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Cruise : **MEDITERRANEAN**
Italy, Spain, France
 Cruise Ship: **MSC DIVINA**
 Departing from: **Civitavecchia, Italy**
 Itineraries: **Palermo, Cagliari, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Marseille, Genua**
 Departure Date: **07/04/2019**

Duration: **8 Days, 7 Nights**

Palermo

Mon 8 April 2019

CULTURE AND HISTORY

PALERMO AND MONREALE - PMO02

Duration
4 h

A coach tour will take you past the key sights, although we will stop for a full visit of the Cathedral, built in an unusual marriage of Norman and Arab architectural styles and which houses the tombs of different Norman kings and Emperor Frederick II. Another religious site of note is the Casa Professa, one of the most important baroque churches in Palermo. You will also visit the new Mercato di San Lorenzo rich in typical Sicilian products where you can enjoy some free time for shopping. Discover the area around Palermo on a bus tour to Monreale, just 8 km away; enjoy a walking tour around the town and visit the Cathedral, home to an exquisite display of golden mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testament. Free time to shop in Monreale before returning to the ship. Please note: you have to walk up some steps to visit the Cathedral in Monreale. The guide will give explanation only outside the sites; guests will visit them individually. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. This tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. At the end of the tour, guests must return audioguide to the guide in perfect conditions. Any damaging or loss of the audioguides may result in debiting the cost of the device to the guest.

CEFALU - PMO04

Duration
5 h

Enjoy a 1-hour coach drive to Cefalù, a small yet pretty town situated one hour away from Palermo and which was founded by the Norman King Roger II in the XII century on the site of an earlier historic settlement. We will visit Cefalù Cathedral, the Duomo del Cristo Pantocratore, an example of Norman-Romanesque architecture with stunning interior Norman-Byzantine mosaics. Free time to walk around the narrow, atmospheric streets; look out for the intriguing public wash houses, a legacy of medieval times and which are carved into the rock. Quality local craft shops make Cefalù a great place for souvenir shopping. Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground and is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

PALERMO & THE PALATINE CHAPEL - PMO06

Duration
4 h

Join us as tour through the streets and square of this bustling Sicilian town. Stop at one of Palermos key monuments: the Palatine Chapel. The Chapel was commissioned by Roger II of Sicily in 1132 and took eight years to complete. Upon entering the site, one is struck by the elegance and the luminosity of the breathtaking mosaics which cover the ceiling and the dome. We will see more of Palermos architectural gems, including the Norman Palace (exterior only) and the Cathedral (exterior only) and finally make a full visit of the church Casa Professa, whose walls are covered with marbles, inlays, statues and endless arabesques decorations. Do not miss the opportunity to look around the wonderful Capo Market, Palermos largest produce and fish market. We will end our tour via the Teatro Massimo (exterior only) before returning to the port. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. At the end of the tour, guests must return audioguide to the guide in perfect conditions. Any damaging or loss of the audioguides may result in debiting the cost of the device to the guest.

SOMETHING SPECIAL
SANTA ROSALIAS GROTTO & MONDELLO - PMO07

Duration
 4 h

Leave the port for Monte Pellegrino where, set into a local cave, stands the shrine of Santa Rosalia, which was founded in 1625; in the nearby caves, the bones of the Saint were supposedly discovered and are now venerated as religious relics. We will then head to Mondello, a former fishing village and today a top tourist destination. Enjoy some free time strolling around this pleasant village. Back to Palermo, we will also visit the new Mercato di San Lorenzo rich in typical Sicilian products where we can enjoy some free time for shopping. Return to the port. 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. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

CULTURE AND HISTORY
A TRIP TO THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF SEGESTA AND THE VILLAGE OF ERICE - PMO22

Duration
 6:15 h

Of the many must-sees that Sicily has to offer, one of the most notable are the archaeological remains of several ancient civilisations found at Segesta, now a part of the municipality called Calatafimi-Segesta, which you will reach after a pleasant coach ride. Situated a little way inland from Trapani amid green hills and fields, Segesta is home to a superbly preserved Doric temple, complete with elegant Doric columns, which dates back to the 5th century B.C.. However, the fact that the edifice lacks a roof is not down to the ravages of time it was simply never built as the temple was left unfinished by its Elymian makers. The adjacent amphitheatre, built during the Hellenistic age on a hilltop overlooking the Gulf of Castellamare and restored by the Romans, is next on the tour. As you walk to the theatre, look out for archaeological evidence of the city's former appearance. Situated at the top of Mount Erice lies the town of the same name, built on the site of ancient Eryx, a largely Hellenized town founded by the Phoenicians and your next destination. Next to providing stupendous views of Trapani and the Sicilian coastline from its mountaintop location, the charming town of Erice is a winning blend of myths, legends and actual history. Quaint cobbled streets, beautiful houses and cool courtyards are just some of the town's many delights, which also include the 14th-century Mother Church that you will visit and the Castle of Venus that you will admire from outside. The coach drive to Palermo ends your Sicilian outing. Please note: this tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair as it involves long periods of walking on uneven ground. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

SOMETHING SPECIAL
PALERMO SIGHTSEEING & A TASTE OF SICILY - PMO23

Duration
 4 h

Your exclusive look at Palermo begins with a coach ride to Mondello to enjoy panoramic views of the gulf; a stop is scheduled for you to take photos at the Palazzina Cinese on the way. Moving on, you'll head for the historic centre for a pleasant walk through the typical Capo market and a chance to savour 2 arancine, a Sicilian deep-fried stuffed rice ball, one with meat and one with cheese and ham. Then you'll make your way to have an external view Massimo Theatre, where you'll have some free time to go shopping. Next, board your coach again and pass the Arab-Norman Cathedral on the way to a local bar for a sweet deep-fried and ricotta-filled pastry called cannoli. Other tourist spots included in the itinerary are: 4 Canti, Pretoria fountain and a stop at Villa Garibaldi fountain for a chance to admire some majestic specimens of ficus magnolioides. To wrap up, you'll pay a visit to a local bar for a glass of passito, a kind of sweet dessert wine made from sun-dried grapes. The tour then ends with your return to the ship. 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. At the end of the tour, guests must return audioguide to the guide in perfect conditions. Any damaging or loss of the audioguides may result in debiting the cost of the device to the guest.

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THE MYSTERIES OF PALERMO - PMO26



The Catacombs of the Capuchins in the city of Palermo offer visitors a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with a topic that leaves many feeling ill at ease: death. After reaching the site, you'll embark on a somewhat macabre walk through the underground realm of those who have passed, with the corridors lined with countless mortal remains of people long deceased. The catacombs are particularly noted for the mummy of a little girl, who died of pneumonia aged nearly 2 in 1920. At the request of the distraught father, master embalmer Alfredo Salafia set about preserving the child's body. So skilled was Salafia that beautiful little Rosalia Lombardo (still) looks like she is simply sleeping with blonde curls, long eyelashes and rosy cheeks. The formula of the embalming fluid was only discovered in Salafia's private notes in 2013. Next, you'll catch outside views of the 12th-century Zisa Palace during a photo stop in the buildings lovely gardens and a drive-by look at Palermo's key sights such as the Cathedral and Teatro Massimo ends the outing. 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. This tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests suffering from claustrophobia or are scared of darkness; guests must be aware that they will see skulls and exposed corpses during the visit to the Catacombs. If the side gate of Zisa Gardens should be closed, wheelchair users will be able to visit only the lower part of the garden.

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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

PALERMO DISCOVERY BY E-BIKE - PMO29E



Explore Palermo on an electrically powered bike that will assist you as you discover the beauty of the city. After picking up your e-bike at the port, you'll head for the promontory of Monte Pellegrino, 620 metres above sea level. Following a paved road, you will first reach the Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia, built inside a cave near the top of Monte Pellegrino. Visit the sacred cave and see the bones of the saint, then enjoy the enchanting view of the Mondello Gulf and the city below. Before starting the descent along an old cobbled road nowadays used by pilgrims stop to recover your strength at the "Sosta del ciclista" where you can taste some authentic Palermo street food. Going down the promontory, you'll reach the Parco della Favorita, the green lung of the city, and Mondello, where you will have some time to relax on the beach. Finally, enjoy a photo stop at the exquisite Chinese Palazzina, built in the 18th century. Your tour wraps up with your return to the port. Please note: this tour includes cycling approx. 40 km, on a route which ascends 620 metres in total. Min. age to take part: 14 years old.

DISCOVER PALERMO BY MOUNTAIN BIKE - PMO29M



Enjoy an exhilarating overview of Palermo from the saddle of a mountain bike. Your adventure begins at the port, where you will pick up your bike. Then you'll head for the promontory of Monte Pellegrino, 620m above sea level. Following a paved road, you will first reach the Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia, built inside a cave near the top of Monte Pellegrino. Visit the sacred cave and see the bones of the saint, then enjoy the enchanting view of the Mondello Gulf and the city below. Before starting the descent down an old cobbled road, stop to recover your strength at the "Sosta del ciclista" where you can taste some authentic Palermo street food. Going down the promontory, you'll reach the Parco della Favorita, the green lung of the city, and Mondello, where you will have some time to relax on the beach. Finally, enjoy a photo stop at the exquisite Chinese Palazzina, built in the 18th century. Your tour wraps up with your return to the port. Please note: this tour includes cycling approx. 40 km, on a route which ascends 620 metres in total. Min. age to take part: 14 years old. A small bottle of water is included.

FAMILY FUN

PALERMO FAMILY CLUB: THE QUEST FOR A STOLEN CROWN - PMOFEC01



William II was a Norman monarch who reigned over Sicily from his palace in Palermo and had the cathedral in the nearby town of Monreale built in the 12th century. But now a villainous rogue has stolen the royal crown. Will you accept the mission to find it and restore the king's rightful power to rule? A 45-minute coach ride to Monreale begins the outing, after which you'll have about 30 minutes to search for clues aided by an interactive printed map. Returning to Palermo, you'll continue searching for clues for another 45 minutes. The route will see you touch base with the Norman Palace, Palermo Cathedral, the colourfully aromatic il Capo Market and last up Teatro Massimo. With the missing crown returned to its grateful owner, you'll return to the ship as the hero of the day. Please note: The Family Explorer Club is an innovative experience for families with children looking to explore the city in a fun and educational way that engages adults and children alike. Through adventures inspired by the history of the place, the children become the main players in a mission shared by the whole family! Together with an expert guide and a children's entertainer who will take the part of the story's narrator, families will discover the city, not only through historical references, but also through games, riddles and treasure hunts. Most tours leave later in the morning, last no longer than 3 or 4 hours and kids only pay half price!

Cagliari

Tue 9 April 2019

CITY TOUR

A VISIT TO CAGLIARI - CAG01

 **Duration**
4 h

Spend half a day exploring the historical port of Cagliari, Sardinias capital city, on a tour that begins with a coach ride past such notable landmarks as the 18th-century Basilica of Our Lady of Bonaria and the 8-km (5-mile) stretch of uninterrupted shoreline called Poetto Beach en route to your first stop: Parco di Monte Urpinu. This lovely park not only provides city dwellers with a welcome oasis right in the middle of town, but also affords wonderful views of Cagliari old town. After this short break, you'll move on to the city centre to begin a guided walk around the old quarter. With the 17th-century Porta Cristina forming your starting point, the walking route will include outside viewings of the city's 13th-/14th-century cathedral and the 14th-century Elephant Tower, so named after a small marble elephant that sits on one corner. You'll also have some time to go shopping on your own before you return to the ship. Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground therefore; it is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

THE NURAGHE IN BARUMINI - CAG02

 **Duration**
5 h

Sardinia is home to a unique set of around 7,000 mysterious and ancient stone towers called nuraghe, which were constructed between the Bronze Age (18th century B.C.) and the 2nd century A.D.. Although little is known about the origins of these strange structures, they are thought to have served military purposes as suggested by their shape and strategic locations. After leaving the ship, a coach will take you inland to reach the small town of Barumini and its nuraghe complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your informative visit will see you first get a closer exterior look at the mysterious stone structures, followed by an inside viewing of a 3-storey tower. You'll then return to Cagliari for a final drive-by roundup of the city's key sights, including a brief photo stop at the inner-city Parco di Monte Urpinu for fabulous views of the Golfo degli Angeli, or Gulf of Angels, on whose shores the city lies. Please note: this excursion includes a walking tour on uneven ground and is therefore unsuitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair.

CITY TOUR

NORA - CAG03

 **Duration**
4:15 h

Spend half a day enriching your Sardinian experience with a peek at its distant past by visiting the archaeological site of Nora, situated on a peninsula to the south of Cagliari. A relaxing coach ride will first take you to the former Phoenician colony and port, whose history has been traced back to around the 8th century B.C.. Having spent the 5th to the 3rd century B.C. under Carthaginian rule, Nora then grew into a key trading post and one of Sardinias major cities under a subsequent period of Roman rule. Excavation work carried out since 1952 has revealed theatres, temples, thermal baths, the houses of noblemen and the remains of decorative mosaics, all of which point to highly developed societies that valued their creature comforts as much as we do today. Your guided tour around the fascinating complex will provide an entertaining look at the life and times of this ancient city before you return to your ship. Please note: this excursion includes a walking tour on uneven ground and is therefore unsuitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

FLAVOR OF ANCIENT SARDINIA - CAG05

 **Duration**
5 h



Just a short coach ride to the north of Cagliari will see you reach the pretty little market town of Dolianova, the local centre for olive oil and wine production. The enjoyable half-day tour begins with a visit to an olive mill for a chance to acquaint yourself with the oil pressing process. You will then move on to the 12th-/13th-century Dolianova Cathedral, which is dedicated to the all-compassionate Saint Pantaleon and was built in largely Pisan-Romanesque style. However, further features were later also added in Gothic style. Next, board the coach again and drive to the village of Serdiana to visit Argiolas vineyards, famous for producing the best Sardinian wine and the cellars excavated underground and formed by several vaulted rooms. Last up on the itinerary is a tasty treat of local sausage, cheese, olives, wine and a super-crisp, twice-baked type of Sardinian flatbread known as pane carasau. The tour then draws to a close with your return drive to Cagliari. Please note: this tour includes is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

PANORAMIC OF CAGLIARI & SCIOLA MUSEUM VILLAGE - CAG06

 **Duration**
5 h



The sights, sounds and tastes of Cagliari and its appealing hinterland are on the itinerary of this half-day tour, beginning with a coach-based sightseeing drive around the city's main sights. The first stop will be at Parco di Monte Urpino, a lovely park not only providing city dwellers with a welcome oasis right in the middle of town, but also affording wonderful views of Cagliari old town. After your city tour, you will continue on to the Museum Village of San Sperate hosting many works of important Italian and foreign artists. Pinuccio Sciola painted all the walls in white color on the occasion of the Corpus Christi feast and invited several artists to paint their works on the village walls hence, in 1966, San Sperate turned into a Museum Village. Enjoy a walk in the village and some time at leisure before returning to Cagliari for a stop at Piazza Costituzione and to go up on the spectacular terrace of the Bastion Saint Remy. The tour ends with the coach drive to the port. Please note: this tour includes approx. 2 hours of moderate walking/standing it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

DEVILS SADDLE TREKKING - CAG12

 **Duration**
3:45 h



After leaving the port, a short coach drive will take you to Cala Mosca, located on the west side of Cape St. Elias. This will be the starting point of your trekking route Cagliari promontory, right over Poetto beach and the Molentargius lagoon. Walking on the limestone rock, you can enjoy the breathtaking view of the Bay of Angels and the city as your guide tells you the history of visible monuments. Feel the essence of the Mediterranean everywhere with juniper, wild olive, mastic tree and many other plant species. As you continue on your trekking path, you may spot different archaeological remains, such as the temple of Astarte, the ruins of a Victorian monastery dating back to the XI century and a military fort dating back to World War II. The brief coach drive back to the port will be enriched by a scenic tour to the top of the Parco di Monte Urpino affording views of the Golfo degli Angeli and the city below. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair. Guides available only in English and Italian. Minimum age to take part in the tour: 8 years.

Palma de Mallorca

Wed 10 April 2019

CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR - PMI01



Duration
4 h

Sightseeing tour of Palma with a photo opportunity at Bellver Castle, a historic Gothic fortress. You will have free time in the Barrio Gótico (Gothic Quarter) with a visit inside the Gothic Cathedral, built in 1230 on the foundations of an ancient mosque. Spanish traditions are kept alive at the Plaza de Toros where bullfighting events still take place whilst another Majorcan tradition, the creation of imitation pearls, can be witnessed at the pearl factory next door. Majorca pearls have been made on the island since the XIX century and are renowned worldwide for their quality; only experts can tell them apart from real pearls. Please note: only cameras without a flash allowed inside the Cathedral. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. If the Cathedral is closed on public holidays or during special events, the visit will be external. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance. This tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair or with walking difficulties. There are some steps inside the bullring and approx. 100 steps to have access to the Cathedral from the coach parking.

NATURAL WONDERS

DRAGONS CAVES & PEARL FACTORY - PMI02



Duration
4:30 h

Speleology is the study of caves and all those with a keen interest in geology and natural phenomena will be bowled over by what is one of the worlds most interesting cave complexes created by the erosion of the sea. At 2 km long, the caves feature a series of lakes, including Martel Lake, the biggest underground lake on Earth. The atmospheric mood will be heightened by a memorable concert staged on small boats. Back above ground, we will have time to visit the Pearl Factory before returning to the ship. Please note: the visit to the Caves is along steps and slippery ground so this tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair or who are claustrophobic. The visit inside the caves is unguided. The stop at the Pearl Factory will be in Manacor from November to February inclusive and at Porto Cristo from March to October inclusive.

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

MOUNTAIN BIKING IN PALMA - PMI06



Duration
3:30 h

If you like a more energetic alternative to enjoying all the relaxing amenities on board your ship, this tour may prove to be just what you are looking for. This entertaining tour of Palma will see you mount a mountain bike and pedal your way around town while enjoying the wonderful Majorcan sunshine. A friendly guide will take you on an informative tour around Palmas main attractions including its labyrinthine historical quarter and the Arab Baths. Please note: this tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Guides available only in English and Spanish. Minimum age to take part in the tour: 8 years (height: 120 cm). Children bikes subject to availability on the day of call.

SCENIC ROUTE

SÓLLER AND VINTAGE TRAIN RIDE - PMI28



Duration
4 h

A scenic coach ride, a vintage train and a valley town are all things you will get to experience on this enjoyable half-day tour, which begins with a 1.5-hour drive from Palma to Sóller. Beautifully situated in a bowl-shaped valley with a mountainous backdrop, this bustling town is particularly noted for its lovely buildings constructed by former emigrants returning from France and the Church of Saint Bartholomew. Directly adjacent to this church stands the Banco de Sóller, constructed in Modernisme style in 1912 and designed by the architect and former Gaudí pupil, Joan Rubió i Bellver. And Sóller also boasts two vintage modes of public transport, the first of which is the wonderfully quaint Tranvía de Sóller tramline that has linked the valley town with the nearby Port of Sóller since 1913. The second of these and your ride for the first hour of the route home is the equally old-fashioned electric narrow-gauge Ferrocarril de Sóller train. Have your camera poised to capture gorgeous views during the ride, which includes viaducts, several tunnels and the most glorious orange groves. You will be getting off at the Son Reus station, where a coach will be waiting for the final part of the pleasant journey back to the port and your ship. Please note: the order of the tour may be reversed to accommodate train availability. This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. The train ride may take place at the beginning or at the end of excursion. The tour does not include the ride on the Tranvía de Sóller.

Valencia

Thu 11 April 2019

CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR - VAL01



Duration
4 h

Situated on the banks of the old course of the River Turia and originally settled by the Romans, the beautiful Mediterranean city of Valencia is well worth a visit. Your tour begins with a scenic coach trip through some of the city's many lovely avenues and squares. A guided walking tour then follows that will take you through the city centre for a chance to view and photograph the Gothic architecture of the buildings. A visit to Valencia's wonderful cathedral, the Our Lady of the Forsaken Basilica, is also included. Although predominantly built in Gothic style, the basilica also incorporates Baroque and Romanesque elements. Finally, a photo stop will be made outside the City of Arts and Science, a large museum and cinema complex that is celebrated for its futuristic architecture, before returning to the ship. Please note: in case of religious celebrations, guests can visit the Cathedral individually after receiving information from the guide. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites 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.

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SOMETHING SPECIAL

OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM - VAL02



Duration
4 h

Leave the port for a fascinating sightseeing tour of Valencia, a city particularly known for its large historical quarter and the Gothic architecture of its buildings. Next on the itinerary is a visit to the Oceanographic Museum, which forms part of Valencia's City of Arts and Sciences complex, in itself famed for its awe-inspiring architecture. With time to explore the fascinating museum without a guide, you can look forward to discovering the wildlife found in a broad range of specific aquatic environments, including a huge dolphinarium. There is also an incredible underwater glass tunnel that lets you feel at one with the surrounding marine ecosystem and enables unique encounters with the museum's many inhabitants, which represent around 500 different species. Please note: the visit to the Oceanographic Museum is unguided. 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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SEA & SUN

TRANSFER TO THE BEACH - VAL04



Duration
4 h

Unbroken sunshine, golden sand and the warm waters of the Mediterranean Sea make a perfect combination for spending half a day at the beach. After boarding your coach at the port, a brief transfer (without a guide) will take you to a nearby beach for some quality me time off the ship. Whether you choose to go swimming in the azure blue of the sea or simply to chill out and watch the world go by, you are sure to have a great time. Your beach-based outing comes to a close with your return to Valencia and your ship. Please note: the tour operates from June until the end of September. 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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CULTURE AND HISTORY
TOUR OF VALENCIA & SAN JOSE CAVES - VAL06

Duration
 4:30 h


North to Valencia lies the wonderful region known as the Nature Reserve of Sierra de Espadán, the second-largest protected area in the autonomous community of Valencia. The worlds longest navigable underground river, the San José, flows through this huge cave complex and is also the point of access the small boat will take into the various chambers of these spectacular caves. After the cave visit, you will then continue on to Valencia for a sightseeing tour by coach along a route that will also take you past the Torres de Serrano towers, Plaza de la Virgen as well as Valencia Cathedral. You will also have a chance to stroll around the central market square before returning to the port. Please note: the tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair or suffering from claustrophobia.

PANORAMIC TOUR & SHOPPING - VAL15

Duration
 4:30 h


First, go back in time and then time-warp straight to the future on this entertaining tour of Valencia, which begins by taking you directly to the citys lovely historical quarter for a look at some of its key buildings. Next to putting a roof over the heads of market traders selling fresh fish, meat, fruit, vegetables and produce from all over Spain, the beautiful Art Nouveau building of the Central Market said to be one of the oldest in Europe is also a joy to behold. And counting as a superb example of secular Gothic architecture, the façade of the old Silk Exchange, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is no less impressive. Your walk through town will then take you to see Valencia Cathedral, a predominantly Gothic-style building that was consecrated in 1238, before the coach will then speed you straight to the Modern Valencia. Here you will enjoy some free time, maybe exploring the Agua Mall or el Cortes Ingles, some of the citys most modern shopping centres. Please note: the tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

FAMILY FUN
VALENCIA FAMILY CLUB: FOLLOWING IN GULLIVERS FOOTSTEPS - VALFEC01

Duration
 4 h


Form a mystery-busting team with your family members and spend a few enjoyable hours seeing the sights of Valencia and gathering clues to find the land of the Lilliputians and free Gulliver, hero of Jonathan Swifts 18th-century story, Gullivers Travels. Kitted out with an informative printed map, youll first spend 30 minutes on a coach to reach the historical part of Valencia. With a storyteller on hand to provide assistance throughout, the 1.5-hour walk includes landmarks like Plaza de la Virgen, Valencia Cathedral, Lonja de la Seda the old silk exchange, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Church of Santos Juanes. Following a 45-minute break, the tour continues via Central Market and Plaza del Ayuntamiento. Another 50 minutes by coach will then take you the most likely place to find our missing hero: Parque Gulliver. The tour then wraps up with a look at the fascinating City of Arts and Science before you return to the ship. Please note: The Family Club is an innovative experience for families with children looking to explore the city in a fun and educational way that engages adults and children alike. Through adventures inspired by the history of the place, the children become the main players in a mission shared by the whole family! Together with an expert guide and a childrens entertainer who will take the part of the storys narrator, families will discover the city, not only through historical references, but also through games, riddles and treasure hunts. Most tours leave later in the morning, last no longer than 3 or 4 hours and kids only pay half price!

Marseille

Fri 12 April 2019

CITY TOUR

AIX-EN-PROVENCE - MRS02



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.

CASSIS - MRS03



Formerly a quiet fishing village on the southern coastline of France near Marseille, Cassis has grown into a charming small town and popular international tourist resort. The town is particularly famed for its cliffs, calanques steep-walled inlets and the local white and rosé wines. On leaving the port of Marseille, your tour begins with a 1-hour coach transfer, followed by a local train to the town. Once there, you will have plenty of time to stroll around Cassis charming streets, lined with the brightly coloured homes of the locals, and beautiful port as well as enjoy splendid views afforded from the waterfront. Your tour ends with your return trip back to the ship. Please note: the starting place of the local tourist train may be crowded so please expect some queues. On holidays shops may be closed. The little tourist train is available from May through September; for any call before this date, guests will walk to the city centre from the coach parking lot (approx. 500 mt.).

MARSEILLES CITY TOUR - MRS06



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



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.



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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.

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

MARSEILLE E-BIKE DISCOVERY TOUR - MRSBK2

 Duration
5 h



Explore the cultural highlights of Frances second-biggest city on a pedelec, a bicycle with a small electric motor that assists you up to 25 km/h while pedalling. Your first stop is the Cathedral of St. Mary Major, right by the sea. From here, pass Fort Saint-Jean before skirting the citys picturesque old town. Longchamp Palace, housing two museums, is your next stop. Its worth stepping outside, too: the gardens used to be home to a 19th century zoo and now hold animal statues. After all that culture, its on to Notre-Dame de la Garde, located on a hilltop overlooking Marseille, for some splendid views over the city and its surroundings, before descending and riding through the countryside to the beach for a refreshment stop. Then before heading back to the port, theres just time for some shopping in the old town. Please note: the tour involves cycling along an approx. 40-km route and is considered to be suitable only for guests with a high level of physical fitness. Children are allowed to take part in this tour provided their height is 155 cm. A declaration of agreement must be signed by an adult with parental authority for children before authorisation can be given for such guests to take part. The stop at the beach is included only during summer months.

Genoa

Sat 13 April 2019

SCENIC ROUTE

PORTOFINO - GOA01T



Duration
4 h

This tour is rich in scenery and offers a chance to enjoy this lush section of the Italian Riviera. The tour begins with a with a 45-minute coach ride to Santa Margherita Ligure before a 10-minute boat ride to Portofino. Here we will have time at leisure to explore this delightful seaside town, to take pictures or relax in the chic cafés. We will continue by boat to Santa Margherita, from where we will return to Genoa and to the ship. Please note: this tour is available only in April and October and only for guests in transit in Genoa port. The feasibility of the tour depends on weather conditions; have it reconfirmed during your cruise. In case of bad weather the transfer from Santa Margherita to Portofino and vice versa will take place by minibus. This tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

AQUARIUM - GOA02T

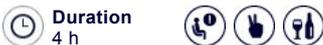


Duration
3:30 h

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

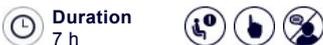


Duration
4 h

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



Duration
7 h

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 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

 **Duration**
2:30 h



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 Doges 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


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 Fieschis 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


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.

 *Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour* Wheelchair guests must be accompanied by their own helper to get on/off the coach. Wheelchairs must be foldable as the coach is not provided with ramps or lifts. Once onboard, please contact Excursions Desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements.

CITY TOUR
MAGNIFICENT MILANO - GOA23T


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 Milan's best spots: Piazza Castello until reaching La Scala, Milan's 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 GENOA'S MAGNIFICENT PALACES - GOA25T


Uncover the rich and glorious history of Genoa's 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.

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Possibility of swimming	Long route by bus	Best seller	DIFFICULTY LEVEL Easy May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing Moderate May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing Strenuous Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health
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		
No guide available			

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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.
FAMILY FUN	Take your children on a journey of discovery, with a special programme for kids. The perfect family trip.
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.
SEA & SUN	Treat yourself to some pure relaxation, basking on a beautiful beach or enjoying the stunning views on a scenic boat trip. A winner for sea and sun lovers.
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.

The excursions in the programme are intended to provide MSC Guests with an idea of the different tours that can be arranged in each port of call; this programme is merely a guide and confirmation of each excursion and its description and prices will be made during your cruise.

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

The tour can be provided in 5 languages (ENG-DEU-FRA-ESP-ITA) and it depends on the availability of guides. The final language will be confirmed on board during your cruise

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The tour can be provided in 6 languages (ENG-DEU-FRA-ESP-ITA-POR) and it depends on the availability of guides. The final language will be confirmed on board during your cruise