Best of Italy & the Med 2027

ROME ● BARCELONA ● MARSEILLE

The Offer

Unlock the very best of Southern Europe on this spectacular 18-day adventure, perfectly blending Italy's iconic cities with a sun-drenched Mediterranean cruise.

Your journey begins in the "Floating City" of Venice, where winding canals set a romantic tone before you head to Milan, Italy's sleek capital of fashion. From the Gothic grandeur of the Duomo, you'll journey into the heart of Tuscany. Lean into the history of Pisa and lose yourself in the Renaissance magic of Florence, home to the world's most celebrated masterpieces. After a mystical stop in the hilltop citadel of Orvieto, the "Eternal City" of Rome awaits with its ancient arenas and baroque fountains.

The adventure shifts gears in Civitavecchia as you board either the elegant MSC Sinfonia (February & March 2027) or MSC Fantasia (April to October 2027) for a 7-night voyage. Between exploring world-class ports, you can find a West End-style show at the Teatro San Carlo (Itinerary 1), or simply relax by the expansive pool deck. From authentic Italian pasta in the main dining rooms to cocktails in the Manhattan Bar (Itinerary 2), the onboard experience is designed to be as enriching as the destinations themselves

Wake up to a new horizon every morning as you sail to Valencia's futuristic City of Arts (itinerary 1 & 3) and Sciences and the vibrant, Gaudi-filled streets of Barcelona. Feel the mist of the French Riviera in Marseille before returning to Italy to explore the colourful cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre (shore excursion) and the chic harbours of Portofino (shore excursion). Pack your bags for a European holiday that spans three countries and a lifetime of memories.

This incredible adventure includes return international flights, 7-night MSC cruise, 8 nights of hotel accommodation, 28 meals, all while cruising and more.

Want more? Book Itinerary 3 & 4 for a 21-day package to enjoy a 3-night pre-tour Dubai experience, flying with Emirates Airlines.

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Venice, Italy

Depart today for Venice, Italy.

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Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Venice

Upon arrival, be met by your English-speaking tour leader and transferred to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight: Novotel la Castellana Hotel or similar, Mestre
Meals included: None

Day 3 Venice Walking City Tour

After breakfast this morning, be transferred to the Tronchetto Pier to board a water bus to the city centre. Take time to admire the beautiful buildings and architecture as you cruise the stunning waters of Venice.

Upon arrival, be met by a local guide at Piazza San Marco (St Mark's Square) to begin an approximately 2-hour guided tour of Venice. The tour starts in iconic St Mark's Square, regarded as one of the most intricate and beautiful town squares in the world. Surrounding the square, is the famous St Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the Bell Tower (entrances not included). St Mark's Basilica was built to house the body of St Marc which was transported from Alexandria in 828 AD.

The tour continues to Rialto Bridge, the oldest bridge over the Grand Canal and an icon of the city. Upon conclusion of the tour, enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Optional Activity: Gondola Ride

Enjoy a 30-minute gondola ride in Venice. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please Note: Gondola rides are not always private and may be shared with other passengers.

Overnight: Novotel la Castellana Hotel or similar, Mestre
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Venice - Milan Walking City Tour

After breakfast, depart for Milan on what will be an approximate 270-kilometres travel day. Celebrated as the Italian capital of fashion and design, Milan is a city rich in art, history and culture.

Upon arrival, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided city tour of Milan. The tour begins from Sforza Castle (entrance not included) before walking towards the Duomo. On the way, admire elegant buildings along 2 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.

The tour continues through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, Italy's oldest active shopping mall and a major landmark of Milan, before arriving at the Piazza della Scala. This is home to one of the most famous theatres in the world, La Scala (entrance not included).

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Itinerary 1

Overnight: AS Limbiate Hotel or similar, Milan Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Milan - Pisa Walking City Tour

After breakfast, depart for Pisa on an approximately 330-kilometre travel day exploring an architectural gem of Tuscany. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided tour of the city centre.

Pisa is a city renowned for its iconic landmarks, rich history, and vibrant culture. Once a thriving Roman port, sitting on the coast until the 15th century, Pisa now lies on the alluvial plain of the Arno River. Pisa is a popular tourist spot with the city's unique Piazza dei Miracoli (The Square of Miracles), a UNESCO World Heritage site, home to Pisa's iconic Leaning Tower. Beyond the tower, discover the many treasures of this city with its unique character, rich cultural heritage and glimpses of an authentic Italian lifestyle.

Overnight: Hotel Manzoni or similar, Montecatini, Florence Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Florence Walking City Tour

After breakfast, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided tour of the incredible city of Florence. Tour through some of the famous sights and attractions of Florence, including the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Piazza del Duomo. Piazza del Duomo, together with Piazza San Giovanni, represent the heart of the city. The most important religious monuments of Florence are situated here, linked by their geometric design and characterised by the typical white, green and pink marble coating. See the Baptistery with its octagonal shape and 3 bronze doors (entrances not included).

Continue through Piazza della Signoria to the Palazzo Vecchio, the town hall of Florence (entrance not included). Admire the impressive statues that surround the piazza before continuing to the Straw Market, where the tour concludes. Enjoy time at leisure for the rest of the day or join the optional tours available.

Optional Activity: Uffizi Gallery

Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Gallery of the Academy of Florence

Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Montecatini 3-Course Florentine Dinner

Enjoy beefsteak Florentine-style with mineral water and a bottle of red Chianti wine between 4 people. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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Itinerary 1

Overnight: Hotel Manzoni or similar, Montecatini, Florence Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Florence - Orvieto - Rome

After breakfast, join a transfer to the Eternal City of Rome as you set off on a day tour covering approximately 350 kilometres through the beautiful Tuscan countryside and the tiny UNESCO-listed medieval villages of the beautiful Val d'Orcia.

On the way, stop in Orvieto, which seems bathed in a mystical glow. Set midway between Florence and Rome, Orvieto is Umbrian perfection, with luminous frescoes and enigmatic churches only serving to underline its lofty otherness. Looming on a sheer ledge of lava-stone, Orvieto is a brooding Etruscan presence hewn out of dark volcanic rock. In medieval times, this citadel, perched on its impregnable rock, controlled the road between Florence and Rome.

In the late afternoon, arrive in Rome for an overnight stay.

Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Rome Walking City Tour

Today, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided tour of Rome.

The tour begins at the Trevi Fountain, an iconic spot thanks to the movie 'La Dolce Vita', directed by Federico Fellini. You'll then wander the centre streets to visit famous sites such as the Pantheon, the Palazzo Madama (entrance not included) and Navona Square. Once the tour finishes, enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure - perhaps visit the incredible Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel to be awe-inspired by the murals and immortal Works of Michelangelo.

Optional Activity: Trastevere Walking Food Tour

Approximately 3 hours. Taste traditional Roman street food in the bohemian suburb of Trastevere, well known for its "trattorias" and street food like suppli, pizza, gelato, and wine. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Colosseum & Imperial Forum

3-hour tour. Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: 3-Course Farewell Dinner in Trastevere

Trastevere is a funky bohemian area known for traditional and innovative "trattorias" (a typical local restaurant), craft beer pubs and artisan shops on the opposite bank of the river Tiber. Enjoy dinner with mineral water and a glass of wine. Transfers included. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: Guests who are interested in visiting the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel are advised to book tickets online well in advance to secure their place. Only one of the afternoon optional activities may be chosen as they occur at the same time. The Trastevere Food Tour or Colosseum & Imperial Forum.

Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 9 Rome - Civitavecchia - Begin 7-Night Mediterranean Cruise

Depart: 19:00

After breakfast, enjoy the morning at leisure before being transferred to the cruise terminal in Civitavecchia to embark on an exciting 7-night Mediterranean cruise with MSC Cruises.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 10 Cruising

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Valencia, Spain

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 21:00

Valencia is Spain's third-largest city, and in recent years has blossomed into somewhere truly special. MSC cruises to Valencia will give you the chance to discover authentic local experiences, as will cruises from Valencia, meaning all bases are covered. A few highlights include world-famous Valencian paella and the vast Oceanografic Valencia. The latter is part of the fabulous avant-garde complex known as the Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciencies (City of Arts and Sciences), a group of futuristic architectural delights designed by local architect Santiago Calatrava, which have featured in sci-fi productions from Doctor Who to Westworld and the Star Wars franchise.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Barcelona, Spain

Arrive: 09:00 - Depart: 18:00

Capital of the Catalonia region, Barcelona pulsates with life. There's no other city in the country that compares to its style, energy, and good looks. The city centre will allow you to discover its world-class art galleries and museums, as well as its countless designer restaurants, bars and shops. The extraordinary Antoni Gaudi designed La Sagrada Familia, a church which has been under construction since 1882, and the famous Ramblas boulevard, are just two essential sights of many that are worth taking in during your free time in Barcelona.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Marseille (Provence) , France

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

Several thousand years of activity, both human and natural, have helped shape Marseille, France, into the city it is today. Sailing into the port provides a view of its curved coastline and mountainous border, opening Marseille to the Mediterranean and beyond, ensuring its standing as a prominent cultural crossroads.

Marseille's terracotta rooftops, turquoise sea, limestone rocks and vivid street art form a landscape like no other in France. Even as France's second-largest city, locals liken it to 111 villages. The best way to visit Marseille is with a guide who can further unlock

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its riches. Shore excursions let you discover tucked-away treasures like the model boats that hang from the ceiling of Basilique Notre-Dame de la Garde. Snap photos of the Cathedral of Marseille that sits overlooking the ocean. Amble around Le Vieux-Port, admiring the sea views and lingering over a drink at a cafe terrace. Behold the Palais Longchamp, built to commemorate the arrival of water to Marseille. View the limestone cliffs that beckon nature-lovers to Calanques National Park.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Genoa (Portofino), Italy
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 19:00

Gateway to the Italian Riviera, the Port of Genoa is one of the most important (and one of the largest) in Italy, a strategic harbour since ancient times. Cruises to Genoa offer the chance to explore its many sights, including Genoa Aquarium, designed by architect Renzo Piano, and the city's picturesque Boccadasse district, a lakeside fishing village. Genoa excursions also offer the opportunity to taste signature dishes made from fresh ingredients, such as pesto Genovese and focaccia. A short trip away from Genoa, Portofino beckons with colourful facades, boutiques and surrounding lush hills.

On a Genoa cruise, guests can also admire one of Italy's most beautiful stretches of coastline or take an excursion to the UNESCO-listed Cinque Terre. Its five fishing villages, perched on steep cliffs, offer superb sea views, small seafood restaurants, and a tableau of townhouses.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Livorno (Cinque Terre/Florence), Italy
Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 20:00

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- *Discover Tuscany*
- *Florence*
- *Cinque Terre*

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

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Day 16 Civitavecchia, Rome - Rome Day At Leisure

Arrive: 07:00

Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking and being met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure in the iconic Eternal City.

Overnight: Cristoforo Colombo Hotel, Rome or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Rome, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, make your own way to the airport for the return flight home.

Please note: Some flights may not depart until the afternoon/ evening. Affected customers may make use of the hotel common areas and luggage storage before heading to the airport at the appropriate time.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 18 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

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

Meals included: None

The Map

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Itinerary 2

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Venice, Italy

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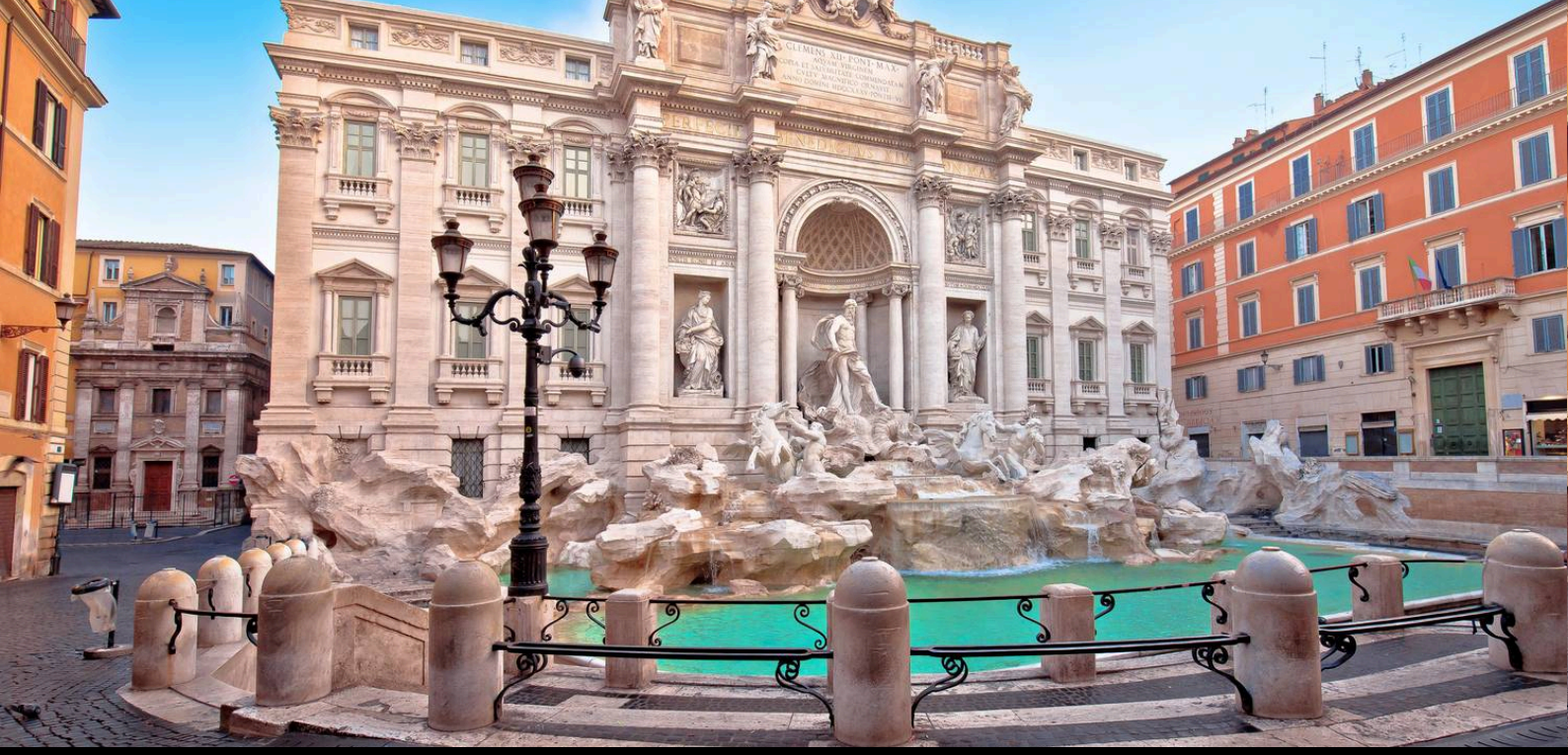

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Overnight: Hotel Manzoni or similar, Montecatini, Florence Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Florence - Orvieto - Rome

After breakfast, join a transfer to the Eternal City of Rome as you set off on a day tour covering approximately 350 kilometres through the beautiful Tuscan countryside and the tiny UNESCO-listed medieval villages of the beautiful Val d'Orcia.

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In the late afternoon, arrive in Rome for an overnight stay.

Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
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Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

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Itinerary 2

Day 9 Rome - Civitavecchia - Begin 7-Night Mediterranean Cruise

Depart: 19:00

After breakfast, enjoy the morning at leisure before being transferred to the cruise terminal in Civitavecchia to embark on an exciting 7-night Mediterranean cruise with MSC Cruises.

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 10 Livorno (Cinque Terre/Florence), Italy

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 18:00

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MSC Cruises excursion offers plenty of exciting things to see:

- *Discover Tuscany*
- *Florence*
- *'Cinque Terre'*

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Cannes (French Riviera), France

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 17:00 (Tendered)

Cannes, a jewel on the coast of France, will introduce you to the famous Film Festival. Away from the iconic seafront promenade of La Croisette, lined with chic boutiques and hotels, this destination offers remarkable heritage sites and the chance to visit exciting towns such as Monaco and the medieval village of Eze.

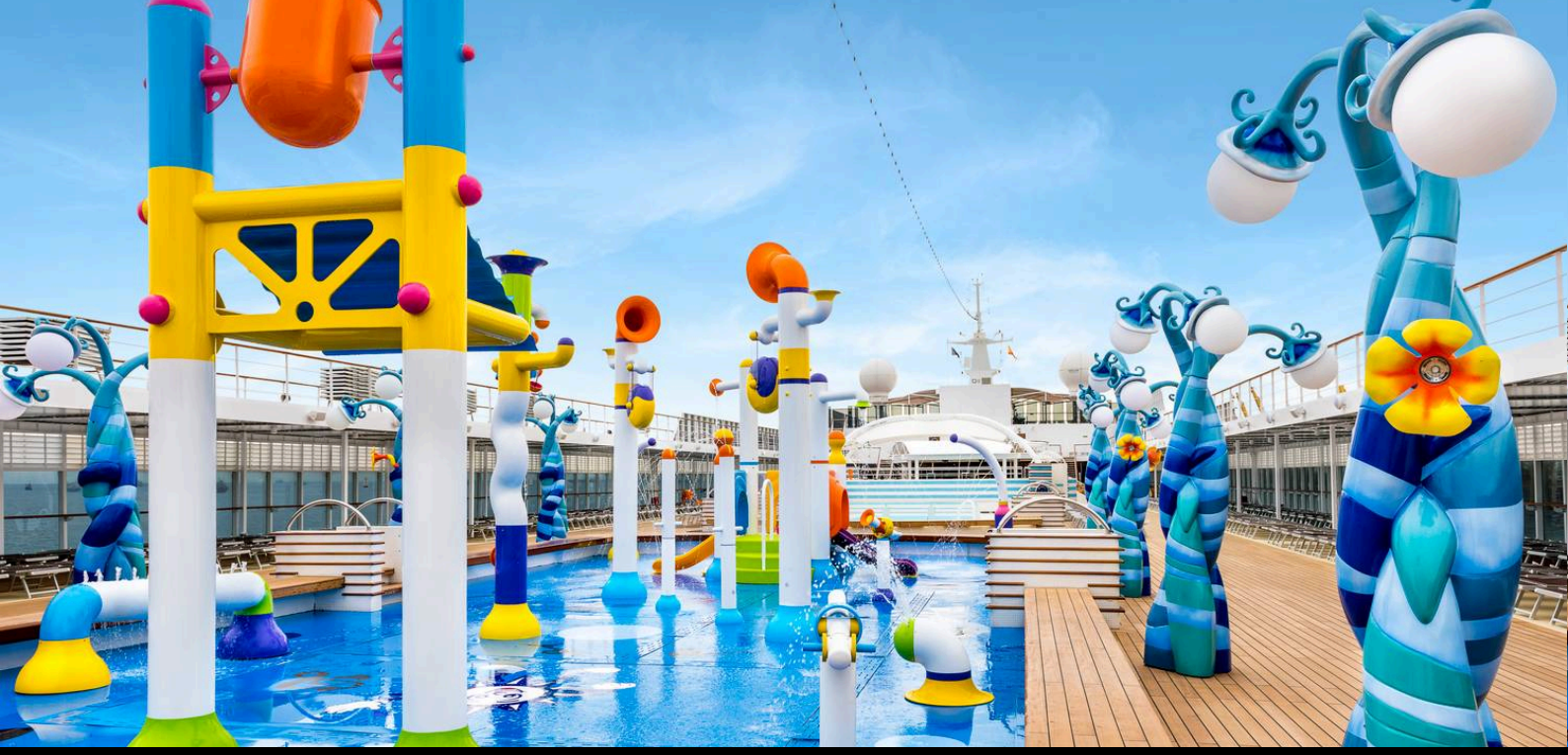
MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:

- *Cannes*
- *Monaco*
- *The medieval village of Eze*

Please note: This port is accessed by tender boats. Boarding and disembarking tender boats may involve steps and uneven surfaces. While cruise lines strive to provide ease of access, accessibility options can vary at different tender ports.

Passengers with mobility concerns are encouraged to inquire about specific arrangements and consider their individual needs when participating in tendering activities.

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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Day 12 Barcelona, Spain
Arrive: 09:00 - Depart: 21:00

Capital of the Catalonia region, Barcelona pulsates with life. There's no other city in the country that compares to its style, energy, and good looks. The city centre will allow you to discover its world-class art galleries and museums, as well as its countless designer restaurants, bars and shops. The extraordinary Antoni Gaudi designed La Sagrada Familia, a church which has been under construction since 1882, and the famous Ramblas boulevard, are just two essential sights of many that are worth taking in during your free time in Barcelona.

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Ibiza, Spain
Arrive: 12:30 - Depart: 23:30

Though primarily known for its party scene, Ibiza aims to impress with its fortified old town, rich archaeological sites, and brilliant array of beaches. Sail a few miles south, and another incredible Balearic jewel emerges from the sea: the island of Formentera.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *Ibiza's Island*
- *Formentera Island and Beach*
- *Catamaran Tour*

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

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Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Cagliari (Sardinia), Italy
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

Sardinia is an Italian island celebrated for its sandy white beaches, mountainous interior, and inviting blue waters. The port city of Cagliari is Sardinia's vibrant and colourful capital. Its rich past can be seen in the medieval hilltop Castello and in architectural jewels such as Bastione San Remy. Inland, archaeological wonders, including the extraordinary Nuraghe are waiting to be discovered.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *The Nuraghe in Barumini*
- *The Archaeological Site of Nora*
- *Sailing to the 'Sella del Diavolo' and Poetto Beach*

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Civitavecchia, Rome - Rome Day at Leisure
Arrive: 08:00

Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking and being met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure in the iconic Eternal City.

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Overnight: Cristoforo Colombo Hotel, Rome or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Rome, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, make your own way to the airport for the return flight home.

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Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 18 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

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Meals included: None

The Map

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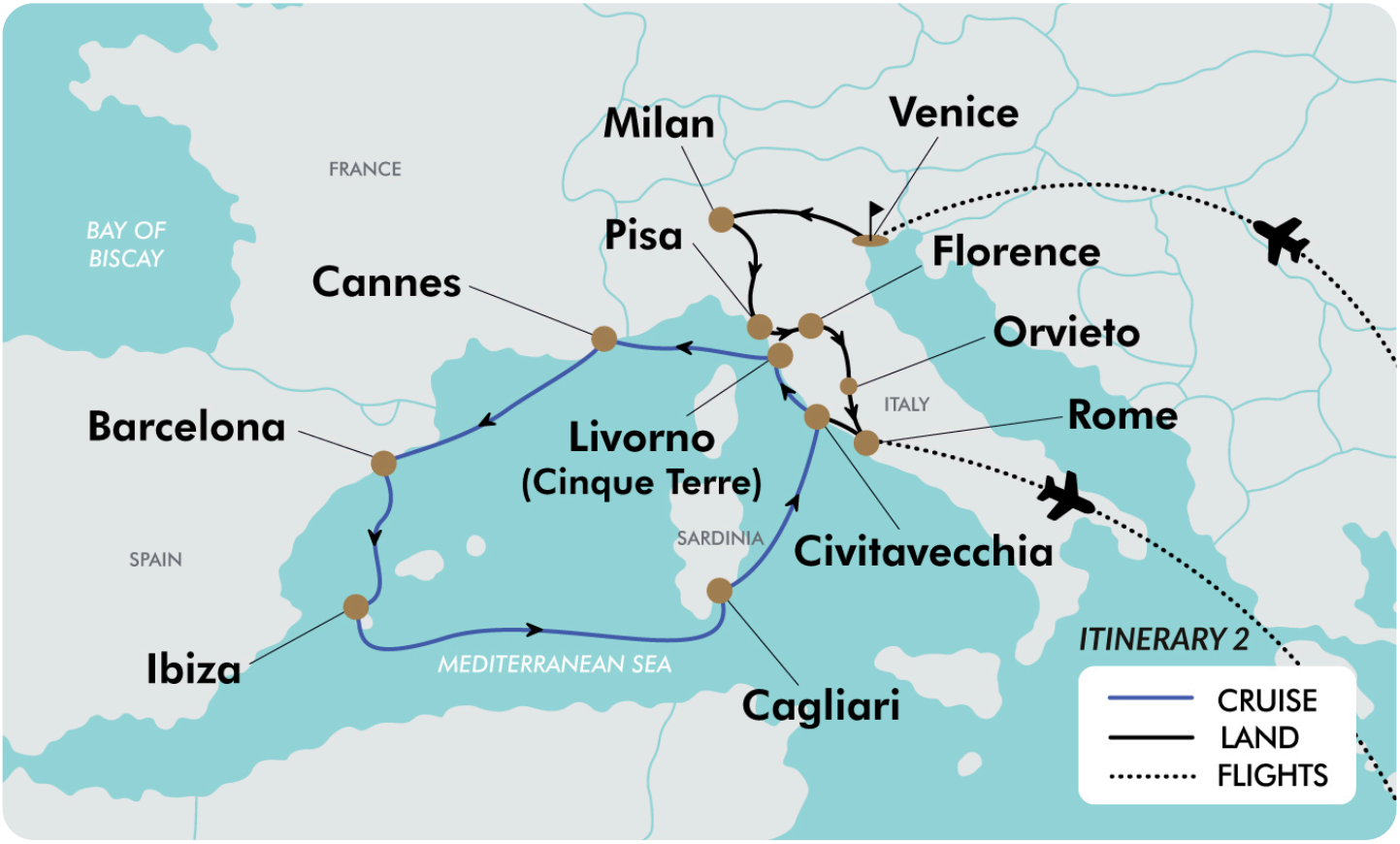

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Itinerary 3

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) for Dubai, UAE.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on Day 2, to arrive on Day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Dubai!

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by a representative at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in one of the top destinations in the world. From cultural delights to Downtown dining, to picture-worthy spots and desert experiences, you can have it all.

Overnight: Hotel Doubletree By Hilton Dubai Port Saeed or similar, Dubai
Meals included: None

Day 3 Dubai City Tour

Today, after breakfast, meet your tour leader to join a half-day Dubai city tour. Start at the famous Palm Jumeirah – the world's largest man-made island, a palm tree-shaped area known for its glitzy hotels, posh apartment towers and upmarket global restaurants and beach clubs.

Afterwards, stop at a location that offers the perfect views of the fabulous Atlantis the Palm Hotel. Continue visiting the Souk Madinat Jumeirah, an authentic recreation of an ancient marketplace with traditional oriental style under a wooden covered arcade, looking out at a glistening water canal. The great position of the Souq, neighbouring the lofty Burj Al Arab, renowned for its Seven-Star status, offers stunning views.

Continue to the Museum Of The Future (entrance not included), considered the most beautiful building on the planet and an architectural and engineering marvel. It confidently straddles the past and the future, applying advanced technology to traditional art forms. The building 'speaks Arabic': its facade is a canvas for the poetry of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, rendered in the calligraphy of Mattar bin Lahej. Stop for a photo at the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, situated right next to the Dubai Mall. Visit one of the world's largest shopping malls, featuring over 1,200 shops and outlets, where you also have the opportunity to view the 50-metre-long aquarium and see the popular Dubai Fountain.

In the late afternoon, return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Please note: For customers interested in visiting The Museum of The Future, we suggest booking the ticket well in advance in order to secure a place. A visit will be possible on day 4 in the morning, during your leisure time

Overnight: Hotel Doubletree By Hilton Dubai Port Saeed or similar, Dubai
Meals included: Breakfast

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Itinerary 3

Day 4 Desert Safari with Dinner

Today enjoy the morning at leisure. In the afternoon, join an amazing adventure to the Arabian Desert. Be met and driven to the desert, where you join a 4x4 safari. Live an unforgettable adventure in the Dubai Desert and experience the thrill of a lifetime with a rollercoaster ride on dunes. While on the journey, you will stop on the highest dune to enjoy the beautiful sunset and refresh yourself with mineral water. Continue the drive to an authentic Bedouin campsite right in the heart of the desert, where henna designs, local dresses, soft drinks, water, tea, or coffee are available. Adding to the atmosphere of the night, an enchanting belly dancer will perform a dance to the rhythm of Arabic music, with a delicious barbecue buffet dinner served under the stars.

Overnight: Hotel Doubletree By Hilton Dubai Port Saeed or similar, Dubai
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 5 Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Welcome to Venice, Italy

Today, according to your flight schedule, be transferred to the airport to continue your journey to Venice, Italy.

Upon arrival in Venice, you will be met by a representative at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Novotel la Castellana Hotel or similar, Mestre
Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 6 Venice Walking City Tour

After breakfast this morning, be transferred to the Tronchetto Pier to board a water bus to the city centre. Take time to admire the beautiful buildings and architecture as you cruise the stunning waters of Venice.

Upon arrival, be met by a local guide at Piazza San Marco (St Mark's Square) to begin an approximately 2-hour guided tour of Venice. The tour starts in iconic St Mark's Square, regarded as one of the most intricate and beautiful town squares in the world. Surrounding the square, is the famous St Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the Bell Tower (entrances not included). St Mark's Basilica was built to house the body of St Marc which was transported from Alexandria in 828 AD.

The tour continues to Rialto Bridge, the oldest bridge over the Grand Canal and an icon of the city. Upon conclusion of the tour, enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Optional Activity: Gondola Ride

Enjoy a 30-minute gondola ride in Venice. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please Note: Gondola rides are not always private and may be shared with other passengers.

Overnight: Novotel la Castellana Hotel or similar, Mestre
Meals included: Breakfast

The Itinerary

Itinerary 3

Day 7 Venice - Milan Walking City Tour

After breakfast, depart for Milan on what will be an approximate 270-kilometres travel day. Celebrated as the Italian capital of fashion and design, Milan is a city rich in art, history and culture.

Upon arrival, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided city tour of Milan. The tour begins from Sforza Castle (entrance not included) before walking towards the Duomo. On the way, admire elegant buildings along 2 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.

The tour continues through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, Italy's oldest active shopping mall and a major landmark of Milan, before arriving at the Piazza della Scala. This is home to one of the most famous theatres in the world, La Scala (entrance not included).

Overnight: AS Limbiate Hotel or similar, Milan Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Milan - Pisa Walking City Tour

After breakfast, depart for Pisa on an approximately 330-kilometre travel day exploring an architectural gem of Tuscany. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided tour of the city centre.

Pisa is a city renowned for its iconic landmarks, rich history, and vibrant culture. Once a thriving Roman port, sitting on the coast until the 15th century, Pisa now lies on the alluvial plain of the Arno River. Pisa is a popular tourist spot with the city's unique Piazza dei Miracoli (The Square of Miracles), a UNESCO World Heritage site, home to Pisa's iconic Leaning Tower. Beyond the tower, discover the many treasures of this city with its unique character, rich cultural heritage and glimpses of an authentic Italian lifestyle.

Overnight: Hotel Manzoni or similar, Montecatini, Florence Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Florence Walking City Tour

After breakfast, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided tour of the incredible city of Florence. Tour through some of the famous sights and attractions of Florence, including the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Piazza del Duomo. Piazza del Duomo, together with Piazza San Giovanni, represent the heart of the city. The most important religious monuments of Florence are situated here, linked by their geometric design and characterised by the typical white, green and pink marble coating. See the Baptistery with its octagonal shape and 3 bronze doors (entrances not included).

Continue through Piazza della Signoria to the Palazzo Vecchio, the town hall of Florence (entrance not included). Admire the impressive statues that surround the piazza before continuing to the Straw Market, where the tour concludes. Enjoy time at leisure for the rest of the day or join the optional tours available.

Optional Activity: Uffizi Gallery

Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Gallery of the Academy of Florence

The Itinerary

Itinerary 3

Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Montecatini 3-Course Florentine Dinner

Enjoy beefsteak Florentine-style with mineral water and a bottle of red Chianti wine between 4 people. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Hotel Manzoni or similar, Montecatini, Florence Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Florence - Orvieto - Rome

After breakfast, join a transfer to the Eternal City of Rome as you set off on a day tour covering approximately 350 kilometres through the beautiful Tuscan countryside and the tiny UNESCO-listed medieval villages of the beautiful Val d'Orcia.

On the way, stop in Orvieto, which seems bathed in a mystical glow. Set midway between Florence and Rome, Orvieto is Umbrian perfection, with luminous frescoes and enigmatic churches only serving to underline its lofty otherness. Looming on a sheer ledge of lava-stone, Orvieto is a brooding Etruscan presence hewn out of dark volcanic rock. In medieval times, this citadel, perched on its impregnable rock, controlled the road between Florence and Rome.

In the late afternoon, arrive in Rome for an overnight stay.

Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Rome Walking City Tour

Today, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided tour of Rome.

The tour begins at the Trevi Fountain, an iconic spot thanks to the movie 'La Dolce Vita', directed by Federico Fellini. You'll then wander the centre streets to visit famous sites such as the Pantheon, the Palazzo Madama (entrance not included) and Navona Square. Once the tour finishes, enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure - perhaps visit the incredible Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel to be awe-inspired by the murals and immortal Works of Michelangelo.

Optional Activity: Trastevere Walking Food Tour

Approximately 3 hours. Taste traditional Roman street food in the bohemian suburb of Trastevere, well known for its "trattorias" and street food like suppli, pizza, gelato, and wine. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Colosseum & Imperial Forum

3-hour tour. Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: 3-Course Farewell Dinner in Trastevere

Trastevere is a funky bohemian area known for traditional and innovative "trattorias" (a typical local restaurant), craft beer pubs and artisan shops on the opposite bank of the river Tiber. Enjoy dinner with mineral water and a glass of wine. Transfers included. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

The Itinerary

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Please note: Guests who are interested in visiting the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel are advised to book tickets online well in advance to secure their place. Only one of the afternoon optional activities may be chosen as they occur at the same time. The Trastevere Food Tour or Colosseum and Imperial Forum.

Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Rome - Civitavecchia - Begin 7-Night Mediterranean Cruise

Depart: 19:00

After breakfast, enjoy the morning at leisure before being transferred to the cruise terminal in Civitavecchia to embark on an exciting 7-night Mediterranean cruise with MSC Cruises.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 13 Cruising

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Valencia, Spain

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 21:00

Valencia is Spain's third-largest city, and in recent years has blossomed into somewhere truly special. MSC cruises to Valencia will give you the chance to discover authentic local experiences, as will cruises from Valencia, meaning all bases are covered. A few highlights include world-famous Valencian paella and the vast Oceanografic Valencia. The latter is part of the fabulous avant-garde complex known as the Ciutat de les Arts i les Ciencies (City of Arts and Sciences), a group of futuristic architectural delights designed by local architect Santiago Calatrava, which have featured in sci-fi productions from Doctor Who to Westworld and the Star Wars franchise.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Barcelona, Spain

Arrive: 09:00 - Depart: 18:00

Capital of the Catalonia region, Barcelona pulsates with life. There's no other city in the country that compares to its style, energy, and good looks. The city centre will allow you to discover its world-class art galleries and museums, as well as its countless designer restaurants, bars and shops. The extraordinary Antoni Gaudí designed La Sagrada Família, a church which has been under construction since 1882, and the famous Ramblas boulevard, are just two essential sights of many that are worth taking in during your free time in Barcelona.

The Itinerary

Itinerary 3

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Marseille (Provence) , France
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

Several thousand years of activity, both human and natural, have helped shape Marseille, France, into the city it is today. Sailing into the port provides a view of its curved coastline and mountainous border, opening Marseille to the Mediterranean and beyond, ensuring its standing as a prominent cultural crossroads.

Marseille's terracotta rooftops, turquoise sea, limestone rocks and vivid street art form a landscape like no other in France. Even as France's second-largest city, locals liken it to 111 villages. The best way to visit Marseille is with a guide who can further unlock its riches. Shore excursions let you discover tucked-away treasures like the model boats that hang from the ceiling of Basilique Notre-Dame de la Garde. Snap photos of the Cathedral of Marseille that sits overlooking the ocean.

Amble around Le Vieux-Port, admiring the sea views and lingering over a drink at a cafe terrace. Behold the Palais Longchamp, built to commemorate the arrival of water to Marseille. View the limestone cliffs that beckon nature-lovers to Calanques National Park.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Genoa (Portofino), Italy
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 19:00

Gateway to the Italian Riviera, the Port of Genoa is one of the most important (and one of the largest) in Italy, a strategic harbour since ancient times. Cruises to Genoa offer the chance to explore its many sights, including Genoa Aquarium, designed by architect Renzo Piano, and the city's picturesque Boccadasse district, a lakeside fishing village. Genoa excursions also offer the opportunity to taste signature dishes made from fresh ingredients, such as pesto Genovese and focaccia. A short trip away from Genoa, Portofino beckons with colourful facades, boutiques and surrounding lush hills.

On a Genoa cruise, guests can also admire one of Italy's most beautiful stretches of coastline or take an excursion to the UNESCO-listed Cinque Terre. Its five fishing villages, perched on steep cliffs, offer superb sea views, small seafood restaurants, and a tableau of townhouses.

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

The Itinerary

Itinerary 3

Day 18 Livorno (Cinque Terre/Florence), Italy
Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 20:00

On the west coast of Tuscany lies the cosmopolitan port city of Livorno. This Italian getaway is known for its historical architecture, sumptuous seafood, and checkboard waterside promenade. Livorno is the perfect launch pad for visiting Tuscany's beautiful art cities, Florence and Pisa. What's more, you'll find great natural environments, like Macchia della Magona, spread across the region.

MSC Cruises excursion offers plenty of exciting things to see:

- *Discover Tuscany*
- *Florence*
- *'Cinque Terre'*

Overnight: MSC Sinfonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 19 Civitavecchia, Rome - Rome Day At Leisure
Arrive: 07:00

Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking and being met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure in the iconic Eternal City.

Overnight: Cristoforo Colombo Hotel, Rome or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Rome, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)
Today, make your own way to the airport for the return flight home.

Please note: Some flights may not depart until the afternoon/ evening. Affected customers may make use of the hotel's common areas and luggage storage before heading to the airport at the appropriate time.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

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

Meals included: None

The Itinerary

Itinerary 4

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Today depart from Australia (or New Zealand) for Dubai, UAE.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on Day 2, to arrive on Day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Dubai!

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by a representative at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in one of the top destinations in the world. From cultural delights to Downtown dining, to picture-worthy spots and desert experiences, you can have it all.

Overnight: Hotel Doubletree By Hilton Dubai Port Saeed or similar, Dubai
Meals included: None

Day 3 Dubai City Tour

Today, after breakfast, meet your tour leader to join a half-day Dubai city tour. Start at the famous Palm Jumeirah – the world's largest man-made island, a palm tree-shaped area known for its glitzy hotels, posh apartment towers and upmarket global restaurants and beach clubs.

Afterwards, stop at a location that offers the perfect views of the fabulous Atlantis the Palm Hotel. Continue visiting the Souk Madinat Jumeirah, an authentic recreation of an ancient marketplace with traditional oriental style under a wooden covered arcade, looking out at a glistening water canal. The great position of the Souq, neighbouring the lofty Burj Al Arab, renowned for its Seven-Star status, offers stunning views.

Continue to the Museum Of The Future (entrance not included), considered the most beautiful building on the planet and an architectural and engineering marvel. It confidently straddles the past and the future, applying advanced technology to traditional art forms. The building 'speaks Arabic': its facade is a canvas for the poetry of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, rendered in the calligraphy of Mattar bin Lahej. Stop for a photo at the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, situated right next to the Dubai Mall. Visit one of the world's largest shopping malls, featuring over 1,200 shops and outlets, where you also have the opportunity to view the 50-metre-long aquarium and see the popular Dubai Fountain.

In the late afternoon, return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Please note: For customers interested in visiting The Museum of The Future, we suggest booking the ticket well in advance in order to secure a place. A visit will be possible on day 4 in the morning, during your leisure time.

Overnight: Hotel Doubletree By Hilton Dubai Port Saeed or similar, Dubai
Meals included: Breakfast

The Itinerary

Itinerary 4

Day 4 Desert Safari with Dinner

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Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 5 Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Welcome to Venice, Italy

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Overnight: Novotel la Castellana Hotel or similar, Mestre
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Venice Walking City Tour

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The Itinerary

Itinerary 4

Day 7 Venice - Milan Walking City Tour

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Overnight: Hotel Manzoni or similar, Montecatini, Florence Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Rome - Civitavecchia - Begin 7-Night Mediterranean Cruise

Depart: 19:00

After breakfast, enjoy the morning at leisure before being transferred to the cruise terminal in Civitavecchia to embark on an exciting 7-night Mediterranean cruise with MSC Cruises.

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

Day 10 Florence Walking City Tour

After breakfast, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided tour of the incredible city of Florence. Tour through some of the famous sights and attractions of Florence, including the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Piazza del Duomo. Piazza del Duomo, together with Piazza San Giovanni, represent the heart of the city. The most important religious monuments of Florence are situated here, linked by their geometric design and characterised by the typical white, green and pink marble coating. See the Baptistery with its octagonal shape and 3 bronze doors (entrances not included).

The Itinerary

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Continue through Piazza della Signoria to the Palazzo Vecchio, the town hall of Florence (entrance not included). Admire the impressive statues that surround the piazza before continuing to the Straw Market, where the tour concludes. Enjoy time at leisure for the rest of the day or join the optional tours available.

Optional Activity: Uffizi Gallery

Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Gallery of the Academy of Florence

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Optional Activity: Montecatini 3-Course Florentine Dinner

Enjoy beefsteak Florentine-style with mineral water and a bottle of red Chianti wine between 4 people. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Overnight: Hotel Manzoni or similar, Montecatini, Florence Area
Meals included: Breakfast

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After breakfast, join a transfer to the Eternal City of Rome as you set off on a day tour covering approximately 350 kilometres through the beautiful Tuscan countryside and the tiny UNESCO-listed medieval villages of the beautiful Val d'Orcia.

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In the late afternoon, arrive in Rome for an overnight stay.

Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Livorno (Cinque Terre/Florence), Italy

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 18:00

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MSC Cruises excursion offers plenty of exciting things to see:

- *Discover Tuscany*
- *Florence*
- *'Cinque Terre'*

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

The Itinerary

Itinerary 4

Day 13 Cannes (French Riviera), France

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 17:00 (Tendered)

Cannes, a jewel on the coast of France, will introduce you to the famous Film Festival. Away from the iconic seafront promenade of La Croisette, lined with chic boutiques and hotels, this destination offers remarkable heritage sites and the chance to visit exciting towns such as Monaco and the medieval village of Eze.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:

- *Cannes*
- *Monaco*
- *The medieval village of Eze*

Please note: This port is accessed by tender boats. Boarding and disembarking tender boats may involve steps and uneven surfaces. While cruise lines strive to provide ease of access, accessibility options can vary at different tender ports. Passengers with mobility concerns are encouraged to inquire about specific arrangements and consider their individual needs when participating in tendering activities.

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Rome Walking City Tour

Today, enjoy an approximately 3-hour guided tour of Rome.

The tour begins at the Trevi Fountain, an iconic spot thanks to the movie 'La Dolce Vita', directed by Federico Fellini. You'll then wander the centre streets to visit famous sites such as the Pantheon, the Palazzo Madama (entrance not included) and Navona Square. Once the tour finishes, enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure, perhaps visit the incredible Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel to be awe-inspired by the murals and immortal Works of Michelangelo.

Optional Activity: Trastevere Walking Food Tour

Approximately 3 hours. Taste traditional Roman street food in the bohemian suburb of Trastevere, well known for its "trattorias" and street food like suppli, pizza, gelato, and wine. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Colosseum & Imperial Forum

3-hour tour. Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: 3-Course Farewell Dinner in Trastevere

Trastevere is a funky bohemian area known for traditional and innovative "trattorias" (a typical local restaurant), craft beer pubs and artisan shops on the opposite bank of the river Tiber. Enjoy dinner with mineral water and a glass of wine. Transfers included. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: Guests who are interested in visiting the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel are advised to book tickets online well in advance to secure their place. Only one of the afternoon optional activities may be chosen as they occur at the same time. The Trastevere Food Tour or Colosseum and Imperial Forum.

Overnight: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

The Itinerary

Itinerary 4

Day 15 Barcelona, Spain
Arrive: 09:00 - Depart: 21:00

Capital of the Catalonia region, Barcelona pulsates with life. There's no other city in the country that compares to its style, energy, and good looks. The city centre will allow you to discover its world-class art galleries and museums, as well as its countless designer restaurants, bars and shops. The extraordinary Antoni Gaudi designed La Sagrada Familia, a church which has been under construction since 1882, and the famous Ramblas boulevard, are just two essential sights of many that are worth taking in during your free time in Barcelona.

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Ibiza, Spain
Arrive: 12:30 - Depart: 23:30

Though primarily known for its party scene, Ibiza aims to impress with its fortified old town, rich archaeological sites, and brilliant array of beaches. Sail a few miles south, and another incredible Balearic jewel emerges from the sea: the island of Formentera.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *Ibiza's Island*
- *Formentera Island and Beach*
- *Catamaran Tour*

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Crusing

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 18 Cagliari (Sardinia), Italy
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

Sardinia is an Italian island celebrated for its sandy white beaches, mountainous interior, and inviting blue waters. The port city of Cagliari is Sardinia's vibrant and colourful capital. Its rich past can be seen in the medieval hilltop Castello and in architectural jewels such as Bastione San Remy. Inland, archaeological wonders, including the extraordinary Nuraghe are waiting to be discovered.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *The Nuraghe in Barumini*
- *The Archaeological Site of Nora*
- *Sailing to the 'Sella del Diavolo' and Poetto Beach*

Overnight: MSC Fantasia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 19 Civitavecchia, Rome - Rome Day At Leisure
Arrive: 08:00

Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking and being met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure in the iconic Eternal City.

The Itinerary

Itinerary 4

Overnight: Cristoforo Colombo Hotel, Rome or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Rome, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)

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Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 21 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

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

Meals included: None

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the best of Italy, Spain and France

Enjoy guided tours of Milan, Venice, Florence and Rome

Wander through the romantic streets of Venice on a locally-guided walking tour

Witness Venice's Piazza San Marco, the Rialto Bridge and more

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

Tour the grand Renaissance city of Florence

See Florence's Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Piazza del Duomo

Stop at Orvieto, the medieval gem bathed in a mystical glow

Photograph the incredible Leaning Tower of Pisa

Delve into Rome's rich history on a guided tour

Witness the beauty of the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Palazzo Madama and more

Cruise the best of the Mediterranean

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

CRUISE

7-night Mediterranean cruise with MSC Cruises

Sail aboard the 4-star MSC Sinfonia (February & March 2027)

Sail aboard the 4-star MSC Fantasia (April to October 2027)

Cruise Highlights: Itinerary 1 & 3

Experience Valencia's historic city centre and the city's futuristic buildings

Soak in bustling Barcelona, home to the iconic La Sagrada Familia

Discover the exuberant port city of Marseille

Explore the charming of colourful Genoa, gateway to the exclusive pastel-colored houses of Portofino

Dock in Livorno, gateway to the enchanting and picturesque Cinque Terre

Cruise Highlights: Itinerary 2 & 4

Dock in Livorno, gateway to the enchanting and picturesque Cinque Terre

Dock in Cannes, the glittering jewel of the French Riviera

Soak in bustling Barcelona, home to the iconic La Sagrada Familia

Discover the Balearic Island of Ibiza, its world-class beaches and lively vibes

Enjoy the historic city of Cagliari and its picturesque sea views

ACCOMMODATION

8 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

28 meals, all while cruising

Tour Inclusions

ESSENTIALS

Cruise staff gratuities and cruise port charges

Parking and toll fees

English-speaking tour leader and guides

Guide earphones (guided tours only)

Airline and cruise taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

Travel by water bus to Venice's city centre

TRANSFERS

Itinerary 1 and 2
Day 2: Venice airport to Venice hotel

All port transfers

21-day Pre-tour Dubai Experience (Itinerary 3 & 4)

All of Itinerary 1 or Itinerary 2 inclusions, plus the following:

HIGHLIGHTS
Enjoy a half-day guided tour of Dubai

Visit the world's largest man-made island, Palm Jumeirah

Marvel at the stunning recreation of an ancient Arabian marketplace, Souk Madinat Jumeirah

Admire the most iconic 7-star hotel in the world, Burj Al Arab

See the unique and innovative Museum Of The Future (entrance not included, recommended to book in advance)

Marvel at the world's tallest building, Burj Khalifa

Discover Dubai Mall, one of the world's largest shopping centres

Be amazed by the Dubai Fountains

Experience a 4x4 safari in the desert and enjoy a memorable sunset

Enjoy an authentic barbecue dinner under the stars at a Bedouin campsite, enchanted by a dance performance

Swim in the waters of Dubai Marina during time at leisure

Learn about Dubai with an English-speaking tour leader and driver

FLIGHTS
Return international full-service flights with Emirates Airlines

ACCOMMODATION
3 nights of central 4-star hotel accommodation in Dubai

DINING
4 additional meals, including a traditional dinner in the desert

TRANSFERS
Return airport transfers in Dubai

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 & 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 & 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 31st 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:

Itinerary 1: 18-day - MSC Sinfonia

- Inside Cabin: $2,150
- Oceanview Cabin: $2,450
- Balcony Cabin: $2,650
- Aurea Suite: $3,150

Itinerary 2: 18-day - MSC Fantasia

- Inside Cabin: $3,150
- Oceanview Cabin: $3,250
- Balcony Cabin: $3,550

Itinerary 3: 21-day with Dubai - MSC Sinfonia

- Inside Cabin: $2,450
- Oceanview Cabin: $2,750
- Balcony Cabin: $2,950
- Aurea Suite: $3,450

Itinerary 4: 21-day with Dubai - MSC Fantasia

- Inside Cabin: $3,450
- Oceanview Cabin: $3,550
- Balcony Cabin: $3,850

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 18 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, 18/21 years old and over, to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Departure Cities

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

Departure City Surcharges

Important Information

Brisbane or Adelaide: $200 per person
Auckland: $500 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-service airline(s) used
- 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 Australia, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 29 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia.*
- *From New Zealand, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops. One of those stops may be within Australia or New Zealand.*

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

Not available.

Please note:

- *If you purchase the 21-Day Dubai extension, your flights will be ticketed on Emirates.*

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

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

Arrive Early

Venice, Italy (Itinerary 1 & 2 only) - From $300 per person, subject to availability.
Dubai, U.A.E (Itinerary 3 & 4 only) - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Rome, Italy (All itineraries) - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

This option incurs a fee for adjusting the departure or return dates. This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals and/or airport transfers, which will be at your own cost.
In addition, airport transfers listed as an inclusion on the Travel Offer are considered void in the event that you select an Arrive Early/Stay Behind option. As such, you will need to arrange your own transfers at your cost.
We strongly advise against booking any pre or post-tour travel arrangements/ accommodation until TripADeal confirms your flight details. If you choose to book before confirmation, we recommend opting for refundable reservations or having backup plans in case the tour does not proceed.

Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind into a city other than the one where the tour begins or concludes (where applicable), the package will include an internal flight to your destination. This offer applies only to the cities listed in our Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the package's cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

Please note: If you request to fly into cities not listed in our "Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options", we may be able to customise your itinerary. If possible, the flight's cost will be charged as an extra.

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

(Venice or Rome ONLY): 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.

+ 30 Days

(Dubai ONLY): You can fly out up to 30 days before your package's start date.

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:
- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 31st January 2028
- 1st April 2028 - 30th April 2028
- 1st July 2028 - 23rd July 2028
- 16th September 2028 - 15th October 2028
- 9th December 2028 - 3rd January 2029

Stopover Packages

* Doha, Qatar (Itinerary 1 & 2)
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.

Important Information

- 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: 25th November 2027 - 1st December 2027
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 21st October 2027 - 26th October 2027
Christmas and New Years Eve: 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

Please note: the exact dates are yet to be confirmed.

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.

Cruise

MSC Sinfonia

(Itinerary 1 & 3)
MSC Sinfonia pays homage to the symphonies of the great composers in a thoroughly modern reinterpretation of the classic cruise experience. Stylish designer interiors combine clean lines and every modern comfort with the warmth of traditional natural wood, brass, and marble, bringing each stunning venue on this ship its own unique feel.

Family & Kids

Children of all ages will love the spray park packed with fun water features and the other delightful new play areas. From the Pinocchio Playroom to the Teens Area, they were created in partnership with household names like Chicco, LEGO® and Namco®.

Fitness and Relaxation

The sports and leisure options span all tastes and ages, from a high-tech golf simulator and video games to a lavish pool complex, not forgetting the fully-equipped gym and MSC Aurea Spa with its modern beauty treatments and exotic Balinese massages.

Entertainment and Leisure

From the lavish San Remo Casino and the panoramic Pasha Club Disco to the chic lines of the Teatro San Carlo or the brand new 319 square-metre space for music and dancing, MSC Sinfonia boasts a wealth of elegant entertainment areas.

Restaurants and Buffets

Each of the onboard restaurants on MSC Sinfonia promises an excellent dining experience in elegant surroundings, using prime ingredients to create delicious, freshly prepared menus from the Italian, Mediterranean and international traditions.

Bars and Lounges

The smart, distinctive bars and lounges on MSC Sinfonia serve a selection of international wines and beers, fruit smoothies, gourmet coffee treats, traditional and creative cocktails and more. So, whatever your desire, refreshment is never far away.

Onboard Currency:

Euro €

Cabins/Staterooms

Inside Cabins

Inside cabins on MSC Sinfonia are typically cosy and comfortable, providing an intimate space for passengers. The size of inside cabins can vary, but are generally approx 13 m^2. These cabins typically feature twin beds or a double bed, a private bathroom with a shower, storage space for belongings, a small desk or vanity area, and basic amenities.

Oceanview Cabins

Oceanview cabins on MSC Sinfonia offer the added benefit of a window or porthole, allowing passengers to enjoy natural light and views of the ocean. The size of Oceanview cabins are similar to inside cabins, ranging from around 13 to 22 m^2. They typically include the same amenities as inside cabins, with the addition of a window or porthole for views.

Balcony Cabins

Balcony cabins on MSC Sinfonia provide a private outdoor space where passengers can relax and enjoy the sea views. The size of balcony cabins can vary, but they generally range from around 16 to 26 m^2, including the balcony area. Balcony cabins typically feature twin beds or a double bed, a private bathroom with a shower, a sitting area, storage space, a desk or vanity area, and basic amenities. The balcony itself is usually furnished with chairs or loungers.

Aurea Suite

The Aurea Suite on MSC Sinfonia offers a

luxurious and spacious retreat, providing enhanced comfort and exclusive amenities. The suite measures approximately 22m^2 with an additional 5m^2 balcony.
Features: King-size bed (convertible to twins), private bathroom with a bathtub, and a sitting area with a sofa.
Amenities: TV, minibar, in-room safe, and Wi-Fi (available for a fee).
Aurea Experience: Guests enjoy priority disembarkation, priority tender access, an in-suite Nespresso machine, daily turndown service with chocolates, and premium bath amenities.

MSC Fantasia

(Itinerary 2 & 4)
The MSC Fantasia is a significantly larger ship than the MSC Sinfonia, belonging to the "Fantasia Class." While it retains that classic Italian elegance—including its famous Swarovski crystal staircases—it offers a much wider range of amenities, including the exclusive "ship-within-a-ship" MSC Yacht Club.

Family & Kids

Like the Sinfonia, MSC Fantasia features strong partnerships with LEGO® and Chicco®, but on a grander scale:
Doremi Castle Aqua Park: A massive outdoor water feature with sprays, fountains, and water cannons.
Themed Clubs: Dedicated areas including the Polar Bear-themed play area for younger children, the Juniors Club (7-11), and the Teens Club with its own disco and cinema.
High-Tech Fun: A 4D Cinema and a Formula 1 Simulator provide immersive entertainment for older kids and adults alike.

Fitness and Relaxation

MSC Aurea Spa: A much larger Balinese-inspired wellness center featuring a thermal suite, sauna, and Turkish bath.
Pools: It boasts four swimming pools, including one with a retractable glass roof (magrodome), allowing for swimming regardless of the weather.
Top 18 Solarium: An adult-only sanctuary with premium deck space and dedicated bar service.

Entertainment and Leisure

Teatro L'Avanguardia: A massive, state-of-the-art theater offering Broadway-style productions.
Casino delle Palme: A large, Vegas-style casino.
Liquid Disco: A panoramic nightclub at the top of the ship for late-night dancing.
Piazza San Giorgio: A real stone-paved Italian square with live music, espresso bars, and gelato.

Restaurants and Bars

Main Dining: Two primary restaurants, Red Velvet and Il Cerchio d'Oro, serving Mediterranean and international cuisine.
Specialty Dining: Includes Butcher's Cut (American-style steakhouse) and L'Etoile, an intimate French-inspired restaurant.
Bars: Over 20 themed bars, including a Sports Bar, a Jazz Bar, and a dedicated Wine Bar (La Cantina Toscana).

Onboard Currency:

Euro

Cabins/Staterooms

Inside Cabins

Inside cabins on MSC Fantasia are a step up in size compared to the Sinfonia, averaging around 16 to 17 m^2. They are designed with a clever use of mirrors and lighting to feel bright and airy. You'll find a comfortable double bed (convertible to two singles), a vanity area with a hair dryer, an interactive TV, and a mini-bar. These are the best "value" play if you plan on spending most of your time on the pool deck or in the lounges.

Oceanview Cabins

Ranging from 17 to 20 m^2, these cabins feature a large porthole or window that provides natural light and views of the sea. They offer the same amenities as the inside cabins but usually include a small armchair or a tiny sitting area, making them feel slightly more residential.

Balcony Cabins

These are the most popular choice on the Fantasia, typically measuring between 17 and 26 m^2 (including the balcony). They feature a floor-to-ceiling glass door leading to your private outdoor space with two chairs and a small table. Inside, you'll find a dedicated sitting area with a sofa and a spacious wardrobe.

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:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Mestre (Venice Area): Novotel La Castellana
- Milan Area: AS Limbiate or Best Western Goldenmile
- Montecatini (Florence Area): Hotel Manzoni
- Rome: Hotel Cristoforo Colombo

21-day Dubai Pre-tour Extension

All of the above, plus the following
- Dubai: Doubletree by Hilton Dubai Port Saeed or similar

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.

Cruise

4-Star Cruise Line (Self-Rated)

- MSC Cruise: MSC Sinfonia (Itinerary 1 or 3) or MSC Fantasia (Itinerary 2 or 4)

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

- Venice: Gondola Ride Venice (30-minute ride) - $170 AUD per ride for one or two people
- Florence: Uffizi Gallery (with entry, guide and headphones) - $170 AUD per person
- Florence: Gallery of the Academy of Florence (with entry, guide and headphones) - $160 AUD per person
- Montecatini: 3-Course Florentine Dinner (Beef steak Florentine style with mineral water and 1 bottle of Red Chianti wine between 4 people - no transfers) - $120 AUD per person
- Rome: Trastevere Food Tour (2.5 hours with 5 tastings) - $210 AUD per person
- Rome: Colosseum & Imperial Forum (3 hours with entry, guide and headphones) - $180 AUD per person
- Rome: 3-Course Farewell Dinner in Trastevere (with transfer, 1 glass of wine and mineral water) - $140 AUD per person

Please note:

- *Due to time restrictions you may only pick one of the afternoon optional tours in Rome as they occur at the same time - Colosseum & Imperial forum or Trastevere Food Tour.*
- *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.*
- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*
- *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

- 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.

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 €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.

City Taxes

Payable directly to the hotel at check-in:

- Venice Area: €3.10 per person, per night.
- Milan: €2.50 per person, per night.
- Florence Area: €4.00 per person, per night.
- Rome: €7.50 per person, per night.

Please note: Pricing is approximate and subject to change.

Other Important Information

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

Italy & West Mediterranean:

February – May: Winter transitions into a vibrant spring. February is crisp, with northern highs of 10°C and southern reaches of 15°C. By May, temperatures climb to a balmy 22°C, offering ideal weather for sightseeing before the summer heat.
June – August: The Mediterranean peaks with hot, dry days. Coastal averages stay above 25°C, though afternoon highs frequently exceed 30°C. This is the prime season for swimming, as sea temperatures reach a comfortable 26°C.
September – October: The heat mellows into a pleasant autumn. September remains summer-like, while October sees northern averages dip to 14.5°C. Southern regions stay warmer at 20°C, though nights across the country become chilly, averaging 10°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.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

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.

CRUISE

Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 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: 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 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

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 in 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.gov.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.

Important Information

- 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.