

Classical Italy, Greece and Croatia with MSC Sinfonia 16 Days

~~\$4,999.00~~ **\$4,499.00**

Rome, Vatican City, Florence, Venice

Cruise Ports of Call: Split & Dubrovnik (Croatia); Santorini & Mykonos (Greece); Ancona & Venice (Italy)

Tour Highlights:

On Land:

- When in Rome, visit **St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, and Vatican City**
- Enjoy stunning mountain landscapes as you cross the **Apennine Mountains en route to Venice**
- **Ride in a Vaporetto around the canals of Venice**, and visit the marvellous **Saint Mark's Basilica**
- Enjoy **two days free at leisure in Venice**; explore the architecture, art, and cuisine of this unique city

At Sea:

- Cruise through the **Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas**, aboard the beautiful **MSC Sinfonia**
- Visit six ports in **Croatia, Greece, and Italy**
- Select from a **wide range of shore excursions and activities**

Experience the Mediterranean heartland of the classical world of Greece and of the Roman Empire, and marvel at the medieval glories of noble Florence and Venice.

Begin your adventure with many of the highlights of 'The Eternal City', including a visit to the Vatican. Then it's onwards through Tuscany to Florence, not only the birthplace of the Renaissance and home of the Medicis, but one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Board the MSC Sinfonia and cruise across the Adriatic Sea to Split, Croatia, before heading south to the Greek Islands of Santorini and Mykonos, enjoying the onboard facilities and a wide range of onshore activities in each destination. The cruise then heads back to the north via stunning Dubrovnik (one of the most prominent tourist destinations in the Mediterranean Sea), and Italy's Ancona.

This is a wide-ranging itinerary that provides a taste of some of the most beautiful, historically-important, and perennially popular destinations in Southern Europe.

In stock

Category: Europe

Departure Dates

| 2020 | | | Price Per Person | Single Supplement |
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| 02 May | 13 Jun* | 08 Aug* | From \$4,999 \$4,499 Book by 31 Aug. | \$2,299 |
| 16 May | 27 Jun** | 15 Aug | | |
| 30 May | 04 Jul** | | | |
| * = Peak Season Surcharge: \$700 ** = School Holiday Surcharge: \$1,000 | | | | |

Inclusions:

- Return economy class international fares and taxes flying Etihad or a European Airline (subject to availability), departing Sydney or Melbourne.
Please Note: Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 2 weeks before departure. Some flights may depart one day later and may involve up to 2 transits per leg
- 6 nights accommodation in comfortable hotels in twin rooms with private facilities. *Please Note: Hotels will vary depending on group size and hence hotel information can only be ascertained within 5-7 days prior to departure. Double rooms and Triple share are not guaranteed and are subject to availability*
- 7 nights in lead-in interior stateroom aboard MSC Sinfonia
- English speaking tour guide(s)
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- City entrance fees + taxes
- Return airport-hotel transfers
- Dedicated coach transportation
- **Insurance:** Basic insurance cover is provided for our clients *during the land component of this tour*. See below for details
- **Evening Transfer:** Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence
- **City tours:** Rome, Florence, Venice
- **Ticket admission:** Coliseum of Rome, Saint Mark's Basilica and Murano Glass Factory in Venice
- **Funicular:** Cable Car in Grindelwald First
- **Cruise:** Vaporetto along the canals in Venice
- **Train:** Rapperswil/Zurich, Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa, Montserrat

Exclusions:

- All optional activities, tours and attraction tickets not included in the itinerary
- On board MSC service charges (gratuities)

- Tipping is not mandatory on this tour. Please tip guides, drivers etc. at your discretion
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Visas (if applicable)
- Personal expenses

Price Guide

- **Seasonal Surcharge:** * = Peak Season: \$700, ** = School Holiday: \$1,000
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth from \$300. For all other cities, please contact us for a quotation.
- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge:** From \$250 subject to availability and applicable fare difference (accommodation and transfer not included, contact us for a quotation on accommodation)
- **Upgrade to other airlines:** From \$500 subject to availability and applicable fare difference (Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific)
- **Child price:** Same as adult

Upgrade Your Stateroom Category:

- Twin share: Ocean View fr. \$900pp, Balcony fr. \$1,500pp
- Single supplement: Ocean View fr. \$1,750pp, Balcony fr. \$2,500pp

Note: Prices are for the lead-in stateroom type, higher stateroom types within a category incur fare differences.

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

Optional Attractions and Activities

Rome

- **Baroque Rome:** This excursion is essential to complete your stay in Rome. You can enjoy the great Rome of Bernini and Borromini, the great baroque Rome with its beautiful fountains, squares and obelisks. That Rome that the Popes created. We will make a complete tour knowing: Lungotevere, Ara Pacis, Porta Pinciana, Via Veneto, Plaza de España with its wonderful fountain of the boat and its staircase Trinidad de los Montes, Fontana de Trevi where you can fulfill the rite of throwing your coin, Piazza Colona, Pantheon, possibly the best preserved archaeological temple of ancient Rome and we will finish in the extraordinary Piazza Navona. An important part of this excursion is done on foot enjoying the center and heart of Rome.
 - PRICE: EUR35pp (approx. AUD55pp). DURATION: 2h 30min. Minimum participants: 15 persons. INCLUDED: Round-trip transport. Local guide. Individual headphones connected directly with your local guide.
- **Vatican Museums:** THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CAN VISIT THE VATICAN MUSEUMS IS LIMITED. IF ALL TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO TRAVELERS WHO HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE. FOR THIS REASON, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU BUY THIS EXCURSION IN ADVANCE THROUGH MY TRIP BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL IN EUROPE. You must remember that many Sundays, Vatican Museums remain closed. We have organized a visit for the most interested passengers, accompanied by an expert guide in Fine Arts, we will visit the most important rooms of the Vatican Museums: gallery of tapestries, sculptures, paintings and other rooms in which we will have the opportunity to appreciate some of the most important works of art of classical and Renaissance antiquity. Our highlight will be the Sistine Chapel, dazzling after its brilliant restoration. Finally, we will visit the Basilica, where we can see Michelangelo's Pieta, the Baldachin of San Pedro and the dome of Michelangelo.
 - PRICE: EUR45pp (approx. AUD55pp). Minimum participants: 20 persons. DURATION: 3h. INCLUDED: Visit with entrances to the Vatican Galleries, Sistine Chapel and St. Peters Basilica. Local guide max group per guide: 45 people. Right of entry to the Vatican included. Headset connected privately with your local guide.

Florence

- **Tuscan Dinner:** In this opportunity, you will have the chance to make a magnificent dinner in a Tuscan atmosphere. A group of musicians will set this beautiful evening. We can taste the typical products of the region. Do you fancy an extraordinary Fiorentina steak? During dinner we can also enjoy live music, a pianist singer from Fiorentino will perform national and international pieces of music. They sing and dance!!!
 - PRICE: EUR60pp. Minimum participants: 10 persons. DURATION: 3h. Includes: Transfers by bus. Local guide. Dinner and drinks.

Venice

- **Gondola Ride:** We suggest you discover the romanticism of Venice. It may be the best way to get introduced in the city. We include a Gondola ride through the channels, we have also hired our own musicians who play beautiful Venetian ballads through the most beautiful channels to reach the Grand Canal where the most fantastic Venetian palaces are located.
 - PRICE: EUR35pp. Minimum participants: 10 persons. DURATION: 35min. Includes: Tour on private gondolas along the canals. Musicians 1 tenor and one accordionist for the gondola group.

NOTES:

- Prices are given in Australian dollars at the rate of exchange on the date of publication. Actual prices are in Euros, and may vary from those advertised, at the time of purchase.
- The number of people who can visit the VATICAN MUSEUMS is limited. Priority will be given to travellers who have made reservations in advance. For this reason, we recommend that you purchase your tickets for this excursion in advance through MY TRIP before your arrival in Europe.
- Please use the above as a reference only, as prices are subject to change. Some excursions are subject to minimum numbers and local conditions. You can only book optionals/pay taxes whilst on tour with the tour manager, who will also collect payment in cash only (Euros).

Insurance

Basic insurance cover is provided for our clients *during the land component of this tour only*. The policy comes into effect on arrival at the destination and commencement of the tour proper. Consequently, it does not include incidents during flights, cruises, or early arrivals or stay-behinds.

Guarantees:

- Medical expenses: €3,000*
- Dentistry expenses: €60
- Extended hospitalisation due to illness or accident: €80/day. Max. 10 Days
- Transfer of sick or wounded persons: Unlimited
- Transfer of mortal remains: Unlimited
- Return of accompanying insured persons: Unlimited
- Sending of medicines abroad: Included
- Travel of one person to accompany the hospitalised insured person: Unlimited
- Accommodation and allowances for the person accompanying the hospitalised insured person: €80/day. Max. 10 Days
- Return of the insured person in the event of the death of a relative: Unlimited
- Search for and location of luggage: Included
- Sending of urgent messages (arising from guarantees): Included
- Loss, damage and theft of luggage: €30/item, Max. €300
- Delayed luggage attributable to land operator exceeding 12 hours: €100
- Accident insurance – death caused by an accident during trip: €2,500
- Accident insurance – disability caused by an accident during trip: €6,000

*Excess amount of €50/claim, payable by the insured person

This insurance has limited cover and does not include important elements such as electronic equipment, loss, theft, breakage or minor damage (handles/scratches/wheels) to luggage, cash, jewels or valuable goods, even if they are in hotel rooms/ship cabins. If your luggage is worth more than the insurance cover, we suggest you declare it before starting the tour and take out extra insurance that provides additional cover.

Nexus Holidays declines all responsibility in cases in which the insurance company considers that the policy does not cover the expenses claimed by the passenger, regardless of the reasons.

Nexus Holidays advises all clients to take out additional insurance with additional cover to that stated above.

Hotel Accommodation

The hotels we use are carefully selected to provide you with a comfortable stay in a relaxing environment, with continental breakfast included. A selection of our preferred hotels in our main destinations is listed below. As the hotels are generally not in the downtown area, we cannot guarantee that there is transportation to the city except for taxis. Please note that hotels will vary depending on group sizes and hence hotel information can only be ascertained within 24 hours prior to check-in.

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| Rome | Ergife or similar | ★★★★ local rating |
| Florence | Ibis Firenze Nord Aeroporto or similar | ★★★ local rating |
| Venice | Lugano or similar | ★★★★ local rating |

Tour is operated by

Day 1: Depart Australia ✈

Take an international flight from Australia to Rome.

NOTE: Some flights may depart one day later, and may involve up to two transits.

Day 2: ✈ Arrive Rome.

Arrive in **Rome**, where you will be met and transferred to the hotel. In the evening, transfer to the **Trastevere** area. This neighbourhood will be a great introduction to Rome, a stroll in the narrow cobbled streets of the Trastevere district reveals hidden treasures to us, such as some modest medieval churches, small shops with the most peculiar of objects or scenes of daily life. Many trattorias (informal Italian eating establishments) and osterias (inns) imbued with the Italian spirit will be ready to serve the local dishes. Other restaurants serving Indian, Chinese and international food can be found in this area.

Day 3: Rome (B)

In the morning, we have a scenic tour of **Rome** – a great introduction to 'The Eternal city'. We enter the tiny state of the Vatican. **Vatican City** is the world centre of Catholicism. You will be able to visit **St. Peter's Basilica**. And we have also included admission to the **Roman Colosseum**, where gladiators battled wild animals and each other, for the entertainment of the people of Rome. This impressive construction dates back 2,000 years and will transport us in time so that we can learn about ancient society in the Roman Empire. In the evening we provide transport to the **Via Cavour** area, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese and other international food.

Day 4: Rome 🚗 Florence (B)

Leave Rome, heading north to **Florence** on a route graced with beautiful landscapes. Upon arrival, head straight to **Piazzale Michelangelo**, an impressive site in the city. In the evening we provide a tour with a local expert, and walk through the historic centre, taking in places such as the **Ponte Vecchio**, the **Duomo**, and **Piazza della Signoria**. This city is truly an outdoor museum. Enjoy free time at leisure to explore and select a restaurant for dinner.

Day 5: Florence 🚗 Venice (B)

Today we enjoy stunning mountain landscapes while crossing the **Apennine Mountains**. Arriving in **Venice**, board a Vaporetto to travel around the canals of the historic city centre. With a local guide, we will visit the marvellous **Saint Mark's Basilica** (entry fee included). Afterwards, visit the **Murano Glass Factory**, to see the technique with which this ancient commodity is made. Enjoy the rest of the day with free time at leisure, and eat dinner in the **Mestre** district at a restaurant of your choice.

Day 6: Venice (B)

Enjoy today free at leisure, exploring Venice.

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Day 8: Venice 🚢 Board MSC Sinfonia (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer to the cruise terminal and **board the MSC Sinfonia**.

Day 9: At Sea 🚢 Split (B, L, D – On Board Meals)

Cruise to **Split, Croatia**. Select from a variety of shore excursions.

Day 10: At Sea 🚢 (B, L, D – On Board Meals)

Spend the day relaxing at sea, *en route* to the **Greek Islands**.

Day 11: At Sea 🚢 Santorini 🚢 Mykonos (B, L, D – On Board Meals)

Cruise to the next Port of Call, **Santorini**. Select from a range of shore excursions. Depart late afternoon and cruise to **Mykonos**.

Day 12: Mykonos 🚢 At Sea (B, L, D – On Board Meals)

Start the day in **Mykonos**, where a variety of shore excursions are available. Then, cruise from Greek waters towards Croatia's beautiful coast.

Day 13: At Sea 🚢 Dubrovnik (B, L, D – On Board Meals)

A variety of shore excursions are available in Dubrovnik. On departure, cruise from Croatia to Italy.

Day 14: At Sea 🚢 Ancona (B, L, D – On Board Meals)

Arrive in the next Port of Call, Ancona, where a variety of shore excursions are available.

Day 15: At Sea 🚢 Venice ✈️ (B)

On arrival in Venice, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Day 16: ✈️ Australia

Arrive home this morning.