Artists accompanied by their Musicians. During this cruise: 12 blues concerts on different bridges.

## **A departure from Nice and Genoa on September 10th and from Marseille on September 11th for the European Blues Cruise 2018**

While many festivals around the world honor the Blues, only the United States has their "Blues Cruise", a festival of blues at sea.

Lisa Banoyan, president of the Association Blues In Marseille and director of Travels Byblos has decided to change that!

Passionate about blues, Lisa Banoyan regularly crossed the Atlantic to attend concerts at American blues clubs and the Chicago Blues Festival (the largest blues festival in the world).

She had the idea to organize a festival of Blues in Marseille, highlighting the assets of her city and building on its twenty years of experience in the field of tourism. Thus was born the first "European Blues Cruise" (the European Blues Cruise) in 2014!

Passengers from all over Europe were thrilled to experience this unprecedented Blues experience in 2014, 2015 and 2016, combining their holiday with musical passion. The Association Blues In Marseille has decided to reiterate the event.



## **5 days cruising to the rhythm of the Blues**

In partnership with MSC, the first cruise company in Europe and the Marseille agency VOYAGES BYBLOS, (established since about fifteen years in the 7th district) the association BLUES IN MARSEILLE launches for its fourth European Blues Cruise!

Departing from Nice / Genoa and Marseille, the European Blues Cruise 2018 will allow you to spend five unforgettable days on the Mediterranean, with as Traveling Companions: great Artists of the Chicago Blues and Mississippi scene and renowned European Artists.

Enjoying the best conditions, on board the MSC ORCHESTRA Boat, passengers will enjoy a quality Cruise and exceptional BLUES programming.

## **Six categories of cabins with a price from: 595 € per person**

For its fourth edition, the European Blues Cruise always puts on a good price-quality ratio and offers several categories of cabins with different atmospheres (Bella, Fantastica and Auréa) and a wide choice of services on board.

In order to fully enjoy the music, no less than 12 BLUES concerts will be played during the Cruise, including some all-public concerts and a majority of private sessions (acoustic, jams ...)

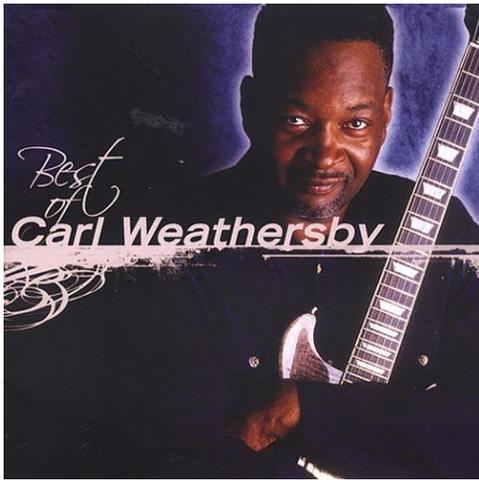
### **Zoom on the Artists**

"We wanted to invite great blues artists from most of Chicago, Mississippi and award-winning European artists, to offer participants an authentic event!"



### **RICHARD "RIP LEE" PRYOR**

Son of the legendary SNOOKY PRYOR - He is present in the biggest Blues festivals of the South and North (Blues traditional Harmonica, guitar, vocals), he lives up to its name and exudes a strong emotion.



## **CARL WEATHERSBY**

Great figure of the Chicago Blues scene - He toured alongside Albert King and was nominated as Best Artist Blues in 1997 (guitar, vocals). He is unquestionably one of the best guitarists in Chicago.



## **NORA JEAN BRUSO**

A Southern Diva, born in Mississippi, an authentic presence and a breathtaking voice! She hosts one of the biggest stages of the Chicago Blues Festival each year. Some call her "The Queen of the Blues".



## **WAYNE BAKER BROOKS**

Son of the legendary LONNY BAKER BROOKS, whom he accompanied on guitar, he was able to mix with the biggest names in blues such as Buddy Guy, Muddy Waters ... And appeared in the movie THE BLUES BROTHERS. Having his own style, he can also play a traditional blues. As he says, blues is running through his veins!



## **LIZ MANDEVILLE**

American singer from Chicago, musician (guitar, washboard) and composer known for his versatile voice, high-voltage performance, insightful songs, and traditional blues guitar playing have seduced both local and international scenes.



## **TORONZO CANNON**

Author, composer, performer and guitarist, native of Chicago. With his latest album "The Chicago Way" he has been nominated 4 times at the Blues Music Awards in 2017. Very acclaimed for his charisma and his artistic generosity, after 2 participations, he returns to this 4th edition to animate essentially the jams with his excellent group, which will be our "residence band".



## **FABRIZIO POGGI (NOMINE AT GRAMMY AWARD 2018)**

Italian artist, singer and harmonica player, with 22 albums, 4 books and numerous appearances around the globe, including Carnegie Hall in New York with Buddy Guy, Eric

Burdon and Guy King, with whom he recorded "Sonny & Brownie's last a highly successful train won him the Grammy Award 2018! He will be accompanied on board by his musician ENRICO POLVERARI.

## **European Blues Cruise offers:**

- 5 days Cruise with a choice of departure from 3 cities: Nice, Genoa or Marseille
- Departure from Nice or Genoa from 10 to 14 September 2018
- Departure from Marseille from 11 to 15 September 2018
- Stopovers: Genoa - Marseille - Palma De Mallorca - Barcelona
- 7 renowned artists and their musicians
- 12 Concerts on board
- A tariff starting from 595 Euros TTC per person in interior cabin (choice among 6 categories of cabins)

## **For more information:**

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