

Italian Alps & the Mediterranean

ITALY ● GREECE ● CYPRUS ● EGYPT

The Offer

From dramatic Alpine peaks to chic Mediterranean shores, experience a bucket list experience in Italy, Croatia, Egypt and more on this 18-day tour-and-cruise package.

Meet us in Milan, Italy's fashion capital. After a guided walking tour of the city centre, journey into the heart of the Dolomite mountains. Based in Bolzano, you could experience the woodcarving heritage of Ortisei, explore the dramatic vertical cliffs of Seceda, the iconic Lake Misurina and the turquoise waters of Lake Braies. Visit Cortina d'Ampezzo, the "Queen of the Dolomites," before heading to the romantic canals of Venice.

The adventure reaches new heights as you board the spectacular MSC Lirica. This elegant vessel offers a refined atmosphere, featuring 5 dining options and 9 bars and lounges, a Broadway-style theatre, and a splash park for sun-soaked relaxation. Sail the Ionian Sea to Katakolon, the gateway to ancient Olympia, then discover the mythical Minotaur's labyrinth in Heraklion, Crete.

Your voyage continues to the medieval Old Town of Rhodes and the sun-drenched shores of Limassol, Cyprus. Delve into history at Port Said and the ancient metropolis of Alexandria, Egypt, before cruising to the Dalmatian coast. In Split, Croatia, you could wander the 1,700-year-old Diocletian's Palace, before capping off your journey in Venice.

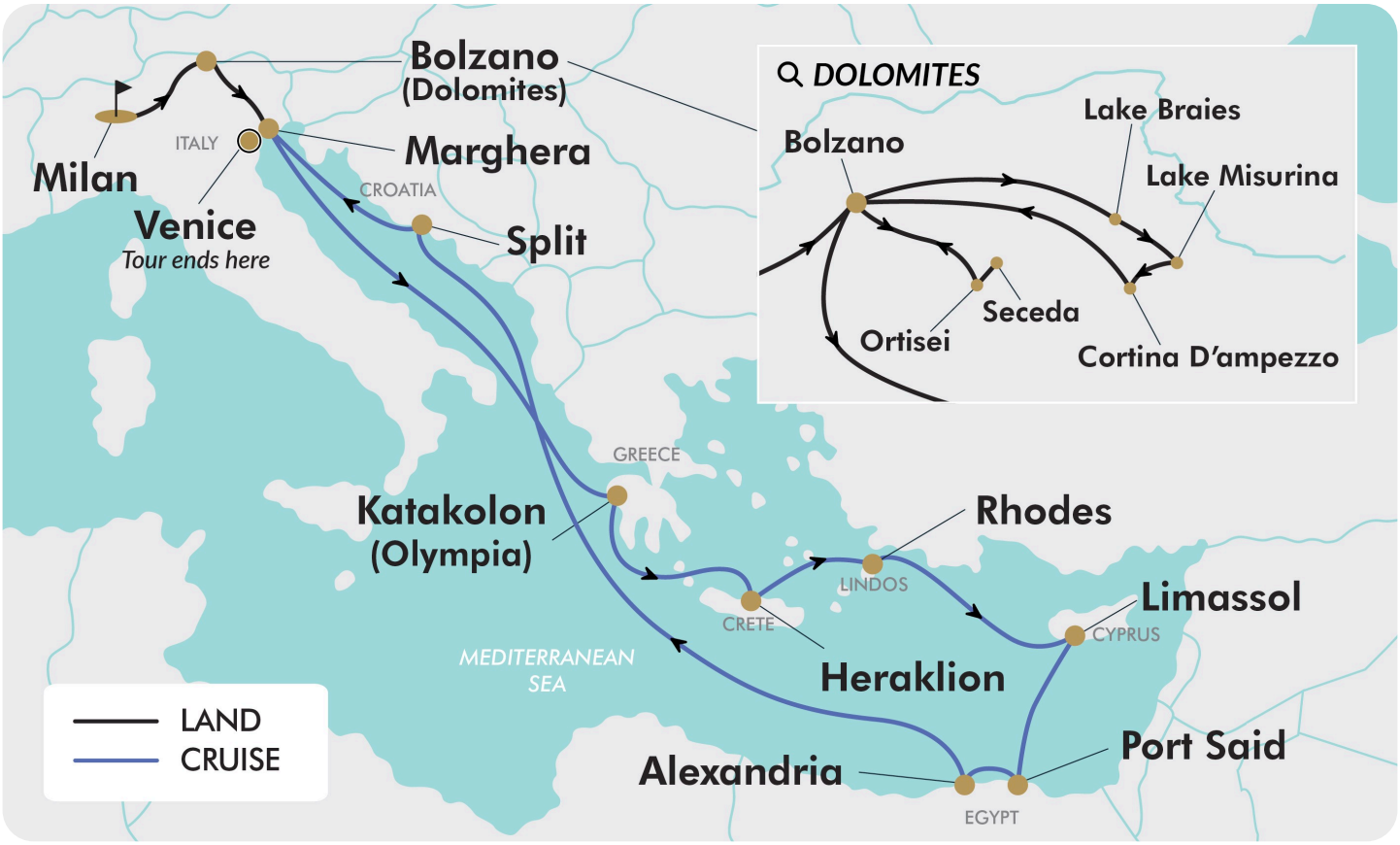
This inclusion-packed package features an 11-night cruise aboard the MSC Lirica, 6 nights of hotel accommodation and expert-led tours.

Want more? Treat yourself to an upgraded cabin.

Travel Planning: Return international airfares aren't included in this package, so you have the flexibility to choose your own. See Important Information before booking.



The Map


Bolzano
(Dolomites)
ITALY
Marghera
Milan
CROATIA
Venice
Tour ends here
Split
DOLOMITES
Bolzano
Lake Braies
Lake Misurina
Seceda
Ortisei
Cortina D'ampezzo
GREECE
Katakolon
(Olympia)
Rhodes
LINDOS
Limassol
CRETE
CYPRUS
MEDITERRANEAN
SEA
Heraklion
Port Said
Alexandria
EGYPT
LAND
CRUISE



The Itinerary

Day 1 Meet us in Milan, Italy

Welcome to Milan, Italy! Make your own way to the hotel for check-in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Please note:

- *Get ready to meet your tour representative and fellow travellers the following day.*
- *Details, including meeting times and arrangements, will be provided upon check-in.*
- *Hotel information will be confirmed in your travel documents, issued 4–6 weeks prior to travel.*
- *If you arrive before check-in time, luggage storage facilities may be available at reception (additional costs may apply)*

Overnight: Antares Ramada Milan Hotel or similar, Milan
Meals included: None

Day 2 Milan, Walking City Tour - Bolzano, Dolomites

After breakfast, enjoy a three-hour guided walking tour of Milan, celebrated as the Italian capital of fashion and design, a city rich in art, history and culture. The tour begins from Sforza Castle (entrance not included) before walking towards the Duomo. On the way, admire elegant buildings along two of Milan's iconic streets, the Via Dante and Via dei Mercanti. Piazza del Duomo is the heart of Milan, and the Duomo is one of its most significant Gothic-style monuments.

In the afternoon, travel to the Dolomites, a unique corner of the Italian Alps. Welcome to a region bursting with natural beauty and diversity. Whether a connoisseur, active or adventurous, everyone is thrilled by the Italian Dolomites. The area offers the majestic Dolomite mountain peaks, and excellent cuisine, a colourful mix of down-to-earth fare and Italian specialties. Experience a landscape paradise unparalleled in all seasons, a holiday region that attracts with its endless recreational activities, day after day.

Later today, arrive in the city of Bolzano, the major gateway to the Dolomites. Known for its blend of Austrian-Tyrolean and Italian cultures, this alpine city features a medieval centre and scenic surrounding vineyards. Upon arrival, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Today, travel approximately 280 kilometres.

Overnight: B&B Bolzano Hotel or similar, Bolzano
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Bolzano, Dolomites - Ortisei, Dolomites

Today, head to Ortisei, a charming, pedestrian-friendly village in Northern Italy's Val Gardena, renowned as a premier, year-round hub for the Dolomites. As the largest town in the valley, it offers direct, quick access to Seceda and Alpe di Siusi (Seiser Alm) cable cars for world-class skiing, hiking, and stunning, expansive views.

Take the cable car to Seceda Mountain Station, a renowned 2,519-metre mountain ridge in the Italian Dolomites, famous for its dramatic, near-vertical Odle Group cliffs and lush, sloping pastures. It serves as a premier summer hiking destination and a winter skiing area. Seceda offers breathtaking scenery and iconic views.

Afternoons, return to Ortisei and spend time at leisure walking through its colourful Tyrolean buildings, woodcarving shops and vibrant cafes.



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Before heading back to Bolzano, stop in Funes Valley and admire the iconic church of San Giacomo. This iconic chapel is nestled in the Dolomites, set against a dramatic mountain backdrop.

Today, travel approximately 80 kilometres.

Overnight: B&B Bolzano Hotel or similar, Bolzano
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Dolomites Full Day: Lake Braies - Lake Misurina - Cortina D'Ampezzo

Today, drive to picturesque Lake Braies, a pearl of the Dolomite lakes. Lago di Braies (Lake Braies) is one of Italy's most beautiful lakes. Located at an altitude of about 1,500m above sea level in the picturesque Alta Pusteria (Upper Puster Valley), the mountain lake captivates with its turquoise-green colour and the imposing Seekofel Massif (2,810m) that surrounds it.

Continue to Misurina Lake, in the heart of the Dolomites, 1,754m. Lake Misurina is one of the most suggestive and photographed alpine jewels of Italy. Its lake, a natural mirror surrounded by woods, mountains and a pleasant walk, offers postcard scenery in every season and an atmosphere of timeless tranquillity.

Reach the Queen of the Dolomites, Cortina D'ampezzo and enjoy a two-hour guided walking tour.

Cortina d'Ampezzo sits deep in an ample valley surrounded by high peaks, and is one of the most famous mountain localities in the world. Host of the 2026 & 1956 Winter Olympic Games and defined solely in terms of chic and ski, Cortina is a glitzy, glam symbol both on the Italian and international scenes.

Cortina has always been a top destination for mountain and nature enthusiasts, as well as those in search of winter sports and, in general, fun. Even in summer, Cortina offers multiple opportunities for relaxation, athletics and fun: the advantage of 300 kilometres of pathways means the possible itineraries are countless. Not only skiing and summer sports: in Cortina there are about 250 shops where shoppers can find the Italian high fashion and the best of Made in Italy, in addition to local artisan goods, art, jewellery and antiques.

Enjoy time at leisure to explore this unique location in the Dolomites.

Today, travel approximately 280 kilometres.

Overnight: B&B Bolzano Hotel or similar, Bolzano
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Bolzano, Dolomites - Venice, Walking City Tour

Today, travel to the romantic city of Venice.

Transfer to Tronchetto Pier and board a Venetian ferry (water bus). It's the perfect introduction to the city, allowing you to admire the iconic architecture and canals from the water. Begin your two-hour guided tour of Venice at Piazza San Marco (St Mark's Square). As the heart of Venetian life and one of the world's most beautiful squares, it serves as the perfect starting point for your journey. Around the square, you will see the famous St Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, and the Bell Tower. The church was built to house the body of St Mark, transported from Alexandria in 828AD. Inside the basilica, you can admire glittering Byzantine Mosaics (entrance not included). The tour will



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continue onwards to Rialto Bridge, one of the most beautiful bridges and an icon of the city. Upon conclusion of the tour, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Today, travel approximately 260 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel Anthony or similar, Mestre
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Venice - Marghera - Begin 11-night Greece, Croatia, Cyprus & Egypt - MSC Cruise

Depart: 19:00

After breakfast, relax with free time until you are transferred to the cruise terminal in Marghera to embark on an exciting 11-night Mediterranean cruise aboard the spectacular MSC Lirica.

Overnight: 'MSC Cruises' MSC Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 7 Cruising

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Katakolon, (Olympia), Greece

Arrive: 10:00 - Depart: 17:00

On the Peloponnese shores stands the little seaside town of Katakolon, Greece, a destination. Situated on a headland overlooking the blue Ionian Sea, this charming location boasts a lighthouse, the Agios Nicolaos Church, and musical instruments museum. A short ride away lies the ancient site of Olympia, the extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site. 3000 years ago, it hosted Greece's first Olympic Games in its Panhellenic religious sanctuary.

MSC excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:

- *Olympia, Folklore Show and Tasting*
- *Olympia and its Museum*
- *Magna Grecia Estate and Olympia in 3D*

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 9 Heraklion, Crete, Greece

Arrive: 10:00 - Depart: 18:00

Crete's capital Heraklion, a destination, is an energetic city with a prolific history. Admire majestic Mount Yiouhtas as you dock in the harbour and ancient Koules Fortress on the port's western pier. Discover the mythical Palace of Knossos or historical monasteries and churches. Crete is a fascinating slice of Greek island life just waiting to be explored!

MSC excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:

- *The Palace of Knossos*
- *The Minoan Palace of Phaestos*
- *Fodele Village and Rethymno Town*



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Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 10 Rhodes, (Lindos), Greece
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

Rhodes, a Greek Dodecanese island and destination, is celebrated for its beautiful beaches, archaeological ruins, and magnificent museums. Its historical Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the largest medieval city in the European continent!

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *Lindos and the Temple of Athena*
- *The Ruins of Kamiros*
- *The Grand Master's Palace*

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Limassol, Cyprus
Arrive: 10:00 - Depart: 17:00

Sitting on the stunning Cypriot coastline, Limassol makes for a fascinating destination. The city is celebrated for its medieval castle, waterfront sculpture park, and vast array of museums. Beyond Limassol lies the fascinating town of Paphos and a host of natural and archaeological wonders, including Millomeri Waterfalls and Apollo's Sanctuary.

MSC excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *Paphos*
- *Apollo's Temple*
- *Millomeri Waterfalls*

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Port Said, Egypt
Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 21:30

Founded at the start of the Canal excavations, by the late nineteenth century, Port Said (Bur Said in Arabic) was an important port where all the major maritime powers had consulates. On the southern side of the city centre, the area close to the Arsenal Basin is a good place to see some of Port Said's dusty nineteenth-century European-style colonial houses, which although dilapidated, remain wonderfully evocative. Sadly, with new constructions springing up constantly, these buildings may not be there much longer. The city centre's principal thoroughfare, Sharia al-Gumhorriya reflects Port Said's metamorphosis from small port to slick commercial centre, with plate-glass facades superseding early 20th-century balconies as the street progresses north.

With an MSC cruise excursion, you can also visit Port Said's bazaar, ranging from humble stalls on Salah al Din Street to smart boutiques on Sharia en-Nahda and at the junction between Sharia al-Gumhorriya and Sharia.

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 13 Alexandria, Egypt
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 22:30

Alexandria was Egypt's capital for almost a thousand years before fading into oblivion, only to be reborn in the modern age as a Europeanised metropolis. In Arabic, the city is called Al-Iskandariya, after its founder Alexander the Great.

For visitors sailing on an MSC cruise to Egypt, the modern city's top three attractions are its iconic library, the Alexandria National Museum and the Roman Theatre (all on the periphery of downtown, fifteen minutes' walk from the central Midan Sa'ad Zaghloul).

Alexandria runs along the Mediterranean for 20 kilometres without ever venturing more than 8 kilometres inland – a true waterfront city.

With an MSC Mediterranean cruise excursion, you can also visit its great Corniche, which sweeps around the Eastern Harbour and along the coast past a string of city beaches to Montazah and Ma'amoura, burning out before the final beach at Abu Qir. Most tourists frequent the downtown quarter of El-Manshiya, where many restaurants are within a few blocks on either side, or inland, of Midan Sa'ad Zaghloul. The Corniche (and breezes blowing inland) make basic orientation quite simple, but the finer points can still be awkward, and even the latest map doesn't show every backstreet in the centre.

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Cruising

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Cruising

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Split, Croatia
Arrive: 09:00 - Depart: 17:00

Croatia's second-largest city, Split, provides an insight into Dalmatian life, how it's really lived. Always buzzing, this exuberant city has a bountiful mixture of tradition and modernity. The antiquity of Split Harbour is testified by the presence of the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace built by Emperor Diocletian in 295 AD.

Split Harbour is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful and one of the oldest in the Adriatic - over 1,700 years old! You can also reach the nearby islands easily from here (not included).

Overnight: MSC Cruises Lirica
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Marghera (Venice) , Italy
Arrive: 08:00

Enjoy breakfast before disembarking. Be met by a tour representative and be transferred to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.



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Overnight: Hotel Anthony or similar, Mestre
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Venice, Italy

After breakfast, at the appropriate time, check out of the hotel and make your own onward travel arrangements.

Meals included: Breakfast



Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the beauty of the Italian Dolomites and the Mediterranean

Discover iconic Italy, the Greek Islands, Cyprus, Egypt and Croatia

Discover Italy's finest fashion & design on a guided tour of Milan

Witness the mountain peaks, dramatic landscapes and excellent cuisine of the Dolomites, part of the majestic Alps

Stay in the medieval city of Bolzano in South Tyrol, the major gateway to the Dolomites

Explore Ortisei, a picturesque and charming village renowned as a premier hub in the heart of the Dolomites

Enjoy a cable car ride to Seceda, a renowned 2,519-metre mountain ridge with iconic views and panoramas

Enjoy a guided tour of the glam and chic town of Cortina D'ampezzo known as the Queen of the Dolomites

Admire the iconic church of San Giacomo, nestled in the dramatic mountain backdrop of the Dolomites

Enjoy a relaxing walk around the hidden pearls of the Dolomites, Lake Misurina and Lake Braies

Wander the romantic streets of Venice on a guided walking tour

Enjoy a day at leisure in the iconic city of Venice

Dock in Katakolon, gateway to the UNESCO Archaeological Site of Olympia

See Heraklion, the vibrant capital of Crete

Explore the UNESCO-listed medieval Old Town of the Island of Rhodes and admire the stunning beaches of Lindos village

Enjoy the stunning Cypriot coastline and the cosmopolitan modern marina of Limassol, Cyprus

Dock in Port Said, a historic Egyptian city and major harbour in the Mediterranean

Discover the ancient city of Alexandria, known for its unique Greco-Roman history and iconic sites

Dock in Split and wander its spectacular waterfront promenade

CRUISE

11-night MSC Greece, Croatia, Cyprus & Egypt Cruise

Sail aboard the fabulous 4-star MSC Lirica

ACCOMMODATION

6 nights of hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 38 meals, including all while cruising

ESSENTIALS

Parking and checkpoint fees

English-speaking tour leader and guides

Cruise staff gratuities

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

Water bus in Venice from the Tronchetto Pier to St Mark's Square

TRANSFERS

Day 6: Hotel to cruise port

Day 17: Cruise port to hotel

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 28th October 2027.
Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 40 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:

- Interior Cabin: $3,399
- Oceanview Cabin: $3,799
- Balcony Cabin: $4,599
- Aurea Suite: $4,999

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 10 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

Return international flights are not included in this offer. Please do not book your airfares until you receive email confirmation from TripADeal stating that your departure date has met minimum numbers 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: This Travel Offer 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)

Cruise

MSC LIRICA SHIP

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Embark on a journey of discovery aboard MSC Lirica, a timeless vessel that blends

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classic style with modern comforts. Designed to offer a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere, MSC Lirica is perfect for travellers seeking a traditional cruise experience with a touch of Italian elegance. MSC Lirica promises a memorable cruise experience with its blend of classic charm, modern amenities, and warm Italian hospitality. Whether you're looking to relax, explore, or simply enjoy the journey, MSC Lirica has something for everyone.

Onboard Facilities

Dining Options

- La Bussola Restaurant: Enjoy gourmet international cuisine in an elegant setting.
- L'Ippocampo Restaurant: Delight in a diverse menu with an emphasis on Mediterranean flavours.
- Le Bistrot Buffet: Casual dining with a variety of dishes served buffet-style.
- La Pergola: An alfresco dining venue offering fresh, delicious meals with a view.

Bars & Lounges

- The Beverly Hills Bar: A stylish spot for cocktails and socialising.
- Lord Nelson Pub: An English-style pub with a cosy ambience and a wide selection of beers.
- Le Cabaret Lounge: Evening entertainment with live music and shows.
- Lirica Lounge: The main show lounge featuring nightly performances and events.

Recreation & Relaxation

- Two Swimming Pools: Enjoy a refreshing dip or soak up the sun on the spacious deck.
- Whirlpools: Relax and unwind in one of the onboard hot tubs.
- Aurea Spa: Indulge in luxurious treatments, massages, and a thermal area.
- Fitness Centre: State-of-the-art gym equipment and fitness classes to keep you active.
- Jogging Track: A scenic outdoor track for a refreshing run with ocean views.

Entertainment

- Teatro Lirico: A grand theatre showcasing captivating shows, musicals, and performances.
- Casino: Try your luck at a variety of games including blackjack, roulette, and slot machines.
- Virtual Arcade: Fun and games for all ages with the latest in virtual reality experiences.

Family Fun

- Kids Club: Engaging activities and entertainment for children of all ages.
- Teen Club: A dedicated space for teenagers to socialize and enjoy age-appropriate activities.
- Outdoor Play Area: A safe and fun space for young children to play and make new friends.

Additional Amenities

- Shopping Gallery: Browse a selection of boutiques offering fashion, jewellery, and souvenirs.
- Library: A quiet space to read and relax with a good book.
- Internet Cafe: Stay connected with friends and family back home.
- Medical Centre: Onboard medical services are available for your peace of mind.

Onboard currency

: € Euro

Cabins/Staterooms:

Interior Cabin

Size: Approximately 12-13m²
Description: Interior cabins are perfect for budget-conscious travellers who still want to enjoy all the comforts of a well-appointed room. These cabins feature twin beds that can be converted into a double bed, a private bathroom with a shower, a sitting area, and ample storage space. Modern amenities include a flat-screen TV, minibar, safe and air conditioning.

Oceanview Cabin

Size: Approximately 12-22m²
Description: Oceanview cabins offer stunning views of the sea through a large window or porthole. These cabins come with twin beds that can be converted into a double bed, a private bathroom with a shower, a sitting area, and plenty of storage. Guests can enjoy in-cabin amenities such as a flat-screen TV, minibar, safe, and air conditioning.

Aurea Suite

Size: Surface 23 m², balcony 5 m²

- Located on Deck 10
- Balcony
- Sitting area with sofa
- Spacious wardrobe
- Bathroom with bathtub, vanity area with hairdryer
- Comfortable double or single beds
- TV, telephone, and Wi-Fi connection available (for a fee), safe and minibar
- Complimentary access to the Thermal Suite in the MSC Aurea Spa
- Welcome package (Prosecco + chocolate)
- Dine any time you choose
- Free access to the Top Exclusive Solarium
- 10% discount on all spa treatments purchased on board
- Priority boarding and luggage drop off

Please note:

- *All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.*
- *Cruise cabins are booked on a guaranteed basis and are assigned by the cruise line prior to departure.*

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

3-4 Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Milan, Italy: Ramada Plaza or Antares Hotel
- Bolzano, Italy: B&B Hotel Bolzano

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• Venice Area, Italy: Antony Hotel Mestre

4-Star Cruise Ships (Self-Rated)

MSC Cruises: MSC Lirica

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.

Accommodation Location

To ensure a comfortable and convenient experience for everyone, we've carefully selected hotels that best suit the size and specific needs of each group. While this means your accommodation may not be in the city centre, you can rest assured that our hotels are typically located near public transportation and a variety of local restaurants and attractions. Once your tour begins, your friendly driver or tour leader will be happy to help you get your bearings and offer assistance, should you need it.

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

Please note:

- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*
- *Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)*
- *Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

Exclusions

- Return international flights
- All airport transfers
- 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
- 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
- Venice Historical Centre Entrance Fee

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 available on tour.

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

VENICE TOURIST ENTRANCE TAX

Venice, Italy

It is now mandatory for all tourists who are daytripping or staying less than one night in Venice to pay an entrance tax online prior to arrival. The cost of the tax will change based on the season and the turnout of tourists. Prices will range from €3 up to €10 per person, per day.
Exemptions:
- Guests staying more than one night in Venice and Venice area (with proof of stay)
- Children 6 years and under
- Residents, Home owners, Students of Venice
- Tourist bus passengers

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 between €5 - €7 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.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component. MSC Cruises is an internationally registered company and operates to US and European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a tipping culture. If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

Other Important Information

CITY TAXES

Payable directly to the hotel at check-in.
- Milan Area: €5 per person, per night
- Venice Area: €3.10 per person, per night
- Bolzano: €2.50 per person, per night

Please note: All pricing is approximate and subject to change.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

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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

Italy: November to March

We recommend dressing in layers as there can be significant changes in temperature throughout the day. Wear good walking shoes, jeans or heavy cotton pants, a light cotton shirt plus a sweater/jacket and to fit in with the local Italians, a scarf. Expect temperatures ranging from highs of 17°C to lows of 8°C.

The Mediterranean Sea: November to March

The temperate Mediterranean Sea can be quite inviting during this month at an average of 17°.

Weather

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

CRUISE

Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately two hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board two hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

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 activity, 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. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

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).

Wildlife sighting:

TripADeal cannot guarantee animal sightings on tour. Wildlife are unpredictable and factors such as weather conditions, predatory fear and animal

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movements can impact sightings.

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

Europe

European Union Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaced the 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.

Egypt

A tourist visa is a strict requirement when travelling to Egypt on an Australian passport. The tourist visa is available for purchase upon arrival.

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.