



# Iconic Puglia, Amalfi & Greece

SANTORINI ● POSITANO ● ROME ● ALBEROBELLO

## The Offer

Look beyond Tuscany and unveil a different side of Italy waiting to be discovered. On this 17-day tour and cruise you'll experience the best of Southern Italy and the stunning Greek Islands from the traditional whitewashed stone houses of Alberobello to the ancient ruins of Olympia.

Meet us in Rome, home to the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain and other iconic sights you'll see on a city tour. Step back in time among the ruins of Pompeii, then explore the spectacular coastline from Salerno to Amalfi, featuring tiny beaches, rugged outcrops and pastel-coloured fishing villages. You'll breeze past grand villas, terraced vineyards and cliffside lemon groves on the way to the towns of Ostuni, Lecce, Matera, Otranto and Monopoli. See the distinct Trulli homes built without any mortar in UNESCO World Heritage-listed Alberobello, then take a swim in the Adriatic at Polignano a Mare.

In Bari, board MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates), with stylish interiors, restaurants like Il Galeone, Il Covo, an outdoor buffet, and La Terrazza. For drinks, spaces include Cafe Le Baroque, Manhattan Bar, Sinfonia Lounge, the poolside Capri Bar, Buddha Bar and Shelagh's House Irish Pub. Children will love the fun water

features and kids-only play areas; adults can use the fully-equipped gym, golf simulator, lavish pools, or get an indulgent massage or beauty treatment at the MSC Aurea Spa (charges may apply).

Cruise the Aegean Sea towards the gorgeous Greek Islands. Admire Santorini's dramatic cliffs, striking white-washed houses and striking volcanic sites. Dock in Piraeus, the gateway to historic Athens, before heading to Katakolon, celebrated for its Olympic archaeology and magnificent open air museum. In Corfu, soak in the romantic Mediterranean vibes on pristine beaches, then take the time to visit the impressive UNESCO World Heritage Old Town with its cobblestone streets, quaint restaurants and historic houses.

**This amazing window into Mediterranean life includes a 7-night MSC cruise, 9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, 29 meals and more.**

*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.*

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### The Itinerary

#### Day 1 Meet us in Rome, Italy!

Make your own way to Rome, Italy, to begin your holiday. Upon arrival check in to your hotel and relax for the rest of the day.

**Overnight: Hotel Dei Congressi or similar, Rome**  
**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Rome Guided Tour

Following breakfast at the hotel this morning, join a half-day guided tour of Rome with a local guide. You will experience some of the richest historical landmarks in the world.

First, see Piazza Venezia before walking towards the Capitoline Hill (Campidoglio), designed by Michelangelo in the 1500s. Next, travel down Via dei Fori Imperiali (Road of the Imperial Forums), the former centre of ancient political, commercial, and legal life.

See the spectacular Colosseum (entrance not included) and the Arch of Constantine, a monument dedicated to Emperor Constantine by the Senate and the people of Rome. In addition to these wonderful sights, see Palatine Hill, where former emperors and influential figures once lived, and the exterior of the gigantic Circus Maximus, the first and main site of chariot racing and mass entertainment.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

Optional Activity: Colosseum & Imperial Fora

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

**Overnight: Hotel Dei Congressi or similar, Rome**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Rome - Pompeii Guided Tour - Amalfi Coast

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before continuing your journey to the stunning Sorrento coastline.

Arrive in Pompeii later this morning to learn about this magnificent archaeological site on a locally-guided tour. Built in the ancient Roman era, delve into the history and spectacle of the city buried from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. It remains surprisingly intact, and a great insight into the life of a commercial city of ancient Rome (entrance included).

Afterwards, continue to the beautiful Amalfi Coast after an approximately 270 kilometre travel day.

**Overnight: Hotel Holiday Inn Cava Dei Tirreni or similar, Amalfi Coast Area**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 4 Amalfi Coast Boat Tour - Positano & Amalfi

Today, enjoy the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Amalfi Coast on an approximately 50-kilometre travel day.

Uncover the stretch of coastline along the southern edge of Italy's Sorrentine Peninsula with your tour leader. A hugely popular holiday destination, the Amalfi coast features sheer cliffs, a rugged shoreline dotted with small beaches and pastel-coloured fishing villages. The coastal road between the port city of Salerno and clifftop Sorrento winds past grand villas, terraced vineyards and cliffside lemon groves.

Spend a full day exploring the beautiful villages of Positano and Amalfi with your tour leader. Head to Salerno port terminal to board the ferry to Positano. Upon arrival, marvel at the cliffside village of Positano on the southern Amalfi Coast. This is the



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coast's most picturesque and photogenic town with houses dotting the cliffside down to the sea in a cascade of sun-bleached peach, pink and terracotta colours. No less colourful are its steep streets and steps lined with wisteria-draped hotels, smart restaurants and fashionable boutiques.

Continue by ferry to Amalfi, an outstanding example of the Mediterranean landscape, set in a dramatic natural setting below steep cliffs on Italy's southwest coast. Between the 9th and 11th centuries, it was the seat of a powerful maritime republic. The Arab-Norman Sant'Andrea cathedral at the heart of the town, with its striped Byzantine facade, survives from this era.

*Please note: In case of bad weather conditions, the Amalfi Coast boat trip will not take place, and it will be replaced by a visit to the vibrant city of Naples near Mount Vesuvius volcano.*

Dating back to the 2nd millennium BC, Naples holds centuries of important art and architecture. Like the city's cathedral, the Duomo di San Gennaro (entrance not included). Other major landmarks include the lavish Royal Palace and Castel Nuovo, a 13th-century castle (entrance not included).

**Overnight: Hotel Holiday Inn Cava Dei Tirreni or similar, Amalfi Coast Area**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Amalfi Coast Area - Matera City Tour - Lecce

Today, head southeast through sun-baked landscapes to the region of Puglia.

On the way, stop at Matera for a guided tour and exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Sassi (Italian for "stones") - a labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases, and arches,

hewn out of the solid rock. First occupied in the Palaeolithic Age, the myriad of natural caves were gradually burrowed deeper and expanded into living spaces by peasants and artisans throughout the classical and medieval eras.

Today, these underground residences are being re-inhabited by Italians, and staying in one of the 'Sassi di Matera' cave hotels has become one of Europe's most exotic new experiences. In the late afternoon arrive in Lecce and take the remainder of the day at leisure after an approximately 375-kilometre travel day.

Optional Activity: Traditional Lunch in Matera

Enjoy a 3-course menu with no drinks. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: 8PiuHotel or similar, Lecce**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Lecce - Otranto

Today, you'll head to Otranto, a historic seaside town and port on the Adriatic coast of southern Italy. It's a small town with a lovely holiday atmosphere and makes a good destination for a day trip.

The picture-perfect blue waters, white buildings and diving rocks make Otranto the frequent cover star of maps, books, and articles about Puglia. On a clear day, it is possible to see over the Strait of Otranto to Albania. The name of Otranto is probably best known abroad for The Castle of Otranto, Horace Walpole's pioneering Gothic novel. However, the creepy castle of Walpole's imagination bears little resemblance to the fortress of the real Otranto.



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In the afternoon return to Lecce and enjoy a half-day guided tour of the city with a local guide. The Baroque architecture here is recognised for its hugely decorative gargoyles, columns, and gremlins. See the Basilica of Santa Croce that features sculptures and a rose window, Piazza del Duomo and the Sant'Oronzo Column, a Roman column topped with a bronze statue of the city's patron saint (entrances not included).

Today, you'll travel approximately 100 kilometres.

**Overnight: 8PiuHotel or similar, Lecce**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Lecce - Ostuni - Alberobello

This morning, your journey continues to Ostuni, a unique town with winding streets and beautifully decorated, colourful window frames that can fool you into thinking you're somewhere in Greece.

Enjoy a stroll around the old town with your tour leader to see the amazing monuments and medieval buildings. The cultivation of olives is one of Puglia's greatest resources. Enjoy a tasting of authentic local Italian olive oil while you're here. In the afternoon, head to the spectacular town of Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the small, whitewashed stone houses here - known as Trulli - which are clustered together throughout the city and built entirely without mortar.

Today, you'll travel approximately 120 kilometres.

**Overnight: Hotel Victor Country or similar, Alberobello Area**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Alberobello - Monopoli - Polignano a Mare

After breakfast, travel towards Monopoli, a cosy town with quaint narrow streets and pretty squares.

Enjoy a tour of the old town with your tour leader. Like so many towns on the Adriatic, Monopoli's history has been influenced by its east-facing position and its fortified sea-front walls and castles tell many a story.

In the afternoon continue to Polignano a Mare, a shining gem on the coast, perched atop a 20 metre-high limestone cliff above the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic. Polignano offers all the right ingredients for a perfect day out. The tiny old town, reached through the Porta Vecchia gate, combines charming, white-washed streets with beautiful old churches such as the Chiesa Matrice.

Enjoy the ocean view from one of three panoramic terraces offering breathtaking views of the beautiful Adriatic Sea and coastline. You can enjoy a swim at the famous beach just a few minutes' walk from the old centre. A firm favourite with the locals, the beach has crystal clear waters and is flanked on two sides by cliffs from which children and teenagers dive all through the day until sunset.

Later this afternoon, return back to Alberobello and check into the accommodation after an approximately 70-kilometre travel day.

**Overnight: Hotel Victor Country or similar, Alberobello Area**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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#### Day 9 Alberobello - Bari, Italy - Begin 7-Night Greek Islands MSC Cruise

Departs: 19:00

Today travel to the city of Bari. Enjoy time at leisure this morning to explore this incredible city's highlights like the 11th-century Basilica of San Nicola and the Murat Quarter with its 19th-century architecture, promenade and shopping areas.

In the afternoon you will be transferred to the cruise terminal to embark on your spectacular Mediterranean voyage.

Today you'll travel approximately 55 kilometres.

*Please note: On particular departure dates there may be cruise port alterations. These alterations can be found clearly stated under the applicable day in the itinerary or the Cruise section of the Important Information. Your confirmed cruise itinerary will be made available online through the MSC website once your reservation details are provided in your travel pack (sent 4-6 weeks prior to your departure).*

Overnight: MSC Cruises MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)

Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner

#### Day 10 Cruising

Enjoy fun new experiences around the clock on an MSC Cruises' ship, from enriching indoor and outdoor activities during the day to magical evening entertainment. With cinemas, tournaments and competitions, you'll have a hard time choosing between all the things you can see and do.

Overnight: MSC Cruises MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 11 Santorini, Greece

Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

Approximately 200 kilometres southeast of mainland Greece, lies Santorini, a Cyclades Island. This cruise destination was formed from the remains of a volcanic caldera which is evident in its rugged geology. Santorini is famous for its sheer cliffs, red beach, and whitewashed houses that contrast strikingly against the blue Aegean Sea. The island is also home to ancient archaeological sites, hot spring swimming, and stunning wineries.

MSC cruises offer plenty of exciting optional shore excursions including:

- Oia Village
- The Archaeological site of Akrotiri
- Black Stretches of Volcanic Sand

Overnight: MSC Cruises MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 12 Piraeus (Athens), Greece

Docked: 06:00 - 17:00

Piraeus is one of the oldest ports in the world so it's the perfect spot to be introduced to the treasures of Türkiye and the Eastern Mediterranean. Piraeus has been the port of Athens since ancient times. It's a city filled with incredible wonders including Mikrolimano Bay, Agia Triada (Church of the Holy Trinity), and the Archaeological Museum.



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Nowadays, Piraeus is a bustling centre with attractive waterfront cafés and restaurants, making it an ideal stop in the Mediterranean. Use it as a stepping stone to see the Acropolis and greater Athens.

MSC cruises offer plenty of exciting optional shore excursions including:

- *The Dramatic Ruins of the Parthenon on the Acropolis*
- *Plaka Discovery*
- *Corinth Canal Cruise*

**Overnight: MSC Cruises MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 13 Katakolon (Olympia), Greece

**Docked: 09:30 - 18:30**

On the Peloponnese shores stands the little seaside town of Katakolon, Greece. Situated on a headland overlooking the blue Ionian Sea, this charming location boasts a lighthouse, the Agios Nicolaos Church, and a musical instrument museum. A short ride away lies the ancient site of Olympia, the extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site. 3,000 years ago, it hosted Greece's first Olympic Games within its Panhellenic religious sanctuary.

MSC cruises offer plenty of exciting optional shore excursions including:

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

**Overnight: MSC Cruises MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 14 Corfu, Greece

**Docked: 09:00 to 18:00**

The resort island of Corfu is renowned for its rocky mountains, beautiful beaches, and utterly romantic atmosphere. It's capital city, also named Corfu, is one of the ancient jewels of Greece. Here you'll find a Venetian fortress and a UNESCO World Heritage old town boasting winding lanes, bustling bars, towering houses, and heavenly gardens. Discover ancient remains from eras past, scattered throughout the island.

MSC cruises offer plenty of exciting optional shore excursions including:

- *Achilleion Palace*
- *Corfu's Beaches*
- *Palaiokastritsa Monastery*

**Itinerary Alteration:** 2026 departures will dock in Cephalonia (Argostoli), Greece on this day. Corfu, Greece will be visited on Day 16 instead.

**Overnight: MSC Cruises MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**



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#### Day 15 Cephalonia (Argostoli), Greece

Docked: 08:00 - 16:00

Discover the jewel of the Ionian Sea, the Greek island of Cephalonia. Explore awe-inspiring caves, wander sandy coves, or take a dip in its turquoise waters.

Here, colourful port villages cluster around scenic harbours and dazzling beaches. This natural paradise is home to an abundance of fauna including turtles, pine martens, and seals.

MSC cruises offer plenty of exciting optional shore excursions including:

- *The Spectacular Melissani Cave*
- *Fiscardo and Assos*
- *Drogarati Caves and St. Efimia Village*

Overnight: MSC Cruises MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 16 Bari, Italy - Rome

Disembark: 08:00

Enjoy breakfast on board before arriving back at the port of Bari.

After disembarking the ship, be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel in Rome for the night after an approximately 430-kilometre day.

Overnight: Hotel Dei Congressi or similar, Rome

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 17 Rome, Italy

This morning, at the appropriate time, check out of the hotel and make your own onward travel arrangements from Rome, Italy.

Meals included: Breakfast



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### Tour Inclusions

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the best of South Italy and the beautiful Mediterranean
- Visit Rome, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, Matera, Alberobello, Monopoli, Lecce and more
- Discover the ancient wonders of Rome on a half-day guided tour
- Marvel at the iconic Colosseum and Roman Forum
- Step back in time on a guided tour of the vast ruins of Pompeii
- Tour the stunning Amalfi Coast - visiting Amalfi and Positano by ferry
- Discover Puglia, one of Italy's hottest destinations
- Explore the ancient cave houses of Sassi di Matera on a guided tour
- Stay in Alberobello, famous for its conical roofed stone huts
- Explore the white-washed stone houses known as Trulli
- Tour beautiful Lecce, known for its baroque buildings
- Visit Ostuni's white, flat-topped houses in the countryside
- Taste authentic local olive oil in Ostuni Area
- See Otranto, one of Puglia's most charming seaside towns
- Drive alongside olive groves and beautiful beaches on the Salento Coast
- Swim into the crystal clear water of the shining gem of Polignano a Mare
- Enjoy time at leisure in the little and medieval town of Monopoli
- Explore Bari, the ancient capital city of Puglia
- Witness the picturesque and famous whitewashed houses in Santorini
- Dock in Piraeus, the gateway to the ancient Athens
- See the charming Katakolon, gateway to the UNESCO Greek ancient site of Olympia
- Explore the stunning island of Corfu Island

#### CRUISE

- 7-night MSC cruise through the Greek Islands
- Sail aboard the spectacular 4-star MSC Sinfonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)

#### ACCOMMODATION

- 9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

#### DINING

- Enjoy 29 meals including daily breakfast

#### ESSENTIALS

- Parking and checkpoint fees
- Audio earphones for hearing assistance
- English-speaking tour leader and guides
- Cruise staff gratuities included
- Cruise taxes and surcharges

#### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles
- Amalfi Coast full-day boat excursion

#### TRANSFERS

- Cruise port transfers

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## 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.*

## Flights

Return international airfares are not included in this package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.

We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.

TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation that your trip will be proceeding.

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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

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### ● our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable

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## General Terms and Conditions

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and

[Cancellation Policy](#)

## Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 8th October 2027. This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

## Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

- Inside Cabin: \$2,700
- Oceanview Cabin: \$2,900
- Balcony Cabin: \$3,250
- Aurea Suite: \$3,600

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

## Cruise

### Ship: MSC Sinfonia (Itinerary 1 - 2026 Dates)

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

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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.

## 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<sup>2</sup>. 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 12 to 22 m<sup>2</sup>. 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<sup>2</sup>, 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<sup>2</sup> with an additional 5m<sup>2</sup> balcony. Aurea Suites feature a king-size bed (which can be converted into two single beds on request), a private bathroom with a bathtub, a sitting area with a sofa, and ample storage space, including a wardrobe. The suite is equipped with a TV, minibar, in-room safe, and Wi-Fi (available for a fee). The balcony is furnished with chairs and loungers, offering an ideal space to relax and enjoy the views. As part of the Aurea Experience, guests enjoy priority disembarkation, priority tender access, a minibar refresh, an in-suite Nespresso coffee machine, daily turndown service with chocolates, and luxurious bath amenities.

*Please note: All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.*

**Ship: MSC Divina (Itinerary 2 - 2027 Dates)**

Inspired by the glamour of Sophia Loren, the MSC Divina is a Fantasia-class ship. While the MSC Seaview is all about modern, open-concept "beach condo" vibes, the Divina offers a more classic, elegant European cruise experience with its famous Swarovski crystal staircases and stone-paved piazza.

## Dining

Dining on the MSC Divina is a blend of Mediterranean heritage and international favorites. The ship features two elegant main restaurants, The Black Crab and Villa Rossa, serving multi-course Italian and international menus. The Calumet and Manitou buffets provide casual dining with a wide variety of stations, including a popular authentic Italian pizzeria open late. Key dining highlights include Butcher's Cut (American steakhouse), Galaxy Kaito (sushi), and La Cantina di Baccho, which serves as both a wine bar and a pizzeria. Guests in the Yacht Club have exclusive access to Le Muse, an upscale, private restaurant offering "my choice" dining times and gourmet menus.

## Entertainment

The Divina focuses on high-production value and classic nightlife. The Pantheon Theatre is a massive, Broadway-style venue hosting six different shows per cruise, ranging from acrobats to vocalists. The Casino Veneziano offers a glamorous setting with a full range of slots and table games, plus its own dedicated bar. Unlike the newer ships, the Divina features a 4D Cinema for immersive short films and a full-size Formula 1 Simulator. Catch up or lounge at numerous themed bars, including the Golden Jazz Bar and the Black and White Lounge, which hosts live music and themed dancing nights.

## Activities

The Divina offers a mix of relaxation and high-energy sports. The ship boasts the Infinity Pool at the back of the ship, which blends into the horizon, and the Aqua Park main pool. For cooler days, Le Sirene has a sliding glass roof. The MSC Aurea Spa offers Balinese massages and a thermal

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suite. Unique to the Divina is Aqua Cycling, where you can take a spin class on bikes submerged in the pool. Want a more thorough workout? Visit the large fitness center with panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows, offering cardio and resistance machines alongside group classes. For over 18s, visit Top 18, an exclusive, adults-only sun deck for those looking for a quieter sanctuary away from the main pool areas.

## Family-Friendly

Families are well-catered for with age-specific programming and dedicated spaces. The Kids' Club is a partnership with LEGO and Chicco, with the club space split into the Mini Club (3-6), Junior Club (7-11), Young Club (12-14), and Teens Club (15-17). The Divina also features a unique Smurfs-themed play area for younger children. Families can enjoy mini-bowling, the 4D cinema, and the F1 simulator together, along with sports tournaments like soccer and basketball on the sports court.

## Technology

The Divina has been updated with modern conveniences like touchscreen kiosks around the ship to help you find your way and make theatre or dinner reservations. Cabins are equipped with interactive TVs where guests can order room service and see the ship's daily itinerary. Guests can use the MSC for Me app to browse daily schedules, track onboard spending, and chat with other passengers without needing a paid Wi-Fi package.

## Cabins/Staterooms

The cabins on Divina are characterised by rich fabrics and a sophisticated, traditional aesthetic.

### Interior Cabins

Interior cabins provide a comfortable retreat for guests looking for a cozy space to unwind after a day of exploration. These cabins typically range in size from approximately 13 to 16m<sup>2</sup>, offering ample space for rest and relaxation.

### Ocean View Cabins

Ocean view cabins feature large windows or portholes that offer stunning views of the sea and the destinations you'll visit. These cabins are slightly larger than interior cabins, typically ranging from approximately 12 to 20m<sup>2</sup>, providing plenty of room to stretch out and enjoy the scenery.

### Balcony Cabins

For guests seeking a little extra luxury, balcony cabins offer the ultimate in comfort and convenience. These cabins feature private balconies where guests can enjoy breathtaking views and fresh sea air. Balcony cabins are typically larger than interior and ocean view cabins, ranging from approximately 14 to 19m<sup>2</sup> of indoor space, plus a 3 to 12m<sup>2</sup> balcony.

*Please note: All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.*

## Cruise Arrival & 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)

- Rome: Hotel Dei Congressi, Hotel Caravel, Hotel La Giocca or SMY Aran Blu Roma Mare
- Amalfi Coast Area: Holiday Inn in Cava dei Tirreni, Hotel La Panoramica or Hotel Stabia in Castellammare
- Lecce: 8PIUHotel or Hotel Hilton Garden Inn
- Alberobello Area: Hotel Victor Country or Hotel Olimpo

*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.*

## Cruises

### 4-star (Self-Rated)

- MSC Cruises' MSC Sinifonia (2026 dates) or MSC Divina (2027 dates)

## 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 at check-out.

*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

## Child Policy

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

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

## Triple Share

Not available

## Bedding Configuration

Double or Twin Bedding (subject to

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availability).

## General information

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

## Optional Tours/Activities

- Day 2: 3-hour guided tour with entrances to the Colosseum and Imperial Forum - \$95 AUD per person.
- Day 5: Traditional 3-course lunch in Matera (no drinks) - \$75 AUD per person.

### Please note:

- *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

- Arrival and departure flights
- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional/recommended gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Mandatory city tax

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

## 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 and €7 per person per day. This covers the guide/leader 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 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

#### Italy:

- Rome - €6 per person, per night
- Amalfi Coast/Sorrento/Naples - €3 per person, per night
- Alberobello - €3 per person, per night
- Lecce - €4 per person per night

*Please note: Pricing is approximate and subject to change upon arrival. All amounts are payable at your accommodation for the night/s.*

### Cruise Fee for Mykonos & Santorini:

From the 21st July 2025, the Greek government (similarly to many other tourist destinations) will introduce a new fee defined "Cruise Fee". This fee is designed to support local infrastructure, promote sustainable tourism and enhance visitor experience. Such fee is mandatory and applies to all cruise guests, regardless of age, for each day they will disembark in a Greek port.

The amount of the tax varies depending on the season and the port as follows.

June 1 - September 30

- Mykonos and Santorini: €20 per person
  - Other ports: €5 per person
- October 1 - October 31, April 1 - May 31
- Mykonos and Santorini: €12 per person
  - Other ports: €3 per person
- November 1 - March 31
- Mykonos and Santorini: €4 per person
  - Other ports: €1 per person

## 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

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## South Italy & East Mediterranean:

Southern Italy is largely characterised by a typical Mediterranean climate made up by warm springs and hot and dry summers, the climate here is very pleasant. Along the coast of Southern Italy in July and August, the average temperature is above 25°C. April to June and September to October are the best months to travel through South Italy. You can expect temperatures of up to 26°C during the warmest part of the day.

## Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 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.

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### 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.

*Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.*

### 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 relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

*Please note:*

- *Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.*

- *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.*

- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Sightseeing:

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

### Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

### Visas

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

### European Union Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaces the current manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travellers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10

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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](https://smartraveller.com.au) closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

### Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

### Please note:

- *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.