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Cruise : **MEDITERRANEAN**
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Cruise Ship: **MSC FANTASIA**

Departing from: **Genoa, Italy**

Itineraries: **Marseille, Palma de Mallorca, Ibiza, Naples, Livorno**

Departure Date: **11/05/2019**

Duration: **8 Days, 7 Nights**

Marseille

Sun 12 May 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.

CASSIS - MRS03



Duration
4:30 h

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



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.

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.



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Palma de Mallorca

Mon 13 May 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.



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Ibiza

Tue 14 May 2019

ISLAND TOUR - IBI01



Duration
4 h

Leave the port for a bus transfer to Las Salinas (salt flats), originally a wide lake and today a series of small lagoons and pools. This spot was of great historic importance for the Romans who understood the importance of salt as a trade commodity. We will continue to the mountain village of San José to admire its fine 18th century church (external visit only) before stopping at San Antonio, an old fishing village and popular tourist destination. We will enjoy a scenic tour of the village, taking in the pretty waterfront before returning to Ibiza. Here we will visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ibiza old town, DAlt Vila, discovering its narrow streets and white-washed houses. Return to the port. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

SOUTHERN VIEWS OF IBIZA - IBI03



Duration
3 h

Budding painters can gain inspiration and photographers can snap until their hearts content with this tour of Ibizas most scenic spots. Our tour will begin with a bus transfer to Es Cubells, a lovely, quiet bay in the southern part of the island and from where we can admire the beautiful view and glimpse the distant island of Formentera. Next stop will be with a delightful panorama over the islet of Es Vedrà before moving on to Cala Conta, a picturesque bay set on dappled blue waters. Return to Ibiza to embark. Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair.

SEA & SUN

CATAMARAN TOUR - IBI15



Duration
6 h

This tour gives you an opportunity to get a closer look at the coastline of two of the most beautiful islands of the Balearic. After a short coach drive, you will board a modern catamaran, for a relaxing sailing off Playa den Bossa beach on your way to the beautiful island of Formentera. During your 1.5-hour sailing, the captain will be keen to give you some information on what you are going to see and do. As he drops the anchor near to the beach of Illetas, you will have plenty of time to relax in the sun or to swim in the crystal water. Onboard the catamaran you will be served a delicious barbecue lunch; do not miss to taste the famous sangria as your relax in the sun. Your return to Ibiza will enable you to enjoy great views of the Balearic Islands. Please note: comfortable shoes, towels, swimsuit and sun protection recommended. This tour is subject to weather conditions.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

ESSENCE OF AUTHENTIC IBIZA - IBI21



Duration
4 h

The fact that Ibiza has much more to offer than just beaches and a sizzling nightlife is clearly demonstrated on this half-day tour, which will see you leave your ship, board a coach and set off to discover some of the islands most enchanting spots. Your first stop will be in San Carlos, a small village in the north of Ibiza that oozes with old-fashioned charm. Your guided walk through San Carlos will not only take you past the Peralta fountain, but also includes a visit to the late 18th-century white church, which was built in fortress style to protect local farmers from pirates. Your stroll will ultimately lead you to Finca Can Andreu, a perfectly preserved 17th-century cottage that marries its traditional Ibizan architecture and Mediterranean roots with Phoenician and Arab influences. You will get to have a guided look at the cottage along with the typical furniture, household items and everyday tools a family would have needed to survive in these former times. A break plus a taste of the locally made Hierbas Ibicencas liqueur is also scheduled, after which the tour continues on to the coastal resort of Santa Eulalia situated a little to the south of San Carlos on the banks of Ibizas only river. You will have time to explore the attractive town at your leisure, perhaps shopping for a souvenir, before the coach ride back to the pier and your ship brings the tour to a relaxing close. Please note: as the tour involves longer periods of walking, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair.



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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

IBIZA OFF THE BEATEN TRACK BY 4X4 - IBI22



Duration
4 h



Discovering some of Ibiza's lesser-known areas, as promised by this half-day tour, is made yet more enjoyable by throwing in a rugged 4x4 vehicle as your mode of transport. Grab your camera and prepare to enjoy the ride as you travel to the south of the island en route to your first stop: the Phoenician remains at Sa Caleta. Do take some photos of the remains, which date back to around 650 B.C., while your guide provides information on this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your drive then continues past the pine-fringed, cliff-framed bays of Cala Porroig and Cala Jondal on your way to your next photo stop, from which you can enjoy splendid views of the island of Es Vedrà. As you snake your way up the western coast, you will also pass the coves of Cala Vadella and Cala Tarida en route to the famous Cala Comte beach. You'll have time to enjoy the sun, sea and sand in any way you choose, perhaps grab a drink at the typical Ibizan beach shack called a chiringuito (at extra cost not covered by the price of the tour) and take some more photos before your trip continues. After the beautiful descent down to Sa Talaia, you will return to a proper road for the return ride to the ship. Please note: guests must be at least 5 years of age as well as capable of being properly seated and wearing a seatbelt to take part. The safari leader will provide you with information in English, Spanish and Italian only during the trip. Comfortable shoes and casual clothing recommended. The tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems.

Naples

Thu 16 May 2019

CULTURE AND HISTORY

POMPEII - NAP01

 **Duration**
4 h



Your archaeological tour begins with a drive towards Pompeii, a once thriving town that was completely buried by lava, rubble and ash during the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in A.D. 79. It then lay hidden and perfectly preserved under tonnes of volcanic ash for almost 1,700 years before being accidentally rediscovered in the mid-18th century and then subsequently being excavated. The many artefacts that were found, especially items of daily life such as bread and honey, give the visitor a glimpse of the lives these ancient Romans lived. A fascinating guided walking tour will provide insight into the history of this amazing and very large archaeological site. A stop will also be made at a local coral factory on your return journey to the ship. Please note: this excursion includes long walking on uneven ground; there are big slabs of stone in the streets of Pompeii so this tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

CITY TOUR

NAPLES HISTORIC CENTRE - NAP02

 **Duration**
4 h



Depart from the port to the famous Posillipo district, situated high on a hill and which we will reach by driving through the most important and attractive streets in Naples. The excursion continues with visits to the famous Principe Umberto I's Gallery, San Carlo Theatre (exterior view) and Piazza Plebiscito. Short amount of free time for shopping and to visit the San Lorenzo Church tucked away in the historic centre of the ancient Greco-Roman city. Please note: the tour involves a long walking tour. The visit to the church is subject to the Bishops approval; have the programme reconfirmed aboard. Conservative attire recommended for visiting sites of religious importance.

SCENIC ROUTE

CAPRI ISLAND TOUR - NAP03

 **Duration**
5 h



Situated just a short ferry or hydrofoil transfer from the Bay of Naples, the beautiful island of Capri awaits you on this enchanting island tour. After docking at the Marina Grande on the north side of the island, you will board a minibus or the cable car to reach Anacapri, your first introduction on the Capri-style life. Enjoy some free time to stroll the cosy streets for shopping before reaching the splendid Villa San Michele, which was built by the Swedish physician Dr. Munthe at the turn of the 20th century and affords gorgeous views of the island and the sea beyond. Next, you will board the minibus to reach Capri town to have some free time to explore the charming streets that surround the famous Piazza Umberto I or, if you wish, to visit Augustus Gardens on your own (price not included) offering enchanting views over the iconic Faraglioni. A minibus or a cable car ride will take you back to the port where to board the ferry or a hydrofoil for your return journey to the port of Naples. Please note: the transfer to Capri may be on a public or a private hydrofoil/catamaran. The excursion does not operate from November to February (inclusive). This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. Guides will only give basic instructions on how to move on the island during the tour; they will not stay with the guests.

ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

EXCURSION TO VESUVIUS - NAP04

 **Duration**
4 h



The beautiful Bay of Naples in the south of Italy is dominated by the town's most iconic landmark: Mount Vesuvius, whose main cone currently reaches nearly 1,300 metres. While the slopes are marked by lava flows, a testament to earlier eruptions, they also feature heavy vegetation with vineyards in the foothills as well as scrubland and forestation higher up. Mount Vesuvius best-known eruption occurred in A.D. 79 and resulted in the destruction of two cities: Pompeii and Herculaneum, which were only rediscovered in the 18th century. An enjoyable guided walking tour will take you to the crater, from which point you can see a bed of lava and look out over the beautiful Gulf of Naples. Your return journey to the ship will give you more opportunity to admire the landscapes lovely vistas. Please note: we suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes for the 30-minute climb up to the crater. In case of bad weather, the tour programme will take guests on a panoramic tour of Naples



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CULTURE AND HISTORY

THE ROYAL PALACE OF CASERTA - NAP05

Duration
4 h



Just to the north of Naples lies the town of Caserta and the Palace of Caserta, the landmark for which the town is best known. A 45-minute coach transfer inland from the port will take you to Caserta's magnificent former royal residence, which was built for the Bourbon kings of Naples towards the end of the 18th century. The palace was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. Modelled on the Palace of Versailles, this spectacular Baroque masterpiece is one of the finest examples of architecture from the Borbonic period. You will have time to look around the ornately decorated rooms and spend explore the extensive park on your own before heading back to Naples and your 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.

CITY TOUR

SORRENTO - NAP07

Duration
5 h



One of the pearls of the Gulf of Naples, Sorrento is surrounded by limestone hills, where olive trees and citrus groves show off a quintessential Italian landscape to all those who visit this delightful town. We will leave the port of Naples and reach Sorrento after a one-hour drive that takes us through the little villages of the coast. Our walking tour will start in Piazza Tasso and continue in the historic narrow streets of this unique town. We will walk to the Sedil Dominova XV century loggia, before visiting the Cathedral and San Francesco's Church, home to a charming cloister and gardens that offer a wonderful view over the Marina Grande harbour. Free time before returning to Naples. Please note: although this tour includes periods of walking wheelchair users can take part on condition to 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.

SORRENTO & POMPEII - NAP08

Duration
00 m



Your tour begins with a 1-hour coach drive through pretty coastal villages to Sorrento for an enjoyable walking tour. Starting at the Piazza Tasso, you will then continue through Sorrento's narrow old streets to reach the 15th-century Sedil Dominova loggia as well as pass by the Cathedral and the famous San Francesco's Church for external viewings. You will then continue by coach to Pompeii, where a stop will be made for lunch. Your afternoon tour will include a visit to the famous archaeological site. Pompeii was completely buried by lava, rubble and ash during the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius in A.D. 79. It then lay hidden and perfectly preserved under tonnes of volcanic ash for almost 1,700 years before being accidentally rediscovered in the mid-18th century and then subsequently being excavated. The many artefacts that were found, especially items of daily life such as bread and honey, will give you a glimpse of the lives these ancient Romans lived. A fascinating guided walking tour will provide insight into the history of this amazing and very large archaeological site. A stop will also be made at a local coral factory on your return journey to the ship. Please note: this excursion includes long walking on uneven ground; there are big slabs of stone in the streets of Pompeii so this tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

DELICIOUS NAPLES: COFFEE, PASTRY & PIZZA - NAP25

Duration
4:30 h



This flavourful look at the city of Naples will first take you to the time-honoured Caffè Gambrinus to have a cup of Neapolitan coffee. Then, walk until the amazing Toledo station to enjoy a short ride until Dante station and continue your pleasant walking tour. You'll cross Spaccanapoli en route to Piazza San Domenico and along Via San Gregorio Armeno, home to countless artisans crafting nativity scenes. At Via dei Tribunali you'll taste a pizza, served neatly folded up and eaten standing up in classic Neapolitan style. Next up is a taste of sfogliatella, a Neapolitan pastry, at the Scaturchio pastry shop on Piazza San Domenico Maggiore. Savour outside views of the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore della Pietrasanta as well as the late 15th-century Pontano Chapel, commissioned by the humanist Giovanni Pontano as a funerary chapel for his first wife. Piazza del Gesù Nuovo comes next, to see the Spire of the Immaculate Virgin and visit the Baroque Church of Gesù Nuovo, both built in the mid-18th century. A visit to the 14th-century Basilica of Santa Chiara, famed for its early Gothic style, and a walk back to the port concludes your Neapolitan experience. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking and standing; it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

CULTURE AND HISTORY
MARVELS AT NAPLES NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM - NAP26


Your destination on this half-day outing is the world-renowned Naples National Archaeological Museum with its priceless collections of ancient Roman sculptures, bronzes, ceramics, paintings, mosaics, jewellery and more. A 30-minute coach drive from the port will take you to the museum for a guided visit. Travel back through the centuries and admire some of the 3,000 objects in various themed sections, as well as hundreds of thousands of artefacts dating from prehistory to late antiquity. After this walk through history, return to reality with an enjoyable sightseeing coach tour passing some of Naples most interesting places: the imposing Castle Maschio Angioino, built 700 years ago, the San Carlo Theatre, one of the most beautiful in Europe, and an external glimpse of the Galleria Umberto I. Do not miss the chance for a photo of Piazza del Plebiscito, where you'll see the Palazzo Reale and the Church of San Francesco da Paola. The excursion ends with the drive back to the port. Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests who have mobility problems or use a wheelchair.

SEA & SUN
BOAT TRIP TO CAPO POSILLIPO, GAIOLA SEA PARK & NISIDA - NAP99


Boat Trip to Capo Posillipo, Gaiola Sea Park & Nisida

FAMILY FUN
POMPEII FAMILY CLUB: THE QUEST FOR A MAGIC FLUTE - NAPFEC01


If you visit the local woods, you're likely to find a young faun - half human, half goat - who plays his flute to the animals to keep them away from the wolves. Your mission on this family-friendly tour will be to find the magic flute, which got mislaid while the faun was dazzled by the beauty of some nymphs. You'll find your family turning into a team of archaeological explorers as you collect clues during your visit to the remains of ancient Pompeii, which you'll reach after a 45-minute coach ride in the company of your Faun storyteller. Your exclusive guided tour of the archaeological site will give you a chance to marvel at the remains while you also search for clues with the help of the Faun and a useful printed map. First clues can be collected at Praedia di Giulia Felice and the thermopolium, after which you can enjoy a 15-minute break. Further clues can then be picked up at the Stabian Baths, the forum, Domus del Fauno (the fauns house) and the impluvium. In the end, with your effort crowned by success, half an hour of free time will be yours 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 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!

Livorno

Fri 17 May 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.

SCENIC ROUTE

THE NATIONAL PARK OF CINQUE TERRE - LEG08

Duration
 8 h

Although Cinque Terre is Italian for five lands, the name actually refers to the five picturesque villages of Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore that sit like little jewels along the Ligurian coastline and together count as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The rugged and unspoiled Cinque Terre region is your destination on this all-day tour, which begins with a 1.5-hour coach ride to La Spezia where a specialized guide will meet you and from where you will continue to Portovenere, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Your guide will tell the story of this enchanting fishing village as you admire the panorama that inspired Byron and other Italian and international poets as a muse. You will have some free time to walk along the sea and explore the cosy streets before boarding a boat for a leisurely boat tour along the coast that intends to celebrate the regions incredible natural beauty and its well-loved ancient traditions. You will reach Monterosso al Mare, the largest of the Cinque Terre villages. You will have some free time in the historical centre, home to the early 14th-century Church of San Giovanni Battista. Explore the town or perhaps have lunch in one of the many cafés and restaurants (not included in the price of the tour) before the tour then draws to a close with your train ride to Levanto and then with a coach drive to Livorno. Please note: this excursion is only for transit guests in Livorno port and is not suitable for guests with mobility problems or using a wheelchair. We suggest taking a hat and wearing sunscreen during the summer months. Should adverse weather conditions prevail, a train ride may replace the boat trip; have the final tour itinerary reconfirmed during your cruise.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

BOCELLI COUNTRYSIDE ESCAPE AND THE LEANING TOWER - LEG20

Duration
 9 h

Relax as your informative chauffeur drives you across the beautiful Tuscan countryside in a comfortable Mercedes Benz. Your first stop is Volterra, to see the ancient Roman Theatre, the alabaster laboratory and the medieval Piazza dei Priori. Then you'll visit the Teatro del Silenzio amphitheatre in Lajatico, hometown of world-famous singer Andrea Bocelli. Moving on to the Bocelli Farmhouse, enjoy a guided tour of the vineyards, meet the Bocelli family and discover the wines they produce. You'll also have a chance to taste the family's oil and honey products, and some time to shop at the boutique and visit the Andrea Bocelli museum. For lunch, the Officine Bocelli Restaurant will serve a 4-course meal of traditional Tuscan food. The final stop of the tour is Pisa where you will be chauffeured to Piazza dei Miracoli to admire the Baptistery and the world famous Leaning Tower, with some time to shop or enjoy a gelato before the tour comes to a close. Please note: the driver will act as guide only English or Italian spoken. This tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests with walking difficulties or using a wheelchair.

BOCELLI SEASIDE: WINE AND ART AT ALPEMARE BEACH CLUB - LEG21

Duration
 6 h

This tour is a mix of art, music and wine for those who want to experience the Tuscan Riviera lifestyle. A chauffeur will drive you to vibrant Versilia in a comfortable Mercedes Benz. First stroll through Pietrasanta, the historic town nestled between the coastline and the Apuan alps that inspired Michelangelo to sculpt. Your next stop is the Bocelli Alpe Mare Beach Club, a new beach resort in the stunning town of Forte dei Marmi. Heading over to the Alpe Mare restaurant, enjoy a delicious 4-course lunch accompanied by Azienda Bocelli wine. The experience starts with a guided tasting of Bocelli wines (directly from the family farmhouse in Lajatico) followed by a fresh seafood appetizer. After lunch, enjoy some relaxation on the beach of Alpe Mare Beach Club, with a chance of encountering V.I.P. guests and perhaps even world-famous singer Andrea Bocelli himself! Please note: the driver will act as guide only English or Italian spoken. This is not a beach tour. Guests will only have time to relax on the beach venue: no bathing or sun-tanning time included.



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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		
No guide available			

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

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.
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

ONLY SOA

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