Best of Sardinia & Sicily

OLBIA ● CAGLIARI ● PALERMO ● TAORMINA

The Offer

Set your sights on Sardinia and Sicily, two Mediterranean gems brimming with unique charm! Explore Sardinia's natural beauty and timeless local heritage, then discover Sicily's ancient sites, medieval hilltop towns, Mount Etna and more.

Land in Sardinia, to begin your adventure in Olbia, gateway to the natural beauty of La Maddalena Archipelago. Join a full-day boat excursion to the Emerald Coast's hidden coves and lush green islands with captivating views towards Corsica's limestone cliffs. Venture inland to discover Luras' age-old olive trees and Arzachena's Bronze Age traditions. Visit Codrongianos' Romanesque Basilica of Saccargia, see the fossil-rich cliffs of Capo Caccia and Alghero's authentic architecture. Sardinian life and culture are revealed at Nouri's Museum of Traditions and the colourful street murals of Orgosolo. Explore the UNESCO-listed archaeology of Nuraghe Barumini, before continuing to the capital, Cagliari, with a brief wine-tasting in Serdiana.

Catch an overnight ferry to Palermo, Sicily, for a guided tour of this ancient city. Wind your way through medieval villages to the hilltop town of Erice and journey along La Via del Sale to taste-test Marsala's renowned wines. Tour Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, see the UNESCO-listed Baroque palaces of Ragusa, and enjoy the seaside charm of Marzamemi and Portopalo. Sample local specialities among the bustling markets of Syracuse and discover this city's ancient Greek heritage during a guided tour. Spend the night in Catania, followed by a visit to the awe-inspiring active volcano, Mount Etna. Finally, enjoy a walking tour through lively markets and historic Taormina before returning to Catania to explore at your own pace.

Choose Itinerary 2 to tick the highlights of Malta off your bucket list. Visit Malta's stunning Blue Grotto, the three fortified cities of Birgu, Senglea and Cospicua, UNESCO-listed Valletta and more.

This Italian island-hop includes return international flights, a 4-star hotel, an overnight ferry, 15 meals and more.

Extend your journey with options to Arrive Early in Barcelona, Spain or Olbia, Sardinia or Stay Behind in Catania, Sicily (Itinerary 1) or Valletta, Malta (Itinerary 2).

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Itinerary 1

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Olbia, Sardinia, Italy
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Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Olbia, Sardinia
Upon arrival, be met by your English-speaking tour leader and transferred to the hotel. Relax for the rest of the day.

Overnight: Hotel For You or similar, Olbia
Meals included: None

Day 3 Olbia - La Maddalena Archipelago Cruise, Emerald Coast - Olbia
Today, join a full-day excursion to Costa Smeralda (Emerald Coast), a stretch of land along the northeast coast of Sardinia, Italy.

The Costa Smeralda is synonymous with dream-like beaches, isolated coves and inlets and gently-changing shades of blue and green sea. This extraordinary region is dotted with Mediterranean vegetation, numerous villas, golf courses, tourist ports and homes hidden behind rocks shaped by the wind in perfect harmony with the environment. Drive to Palau, where you will board a boat cruise to La Maddalena archipelago National Park, formed by around 60 islets in the northeast of Sardinia.

The guided boat excursion includes 4 stops: the island of Spargi, the island of Budelli, the island of Santa Maria and La Maddalena. The journey begins by passing in front of the beautiful villas of Porto Rafael and arrives after only 15 minutes at the beautiful Cala Corsara on the island of Spargi. Here, after photographing the impressive rocks sculpted by the wind and the sea (Testa di Strega, Cane Bulldog and Stivale d'Italia), you can relax on the beach.

Back on board taste a delicious "spaghettata" lunch on board (included). Then we set off again and reach the delightful coves of Spargi (Cala Soraya, Cala Granara and Cala Connari). Before arriving at the destination of our second stop, Budelli Island, you will have the opportunity to admire the tall white limestone cliffs of nearby Corsica that bring out the colours of the landscape. Once on Budelli, you will be enchanted by the extraordinary beauty of the Spiaggia Rosa and the Spiaggia dei Cavalieri, where Budelli's natural pools are located. Here you can immerse yourself in a real natural paradise, where the sky-blue hues of the ocean appear to reflect the sky.

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Overnight: Hotel For You or similar, Olbia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 4 Olbia - Luras - Arzachena - Olbia

After breakfast head to Luras where you can admire the hundred year old Olive trees. Afterwards, stop at Calagianus by a craftsman for a cork 'Sughero' workshop (entry not included, approximately 5 Euro per person).

Continue your journey to the granite-stone architecture town of Tempio Pausania and enjoy a walk of the small historical town under the Monte Limbara. Continue to the Tomb of Giants - Coddu Vecchiu in Arzachena, a Nuragic funerary monument located near Arzachena in northern Sardinia, dating from the Bronze Age (entry not included, approximately 4 Euro per person). The site consists of stone megaliths and a gallery grave and is one of the largest Nuragic Giants' graves on the island.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon after an approximately 100 kilometre travel day.

Overnight: Hotel For You or similar, Olbia
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Codrongianos - Capo Caccia - Alghero

Today depart to Codrongianos, visit the Basilica of Saccargia (entrance included) one of Sardinia's most important Romanesque sites. The construction is entirely in local stone, with a typical appearance of Tuscan Romanesque style.

Afterwards, continue to Capo Caccia. This is the marine portion of the huge Porto Conte Park's ecosystem, created in 2002. The protected area of Capo Caccia - Piana Island falls within the territory of Alghero and includes Porto Conte Bay and the stretch from Punta Giglio to Capo Caccia: of priceless natural value, embellished by the fossil-rich limestone and rare plants growing on the cliffs.

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Hotel Catalunya or Hotel Grazia Deledda Sassari or similar, Alghero
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Nuoro - Orgosolo - Oristano

After breakfast head to Nuoro, described as the Athens of Sardinia, and enjoy a stroll with your tour leader through the historical centre. Step back in time as you walk over cobblestone streets lined with old stone houses, courtyards, porticos and little squares that seem to appear out of nowhere. Visit the popular Museum of Traditions (entry included).

Continue to the hill town of Orgosolo, famous for its street art murals and its anti-authoritarian streak - inspired by shepherds and immortalised in its street art. Enjoy a traditional lunch in a typical farm with the shepherds (included). Lunch includes drinks.

In the late afternoon, arrive in Oristano for your overnight. Featuring elegant shopping streets, ornate piazzas, popular cafes and some good restaurants, Oristano's refined and animated centre is a lovely place to hang out. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

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Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 7 Oristano - Nuraghe Barumini - Serdiana - Cagliari

Depart today to the historic city of Cagliari. On the way stop at the archaeological zone of Barumini to visit Nuraghe. Nuraghe is the main type of ancient megalithic edifice found in Sardinia, developed during the Nuragic Age between 1900 and 730 B.C. The complex is one of the 55 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Italy. According to UNESCO, this extremely important archaeological site is exemplary for being the most complete and best-preserved of the remains left by the Nuragic Civilization; at the same time, it also demonstrates the intelligent use of innovative materials and techniques by a prehistoric community.

Continue to Serdiana for a wine tasting at a popular wine cellar in the area, Cantine Argiolas, among the most recognisable names on the Sardinian wine scene. Arrive in Cagliari late afternoon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. While you're here, take a chance to hang out at the busy cafes tucked under arcades in the seafront Marina district.

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Overnight: Hotel Regina Margherita similar, Cagliari
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Cagliari, Sardinia - Palermo, Sicily, Italy

After breakfast, enjoy some free time in Cagliari, a historic district with picturesque sea views, elegant shopping streets and panoramic terraces. It is known for the hilltop Castello, a medieval walled quarter situated high over the rest of the town. You may like to explore one of the town's main architectural highlights, the 13th-century Cagliari Cathedral (entrance not included).

In the late afternoon, you will be transferred to Cagliari port where you will board the overnight ferry to Palermo (approximately 12 hours). The ferry will depart at approximately 19:00 this evening.

Overnight: Grimaldi Ferry or similar - twin-share cabin with private facilities
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Palermo, Sicily

Arrive in the port of Palermo early morning at approximately 05:00-06:00, where you will be met and transferred to the city centre for breakfast and afterwards enjoy a guided tour (approximately 3 hours).

Uncover the highlights of the Sicilian capital. Situated at the edge of Europe, but at the centre of the ancient world, it's a place where souk-like markets rub against baroque churches and date palms frame Gothic palaces. See sights such as the Palermo Cathedral, the Teatro Massimo, one of Italy's most famous opera houses, and the Norman Palace (entrance fees not included). The palace was the royal chapel for the kings of Sicily during the Norman domination and later served as the main seat of power for the subsequent rulers of Sicily.

Take the remainder of the day to relax or explore at leisure.

Overnight: Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal or similar, Palermo
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Palermo - Erice - Marsala - Agrigento

After breakfast, depart for Erice on an approximately 300 kilometre travel day to one of the most beautiful medieval villages in Italy. Join awalking tour through the alley streets and the squares, bordered by churches and palaces that, in open spaces, reveal majestic landscapes. The symbol of Erice is Venus Castle, built by the Normans who used materials from the temple of Venus from which the castle takes its name. During the walk, you'll stop to taste the typical sweets made from ancient recipes of the nuns of cloistered monasteries.

Drive through the "Salt Road" (La Via del Sale), which stretches along the northwestern tip of Sicily from Trapani to Marsala. The route is dotted with quaint Dutch-style windmills used to extract seawater and grind the pure white salt. Visit a typical wine cellar in the Marsala area where you'll have a wine tasting and nibbles (included).

In the evening, arrive in Agrigento.

Overnight: Hotel Della Valle or similar, Agrigento
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Day 11 Agrigento - Ragusa

Today enjoy a guided tour of the famous 'Valley of Temples' (approximately 2 hours - entry included), a vast archaeological site with well-preserved Greek temples and the ruins of the ancient city of Akragas. Here, you will see the famed temples of Concordia, Hercules, Juno, as well as Castor and Pollux.

Afterwards continue to Ragusa, a nice town in Noto Valley, part of Unesco World Heritage, with its beautiful palaces and churches in Baroque style. After a quick visit to Ibla, the ancient heart of the town, stop for a tasting of typical local products including chocolate and nougat.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Marzamemi & Portopalo

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Day 15 Catania, Sicily, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 16 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some flights may arrive in +1 day later.

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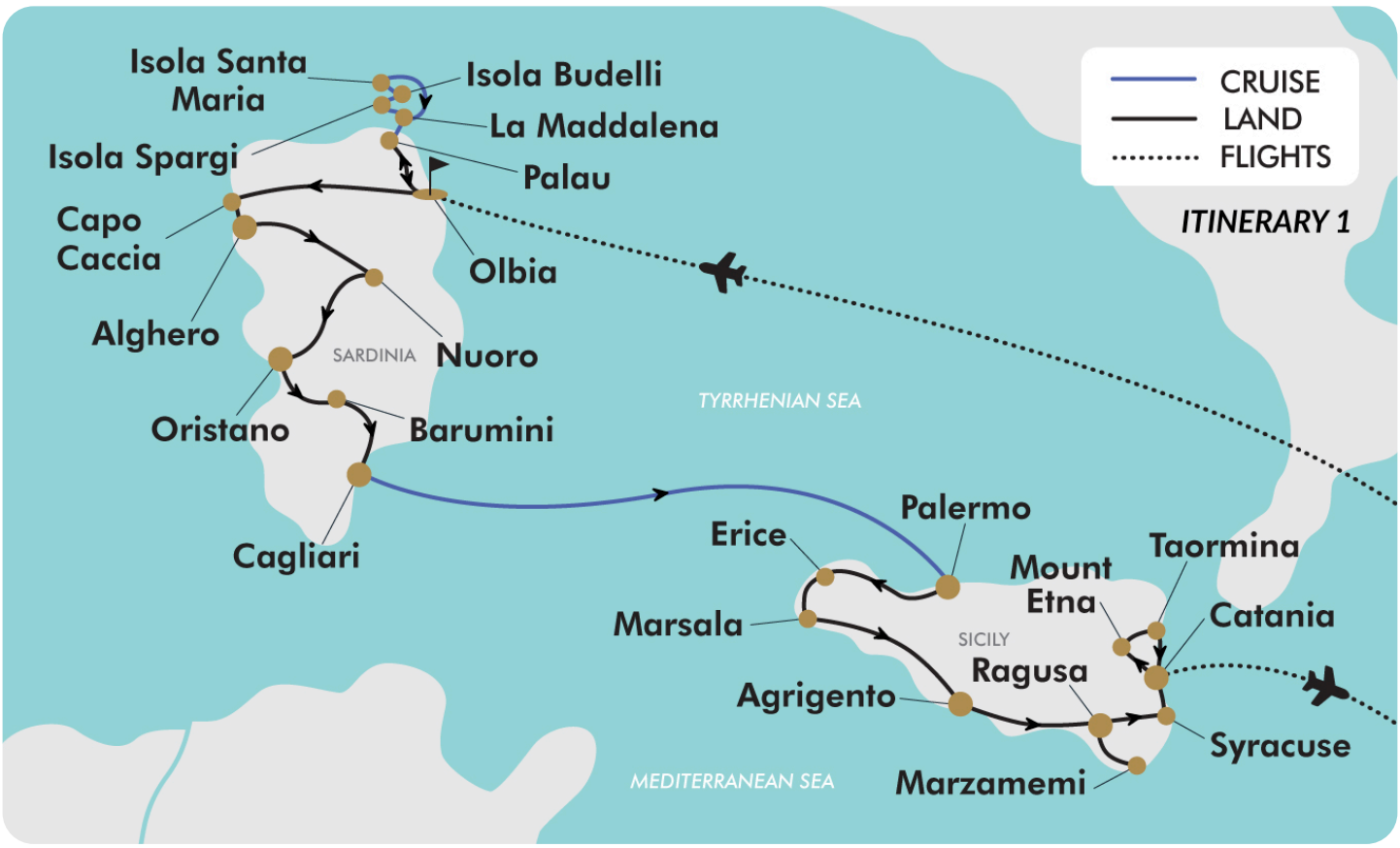

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Today's travel is approximately 150 kilometres.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Catania - Pozzallo, Sicily, Italy - Valletta, Malta

After breakfast, spend time at leisure in the beautiful city of Catania. Cosmopolitan, exuberant and eclectic, Catania is a multicoloured universe, from the glittering whiteness of its Baroque stuccoes (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) to the lava black of the Liotru, the elephant sculpted from basalt that greets visitors in the heart of the city - Piazza Duomo.

In the late afternoon, transfer to Pozzallo to take the ferry to Malta (2 hours). Upon arrival, be met and transferred to your accommodation in St Julians.

Today's travel is approximately 100 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel Argento or similar, St Julians
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Blue Grotto - Hagar Qim - Birgu

After breakfast, head out on a full-day tour of Malta - a local guide will join you today. Your first stop is the Blue Grotto, which consists of a number of sea caverns on the southern coast of Malta (entrance fee to see inside the cave is not included. Approximately 10 euro per person) Every day from sunrise until about 13:00 a unique sight can be observed here. The location of the cave, combined with the sunlight leads to the water mirroring, showing numerous shades of blue. Several caverns mirror the brilliant phosphorescent colours of the underwater flora; other caverns show a deep dark shade of blue. The Blue Grotto is a popular destination for tourists on the island of Malta. It was also used for a scene in the 2004 film Troy.

You will have the opportunity to take a boat trip around the caves (subject to weather conditions). The next stop is Hagar Qim (entrance included), a megalithic temple complex dating from the Ġgantija phase. The Megalithic Temples of Malta are among the most ancient religious sites on Earth, described by the World Heritage Sites committee as unique architectural masterpieces. The temple of Hagar Qim stands on a hilltop overlooking the sea and the islet of Fifl.

Continue to Marsaxlokk, a small, traditional fishing village in the South Eastern Region of Malta. Take some time to wander its colourful harbour, known for its views, fishermen and history. Afterwards, head back to Valetta, where you will visit The Three Cities, a collective description of the three 'fortified cities' of Birgu, Senglea and Cospicua in Malta. The oldest of the Three Cities is Birgu, which has existed since the Middle Ages. The other two cities, Senglea and Cospicua, were both founded by

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the Order of Saint John in the 16th and 17th centuries. The Three Cities are enclosed by the Cottonera Lines, along with several other fortifications. Enjoy a walking tour of Birgu with your tour guide and delve deeper into this fascinating city.

Overnight: Hotel Argento or similar, St Julians
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Valletta City Tour

Today, head out on a half-day city tour of Valletta with a local guide. Malta's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Valletta is nothing short of an open-air museum. Throughout the years, the city has welcomed emperors, heads of state, artists and poets and is now the permanent seat of the Maltese government. It is a living experience of Baroque architecture. Dotted with quaint cafes and wine bars, the city is today one of Malta's main tourist attractions.

During your tour, your guide will walk you around Valletta's Upper Barrakka Gardens, St John's Co-Cathedral (entrance not included) and Republic St, the main shopping strip in Valletta.

Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure in Valletta.

Overnight: Hotel Argento or similar, St Julians
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 North Malta Tour

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day guided tour with a local guide of Northern Malta. The tour starts at the town of Mellieha, popular for its sandy beaches and natural environment.

Enjoy a walk through the city, stopping at the Parish Church of Mellieha (entrance fee not included). Beauty abounds at this peaceful church, with a number of amazing statues, paintings and frescoes inside. On the outside, the church's viewing points command stunning views over the whole village. The next stop is Mdina, the old capital of Malta, whose earliest inhabitants date back to 4000 BC. Commanding a magnificent view of the Island, Mdina maintained a strategic position due to its central location, the highest point on the island, and its distance from the sea.

Enjoy a walk through the city and visit its most famous site, the iconic St. Paul's Cathedral, the Wignacourt Museum and the St Paul's Grotto (entrance included) set beneath the beautiful St. Paul's Church in Rabat. According to the Book of Acts, it was here that St. Paul and his missionary party took refuge after they shipwrecked on the island of Malta on their way from Crete to Rome.

Enjoy some free time before heading onwards to Mosta. Revel in a visit to the neoclassical Mosta Dome (entrance included), which is one of the most well-known churches in Malta and is the third-largest unsupported dome in the world.

After an action-packed day, arrive back in St Julians for your night's accommodation.

Overnight: Hotel Argento or similar, St Julians
Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 19 Valletta - Day at Leisure
Today is a relaxing day at your leisure. You can choose to go to the sea, go shopping or you can go for an optional full day trip on a Turkish Gulet scenic cruise to Gozo, Comino and Laguna Blu.

Optional Tour: Turkish Gulet Cruise to the Blue Lagoon & Goza (Full-Day Tour)

Departing from Sliema Ferries, this scenic cruise aboard a traditional Turkish gulet explores Malta's spectacular northern coastline, passing rugged cliffs, hidden coves, and tranquil inlets framed by breathtaking Mediterranean views.

The journey includes a stop at the famous Blue Lagoon on Comino, celebrated for its crystal-clear turquoise waters, white sandy seabed, and vibrant marine life. Guests have the opportunity to swim, sunbathe, or simply relax in one of Malta's most picturesque locations.

A buffet lunch is served on board before the cruise continues towards Gozo, where the vessel anchors in a peaceful secluded bay. Here, guests can enjoy another refreshing swim, unwind on deck with a drink, or take in the serene surroundings.

The return journey features a relaxing sail across the Mediterranean, offering the perfect opportunity to sit back, enjoy the views, and soak up the laid-back atmosphere. Combining relaxation, swimming, and stunning coastal scenery, this cruise offers an unforgettable day at sea in the Maltese Islands. Please see current pricing in Important Information, plus inclusions & exclusions.

Overnight: Hotel Argento or similar, St Julians
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Valletta, Malta - Australia (or New Zealand)
Today at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 21 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)
Please note: Some flights may arrive in +1 day later.

The Map

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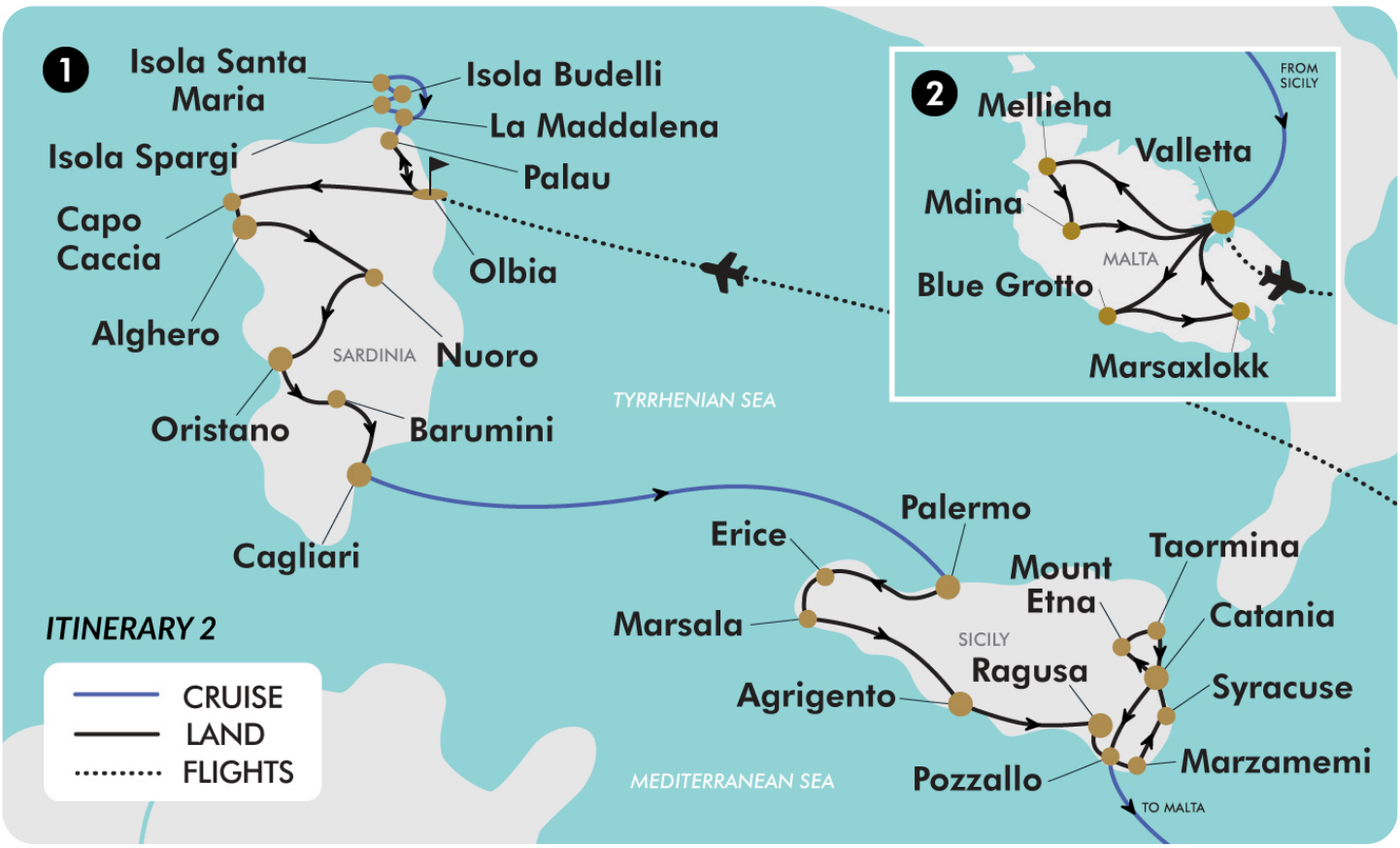

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the best of Sardinia & Sicily islands
- Enjoy a full-day boat excursion with lunch to the Maddalena Archipelago
- Swim in the crystal waters of the beautiful Emerald Coast
- Visit the picturesque & historic island of La Maddalena
- See the cobblestoned old town of Alghero & Nuoro, the Athens of Sardinia
- Enjoy a traditional lunch with shepherds on a typical Sardinian farm
- Visit the megalithic tower of Nuraghe, a UNESCO site
- Enjoy a wine tasting at renowned Cantine Argiolas
- See the historic city of Cagliari & enjoy its picturesque sea views
- See the best of Sicily including Palermo, Agrigento, Syracuse & Taormina
- Drive along the “Salt Road” dotted with quaint Dutch-style windmills
- Visit the Agrigento’s UNESCO-listed ‘Valley of Temples’
- Taste the typical products of Ragusa & enjoy a guided tour of Marzamemi
- Witness a bottarga (cured fish roe) workshop
- Tour the beautiful UNESCO site of Syracuse, the largest Greek colony in Sicily
- Visit Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe
- See Taorimina, the “pearl of the Mediterranean” & stay in Catania's Baroque area

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply (Excludes Trip Only option)

CRUISE

- Overnight ferry from Cagliari, Sardinia to Palermo, Sicily
- Stay in a twin-share cabin with private facilities

ACCOMMODATION

- 12 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- 15 meals included

ESSENTIALS

- English speaking tour leader & guide
- Parking, checkpoint fees

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Ferry Sardinia to Sicily

TRANSFERS

- Return airport (Excludes Trip Only option)
- Port transfers

Tour Inclusions

ITINERARY 2: 21-DAY SARDINIA & SICILY WITH MALTA EXTENSION

All of Itinerary 1 inclusions, plus the following:
5 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation in Valletta area

5 additional meals

A ferry ride from Pozzallo, Sicily to Valletta, Malta

Experience a boat trip to the sea caverns of the Blue Grotto

Unwind with free time in picturesque Marsaxlokk

Tour Birgu, one of Malta's ancient fortified 'Three Cities'

Admire the Mosta Dome, the third-largest unsupported dome in the world

Explore Malta's UNESCO-listed capital of Valletta on a guided tour

Relax with free time in beautiful Valletta

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent;** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 9th October 2027. Minimum group size 25, maximum group size 36 per vehicle.
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies.

2026 Dates

- 17 Day Itinerary 1: $1,400
- 23 Day Itinerary 2: $2,200

2027 Dates

- 17 Day Itinerary 1: $1,500
- 23 Day Itinerary 2: $2,500

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, Perth or *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane or Adelaide: $200 per person
Auckland: $750 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s)
- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Please note: From Sydney, Melbourne or Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 28 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight

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duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

From Brisbane, Adelaide or Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Qatar Airways: $500 per person
- Emirates: $500 per person

Please note:

- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*
- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.*

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Barcelona, Spain - From $300 per person, subject to availability.
Olbia, Sardinia - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Catania, Sicily (Itinerary 1 only) - From $300 per person, subject to availability.
Valletta, Malta (Itinerary 2 only) - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- ***Exclusions:***

  This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- *The arrive early fee into Barcelona does, however, include an internal flight from Barcelona to Olbia, Sardinia (your destination). If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly reservations team so we may secure your return flight back to Australia. Please note by choosing to forfeit your connecting flight; the cost does not change.*
- ***Cancellations & Changes:***

  Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- ***High-Season:***

  A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.
- ***+ 60 days:***

  You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.
- ***Estimated dates:***

  Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.
- *High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:*
- *18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026*
- *12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026*
- *19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027*
- *4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027*
- *19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027*
- *19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027*
- *11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027*
- *10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027*
- *20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028*
- *4th January 2028 - 31st January 2028*
- *1st April 2028 - 30th April 2028*

Stopover Packages

* Doha, Qatar
* Dubai, U.A.E.

Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

Doha Grand Prix: 26 November - 02 December 2026
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 03 December - 09 December 2025
Christmas and New Years Eve: 18 December 2026 - 03 January 2027
Hong Kong Rugby 7's: end March/ beginning April
Singapore Grand Prix: 30 September - 05

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Doha Grand Prix: 25 November - 1 December 2027
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 21 - 26 October 2027
Christmas and New Years Eve: 20 December 2027 - 03 January 2028

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Trip Only Option

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

16 Days - Itinerary 1

- Olbia, Sardinia: Hotel For You
- Alghero, Sardinia: Catalunya Hotel
- Oristano, Sardinia: Mistral 2 Hotel
- Cagliari, Sardinia: Hotel Regina Margherita or T Hotel
- Palermo, Sicily: Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal
- Agrigento, Sicily: Hotel Della Valle
- Ragusa/Modica, Sicily: Hotel Mediterraneo Palace
- Catania Area, Sicily: Grande Albergo Maugeri Hotel

21 Days - Itinerary 2 (Malta Post-Tour)

All the above hotels, plus the following

- St Julians (Valletta Area): Argento Hotel or Cavalieri Art

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

No Star Rating

- Ferry (Sardinia to Sicily): Grimaldi Ferry Line or similar

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Itinerary 2 Only (2027)

Day 19: Turkish Gulet Cruise to the Blue Lagoon & Goza (Full-Day Tour): $380 AUD per person

Inclusions:

- Sightseeing cruise on a Turkish gulet
- Two swim stops
- Unlimited wine, beer, mineral water, and soft drinks for the entire duration of the cruise
- Morning snack
- Buffet lunch
- Afternoon snack
- Toilet facilities
- Assistance by our staff and crew

Exclusions:

- Government-issued access pass to step ashore at the Blue Lagoon (can be booked from www.blcomino.com)
- Liquors, spirits and any other beverages not specified in the inclusions section
- Tour guide
- Optional motorboat trip to the Comino Caves and the Crystal Lagoon (to be booked and paid on location)
- Tips (optional)

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable directly to the tour operator in the currency specified.*
- *This tour requires a minimum of 15 people to run.*

Important Information

- *The optional tour must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*
- *Important Notice: Following a new directive issued by the Government of Malta, effective May 2025, to disembark ashore at the Blue Lagoon, one must obtain an access pass in advance. Passes can be acquired through the official government website blcomino.com. Please ensure you acquire this pass in advance, as the daily pass allocation is limited. You will not be allowed to disembark at the Blue Lagoon without an official pass. For this trip, you are required to book the morning timeslot when applying for your pass.*
- *The boat is wheelchair and stroller accessible; however, the island of Comino is not wheelchair or stroller friendly. The terrain on Comino Island is very uneven and rugged, which makes it very difficult to navigate with a wheelchair or a stroller.*
- *You will not be disembarking in Gozo; one of the swim stops (weather permitting) is in the open waters near the island of Gozo.*
- *Pets, large luggage, and large suitcases are not allowed on the boat.*
- *Snorkelling equipment is available for hire on the boat.*
- *The minimum age for drinking alcoholic beverages is 17 years old.*
- *Not recommended for travellers with mobility impairments.*
- *Not recommended for travellers who are prone to seasickness.*
- *The optional motorboat trip to Comino Caves and the Crystal Lagoon is not included; this can be booked on-site with the crew and paid for on location. The boat trip is optional and is always subject to weather conditions.*
- *The provider reserves the right to change the order of the visits or alter the itinerary subject to weather conditions or unforeseen operational constraints.*
- *No refunds will be issued to customers who are unable to disembark at the Blue Lagoon due to not having a government-issued pass. It is the customer's responsibility to obtain the required pass in advance.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours (payable on tour)
- Day 4: Entrance fee to Olive Trees & Tomb of Giants (approximately 10 Euros per person)
- Day 16: Entrance fee into see the Blue Grotto (from the inside - approximately 10 Euros per person)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

Please note: A daily City Tourist Tax (or a Docking Tax for cruise visitors) is charged in some European destinations. They are paid directly to the hotel or cruise company, and cannot be prepaid. Further details will be included in your travel.

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only option.

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is €5 - €7 EUR per person per day. This covers the guide/ leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

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Other Important Information

CITY TAXES

- Olbia: €3
- Alghero: €2.50
- Oristano: €3
- Cagliari: €3
- Palermo: €3
- Agrigento: €3.50
- Ragusa/Modica: €2.50
- Catania: €2.50
- Valletta: €2

Please note: Pricing is approximate and subject to change. Payable upon check-in to your accommodation and based on per person, per night.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or

commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Sardinia, Sicily and Malta

These 3 islands have a Mediterranean climate according to the Köppen climate classification with very mild winters and warm to hot summers. In September you can expect an average temperature of around 22°C, with a high of 26°C. In October, the summer crowds are mostly absent and the conditions are perfect for touring. Sardinia, Sicily and Malta are warm enough for the beach from May to October. October sees an average temperature of 18°C. August is the peak of the summer season with an average high temperature of 30.8°and an average low temperature of 19.6°C

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A Moderate level of fitness will be required.
Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activities, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.
Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian or New Zealand passport.

EU Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaces the current manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travellers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph

taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10 April 2026, the EES will be fully operational at all external border crossing points of all the European countries (Schengen area) using the system.

European Travel Information & Authorisation System (ETIAS)

As an extension of the EES implementation introduced from 2025, ETIAS travel authorisation is a mandatory entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to any of these 30 European countries, including Australian and New Zealand citizens, that will be introduced in 2026. We advise you to monitor smartraveller.com.au closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.