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Cruise Ship: **MSC SINFONIA**

Departing from: **Civitavecchia, Italy**

Itineraries: **Livorno, Genoa, Marseille, Barcelona, Funchal, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tangier, Cartagena**

Departure Date: **26/01/2019**

Duration: **14 Days, 13 Nights**

Livorno

Sun 27 January 2019

SCENIC ROUTE

FLORENCE ON YOUR OWN - LEG02

Duration
9 h

From high fashion to breathtaking architecture, Florence has it all in spades and this all-day tour will give you a chance to explore one of the worlds most exciting cities on your own. A scenic 2-hour coach ride will first take you from the port to Florence, after which you can seek out whichever landmarks you like. Perhaps take a look at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Giotto's Tower, stroll through the Boboli Gardens, pay Galileo's tomb in the Basilica of Santa Croce a visit or check out the world-famous Uffizi Gallery, to name but a few of the many options. You will have plenty of time to get your fill of the city before the coach then returns you to Livorno and your ship. Please note: this excursion is only for transit guests in Livorno port. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

CITY TOUR

TWO IN ONE: FLORENCE & PISA - LEG03

Duration
9 h

This two-in-one tour will see you spend a day visiting both Florence and Pisa, with lovely views of the Tuscan landscape thrown in during periods of transit. A relaxing 2-hour coach ride begins your outing, taking you first to the gorgeous city of Florence to visit its key landmark: the mid-15th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. The last architectural feature to be added to the Gothic-Renaissance building was its impressive dome, finally completing the structure after around 140 years of building work. You'll then have time to do some shopping or have lunch (at extra cost) on your own, after which you'll be transferred to the coast en route to Pisa, the birthplace of Galileo Galilei, the 17th-century scientist who clashed with the Catholic Church over how our solar system works. A photo opportunity at Piazza dei Miracoli, home to the famous Leaning Tower, and a visit to the 13th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta then follow, after which the scenic return journey to Livorno brings the tour to a close. Please note: this excursion is only for transit guests in Livorno port. Guests will be met by tour guides on arrival in both Florence and Pisa. Conservative attire recommended for visiting places of religious importance. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FLORENCE - LEG04

Duration
9 h

Ample views of Tuscany's spellbinding countryside can be enjoyed during the initial 2-hour coach ride to one of the worlds most beautiful cities: Florence. After picking up your knowledgeable guide, a tour around the city follows, the birthplace of the Italian renaissance. You will head for Michelangelo Square, where stunning views of the town and the Tuscan hills in the background await you a perfect spot take some photos. Next up are the city centre and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, completed in 1436 with the addition of its final fabulous feature: the dome. The outing then continues on foot to reach the mid-15th-century Basilica of Santa Croce, the final resting place of Galileo Galilei, which you will visit. There will also be a little time for you to explore Santa Croce Square and the city on your own, do some shopping or find a restaurant to have a spot of lunch (at extra cost) before you return to Livorno and your ship, with further views of Tuscany to savour on the way. Please note: this excursion is only for transit guests in Livorno port. Conservative attire recommended for visiting places of religious importance. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

Genoa

Mon 28 January 2019

SOMETHING SPECIAL

AQUARIUM - GOA02T



Take the family on this funny excursion to the popular Genoa Aquarium; a quick ferry transfer takes us to what is reputed to be one of Europe's best aquariums, renowned for its size and vast variety of marine creatures. As one of the most natural and environmentally friendly aquariums in the world, everyone will enjoy the collections of multi-coloured tropical fish, sharks, natural corals, penguins and dolphins. After you will have a quick boat trip back to the ship. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port. No guided visit inside the Aquarium; only cameras without a flash allowed. The Aquarium is wheelchair-friendly; guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the ferry and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since ferries have neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

HISTORICAL CENTRE - GOA03T



A short ferry transfer takes you to Piazza Caricamento for a pleasant walk through Genoa's historic town centre. We will wander the charming narrow streets known as carruggi to reach Piazza de Ferrari, the commercial heart of Genoa, where we will admire Palazzo Ducale (external visit only). You will visit the Cisterne del Ducale where a light buffet made of bruschetta and focaccia, typical to Genoa, awaits you. Your tour will continue with external views of the Cathedral of San Lorenzo. Free time in the old port before returning to the port. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port and is not suitable for those who use a wheelchair. This tour includes extensive periods of walking (approx. 2.5 hours) and the boat has no ramps or lifts.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

SIGHTSEEING ON OPEN BUS & AQUARIUM - GOA06T



Enjoy a panoramic tour of Genoa while sitting comfortably on an open bus and admire the main squares and streets of this lively city. You will discover the elegant 16th century district of Via Garibaldi, the imposing Piazza de Ferrari area with the Ducal Palace. You will also pass by the Carlo Felice Theatre and the Columbus house and along the fashion street, Via Roma, with the most elegant Italian brands. During your tour on the bus, multilingual commentary is provided. Next stop will be the Aquarium whose visit is included in the tour, an opportunity to admire on your own a vast variety of marine creatures, coloured tropical fishes, sharks, corals, penguins and dolphins. At the end of the visit, no rush to return to the ship. Passengers will take their time to enjoy the town and return by shuttle bus departing every 30 minutes from the Aquarium drop on. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port. No guided visit inside the Aquarium; only photos without a flash allowed during the visit. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair and can be booked only during your cruise.

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

DISCOVER GENOA BY SEGWAY - GOA14T



Short but sweet, this entertaining tour takes you off the ship to discover the city of Genoa by Segway, a great means of transport that's not only fun and very green, but also makes for leisurely urban exploration without having to get footsore in the process. Your guided roundup of Genoa's main sights takes you through the town's historical centre and includes views of the 13th- to 16th-century Doge's Palace, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and Porta Soprana, the best known section of Genoa's remaining city walls. Your Segway tour then rolls to a close with your return to the ship. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems, pregnant women and guests whose weight is less than 45 kilos or more than 117 kilos. The minimum age required to drive the Segway is 16 years old; all guests aged 6/15 can participate in this excursion but will share the Segway with an adult on condition the guests' total weight does not exceed 117 kilos. Guests have to sign a release act in order to take part in the tour. Assistance throughout the tour only in English and Italian.

SOMETHING SPECIAL
GENOA & PALAZZO DEL PRINCIPE - GOA16T

Duration
 3:15 h

Just a few hours of your time is all it takes to get the best of Genoa, beginning with a short walk from the port to your first stop: the truly resplendent 16th-century Palazzo del Principe. You will have a chance to explore the historical building with its frescoes, tapestries, artwork by old masters and other hidden treasures during the guided visit. A private coach will then whisk you off on a non-stop drive around Genoa, taking in such sights as the port district, Genoa's famed aquarium, the Fiera del Mare indoor arena and the expo complex. After passing through Albaro, a district once favoured by the aristocracy, you will move on to the city centre. Look forward to views of the monuments on Victoria Square, the lawns displaying Columbus caravels in flowers, the main Via XX Settembre and bridge, Piazza de Ferrari and Columbus House and proceed to Piazza Caricamento. Time to stretch your legs follows during a short walk with outside views of the Doges Palace, St. Lawrence's Cathedral and St. George's Palace to enjoy. After some free time, the tour ends with a short boat trip back to the ship. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port and is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

SCENIC ROUTE
GENOA PANORAMIC TOUR - GOA18T

Duration
 3:15 h

Thanks to its illustrious past and collection of ornate buildings, Genoa also goes by the name of La Superba Italian for The Proud One and it is this civic beauty you'll be exploring on this leisurely sightseeing tour. Your guided coach tour begins at the port and takes you past such historical buildings as Columbus birthplace and the 13th-century Palazzo San Giorgio, then continues down the seafront Corso Italia to reach the picturesque Boccadasse district. You'll have some free time to spend in this pretty harbour, flanked by the colourful houses of the resident fishing folk. When you move on again, you'll pass through the residential neighbourhood of Albaro and catch glimpses of Piazza Tommaseo and Piazza Vittoria as you head for the historical Piazza de Ferrari, Genoa's main square. Another break is scheduled here for you to explore on your own, with possible areas of interest being the old town and San Lorenzo Cathedral or a look at the Palazzo Ducale, the Doges Palace. Last up on the itinerary is a drive up Castelletto Hill for splendid views from the observation deck, a perfect spot to take some photos. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port and is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

NATURAL WONDERS
BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE AQUARIUM - GOA19T

Duration
 3:30 h

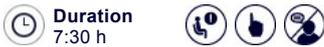
Leave the ship for a few hours and instead check yourself in to a thoroughly educational and family-friendly outing for a behind-the-scenes look at Italy's largest aquarium, the Acquario di Genova. Built to coincide with the Genoa Expo in 1992, which in turn commemorated the 500th anniversary of the New World being discovered by Columbus, the aquarium is home to a vast collection of marine wildlife. After a short ferry transfer to the old part of Genoa and the Acquario, you and your family can first enjoy an unguided visit of the various tanks that provide a habitat for tropical fish, sharks, natural coral, penguins and dolphins. At a prearranged time, you'll then proceed on an expertly guided behind-the-scenes tour of the facility, during which you'll get to see the on-site laboratories, maintenance and plankton farming activities as well as how the animals are cared for and reared. And among the tank backstage areas, highlights include the jellyfish and dolphin enclosures. Your time at the Expo site wraps up with a little more time to explore on your own before the boat returns you to the ship. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port. No guided visit inside the Aquarium except for the behind the scenes part; only cameras without a flash allowed. Guides available only in English and Italian. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL
A TASTE OF GENOA, DIOCESAN MUSEUM & PESTO DEMONSTRATION - GOA21T

Duration
 4:30 h

This enjoyable half-day outing begins with a boat transfer to Genoa's aquarium area from where you'll then set off on your city tour. A walk through the narrow lanes called caruggi of Genoa's historical district will see you reach the Diocesan Museum, located in the old residence of the canons of the Cattedrale di San Lorenzo and accessible through its lovely cloister. Follow your guide inside the Cardinal Fieschi's room, where recipes and instructions will be given to learn the use of mortar and pestle to prepare a classic pesto alla Genovese. In addition to seeing the expert preparing the pesto sauce, you'll also learn about the ingredients and the secret of making perfect pesto and curious history of the green sauce. Next, walk to the lovely cloister, built in the XII century, for a tasty treat of bruschetta and focaccia with the freshly made pesto. The guided return walk will then take you through the historical district to the aquarium area and from there, back to the pier by boat. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port. It includes long walking; it is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

ENJOY MILAN AT YOUR OWN PACE - GOA22T



Duration
7:30 h

Milan is the most famous town for fashion and shopping, here you will immerse into its famous designer shops including Gucci, Armani, and Versace, and for its stylish ambience. Take advantage of this tour to have good chance for window browsing and soak up the atmosphere of this famous city. Leave the port for a 2-hour coach drive to Milan and enjoy free time in the city with some good shopping opportunity. At the fixed time, you will meet your coach again to drive back to Genoa port and to your cruise ship. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

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CITY TOUR

MAGNIFICENT MILANO - GOA23T



Duration
7:30 h

Get off the ship and spend a day in magnificent Milano, the 2nd largest city in Italy as regards to population, politics and cultural affairs, and the first in the field of commerce, industry and banking. Relax on your 2-hour coach drive on the motorway from Genoa to Milan. Upon arrival, begin an 1,5-hour guided walking tour that will unveil some of Milans best spots: Piazza Castello until reaching La Scala Milans Opera House, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele and Cathedral Square. Enjoy some free time in Piazza Duomo looking for a nice place to have lunch or, for the braver, to climb up the gold statue Madonnina, the statue of the Virgin Mary placed atop the Cathedral. Alternatively, if you are a shopping lover, Milan is the place to be! Your 2-hour coach drive to Genoa port and your cruise ship ends this exclusive excursion. Please note: this tour is only for guests in transit in Genoa port and includes long periods of walking. It is considered unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

DISCOVER GENOAS MAGNIFICENT PALACES - GOA25T



Duration
4:15 h

Uncover the rich and glorious history of Genoas aristocracy by Via Garibaldi, built during the Renaissance and well known for its magnificent palaces. Join your guide for a pleasant stroll along Via Garibaldi, one of the oldest parts of Genoa, to discover enchanting palaces which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and learn about the enormous wealth from distant lands that was hidden here by noble families. Get a glimpse into the past with inside visits to Palazzo Nicolosio Lomellino featuring richly stuccoed façades and fresco murals adorning the ceiling and walls and Palazzo Rosso. This Palace forms part of the Museums of the Strada Nuova as Via Garibaldi is also referred to and hosts quintessential art collections including paintings by Antoon Van Dyck, Guido Reni, Bernardo Strozzi and Il Veronese, to name a few. Before visiting Palazzo Rosso, there will be a short stop at the dungeons of Palazzo Cattaneo Adorno to taste one of the city's delicacies, pesto sauce. The excursion continues with a walk through the alleys of Genoa and some leisure time before returning to the Porto Antico and your cruise ship. Please note: this tour is available only for guests in transit in Genoa port and is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

Marseille

Tue 29 January 2019

CITY TOUR

AIX-EN-PROVENCE - MRS02



Duration
4 h

We will leave Marseille port for a 40-minute drive to the lovely town of Aix-en-Provence. The excursion starts with a visit to the famous XII century St. Saviours Cathedral and gardens. The Cathedral was built on the site of a Roman Temple and dates from a period that spans the XI and XIII centuries. Fronted by a richly decorated Gothic-style portal with elaborately carved doors, the Cathedral is flanked on the north by an unfinished tower. Enjoy a pleasant walk (1,5 hours) through the historic town centre before reaching the famous Mazarino Quarter, a residential district created by Cardinal Mazarins brother in the last half of the XVII century for the gentry of Aix en Provence. Free time for shopping. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground and is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. Conservative attire recommended for visiting places of religious importance.

MARSEILLES CITY TOUR - MRS06



Duration
4:30 h

Join us on a visit around this important maritime town. We will begin our excursion with a visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde which stands majestically on top of a hill. The Cathedral is made up of a lower and an upper church and was built on the site of an ancient chapel. Continue along the Corniche (coast road) where we will admire Borely Castle and garden (no inside visit). The excursion includes sightseeing in the centre of Marseilles and photos at Longchamps Palace before enjoying some free time in the Vieux Port (old port). Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair due to many steps and uphill path around the Basilica. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. The visit to Notre Dame de la Garde may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

AVIGNON AND PANORAMIC OF MARSEILLES - MRS07



Duration
7 h

Our starting point for this day-long tour begins in Marseilles, at the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde. This Neo-Byzantine church stands on top of a hill and was designed by the French architect Esperandiu between 1853 and 1864. The site was formerly a XIII century chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Guard and features several votive offerings from safely returned sailors. Stop for an inside visit before continuing on a 1.5-hour coach ride to the medieval city of Avignon. Here we will visit the Palace of the Popes, an ancient fortress rich in galleries and chapels. The frescoes and hand-painted tapestries in the Popes bedrooms and private rooms bear witness to the former opulence of this residence. Make the most of your free time to stroll around and have lunch (non-inclusive) in one of the typical French brasserie-restaurants. Return to Marseilles for embarkation. Please note: walking on uneven ground and steps. This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair due to many steps and uphill path around the Basilica in Marseilles. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. The visit to Notre Dame de la Garde may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events.

DELUXE VISIT TO PROVENCE: AVIGNON & AIX-EN-PROVENCE - MRS14



Duration
7 h

While the sun-kissed shores of southern France make ideal holiday destinations, the delightful towns lying inland are equally worth a visit. Designed to let you savour two such jewels, the outing begins with a 40-minute drive to Aix-en-Provence, where you will visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour. Sitting on the site of a former Roman forum and amalgamating a variety of architectural styles from the 5th to the 17th centuries, the Cathedral boasts a richly decorated Gothic façade with elaborately carved doors, and to the north of the building an unfinished tower. You will then walk through the historical district to reach the lovely Mazarin quarter, a residential area built for the towns gentry in the second half of the 17th century. A chance to relax then follows on the 90-minute drive up to Avignon, after which you'll have some time for lunch in one of the towns many brasseries before moving on to the monumental Papal Palace, the seat of Christianity in the 14th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rich in galleries and chapels as well as frescoes and hand-painted wall-hangings in the private papal suite, the palace still bears testament to its former opulence. The pleasant return drive to Marseille and your ship then brings the tour to an unhurried close. Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven ground and using stairs, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

BEST OF TWO CITIES: AIX-EN-PROVENCE AND MARSEILLE - MRS15


Duration
 8 h


An all-day tour of two cities awaits that will take you to see both Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, two of the most popular destinations in the south of France. Initially remaining in Marseille, a coach will take you down the coastal Kennedy Corniche for views of the near-shore islands called Les Îles, before continuing on to the hilltop location of the Neo-Byzantine Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde, where more superb vistas are a snapshot waiting to happen. Moving on down Marseilles Palais Longchamps, you will head for the Vieux Port for some free time to explore. The many cafés and restaurants are perfect for coffee or a bite to eat (not included in the price of the tour) and the nearby Centre Bourse is ideal for all who love to shop. A 40-minute coach journey will then take you up to the beautiful university and spa town of Aix-en-Provence. A walk through the historical district will take you from the tree-lined Cours Mirabeau boulevard to the 17th-century residential Mazarin quarter, built to house the towns gentry, en route to Place des Quatre Dauphins, its ornate Four Dolphins fountain and the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour, a blend of various architectural styles from the 5th to the 17th centuries. You will have some time to spend on your own at this lovely spot before the coach returns you to your ship. Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven ground and using stairs, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. In case of events in town, guests will not reach Notre Dame de la Garde; they will visit Marseille Cathedral.

CITY TOUR

CHARMING ARLES - MRS19


Duration
 5 h


Board a comfortable modern coach for an enjoyable 1.5-hour drive to the historical city of Arles located in the Camargue region in the south of France. The city was once the main Roman colony of ancient Gallia Narbonensis. UNESCO listed the citys Roman and Romanesque monuments as World Heritage Sites in 1981. The Dutch post-impressionist painter, Vincent van Gogh, lived in Arles for a year between 1888 and 1889, during which time he produced more than 300 paintings and drawings. Your panoramic walking tour includes the main sights such as the Church of St. Trophime, which once held cathedral status, the Place du Forum that inspired van Goghs famous painting and the Roman amphitheatre, whose 120 arches date back to the 1st century. The amphitheatre was capable of seating more than 20,000 spectators and was built for providing entertainment for the masses in the form of chariot races and gladiators engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat. You will have time to explore on your own before returning to the ship. Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven and rough ground, it is not suitable guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. Comfortable shoes and a hat (in summer months) recommended as well as conservative attire for visiting places of religious importance.

Barcelona

Wed 30 January 2019

SCENIC ROUTE

PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING - BCN02

 **Duration**
4 h



The fabulous city of Barcelona is well worth a visit and this whistle-stop tour will take you to see the key sights during an enjoyable half day off the ship. Upon leaving the port, your tour begins with a drive through Barcelona's main streets and squares. A short stop will be made at Montjuich Hill to take in the superb view over the city before moving on for a brief external viewing of the Sagrada Família, Gaudís striking yet unfinished neo-Gothic masterpiece. There will also be time to pass by the impressive Barcelona Cathedral, which was built from the end of the 13th until into the 15th century, before taking you to go shopping in the Plaça de Catalunya, a large square in central Barcelona that is ideal for a little retail therapy. Please note: on public holidays or on Sunday afternoon, the shopping stop will be at the La Rambla. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

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PANORAMIC CITY TOUR & NOU CAMP STADIUM - BCN05

 **Duration**
3:30 h



Thanks to the sheer scale of its impressive architecture, Barcelonas Camp Nou Stadium one of the worlds most famous football temples and the largest stadium in all of Europe with a capacity to seat nearly 100,000 people is a fascinating destination, whether you are a soccer fan or not. Apart from hosting numerous key UEFA matches throughout the years, the stadium has also been used to stage other events, including concerts given by such major pop artists as Sting, Bruce Springsteen, Peter Gabriel, Tracy Chapman or U2. In 1982, Pope John Paul II even celebrated mass at the stadium, on which occasion he was made an honorary citizen of Barcelona. Your tour begins with a drive-by sightseeing tour past Gaudís Sagrada Família, a minor basilica, and up Montjuich Hill before arriving at Camp Nou Stadium. Please note: the feasibility of the tour is subject to the schedule of the football club and then the stadium could be closed with very short notice; for this reason the tour could be cancelled even the day before our call for reasons beyond MSCs control. The visit to the stadium includes walking upstairs and downstairs and is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. This excursion is not available on calls falling on a Sunday afternoon. This tour is not available on MSC Armonia call on 13.04.2016.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

FLAMENCO SHOW - BCN10

 **Duration**
4 h



This tour lets you simply sit back and relax on the coach while you enjoy drive-by viewings of Barcelonas main sights, including the magnificent Passeig de Gràcia and Gaudís unfinished masterpiece, the Sagrada Família, which was consecrated as a minor basilica by the Pope in 2010. Continuing up to Montjuich Hill, you can enjoy breathtaking views of the city below and after a photo stop, head for Poble Espanyol, a unique open-air architectural museum situated on the hill. The museum was originally built for the Barcelona International Exhibition in 1929 with the aim of mimicking a townscape that would reflect the architecture, style and culture typical of various Spanish regions in a single place. A 30-minute flamenco show accompanied by a fruity sangria punch rounds off your tour.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

HIGHLIGHTS OF BARCELONA, MONTSERRAT & WINE TASTING - BCN21

 **Duration**
7:30 h



Celebrated the world over for its fabulous architecture, Barcelona is yours to enjoy as your coach first takes you around the citys main sights on this all-day Catalan experience. The route will take you down Passeig de Gràcia, one of Barcelonas main boulevards, passing by Gaudís unfinished masterpiece, the incredible Sagrada Família. Leaving the breathtaking basilica behind, a location of equally awe-inspiring proportions is next: the jagged sandstone columns of the Montserrat Mountains and the abbey of Santa Maria de Montserrat, an impressive complex of buildings that affords glorious views of the countryside below. A key Catholic pilgrimage site and popular as a religious retreat, the abbey not only hosts a statue of the Virgin of Montserrat, aka the Black Madonna, but also a basilica with an ornately decorated interior. Some time to soak up the beguiling surroundings and have lunch (not included in the price of the tour) then follows, after which your travels continue by coach to the village of Sant Sadurni and the Cava Vilarnau wine cellars. Apart from a chance to see how wine, sparkling wine and the bottle-fermented Spanish cava are made, you will also be able to please your palate during the tasting session that concludes your visit. The relaxing return drive to your ship brings your Catalan outing to a close. Please note: the guide will give explanation only outside the Monastery; guests will visit the site individually. Conservative attire recommended for visiting the religious site. This excursion is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE
ELECTRIC BIKE TOUR OF BARCELONA - BCN27


E stands for easy-going, entertaining and electrically assisted – three terms that also describe the nature of this half-day tour, which sets out to present the very best of Barcelona from a variety of perspectives. The first of your electrically assisted exploration aids will come in the form of a Mercedes-Benz eBike, which you will pick up in the historical Barri Gòtic quarter and then use to ride through the city and up to the cable car station at the top of Montjuïc Hill, the best vantage point for views of the city. You will also get to have an outside look at the 17th-century Montjuïc Castle before heading back down the hill by cable car to reach the seaside to taste tapas with a drink in a local restaurant. You will then pass through Ciutadella Park and the magnificent Arc de Triomf en route to one of Antoni Gaudí's most celebrated architectural designs: the Sagrada Família. You will have some free time to explore before moving on to the elegant Passeig de Gràcia, one of Barcelonas most notable boulevards. Once you have returned to the Barri Gòtic, you will enjoy a short walk (10 min.) to Plaza Catalunya where the coach will be waiting to take you back to the pier and your ship. Please note: limited number of guides in German. Min. height needed: 150 cm; children aged 9-10 years on are allowed to take part in this tour provided their height is 150 cm. Child bikes may be provided upon availability and reconfirmation during your cruise.

SCENIC ROUTE
BARCELONA SIGHTS, AQUARIUM & SHOPPING - BCN36


This family-friendly tour offers half a day of seeing the best city sights, but without putting the usual strain on your feet since you will mostly be comfortably seated on a modern coach. The tour begins at Barcelonas Columbus monument, situated at one end of La Rambla Avenue. You'll then head down the equally magnificent Passeig de Gràcia boulevard before continuing your sightseeing with more attractions on the list including the Sagrada Família, Casa Milà and Casa Batlló, all designed by Antoni Gaudí: your guide will call attention to them as you pass by. After passing through the Olympic ring, splendid views of the city follow from Montjuïc hill, where a short photo stop is scheduled. You will then move on to the Port Vell district to visit Barcelona Aquarium, a huge facility that supports around 11,000 animals representing 450 species of marine wildlife. Be sure to check out the shark tunnel and tanks with rays and other large fish during your unguided visit, after which you'll still have time to do some shopping at the co-located Maremàgnum shopping mall. The tour then wraps up with your return to the ship. Please note: this tour is partly guided; the entrance ticket to the Aquarium is included but guests will explore the site on their own. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

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BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING (ENDS AT THE AIRPORT) - BCN41D


End your cruise on a high note by taking this opportunity to touch base with the fascinating city of Barcelona before you catch your flight at El Prat International Airport. You'll be able to relax on board a modern coach while the sights of Barcelona are paraded past your eyes. The route will take you past the Passeig de Gràcia boulevard, Gaudí's unfinished Sagrada Família and Plaça de Catalunya in the centre of town. Then, heading out of town, you'll reach Montjuïc Hill for a photo stop to enjoy incredible views of Barcelona. Returning to the city again, you'll then get to stretch your legs on a guided walk through the old Barri Gòtic and also have some free time to spend on your own. The tour ultimately draws to a close with your transfer to El Prat International Airport. Please note: the tour is only for guests disembarking in Barcelona whose flight is scheduled after 17:00 hours. The duration of the tour also includes the time for transfer to the airport. This tour is not recommended for guests using a wheelchair or with walking difficulties.

CULTURE AND HISTORY
GIRONA, FIGUERES & DALÍ MUSEUM - BCN42


An entertaining day of cultural sightseeing awaits you here, starting with a 1.5-hour coach ride to the historical city of Girona. You'll head for the excellently preserved Jewish quarter for an external look at the Isaac el Cec Jewish Centre, the site of 12th-century Romanesque baths, also called the Arab Baths due to their Moorish appearance. Moving on again, you'll then head for the town of Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dalí. Once in town, you'll first have time to get lunch on your own, after which you'll pay the fascinating Dalí Theatre and Museum a visit. The museum incorporates the building that housed the towns theatre during Dalí's childhood and is also the place where one of the young artists first public exhibitions was staged. Apart from giving you a chance to view a huge collection of Dalí works, including 3D installations like the Rainy Taxi and the anamorphic room – the Sala Mae West – in which the face of Mae West is revealed when viewed from a certain angle, the museum is also Dalí's final resting place with the crypt located under the stage. The tour then wraps up with your return to Barcelona and your ship. Please note: this tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.



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GAUDIS EXPERIENCE - BCN45

 **Duration**
4 h



Do not miss your chance to immerse yourself in the fascinating world and works of Barcelonas premiere architect: the world-famous Antoni Gaudí. After leaving the port, your tour will take you down the beautiful Passeig de Gràcia avenue for an outside view of Casa Batlló, a flamboyant building that is covered in thousands of multi-coloured tiles. Up next is Casa Milà, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for another exterior visit, followed by the Park Güell, a garden complex and one of Barcelonas key tourist attractions due to its remarkable, sinuous buildings, stunning mosaics and ceramic-covered benches. The excursion also includes time to visit inside Gaudís unfinished neo-Gothic masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. Your tour ends with a scenic return drive to the port. Please note: this tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

FLAVOURS OF BARCELONA: TAPAS, JAMÓN & CITY METRO - BCN49

 **Duration**
6:30 h



Live and direct is how youll experience Barcelona on this appealing city tour and youll do it by taking the underground. First meet your guide and take a shuttle to the drop-off point in town. Then continue by underground for an outside look at the yet unfinished Sagrada Família, visionary brainchild of architect Antoni Gaudí, and some time to spend as you please. Back on the underground again, youll head for Plaza Universidad in the city centre for a stroll down the bustling Las Ramblas avenue. Next up is free time to look around the produce-laden Boqueria market, about which information will be provided before you enter individually. Then, get ready for your jamón experience at Moniberic and sample three kinds of jamón and enjoy a drink. A stroll through the historical Barri Gòtic to the El Born district for tapas then follows, after which youll catch the shuttle back to the ship. Please note: the tour involves extensive periods of walking and standing; it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

Funchal

Sat 2 February 2019

NATURAL WONDERS

PICO DOS BARCELOS - FUN01

 **Duration**
3:30 h



Leave the vessel and get ready to fall in love with the lush landscape of Madeira. A coach drive will take you to Pico dos Barcelos from where we can admire breathtaking views over the island of Madeira. Continue to Monte and visit to Nossa Senora da Monte church. We will indulge in the fun local past-time of toboggan riding as we take ride in a wicker chariot through the streets! The pace changes at Livramento point where we will visit an embroidery factory. During the tour, you will have the chance to sample some of the local Madeira wines. Please note: the toboggan station may be crowded and it may be necessary to wait and/or queue before getting in. Comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Have the visit to Nossa Senora da Monte church reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. To visit the church, guests shall be able to negotiate 171 steps up and 68 steps down. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

EIRA DO SERRADO, MONTE & CABLE CAR - FUN03

 **Duration**
4 h



An approx. 30-minute coach drive brings you to Eira do Serrado for a short stop to look around. Perched at a height of 1,026 metres above sea level, the place offers gorgeous views of the surrounding mountains and the village lying in Nuns Valley below. Next up is the village of Monte, situated high in the hills, to visit the Catholic pilgrimage site of Nossa Senhora do Monte, a church with beautiful gardens full of the typical lush vegetation that thrives in Madeiras exceptional microclimate. Be prepared for jaw-dropping views as you take the cable car down from Monte back to Funchal. This is a perfect opportunity to take photos and capture these special vistas for your memory book. There will also be time to shop, visit a local embroidery factory and participate in a wine-tasting session. Please note: comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Have the visit to Nossa Senora da Monte reconfirmed during your cruise. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. To visit the church, guests shall be able to negotiate 171 steps up and 68 steps down. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

SCENIC ROUTE

CABO GIRAO & RIBEIRA BRAVA - FUN04

 **Duration**
4 h



After first heading to the Pico da Torre vantage point for the panoramic view, the excursion then continues up to Cabo Girão, which is the worlds second-highest seacliff. The outlook from the safety railings is out of this world and a great place from which to take photos, but is equally lovely from a little way back. After an opportunity to try the local speciality a tasty cocktail called poncha and take in the scenery, the final leg on the tour begins with a 1-hour drive to Ribeira Brava. Situated on the southwest of Madeira, the pretty, little town is a hive of street cafés and shops. It is believed the towns name derived from the wild (Brava) river (Ribeira) that once flowed through the area. Your tour concludes with your return to Funchal and the ship. Please note: comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

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CITY TOUR

DISCOVERING FUNCHAL - FUN05


Your discovery tour of Funchal, the capital of Madeira, begins with a drive to the village of Monte and the mid-18th-century church of Nossa Senhora do Monte, a popular Catholic pilgrimage site, along with its beautiful gardens. Have your camera poised for the next leg: a ride on Madeiras cable car service from Monte to Funchal, though short, promises spectacular views of Funchal bay. The lush vegetation found in the Botanical Gardens, including both indigenous and other varieties, comprises more than 2,000 plants. A chance to enjoy the sights, sounds and aromas of the local produce market is next, after which the tour ends with a visit to a nearby embroidery factory. Please note: comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Have the visit to Nossa Senhora da Monte church reconfirmed during your cruise. There will be no visit to the market on Sunday calls. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. To visit the church, guests shall be able to negotiate 171 steps up and 68 steps down. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

EXPLORING FUNCHAL BY 4X4 - FUN09


The historical city of Funchal has been Madeiras capital for more than 500 years and its greater municipal area is also home to a panoply of untouched natural beauty that this exciting road trip in a 4x4 will give you a chance to experience at first hand. Once settled in your modern jeep, you will make your way inland through one of Madeiras most enchanting forest regions, whose abundance of wild fennel also gave Funchal its name. As you travel along a pleasantly meandering and undulating route, you can sit back and savour amazing views of mountain peaks and verdant valleys and capture some fabulous vistas for posterity during numerous photo stops. Largely hidden by the mountainous topology of this volcanic island, these secluded areas and protected natural habitats promise to give you an authentic taste of the island in its purest form, essence of Madeira, if you will. Your essential exploration of Madeiras scenic interior and celebration of off-road driving ends with your return to the ship, richer in experiences and memories. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for pregnant women, for guests with mobility, back or neck problems or for wheelchair users. Guests must be at least 13 years of age to take part. The driver will provide information in English only. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

SCENIC ROUTE

OVERVIEW OF FUNCHAL - FUN13


Take yourself off on a leisurely half-day jaunt around lovely Madeira and also spend some time in the city of Funchal on a tour that begins with a coach ride across the island to reach your first destination: the belvedere of Pico dos Barcelos. You'll have a bit of time to soak up amazing views of the island during a photo stop before you move on to Cabo Girão, the worlds second highest cliff. You can choose whether to venture right up to the safety railings or enjoy the view from a little farther back, either way this is a great spot to take photos. Last up on the tour is the vantage point of Pico da Torre, which affords all-round vistas of the parish of Câmara de Lobos from about 205 m/670 ft. above mean sea level. On your return to Funchal, time will be yours to spend in town on your own before you return to the ship. Please note: guests are recommended to wear a coat. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

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FAIAL - FUN20

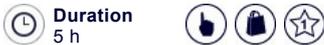

Starting out from the port of Funchal, the capital of the verdant island of Madeira, the tour first takes you to Terreiro de Luta, Poiso and Pico de Areeiro for breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. The excursion continues with a visit to a local trout farm in Ribeiro Frio which means cold river in Portuguese and a scenic drive through sugar cane plantations up to Faial, a pretty village located along Madeiras northern coastline. There will also be time to relax over a delicious lunch. The tour then heads to Portela in the north of the island, near Porto da Cruz. An enjoyable poncha-tasting awaits you here, one of the certain highlights of the tour. Before returning to the port, continue on to Machico, a historical fishing village, and enjoy a short stop at an embroidery shop in Funchal. Please note: comfortable shoes and a coat recommended. This excursion is unsuitable for guests with heart problems due to the height reached. Guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made. Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.

Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Sun 3 February 2019

CITY TOUR

PUERTO DE LA CRUZ & OROTAVA - TEN02



Located off the west coast of Africa, Tenerife is the largest of the seven Canary Islands, blessed with a mild climate and beautiful countryside as well as home to numerous wonderful seaside resorts, one of which you will visit on this enjoyable tour: the town of Puerto de la Cruz on the northern coast of the island. Leave the port and enjoy a short coach ride through Tenerife's exciting landscape to reach your first destination: the Orotava Valley and the small town of La Orotava. Founded in the 15th century by some of the wealthy families who lived on the island, the town has retained many appealing remains of its medieval beginnings. You will have a chance to take a stroll through the centre of the small town to reach the famous Casa de los Balcones, a 17th-century three-storey building that features pinewood balconies and patios to the front. The Casa is a typical example of what an aristocrat's house would have looked like in the Canary Islands in this bygone age. Next stop will be Puerto de la Cruz, the island's main tourist centre, its capital and a great place to spend a few hours exploring the busy streets, soaking up the lively atmosphere or hitting the many shops to indulge in some serious retail therapy. Numerous seafront cafés provide a welcome chance to have a break and a drink, watch the world go by or enjoy grand views of the North Atlantic Ocean. A veritable paradise of plant life then awaits you at the next stop on the tour: the wonderful botanical gardens and their profusion of tropical plants. The relaxing return drive then brings the tour to a close. Please note: this tour includes walking on cobblestones and uneven ground so it is not recommended for guests using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

JEEP ADVENTURE - TEN04



Discover Tenerife's nature-given beauty on this exciting jeep adventure, which begins when you board a modern 4x4 vehicle at the pier and set off along a road noted for its hairpin bends. Look forward to spectacular views as you travel through the mountains en route to the village of San Andrés and its Las Teresitas beach. A stop is scheduled at the Mirador Bailadero, a great place to take photos, followed by Taganana, a pretty hillside village with views of the sea and little white houses that cluster around the Church of Nuestra Señora de Las Nieves, one of the oldest on the island. Moving on again, the next brief stop is scheduled at Playa de Almáciga, a volcanic black-sand beach, after which a scenic route will see you reach Roque Negro, the name of both a village and a large rock that dominates the landscape. As a final treat, you can then soak up incredible views of the entire island at the Mirador Pico del Inglés at about 990 m/3250 ft. above mean sea level. The return journey will then give you a chance to relax and enjoy more lovely views as you head for the ship. Please note: the tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, back/neck injuries and for pregnant women. The jeep driver will provide brief information only in Spanish or English.

LORO PARQUE - TEN05



Board a coach and enjoy a drive through the lush vegetation of Tenerife's beautiful and rugged landscape to the Loro Parque, or parrot park in English. Situated on the outskirts of Puerto de la Cruz, it counts as one of the most important wildlife parks in Europe. Originally opened in 1972 with the aim of being a parrot paradise, it has since grown not just in area, but also in the wide variety of species it supports. Apart from officially boasting the most diverse collection of parrots in the world, the park is also home to primates, jaguars and tigers, reptiles, exotic fish and sea horses as well as sea lions and dolphins, to name but a few. You will have sufficient time to explore the park on your own or with your family and enjoy its attractions, such as the popular sea lion and dolphin shows. Please note: guests using a wheelchair are advised that they must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach and that wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Guests using a wheelchair who would like to participate in this tour are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

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NATURAL WONDERS

LAS CAÑADAS DEL TEIDE - TEN06



Leave the port and enjoy a scenic coach drive that takes you inland through the lushly forested area known as La Esperanza to reach El Portillo, the natural gateway to the circular Las Cañadas mountain range. This is also where the volcanic Mount Teide is located, whose summit reaches a dizzying height of 3,781 metres above sea level. Your tour then continues on to the rock of Mirador, known also as el Dedo de Dios, which translates as The Finger of God. A brief photo stop will be made at this incredible geological formation. During your drive back to the port further breathtaking views of the lovely island of Tenerife to enjoy on the way. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with heart problems due to the height reached, with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL
IMPRESSIONS OF TENERIFE - TEN08

 **Duration**
4:15 h



Take some time out and get set to soak up some of the most arresting vistas that Tenerife has to offer, starting at one of the most romantic landscapes on the northern coast: La Garañona viewpoint. Gorgeous views of the craggy coastline and the Atlantic Ocean simply beg to be captured on film, so do bring your camera. The lovely little village of El Sauzal, a settlement that goes back to the islands pre-Hispanic era and continues to observe Portuguese traditions, is next. As part of your visit, you will not only have a chance to view the early 16th-century Church of St. Peter, but also to the small museum De La Sirvieta, dedicated to Sister María de Jesús who lived in Sauzal dedicating her life to God and whose body still remains incorrupted in a convent in La Laguna after more than 250 years. Next, you will have amazing views of Mount Teide and the blue Atlantic Ocean during a stop at La Baranda, a lovely restaurant located on this viewpoint, where you will sip a glass of sparkling Spanish cava wine. Last on the itinerary are the verdant environs of García Sanabria Park in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. With many trees and plants labelled with explanatory plaques, the attractively landscaped park is a great place to stretch your legs and go for a gentle walk through the luxuriant greenery. A short photo stop at the Auditorium Adrian Martin concludes your excursion before your return to the port. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

NATURAL WONDERS
DOLPHIN QUEST BY CATAMARAN - TEN10

 **Duration**
5 h



Spend half of your day in Tenerife for a thrilling exploration of marine wildlife on an enjoyable tour that will commence with a 1-hour coach drive to Puerto Colón. Located on the south of the island, Puerto Colón will be the starting point of your marine adventure; board a catamaran and reach an area inhabited by dolphins only 3 miles from the coast. The catamaran will drop the anchor and you will have the chance to observe these extraordinary creatures that, although belonging to a species that is normally migratory, have chosen this stretch of water between the lands of Tenerife and La Gomera as their home because of the calm waters and abundance of food. After this amazing experience you will move to Cala Spaghetti, a protected bay where the catamaran will anchor and you will have some time to relax in the sun, sipping a refreshing drink, or to take a dive into the sea. You will finally sail along the coast to reach Puerto Colón and your coach that will take you back to your cruise ship. Please note: guests must be good swimmers and at least 03 years of age to take part. The tour is unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair. Information will be provided in English, Spanish and German only during the tour. While sightings of dolphins cannot be guaranteed, they are very likely (more than 90% success rate).

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE
THE TEIDE TREK EXPERIENCE - TEN11

 **Duration**
6 h



Join us on an excursion that promises to allow you close-ups with the enchanting nature of Tenerife. A scenic coach drive will take you to El Teide National Park, named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Once at the park, your experience guide will take you on a 3-hour adventurous trekking to the enormous crater landscape of Las Cañadas del Teide. At a height of 2,000 metres, you will have unique possibility to admire impressive geologic formations as well as the special vegetation of the park, all that's worth capturing in some photos for your memory book. At the end of the trek route you will reach a great viewpoint for a break before starting your coach drive back to the port. Please note: due to the trekking nature of this tour, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. The trekking duration may vary from 2 to 3 hours depending on the physical conditions of the participants. Guests are recommended to wear sturdy trekking shoes and must be at least 07 years old to take part.

CITY TOUR
LA LAGUNA, HISTORY & ANTHROPOLOGICAL MUSEUM - TEN12

 **Duration**
4 h



Joining this enjoyable half-day tour will see you leave the present-day capital of Tenerife and instead head for San Cristóbal de La Laguna, its former capital until 1723. You'll first spend about 30 minutes on a coach to reach the thriving town, which is inscribed on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites and is Tenerife's main religious and academic hub. As you walk through the historical town centre, you'll pass the Church of the Convent of Santa Catalina, the marketplace, the Cathedral and the Episcopal Palace. You'll then visit Casa Lercaro and the Museum of History and Anthropology of Tenerife. Apart from showcasing artefacts that chart the island's development from the 15th to the 20th century, the museum is also reputed to house an exhibit of the spine-tingling kind: a ghost! The spectre in question is alleged to be the spirit of Catalina Lercaro, whose forced marriage to a much older man in the 16th century ended in her tragic suicide in the grounds of the villa on the day of the wedding. After the visit, free time will be yours to explore on your own before the coach returns you to Santa Cruz. Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

A TASTE OF TENERIFE - TEN15 **Duration**
5 h

A Taste of Tenerife

Tangier

Tue 5 February 2019

CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR - TGR01



Duration
4:30 h

Situated at the northern tip of Morocco on the Strait of Gibraltar, Tangier is a lively city, full of exotic scents, colourful sights, beautiful Moroccan architecture, friendly people and a sense of exotic mystery. Designed to give you the best of this exciting city, the half-day tour begins with a coach ride to the outskirts of Tangier. Enjoy for a photo stop at Cap Spartel, a fascinating promontory where the Mediterranean Sea meets the Atlantic Ocean. After returning to the city, a walk will take you through the narrow streets of the Medina to reach the beautiful Kasbah Museum, host to a marvellous collection of fascinating artefacts from Phoenician to modern times. You will also have time to do some shopping, following which the last of the tours highlights is a traditional Moroccan folkloric show. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.....

CULTURE AND HISTORY

TÉTOUAN - TGR02



Duration
5 h

Protected to the south and the west by the northern reaches of the mighty Rif Mountains and situated just inland in a fertile valley of orange, almond and pomegranate orchards, the stunning city of Tétouan was founded in 1307 as a military defence in response to the Portuguese invasion of the nearby Ceuta, a Spanish enclave. After boarding a coach at the port, you'll then make the relatively short journey to Tétouan, after which you'll get to stretch your legs and enjoy a stroll through the picturesque Medina and the colourful souks. You'll also get to visit the Bab Akla School for a chance to find out a little about traditional Moroccan arts and crafts, following which some free time is scheduled for you to do some shopping. As a final highlight, the tour includes a traditional folkloric show, during which you'll be served a complimentary drink. The leisurely return journey by coach will then bring your tour of Tétouan to a close. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

CAP SPARTEL & TANGIER KASBAH - TGR03



Duration
4 h

Spend a few hours off the ship discovering one of the best vantage points near Tangier and then one of the city's most vibrant spots on a half-day tour that begins with a relaxing coach trip up to Cap Spartel, your first stop. Situated a little to the west of Tangier at a height of about 300 m (1,000 ft.), the promontory of Cap Spartel commands outstanding views of the Strait of Gibraltar, the link between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. You'll have some time to take photos before you head back to Tangier to visit a hotel for light refreshments. One of Tangier's time-honoured gems of which there are many in a city that dates back to the 5th century B.C. is the Kasbah, your next stop. You'll then go for a guided walk through bustling lanes, narrow alleyways and the local fruit and vegetable market. To round off your experience, a call at the Kasbah Museum just as free time to go shopping also form an enjoyable part of the itinerary before you return to the ship. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

Cartagena

Wed 6 February 2019

COMPLETE CARTAGENA - CTG01



Cartagena is an attractive, deeply historical city located in the region of Murcia, Spains coastal "market garden". Enjoy a few hours exploring this Mediterranean city and learn about its history in greater depth. From the port, we will head for the historic district, which is surrounded by five small hills. We will visit the Castle of Concepción, which houses an overview of Cartagenian history in the very well equipped "Interpretation Centre" from where you can journey through different civilizations. From here, we will admire the view over the city and see the site of the Roman Theatre. Our excursion will continue in the Punic Wall Interpretation Centre, which also contains the remains of the original 3rd century ramparts that surrounded the city. Enjoy an informative audio-visual presentation and then continue with a visit to the XVI century crypt to admire the frescoes of "Death, the Great Leveller", dancing on a Crown. Return to the port. Please note: this tour is entirely on foot and is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair because of long walking on uneven ground.

ROMAN CARATGENA - CTG03



The Carthaginians founded the city of Cartagena in 227 BC and the city rapidly became famous as a naval base due to its large trading port area that is still used today. We will leave the port and reach the Roman Theatre and the Museum. The Museum charts the evolution of this site and houses large displays that depict the Theatre in Roman times; you can also see many of the remains discovered during archaeological excavations. The highlight of the excursion is the visit to the Roman Theatre; upon entering the site, you will be impressed by the enormity of this edifice built to hold 6,000 spectators. Our next stop will be the House of Fortune for a glimpse into daily life during Roman times. Explore the numerous rooms, including the meeting room, banquet rooms and bedrooms. We will then take a coach ride to the Cartagena Archaeological Museum, which contains one of the most important collections of ancient inscriptions in Spain. Here too is an extensive collection of Roman funeral, religious and ceramic inscriptions. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair because of long walking on uneven ground.

CITY TOUR

CARTAGENA WALKING TOUR - CTG07



Spend a few hours stretching your legs on a leisurely walk around a city whose origins can be traced back to about 227 B.C.: Cartagena. The vast historical legacy left by periods spent under Roman, Muslim and Arab rule means the cityscape still retains much of this former architectural glory. Your walk around town will first take you to Calle de Gisbert to take the panoramic lift up to the hilltop location of Castillo de la Concepción, a 13th century castle from where sweeping views of the city and the harbour can be enjoyed. Your stroll then continues along the sea wall en route to the town hall square and the citys main thoroughfare. Architecturally, Cartagena is also noted for its many 19th century buildings designed by pupils of Gaudí, so keep your camera at hand to capture moments of beauty for posterity. Last up is a visit to the Punic wall of Cartagena, the citys first defensive wall constructed by the Carthaginians in the 3rd century B.C., before you return to the ship. Please note: the excursion includes long walking and it is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Comfortable shoes recommended. There may be some queues at the Concepcion Castle lift.

JOURNEY TO MURCIA - CTG08



A 1-hour coach ride through the major agrarian region of Murcia begins your tour, with lovely views to enjoy as you travel along the foothills of the Sierra de Carrascoy mountain range to reach the regional capital, the city of Murcia itself. Murcias Moorish 9th-century beginnings can still be seen in the remains of the city wall, while the many churches are a testament to its Christianisation in the 13th century. The 17th-century Monastery of the Virgin of Fuensanta the patroness of Murcia is your first stop, from where you can savour sweeping views of the surrounding area with its orchards, olive groves, vineyards and farms. Moving on, the Casino de Murcia is next. This recently restored building, originally opened as a gentlemens club in 1847, boasts an ornate façade that is only surpassed by its interior beauty. Last up is a photo stop at the late 14th-century Cathedral of Murcia, which presents a blend of Gothic, Baroque and Romanesque architectural styles. The return drive back to Cartagena and your ship then ends the tour.

ALICANTE & CARTAGENA - CTG09

 **Duration**
7:30 h



A day of exploring not one, but two appealing Spanish towns awaits you on this leisurely outing, which begins with an approximately 2-hour coach ride to the first of your destinations: the popular resort of Alicante on the Costa Blanca. You'll first get to enjoy a drive-by tour of the city's main sights en route to Santa Bárbara Castle, which dates back to the 9th century. Its strategic location atop Mount Benacantil also means you can savour photo-worthy views of the city below. After returning to the city centre, free time will be yours to have lunch (at extra cost not covered by the price of the tour) or simply have a look around. The afternoon will see you back in Cartagena to immerse yourself in a cityscape shaped by more than 2,500 years of history. The panoramic drive will include key sights, with your on-board guide providing information as you go. You'll then have some time to spend on your own in town before you head back to the ship.



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EXCURSIONS

Discoveries designed for you

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Possibility of swimming	Long route by bus	Best seller	DIFFICULTY LEVEL
Tasting included	Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee	New	
Lunch or dinner included	Shopping	Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour As guests in wheelchairs must be accompanied by their own helper, please inform Excursions Desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements	
Drink included	Mini Tours		
Snack included	Limited seat	Easy May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing	
No guide available		Moderate May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing	
		Strenuous Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health	

OUR EXCURSIONS CATEGORIES

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE	Head ashore in search of adventure! Opportunities for sport and fun range from trekking and snorkelling to kayak tours and 4x4 vehicle adventures. The active choice.
CITY TOUR	Explore the city centre with a guided tour and soak up the local scenery with a comfortable coach ride. The easy way to get to know your destination.
CULTURE AND HISTORY	Learn all about the history and culture of your destination, with visits to must-see locations and guided tours of key sites. The ideal route to local knowledge.
NATURAL WONDERS	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination. Your passport to the wonders of the natural world.
SCENIC ROUTE	Admire your destination in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour taking in the best views and the main places of interest. The relaxing road to discovery.
SOMETHING SPECIAL	Pursue your interests in new places! From gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits, there's a world of pastimes and passions to explore.

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Shore excursions programs and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events in relation to 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.

ALL AREAS

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