South Italy, Croatia & Greek Islands

CAPRI ● CALABRIA ● DUBROVNIK ● CORFU

The Offer

Unearth the timeless romance of the Old World on this breathtaking 19-day journey, seamlessly blending the sun-drenched coastlines of Southern Italy with the historic treasures of the Adriatic. Starting in the "Eternal City" of Rome, you will wander through iconic piazzas and marvel at the Pantheon before journeying south to the ash-preserved wonders of Pompeii.

From the cliffside splendour of Salerno, you will cruise to the glamorous island of Capri and explore the rugged, uncrowded landscapes of Calabria, Italy's captivating "toe of the boot", including the clifftop jewel of Tropea and the ancient Riace Bronzes.

After discovering the extraordinary prehistoric cave dwellings of Matera, you will head to Bari to board a spectacular seven-night MSC Mediterranean cruise. Sailing across pristine waters, you will wake up to new adventures daily, from the grand Roman heritage of Split and the fairytale canals of Venice to the dramatic clifftop medieval walls of Dubrovnik (itinerary - 1) or the ancient city of Zadar (itinerary - 2). Immerse yourself in the mountainous vistas of Corfu, Greece, and navigate the breathtaking, fjord-like bay of Kotor in Montenegro.

Perfectly balancing expert-led guided tours of UNESCO World Heritage sites with ample leisure time to savour local gelatos, swim in crystal-clear waters and shop in exclusive boutiques, this itinerary offers an unparalleled taste of European splendour. Returning to Bari via Brindisi for a final night of Italian charm, you will head home with a lifetime of unforgettable memories from this ultimate land-and-sea journey.

This incredible adventure includes return international full-service flights, 7-night MSC cruise, 9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, 29 meals including all while cruising and more.

Want more? Tailor your itinerary with Arrive Early or Stay Behind options available.

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

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

Today, depart for Rome, Italy.

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Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Rome!

Upon arrival, be met by your English-speaking tour leader and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel American Palace Eur or similar, Rome
Meals included: None

Day 3 Rome Walking City Tour

After breakfast, be met by your local guide and enjoy a guided tour of Rome - the 'Eternal City' (approximately 3 hours).

The tour begins at the Trevi Fountain, which has become an iconic spot thanks to the movie 'La Dolce Vita', directed by Federico Fellini. The tour will take you to the streets of the old town, visiting famous sites such as the Pantheon, the Palazzo Madama, which houses the Senate of the Italian Republic, and Navona Square, which was built on the ruins of the Domitian Circus (entrances not included). Once the tour finishes, you can enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

If you have your sights set on visiting the famous Colosseum, we strongly advise pre-purchasing tickets to avoid excessive queue times.

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Overnight: Hotel American Palace Eur or similar, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Rome - Pompeii - Amalfi Coast Area

This morning, after breakfast, explore the magnificent archaeological site of Pompeii on a 2-hour guided tour. The ancient Roman city was preserved under volcanic ash by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. It remains practically intact as a testimony to the life of a commercial city of ancient Rome.

Afterwards, continue to the seaside Salerno area, the scenic gateway to the beautiful Amalfi Coast. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Today, travel approximately 280 kilometres

Overnight: Hotel Polo Nautico or similar, Salerno, Amalfi Coast Area
Meals included: Breakfast

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 5 Capri Full-Day Guided Tour

Head to the Salerno pier and board a 90-minute ferry to Capri, the dream island of Italy's Bay of Naples. Famed for its rugged landscapes, upscale hotels, and luxury shopping, Capri offers everything from designer fashion to artisanal limoncello and handmade leather sandals.

Marvel at the island's most iconic sight: the Faraglioni, three dramatic rock formations towering over the Mediterranean coast. Following a guided tour of the island's charming narrow alleyways and exclusive boutiques, you will have free time to explore at your own pace. Shop in the high-end stores, savour a gelato in the famous Piazzetta, or swim and snorkel in the crystal-clear waters. In the afternoon, return by ferry to Salerno and transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Polo Nautico or similar, Salerno, Amalfi Coast Area
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Salerno - Paestum - Mozzarella Experience

Today travel to Paestum to enjoy a 2 hour guided tour of Paestum amazing site (entry included). The well-preserved ruins of Paestum are famous for three ancient Greek Doric temples dating from about 550 to 450 BCE.

Afterwards join an authentic experience surrounded by nature, genuine flavours, and local traditions. Visit a typical mozzarella farm, join a guided tour to learn about the mozzarella production process, meet the animals, visit the workshops, and hear the story behind the farm.

Enjoy a farm-made products lunch:

- *First course: Crêpes filled with ricotta and mozzarella*
- *Tasting of fresh dairy products: Mozzarella and ricotta*
- *Salads: Tomato salad and mixed green salad*
- *Artisan bread: Rustic and homemade varieties*
- *Dessert: Farm-made yogurt and artisanal gelato*
- *Drinks: White wine and mineral water*

Today, travel approximately 80 kilometres.

Hotel Polo Nautico or similar, Salerno, Amalfi Coast Area
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 7 Maratea City Tour - Vibo Valentia, Calabria

Today continue your Italian adventure exploring "the toe of the Italian boot". Enjoy spectacular scenery, visit quaint villages and world-class museums, learn all about Calabria's past and present while indulging in great food and wine in a beautiful, uncrowded area in the very south of Italy, swim in crystalline waters, and explore this diverse and captivating region.

On the way to Calabria, stop at the beautiful town of Maratea for a guided tour of this historic village. It is the only village in the Basilicata region to overlook the Tyrrhenian Sea from the cliff head where it's perched. With dream beaches and sacred art, Maratea is a jewel of extraordinary beauty. A unique seaside destination, with both beaches and caves to explore and photograph. Maratea impresses everyone with itineraries that lead to the discovery of sacred art connected to the presence of churches, chapels, and monasteries scattered throughout its territory.

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Itinerary 1

In the afternoon continue to the city of Vibo Valentia, home to some of the region's most famous destinations – including the seaside towns of Tropea, and the mesmerising beaches of the Costa Degli Dei (Coast of the Gods). The region was part of Magna Graecia, (Ancient Greece) before the Romans.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, perhaps explore Vibo Valentia's historic sights and abundance of churches, as well as the Norman castle built on the site of the old Acropolis. The medieval centre is well preserved, with monumental buildings made from yellow volcanic tuff stone.

Today, travel approximately 390 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel Popilia Resort or similar, Vibo Valentia
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Vibo Valentia - Tropea, Coast of the Gods

After breakfast you will be transferred to Tropea to enjoy a day at leisure in the 'jewel in the crown' of Calabria's Coast of Gods.

This part of the coast was christened as "the Coast of the Gods" by the Greeks, and Tropea itself is said to be founded by Hercules. Legends aside, the town is an unmissable stop on your tour of Calabria, with a charming historic centre that perches on the clifftop above one of Italy's best beaches, and the iconic church of the Island of Saint Maria. Tropea is best known for its pristine beaches and its prized famous red onions of Tropea. Swim in the turquoise water and enjoy Tropea's gorgeous cliffside setting and historic centre. See the centuries-old Santa Maria dell'Isola Church located on a rock overlooking the sea.

In the afternoon return to your hotel and relax at the resort.

Today travel approximately 60 kilometres.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Vibo Valentia - Matera Walking City Tour - Bari, Puglia

Today, head 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, becoming one of Europe's most exotic new experiences.

In the late afternoon, arrive in the coastal town of Bari in Puglia, a preeminent city where traditions and intense flavours flourish in their most genuine expression. Bari has a breathtaking waterfront and a quaint old town. A wonderland of art and history, it is impossible not to fall in love.

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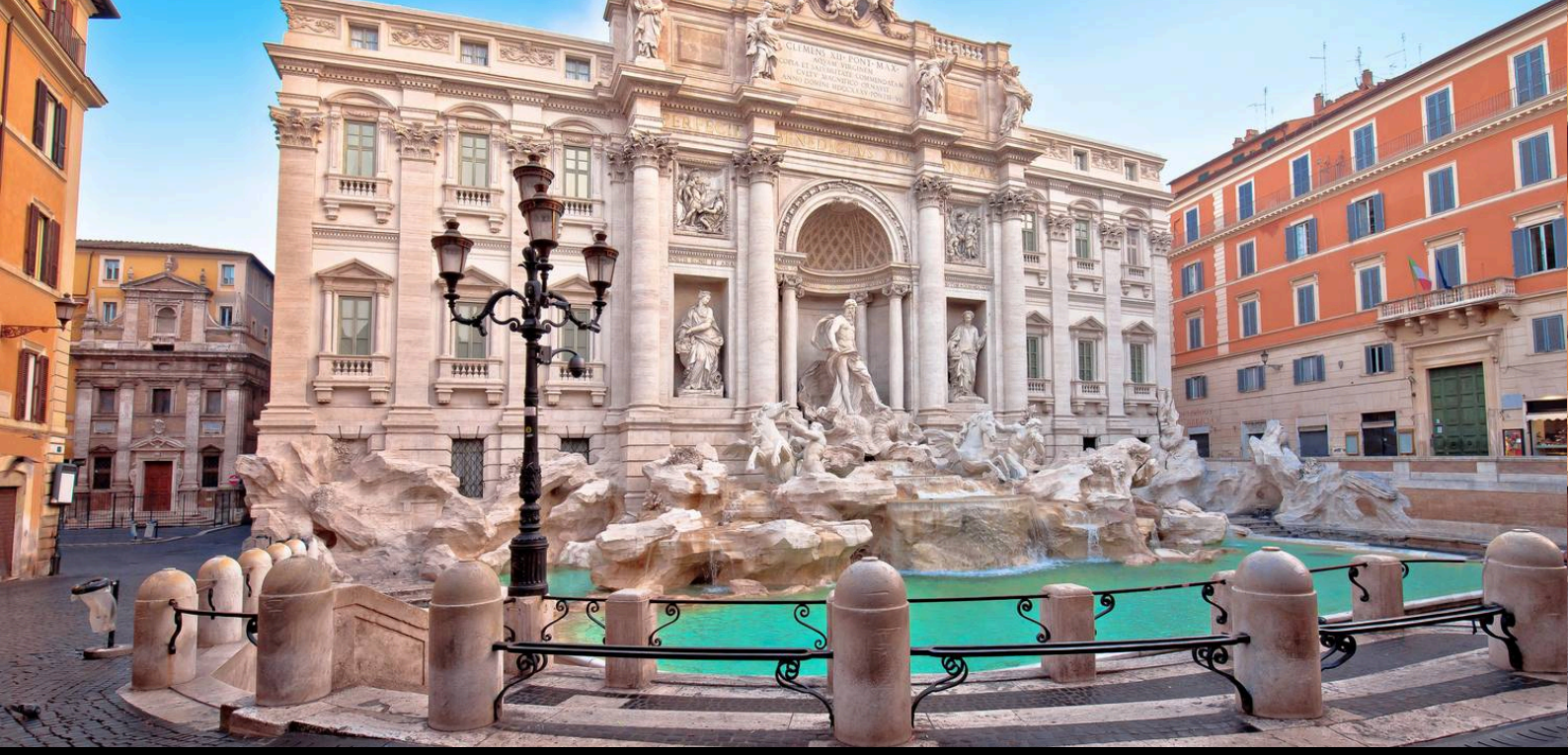

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 10 Bari - Brindisi, Italy - Begin 7-Night Croatia & Greek Islands MSC Cruise

Today, enjoy free time this morning to further explore this incredible city. Perhaps visit some of the city highlights, such as the 11th-century Basilica of San Nicola, a key pilgrimage site, surrounded by narrow streets. To the south, the Murat Quarter has 19th-century architecture, a promenade and pedestrianised shopping areas.

Afterwards, be transferred to Brindisi cruise terminal to embark on your spectacular Mediterranean voyage!

Cruise Departs: 18:00

Today, travel approximately 110 kilometres.

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

Day 11 Split, Croatia

Docked: 08:00 - 17:00

The captivating port of Split, located on the Dalmatian coast, is one of Croatia's star-attraction cities and a major cruise destination. Immerse yourself in the ancient atmosphere of its old centre, admire Diocletian buildings, or wander the city's spectacular waterfront and shade yourself under the palm trees. Split is a vibrant city with an atmospheric old town centre.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:

· The Diocletian's Palace

· KRKA National Park · Omis

Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Marghera (Venice) , Italy

Docked: 08:00 - 19:00

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Don't miss out on that essential experience: a ride through the beautiful Venice canals. Whether you drift through the city on a gondola or take a slow vaporetto (waterbus) ride down the Grand Canal, this is an experience that's hard to beat. And of course, no cruise to Venice is complete without visiting the place where Murano glass is made or stopping to marvel at Burano Island's picture-perfect coloured houses (shore excursion).

Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Cruising

The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Dubrovnik, Croatia
Docked: 07:00 - 19:00

The city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located on the southern coast of Croatia, overlooking the Adriatic Sea.

This destination boasts a treasure trove of sights, including a 16th-century old town and romantic limestone streets. See the Gothic-Renaissance Rector's Palace or wander along the city's ancient clifftop walls. Further afield, you'll find a host of natural wonders, including some of the most enchanting caves in the world.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *The Rector's Palace*
- *Coastal Sailing and Beach Break*
- *Modra Spilja Cave*

Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Corfu, Greece
Docked: 09:00 - 18:00

The resort island of Corfu, a cruise destination, is renowned for its rocky mountains, beautiful beaches, and utterly romantic atmosphere.

Its 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.

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

Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
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Day 16 Kotor, Montenegro
Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

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- *Cathedral of St. Tryphon*
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Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Disembark Cruise, Brindisi, Italy - Bari

Disembark: 09:00

Enjoy breakfast on board before arriving back at the port of Brindisi. After disembarking the ship, be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel in Bari. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hi Hotel Bari or similar, Bari
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Bari, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, after breakfast, according to your flight time, be transferred to the airport.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 19 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

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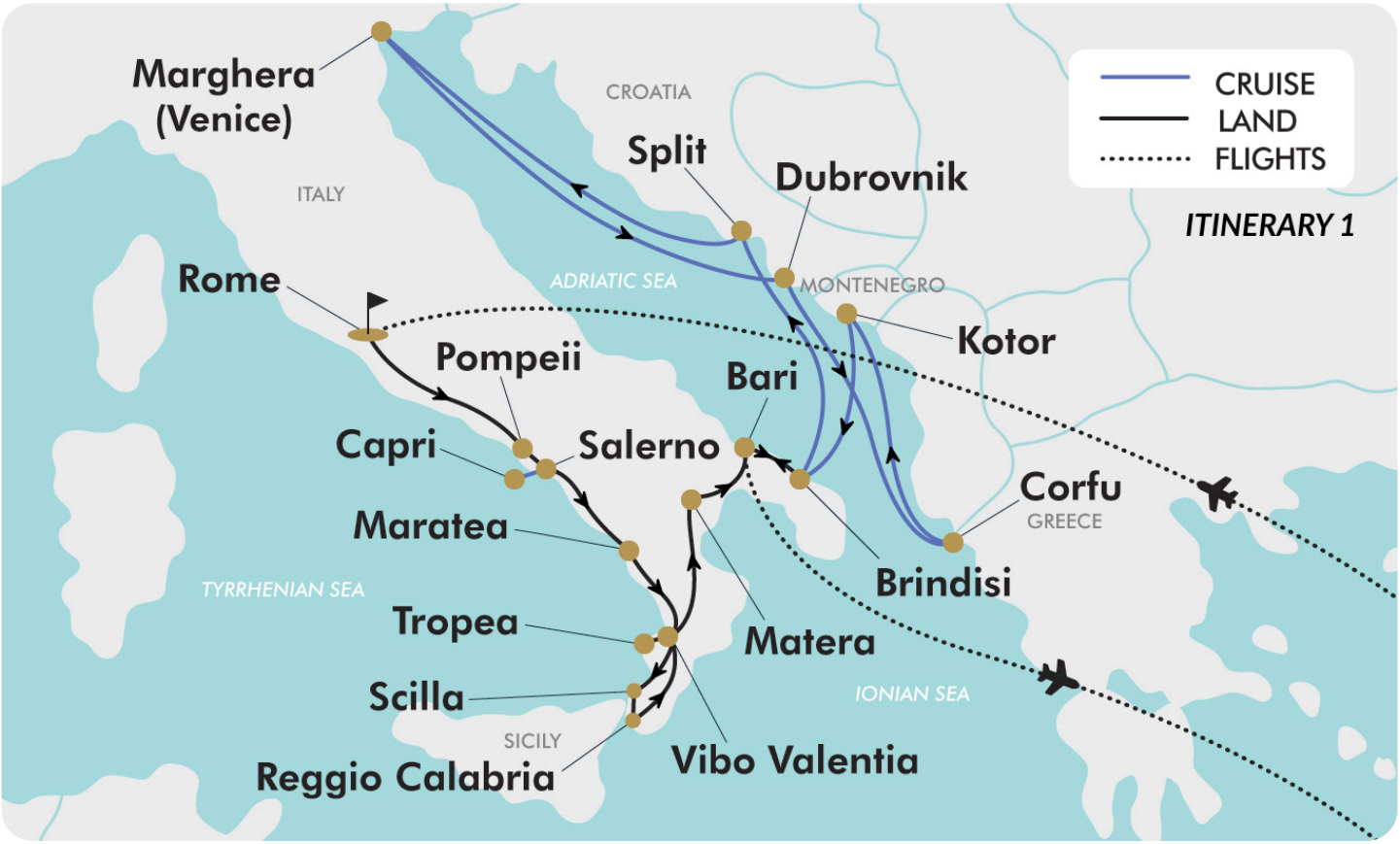
The Map

Itinerary 1



The Itinerary

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The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Day 10 Bari - Brindisi, Italy - Begin 7-Night Croatia & Greek Islands MSC Cruise

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Day 11 Split, Croatia

Docked: 08:00 - 17:00

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The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Day 13 Zadar, Croatia
Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 18:00

The ancient capital of Dalmatia, Zadar, is a jewel of the Croatian coast. This MSC Mediterranean Cruises destination offers the perfect blend of history, architecture and natural wonders. Admire medieval churches, ancient ruins, impressive waterfalls and a glorious harbour. Marvel at the backdrop of the rugged Dinaric Alps before exploring the beauty of Croatia's National Parks.

MSC Cruises excursions offer plenty of exciting things to see:
- *Zadar Discovery*
- *Plitvice Lakes National Park*
- *Krka National Park*

Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Cruising

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Docked: 09:00 - 18:00

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Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
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The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Overnight: MSC Cruises' MSC Armonia
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 17 Disembark Cruise, Brindisi, Italy - Bari

Disembark: 09:00

Enjoy breakfast on board before arriving back at the port of Brindisi. After disembarking the ship, be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel in Bari. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hi Hotel Bari or similar, Bari
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Bari, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)

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Overnight: None
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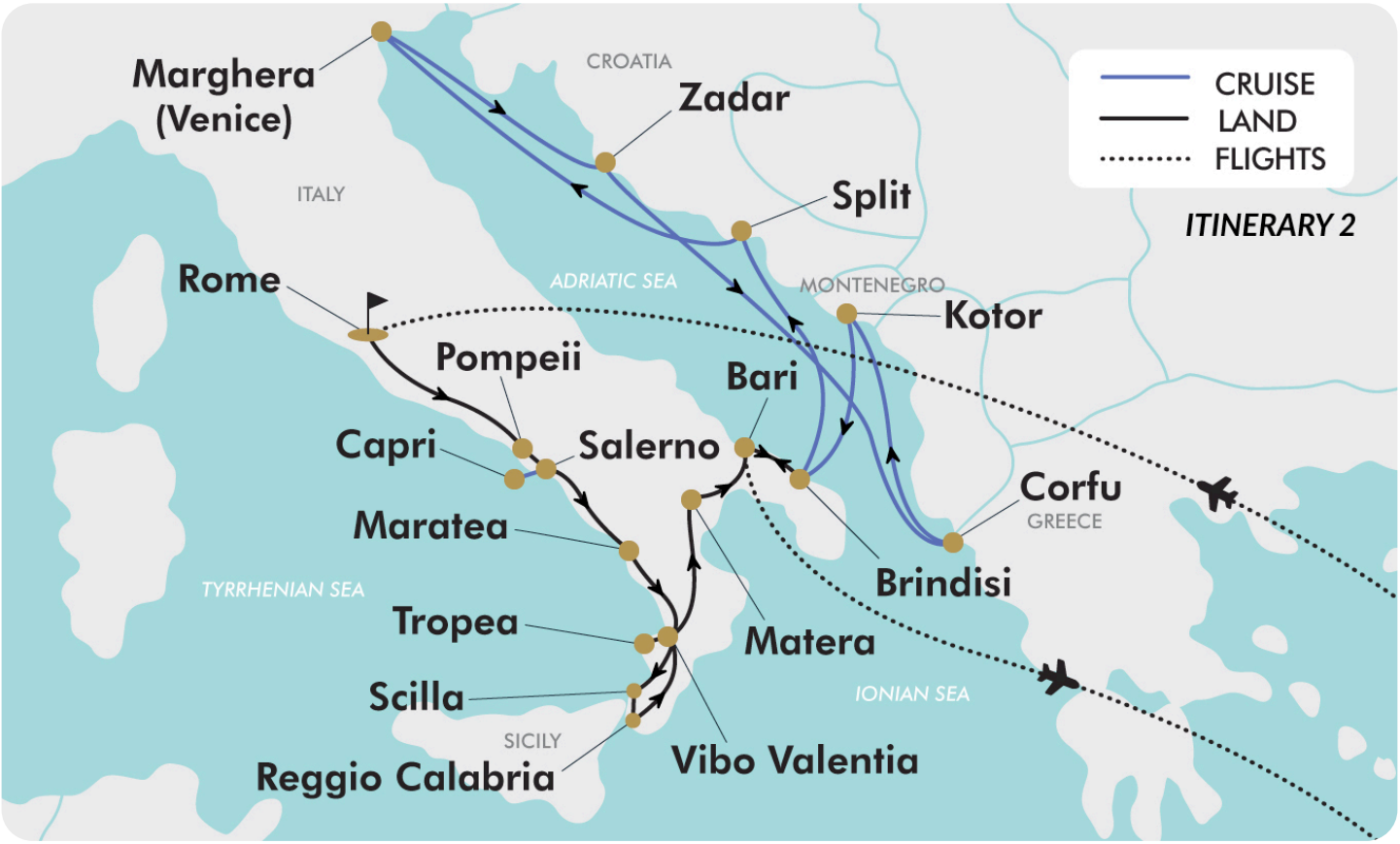
Itinerary 2



Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the beauty of Southern Italy
- Tour the spectacular Calabria, the “toe of the Italian boot”
- Visit Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Tropea, Matera and more
- Discover the ancient wonders of Rome on a half-day guided tour
- Marvel at the iconic landmarks, including Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and more
- Step back in time on a guided tour of the vast ruins of Pompeii
- Enjoy a guided tour of the charming island of Capri
- Visit the historic village of Maratea, a jewel of extraordinary beauty between beaches and caves
- Swim in the turquoise waters of Tropea, founded by Hercules on the Coast of the Gods, according to legend
- Marvel at Scilla, a coastal gem, rich in history, breathtaking vistas and culinary delights
- Explore the ancient cave houses of Sassi di Matera on a guided tour
- Spend time at leisure in the historic & charm seaside town of Bari
- See the Greek Temples of Paestum on a guided tour
- Join a Mozzarella Experience in a traditional farm tasting local products & traditions

FLIGHTS

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

CRUISE

- 7-night MSC cruise along the spectacular Greek Islands, Croatia, Italy and Montenegro
- Sail aboard the fabulous 4-star MSC Armonia ship
- Cruise the best of Italy, Croatia, Greece and Montenegro
- Dock in Split and wander its spectacular waterfront promenade
- Admire the romantic city of Venice
- Explore Kotor's medieval charm
- Dock in Dubrovnik, known as ‘The Pearl of the Adriatic’ (Itinerary 1)
- Dock in Zadar to explore ancient Roman ruins and hear the magical, waterfront Sea Organ (Itinerary 2)

ACCOMMODATION

- 9 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy 30 meals including all while cruising

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour leader and guides
- Guide earphones (guided tours only)
- Airline and cruise taxes and surcharges
- Parking and toll fees
- Cruise staff gratuities

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

Tour Inclusions

TRANSFERS

Return airport and port transfers (Excludes Trip Only option)

Important Information

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

Booking Information

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

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

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

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

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

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please

click here

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General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our

Terms & Conditions

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Privacy Policy

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Cancellation Policy

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Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 15th September 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

- Inside Cabin: $2,700
- Oceanview Cabin: $3,050
- Balcony Cabin: $3,800
- Aurea Suite: $4,100

Itinerary 2

- Inside Cabin: $2,800
- Oceanview Cabin: $3,100
- Balcony Cabin: $3,850
- Aurea Suite: $4,200

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

Child Policy

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

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

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

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

Departure City Surcharges

Melbourne: $100 per person
Perth: $200 per person

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Brisbane : $300 per person
Auckland or Adelaide: $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: Low-cost carriers Vueling Airlines and Air Dolomiti may operate flight from Bari, Italy. Baggage is included on these flights.

Please note: From Sydney, Melbourne or Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 28 hours, with up to 2 stops.

From Brisbane or Adelaide, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 29 hours, with up to 2 stops.
From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 32 hours, with up to 2 stops.
This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

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

Please note:

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

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

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

Arrive Early

Rome, Italy - From $300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Bari, Italy - 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:

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

Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.
High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 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

Important Information

* Dubai, U.A.E
Includes:
- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

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

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

18th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027
22nd December 2027 - 2nd January 2028

Doha

26th November 2026 - 2nd December 2026
25th November 2027 - 1st December 2027

Dubai

3rd December 2026- 9th December 2026
21st October 2027 - 26th October 2027

Flight Class Upgrades

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

Please note:

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

Outbound Flights

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

Missed Flights

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

Trip Only Option

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

Cruise

Msc Armonia Ship:

A proud member of the Lirica class, the MSC Armonia offers a boutique, intimate cruise experience that celebrates classic seafaring charm. While newer mega-ships focus on sprawling, high-tech amusement concepts, the Armonia, meticulously lengthened and refreshed during MSC's Renaissance Program, delivers a warm, navigable, and traditional Mediterranean-style ambiance. It features elegant, sunlit public spaces and a layout that allows guests to feel truly connected to the sea.

Dining

Dining on the MSC Armonia centers around rich Italian traditions and international flavors. The ship features two elegant main dining rooms, Marco Polo and La Pergola, which serve beautifully prepared multi-course menus that change daily. For a casual vibe, the Il Girasole and La Brasserie buffets offer a wide variety of stations, including a popular authentic Italian pizzeria, fresh salad bars, and a hot carving station. Key dining highlights include the Surf & Turf specialty restaurant, which pairs premium steaks with fresh seafood, and the outdoor Gelateria for artisan treats by the pool.

Entertainment

The Armonia focuses on high-quality talent and lively, classic social spaces. The Teatro La Fenice is a stunning, traditional venue hosting broadway-style revues, magicians, and acrobats every evening. The Palm Beach Casino offers a vibrant setting with a variety of slot machines and classic table games. Nightlife thrives across the ship's beautifully designed lounges, including the Red Bar for smooth melodies, the traditional White Lion English Pub for a pint and sports, and the futuristic Starlight Disco, where a live DJ spins tracks late into the night.

Activities

The Armonia offers a balanced mix of family fun and quiet adult wellness. The main pool deck features two crystal-clear swimming pools and relaxing whirlpools. For a thorough workout, the ship features a panoramic fitness center powered by

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Technogym with floor-to-ceiling ocean views, alongside a dedicated outdoor power walking track. The MSC Aurea Spa provides a sanctuary of relaxation, offering authentic Balinese massages, a beauty salon, and a soothing thermal suite. For those looking for a quieter sanctuary away from the main pool areas, adults can purchase access to the exclusive Top 13 Solarium sun deck.

Family-Friendly

Families are exceptionally well-catered for with dedicated spaces designed in partnership with world-class brands. Younger children will love the Doremi Spray Park, an action-packed outdoor water play area on the top deck. Indoor youth spaces are split by age group, featuring the Baby Club (under 3) created with Chicco, the Mini Club (3-6) and Junior Club (7-11) built in partnership with LEGO, and the dedicated Young Club (12-14) and Teens Club (15-17) which offer video game consoles, foosball tables, and evening teen discos.

Technology

The Armonia blends its classic style with smart, modern conveniences. Cabins are equipped with interactive TVs where guests can review their onboard account and see the ship's daily itinerary. Guests can also utilize the MSC for Me app on their smartphones to view daily activities and stay connected while at sea.
Onboard currency: Euro

Cabins:

Interior Cabins

Interior cabins provide a comfortable, budget-friendly retreat for guests looking for a cozy space to unwind after a day of exploration. These cabins are typically approximately 13 square meters, efficiently maximizing space to offer a restful environment.

Ocean View Cabins

Ocean view cabins feature large windows that fill the room with natural light and offer beautiful views of the passing scenery. These cabins are slightly larger than the interiors, typically ranging from approximately 13 to 22 square meters, providing a perfect window to the sea.

Balcony Cabins

Introduced during the ship's major refurbishment, balcony cabins offer a premium upgrade with immediate access to fresh sea breezes. These cabins feature private verandas and feature approximately 13 of indoor space, plus a private balcony.

Aurea Suite

For guests seeking the ultimate upgrade in luxury and space, the Aurea Suite represents the highest tier of comfort on the ship. These premium accommodations span approximately 22 square meters and feature a separate living area with a sofa, a spacious wardrobe, and a private balcony. Booking the Aurea Suite unlocks elite "Aurea Experience" privileges, including priority boarding, a complimentary welcome drink, unlimited access to the thermal area in the spa, and flexible "My Choice" dining times in the main restaurants.

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 approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)
- Rome, Italy: Hotel American Palace
- Salerno, Italy: Hotel Polo Nautico
- Vibo Valentia Area, Italy: Popilia Country Resort
- Bari, Italy: Hi Hotel Bari

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.

4-Star Cruise (Self-rated)

MSC Cruise: MSC Armonia

Extra Nights

Not available.

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

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Please note:

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- *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

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

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

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

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is €6 per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected whilst on tour. Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however, please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is 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 & operates to US & European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a tipping culture. If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

Other Important Information

CITY TAXES

Payable directly to the hotel at check-in.
Rome: €7.50 per person, per night
Amalfi Coast Area - €3.00 per person, per night
Vibo Valentia - €4.00 per person per night
Taranto - €4.00 per person per night

Please note: above pricing is approximate and is payable directly to the hotel upon check-in.

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

Adriatic & Ionian Route

Brindisi, Split, Venice-Marghera, Zadar, Dubrovnik, Corfu, Kotor.

April & May: Spring Awakening

The Vibe: Ideal for sightseeing. Mild days and cool evenings; minimal crowds. Temperatures: Highs of 16°C to 22°C | Lows of 9°C to 14°C. At Sea: Brisk and windy. Pack a light jacket.

August & September: Summer to Balmy Autumn

The Vibe: Peak summer. August is hot, dry, and vibrant; September cools slightly but the sea stays perfectly warm for swimming. Temperatures: August highs of 28°C to 32°C | September highs of 24°C to 27°C | Nighttime lows around 18°C to 21°C. At Sea: Warm, balmy air, perfect for stargazing.

Italian Core Route

Rome, Salerno, Capri, Vibo Valentia, Matera, Bari.

April & May: Crisp & Blooming

The Vibe: Idyllic for exploring ruins. Bright sunshine with refreshing breezes.

Important Information

Temperatures: Highs of 18°C to 23°C | Lows of 8°C to 13°C (Matera runs noticeably colder at night). Tip: Pack layers.

August & September: Sizzling Summer to Perfect Gold

The Vibe: August is intensely hot (great for beaches, scorching in Rome). September is the "golden month", retaining sea warmth but dropping the air temperature to a comfortable level. Temperatures: August highs of 29°C to 33°C+ | September highs of 25°C to 28°C | Nighttime lows are around 16°C to 20°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: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

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

Sightseeing:

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

Wildlife sighting:

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

- 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.